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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 15, 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 is it about Jesus Christ that sets Him apart from all other religious leaders in history? Well, of course, to Christians, the answer is easy: All the other religious leaders may have been good people; Jesus was and is something more: He is the God-man. But is there anything that a non-Christian can see in Jesus that might indicate that He is more than just a great teacher and leader? Let's take a look at His life and teaching as it's revealed to us in the gospels, and let's for the sake of argument, set aside for a moment His purported miracles and the remarkable way in which He seems to be the living fulfillment of so many Old Testament prophecies. Let's instead focus simply on what He taught and said about Himself.

The first thing we notice is that no sane, decent person ever said about themselves the kinds of things Jesus said about Himself. In fact, this was precisely what got Him into trouble with the religious authorities of His day. He claimed the right to forgive sins, a power reserved to the Almighty (Mark 2:5). He said He was Lord of the Sabbath, which had been instituted by God (Luke 6:5). He told His disciples that He and the Father were one (John 10:30) and that those who saw Him, saw the Father (John 14:9).

The crowds who heard Him, we're told, were astonished at His teaching, for He taught with authority and not as other teachers did (Mark 1:22). It was said of Him, "Never has anyone spoken like this" (John 7:46). Not without reason have writers like C.S. Lewis and Peter Kreeft argued that, given Jesus' habitual manner of teaching, it's not permitted to us to say that He was just another great religious thinker. His assumption with authority associated with God alone and His explicit claims to be one with God---things shocking to the religious sensibilities of His audience---leave us with only these alternatives: Jesus was either bad, mad, or God; a liar, a lunatic or Lord. But no one said He was bad; He never acts like a lunatic; it looks as if He must be what Christians say He is.

Add to His teachings, the records of His miracles, His fulfilling so many prophecies, His followers going to their deaths in their belief that

He had risen from the dead after being crucified, and Jesus appears absolutely unique in the annals of recorded history. Indeed, no one ever spoke as He did.

Peace,

Fr. Monteleone

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
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Let us know if you'll join us:
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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

The St. Philip HSA kicked off our Back to School Nights with well-attended first meetings. The parents in all grades were able to meet their children's teachers on either Tuesday or Thursday evening. It's always great when our students' parents and teachers are able to meet and collaborate for the betterment of the children! Meanwhile, the teachers were busy getting the halls and classrooms decorated with our students' amazing writing and artwork. We're looking forward to another spectacular year, from PreK3 through eighth grade!!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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.

Ring Them Bells!

Interested in participating in a music ministry but not a singer? **Handbell** rehearsals are held regularly in church on Monday evenings from 6:00 – 6:45pm. The **Handbell Choir** rings at Lessons and Carols, and seasonal masses on Christmas Eve and Palm Sunday. Any prior musical experience is appreciated, but not required. We encourage returning and new members to please join us for our organizational meeting and first rehearsal on Monday, October 7th at 6pm.

All music ministries are open to persons high school age and up. For those preparing for Confirmation, participation in one of our music ministries is a great way to fulfill service hours! Regular attendance at rehearsals is expected.



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

FR. ENGLISH CENTER COLLECTION

Our next Food Collection date for our parish is October 5th and 6th. This ministry supports the working poor at the Father English Center in Paterson. Please consider donating the following items when you come to Mass that weekend: Non perishable items include canned soups, pasta, sauce, tuna, canned chicken, peanut butter and jelly, Mac and cheese, cereals, dried lentils and beans. Also asking for ready to eat healthy food items to give to our Veterans many of whom are homeless and live under bridges.

All food items need to be in bag or carton.

If anyone is interested in volunteering at the pantry, please contact Mary Ann at (973) 809-7120.

Thank you for your continuous and generous support!



SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

ROSARY

COMMUNION BRUNCH

St. Philip's Rosary Society
welcomes all to attend our
Annual Communion Brunch on
October 6th following the Rosary at 9:40 PM and
Mass at 10 AM.
We look forward to meeting Fr. Sean Magaldi.



Fr. Magaldi is currently the Director of Vocations at
Rockville Centre, NY.
For Tickets, kindly contact Elaine at 973-931-2383

PRIMETIMERS

The Primetimers are going to Resorts
Casino in Atlantic City on Tuesday,
October 22nd. The Price is \$50.
Bus leaves at 9:30 AM from St. Philip's Drive.
For tickets, call Sylvia at 973-742-9286.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Coats-4-Kids

We will again be collecting contributions for our
annual Coats-for-kids Drive beginning Sunday
Sep 1 through 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 tremendously.
Please make checks out to K of C Council 11671,
note in the memo area Coats 4 Kids and mail to the
address below or drop the envelope into the
collection basket.

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COLUMBIETTES

BLANKET MINISTRY

The Columbiette Blanket Ministry will meet again
on Thursday, September 26, 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).

GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Daniel Matthew



Xion Enrique

Dahlia Camila



Xyler Inigo

DIOCESAN NEWS

Pope Francis encourages all Catholics to celebrate and participate in the Jubilee of Hope throughout the year of 2025. Each parish/institution of the Diocese of Paterson will be represented at the opening Mass at the Cathedral on Dec. 29, 2024 with Bishop Kevin Sweeney. A pilgrimage to Rome and a local pilgrimage will be made available for all parishioners. For details about the opening Mass, the pilgrimages, and to learn about the many Jubilee events that will be happening in our diocese, please visit the diocesan homepage.



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!

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 \$17,589.00

SUNDAY COLLECTION: SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

WEEKLY COLLECTION \$ 12,714.00

ONLINE GIVING DONATION \$ 7,954.00

TOTAL \$ 20,668.00

2ND COLLECTION- PROJECT FAITH \$ 2, 694.00

Upcoming Second Collections:

September 22- Project Faith

WE PRAY FOR...

The Recently Deceased...

Gina Marino-Mojisl, Gregorio Sindico, Frank Lechleiter, Chuck Hayden



A Time to be Healed...

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

- 9:00 Daniel Mutter

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

- 9:00 Mary and Francis Kolodziej
Rev. Msgr Raymond A. Barton

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

- 9:00 Frances and Sal Monteleone

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

- 9:00 Virginia Soria
Edgar Delatorre, Sr. 2nd Anniversary

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

- 9:00 Frank Meola - 1st Anniversary
Lolita Delatorre

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

- 9:00 Marlene Chidiac
Frank and Michael Sabella
- 5:30 Domenic and Ella DeBenedetto
Deceased Members of the McConway and Cezar families

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

- 8:00 Mass for Life
- 10:00 Generoso Spatola
Louis D'Angelo
Ronald Messen
Evelyn Domingo
- 12:00 All the People of the Parish

CANDLE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15th

In Memory of Frank Meola,

- From Maryanne Basile



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Gospel Today

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 8:27-35

Jesus asks, "Who do people say I am?" Some responded John the Baptist, Elijah, a prophet, but Peter replied "You are The Messiah." Jesus asked they tell no one and gave the first prediction of His passion.

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Unscramble
all of Jesus'
many names

"WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?"

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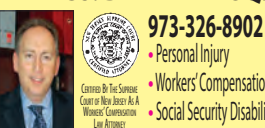
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