



Divine Mercy *Sunday*

Jesus,
I trust
in you.

Saint Philip the Apostle Parish

CLIFTON, NEW JERSEY

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

One of the most common symbols of Easter is the Easter egg. Eggs have been associated with Easter from the earliest days of Christianity. But what is the meaning the egg is meant to convey? Usually when we ask this question, the answer is something like “new life” or “Jesus coming out of the tomb.” These answers are appropriate. But I suggest to you that if we reflect on the egg a bit deeper, we can discover a more complex meaning that is useful for our lives.

The egg contains within it the bird-to-be. But if that bird is to live it must peck repeatedly on the inside of the egg until, after a few days, it breaks through the shell and steps out. None of this can happen without the egg falling into pieces. You see the egg is not simply about life, it is also about destruction. If the bird is to mature, the egg must be broken. New life demands the shattering of the old. This is what makes the egg such a suitable symbol for Easter. Easter is not simply about new life or the beginning of springtime. By modeling Jesus’ death and resurrection, the egg tells us that we must break what is old if we are to find what is new. We must shatter what confines us if we wish to be free.

When we lose someone that we love, when a friend walks away, when a spouse sues for divorce, when a parent dies, Easter tells us that we will not find life by holding on to what used to be. It is only by breaking the old, the old world as we knew it, that we can find a way to live again. Some of us carry some naïve notions about our country or our church. We say to ourselves, “Certainly the people we elect to office will be honest.” Then we find ourselves betrayed. Easter says that life is not to be found in anger and disgust. We must shatter simple ideas of how our country and church operate and insist that our leaders act in truth and transparency. It is only then that our democratic freedoms will be secure, and our church will be healed. Perhaps we have been confined for some time by hurt or jealousy, brooding over something that someone once said to us, measuring ourselves against the success of others. Easter says to us that we must not remain in the pain of that confinement but push through the shell holds us with forgiveness and love.

It is not easy to break through the way things used to be. It is a challenge to shatter the crust that confines us. But the good news of Easter is this: Christ



is risen. He who is our pattern for new life is alive. He is ready to help us. If we ask for his help, he will not ignore us. Easter then is a day of hope, a hope of new life. Because of Jesus’ love for us, we believe that new life is possible. But if we intend to enter that life—much like making an omelet—we must be ready to break some eggs.

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Mondays thru Saturdays.....9:00 AM
Saturday Evening5:30 PM
Sunday..8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Broadcast) and 12:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday4:30 PM

HOLY HOUR

Every Friday following 9 AM Mass

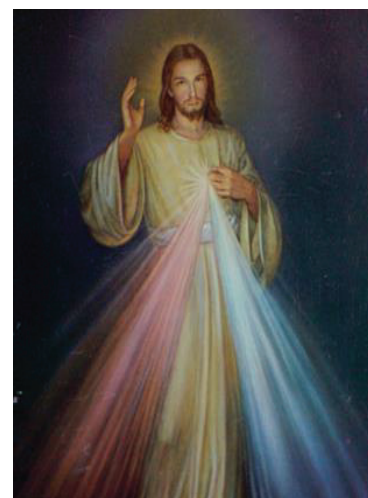
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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Join Fr. Monteleone on Sunday, April 24th
at 3 PM in the church for Holy Hour
and recitation of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.



**Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One,
have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

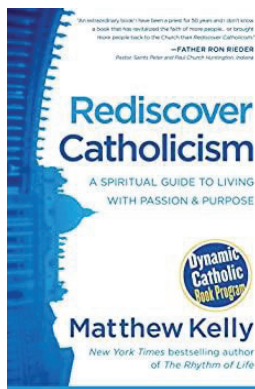
FR. NICO'S BOOK NOOK

Join Fr. Nico in a Book Discussion on Matthew Kelly's
Rediscover Catholicism

Meetings will be in the Youth Room of the Molly Center on the following dates:

Thursday, May 12, 7 to 8 PM
Thursday, May 26, 7 to 8 PM
Thursday, June 2, 7 to 8 PM
Saturday, June 4, 10 to 11 AM

To register and receive a free copy of the book, please call Linda at (973) 779-6200 before Friday, May 4th.



PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022

5:30 PM Fr. Kevin

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022

8:00 AM Fr. Jared

10:00 AM Fr. Nico

12:00 PM Fr. Monteleone

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The Kindergartners were given a tour of the church by Fr. Monteleone.



The second graders are learning to do an informational report on the United States regions. They incorporated technology by completing this research using PowerPoint.

The 5th graders in Mrs. Romanko's math class concluded their multiplication of fractions unit by building model dog houses.



The middle schoolers performed the Living Stations for the entire student body. Great job!



SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

ROSARY SOCIETY

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

PRIME TIMERS

A meeting of the Prime Timers will be held on Friday, May 6th at 1 PM in Marian Hall, at which time we will be holding a Tricky Tray. Details for the June luncheon will also be discussed.

COLUMBIETTES

Columbiettes Membership Drive

If you are interested in becoming a Columbiette, there will be an Initiation Ceremony Thursday, April 28th, 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.

Morning of Reflection

**Join Us for a
Morning of Reflection
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Saturday, April 30th, 2022

**9 AM Mass &
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ST. PHILIP'S ANNUAL CARNIVAL

Thursday June 16 6-10 PM

Friday June 17 6-11 PM

Saturday June 18 6:30-11 PM

**VALLEY RIDES & AMUSEMENTS**

RIDES GAMES FOOD DRINK

Sponsorship Opportunities are available at
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.

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: APRIL 11, 2021	\$ 13,713.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: APRIL 10, 2022	
WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$ 17,348.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION	\$ 7,385.00
TOTAL	\$ 24,733.00
SECOND COLLECTION – UKRAINE AID	\$ 6,931.00
 SUNDAY COLLECTION: APRIL 18, 2021	\$ 16,454.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: APRIL 17, 2022	
WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$ 470.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION	\$ 6,288.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,758.00
SECOND COLLECTION – PROJECT FAITH	\$ 954.00
 Easter 2021	\$ 61,952.00
Easter 2022 YTD	\$ 39,067.00

Upcoming Second Collections:**May 8th - 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...
 Jack Cannon, Elvira Maldonado

A Time to be Healed...

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

**MASS INTENTIONS****SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022**

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

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022

- 9:00** Jim and Marilyn Loftus

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022

- 9:00** Fred Anthony
 Agnes and Charles W. Hahn

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022

- 9:00** Eileen Casey Janec

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022

- 9:00** Salvatore Scafidi
 Jack McSweeney

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2022

- 9:00** Evelyn Ong

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022

- 9:00** Deceased Members of the Columbiettes
5:30 Sean Hughes
 Joseph Dewland
 Frances Dodd

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022

- 8:00** John Michal
 Johnny Rios
10:00 Marlene Ruvo
 Elaine and Jerome Cipolla
 Eleanor Kasenchar
 Ricardo C Reyes, Jr.
12:00 All the People of the Parish

**CANDLE FOR THE WEEK OF
APRIL 24TH**

In memory of Dominic Busnelli
 -From Nick and Anna Caradonna



There will be a Memorial Mass on Thursday, May 5th at
 11:30 AM for Phyllis Hassen and Marie Marrocco.

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