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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8, 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,

What does it mean to be open? Today, it could mean different things to different people. For us, Roman Catholics, I believe, being open suggests being open to God leading us to places or to people we would not go to on our own. Jesus' healing work often involves opening what is closed. Here in the gospel, it is ears and tongue that are closed. Closed to music and laughter, closed to conversations and communicating. Jesus opens these, enabling the man to hear and to speak. By doing this, the man can more fully enter life around him. Jesus opens many other closures, too. Sometimes it is spiritual blindness, opening the eyes of our hearts through His teaching and preaching. Doors can be closed, and Jesus opens them, offering a way where there was none before. Hearts can be closed, unable to change or grow or connect, and Jesus can open them, willing us into life that is deeper and fuller.

Jesus does not tell the man He heals to "speak" or "hear"; He tells him to "BE OPEN!" Perhaps Jesus is telling him and us to be more open and receptive to a world transformed by the Son of God. Perhaps Jesus is calling on the man and us to be more open to faith. By repeating the word that Jesus actually spoke, St. Mark may want his audience-then and now-to feel like Jesus is speaking to directly to them & to us.

We may not be literally deaf, but are we deaf to God's word? Do we hear Jesus tell us to carry our crosses, but do not change the way we live? Do we hear Jesus ask us to care for our less fortunate brethren, but do not take it to heart? Let our mind, ears, mouth and heart be open to God and the world around us. Let our actions speak for us and be the hands and heart of Jesus on this earth. Let us open ourselves to Christ's challenging message and proclaim it with words and actions.

Peace,

Fr. Monteleone

FAITH FORMATION

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or Confirmation?**

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we intend.*

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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 materials, 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.



ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

We're back!! Students, faculty, and staff have settled back nicely into a new school year at SPPS. Welcome to our new staff and families. It's always nice to see fresh faces along with our "returnees"! We are truly blessed to have your support and look forward to a happy, healthy, and productive academic year.



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

CHOIR

Join us in song! The **Choir of St. Philip** will resume its ministry with our first rehearsal on Monday, September 9th. 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.

COLUMBIETTES

St. Michael's Food Drive

September 11th is a National Day of Service and Remembrance transforming the day of tragedy into a day of doing good by engaging in some form of charitable service. The Columbiettes are hosting a Food Collection of nonperishable food items for St. Michael's Food Pantry in Passaic on September 11th after the 9 AM Mass to help our neighbors suffering from food insecurity. Let's make a difference, unite through service and show we remember.



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

LIFE MINISTRY



Join thousands of pro-life people of good will for the

1st NJ State March for Life

At the Capitol Building in Trenton.

9:30 am Mass for Life

at Cathedral of St Mary of the Assumption

11:00 am Speakers/Rally

12:00 March

We appreciate your participation in pre-registering as soon as possible at

<https://insidethewalls.org/njmarchforlife>

and also selecting the bus location (one location will be the Chancery Office in Clifton). Later they will be in touch with you for round trip bus payment (\$35) and to share bus times.

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

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)

ROSARY SOCIETY

This Monday, September 9th. It will begin at 6:30 PM with Mass and the Rosary in Marian Hall. After Mass, we will celebrate the new year with our annual Ice Cream Party! Please join us – all are welcome!

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 on
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

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.

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Coats-4-Kids

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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

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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.



OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Music Ministry Concert

Saturday, Sept. 14th at 2:30pm

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

580 Ratzer Road, Wayne

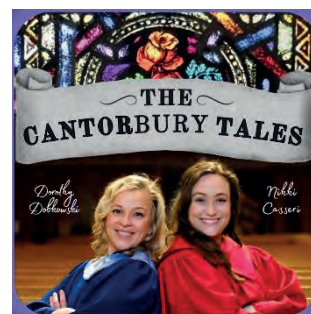
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for more details and information - open to all!

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Cycle B

Gospel Today
 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 7:31-37

A man who could not hear or speak well was taken to Jesus for healing. Jesus took pity on him and healed his ears to hear and voice to speak by saying "Ephphatha", be opened! After being healed, the man and his friends went out and told everyone. Through all His healings, many Gentle people believed in Jesus' Divine power.

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**Ephphatha!
Be Open!**

**He has done all things well. He makes
the deaf hear and the mute speak.**

Mark 7:31

Read the text above and answer the questions below... true or false.

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| 1] The man could not hear or speak well. | T | F |
| 2] The man's friends took him to see Jesus. | T | F |
| 3] Jesus told them to go away. | T | F |
| 4] Jesus took pity on the man and healed him. | T | F |
| 5] The word Jesus used was "Ephphatha", meaning "be open!" | T | F |
| 6] The man went away ungrateful. | T | F |
| 7] The man and his friends proclaimed the miracle Jesus performed. | T | F |
| 8] Many Gentle people believed in Jesus' Divine power. | T | F |



Draw your own picture of Jesus healing the man.
Is the man happy or sad?



GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



Mateo Julian

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: AUGUST 27, 2023 \$17,916.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: SEPTEMBER 1, 2024
WEEKLY COLLECTION \$ 11,889.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION \$ 6,517.00
TOTAL \$ 18,406.00

Upcoming Second Collections:
 September 22- Project Faith

WE PRAY FOR...

The Recently Deceased...

Walter Tarnowski

A Time to be Healed...

Sr. Pauline Piechocki, Tom Mullin, Peyton Yagins,
 Daniel Kozell, Nicole Hale, Mildred Giusti



MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

9:00 Mary Anderson
 Mary Hudak

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

9:00 David Reck
 Robert Parillo

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

9:00 Giuseppe Spatola
 Josephine Mazzara- 2nd Anniversary
 Emily Sokerka

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

9:00 Catherine Hughes- 8th Anniversary
 Connie Ricotta

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2024

9:00 Ariston and Maria Francisco
 Nerio Peña

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

9:00 Ruthann Anderson- 1st Anniversary
 National Day of Remembrance
 5:30 Deceased members of the Rup and Potuto
 Families
 Ivonne Ramirez- 1st Anniversary
 Luis Ramirez- 10th Anniversary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

8:00 All the People of the Parish
 10:00 Michael Joseph Landers
 Jack McKenna
 Myron Holubec
 Sr. Jane Culligan- Sister of Charity
 12:00 Mass for Life
 Joseph Cortese

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