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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 25, 2022



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday 4:30 to 5:00 PM

HOLY HOUR

Every Friday 9:30 to 10:30 AM

For a Communion visit and/or
Anointing of the Sick ,
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

There are many things we could discuss about this long and difficult parable about the rich man and Lazarus. But today I would like to focus on its stark and somewhat disturbing ending. I believe that the ending has something important to say about the way that we live.

You remember how the parable unfolds. There was a rich man who feasted sumptuously every day, not a care in the world, as happy as he could be. But then he died, and he discovered to his dismay that he should have lived differently. He was in torment, whereas the blind beggar who once sat at his gate was in glory with Abraham. The rich man realized all too late that there was nothing he could do about his situation. But he begs Abraham to send Lazarus to warn his brothers so that they could change and avoid his cruel fate. Abraham says, *"They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them."* The rich man says, *"No, they don't listen to Moses and the prophets. But they would listen if someone were to rise from the dead."* And here comes the disturbing ending. Abraham says, *"If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone were to rise from the dead."* Abraham's statement is a warning, a warning to us. We should listen today or be sorry tomorrow.

What should we listen to? To Moses and the prophets. Who are Moses and the prophets? To the Jewish people and to Jesus they represented all that God had revealed, all that God had told us throughout the scriptures and throughout history. The same is true for us. Moses and the prophets are for us is all that we find revealed in the Bible and all that the spirit reveals in our hearts as we live our lives. God is speaking to us. God is trying to get our attention. God is speaking through the scriptures and through the events of our life. We should listen today or be sorry tomorrow.

What should we listen to? It varies with each one of us. I cannot tell you what God is speaking to you today, but here are some possibilities: God might be saying that there are issues in your marriage which you need to face; that there is someone who has hurt you and you need to reconcile and forgive; that you are unhappy in your job and it might be time to change; that you are spending your time in the wrong places, and you need more time with your children and grandchildren; that there is someone in your life who needs help and is waiting for your assistance; that there are people who care for you, and you need to celebrate their love. Each one of us must ask, what is God speaking to me? What is God telling me I need to do? We must listen and we must listen today.

Why is it that we don't listen? There are two principal reasons: time and fear

We often do not listen to what God is saying because **we presume there will always be more time. We say to ourselves, "I know what God wants me to do but I'll face that tomorrow. Today, I'm doing what I want to do. I'll get around to God wants me to do."** The problem

with the excuse of time is that it often betrays us. What is possible today might not be possible tomorrow. The opportunity we can seize now could evaporate with a change in ourselves or in someone else. The window of opportunity can all too quickly close. That is why we need to listen today.

The other excuse is fear. **We know that if we listen to what God is asking us to do, it might be difficult. We might be afraid to face it. Here is where faith is important. If we really believe that what is being asked of us comes from God, then we need to believe that God will be trustworthy.** God will not ask us to do something and then lead us out into the desert to die. If a direction really comes from God, then we can follow it with confidence. We do not need to be afraid.

We believe that God is speaking to us all the time, that God is communicating to our heart. Therefore, we need to listen. We need to listen now; we need to listen without fear. The only danger is to go on with our lives as if everything is fine. We must not be like the rich man in the parable, feasting, moving along without a care in the world, when in fact, something needs to change. We cannot presume that God will send an angel to tap us on the shoulder. We cannot presume that God will raise up someone from the dead to tell us what we must do. God is already telling us what to do. Listen and respond today.

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone

PLEASE NOTE

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi,
the blessing of animals will take place on **Sunday,**
October 2nd at 1:30 PM at the St. Anthony Shrine,
next to the parking lot.

DIOCESAN OPPORTUNITIES

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



Couples, were you married in 1972 or 1997? (*Or have you been married for 60+ years?*) The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th, 50th or 60+ wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ.

Bishop Sweeney will serve as main celebrant
on this joyful occasion to be held:

Sunday, November 6th, 2022, at 3 PM

Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. The deadline to submit your registration is Thursday, October 6th, 2022. You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed.
Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

REV. MSGR. GEORGE HUNDT

Because Saint Philip had been a part of Msgr. Hundt's priestly ministry, you are invited to share in the celebration of 40+ years of priesthood for Rev. Msgr. George F. Hundt on October 9th, 2022, at 5 PM at **Saint Vincent Martyr Church** 26 Green Village Road Madison, NJ Following the Mass, there will be a reception in their Auditorium.



ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

This week the students at The PREP have been very busy! We started the week by celebrating our new principal, Ms. Gonzalez. There was a welcome Mass for everyone! It was a beautiful way to begin our week! Morning assemblies are back! The students have loved coming to the auditorium for morning prayer and seeing all their friends! They have all been getting acclimated to coming back to school!

NWEA testing also began this week. These tests are taken three times a year to help track students' growth. They focus on math and reading skills.

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

ROSARY SOCIETY

SAVE THE DATES!

Sunday, October 9th is our **78th Annual Communion Brunch!** We will begin the Rosary at 9:40 AM followed by Mass at 10:00 AM in the Church. The Brunch will begin immediately after Mass in Marian Hall. Tickets are \$30. Call Elaine at (973) 472-9019. More details to follow!

PRIME-TIMERS

A meeting of the Prime-Timers will be held on October 7th at 1 PM in Marian Hall. Come enjoy some refreshments! Enjoy seeing old friends and meeting new ones!

SCOUTS

CUB SCOUT PACK 21 from St. Philip's is selling popcorn by the church doors this weekend, September 24th & 25th. This is their primary fundraiser for the school year and funds activities such as camping, hiking, pinewood derby, & other events. Please support scouting and buy some popcorn!



HSA

The HSA is having a 50/50 Raffle. The Drawing will be held on Friday, September 30th. Tickets are \$2, books of 10 tickets are also available for \$20. Contact the Parish office for tickets.

MUSIC MINISTRY

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE YOUTH CHOIR

The St. Philip the Apostle Youth Choir is inviting new and returning students who like to SING to come and join us for this year's choir season!

WHO CAN JOIN? Students in Grades 4 through Grade 8. Participation is open to ALL young singers within this age group from the St. Philip Preparatory School and Parish community.

WHEN & WHERE? Rehearsals are held in church on Mondays from 3:00 to 4:05 PM throughout the school year.

WHEN DOES THE CHOIR SING? The Youth Choir sings at a monthly scheduled weekend liturgy and in choir concert events sponsored by the Music Ministry program at St. Philip the Apostle Church.



Come and join us on Monday, September 26, 2022! Please see the Parish website for more information and how to register.

Ring Out!

Interested in participating in a music ministry but not a singer? **Handbells** are a great way to put that hand/eye coordination to good use! Rehearsals are held regularly in church on Monday evenings from 6 to 6:45 PM.

The **Handbell Choir** rings at *Lessons and Carols*, and seasonal masses on *Christmas Eve* and *Palm Sunday*. Prior musical experience is appreciated, but not required. We encourage returning and new members to please join us for our organizational meeting and first rehearsal on Monday, October 3rd at 6 PM in church.



All music ministries are open to persons high school age and up. For those preparing for Confirmation, participation in one of our music ministries is a great way to fulfill service hours! Regular attendance at rehearsals is expected.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

ALTAR SERVERS, WE NEED YOU!

New and returning altar servers are invited to serve at the Weekend Masses! Father Nico will be glad to practice and review the Mass with you.

To begin or continue serving, confirm your availability for scheduling by contacting the Parish Office at (973) 779-6200.



LIFE MINISTRY

Please join the virtual "1000 Strong Rosary for Life Conference Call" on Thursday, October 13th at 7 PM organized by LIFENET in partnership with Array of Hope. Join Bishop Manuel A. Cruz and priests from throughout NJ to pray for the Protection of Babies in the Womb and in reparation for the sin of abortion.

For more info: (973) 497-4500

To view online, register at:

watch.arrayofhope.net/pages/1000strong

To join via conference call, register at:

lifeneteducation.org/1000strong

Conference Call Number: (401) 252-0031; Code: 759297

COMMUNITY

STRAIGHT & NARROW

Beefsteak and Tricky Tray

Straight and Narrow, a Catholic Charities organization is hosting a Beefsteak/Tricky Tray on Friday, September 30th at 6:30 PM at St. James of the Marches Parish Hall in Totowa. Tickets are \$70/pp (includes Beefsteak & Tricky Tray) To buy tickets or donate online go to:

www.ccpaterson.org/beefsteak

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 \$14,775.00

SUNDAY COLLECTION: SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

WEEKLY COLLECTION \$ 8,638.00

ONLINE GIVING DONATION \$ 7,018.00

TOTAL \$15,656.00

Upcoming Second Collections:

September 25 - Project Faith

October 2 - Beacon Catholic Newspaper

PRIESTS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022

5:30 PM Fr. Nico

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022

8:00 AM Fr. Monteleone

10:00 AM Fr. Monteleone

12:00 PM Fr. Nico

WE PRAY FOR...

May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace...
Edgar De La Torre, Sr

A Time to be Healed...

Susan Stierlen, Jill Festa, Sylvia Shami,
Edward Kovacs, Dominick Cappello,
Todd Daigneault, Cheri Albanesi,
James Jablonowski, Elmer Rodriguez,
Michael Barbetta, John Hughes,
Bernadette Menzaco, Ernie Dietel



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

8:00 Anthony and Mary Venditti
Alice Danleavy

10:00 Louis D'Angelo
John and Jeanne Gallagher
Virginia "Ginny" Kelleher

12:00 All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

9:00 Louise Stolarz

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

9:00 Agnes Walton

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

9:00 Alphonse and Jennie Seiffert family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

9:00 Ida Pompeo

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

9:00 Reid Charles Krevis
Rudy Pohle

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022

9:00 Anne Shul
Maria and Guiseppe Esposito
Catherine Mary Pskowski

5:30 All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022

8:00 Francis, Miriam & Kevin O'Brien
For the Babies in the Womb and their Families

10:00 Living and Deceased members of the St.
Philip Rosary Society

Mary Gallagher

Robert Marolda

Cesar Bocanegra

12:00 Irene Sadvary- 23rd Anniversary
Violet Carisi- 1st Anniversary

CANDLE: WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25th
In memory of Joseph McNamara

GIFTS: WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25th
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