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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 1, 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,

I hope this letter finds you well and having had a healthy and happy summer. I was away for two weeks and had a great vacation with my family. It was a time to relax and renew. As summer ends, I could not help but think of the gospel this weekend and the Pharisees and their “problems” with Jesus and the disciples. Cleanliness is the most important in all cultures. In early Jewish culture, it was very important. It was also highly ritualized as well. It was tradition. Jesus answers the Pharisees with a quote from the Book of Isaiah, “This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me...”. There is much misplaced emphasis on religious observance to the detriment of works of justice and charity.

It was widely believed that if a person ate or used a utensil that was not correctly purified, it would corrupt them. Jesus argues this is not the case. He states that human beings are made “unclean” from within. When emotions such as greed, hate, envy, murder & malice come from within and pollute the mind and heart. How often can we let a past hurt or injury fester in us and it can consume us. In the end, this negative feeling can kill the light in our soul and make us bitter. We can dress in good clothes, eat the best meals, yet be so dark on the inside if we allow hate & rage to make a place in our heart.

As children of God, we are called to make our souls and hearts clean. We are called not to let vices corrupt us. We are beloved sons and daughters of Christ, and our hearts and minds should be on the values of Christ and our Roman Catholic faith. In the end, God alone knows our hearts and what has made a home in our souls. We may be able to fool others, but we can never fool or hide from God. May we always do our best to keep our hearts and minds pure (our hands too!). This can be a challenge in today’s world, but it can be done. When we do fall, let us never despair, but turn to our Lord in the great sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession. It is in this sacrament that we can find mercy, love and forgiveness. Let us do a little soul-searching every now and then, to see what vice has made a home in our heart. Let us see what can be removed and allow God to make His home within us.

Peace,

Fr. Monteleone

PLEASE NOTE

In observance of Labor Day on
Monday, September 2nd,
Mass will be celebrated at 9 AM.
The Church will be closed immediately
following Mass.
The Parish Office will be closed.

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2025 MASS INTENTION BOOK

The 2025 Mass Intention
book will open at
9 AM on Thursday,
September 5th.



To accommodate everyone, please be mindful that
we limit Mass Intentions to five (5) per family.

(2 Weekend /3 Daily)

You can always offer more Masses during the year.

Recommended donation for Mass Intention/Card
and Weekly Vigil Candle dedication and
sponsorship are \$20.

FAITH FORMATION

**Missing Baptism, First Communion,
or Confirmation?**

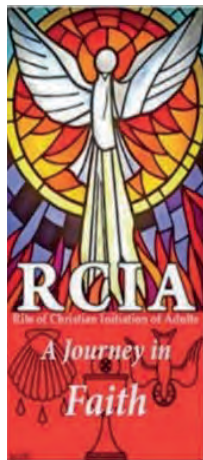
Want to be a fully initiated Catholic?

*We know life gets busy and takes us away from what
we intend.*

*Allow us to help and walk with
you on the journey of life in
faith!*

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN
INITIATION OF ADULTS** at
Saint Philip
will meet beginning
September 2024.

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



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Family Faith Formation Volunteers

Catechists make our Family Faith Formation Program possible. Faith Formation volunteers have a love for children and God.

They are committed to living and sharing their Catholic faith with others.

Would you like to share your gifts with the children of our parish in faith formation?

We are in need of both Catechists and substitutes. If you are feeling called to give your time and share our faith with the children of our parish, but want to know more about what is involved please contact us.

Please know that you do not walk this journey alone. We provide catechists with training at 973-779-1439, and a community of support.

Please speak with the Coordinator of Family Faith Formation, Mrs. Denise Pannullo at 973-779-1439 or email reled@stphilip.org.



SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES



The Filipino-American Group at
Saint Philip the Apostle Parish
invites you

to a Prayer Gathering and talk on
"Behold The Cross"

by Father Emerson Roi Francisco
on Friday, September 6, 2024

From 7 to 8 PM
at Saint Philip the Apostle Parish
(Marian Hall)

797 Valley Road, Clifton, NJ

Fellowship To Follow

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

CHOIR

Join us in song! The Choir of
St. Philip will resume its
ministry with our first
rehearsal on Monday,

September 11th. Rehearsals are
held regularly in church on

Monday evenings 7:00-9:00pm and the choir sings
for the 10am mass on Sundays throughout the
season. We welcome returning members, as well as
new members who are interested in joining this
ministry! If you are interested, please speak with
our Director of Music and Organist, Frank Hydash,
after mass with questions or for more information



GRIEF AND BEYOND

"Continuing our journey together"

For those struggling with the loss of a loved one.
Join us September 16 at 6:30pm in Marian Hall as
we begin a new season of support and healing. All
are Welcome!

For more information contact Deacon Nick Veliky
by calling the parish office at 973-779-6200

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE



National Pro-Life Day of Remembrance for the Aborted

Sponsored by

Ancient Order of Hibernians
Knights of Columbus Council 11671 & Columbiettes,
Saturday, September 14, 2024
St. Philip the Apostle Church
797 Valley Road
Clifton, NJ 07013

9:00 AM Mass

Prayer Vigil for the unborn, their families, and those
sadly touched by abortion, immediately following
Mass,

In the Molloy Center- Marian Hall

John V. Hughes, Guest Speaker
State Chairman, Right to Life Committee, Ancient Order of Hibernians

For additional information please contact:

Sharon Festa (973) 742-0926
John Hughes (973) 472-0061

All are welcome to attend and to invite friends

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

COLUMBIETTES

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The Columbiette Blanket Ministry will commence
season 13 on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at
9:45am in the Molloy Center.

All crafters are welcome!

You do not need to be a
Columbiette to join.

We joyfully accept any yarn,
fabric, and monetary donations.

We crochet, knit, and quilt
blankets for hospitalized children, hospice and
nursing home patients, the home bound and more. If
you have any questions, please contact Cathie
Murtha. (973-471-1265)



PRIMETIMERS

Are You 50 or Older? Are you Looking for
Something Different?

St. Philip's Prime Timers Senior Social Club will be
entertained by Laura Reinhardt, a professional
Flamenco Dancer,
at our first meeting.

Come on out and learn a few steps
or just enjoy this very talented lady.

Prime Timers is looking for new active seniors to
join our club. We meet on the first Friday each
month in Marian Hall at 1:30pm (coffee-
and usually starts about 1pm) for about a hour or so.
We always have coffee-and, entertainment, local and
longer distance trips parties for special occasions and
much more and dues are just \$15 per year. While we
have many traditional activities we are
always looking for new ideas for activities, trips, etc.

If you have any questions call
Mike Cervine (973)472-7505 or just show up at our
first meeting Friday September 6.

Hope to see many mature faces; some returnees and
some new folks.



WIDOW AND WIDOWERS

The Widow and Widowers Group will meet on
Monday, September 9th at 2 PM in the Molloy
Center. Join us for prayers, socialization, and
meeting new friends.

All are welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Communion Breakfast

St. Philips K of C will hold their annual Communion
Breakfast after the 8am Mass on Sunday Sept. 8,
2024 in the Malloy Center. ALL are invited to
attend this full breakfast. Our Special guest speaker
will be Msgr. Ray Kupke, Diocesan Historian and
Archivist and former parochial vicar here at St.
Philip's. Tickets are only \$15 and will be sold after
Masses this weekend Aug. 31 – Sept. 1 or call Mike
Cervine at 973-472-7505 by Wed. Sept. 4th.

Blood Drive

The Fall K of C Blood drive will be held Sunday Sept. 15, 2024 from 8:30am to 12:30pm in the Gym. While appointments aren't required they are highly recommended to avoid long wait times. To make an appointment you may call Vitalant Blood Services at 1-877-258-4825, or go to web site donors.vitalant.org using blood Drive Code XSPTA or use the QR code below. Blood supplies are quite low now due to fewer donors during the summer. Donors have a chance to win one of five \$5,000 gift cards.



Coats-4-Kids

We will again be collecting contributions for our annual Coats-for-kids Drive beginning Sunday Sep 1 thru Saturday Oct. 26. Last year, through the generosity of everyone we were able to give our 220 warm winter coats to our less fortunate neighbors right here in Clifton. We'd love to surpass that this year as the need is still great. Coats cost us approximately \$275 per box of 12 but all contributions, great or small, help out tremendously. Please make checks out to K of C Council 11671, note in the memo area Coats 4 Kids and mail them to the address below or drop the envelope into the collection basket.

St. Philips Knights of
Columbus
Coats-4-Kids
797 Valley Rd.
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DIOCESAN NEWS

GOLD and SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in 1999 or 1974? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 50th or 25th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Sweeney will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held:

Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 3:00pm.

Arrangements can be made by contacting your parish office. **The deadline to register is October 16, 2024.** You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed.

Congratulations on this joyous occasion!



ALTAR SERVERS DAY



Join us for
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September 14, 2024

11 AM - 4 PM

St. Paul Inside the Walls
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Learn about the True Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist



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Give witness to Jesus' presence in the Eucharist with Adoration & Procession

All Altar Servers in the Diocese of Paterson are invited!



Scan QR Code to Register / Registration Required

For more information visit patersonvocations.org or call (973) 777-8818 x. 711. Parents are welcome to attend.



Altar Servers Day is sponsored by the Paterson Federation, Knights of Columbus and the Paterson Diocese Vocations Office.



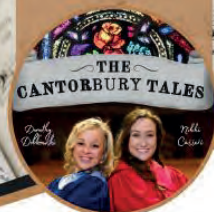
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MUSIC MINISTRY RETREAT

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RSVP by September 1st
email: prayerandmusic@gmail.com

KIDS KORNER



Be Pure of Heart

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

Following	S	L	J	U	F	U	N	W	A	S	H	E	D
Elders	E	F	E	I	M	P	O	R	T	A	N	T	E
Tradition	L	O	S	H	G	N	I	E	B	R	S	S	D
Carefully	P	L	U	N	A	E	T	A	C	D	E	E	N
Clean	I	L	S	A	A	N	I	L	L	E	L	E	O
Hands	C	O	M	M	A	N	D	M	E	N	T	S	P
Purifying	S	W	R	U	S	P	A	S	A	O	S	I	S
Themselves	I	I	L	H	P	U	R	E	N	I	O	R	E
Apostles	D	N	H	E	A	R	T	S	E	T	P	A	R
Pharisees	O	G	O	D	E	L	D	E	R	S	A	H	L
Questioned	B	T	H	E	M	S	E	L	V	E	S	P	A
Disciples	E	S	G	N	I	Y	F	I	R	U	P	S	W
Being	Y	L	L	U	F	E	R	A	C	Q	L	A	S
Unwashed													
Jesus													
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God													
Commandments													
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Human													
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Pure													
Hearts													
Important													

GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



Camilla

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: AUGUST 20, 2023 \$18,593.00

SUNDAY COLLECTION: AUGUST 25, 2024

WEEKLY COLLECTION \$ 8,540.00

ONLINE GIVING DONATION \$ 7,237.00

TOTAL \$ 15,777.00

2ND COLLECTION-PROJECT FAITH \$ 1,826.00

Upcoming Second Collections:
September 8- Project Faith

WE PRAY FOR...

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, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

- 8:00 Mass for Life
Kjell B. Eriksen
- 10:00 Lucia and Antonio Santulli
Melvin Banas
Myron Holubec
Joseph Arlio
- 12:00 All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2024

- 9:00 Mabel J. Borja
Al DiLella

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

- 9:00 Tammy DiSanto
John Anderson, Jr
Albert Pineda- 6th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2024

- 9:00 Lily Handal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

- 9:00 Rosa Anzalone

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

- 9:00 Yeimy Cristina Rendon Rodriguez

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2024

- 9:00 C. Mildred Petaccio
- 5:30 All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

- 8:00 Rocco Carlucci
Kathy Miragliotta
- 10:00 Myron Holubec
Melvin Banas
Angela Houghton
Sandy Fecko
- 12:00 Giuseppe Scelfo
Joseph Cortese

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