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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

This week begins Catholic Schools Week. It is a great privilege for our parish to have a school. St. Philip's Prep is a place where love and faith grow. Our principal, Danielle Gonzalez, along with a dedicated faculty and staff create an environment that seeks to educate the entire student. Faith is nurtured with First Friday Mass, Stations of the Cross during Lent, the May Crowning and countless other faith-based experiences. Fr. Emerson teaches the 8th grade once a week and I teach the 7th grade. I have found this a most rewarding experience. I know Fr. Emerson feels the same. "To teach is to touch the future," said Krista McAuliffe; the teacher and astronaut who died in 1986. I could not agree more. The children of today are the vanguard of the future. To succeed in this world, you need a strong foundation of faith, knowledge and integrity. I know that foundation is being built in our students, class by class and year by year.

If you know of a family seeking such an education, please tell them about our school. Our school is a wonderful place to grow in knowledge and love of God and neighbor. We are a nationally recognized Blue Ribbon School. We have the Kaleidoscope program, which is an honors program from 3rd to 8th grade, a fine arts program, basketball program and opportunities to give back to the community by service and gift of time.

A Catholic education is an investment in the future. Our children are certainly worth that. I was very fortunate to receive an excellent education at St. Patrick School, Smithtown, NY. My education there gave me a strong foundation for a lifetime. St. Philip Prep does the same for our students and graduates. Let our school shine, like a light in Clifton, shining the light of Christ's love. A Catholic education is a gift that lasts a lifetime. It is an investment that never stops giving.

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Middle School and Intermediate students have completed taking their Mid Term Exams as the end of the 2nd Marking Period comes to an end at the end of the month.

6th graders are working on prayers for our school for Catholic Schools Week. While 3rd graders have been working on the distributive property in Math, finished up a unit on economics in Social Studies, and reading an informative text about animals and how some have unique friendships to help each other.



Our Kindergarteners will be introduced to numbers 11 through 20 for the first time. They will engage in fun activities and exercises to help them understand and recognize these numbers.

A group of 5th graders are working on acts of kindness and service by comprising the SPPS Junior Cleaning Crew. Their mission is to help keep our school clean. What an incredible idea!

We are happy to announce the Middle School Production of Disney's Little Mermaid Jr. on May 9 and 10, 2025. Auditions and casting begin the week of January 27. The students are very excited.

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 1st and February 2nd. 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!

LIFE MINISTRY

Request a Mass for Life



GOAL: 7,500 Masses by 12/31/29
5,020 Masses arranged to date!!!

Let's pray for and expect miracles for life!

"The celebration of Holy Mass has the same value as the Death of Jesus on the Cross."

-St. Thomas Aquinas

Ask your Church Secretary to schedule one or more Masses to be said "For the Protection of Babies in the Womb and their Families." (Sunday Mass is preferred, but any day will do). Make an offering to the Church, typically \$10 per Mass.

Then, email info@lifeneteducation.org with the Church name, and date(s)/time(s) of the Masses and we'll add it to the tally. **That's it!!**

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meetings of the blanket ministry will be Thursday, February 13 & 27, 2025 at 9:45am in the Molloy Center. All crafters are "warmly" welcome! We have just donated blankets and shawls to New Jersey Hospice to be distributed to patients. For more information or donations of fabric or yarn, please call Cathie Murtha. (973-471-1265)

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

1st Place - \$6,800 Tuition* for 2025/26 for SPPS
or any Catholic Educational Institution
2nd Place - \$300 Flynn O'Hara Uniform Co.
Gift Card

3rd Place - \$150 St. Philip Prep
Spirit Wear Gift Card

Drawing Date: Friday, March 7, 2025 at 10 p.m.
Tickets are \$50

No substitution of the offered prize may be made, and no cash will be given in lieu of the prize.

*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: sppshsa@gmail.com

TRICKY TRAY

SAVE THE DATE

Annual HSA Tricky Tray

Friday, March 7, 2025

Doors open at 5:30 PM

Stay tuned for more info

If you would like to donate, below is the QR code for the Amazon wish list.



If you are interested in a Sponsorship opportunity,
please reach out to Anton Meindl
Ameindl1@gmail.com or 862-247-3899

Family sponsorship-\$80

Business sponsorship-\$250

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recognition in our tricky tray booklet.

All sponsorships are tax deductible!

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.**



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.

DIOCESAN OPPORTUNITIES

THE BEACON GOES ONLINE

The stories of our faith community find a new home
at Beaconnj.org The Diocese of Paterson recently
announced the conclusion of the print version of
The Beacon. This is not the end of the story. The
Beacon shines even more brightly in a new form:
Beaconnj.org, where the important stories of our
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FEBRUARY 8, 2025

Relationships don't have to be in crisis before they are nurtured. This retreat is designed for couples who are seriously dating, engaged, or married and wish to deepen their connection with each other and with Christ, using sound psychology through a faithful, Catholic perspective.

For more details and to register, scan the QR code below or visit insidethewalls.org/relationship-retreat



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For the recently deceased...

Richard Moran, Adolph Frinco

A Time to be Healed...

Lou Piatti, Caitlin Buggy, Irene Chmura,
Edward Honan, Marge and Barbara Sikora,
Arlene Pompeo, Diane Albanesi, Robert Rup,
Fran Kobernick, Rosanna Hampton, Philip
Kutzenco



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

8:00 Fran Kobernick- Special Intention for
Healing

10:00 Logan Joseph Brackenbury
Daniel Mutter
David Young
Joe Payne

12:00 Dhimitra Mitre
Nancy Hreha- Coloccia
Michael Robinson

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025

9:00AM Wanda Arango

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025

9:00 AM Ann Jasionowicz- 21st Anniversary
Eileen and John Sagui- Special
Intentions

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025

9:00 AM Anthony F. Lipari
Ariston Barbonio

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025

9:00 Leonard Passenti

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025

9:00 Michele Monteleone
Marlene Chidiac

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025

9:00 Tammy DiSanto
5:30 Irene Sadvary
Richard Haynes
Rosanna Hampton- Special
Intentions

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

8:00 All the People of Parish
10:00 Janet Debiak
Albin M. Rybolwik- 13th Anniversary
Bruce Cirelli
Josephine Kimberly
12:00 Michael Robinson
Roman Chrusky

CANDLE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 26, 2025

In Memory of Marlene Chidiac
- from Joe and Katherine



After being anointed by the power of The Holy Spirit at His Baptism, Jesus went to His hometown of Nazareth and read from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Then Jesus told the people in the synagogue that by His reading, the scripture is fulfilled—made real.

“Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”

LUKE 4:21

Jesus had many followers and believers. Among them were the poor, captives, blind and oppressed.

Prophet Isaiah

“The _____ of the Lord is upon me,
because He has _____ me to
bring glad tidings to the _____. He has sent me
to proclaim liberty to _____
and recovery of sight to the _____, and
let the _____ go free,
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.”

Luke 4:18-19

The words of the prophet
Isaiah were talking about
the works of...

a] Luke b] Jesus c] Isaiah



Fill in the blanks with the
bolded, underlined words.
The answers are in today's
Gospel reading.

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