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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

The gospel we heard proclaimed at the Easter Vigil Mass is a familiar one. It is Luke's version of the women discovering the empty tomb on Easter morning. All four gospels have some variation of this story. And all the Easter stories share one thing in common. None of them ever describes to us the resurrection of Jesus. The gospels describe many things about Jesus' life and ministry. They describe his baptism in the Jordan River, his struggle with Satan in the desert, his curing of the blind man, his walking on the water. They describe his death on the cross. But no gospel describes Jesus being raised from the dead. We have no picture of this. Now in time Christian artists provided a picture of Jesus' resurrection. But, in the gospels all we have are stories of the women finding an empty tomb and Jesus appearing to his disciples *after* his resurrection.

What a curious omission. The resurrection of Jesus is the center of our faith. It is what we celebrate at Easter. Yet it is never described to us. What possible reason could the evangelists have for leaving it out? Let me suggest to you an explanation. I think the evangelists avoided describing Jesus' resurrection because they did not want us to become stuck on what happened to Jesus. They wanted us to remember what will happen to us.

**Easter is not simply believing that Jesus was raised from the dead. Easter is believing that we too will be raised from the dead.** Through the resurrection of Jesus, God made a promise to us and to the world. God promised that we are heading to glory. God promised that our world is heading to goodness and justice and peace. These are the promises that we are challenged to believe this Easter Day. And to be frank, these promises are not easy to believe. When we look at all that is wrong with our lives—our failures, our regrets, our inability to heal broken relationships, the sickness which continually robs us of life—it is difficult to believe that God is leading us to life and glory.

When we look at all that is wrong in our world—prejudice, terrorism, political dysfunction, the lack of sufficient nutrition and dignity to millions of people in our world—it is difficult to believe that God is changing this world into the Kingdom of God, a kingdom that is without want, violence, or hate.

The promises of Easter are big promises, and it takes courage and strength for us to claim them as our own. But, unless we do claim them, we cannot credibly be called Christ's disciples. This is why we gather as we do this Easter to support one another in our conviction that God's promises are true. We encourage one another to understand that when we proclaim that Christ is risen, we are proclaiming that the same God that was so good to raise Christ from the dead is so good to raise us beyond our

failures and our sins and is so good to change this flawed world into a new creation.

To live these promises, of course, demands that we do our part. We must work to follow Jesus' teaching, to forgive and love one another. We must work to oppose injustice and build a peaceful world. But as Christians we will not find the strength to work unless we can trust in the promises and the hope of Easter.

The evangelists never describe Jesus's resurrection. They leave us a blank canvas. But they do this with the confidence that through our faith, hope, and love we can fill the picture in.



Have a blessed Easter and know you and your families will be in my prayers. Thank you for all your kindness and support since my arrival in June, I am so blessed to be here with you!

Peace,  
Fr. Monteleone

## SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

### CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Evening ..... 5:30 PM  
Sunday....8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Broadcast) and 12:00 PM  
Mondays thru Saturdays.....9:00 AM

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## PRIEST'S SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022

8:00 PM Fr. Nico

### SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022

8:00 AM Fr. Jared

10:00 AM Fr. Monteleone

12:00 PM Fr. Kevin

## ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Students have a lot to celebrate this month - Daylight Savings Time began on March 13th so it is lighter longer. Although the weather is still chilly, it is warm enough for students to enjoy outdoor recess once again. Another reason to celebrate is we have finally returned to the cafeteria where students can once again enjoy a hot lunch!





Intermediate school has been buzzing with activity. Students in fifth grade have researched African American heroes and are making bottle buddies of their person complete with a scrapbook detailing their accomplishments. In science we are exploring the water cycle. Students have conducted experiments ranging from creating a cloud in a bottle, moving ice with nothing more than salt and a piece of string, and finally creating their own water filter with a recycled water bottle. Even though the filters did not make the dirty water safe to drink, it was fun to see dirty water go into the filter and come out clean. Mrs. Pannullo's classes have been studying the Revolutionary War in fifth grade while the fourth graders are learning about the American Southwest. Fractions are the topic of discussion in math!

Our primary friends are just as busy. The second graders are in final preparations for celebrating their First Holy Communion. They are currently learning about the parts of the Mass and the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Finally, the first graders are learning about the parts of the Mass and the church. Fr. Monteleone not only taught them a lesson but also brought them on a tour of the church!

We have so many things to be thankful for at St. Philip! We hope you all have a blessed Easter!



### SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

#### ROSARY SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Rosary Society will be held on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> in Marian Hall. The meeting will begin with Mass and the Rosary at 6:30 PM. All are welcome!

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

##### Msgr. Doody Scholarship Beefsteak Dinner

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM in the Auditorium. This event benefits St. Philip Prep School students. This year, Msgr. Doody will be returning so we at St. Philip's can congratulate him on his now 51 years since Ordination. Ticketing information is below.

Chicken alternative available if pre-requested. Tickets are \$40 each and must be purchased by Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup>. All sales are final. No returns or refunds unless event is cancelled. Tickets are available at <https://knights-of-columbus-11671.square.site/> or by using this QR code.

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#### COLUMBIETTES

##### Columbiettes Membership Drive

If you are interested in becoming a Columbiette, there will be an Initiation Ceremony Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 6 PM. Membership is open to women 18 years of age and older who are practicing Catholics. If you are interested in learning more about us, please call Cathie Murtha (973) 471-1265 or Sharon Festa (973) 742-0926.

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Saturday June 18 6:30-11 PM



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[stphilip.org/carnival](http://stphilip.org/carnival)

#### Soda/Water Donations

Name brand soda and bottled water for the Soda & Water Booth can be left at the school kitchen door.

There will be another Volunteer Meeting on  
Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 11am in the Auditorium.

## GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scout Troop 97032 would like to thank everyone who supported our cookie booth sale with cookie purchases, donations and even a wave! As of today, we have sold over 5,000 boxes of cookies to support our troop! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



## DIOCESAN NEWS

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## PARISH GIVING

COLLECTION INFORMATION NOT RECEIVED IN TIME FOR  
BULLETIN PRINTING

### Upcoming Second Collections:

#### April 17 - Project Faith

This collection is to provide resources for diocesan ministry, religious education, parish family life and social services.

## WE PRAY FOR...

*May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace...*  
Stanley Lacz

### A Time to be Healed...

Susan Stierlen, Jill Festa, Debbie Werthmann, Sylvia Shami, Edward Kovacs, Dominick Cappello, Raymond Fitzpatrick, Todd Daigneault, Cheri Albanesius, George Heyrich, James Jablonowski, Elmer Rodriguez, Michele Bellisano, Michael Barbeta



## MASS INTENTIONS

### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022

- 8:00** Ilda Frazao  
Magaly Diaz  
**10:00** Donald Muller  
Family of Thomas and Margaret Lang  
Olegaria and Teresa Navarro  
Albert Runo  
**12:00** Joseph Scafidi  
Patricia Hassert

### MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022

- 9:00** Elizabeth Robinson

### TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022

- 9:00** Charles Elbert

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022

- 9:00** Michael Altomare  
Charles Salzer

### THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022

- 9:00** Corazon Nunag

### FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2022

- 9:00** Louis D'Angelo  
Anna, Martha and Michael Piechocki

### SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022

- 9:00** John Filippone  
**5:30** Sean Hughes  
Jan Pannullo  
Joseph Dewland- 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

### SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022

- 8:00** All the People of the Parish  
**10:00** Manue Moran  
Sean Hughes  
Nancy Staropoli  
Dolores Turrin  
**12:00** Peter Durso  
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