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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 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

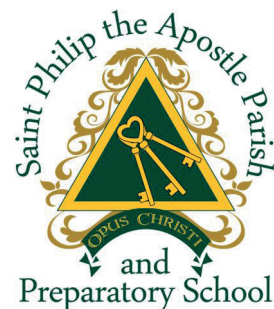
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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,

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' call Peter to be his disciple. Jesus then travels with Peter and the other disciples. Luke reports miracles of healing (a person with leprosy and a paralytic man) and the call of Levi, the tax collector. Jesus also replies to questions from the Pharisees regarding fasting and the observance of the Sabbath. In the verses immediately before today's gospel reading, Jesus is reported to have chosen 12 men from among his disciples to be apostles. *Apostle* is a Greek word that means "one who is sent."

Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in MT 5:1-7,11 that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. As these titles suggest, there are differences and similarities between these gospel readings.

When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments. As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us.

Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd. In keeping with this style, the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel—Luke uses the article "you" whereas Matthew uses "they" or "those." There is also a difference in number: Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents just four, each of which has a parallel warning.

The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God. The word *blessed* in this context might be translated as "happy," "fortunate," or "favored."

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry,

weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes," those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone

PLEASE NOTE

In observance of Presidents' Day, regular daily Mass will be celebrated at 9 AM on Monday, February 17th.

The church will be closed immediately after Mass and the parish office will be closed.

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Happy Valentine's Day weekend! Students, faculty, and staff enjoyed another productive week here at SPPS. Students finished taking their second round of NWEA standardized testing this past week, and we look forward to working with our students to help them raise their Reading and Math scores. The 8th graders enjoyed Valentine's Day with their Kindergarten buddies: they exchanged cards and created Valentine crafts.

We welcome Sister Margaret Rose, a Salesian sister, who will be introducing the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to our PreK through second grade students. Sister will help our youngest learners engage in and understand our faith better.

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Last week two car loads of needed food supplies for our friends in Paterson and our Veterans were collected! A huge thank you to all who donated so generously! Everything is appreciated and valued. Remember, even if you just bring one item, it will help someone!

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meeting of the blanket ministry will be Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 9:45am in the Molloy Center. All crafters are "warmly" welcome! For more information or donations of fabric or yarn, please call Cathie Murtha. (973-471-1265)

BOY SCOUTS

The annual Troop 21 Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast will be held in the St Philip the Apostle School Auditorium at 797 Valley Road on Sunday, February 16th from 8am to 12pm (last seating at 11:30am). Adults \$18.00, seniors \$15.00 and children 12 & under \$10.00 Children under 4 eat free with paying adult. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Please come enjoy pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice & coffee and support Troop 21! For more information please contact: troop21clifton@gmail.com



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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

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*Tuition payment will be made directly to the
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Winner need not be present at the time of drawing.

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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
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wonderful opportunity to serve at Mass and
grow in faith. Altar servers play an important
role in our liturgies, and we would love to
have you as part of our ministry. If you're
interested, please contact Fr. Emerson or the
Church Office. Training will start in March.



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
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For more information, please contact any of the following:
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PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: FEBRUARY 4, 2024 \$17,555.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: FEBRUARY 9, 2025
WEEKLY COLLECTION \$ 6,368.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION \$ 7,579.00
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Robert Rup, Fran Kobernick,
Rosanna Hampton, Philip Kutzenco



MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2025

9:00AM Dorothea Anthony- 4th Anniversary
Ellanie Maraguinot Moore

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025

9:00 AM Sean Hughes- 3rd Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025

9:00 AM Mary Godri

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025

9:00 Joseph Colca, Jr.
Pablo and Rosita Donaldo

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025

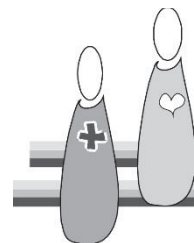
9:00 Tom Matteo

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025

9:00 Julia Follari
5:30 Leonard Passenti
Andrew Sisco
Indalecia Belarmino Payba

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

8:00 All the People of Parish
10:00 Fr. Dennis Conway
Frank Collier
Jesse Grant Roe IV
Peter Caruso
12:00 Lee and Peter Bartolo
Michael Robinson



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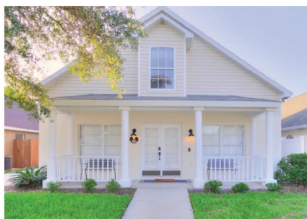
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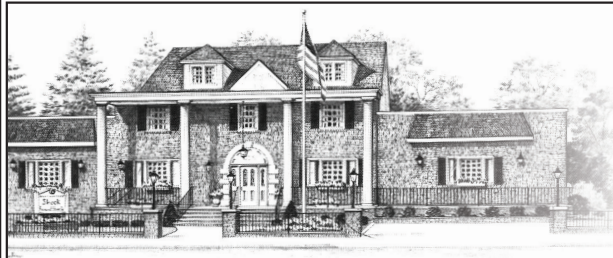
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