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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 6, 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,

Marriage is surely one of the most misunderstood realities of our present age. We who are people of the Book, the Sacred Scriptures, have a clear teaching about marriage and about the relationships that lead to a profound and wonderful life with God. Right from the beginning, the teaching is clear that marriage is between one man and one woman.

The Book of Genesis has more than one story about creation and about man and woman in creation. All the stories agree that marriage is between one man and one woman. The whole of the Old Testament echoes this teaching. On the other hand, polygamy came to be accepted practice. Why?

Today's Gospel passage, from the Gospel of Mark, tells us that the human heart had become hard, and people would not accept the teaching. This hardness of the human heart is taught throughout all of Scripture. We humans want to do our will and not the will of the God who creates us. We should not be surprised that it is still the same today.

We can reflect for a moment on the clear teaching of Jesus given to us in this Gospel. The people at the time of Jesus accepted polygamy, a man having more than one wife. Jesus is not afraid to teach against the practice. Today Jesus would not be afraid to continue preaching that marriage is between one man and one woman. We are less bold than Jesus.

To be bold in our proclamation of the Gospel does not mean that we must be harsh to others. Think of Jesus with the Samaritan woman. He does not condemn her but invites her to live the Gospel. Think of Jesus with the woman taken in adultery. Again, no condemnation but an invitation to a life of virtue. We need to be aware of how Jesus proclaims the teachings of His Father. Always the proclamation is one of love and acceptance, even as it challenges to true conversion.

The Church has never taught that God dislikes people who divorce and remarry. Nor does she say that she wants no part of those who break the rules concerning marriage. In consequence, she counsels separation in some cases and even divorce to secure the legal rights of wronged parties. Assuming no serious sin on the part of a divorced Catholic; such a person's relationship to the Church is unaffected by the marital breakup. It's only when an individual remarries after a divorce that a problem arises, because at that point there is a public departure from a standard set by Christ Himself.

The reading from the Letter to the Hebrew affirms that we are brothers and sisters of the Lord. We want to live as Jesus lived, proclaiming the Gospel with love, compassion and acceptance. We never need condemn anyone, even as we proclaim that there is a right way and a wrong way to live.

Peace, Fr. Monteleone

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi,



the blessing of animals will take place on **Sunday, October 6th at 2 PM** at the St. Anthony Shrine, next to the parking lot.

PLEASE NOTE

In observance of Columbus Day on Monday, October 14th, Mass will be celebrated at 9 AM.

The Church will be closed immediately following Mass.

The Parish Office will be closed.

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

This past week, the eighth grade learned about the saints in religion class. The sixth graders are learning the mysteries of the rosary this week. We showed our best smiles for picture day. The entire school attended Mass for first Friday Mass.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

HANDBELL CHOIR 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.

COLUMBIETTES FOOD DRIVE



Saturday, October 19th! 10am to 2pm Location: STOP AND SHOP Broad Street, Clifton

Every donation of food helps someone. We accept donations of non-perishable food. We recommend sauces, soups, beans, rice, canned vegetables, canned meats & tuna, cereal, peanut butter, boxed juices.

Please support the Columbiettes Donations will benefit a local food bank

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

There's still time to donate to the Knights Coats for Kids drive we will be collection through the weekend of Oct. 26/27. 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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LIFE MINISTRY

"Thousand Strong Rosary for Life" on Sun. Oct. 13th at 4:00 PM

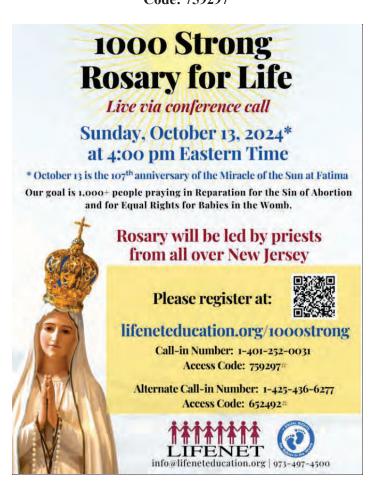
Our Lady of Fatima "1000 Strong Rosary for Life" on Sunday, Oct. 13^a at 4:00 PM:

Please join the virtual "1000 Strong Rosary for Life Conference Call" on Sunday, October 13th at 4:00 PM organized by LIFENET. Join priests from NJ to pray for the Protection of Babies in the Womb and in reparation for the sin of abortion. Note: October 13th is the 107th anniversary of the 'Miracle of the Sun' at Fatima. Our Lady wants us to pray the rosary! For more info: 973-497-4520.

Note the time for the Rosary Conference Call this year is

4:00 PM rather than 7:00 PM as in previous years.

To join via conference call, register at:
lifeneteducation.org/1000strong
Conference Call Number: 1-401-252-0031;
Code: 759297



BOY SCOUTS

Boy Scout Troop 21 will be having their Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, October 13th from 12 to 5 PM in the St. Philip Auditorium. Monies raised help fund activities for the boy scouts. The all-you-can-eat spaghetti is prepared by the troop with homemade sauce and served with salad, bread, coffee, tea, dessert, and refreshments. Takeout orders are also available. Price is \$18, seniors pay just \$15, kids 5-11 are \$10, and kids 4 and under are free with a paying adult. Purchase tickets at the door. For details about the dinner or joining Boy Scout Troop 21, email: troop21clifton@gmail.com.



CUB SCOUTS

Cub Scout Pack 21 of St. Philip's will be selling packaged elbow macaroni as their fundraiser this year. It will be held before/after all masses the weekend of October 19th & 20th. Cash, Check, Venmo, and Zelle will be accepted forms of payment. Please support Pack 21!

PRIMETIMERS

ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

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.

GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



Jackson Aybar

DIOCESAN NEWS

RESPECT LIFE CONVOCATION

Saturday, October 26th, from 9 am to 12:30 pm – St. Mary's Church

(15 Myers Ave., Denville, New Jersey)

Join Bishop Kevin Sweeney and the faithful around the diocese in prayer for life, family, and country. Deepen your faith with us through the family rosary, reflections on the gift of life, and Mass. Families are welcome! To register please visit

https://insidethewalls.org/respect-life-convocation

ONE WAY FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Tuesday evenings, October 22, 29, and November 5 from 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

St. Paul Inside the Walls

(205 Madison Ave., Madison, New Jersey)

One Way is a unique, intermediate course in discipleship created by St. Paul Inside the Walls for all adults ages 18 and older. All adults are welcome to join this interactive, in-person, small-group, experience, which aims to bring each participant to a new understanding of Jesus and His Church.

Session 2's topic is Christ: The Word made flesh. Session 2 will be held on Tuesday, October 22, 29, and November 5 from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

For more information and to register, visit https://insidethewalls.org/one-way-registration.

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!



CATHOLICISM FROM SCRATCH

Saturday, October 26th, from 10 am to 12 pm – St Paul Inside the Walls

(205 Madison Ave., Madison, New Jersey)

A series of self-contained sessions on basic Catholic topics and themes for those who forgot the basics, missed them the first time around, or never learned them.

For more information, visit https://insidethewalls.org/catholicism-from-scratch

DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

2024 Diocesan Ministries Appeal
"United In Faith, Hope, Love" There are a number of
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Parishioners can make a one-time gift, a pledge
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to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal. By making a
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donation continues not just monthly but from year to
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Upcoming Second Collections: October 13- Project Faith October 20- Mission Sunday

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Tom Mullin, Peyton Yagins, Daniel Kozell, Nicole Hale, Mildred Giusti, Kathleen Teresa Fitzpatrick Brown

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024

8:00 All the People of the Parish

10:00 Francesco Pugliano

Veronica and Frank Dudash Yeimy Cristina Renden Rodriguez Living and Deceased Rosarians

12:00 C. Mildred Petaccio Diane DeOuinzio

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024

9:00 Benigno Jumao-as Jacinto Andres, Jr

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024

9:00 Deceased members of the McNamara family
Special Intention for Kathleen Teresa
Fitzpatrick Brown

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2024

9:00 Joseph C. Hourihan

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2024

9:00 Jerry and Millie Scrosia Rosemary Barrett

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2024

9:00 Hedy Skrinski

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024

9:00 Fr. Richard Zuk
5:30 Leandro Salmo
The Magullien Family
Steven L. Servilio

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024

8:00 Mass for Life

Frank Lechleiter

10:00 Deceased members of the Makowski Family
Frank Pomposelli
Michael Costabile
Joseph Hourihan

12:00 All the People of the Parish





Gospel Today

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 10:2-16

Jesus said, "Let the children come to Me; do not prevent them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mark 10: 14

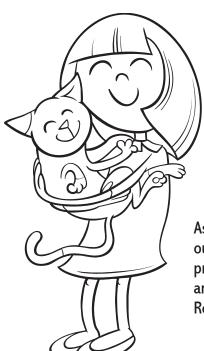
Then Jesus hugged and blessed the children.



"All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures."



Blessing of the Animals in honor of The Feast of St. Francis, lover of all creation.



As we gather to have our pets blessed, pray for all of life and creation on Respect Life Sunday.



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