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## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 19, 2025



#### **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 Saturday ......4:30 PM

### **HOLY HOUR**

Every Friday ......9:30 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,

We have now completed the Advent and Christmas seasons of the Church's yearly liturgical calendar and have returned to what is called "Ordinary Time." The next special season begins on Ash Wednesday, this year on March 5<sup>th</sup>, the start of Lent leading up to Easter.

This Sunday the Gospel recounts the miracle of Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee. Whose wedding was it? We don't know. Who was there? We don't know that either, except that Jesus as well his mother Mary and the first disciples of Jesus were on hand. There must have been others in attendance as well, perhaps the entire village, traditionally invited to wedding feasts. Could the couple being feted have been relatives of Jesus and Mary? This too we do not actually know.

In any case, the miracle at Cana took place at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. It was a clear manifestation of the power of the Lord in the context of an ordinary event, that is, a wedding celebration. As in the days of Jesus, so today, weddings and parties afterwards are part of daily life and culture. The uniting of man and woman in holy matrimony, then as today, is a celebration and a blessing to society and families.

In the Gospel this Sunday we are told that Mary expressed some dismay or at least embarrassment at the predicament of the host in running out of wine. It would take some effort, time and money to get more wine, and that was simply not likely to happen while the party was going on. This would not be so big an issue today, with a simple, "Somebody run to Costco." In the time of Jesus, though, it would have been a major crisis.

So, the host, whom we presume to be the groom or the father of the bride or of the bridegroom, might be disgraced in some way by a lack of sufficient wine, the essential beverage of those times for any festive or ordinary meal.

What to do? The mother of Jesus clearly has a plan. According to custom, Mary was likely there not simply as a guest, but together with other women, helping with the reception meal and all its details. Mary seems to know right away that the wine was running out and quickly got the attendants to listen to Jesus and carry out what he might ask. Appealing to her Son's resourcefulness to ease an uncomfortable and potentially disastrous situation, Mary is a quintessential mother!

Whether Mary was expecting a miraculous intervention, of water being changed into wine, we do not know. In any case, she clearly stood back, so to speak, once Jesus began to assist in the

predicament at hand, trusting a good resolution would be forthcoming. "Do whatever he tells you," Mary says to those waiting at table. The meaning is indefinite, as Mary may not have known exactly what Jesus would do, but she had no worries of his ability to remedy the situation.

How the miracle of water becoming wine precisely happened we are not told, but it must have occurred between the time of the stone jars being filled to the brim with water and Jesus telling the server to "draw some out and take it to the waiter in charge." In other words, the miracle took place in silence, an image I really like, as it calls to mind a beautiful Scripture passage from the Old Testament Book of Wisdom:

"When peaceful silence lay overall, and night had run half of her swift course, your all-powerful word, O Lord, leaped down from heaven, from the royal throne," (Book of Wisdom 18:14-15).

This is a passage used in the Christmas season, prefiguring the coming of God to earth at the Incarnation or birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. As the birth of the Messiah, so in the miracle of turning water into wine, God accomplishes wondrous things in silence!

In today's Gospel, when he had sampled the new wine, the waiter in charge tells the groom that the "choice wine" is usually served first, rather than later, in a wedding feast. At first sight, the remark might seem to emphasize the quality of the miraculous wine. Yet the casual remark that the waiter in charge "did not know where it (the miraculous wine) had come from," shows that the important point is the origin of the excellent new wine. The miracle of water becoming wine points to the mysterious origin of the giver. The mystery of Jesus and his origin are emphasized often in the Gospel according to Saint John.

The changing of water into wine at Cana's wedding feast is called "the first of Jesus' signs." And what is a sign? The purpose of the signs recounted in the Gospel of Saint John is to demonstrate the mission of Jesus and to strengthen the believer's faith on the road to eternal life.

At the sight of the signs performed by Jesus, we are told that people came to believe in him and continue to believe to the present as well. The call, though, is to be more than "impressed" or "amazed" by Jesus, but to experience firsthand the glory and majesty of the only begotten Son, the Redeemer of the human race, and to follow in his footsteps until our final breath.

Peace, Fr. Monteleone

## ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

St. Philip Preparatory School second graders are preparing diligently for Reconciliation and Communion. It is going to be very exciting for them. We are also preparing for midterms in the upper grades. We can't believe the year is half over already! Catholic Schools Week is almost upon us and there are many activities planned to celebrate that week.

This year's theme is *Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community.* Save the date for our Kickoff to Catholic Schools Week: Sunday, January 26th at the 12 PM Mass.



## **PLEASE NOTE**

We will have a Special Holy Hour on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 9:30- 10:30 AM for Peace and Unity in our nation.

Please note that the Church will be closed after the Holy Hour in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The Parish Office will be closed.

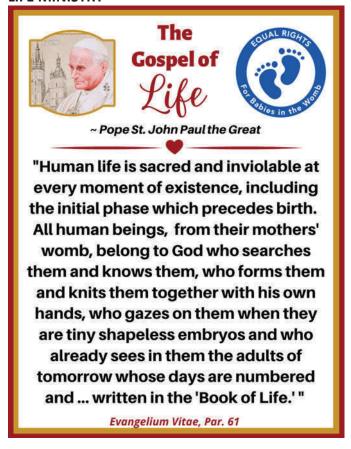
## **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

#### FR. ENGLISH

Thank you for the generous donations that were received for the Fr. English Food Pantry in December. Our next collection is coming up on February 1<sup>st</sup> and February 2<sup>nd</sup>. We continue to bring food to our working poor neighbors in Paterson. If everyone could at least bring one item, we would have so much more food to donate. Many of our parishioners give very generous full bags of all needed items. Some examples to donate: canned tuna, canned chicken, pasta, pasta sauce, lentils, beans, dry cereal, peanut butter, jelly, Mac and Cheese, soups, and please keep our Veterans in mind, many of whom are homeless. Aldi's has great deals on many food items. Thank you!

A huge thank you to all the generous parishioners who donated nearly 500 pairs of gloves for needy men, women and children at the Father English Center. They will be distributed beginning January 13<sup>th</sup>. We even received hats, scarves, socks, and emergency thermal blankets all of which are needed.

#### LIFE MINISTRY



### **SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **COLUMBIETTES**

Happy New Year! A warm welcome to our new members. Our next general meeting is on Thursday, 01/23/25. Social time starts at 6:30pm.

We are still collecting coffee for Eva's, gloves for Father English and St. Michaels.



#### **PRIME TIMERS**

Prime Timers News

Our next meeting will be on February 7th at 1:30pm (coffee/and at 1pm). At this meeting, the final payment for the March 7th Hunterdon Hills Trip is due. There is no regular meeting on Friday, March 7th.

Camp Hope excursions, \$11, on Tuesday, April 22, 2025. Tuesday, May 6, 2025 and Wednesday, June 11, 2025 are still available.

#### **Hunterdon Hills Excursion**

The Prime Timers are going to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on Friday March 7th for dinner and show "Bill Haley Jr. and the Comets." This show is very popular, and we still have some tickets available. The cost is \$136.25 pp which includes bus fare from/to St. Philip's, full dinner, the show, and their fabulous all you want dessert bar. A cash bar is also available. The Playhouse also does their own baking and has take-home items for sale and a small shopping boutique. The bus will leave St. Philip's Drive approx. 9am and return before 6pm. This trip is open to anybody. If you're interested, make your checks out to Prime Timers and mail them to St. Philip's Prime Timers, 797 Valley Rd. Clifton, N.J. 07013 and mark envelope "HH Trip." Deadline for tickets is Monday Feb. 10th.

## HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION TUITION RAFFLE

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\*Tuition payment will be made directly to the Catholic Educational Institution.

Winner need not be present at the time of drawing. To purchase a ticket, email: <a href="mailto:sppshsa@gmail.com">sppshsa@gmail.com</a>

#### **TRICKY TRAY**

#### SAVE THE DATE

Annual HSA Tricky Tray Friday, March 7, 2025 Doors open at 5:30 PM Stay tuned for more info

## **VACATION BIBLE FUN**

Reserve the date for our Vacation Bible Fun

Mark your calendar for the week of July 28th

This year's theme is "True North- Trusting Jesus in a Wild World"



Children who have completed kindergarten and through the 5th Grade are invited to Register.
Information will be forthcoming.

This will be a very special week. Look for the True North Logo in the months ahead to learn more.

## **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 parish website at www.stphilip.org or email Fr. Emerson at efrancisco@stphilip.org



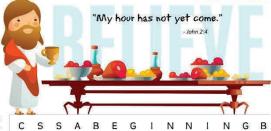
WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING PILGRIMS who want to join. Application Forms for Participation in the Pilgrimage are available in the Parish Office.



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#### MARCH FOR LIFE

## **MARCH FOR LIFE** MARCHA POR LA VIDA



## WASHINGTON, D.C. **JANUARY 24, 2025**

#### **SCHEDULE**

6:45 am - Bus Departs from St. Paul Inside the Walls (205 Madison Ave. Madison, NJ)

12:00 pm - Mass

1:00 pm - March for Life

3:15 pm - Bus Departs from Washington, D.C (Dinner stop included)

> 9:00 pm - Bus arrives at St. Paul Inside the Walls

> > COST - \$65

To register for a bus, please contact the pilgrimage office at 973-827-8030 or pilgrimage@patersondiocese.org

> Please pack a brown bag lunch for the trip

**SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION** 

## **HORARIO**

6:45 am - Bus sale de St. Paul Inside the Walls (205 Madison Ave, Madison, NJ)

12:00 pm - Misa

1:00 pm - Marcha por la Vida

3:15 pm - Bus sale de Washington, D.C (Parada para cenar está incluida)

9:00 pm - Bus llega a St. Paul Inside the Walls

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Para la registracion del bus, por favor comuníquese con la oficina de peregrinación 973-827-8030 o pilgrimage@patersondiocese.org

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## **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

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8:00	Janet Debiak
	Cezary Sliwowsli
10:00	Susan Zoan
	Stephen Salerno
	Alice Nancarrow
	Domenic DeBenedetto
	-15 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
12:00	All the People of the Parish

## MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025

9:00AM William S. Giardina

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025**

9:00 AM Rosa Muratore Rosario Llames

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025

9:00 AM John Anderson Margaret "Peggy" Hauser

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025

9:00 Dot Cervine- 4<sup>th</sup> Cervine

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025

9:00 Fr. Dennis Conway Sister Rene Donohue - 13th Anniversary

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025

9:00	Deogracias Tantay
5:30	All the People of Parish

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

8:00	Fran Kobernick- Special Intention for
	Healing
	Logan Joseph Brackenbury
10:00	Daniel Mutter
	David Young
	Joe Payne
	Dhimitra Mitre
12:00	Nancy Hreha- Coloccia
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