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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 11, 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,

Sister Mary Grace was an Irish nun who ran an orphanage after the Second World War. Joe was a young nine-year-old boy who entered that orphanage after both of his parents were killed in the bombing of London. Joe was very small and thin. Despite the best attempts of Sister Mary Grace to fatten him up nothing seemed to work. As much as he would eat, Joe simply did not put on much weight, and so he continued to look like he was close to starvation. One day the government sent a doctor to examine all the children in the hospital. Sister Mary Grace was coming down the hall as Joe left the examination room. In a casual way she asked him "Joe, what did the doctor have to say?" The boy answered, "Well, he told me to undress, and then he said, "My what a miserable little specimen you are!" The nun was shocked by the insensitivity of the doctor's remarks. But before she could say anything, Joe continued, "But sister," he said, "I don't think that the doctor understood that I had made my first communion."

This young boy, for all of his trouble and all of his pain knew that he was not a miserable little specimen. He had received the bread of life. The very presence of Christ was within him. He was a person of dignity and value. He was a child of God. I think his example might be useful to us as we try to understand today's readings. For in the Gospel Jesus says, "I am the living bread that has come down from heaven." As Roman Catholics we believe that in the bread of the Eucharist we receive the very presence of Christ. That the Eucharist provides for us an immediate and real contact with the Risen Lord. The question is how often we do allow the Eucharist to change us? How often do we open ourselves so that the Eucharist can shape our identity and give us power like it did to that young orphan? If we can understand how each time, we receive the Eucharist the very power and presence of Christ is within us, then that presence and power can change us. In fact, it can shape our past, our present and our future.

The Eucharist can shape our past because the Christ that we receive in the Eucharist both forgives us and heals us. All of us have in our past mistakes that we have made, hurts that we still carry, regrets that we can't erase. But if we can realize that the real presence of Christ which comes to us in the Eucharist is a healing presence, then we

can find the power to put the past behind us, to move beyond the mistakes that we have made, to forgive our enemies, and to let anger go.

The Eucharist can shape our present because the Christ that we receive in the Eucharist is the Christ from whom all blessings flow. Having that presence of Christ helps us to recognize how we have been blessed. So often we absorb ourselves with fretting about the details of life and forgetting about the gifts that sustain us. So often we center on what is wrong with our lives and ignore what is right. If we can claim the presence of Christ within us in the Eucharist, Christ can allow us to see what we have been given, the people who love us, the talents we received, and the opportunities that have been given. Then we can live our life more deeply, because we can recognize how we have been blessed. Then we can be thankful.

The Eucharist can shape our future because the Christ that we receive in the Eucharist promises us eternal life. The bread of the Eucharist is our pledge that we will live with God forever. So, each time we face evil in our lives that we cannot understand, when we must deal with sickness or we fear the approach of death, we can receive this sacrament. Then we can realize that the Christ who is with us is one who has promised us that there is still more to come. Christ has promised us that we will have a life where tears will be wiped away, where pain will be relieved, where fears will be allayed. The Eucharist is our hope because the Christ we receive in the Eucharist is our promise of unending joy.

So, every Sunday or Saturday evening, we as a community celebrate the Eucharist. We will have the opportunity to receive the Bread of Life, the Bread of Angels. How important it is that we do not take this gift for granted. How important it is that we open ourselves to the power of Christ that comes to us in this action. The Christ who we receive can heal our past, deepen our future and sustain our hope in everlasting life. Let us then celebrate the Eucharist with thanksgiving. Let us open ourselves to Christ's power and claim our status as children of God.

Peace,

Fr. Monteleone

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15th is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass Schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, August 14th, 7 PM Vigil

Thursday, August 15th, 7 AM and 9 AM

PLEASE NOTE

Throughout the Summer
the Parish Office Schedule is as follows:

Mondays thru Thursdays
8 AM to 4:30 PM

Fridays 8 AM to 12 Noon

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If you have any questions, please email us at: reled@stphilip.org



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or Confirmation?**

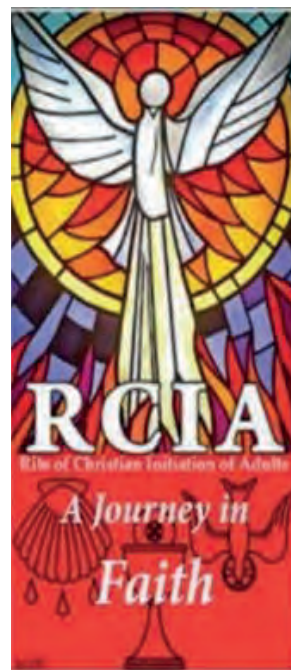
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ADULTS** at Saint Philip
will meet beginning
September 2024.

Let us know if you'll join us:
Call the Parish office or email valenti@stphilip.org



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

LIFE MINISTRY

This is the actual size of babies in the womb, week by week. Life is precious!



FATHER ENGLISH CENTER

Once again, we are so very grateful for the immense generosity of our parishioners who gave to this weekend's Food Collection. Two carloads were packed with many bags and boxes, and Fr. English Food Pantry is most appreciative as the summer months are when food supplies are most needed. Many children are at home and do not receive meals in school programs. Every item donated is used and distributed to the many families in need each day.

BOY SCOUTS



On July 21st at the 10 am Mass, our Boy Scouts received a blessing before they went to summer camp.

All 21 scouts from Troop 21 returned safely on July 27th!

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

PRIMETIMERS

Atlantic City Trip

Prime Timers are going to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Tuesday, August 13th. Bus leaves from St. Philip Drive at 9:30 AM. Price is \$50. For tickets, please call Sylvia at (973) 742-9286.



THIS WEEK ON FORMED

OUR MOTHER MARY



Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, to discuss Mary, the Mother of God. What is Mariology? How does Mary serve as model for all the faithful? How can we relate to Mary today? What does it mean to say that Mary is the Mother of the Church? Was Mary free in her earthly life?



THE STUDY OF SACRED ART-The Transfiguration



Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with different pieces of Sacred Art to discuss their theological meanings and how they can speak to us today.

For more recommendations, please visit <https://watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed>

GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



Shirin Angela

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: AUGUST 6, 2023	\$ 17,247.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: AUGUST 4, 2024	
WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$ 9,099.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION	\$ 6,927.00
TOTAL	\$ 16,026.00

Upcoming Second Collections:
August 11- Project Faith
August 18- Missionary Cooperation

WE PRAY FOR...

The recently deceased....

Charles Davies

A Time to be Healed...

Philip Kutzenko, Sr. Pauline Piechocki, Tom Mullin,
Rev. David McDonnell, Peyton Yagins, Daniel Kozell,
Deacon Roger Lacouture, Father Paul T. Josten,
Tony Pannullo, Mildred Giusti



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024

- 8:00 Leandro Salme
Maria Haszczal
10:00 George and Margaret Dikdan
Ana Lucia Garcia
Mary Trella
For the protection of babies in the womb
and their families
12:00 All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024

- 9:00 John Anderson, Jr.
Rosemary Barrett

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024

- 9:00 Bill Loftus

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2024

- 9:00 Virginia Beyrer
7:00PM Joseph Michael Paris
Louise Tanella

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2024

- 7:00AM All the People of the Parish
9:00 Marie Riegrova
John N. Russo, Jr.-8th Anniversary

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2024

- 9:00 Tom Dolan
Alberto Cayton

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2024

- 9:00 Bishop Frank Rodimer
5:30 All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024

- 8:00 Marilyn Can
Arch. Angel Doria
10:00 Deceased members of the Azario Family
Estanislao and Rosario Llames
Ambrosia Cruz- 24th Anniversary
Mary Trella
12:00 The Canavan Family
Marianna Scelfo

CANDLE WEEK OF AUGUST 11

In memory of Tom Dolan
- From the Poskonka Family



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | John 6:41-51

Jesus continues trying to make the people understand, "I am the bread that came down from Heaven". *John 6: 41*

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Find all the words...
left, right, up, down
or diagonally.



Life

— JOHN 6:48

Jesus
Living
Bread
Came
Down
From
Heaven
Heard
Father
Draws
Them
Raise
Up
Last
Day
Written
Learned
Eternal
Life
Believes
Forever
Give
World
Taught
God

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