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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 6, 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,

I do not usually refer to Greek philosophy in my homilies. But that does not mean that the great ideas of minds such as Plato or Aristotle are irrelevant to the gospel. In fact, the teachings of these founders of Western Civilization have been used by the Catholic Church throughout the centuries to shape many of the theological beliefs that we find in the catechism. Their beliefs have also deeply influenced the thinking of saints such as Saints Augustine and Thomas Aquinas. Moreover, in today's gospel Jesus is arguing with the Sadducees over two questions, which are central to Greek philosophy: Who Is God? And what happens after death? Against the position of the Sadducees, Jesus argues that after death there is a resurrection from the dead. How does he argue this? From the scriptures. He says that at the burning bush, God revealed to Moses that God was the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. All these ancestors were dead. But if God was still their God, they must, in some sense, still be alive. Because God is not God of the dead but God of the living.

Now I know this argumentation by Jesus is far from clear, but its conclusion is obvious. Our God is not God of the dead but God of the living. We find God, not in death, but in life. Conversely whenever we encounter life, we also encounter God's presence. It is in life that we find the reflection of God. Therefore, life is a portal, a threshold to God.

But where in life do we find God? That is a deeper question. Here is where the Greek philosophers become useful. They thought extensively about such questions. There was a consensus in Greek philosophy that there were three places in life where God was most clearly reflected: in that which was good, in that which was true, and in that which was beautiful. Greek philosophy believed that whenever you encountered goodness in life, whether that was moral goodness or human goodness, goodness reflected God. Whenever you encountered truth in life, whether that truth was correctness or responsibility or honesty, in truth God was present. Whenever you encountered beauty, beauty you could see or hear or touch, beauty reflected God.

Now I think we regularly associate God with goodness and truth, but how often do we associate God with beauty? This insight is the new learning which results from my convoluted discourse about Greek Philosophy and the gospel. **Our God is a God of life. And one of the places in life where God can be encountered is in that which is beautiful.** Beautiful things convey to us the presence and the power of God. It is important that we see beauty in that way.

So here is my practical suggestion for the week, **be attentive to the beauty in your life.** Be attentive this week to the beautiful things you experience and do so with the religious sense that in that beauty you encounter the living God. If you by chance this week were to see one of our beautiful fall sunsets, do not simply let its beauty enter your eye. **Pause and let it touch your heart. Then say to yourself, "God is near."** If you stop in to check on your four-year-old son as he sleeps, pause long enough to see in the beauty of his innocence the truth that God is present. If you see two teen-agers walking hand-in-hand in the mall, so connected and so unaware of what yet still lies ahead, see in the beauty of their relationship the truth that God is still with

us. When you come to your wits end, when you simply need a break from all your responsibilities, take a moment and walk in the park. Let the beauty that surrounds you touch you. Or listen to a favorite piece of music and sense in its beauty the love and power of God.

Use such moments of beauty as a prayer, as a prayer which says: Of all the things I experience today, let me not miss this moment. For in the beauty of this moment I experience you, Lord. I can touch your love and your strength. In this beauty I can know that you are my God—not God of the dead, but God of the living.

Peace,

Fr. Monteleone



PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, November 11th for Veterans Day.

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS

However inadequate our words of thanks are, we extend our gratitude to those who sacrificed their time, energy, and lives to protect and serve us and our freedom. Your service is greatly appreciated! We also pray for peace in our nation and the world as we thank you.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Our Diocesan Choir seeks new members to lift their voices in song for our Diocesan Christmas Concert **on Friday, December 9th, 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

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

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2022 DIOCESAN MINISTRY APPEAL

"One Body in Christ"

With the help of funding from the Diocesan Ministries Appeal, Nazareth Village has been a home over the years to our retired priests. Many priests who reside there also serve parishes by celebrating Mass. The Appeal also helps in providing financial support for the extraordinary healthcare needs of our priests. Your gift to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal is a great way to recognize the wonderful work of these priests who have dedicated decades of faithful service to you, your family, and our Diocese. Please make a gift to the

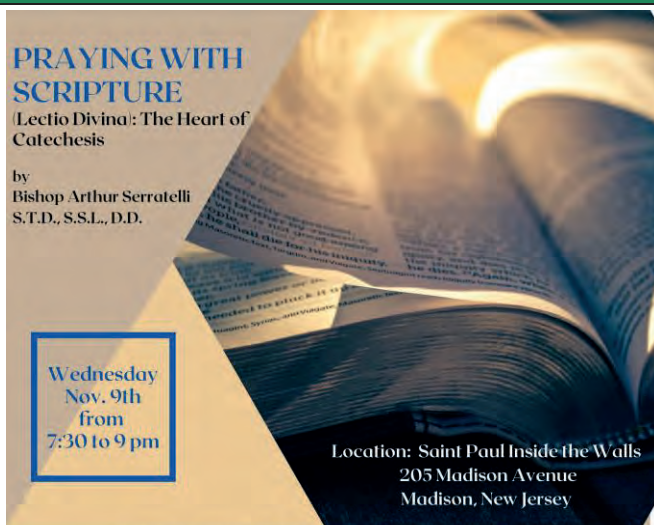
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BIBLE STUDY

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

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES



PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE
(Lectio Divina): The Heart of Catechesis
by
Bishop Arthur Serratelli
S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.

Wednesday
Nov. 9th
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205 Madison Avenue
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A great way to celebrate National Bible Week.

All are welcome

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Pope Benedict XVI

To register, visit:

<https://www.insidethewalls.org/praying-with-scripture>

By the end of this workshop you will:

- 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

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

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

We thank the 8th graders for doing a wonderful job hosting the Halloween Fun Fair for the PreK - 3rd grade students. They came up with creative games & crafts for the students to participate in. A fun time was had by all!

Intermediate science used different methods to create and reveal secret messages. Fifth grade created dancing gummy worms, moving spiders, lava lamps and disappearing ghosts using science! ELA for fifth grade is beginning work on a family history research project.

Grade 6 learned the mysteries of the Rosary and when to pray with them.

Some 7th and 8th graders are learning about Shakespeare in literature.

8th graders in social studies are learning about the Industrial Revolution and its impact on people's lives.

7th graders in social studies are learning about the ancient civilizations of Greece and Rome and how the Founding Fathers took inspiration from them. 6th graders in social studies are learning about Hammurabi's Code and how it inspired the governments of all future generations.

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

PRIME TIMERS

The Annual Christmas Party of the Prime-Timers will be held on **Friday, December 2nd at 1 PM** at **Bella Napoli** on Broad Street in Bloomfield. The cost is \$40.

ROSARY SOCIETY

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, November 14th 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 17th 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!

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The HSA is hosting an 80's themed dinner dance on **Saturday, November 12th from 7 to 11 PM in the Auditorium.** Dinner will be catered by the Brownstone. Tickets are available for \$60 for one, \$110 per couple. For more information contact Linda in the Parish Office by Tuesday, November 8th.

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

"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*

Election Day Nov 8, 2022: All seats are up for election: All US House of Representatives and many School Board candidates. Do your research; vote your Catholic values.

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

THANK YOU!

Father English Center thanks each of you who so generously donated to the call for help. We filled three cars full of food supplies and each bag that was donated held many excellent food items. Our three Confirmation candidates helped load the cars!



Our Youth Choir sang beautifully last weekend at the Noon Mass. It is great to hear them sing without masks and see their smiling faces! Bravo!

WE PRAY FOR...

May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace...
Mary Greene

A Time to be Healed...

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

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: OCTOBER 31, 2021	\$17,722.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: OCTOBER 30, 2022	
WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$ 9,753.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION	\$ 7,041.00
TOTAL	\$ 16,794.00
SECOND COLLECTION- MISSION SUNDAY	\$ 1,324.00

Upcoming Second Collections:
November 13th – Project Faith

PRIESTS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2022

5:30 PM Fr. Nico

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022

8:00 AM Fr. Monteleone

10:00 AM Fr. Kevin

12:00 PM Fr. Monteleone

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2022

- 8:00** Agostino Valentini – 40th Anniversary
Delia Sutton
- 10:00** Guy Scafidi
Giovanna and Vincenza Caradonna
Louise Stolarz
Marlene Chidiac
- 12:00** All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2022

- 9:00** Anna Rice – 18th Anniversary
Manuel and Milagros Amador

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022

- 9:00** Hilda Carlucci

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022

- 9:00** Marlene Chidiac

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2022

- 9:00** William Pimblott

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2022

- 9:00** Antonino Campanella

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2022

- 9:00** Richard DeMarco
5:30 All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022

- 8:00** AnaMaria and Jose Alves
Phylis Mary Jaworski
- 10:00** Bonifacio Flores, Sr
Rosina Gioia
Michael Landers
Dr. Robert Feliciano
- 12:00** Virginia Kelleher
Louise Stolarz

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