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## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 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,

David's restraint, as recorded in the first reading, is striking. Saul, who is seeking to kill David, falls into his hands, and yet David does not kill him. This is because he is the Lord's anointed. There is a third point of reference apart from David and Saul. This third point of reference is God, towards whom David has certain responsibilities that prevent him acting against Saul. He cannot live as if God did not exist, or as if Saul had nothing to do with God or God with Saul.

The teaching of Jesus about turning the other cheek, giving to everyone who begs from you, lending while expecting nothing in return – all this can seem idealistic and quite unrealistic for the rough and tumble world in which we live. Jesus is here sketching the 'ethics of the kingdom': where God's love reigns people will find themselves living in these ways. But, as long as we are living in a fallen and struggling world, many feel that such a way of living remains an ideal beyond human ability. And it is. In ourselves we find the 'first Adam' and the 'last Adam', the old man and the new man, and the struggle between them is never fully resolved in this life.

But when we love, we find ourselves able to live in the way Jesus asks. Where we like people, are fond of them and want to remain in friendship with them, we find ourselves turning the other cheek, giving whenever we are asked, and lending without expecting anything in return. It is only where we 'fall out of love', or lower our sights from the goal of loving, that we begin to count the cost, measure what we give in terms of what others are prepared to give, and then begin to judge and condemn others.

We are 'of dust' and we are 'of heaven' and are pulled around as a result. We must look above and beyond the particular situations and relationships in which we find ourselves, to God and His way of loving. God is our 'third point of reference'. From God we experience forgiveness for ourselves and learn how to be merciful to others.

Peace,  
Fr. Monteleone

## ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT

**MARCH 5, 2025**

*"Remember that you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return"*

**7 AM Mass**

**9 AM Mass**

**4 PM Prayer Service**

**7 PM Prayer Service**

**Please Note** that we will add a 7 AM Daily Mass, Monday through Friday during Lent beginning Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> through Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday evening in the Church at 7 PM beginning Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> through Good Friday, on April 18<sup>th</sup>.



## CHURCH TOUR

My dear parishioners,

I am so happy to announce that we now have on our parish website a virtual tour that highlights our beautiful church. This was made possible by one of our parishioners Mark Mecca, Sr. He is the president and owner of Response Strategy Solutions, which provides 3D mapping, App design and camera integration. He and his team did a brilliant job with the 3D mapping of our church. Please take some time and look at it. If you are interested in contacting Mark, here is his information: email: [rss.mecca@gmail.com](mailto:rss.mecca@gmail.com), Phone (973) 349-8898

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## ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

This week at St. Philip Students, Faculty and Staff enjoyed beginning the week with a day off for President's Day. We welcome back Katherine Bennett and Thank Kathy Alvarez for covering Little Kaleidoscope, Benedetta Rubin now covering Grade 2 and Michelle Yagin and Juliana Costanza for assistance with Grade 2. Students are practicing for the Little Mermaid Production.

Tricky Tray will be coming up March 7, 2025.

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

### LIFE MINISTRY

**We may be different sizes, ages & be at different stages...**



**but we are all equal.**

## PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: FEBRUARY 11, 2024	\$18,350.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: FEBRUARY 16, 2025	
WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$ 4,884.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION	\$ 7,011.00
TOTAL	\$11,895.00
2 <sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION- EASTERN EUROPE	\$ 1,357.00

CHRISTMAS 2023	\$ 74,362.00
CHRISTMAS 2024 (YTD)	\$ 83,704.00

## 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.  
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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

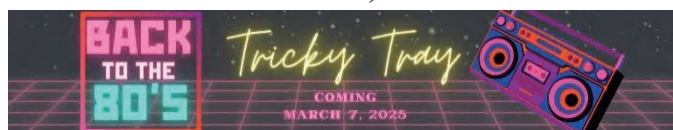
No substitution of the prize offered may be made,  
and no cash will be given in lieu of the prize.

\*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](mailto: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, please  
scan the QR code for the Amazon  
wish list.

If you are interested in a Sponsorship opportunity,  
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[Ameindl1@gmail.com](mailto:Ameindl1@gmail.com) or 862-247-3899

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auditorium on the day of the tricky tray along with  
recognition in our tricky tray booklet.

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## 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)

## COLUMBIETTES

The next Columbiette meeting will be held on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Our Social time refreshments will begin at 6:30 pm followed by our regular meeting at 7:00 pm.

If you are interested in becoming a Columbiette or would like more information, please contact Pat Scarpone at 973-881-7977 or Sharon Festa at 973-742-0926. You must be 18 years old and a Catholic female.



### SAVE THE DATE!

St. Philip's Columbiettes Sponsored

*Morning of Reflection*

***Catholicism: Know it, Live It, Love It***

Saturday, March 22, 2025

Beginning with 9:00 am Mass in Church

Followed by

a continental breakfast

and Reflection given by

*Inspirational Speaker, Debbie Mastroeni*

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Eat-in or & take out

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## ALTAR SERVERS

## WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS!

We are excited to invite boys and girls from Grade 2 through high school to join our altar server ministry! If you've received or will soon receive your First Communion, this is a 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.



## PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY 2025

Fr. Emerson is organizing a pilgrimage to Italy for the Jubilee Year from September 22 - October 3.

For more details see the parish website at [www.stphilip.org](http://www.stphilip.org) or email Fr. Emerson at [efrancisco@stphilip.org](mailto:efrancisco@stphilip.org)

Date: September 22 – October 3, 2025

**PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY**  
**DURING THE HOLY YEAR – Jubilee 2025**

## PILGRIMAGE UPDATE:

WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING PILGRIMS who want to join. At the moment, we have two buses going for the pilgrimage. **ONLY LESS THAN 10 SEATS LEFT** in the second bus. If you want to join, please contact Fr. Emerson.



## SIGHT AND SOUND

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## KIDS' KORNER

### < KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today  
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | Luke 6:27-38

Jesus wants us to show love, kindness, respect and generosity to everyone. He tells us,  
"Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Find and write  
the missing letters  
(from A to Z) not  
found below...



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

"Do to \_\_\_\_\_ as you would have them do to you."

LUKE 6:31

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025

9:00AM Frederick Addeo

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025

9:00 AM Emily Klopotek- 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Angeles "Lito" Cabigao

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025

9:00 AM Frank and Michael Sabella

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025

9:00 Patricia Fox  
Ludovico and Josefina Bulacan

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2025

9:00 Antonio B. Garcia

### SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025

9:00 Ariston and Maria Francisco  
5:30 Rosanna Hampton  
- Special Intentions  
Carmen Babilonia  
Filipina Bacani

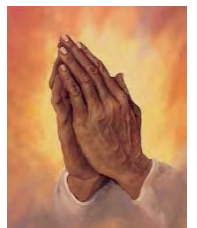
### SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025

8:00 Logan Brackenbury  
Nicholas C. Swede  
10:00 Barbara Sondej  
Deceased members of the Provost and  
Esser Families  
Peter Caruso  
Ronald Olszowy  
12:00 All the People of Parish

## WE PRAY FOR...

### A Time to be Healed...

Caitlin Buggy, Irene Chmura, Edward  
Honan, Marge and Barbara Sikora,  
Arlene Pompeo, Diane Albanesius,  
Robert Rup, Fran Kobernick,  
Rosanna Hampton, Philip Kutzenko,  
Tom Mullin





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# ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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