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The one who feeds on this bread shall live forever



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My Dear Parishioners,

The Eucharist is not simply something we receive; it is something we do. The Eucharist is not simply a noun; it is fundamentally **a verb, an action**. Now we believe many important things about the noun of the Eucharist. We believe that the bread and wine become for us the real Body and Blood of the Lord. This is what we celebrate today on the Feast of *Corpus Christi*. When we eat this bread and drink this cup we receive into our hearts **the body, blood, soul, and divinity** of Jesus. This is a great mystery and a great treasure. We should receive the Eucharist often. But we cannot appreciate the Body and Blood of the Lord, the noun of the Eucharist, if we separate it from the verb of the Eucharist. For it is the action of the Eucharist that allows the bread and wine to become the Body and Blood of Christ for us. It is a miracle we witness at every Mass we attend.

So, what is the action of the Eucharist? It is what we do together every weekend. What do we do? We gather, we listen, we bless, we eat, and we go forth. All these verbs are verbs of Eucharist. We **gather** from our homes, from our work and come together in this place to create an assembly, a community of believers. The gathering is important because the action of the Eucharist is not the action of one person but of many. It is the action of the church. We **listen**: we hear the Word of God proclaimed in the Scriptures and in the homily and we remember what God has done for us, what God has promised us and how God is active in our lives. We **bless**: we bless God in the Eucharistic Prayer, we **stand** together from the Holy, Holy to the Great Amen and say this prayer of blessing and consecration. It is the priest who says the words, but the prayer is not the priest's prayer, it is our prayer, the prayer of the whole assembly and when we bless and pray this prayer together in memory of Jesus, the real presence of Jesus comes into our midst. We then **eat** the Body and Blood of the Lord, receiving the nourishment of Christ and then we **go forth**, forth from this place to bring Christ's message to the world.

These are the verbs of the Eucharist: **gathering, listening, blessing, eating, and going forth**. Only in the context of this action is the true significance of the Body and Blood of Christ clear. So, allow me today to point to two truths that flow from the action of the Eucharist, two truths that affect our lives—our dignity and our obligation.

The action of blessing in the Eucharist reveals to us our dignity as daughters and sons of God. The tremendous gift of Christ's Body and Blood would not happen if we did not ask for it. It is in the Eucharistic Prayer, led by the priest, that the community asks for the gift of Christ's presence. God's willingness to honor our prayer reveals our dignity as God's own children. The dignity we have is not an individual dignity but a dignity

that we share as a community. Everyone who stands gathered around this altar is a holy person. Together, we form a royal priesthood, a holy people. As we bless together the bread and wine of the Eucharist, we recall our value and the value of one another. The action of blessing together reveals this dignity to us.

The action of going forth, of leaving this Eucharist is an action that reveals our obligation. Because if we have received the Word of the Lord and shared together in the Body and Blood of the Lord, we then have an obligation to bring that life of Christ to others. Going forth from this place reminds us that we have come here to be refreshed and recommitted to action for the Kingdom. We should go forth from this place willing to be more patient with our family, less critical of our neighbor, more committed to service of others, less fearful in our struggles with evil. The action of going forth from this place reminds us that the action of the Eucharist does not end here, it is meant to continue in our lives, in our efforts to build the Kingdom, to transform the world.

Let us always receive the Eucharist with reverence, seriousness, and grace. Please do not "grab" the Body of Christ out of the priest's, deacons', or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion hands. At times, I wish we still had a communion rail to knee and receive the Bread of Angels come down from heaven. Our posture should reflect such a gift. As Roman Catholics we only knee before the presence of God.

There is no doubt that the Body and Blood of Christ, Christ's Real Presence, is a tremendous gift to us, but the meaning of that gift is not clear if it is separated from the action of the Eucharist. Eucharist is a verb: **gathering, listening, blessing, eating, going forth**. It is we the church, reminding ourselves of our dignity and obligation. We do not simply receive the Eucharist. We do it! So, let's do it now!

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone



SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday4:30 PM

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 Friday, September 9th.**

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PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2022

5:30 PM Fr. Monteleone

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022

8:00 AM Fr. Kevin

10:00 AM Fr. Nico

12:00 PM Fr. Monteleone

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

SUPPORT OF LIFE MINISTRY

A new Ministry in Support of Life is being formed here at St. Philip's. Would you like to become involved in spreading the word that all life is sacred from conception to natural death? We know this as Catholics, but it has been drowned out in today's environment. Our new ministry will hopefully provide ways we can build and strengthen a culture of life. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Debbie Harley at 201-446-8341 (cell) or 973-472-3750 (home) or Marian O'Donnell at 571-330-7012 (cell) or 973-837-6014 (home) – if you feel a tug at your heart. Thank you!



ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The Seventh-Grade class received their class rings at a school Mass this past Monday. The ceremony was attended by the class of 2023 and their parents as well as Mrs. Zito, Father Monteleone and the sixth-grade class and their teachers.



On Wednesday, the PreK students celebrated their Moving Up in a joyful ceremony.

On Thursday, the Kindergarten class celebrated their graduation to first grade. In attendance at both PreK and Kindergarten graduations were proud teachers, parents, and siblings.



On Friday, all students attended the last day of the school year, marking the official start to their summer vacation.

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Our Queen Bee is retiring. For the past 22 years, our school has been in the amazing guidance and leadership of our Principal, Mrs. Barbara Zito.

On Sunday, **June 26th**, we will offer the Noon Mass as thanksgiving for her service and leadership. We invite all past and current St. Philip Prep students and families to join us at the Noon Mass in church, followed by a light reception in the auditorium. Let us honor and thank Mrs. Zito for her excellent work through the years and bid farewell to the woman who has led St. Philip Preparatory School to be what it is today!

If you would like to share a special memory or picture of or with Mrs. Zito, please email sppshsa@gmail.com by June 22nd.



KIDS KORNER



KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today
The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ | Luke 9:11b-17

Jesus spoke to a large crowd about the Kingdom of God. He healed those in need, and after the 5000 people divided into groups of 50, fed them all with 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread. It was a miracle that all were fed and satisfied, with 12 baskets of leftovers.

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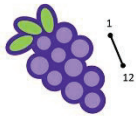
MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

Through the **Consecration** at Mass, these ordinary foods of bread and wine become the true Body and Blood of Christ.

"Then taking the 5 loaves and 2 fish, and looking up to heaven, He said the blessing over them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd."

Luke 9:16

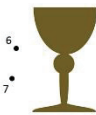
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WINE



Read these words, from today's Second Reading - do they sound familiar?

The Lord Jesus, on the night He was handed over, took bread, and after He had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is My body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the New Covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until He comes. 1 Cor 11:23-26

Which part of the Mass do we hear similar words?



Illustration: Consecration

PARISH GIVING

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SUNDAY COLLECTION: JUNE 12, 2022	
WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$ 9,985.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION	\$ 6,340.00
TOTAL	\$16,325.00
SECOND COLLECTION- PROJECT FAITH	\$ 2,014.00

Upcoming Second Collections:

June 19 - Seminarian Collection

June 26 - 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 J. Genchi, Jr.

A Time to be Healed...

Susan Stierlen, Jill Festa, Sylvia Shami, Edward Kovacs, Debbie Werthmann, Dominick Cappello, Todd Daigneault, Cheri Albanesius, James Jablonowski, Elmer Rodriguez, Michele Bellisano, Michael Barbetta, John Hughes

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2022

- 8:00** Joseph Fodi and Edward Welsh
 Stanley Lacz
- 10:00** Daniel Mutter
 Generosa Spatola
 Salvatore Capriglione
 James Scancarella
- 12:00** Don Muller
 Giuseppe "Joe" Esposito

MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2022

- 9:00** Corazon Nunag

TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022

- 9:00** Emily and Andrew Sokerka
 Christine Mahfuuz

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2022

- 9:00** Frances Monteleone

THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2022

- 9:00** Tom Trommelen

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2022

- 9:00** Danilo V. Caparaz
 Mila C. Delafuente

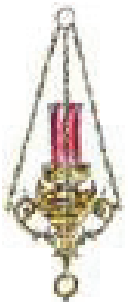
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- 9:00** Rizaldy Quintos
5:30 James Scancarella
 Irene Brower

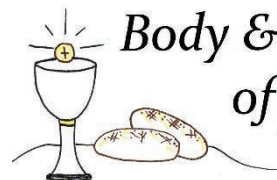
SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022

- 8:00** All the People of the Parish
- 10:00** Settimio Bastone
 Virgilio Sales - Thanksgiving Intention
 Sanda Zym
 Elvira Maldonado
- 12:00** Baby Agnes Moore
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