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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 16, 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,
please contact the Parish office.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Today's first reading from the Book of Exodus is problematic in several ways. First, it associates God with violence. God seems to be party to Joshua's military campaign that mows down his enemies, the Amalekites, with the edge of the sword. The text also carries a magical component. If Moses keeps his hands raised, the Israelites have the better part of the battle. But when Moses drops his hands, the Israelites begin to lose. These characteristics of violence and magic are best explained by the primitive culture that created this story. But, if we could for a moment set these aspects aside, we can find in this passage from Exodus an important message for us today, because this passage speaks of our trust in God and of the importance of community.

The position of Moses' hands in the story is not accidental. Holding one's hands aloft is the traditional Jewish gesture for prayer. Priests during Mass pray with their hands extended. Moses' prayerful position is an indication that our ultimate trust must always be placed in God.

When we must face any kind of evil, when we have to prepare ourselves for any kind of battle, we need to believe that God is with us. But this is not always easy.

There are times where we simply cannot understand why bad things happen to us. There are times where we try over and over again to break a habit of sin, to forgive someone who has hurt us, to become less judgmental and more patient. And yet, despite all our efforts, we do not succeed. We can grow disillusioned. We can tire of believing. Our hands, lifted in prayer, fall.

When this happens to Moses in the story, he calls upon Aaron and Hur to hold up his hands. When Moses' faith is too weak, he calls upon the strength of others. We need to follow his example. Often, we are not able to believe on our own. When we experience trouble in our marriage, we need to reach out and seek counseling from someone who has wisdom. When we discover that we have an addiction, we have to find a twelve-step program. When we receive a frightening medical diagnosis, we need to depend on family and friends for support. **When our faith is too weak, we need to depend upon the faith of others.** Therefore, we have a faith community. We do not always have the strength to keep our hands raised in prayer by ourselves. So, at times we must depend upon other believers to hold up our hands for us.

Whenever we come to Mass, we celebrate our connection to one another in a faith community. What we celebrate today is the way that our faith, one with another, gives us the strength to trust and to believe. **We do not come here every weekend to pray in the presence of others.**



We come to pray with others, as part of the same community. We are, in fact, sacraments to one another, signs of the presence of Christ among us. The people sitting around us are not just the atmosphere of our prayer. We are connected to one another as members of the same community. Together, we form the body of Christ. It is when we join with one another that we can display our faith and raise our hands in praise of God.

Peace,

Fr. Monteleone

FAITH IN ACTION

Support our Brothers and Sisters in Florida

Currently, Catholic Charities within Paterson is forwarding all requests to help the victims of Hurricane Ian to Catholic Charities USA. CCUSA is collaborating closely and working daily with Florida Agencies and supporting the Catholic Charities agencies in North and South Carolina as they continue their assessment.

Donation Page: <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org>

Here are some material and financial needs especially requested by the Catholic Charities agencies in Florida:

- TENTS!
- FOOD IS TOP PRIORITY - Shelf-stable items: MREs, protein bars, powdered milk, peanut butter, dry cereal, dried fruit, canned meat, canned beans. Water, canned juices (Note: The State of FL is running out of MREs, so getting no-perishable food donations is critical.)
- Large 20-gallon plastic containers, garbage bags, manual can openers
- Roof Tarps with straps (tiedowns)
- Flashlights, batteries, waterproof matches, lighters, glowsticks
- Baby items: diapers, wipes, formula
- Adult Diapers
- Personal and feminine hygiene items
- Pet food
- Tools – pallet jacks, forklifts, generators, dehumidifiers, air movers, air scrappers, dry vacs, flood pumps, propane tanks, gasoline containers, flood lights, chain saws, branch shredders, compact track loader on a trailer

If you are organizing a shipment for Florida, please connect with Jennifer Dyer at jdyer@catholiccharitiesusa.org

WE REMEMBER

We **remember** our loved ones who are with the Lord,
we **celebrate** God's gift of Eternal Life,
we **believe** in God's gift of heavenly peace

Solemnity of All Saints Schedule

October 31 -- 7 PM *Vigil Mass* -- Fr. Monteleone

November 1 -- 7 AM Mass -- Fr. Kevin
9 AM Mass -- Fr. Monteleone

All Souls' Day Schedule

November 2 -- 9 AM Mass -- Fr. Monteleone
7 PM Mass -- Fr. Nico

BIBLE STUDY with FR. KEVIN

Fr. Kevin's Bible study meetings will begin on Monday, **October 17 at 11 AM** in the Jubilee Wing of the Molloy Center. The sessions will be for 8 weeks ending on December 5. We will discuss St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians. All are welcome!

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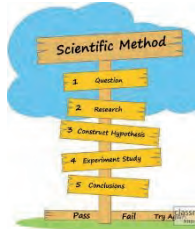
School is in full swing!

The students in Intermediate science are learning about the scientific method. They have learned how to write a testable question and identify the variables. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be practicing collecting and analyzing data by designing and conducting experiments.

In English we are starting a creative writing assignment about a mad scientist and an experiment gone terribly wrong!

Religion classes have been learning about the people that help during the Mass. We just started a mini unit on the objects of the Mass to help them better understand what goes on during Mass. The fourth-grade classes are studying the Beatitudes to learn how to live as Jesus did.

The fourth graders are also working on their entries for a poster contest for a "Drug-Free America." Last year we had a student make it to the finals! We cannot wait to see what fabulous posters they create this year!



SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

ROSARY SOCIETY

The first meeting of the Rosary Society will be held on Monday, **October 17th in Marian Hall**. It will begin with Mass and the Rosary at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS

The Widow and Widowers group will meet on **Monday, October 17th at 2 PM** in the Molloy Center. Counting on you to join us for prayers, socialization and meeting new friends. Everyone is welcome!

BOY SCOUTS

Boy Scout Troop 21 will be having their Annual Spaghetti Dinner on **Sunday, October 23rd from 12 to 5 PM at the Auditorium**. Adults \$12, Seniors \$10, Kids (4-11) \$5. Under 4 years are free with an adult. Dinner includes All you can eat spaghetti with homemade sauce, salad, bread, coffee, tea, and dessert. Refreshments will also be served. Takeout orders are available. Tickets can be purchased at the door. For more information contact: troop21clifton@gmail.com



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

NJ Right To Life Raffle after all Masses Oct 15-16

Tickets \$10 each

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3rd Prize: Shoprite Gift Card; Value \$750

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COLUMBIETTES

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22nd

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WEDDING BANNES

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III. Alexa LoCicero and
Kenneth Lafferty**



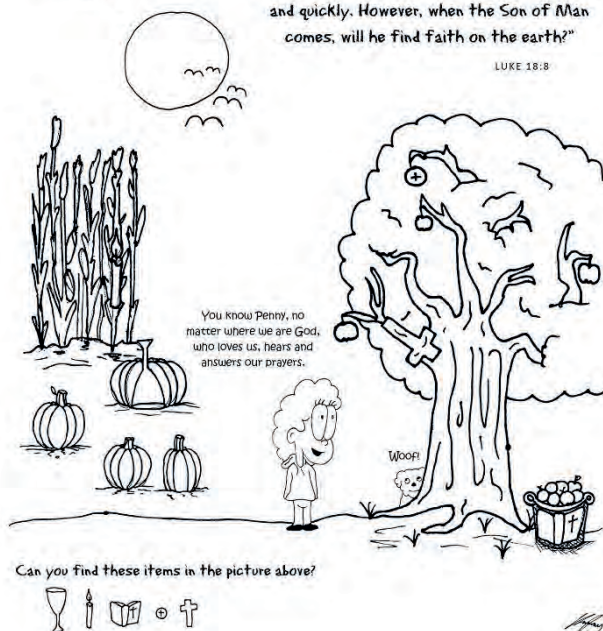
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LUKE 18:8



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Dominick Cappello, Todd Daigneault, Cheri Albanesi,
James Jablonowski, Elmer Rodriguez, Michael Barbetta,
John Hughes, Bernadette Menzaco, Janet Jalenski

PRIESTS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022

5:30 PM Fr. Kevin

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022

8:00 AM Fr. Nico

10:00 AM Fr. Monteleone

12:00 PM Fr. Nico

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: OCTOBER 10, 2021	\$16,988.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: OCTOBER 9, 2022	
WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$ 11,238.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION	\$ 7,282.00
TOTAL	\$ 18,520.00
SECOND COLLECTION - PROJECT FAITH	\$ 2,188.00

Upcoming Second Collections:

October 23 - Mission Sunday

October 30 - Project Faith

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022

- 8:00** Michael Warren
Marlene Chidiac
10:00 Tom Trommelen
Margoth Segarra – 5th Anniversary
Alan DeFavero
Edward Plaskon
12:00 All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022

- 9:00** Deceased members of the McNamara Family
Robert J. Shalhoub, MD

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022

- 9:00** Victor Shami
Sean Hughes

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022

- 9:00** Louise Stolarz

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2022

- 9:00** Charlotte Clarke

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2022

- 9:00** Isabel Cemprola

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022

- 9:00** Concetta Spallina
Frank Eugene Pavese
5:30 All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022

- 8:00** Rick Scucci
Catherine Tencza
10:00 Luigi Gioia
Rose Corio
Eugeniusz Jablonski
Marlene Chidiac
12:00 Nancy Contey
Cecilia Degnan

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