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## 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time October 30, 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

My Dear Parishioners,

In this beautiful story from Luke's Gospel, we learn something important about us and something important about God. We are meant to identify with Zacchaeus in the story, and Zacchaeus was not a perfect person. He was a tax collector. Therefore, he cooperated with the Roman oppressors and often times used his authority to enrich himself. He was a wealthy man, and his hands were not clean. But the best quality about Zacchaeus is that, even though he knew his shortcomings and flaws, he was not afraid to seek God. When he heard about Jesus, he wanted to meet him. He didn't know what he would find in meeting Jesus, but he was determined to have the experience. So, setting aside any convenience or dignity, he ran ahead and climbed a Sycamore Tree.

All of us are like Zacchaeus. We are not perfect people. There is no one in this church today who is without sin. This is an important thing to acknowledge this weekend when we have invited those who have become estranged from the church to come again and worship with us. Because it is clear that many people stop the practice of their own faith because of the flaws and sins of the church and its members. Since that is the case, then the first order of business today is to apologize. We are not perfect people. If any of you here today have been hurt by a priest or by a church community, I apologize. If you turned to the church at a time of divorce or loss and, instead of experiencing comfort and understanding, you were rejected and judged, I'm very sorry. If you were scandalized by the presence of sexual abuse within the church and indeed even among the priesthood, I apologize, and I assure you that we are taking concrete steps to remove the offenders and protect our children.

It is important for those who have done wrong to change, to say that they are sorry. In that way, we are like Zacchaeus, admitting our flaws and asking for forgiveness. But we should also be like Zacchaeus, in so far as we are willing to continue to seek the way of God. Despite our flaws and at times, because of them, we need one another. Therefore, it is a real value that we come together as a parish community to pray, to learn and to serve.

This leads to the important thing that today's Gospel tells us about God. Because what it tells us, what God has revealed to us through Jesus Christ, is that whenever anyone takes a step closer to find God's way, God will never turn that person away. When Jesus saw that Zacchaeus wanted to know him, he did not hesitate. He invited Zacchaeus down and formed a relationship with him. Despite all of Zacchaeus' flaws, despite the objections of the crowd, Jesus insisted that Zacchaeus could be and should be his follower.

Today, as pastor of St. Philip, on behalf of our church community, I want us to follow the example of Jesus. I warmly welcome any of you who have been away from the church. We are so grateful that you took the step this weekend to come and see, overcoming whatever fears or doubts you may have had. It is our prayer that whatever you are seeking from God might be granted to you. We want to suggest that the way of finding God is to come here again and join with us to be a part of this community. Also, please

invite others back to St. Philip's, especially if they have been away since the outbreak of Covid. It is now time to come home!

The story of Zacchaeus reminds us that nothing we have done should be a reason that we stop seeking God in our life. It only makes sense that we are stronger if we can make that search together. Because then we can as brothers and sisters encourage one another to believe that whatever we have done God will never turn us away. We can support one another and encourage one another to hold fast to the truth that God is always acting to lead us, to guide us, and to find any excuse that will allow God to welcome us home.

Peace,

Fr. Monteleone



## 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





## SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

### PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE

(Lectio Divina): The Heart of Catechesis

by  
Bishop Arthur Serratelli  
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Wednesday  
Nov. 9th  
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- Understand the practice of praying with Scripture (Lectio Divina).
- Delight in your growing relationship with the Lord.
- Gain a deepened appreciation of the importance of meditative reading of Scripture in your daily walk with the Lord.

In November, we celebrate National Bible Week.

Sacred Scripture is the heart of our ministry.

Please join us for a presentation, *"Praying with Scripture (Lectio Divina): The Heart of Catechesis,"* by our distinguished Scripture scholar, **Bishop Emeritus Arthur Serratelli, STD, SSL, DD**. This event will be an opportunity not only to learn how to incorporate the Holy Bible into our daily lives and our ministry, but, most importantly, to know and to fall in love with Jesus.

You can register using the following link,

[www.insidethewalls.org/praying-with-scripture](http://www.insidethewalls.org/praying-with-scripture)

Note: This will count towards the 52 hours required for catechist certification.

## DIOCESAN NEWS

Our Diocesan Choir seeks new members to lift their voices in song for our Diocesan Christmas Concert **on Friday, December 9, at the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist at 7:30 PM**. Five advance rehearsals will take place: at the Diocesan Center in Clifton, Assumption Church in Morristown, and the Cathedral. The complete list of rehearsals and locations can be found here:

[www.patersondiocese.org/choir-calendar](http://www.patersondiocese.org/choir-calendar)

Singers of all experience levels are welcome to come together as a diocesan family for this annual event. To join the choir or for questions, please contact Preston Dibble, Diocesan Director of Music: [pdibble@patersondiocese.org](mailto:pdibble@patersondiocese.org)

## BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study continues every Monday at 11 AM in the Youth Room of Molloy Center. Please bring your Bible

## ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The students enjoyed dressing up for Halloween on Friday and classroom activities to celebrate Halloween. A Halloween Fun was organized by the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade in the gym for Students in PreK 3 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

**Tuesday, November 1**, the school (Grades 1-8) will go to the 9 AM Mass for All Saints' Day.

## SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

### PRIME TIMERS

The next meeting of the St. Philip's Prime Timers will be held on **Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM in Marian Hall**.

Our guest entertainer will be Carla Virola. Money will be collected for the annual Christmas Party, which will be held on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1 PM at Bella Napoli Restaurant on Broad Street in Bloomfield. The cost is \$40.

### ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

A big thank you to **Father Norton** for speaking at our annual Communion Brunch! The next meeting will be held on **Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> in Marian Hall**. Join us as we honor and pray for our beloved deceased with Rosary and Mass with Father Kevin at 6:30 PM. All are welcome!

### COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meetings of the blanket ministry will be Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 AM in the Molloy Center. For additional information or fabric and yarn donations, call Cathie Murtha (973) 471-1265. All crafters are welcome!

### COLUMBIETTES

Thank you to ALL who donated to our Local Food Drive. Your support is greatly appreciated!

## 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.



### LECTORS, WE NEED YOU!

New lectors/readers are invited to serve at the Weekend Masses! Father Nico will be glad to train you.

To begin serving, please contact the Parish Office at (973) 779-6200.

## MINISTRY IN SUPPORT OF LIFE

Words of wisdom in exercising our privilege to vote:

"We encourage all citizens, particularly Catholics, to embrace their citizenship not merely as a duty and privilege, but as an opportunity meaningfully to participate in building the culture of life. Every voice matter in the public forum. Every vote counts. Every act of responsible citizenship is an exercise of significant individual power. We must exercise that power in ways that defend human life, especially those of God's children who are unborn, disabled or otherwise vulnerable. We get the public officials we deserve. Their virtue -- or lack thereof -- is a judgment not only on them, but on us. Because of this, we urge our fellow citizens to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest."

*U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops*

**Note: New Jersey allows any voter to request a ballot by mail and offers early voting. You can also vote in person.**

## GOD BLESS THE NEWLY WED



*Lindsay and Marc*



*Alexa and Kenneth*

## WE PRAY FOR...

### *A Time to be Healed...*

Susan Stierlen, Jill Festa, Sylvia Shami, Edward Kovacs, Dominick Cappello, Todd Daigneault, Cheri Albanesius, James Jablonowski, Elmer Rodriguez, Michael Barbetta, John Hughes, Bernadette Menzaco, Janet Jelenski, Adelaido Cuasay, Adora Asunción

## PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: OCTOBER 24, 2021	\$15,962.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: OCTOBER 23, 2022	
WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$ 10,192.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION	\$ 6,454.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 16,646.00</b>
SECOND COLLECTION- MISSION SUNDAY	\$ 2,121.00

**Upcoming Second Collections:**  
**October 30 - Project Faith**

## PRIESTS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022

5:30 PM Fr. Monteleone

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2022

8:00 AM Fr. Kevin

10:00 AM Fr. Nico

12:00 PM Fr. Nico

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2022

**8:00** All the People of the Parish

**10:00** Donna DeMartino  
Joseph Jasionowicz – 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Anna Marie Chen – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Deceased members of the Makowski Family

**12:00** Mary V. Crosby  
James Nugent

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2022

**9:00** Emily Klopotek – 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Angeles Cabigao

**7:00 PM** Vigil Mass for Solemnity of All Saints  
All the People of the Parish

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022

#### ALL SAINTS DAY

**7:00 AM** All the People of the Parish

**9:00** Marlene Chidiac

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2022

#### ALL SOULS' DAY

**9:00** All the Faithful Departed

**7:00 PM** Abimael Marrero  
Roberto Planas

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2022

**9:00** Pansini and D'Alto Families  
For the health & well-being of Adora Asuncion

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2022

**9:00** Fanny DiSanto – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
Jerry T. Scrosia

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022

**9:00** Wally, June, and Karen Sudol

**5:30** Fanny DiSanto  
Salvatore Capriglione  
Louise Stolarz

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2022

**8:00** Agostino Valentini – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Delia Sutton

**10:00** Guy Scafidi  
Giovanna and Vincenza Caradonna  
Louise Stolarz  
Marlene Chidiac

**12:00** All the People of the Parish

### CANDLE: WEEK OF OCTOBER 30th

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10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
- From your daughter, Deborah





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