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# 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 17, 2022



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Sunday	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Broadcast) & 12:00 PM
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# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

Giving and receiving is the interplay of life. If we are to live a full life, we must be able to give of ourselves, of our time, of our talents, of our resources, for the sake of others. But we must also be able to receive blessings from God and the gifts of love from others. A full life then includes both giving and receiving. That much is clear. But if someone were to ask which is more important, giving

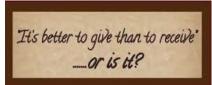
But if someone were to ask which is more important, giving or receiving, how would you answer? I think most of us would fall back on the old maxim It is better to give than to receive. But the surprising thing is that Jesus has a distinct perspective. This becomes clear in today's gospel, when he comes to the house of Martha and her sister, Mary. The two women represent two different dynamics. Martha is the giver. She is involved with giving of her time and talent to make sure that Jesus' stay is welcoming and warm. Mary on the other hand is the receiver. She sits at the feet of Jesus and listens to his words. Now clearly, we need both sisters in our lives. But when the point is pressed with Jesus, he makes it clear that Mary has made the better choice. He says, "Mary has chosen the better part and it shall not be taken from her." To put this in other words, Jesus is saying It is better to receive than to give.

Now what does he mean by this? He is certainly not encouraging us to be selfish, to sit around and wait for other people to serve us. We must always remain givers, willing to offer our time, our ability, and our love. But Jesus is telling us that giving is not enough in itself. We must also receive. In fact, receiving is the deepest part of life. Giving is about doing and accomplishing. Receiving is about mystery and thankfulness. Lovers know this truth. When you are deeply in love with another person you do not describe that relationship as something you have done or accomplished. Love is something that happens to you. Even our words indicate this. We talk about "falling in love." The action is opening we, receiving what is offered. Now, of course, even in a loving relationship, both giving and receiving are necessary. But it is the receiving which is the deeper part, the one that leads to wonder and gratitude.

This is the reason that Jesus sides with Mary. He says that she has chosen the better part because receiving is more central. This is also the reason that we should be sure that we have space for receiving in our lives. You see, for most of us, our action of giving tends to drive out the receiving. We are so busy with our work, with our projects, with our goals that there is not that much time left over to receive, to let love in. Intimacy with our spouse is lost because there are so many things we have to do. Staying connected with friends is forgotten because it is easier to just surf the internet. Taking time to talk or to walk with our children seldom happens because we have to drive them to soccer, or sign them up for ballet, or get them to camp. We are surrounded with a world of wonderful beauty, but we do not know it. We do not take time to look or to listen or to pray. We fail to receive. And when our life becomes all about doing and giving, the deepest things in life become lost in the shuffle. Our life becomes more manic and shallower, and we lose that sense of mystery and thankfulness.

So, look at the week that is ahead of you and make sure that there are some spaces there for "Mary Time." We need moments in which we can receive. Be available to have an honest talk with someone you love, or laugh with your children or grandchildren, or simply open yourself in an empty space and let the beauty in. Yes, I know, there is much work to be done and that it is important for you to give of yourself to your work and for your family. But it is also important to receive. And—if Jesus is to be trusted—receiving is the better part.

Peace, Fr. Monteleone



# FROM SEMINARIAN SEBASTIAN

#### FROM VOCATION TO JOY

The life of the seminarian and his time in the seminary seems to be a bit unfamiliar to most Catholics. Little is known about the formation we as seminarians go through to become priests eventually. And in the face of that, I can tell you first that in the seminary, we embrace a concrete way of life, which is ultimately that of entering into intimate communion with ourselves and Jesus.

It is precisely the above what I have been conscious of doing since I first set foot in the Seminary in Colombia, my homeland. I have been working intensively to configure myself with the Lord, which in turn has implied allowing myself to be molded by Him so that my actions are always in accordance with His will since our formation is to be a disciple. The true disciple obeys, is attentive, faithful, and completely surrenders himself.

During my seven years of formation so far, I have learned that vocation is that for which you give everything, without limits, conditions, or reservations. We already heard in the Gospel a week ago how the Lord told his disciples that the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. They are few since what the world offers seems enough for our life but giving oneself to the Lord is a radical decision where God takes nothing from you but gives everything.

And although being a seminarian has implied being away from home, away from friends, and restraining myself from certain social aspects, among other things, when I dedicated myself to the task of answering the Lord's call, I realized that He was the one who could fill any emptiness I had in my life. That is when I finally understood the idea that He alone is enough.

Now, during eight to nine years of priestly formation, we learn to live a life based on the teachings of the Master, Jesus. Thus, our formation is based on four dimensions: spiritual, human, pastoral, and intellectual. All these dimensions help us to form ourselves in the most holistic way possible. First, the spiritual dimension allows us to understand the Lord's call and respond to it promptly, offering ourselves to his love. The human dimension is of utmost importance since, as priests, we

must have a balanced and strong personality that disposes us to serve others, that is, to be men of communion with all the human values that this implies. As a future priest, I must know the human heart in-depth so that I can intuit its difficulties and problems not only for the sake of my mature realization but also so that I can work wisely in the portion of the people of God that will be entrusted to me at some point.

On the other hand, pastoral formation, that is, all those activities of presence in parishes, catechesis, apostolic activities, and missions, allow us to be formed with the great desire to serve and proclaim the Gospel with all the challenges that the world proposes to us today. And since the priest's mission is to announce the good news, we must know it indepth to announce the Truth. Therefore, philosophical and theological formation is required throughout our formation. It is one of the aspects to which we dedicate a lot of time because we need people who love the truth, who love theology. We should be seminarians who ask ourselves about our faith to recognize what it implies in our life and ultimately to give an account of that faith.

In short, being a seminarian is a journey full of joy and good experiences that undoubtedly require courage, generosity, and a lot of authenticity. My task and that of my fellow seminarians in formation is to be aware that the priest must spend his life in being configured to Jesus, the High and Eternal Priest, and we begin to do all this from the first day we enter the seminary with the help of all the dimensions of formation.

Pope Francis once told seminarians: "Do not let yourselves be intimidated by an environment that wants to exclude God. It is surely my personal motivation as a seminarian, that is, to risk and give everything for those faithful who seek to come closer to God in holiness of life while at the same time continuing to grow in holiness. It is about knowing how to shoulder the burdens of the hard life of many who suffer and who are in need of God.

I encourage you to pray for vocations! Praying for vocations within our families is crucial as we ask the Lord to awaken the conscience of those He has chosen to be called to consecrate themselves to Him in the priestly or religious life.

Ad maiorem Dei gloriam. God bless you all.

# **FAITH FORMATION**

Registration for our Religious Education and Confirmation Programs is now open! We hope you will register your child and continue with us on this faith journey. For details, please visit our parish website, www.StPhilip.org. If you have any questions, please email us at: reled@stphilip.org.



# **BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

Please go to the **Clifton Board of Education meeting on July 28 at 7:00 PM**. The location is Clifton Board of Education Building, **745 Clifton Avenue Clifton, NJ**. Voice your concern about the sexual education program they wish to introduce to our children. An example of this radical program is a discussion with second graders "the range of ways people express their gender and how gender role stereotypes may limit expression or sexual orientation." This is outrageous and kills the innocence of children that young. Please get involved, there is so very much at stake. – Fr. Monteleone

# SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

#### SUPPORT OF LIFE MINISTRY

<u>Friday Rosary for Life with LIFENET</u>: One of the best things we can do to promote life and help save the babies in the womb is PRAYER. From the comfort of your home please join us on the LIFENET telephone rosary every Friday at 4:00 pm to pray for these babies and their families. Just dial (401) 252-0031 and enter access code 759297#. All three mysteries are prayed, and you can join in or leave the call at any time without notice to others if necessary.

# SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

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**September 29**<sup>th</sup> *Annual Golf Event*, Passaic County Golf Course

### ST. PHILIPS PLAYERS

We are returning to the stage! An original musical revue is set for November 2022. SPP is also adopting the St Patrick's/St Joseph's Dinner Dance with a restart for March 2023. With that, we need volunteers on and off the stage. Specifically seeking off stage assistants, graphic & scenic designers, general volunteers. Also seeking potential performers as we look to expand. Stphilipsplayers@gmail.com or 862-686-5544.

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# PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

# SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2022

5:30 PM Fr. Kevin

#### **SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2022**

8:00 AM Fr. Monteleone

10:00 AM Fr. Nico 12:00 PM Fr. Nico

# PLEASE NOTE

Holy Hour is every Friday following Mass until July 29th.





# **PARISH GIVING**

SUNDAY COLLECTION: JULY 11, 2021 \$20, 050.00

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# Upcoming Second Collections: July 17 - Communications/Indian & Black/Lepers/Catholic University

### July 24 - 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... Debbie Werthmann, Karen Sudol, Louise Giostra Henry Zamensky

# A Time to be Healed...

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



#### MASS INTENTIONS

# **SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022**

8:00 All the People of the Parish

10:00 Malcolm Hall Meg Birmingham Emanuel Rodriguez Joe Esposito

**12:00** Steven Amato Robert Streppone

# **MONDAY, JULY 18, 2022**

9:00 Jeanne O'Carroll

# **TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2022**

9:00 Emanual Rodriguez

Deceased members of the Sadvary and Furesz families

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2022

9:00 Richard Vincent

# THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2022

**9:00** Thomas Migliorino Corazon Nunag

# **FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2022**

9:00 Alfonso Bayuelo

#### SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2022

**9:00** Louise Giostra

**5:30** Joseph, Sr., Ceil and Joseph Jr, Hopper Thelma Reck Debbie Werthmann

# **SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2022**

8:00 Leandro Salme Louise D'Angelo

**10:00** Giovanna Pizzi - 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

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