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Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 2024



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 Saturday4:30 PM

HOLY HOUR

Every Friday9:30 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,

Throughout Christian history mystics and spiritual writers have at times referred to the Holy Spirit as “the Kiss of God.” It is a striking image, because it conveys not only the truth that God is love but it pictures that love in action. It says that the Love of God touches our lives in an intimate way. So, believing in the Holy Spirit, is believing that God has touched us personally and deeply.

What does this touch of God’s Spirit entail? St. Paul is helpful here. He says in today’s second reading, “No one can say Jesus is Lord except in the Holy Spirit.” This is Paul’s way of saying that our faith is a gift. If we say we believe in Christ, it is not because we are smarter than, or holier than, or better than other people who do not believe. We are able to believe because God has gifted us with the Holy Spirit who allows faith to happen. This is important. We are sitting in this church today because of God’s gift. Sometimes we think, “I come to church, I am a believer because that is the way I was brought up, or because I want to do what’s right, or because I have an inclination toward the spiritual.” All these things can be true, but the fundamental reason that we are here is because God has given the Spirit to us which allows us to believe. We have been kissed by God.

And the Spirit comes bearing other gifts. Again, Paul is helpful. He says, “The manifestation of the Spirit is given to each individual for some benefit.” When the Spirit gives us faith, the Spirit also brings individual gifts which we can use. This is important because sometimes we may be tempted to think that we have no gifts and nothing to offer. Usually when we say “I don’t have any gifts,” we are really saying, “I don’t have his gift or her gift.” But we do have our gift. Paul is insistent. If we have faith, we also have been given something that we can offer. It might be our intelligence, our ability to connect with people, our talent for speaking and explaining things, our openness to listen, or our skill in getting things done. There is no ungifted person. Every person in this church today has a gift. It is our responsibility to own that gift and to use it.

This leads us to the last point. We are called to use the gift we have been given not only for our benefit, but to build the Kingdom of God. We are called to use our abilities not only to earn a living and make ourselves comfortable (although there is

nothing wrong with that), but also to serve God’s purposes. We are called to be sure that our gift is used to serve our family, our church, and our world. We must make a difference in the life of others.

So, we are sitting in church on this Pentecost weekend because God has given us the Spirit who allows us to believe. At the same time each of us has been given a gift to use for the sake of God’s Kingdom. Now, then, is the time to own our gift and use it. Or to put it another way: Since God has kissed us, it is time for us to kiss back.

Peace,

Fr. Monteleone



CARNIVAL

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St. Philip's Carnival will be 3 days this year,

Thursday, June 20, 6-10 PM

Friday, June 21, 6-11 PM

Saturday, June 22, 6:30-11 PM



Volunteers

We are looking for new volunteers to join all of our veterans volunteers.

It's 3 days of fun, laughs, and excitement.

If you would like to Volunteer, please contact Maureen at (973) 773-5161

Sponsors

Family, Business, and Ride Carnival Sponsorship are available in Molloy Center through Linda Valenti.

Every Sponsorship level will receive a sign in our auditorium for all three days of the carnival as a thank you.

Soda/Water Donations

Name brand soda and bottled water for the Soda & Water Booth can be left at the school kitchen door.

Looking forward to seeing you all again this year!

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Students in Intermediate Science are learning all about the properties of matter. We have been busy measuring volume of irregular objects as well as measuring other properties.

Students in Religion have been working on puppet shows of various Bible stories to present to the younger grades.

Math has been busy adding and subtracting fractions while social studies students are creating ABC books about the Civil War.

Even though the end of the year is quickly approaching, there are still so many fun activities for students to look forward to at St. Philip Prep!

To learn more about St. Philip Preparatory School please visit our school website at <https://stphilipprep.com/>

Registration is open for Grades PreK 3- through 8th Grade.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

FATHER ENGLISH CENTER

Many parishioners have been extremely generous in supporting the Father English Food Pantry the past two years. However, the shelves are nearly bare and many working poor depend on the supplemental food they receive every two weeks. Please consider donating the following items: canned chicken, tuna, cereals, Mac and Chesse, soups, lentils, beans, pasta, sauce (preferably in plastic containers), peanut butter and jelly. All items must be in bags or cartons. Even if you can donate a one small item, it is appreciated. Our next food collection will be the weekend of June 1 and 2. Thank you!



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**SATURDAY
JUNE 1
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SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

PRIMETIMERS

Our next Primetimers meeting is June 7th. We will have the Seeing Eye Puppies join us. Please bring any old towels you may have at home to the meeting since the Seeing Eye Puppies need your old towels. We will also be having a pizza party. Everyone 55 Years of age or older is welcome. For more information call Jean R at (973) 253-1619



Atlantic City Trip

Prime Timers are going to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Tuesday, May 21. Bus leaves from St. Philip Drive at 9:30 AM. Price is \$50. For tickets, please call Sylvia at (973) 742-9286.



WIDOW AND WIDOWERS

The next meeting of the Widow and Widowers will be on Monday, June 10 at 2 PM in the Molloy Center. Anyone who is experiencing the loss of a loved one is most welcome.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our St. Philip's Knights of Columbus Council 11671 meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from September through June, only the 3rd Wednesday of the month during July and August, at 7:30 PM in Marian Hall. Any Knight from any council may attend these meetings as they are open to all. Non-Knight guests may also attend however, guests require an invitation; simply tell any council Knight and he will inform the Grand Knight that you will be attending or call Mike Cervine (973) 472-7505 and he will put your name on the guest list.



VACATION BIBLE FUN

Mark your calendars:
July 29 - August 2
8:30 AM to Noon



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Registration begins May 25th
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through Fifth grade.

Visit StPhilip.org/SummerFun for more information

Students want 30 Community Service Hours?
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BANNS OF ORDINATION

The Most Reverend Kevin Sweeney, D.D.
intends to ordain
Rev. Mr. Sebastian Munoz Chavarria
to the Sacred Order of Presbyter
on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at 10 AM
in the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist

The faithful of the Diocese of Paterson are asked to pray for Deacon Sebastian as he prepares for ordination and priestly ministry. At the same time, the faithful are obliged to reveal impediments, if they know of any, that will prevent him from receiving the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

Please contact the pastor before ordination in accord with the norms of cc. 1043 and 1051.2 of the Code of Canon Law.

YOU ARE INVITED!



With Praise and Thanksgiving to Almighty God,
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Invocation of the Holy Spirit to be
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SATURDAY | JUNE 1ST | 10:00 AM

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FIRST SOLEMN MASS OF THANKSGIVING

11:00
AM

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*Please join Father Sebastian on Sunday, June 9th
at Noon for his first Mass of Thanksgiving here at
St. Philip the Apostle Parish.
Refreshments to follow in the auditorium.*

DIOCESAN NEWS

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Did you hear wonderful things about Natural Family Planning before you were married? As you looked at beautiful images of happy couples in NFP materials, did you anticipate the wonders of being able to faithfully plan your family while also enriching your marriage? Has NFP met all those hopes? If not, don't worry. "Natural Family Planning 2.0" addresses the common issues couples face when NFP meets the reality of living out the Sacrament of Marriage. Building on your deep love for one another and your experiences in marriage, this podcast offers an opportunity to solve some of the most common obstacles couples encounter while offering important insights.
Listen to all four episodes for free by visiting insidethewalls.org/nfp-podcast.

PARISH GIVING

Sunday Collection: MAY 14, 2023	\$ 16,481.00
Sunday Collection: MAY 12, 2024	
Weekly Collection	\$ 10,131.00
Online Giving Donation	\$ 9,677.00
Total	\$ 19,808.00
SECOND COLLECTION- Project Faith	\$ 2,790.00

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EASTER COLLECTION 2023	\$45,066.00
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Upcoming Second Collections:
May 19 - Holy Father's Peter's Pence
May 26- Project Faith

WE PRAY FOR...

For the Recently Deceased...
Michael Costabile, Khameryn Oliver

A Time to be Healed...
Bishop Arthur Serratelli, Joseph Gore,
Sikora Sisters, Reverend John Klein,
Philip Kutzenko, Sr. Pauline Piechocki,
Tom Mullin, Rev. David McDonnell



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

8:00 Virginia Sipin
Dr. Danilo Bolima
10:00 Susan Voelkner - 2nd Anniversary
Raymond Fitzpatrick - 2nd Anniversary
Jose Borrajo, Sr
Ann Albright
12:00 All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024

9:00 Antoinette Altomare

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024

9:00 Stefania LoPiccolo

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024

9:00 Anthony Parra

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024

9:00 Dorothea Anthony
Rev. Joseph J. Clark

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2024

9:00 Corazon Nunag

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2024

9:00 Hilda Carlucci - 30th Anniversary
For the special intentions of Alfredo and
Elena Calvis on their 33rd Wedding
Anniversary
5:30 All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024

8:00 Marianna and Wladyslaw Janc
Cristanto and Natividad Gentolia
10:00 Jose Borrajo, Sr
Eugene DeBellis
Healing Intention- Lorraine DeBellis
Rita Murray and Beronica Maresca
12:00 Marianna and Wladyslaw Janc
Ann Marie Puliti



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Gospel Today Pentecost Sunday | John 20:19-23

Jesus said to the disciples "peace be with you". Then He said "receive the Holy Spirit".

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Dear Jesus, You said to your Apostles, "Receive the Holy Spirit". Please Jesus, help me be worthy, give me the grace to receive the Spirit, so I can be blessed with the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit.

1 - WISDOM



2 - UNDERSTANDING



3 - COUNSEL



4 - FORTITUDE



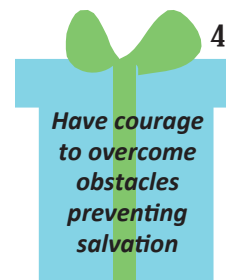
5 - KNOWLEDGE



6 - PIETY



7 - FEAR OF THE LORD



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