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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time November 3, 2024



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Evening	5:30 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Broadcast) & 12:00 PM
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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

My Dear Parishioners,

Love God and love your neighbor. This short and clear commandment expressed the whole of the law of God. Today we don't like to think of God's word as a law, so we can say simply that this short statement sums up the whole of our Christian life. It is so very simple and so very difficult.

Loving God has always been a bit difficult because God is not present the way that another person is present. This difference also has made loving God easier because we are never quite sure what it means to love God. We do know that we must prefer God and His word, His Scriptures to all other realities.

The invitation to love God and to love our neighbor becomes very concrete in the love of neighbor. It is not just any neighbor that we must love, but the neighbor who is right in front of us. The neighbor is not the person who lives next door but any human being who happens into our life. This neighbor is especially the person that we don't want to help, the person who may have injured us, the person who seems unworthy of our help, the person who will take more of our time than we want to give.

Always in the Gospel we find this teaching of the Lord Jesus: love those who don't love you; love those who are your enemies; love those who slap you and injure you.

As we consider this invitation to love, we can understand more completely why our ancestors in the faith were not faithful to the Lord, as heard in the first reading today. Moses was clear in his teaching. Moses taught the people what he knew that God wanted taught. The Scriptures continue to teach us what God wants of us. It is much easier to change the meaning of the Scriptures than it is to change our hearts. So, in the history of our faith, both in the Old and the New Testaments, we find the tendency to turn away from God, the tendency to change what God wants into what we want.

Marriage is one of the easiest examples to look at in terms of the change of teaching. It is an easy example because it is Jesus Himself who tells us that Moses changed the teaching because of the hardness of heart of the believers. Jesus continually calls us to repent and to return to the clear teachings given in Scripture and the clear teachings that He gives to us.

We can allow our hearts to be changed today, or we can continue as we are, with hearts hardened by doing things our own way. Jesus calls to us: Love God and love your neighbor. Listen to Him.

Peace, Fr. Monteleone

PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

Prayer for our Nation (U.S.A)

God our Father, Giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to Your loving care.

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You alone are the true source of our
cherished rights to life,
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Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people.

Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate,
Patroness of our land,
grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death."
Lead us into a new millennium of life.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITY

On Election Day, Tuesday, November 5th, we will have a Holy Hour for our Nation from 9:30 to 10:30 AM.

PLEASE NOTE

In observance of Veteran's Day on Monday, November 11th, Mass will be celebrated at 9 AM.

The Church will be closed immediately following Mass.

The Parish Office will be closed.

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

Loved ones are remembered during all Masses celebrated during the month of November and their names will be placed by the statue of Mary in the church.

We invite you to write the names of your beloved, faithful departed relatives, and friends on the paper by the statue of Mary in the church and place your memorial intentions in the bowl provided. This will be available throughout the month of November.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 9:45am in the Molloy Center. All crafters are welcome! Thank you to Judy for a very generous yarn donation. We joyfully accept fabric, yarn, and monetary donations. For more information, call Cathie Murtha. (973-471-1265)

LIFE MINISTRY

Catholic Teaching on Voting for the Lesser of 2 Evils Colin B. Donovan Commentaries September 25, 2024 in National Catholic Register

In an <u>in-flight interview</u> Sept. 13, Pope Francis was recently asked about the U.S. elections and noted that both major candidates are "against life," adding that a voter must choose between "the lesser of two evils."

Both brief comments represent a shorthand for a developed Catholic moral theology about complex moral decisions, especially when the options are imperfect, as is often the case.

In 2006, Pope Benedict XVI articulated a clear statement of the principle of social goods, which the Church considers important both in legislation and in elections. These "common" or "social" goods are necessary for a well-ordered society and, therefore, those who govern society should govern in keeping with them. The public political character of a candidate should, therefore, be judged by the extent to which their governance history, their current policy views and objectives coincide with the common good.

Since these are often in service of their party's objectives, the party's platform should also be considered. These elements belong to a prudent judgment about the merits of their candidacy and how they will likely govern.

In his March 30, 2006, <u>address</u> to a group of European Parliamentarians, Pope Benedict stated that "the principal focus of [the Church's] interventions in the public arena is the protection and promotion of the dignity of the person, and she is thereby consciously drawing particular attention to principles which are not negotiable. Among these, the following emerge clearly today: the protection of life in all its stages, from the first moment of conception until natural death; recognition and promotion of the natural structure of the family as a union between a man and a woman based on marriage; the protection of the right of parents to educate their children."

Here, Pope Benedict identified the principle social goods that human beings need to flourish: life, the natural family structure, and the freedom to raise one's children in accordance with one's beliefs. Only then will society itself flourish in accordance with our nature and God's plan.

The purpose of governing is, therefore, to facilitate these common goods, not to substitute others that do not serve human flourishing. Likewise, to the extent that a candidate's views and policies would advance these goods, they are worthy of our vote. To the extent that they would not, they are unworthy of it. Unfortunately, it is all too common that candidates do not hold these social goods at the center of their political views or hold them imperfectly. In such cases, as Pope Benedict noted, the voter should choose the lesser of the evils. By this, he means we should vote for the candidate who would do the least evil, in order to prevent the evil that the other candidate would do. It is this choice of the will that redeems our vote. However, in doing so, we should make clear to others, who may wonder, that our purpose was to prevent a greater evil and was not to support the evil the candidate for whom we voted might do.

Although Pope Francis used the life issue as his example, it is clear that more than life in the strict sense (abortion, euthanasia) is at stake in any election. As noted above, Pope Benedict identifies three goods that flow from human life. In addition to the life of the individual — without which no other rights or goods matter — there is the life of the basic cell of society (natural marriage and family) and the liberties that are necessary for individuals and families to live and flourish. Thus, when comparing candidates to determine which one has the least evil views and policy positions, all three principles must be considered.

While clearly few candidates in any election perfectly hold these human and Christian values, it is often clear that some profess contrary values against one or the other, or even all three, of these paramount goods. Some candidates hold them deeply by conviction, and they have spent political careers fighting for them. The thoroughness of those views and their past and current policies and actions are the best guide to how the candidate will govern.

In the end, as Pope Francis noted, the voter must choose. Both the Catechism and the moral tradition teach this. In our constitutional system, it is the people who govern, but we do not fulfill our role if we do not help elect those who will represent us well or prevent the election of candidates who will not. If we cannot choose a candidate who seeks the common good across the board, then we need to choose the one who will do the least harm. To choose otherwise is to abdicate our responsibility to vote.

* bold added

Note from Support Life Ministry: One candidate advocates for furthering access to abortion with no restrictions or limits making it a right in law. The other candidate has no policy position that furthers access to abortion.

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The SPPS students have been very busy this week! The students participated in our annual trunk-or-treat Last Friday. They all had a great time! Everyone celebrated Halloween on Thursday, October 31st. The younger kids enjoyed the parade and even had some educational fun in the classroom! The third grade class participated in a STEM challenge after reading a Halloween story. They had to make a fence with only popsicle sticks and clothespins to keep out the "creepy carrots". It was a lot of fun!

At the beginning of the school year, we reflect on the benefits of a Catholic education at St. Philip Prep. This school offers a holistic education that emphasizes academic excellence alongside moral and spiritual development. Students benefit from a strong sense of community and values, fostering respect, discipline, and service to others. The curriculum integrates religious teachings with critical thinking, encouraging students to explore their faith while developing essential life skills. This combination prepares our students not only for future academic pursuits but also for becoming compassionate and responsible members of society.

FAMILY MASS

Our Youth Choir sang at our monthly Family Mass last Sunday. We invite all families with young children and youth to our next Family Mass on Sunday, November 24, 2024.



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Michael Frank

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

COLUMBIETTES

Spirit Night

Wednesday, November 6th, 2024 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm



Join us for food and fun.

Come support the Columbiettes at St. Philip's Church in Clifton and 15% of the Spirit Night sales will be donated accordingly.

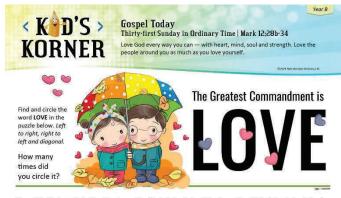


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PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY 2025

Pilgrimage to Italy for Jubilee Year 2025

Fr. Emerson is organizing a pilgrimage to Italy for the Jubilee year from

September 22-October 3, 2025.

For more details see the flyers at the doors of the church, the parish website at www.stphilip.org or email Fr.

Emerson at efrancisco@stphilip.org



Date: September 22 — October 3, 2025 PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

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 Tourist taxes payable individually at hotels.
- Lunches
- Entrance fees to visited sites and optional tours during
- Additional health insurance + Covid-19 coverage
- Trip cancellation insurance.
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 Tips for local guides and drivers.

Additional charges:
Single room supplement: \$790 USD.



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 * The cost of the pilgrimage may change slightly due to the unstable fuel market and the political and epidemiological situation in the world.

 * The price has been calculated based on the current price of flights and may change depending on the carrier's tariff and is not guaranteed until the flight tickets are purchased

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VIVERE CHRISTUS

Bishop Sweeney continues the annual tradition of recognizing an individual or couple in each parish who is a faithful steward and personifies love in action as described by St. Paul in his words, "Vivere Christus est, for me to live is Christ."



This year's recipient of the Vivere Christus Award from St. Philip's are Walter and Jane Beck. Pictured above with Bishop Kevin Sweeney at the ceremony that took place October 20th at St John the Baptist Cathedral.

Jane Pennella Beck has been a member of the parish since she was in the first Kindergarten class at St. Philip the Apostle School. Jane married Walter here in 1971, and they have been active members of our Parish community since. Currently members of the KoC and Columbiettes, as well as the Rosary Society and Vacation Bible School team. Most would recognize then from the pizzelle stand at the carnival.

Congratulations Jane and Walter Beck!

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: OCTOBER 22, 2023 \$17,714.00

SUNDAY COLLECTION: OCTOBER 27, 2024

WEEKLY COLLECTION \$ 11,049.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION \$ 5,922.00
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Upcoming Second Collections:

November 17- Catholic Home Missions

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A Time to be Healed...

Tom Mullin, Daniel Kozell, Nicole Hale, Mildred Giusti, Kathleen Teresa Fitzpatrick Brown, Rita Frank, Lou Piatti



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024

8:00 Vincent Pizzi- 2nd Anniversary

10:00 Deceased members of the Llamas and deRamos Families

Rosalia Rinaldi

Giovanni and Vincenza Minervini

Manuel and Milagros Amadon

12:00 All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024

9:00 Fanny DiSanto Mary Anderson

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

9:00 Jerry T. Scrosia Justo and Josefina Ramos

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024

9:00 Deceased members of the Pansini and D'Alto Families
Special Intentions for Cyd Ozaraga

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024

9:00 Richard Peterson, Sr- 2nd Anniversary Harry Carline- 1st Anniversary

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2024

9:00 Hilda Carlucci Cristina A. Moises

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2024

9:00 Jack McKenna

5:30 All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024

8:00 Norma Moises- 1st Anniversary

10:00 David Kidd- 1st Anniversary
Antonio and Giovanna Caradonna

Frantiska and Joseph Krizek and Maria

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12:00 Roseann Weitner

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