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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 24, 2022



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday 4:30 to 5:00 PM

Please telephone the Parish Office
if you would like a priest to visit you
or a family member at home
or in the hospital.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

A woman was running very late for an important meeting with her lawyer. When she arrived at the office building, even though the lot was large, she could find no place to park. After driving around uselessly for about ten minutes, she decided to pray. "Lord," she said, "you know how important this meeting is for me. Please help me find a parking space." She drove around for another five or ten minutes, but still nothing changed. So, she decided to sweeten the deal. "Lord," she said, "if you find me a parking space, I'll put 100 dollars in the collection at Mass this weekend." She drove around a bit more but still there was no room. "Lord," she said, "this is very important to me. If you give me a parking space, I will put 500 dollars in the collection this weekend." She drove around for five minutes more, but everything stayed the same. Finally, she said, "Lord I am truly desperate here. If you give me a parking space, I'll put a thousand dollars in the collection this weekend." And, just as she said those words a parked car right in front of her backed up and pulled away. "Never mind Lord," she said, "a place just opened up."

It is easy to play games with prayer. This is true because most of us imagine prayer in an overly simplistic way. Yes, prayer is asking God for what we want, and God can give it to us. But prayer is not some kind mechanical, automatic process by which the things we want automatically appear. If every prayer was answered in the way in which it was prayed, everyone would be a believer, and every year the Yankees would win the World Series.

Prayer has to be something more than simply getting the goods. This is what Jesus is showing us in today's gospel. Now when we first hear Jesus' words, they seem to confirm a magical notion of prayer. He says, "Ask and you will receive. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you." But if we look at these words more carefully, we'll see that any magical notion is dispelled. Jesus says, "Ask and you will receive." But he does not say, "Ask and you will receive what you asked for." Jesus promises that if we pray, if we ask for something, we will receive something. But what we receive is in the hands of God. This is why the most important word in today's gospel is the word, "Father." Prayer is talking to God, but not as the creator or the all-powerful supreme being. **Prayer is talking to God as our father who loves us.** Therefore, in the deepest sense, prayer is bringing what we need to God and then trusting our father to act.

If you were suddenly diagnosed with cancer, you should pray. You should go to your father and say how frightened you are, how helpless you feel. You should ask for God to cure you. If you ask, you will receive. You might receive a cure, but you might receive something else, perhaps courage or a sense of peace. When people we care for are in trouble, we should pray. We should tell God how much they mean to us and how difficult their lives are because of a divorce, financial problems, or some other difficulty. If we seek help from God, we will find it. But it

might be as simple as the call to help the people we love by our presence and care. If there's something in our lives, we know we need to change, we should pray. We should tell God that how our attitude of prejudice or the addiction that controls us is lessening our life and hurting others we love. If we knock on that door, it will open. It probably will not turn us immediately into a perfect loving person, but the road onto which that door opens is a road that leads to life.

Prayer is not some magical exercise. It is not a way to negotiate a parking space. **Prayer is bringing our needs to our Father.** And the good news is this: when we approach the God who loves us, we will not be turned away empty-handed.

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone



FROM SEMINARIAN SEBASTIAN

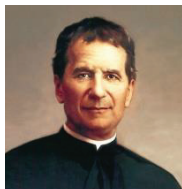
Wishing you all well! Today I would like to share with you how St. John Bosco has become one of my favorite saints and how his life and example have profoundly inspired my vocation.

St. John Bosco was a multi-faceted man who was uniquely noted for his action and practicality in his evangelizing. His constant concern for evangelizing is one of the most admirable aspects of his life; he would take advantage of a sermon, an outing with young people, and a visit to the sick, among many other moments, to meet young people who had a vocation and were encouraged to follow the Lord in a very special way of life.

His apostolic zeal for the people in his charge, especially young people, is another aspect that I emphasize and try to put into practice in pastoral work. His method was always that of *prevention*. Therefore, he would say: "*Do you want to do something good? Educate the youth. Do you want to do something divine? Educate the youth. Rather, this, among the divine things, is most divine*". In this way, St. John Bosco proposes a *modus operandi* in which the mind and heart are placed on the other in such a way that the other is taught, welcomed, and protected. It is about acting where otherness and strangeness itself have disappeared.

These days, upon noticing a vocational crisis in young people, I always bring up the idea of St. John Bosco to go beyond the clerical responsibilities so that through the pastoral of "presence," that is, the simple fact of being present in people's lives and being part of their life experiences, the priest can transform the lives of many. He can most of all help them rediscover their vocation, their specific mission in this world, in the Church.

St. John Bosco, pray for us!
God bless you!



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

Friday Rosary for Life with LIFENET: 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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Gala Anniversary Celebration



Our Knights will be celebrating their 25 plus years as a council at St. Philip's also recognizing past Grand Knights Jack Houston, Rich Donkersloot, and Walter (Doc) Krawiec at La Neve's in Haledon on Friday, August 12 at 5:30 PM. **ALL ARE INVITED TO THIS CELEBRATION.**

Full dinner with beer and wine included \$50 per person. Tickets available on-line now at:

<https://knights-of-columbus-11671.square.site/25th-anniversary-and-past-grand-knights-dinner>

Or call Ray Lill (973) 472-1756, Carlos Roco (973) 557-1716, or Mike Cervine (973) 220-3095

Other Upcoming Events:

August 7th we'll begin our campaign for *Coats for Kids* for this winter

September 29th 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. Sphilipsplayers@gmail.com or 862-686-5544.



GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



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Gospel Today
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ! Luke 11:1-13

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Jesus told his disciples "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, and your Kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test." Luke 11:2-4

The answer to prayer, by Jesus

Color, cut and hang up this reminder from Jesus, how to receive answer to prayer.

“ASK and you will receive;
SEEK and you will find;
KNOCK and the door will be opened to you.”
Luke 11:9

In today's reading (above)...

JESUS
HIMSELF
GAVE US
THE WORDS
FOR OUR
LORD'S
PRAYER,
THE OUR
FATHER.



Our Father who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
Amen

Jesus tells us "be persistent."

Think of a time when you prayed, asking God for help.
Never forget to thank God for all He gives us.

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2022

5:30 PM Fr. Nico

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022

8:00 AM Fr. Nico

10:00 AM Fr. Monteleone

12:00 PM Fr. Monteleone

PLEASE NOTE

Holy Hour will return on Friday, September 9th.

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: JULY 18, 2021	\$ 16, 949.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: JULY 17, 2022	
WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$ 9, 166.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION	\$ 6, 637.00
TOTAL	\$15, 803.00
SECOND COLLECTION- COMM IND/ BLK/ LEP	\$ 1,943.00

Upcoming Second Collections:

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...
Ronald St. Laurent, Peter Frazzano, Daniel Tauriello

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 Barbeta, John Hughes, George Wozniak



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2022

8:00 Leandro Salme

Louise D'Angelo

10:00 Giovanna Pizzi - 2nd Anniversary

Deceased members of

the Society of Sisters for the Church

Giuseppe "Joe" Esposito

Elvira Maldonado

12:00 All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, JULY 25, 2022

9:00 Joseph Scartelli

TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2022

9:00 Lloyd Christopher Castillo

Jack McSweeney - 1st Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2022

9:00 Roy Lugris

THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2022

9:00 Henry Zamensky

FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2022

9:00 Lawrence Madsen

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2022

9:00 Rizaldy Quintos

5:30 All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022

8:00 Diane Jackson

Michael and Sally Harrington

10:00 Andrew DiDomenico

Anthony Volonnino

Thommaso DelGatto

Marion Kovacs

12:00 Genevieve "Jean" Tarnowski

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