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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 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 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,

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches from Simon's boat. Jesus turns to Simon and instructs him about where to lower the fishing nets. Simon and others have been fishing throughout the night and have not caught anything. Simon protests, claiming that such an effort would be futile. Simon ultimately obeys Jesus and lowers his nets into the deeper water as directed. Notice here that Peter calls Jesus by the title "master." He already recognizes Jesus as a person of authority. They catch so many fish that the nets begin to tear; Jesus' presence has created abundance out of scarcity, just as it did at the wedding feast at Cana, which we heard at Mass just a few weeks ago.



Simon Peter becomes a follower of Jesus immediately. He calls Jesus "Lord"—the title given to Jesus after his Resurrection—and protests his worthiness to be in Jesus' presence. Today's Gospel, therefore, marks a turning point in the relationship between Jesus and Peter.

Two of Simon's partners are also named as witnesses to the event described in today's Gospel: Zebedee's sons, James and John. Yet Jesus' words are addressed only to Simon. Jesus gives Simon a new job, telling him that he will become a different kind of fisherman. No longer will he catch fish; instead, he will catch people. In these words, we hear the beginning of the leadership role that Peter will have within the community of disciples. Peter was chosen for this role. His task will be to bring others to Jesus. Already he is doing so; the Gospel tells us that all the fishermen with Peter also left their nets and followed Jesus.

We continue to speak of Peter's leadership and influence in the Church today when we call the pope the "successor of Peter." We participate in the mission of the Church when we bring people to Christ through the example and positive influence of our lives.

Peace,

Fr. Monteleone

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The students at St. Philip Preparatory finished their Winter NWEA testing this week. They always put their best foot forward and continue to be dedicated, hardworking students.

Auditioning and casting have begun for the Middle School Production of Disney's Little Mermaid Jr. and the students are always eager and excited to head down to the auditorium after school. Everyone is excited for the play!

The New Year marks some thought-provoking and historical books Kaleidoscope Literature classes are reading. Three are on the Holocaust: Number the Stars, The Boy in the Striped Pajamas, The Book Thief as well as classics such as The Outsiders, To Kill a Mockingbird, and Wonder. It's always a good day to read a book!

Kaleidoscope Literature classes were busy for Catholic Schools Week. The students wrote poetry on what God means to them and painted art pieces to go with their poems.

For Career Day the students researched different jobs they are interested in and did a Google Slide presentation. They learned about what the job entails, job market outlook, salaries, education needed, and skills required for that particular career. St. Philip may some day have graduates who have become physicists, astronauts, astronomers, lawyers, surgeons, sports agents, writers, and computer software developers to name a few!

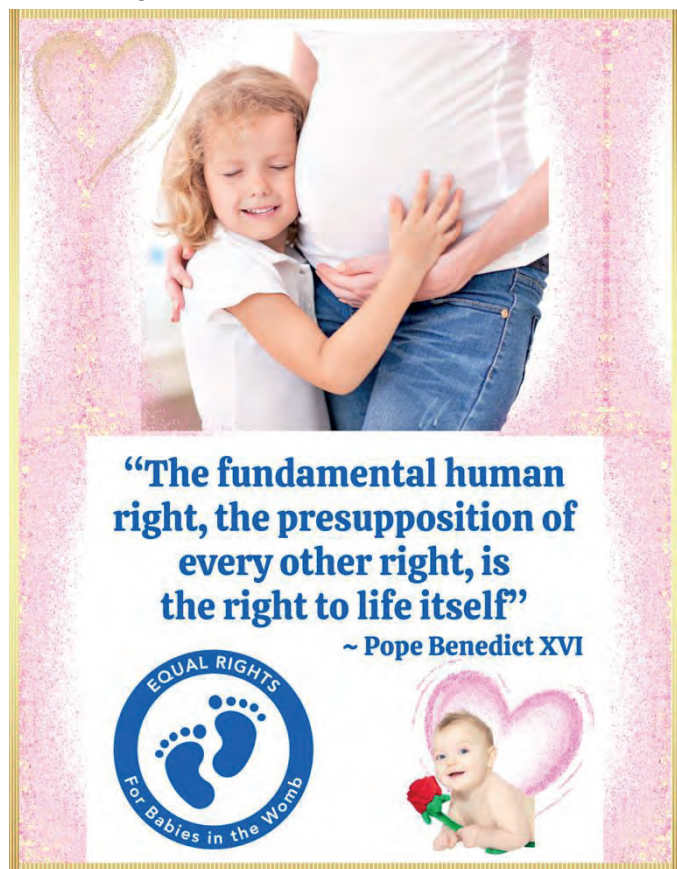
SAVE THE DATE

Save the Date for the Annual
St. Patrick, St. Joseph and St. Lorenzo Ruiz
Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 15, 2025.
Stay tuned for more details



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

LIFE MINISTRY



SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS

The next meeting of the St. Philip Widow and Widowers will be on Monday, February 10th at 2 PM in the Molloy Center.
All are welcome

ROSARY SOCIETY

On Saturday, February 15th the Rosary Society and friends will gather at the 9:00AM Mass.
Recitation of the Rosary will take place prior.
Looking forward to new faces in the new year!

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

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus Council 11671

Fish Fry Fund Raiser

Our annual Fish Fry is a general-purpose fund raiser helping us to run the totally free annual Kids Christmas Party, fund a team at the Tank Pull supporting veterans and combat handicapped, various local sports teams, the free-throw contest, the Keep Christ in Christmas contest and so much more. Please mark your calendars for Sunday March 9th for some excellent fish & fries and some fun socialization. Tickets only \$20. Coffee-Tea, soda and water will be available and feel free to BYO.

Fish Fry Sunday March 9th 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Eat-in or & take out

Fish or chicken (Chicken advanced sales only)

Advanced Tickets \$20

Day of Fry (limited, \$25)

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3rd Place - \$150 St. Philip Prep
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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.

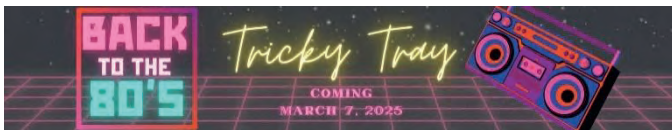
*Tuition payment will be made directly to the
Catholic Educational Institution.

Winner need not be present at the time of drawing.

To purchase a ticket, email: sppshsa@gmail.com

TRICKY TRAY

This year's Tricky Tray "Back to 80's" is coming
March 7, 2025.



Date: March 07, 2025
Time: Doors open 5:30 PM,
Drawings begin 7:00 PM
Get your Tickets online at

<https://stphilip.org/tricky-tray/>

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

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auditorium on the day of the tricky tray along with
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



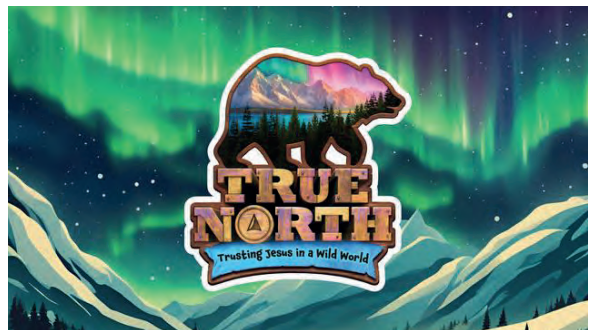
**WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING PILGRIMS who
want to join. Application Forms for Participation
in the Pilgrimage are available in the Parish
Office.**



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.

SIGHT AND SOUND

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For more information, please contact any of the following:
St Philip Parish office - (973)779-6200
Raquel Nael-Marrero - (973)563-6924 / Virginia Sipin - (973)760-8484

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: JANUARY 28, 2024 \$19,131.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: FEBRUARY 2, 2025
WEEKLY COLLECTION \$ 9,986.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION \$ 7,352.00
TOTAL \$ 17,338.00

CHRISTMAS 2023 \$ 74,362.00
CHRISTMAS 2024 (YTD) \$ 83,596.00

WE PRAY FOR...

For the Recently Deceased...

Frederick Addeo, Mary Godri,
Maria Tommaro, Maria Kaminsky



A Time to be Healed...

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Edward Honan, Marge and Barbara Sikora,
Arlene Pompeo, Diane Albanesius, Robert Rup,
Fran Kobernick, Rosanna Hampton,
Philip Kutzenko

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

8:00 Richie Jedrzej- 3rd Anniversary
Estanislao Llames- 26th Anniversary
10:00 Harry Hadinata
Logan Brackenbury
Lee Covert
Josephine Kimberley
12:00 All the People of Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025

9:00AM Kathleen Dragos
Anna Kaczor

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025

9:00 AM Alcira Summa
Jorge Serrano

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025

9:00 AM John Drobik
Leonard Passenti, Jr.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025

9:00 Malcolm Hall
Emanuel Calon Rodriguez
-4th Anniversary

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025

9:00 William S. Giardina

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025

9:00 Mike and Dot Cervine
- 56th Wedding Anniversary
Adolph Frinoc
5:30 All the People of Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

8:00 Chester and Stephanie Pritch
Barbara Sondej
10:00 Emanuel Calon Rodriguez
- 4th Anniversary
Leonard Passenti
James Barreta
Logan Joseph Brackenbury
12:00 Annette C. Russo
2nd Anniversary
Ana and Manuel Santana

CANDLE FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9, 2025

In Memory of Malcolm Hall
-With love from Georgeanna



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Gospel Today

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Luke 5:1-11

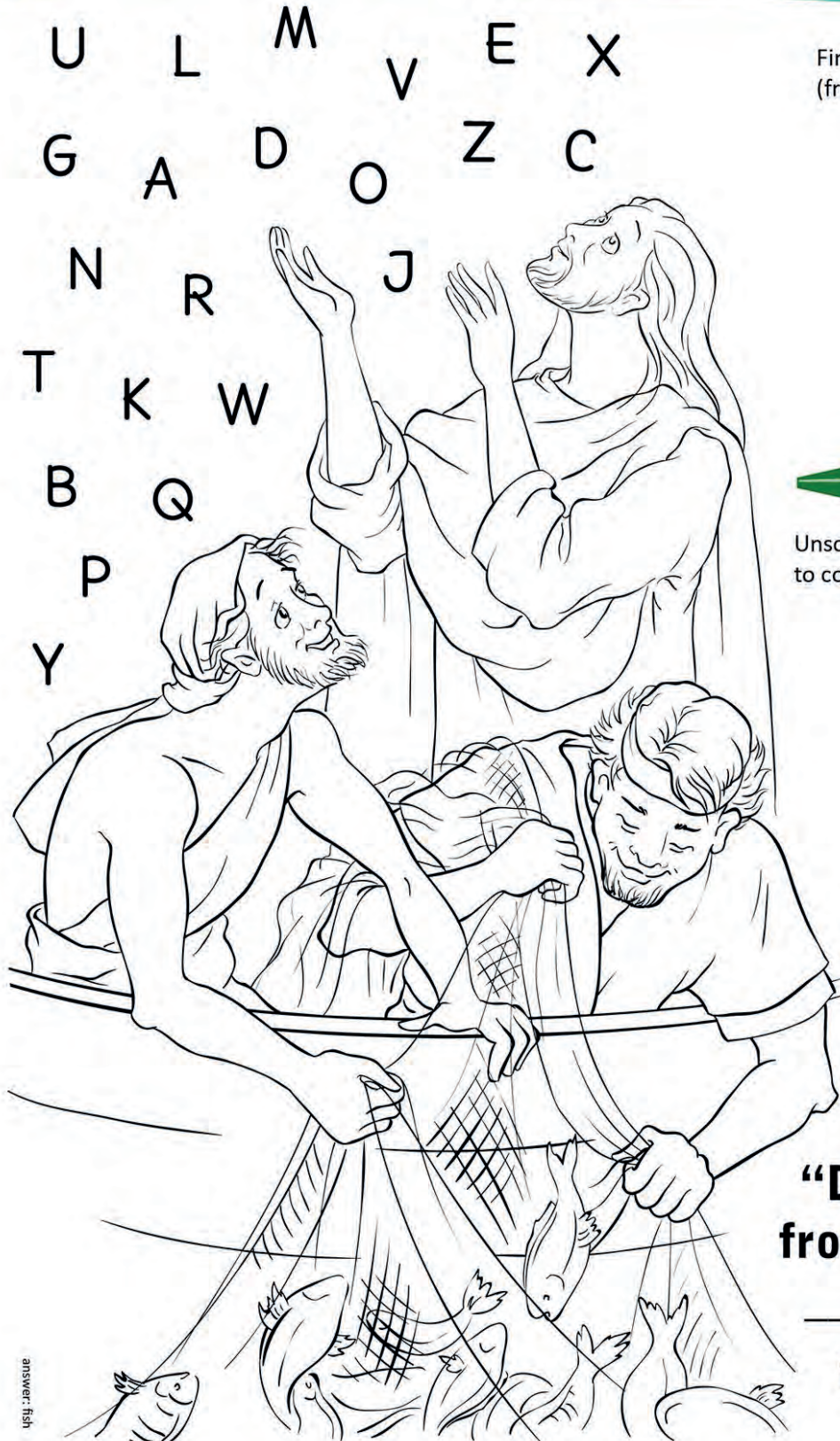
Simon-Peter, James and John were uncertain about another attempt at fishing, since they were out all night and caught nothing. They faithfully obeyed Jesus' command and filled their nets overflowing. With belief and trust in Jesus, they left everything and followed Him.

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Find and write the missing letters
(from A to Z) **NOT** listed.

 **COLOR PAGE** 

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks
to complete the sentence below.



answer: fish

**“Don’t be afraid;
from now on you will
_____**
for people.”

LUKE 5:10

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