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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2023



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.



SUNDAY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples:

"You are the salt of the earth.

But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?

It is no longer good for anything

but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

You are the light of the world.

A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.

Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket;

it is set on a lampstand,

where it gives light to all in the house.

Just so, your light must shine before others,

that they may see your good deeds

and glorify your heavenly Father."

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus throws out this image right at the beginning of today's gospel. **"You are the salt of the earth."** Really, Jesus? What do you mean by that? How are we like salt? Jesus never explains this image. Therefore, the door open for us to consider a variety of ways in which we are like salt. Let me suggest one of them to you. Salt is good when used in small amounts, at least in food. Have you ever tried to boil pasta and forgot to put in the salt? That is a sin in an Italian American household!!! Or perhaps you put too much salt on your French fries...that killed the fries! So salt is to be used sparingly. How often do you read a recipe that asks for, "a pinch of salt"? A pinch is very small. But here is the point. It is still necessary. That is why the recipe calls for it. Without that pinch of salt, the food loses its flavor. So, when Jesus says that we are the salt of the earth, he might be asking us to adopt the small gesture, the simple word, the gentle touch. When Jesus says that we are salt, he is telling us that sometimes following him involves actions that are not very big at all.

You are in the supermarket, and down the aisle you see a mother with two young children. Her shopping cart is full, and the younger of the two children is in the seat of the cart screaming at the top of his lungs. The older child is on her feet pulling on her mother's coat and crying because she has just been told that she cannot have one of the sugary drinks that she sees on the shelf. The mother is caught between these two hysterical children trying to calm them down, when the younger one takes a box of cereal from the cart and hurls it down the aisle. You walk over, pick up the cereal box, replace it in the cart. Then in your most positive tone you say to the mother, "Hang in there". She nods in appreciation and turns back to her children. They are still crying, and she is still frazzled. But your simple word of solidarity has changed the flavor of the situation.

You are sitting with your friends at school eating lunch, and one of them begins to make fun of the girl in homeroom who always dresses poorly and stumbles over her words. As your friend describes the girl, others around the table begin to laugh. Then you say, "Cut it out. Let's talk about something else". You probably have not changed your friends' opinion of this girl, and they will probably mock her out at some future date. But today, your words have given this conversation a different seasoning.

Your friend down the street has just been diagnosed with cancer. So, you walk over for a visit. She tells you about the diagnosis and about the upcoming treatment. There is nothing you can do and very little that you can say. So, you ask "How about some coffee?" You know where she keeps it, and you make a pot. Then you sit down at the kitchen table, in silence, with the coffee steaming between the two of you. Her cancer is still there. The treatments are yet to come. But your quiet presence has given her day a different taste.

Now following Jesus certainly involves more than these small gestures. That is probably why the image of salt in the gospel is followed immediately by the image of light. Sometimes we can do big things. Sometimes we can be a city on a mountain, a lamp on a lamp stand, giving light to everything in the house. Sometimes our light can change people's lives. We can be instrumental in leading an alcoholic to recovery, or an enemy to forgiveness, or a family to reconciliation. When we have an opportunity to accomplish one of these big things, we should by all means in Christ's name let our light shine.

But these dramatic possibilities do not occur every day. It is for this reason that the gospel tells us that when we cannot be the light of the world, it is still service to be a pinch of salt.

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone



PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023

5:30 PM Fr. Kevin

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

8:00 AM Fr. Monteleone

10:00 AM Fr. Monteleone

12:00 PM Fr. Nico

IT'S BACK!



Save the date for our Parish
St. Patrick, St. Joseph, & St. Lorenzo Ruiz
Dinner Dance

on

Friday, March 17th from 6:30 to 10:30 PM

Tickets are \$50 per person

Menu includes Corned Beef and Cabbage, Penne Vodka,
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ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The faculty, staff and students at St. Philip Prep have embarked on the second half of the academic year with their characteristic enthusiasm, positive attitudes, and diligence.

The second-grade students have received their Sacrament of Reconciliation after many weeks of preparation. They are now preparing for the celebration of their First Communion in May.

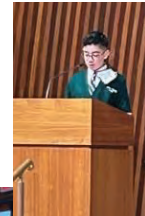
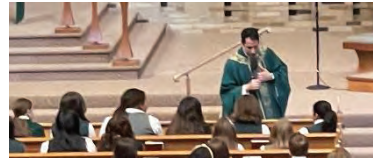
In Intermediate science, students are learning about the systems of the body and currently learning about the heart and circulatory system. They are working on a heart rate lab to see how various forms of exercise affect the heart rate.

Fifth graders completed a family history research project. They learned how to conduct an interview and gather research. Family Stories included acts of patriotism as well as sharing the cultural traditions of individual St. Philip families.

In the spirit of Catholic Schools week (last week) the students in the third grade have prepared a project to honor the saints. Students researched their favorite saint and will present their findings to their classmates.

In kindergarten, students are working with their eighth-grade buddies to research their country for Multicultural Day.

At St. Philip Prep, our understanding of our world is off to a promising start.



Some pictures from our Catholic Schools Week Mass.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Next Sunday, as we prepare to enjoy the Super Bowl with friends and family, let us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat. As you head out of Mass, you will see students from our Confirmation Program holding pots and pans.



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Please consider donating. All proceeds will benefit Eva's Village. Join our students in making a positive difference in the lives of others!

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SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS

The Next meeting of the Widow and Widowers will be on **Monday, February 13th at 2 PM** in the Molloy Center. Anyone who is experiencing a loss is most welcome.

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meeting will be **Thursday, February 16th at 9:45 AM in the Molloy Center**. We are making baby blankets for upcoming respect life events. For fabric or yarn donations and information, call Cathie Murtha at (973) 471-1265.

ROSARY SOCIETY

Please join us as we attend the **9 AM Mass on Saturday February 18th**, weather permitting. This will not be a formal meeting, but the Rosary will be recited. All are welcome!

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

SAVE THE DATE!



Saddle up and grab your lucky boots!

St. Philip Prep HSA will be hosting

"Wild, Wild West" Tricky Tray

on **Friday, March 10th**

in the School Auditorium.

Doors open at 5:30 PM

Tickets will be **\$ 25 each**

And includes 2 General bidding sheets.

No one under 18 permitted.

Stay tuned for more details!

Donations of new, unused items are now being accepted,
as well as Sponsor Banner donations.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Upcoming Events

- Polar Plunge (Seaside Park) Sat, Feb. 25th

- Fish & Chips (Take-out only) Sun, March 5th 1:30 to 3:30 PM

FROM THE DIOCESE



Saturday, March 4 | 8:30am - 3:30pm

Sr. Johanna Paruch,
FSGM, PhD
Keynote: Catechesis with
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Workshops will count towards the 52 hours required for catechist certification.

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Total	\$17,135.00
2 nd Collection – Catholic Schools Week	\$ 2,861.00

Upcoming Second Collections:

February 12 - Project Faith

February 19 - Eastern Europe

WE PRAY FOR...

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

Nancy Bandel, Vincenza LoConte, Anita Garbarino



A Time to be Healed...

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Patricia Canavan Petrowski, The Sikora sisters

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023

- 8:00** Louise Stolarz
Eileen Pigut
- 10:00** Brian J. Lipari
Giuseppe Esposito
Dennis Clemenson
Romaine Romney
- 12:00** Marlene Chidiac
Virgilio Santoro

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023

- 9:00** Gloria Attoinese

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023

- 9:00** Nancy Bandel

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023

- 9:00** Gloria Attoinese

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023

- 9:00** Estanislao Llamas

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023

- 9:00** Rogelio Dela Cruz

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023

- 9:00** Anita Garbarino
- 5:30** Ray Mastro
Michelle Paparella
Charlotte Seabert

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

- 8:00** All the People of the Parish
- 10:00** Leandro Salme
Caterina Masucci
Emanuel Calon Rodriguez
- 2nd Anniversary
- Gloria Attoinese
- 12:00** Marlene Chidiac
Giuseppe Esposito



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