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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 2, 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,

On Ash Wednesday the Church begins the penitential season of Lent, the forty-days of mortification during which her members are called upon to remember that we must chastise our bodies and bring them into subjection; and to remember that we will one day return to the dust from which we are taken.

Like many of the other symbolic practices of our Church, the use of ashes to express humiliation and sorrow is something which was common in others religions. Many references to it are found in the Old Testament. When King David repented for his sins, he cried out: "I did eat ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping." When the people of Nineveh were aroused to do penance by the preaching of Jonah, they "proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth and sat in ashes." It is most likely that the use of ashes was introduced in the early Church by converts from Judaism because it was an observance with which they were familiar with in their former faith.

The ashes used for Ash Wednesday are obtained by the burning of the blessed palms of the previous Palm Sunday. In this, the writers of the Church have found a symbolic meaning. The palm typifies victory; and the ashes show us that we cannot gain the victory over sin unless by the practice of humility and mortification.

Also, those over the age of 13 must abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent. Those 18-69 are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. I hope this column has helped with understanding the sacramentals of Lent.

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 6th through Friday, April 11th.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



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 , Phone (973) 349-8898



ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The students, faculty and staff of SPPS have successfully weathered a particularly cold winter and are looking forward to a warm sunny spring.



Some of our middle school students have successfully completed a unit on William Shakespeare's plays and poetry.

Our students have concluded their second NWEA standardized testing for the year and will continue to work on the necessary skills.

Our greater school and church community is preparing for our famous Tricky Tray event which will take place on March 7. It is a fun and exciting way to spend a Friday night.

We pray for the continued success of our students and staff here at SPPS. We also pray for the health, well-being and happiness of everyone in our St. Philip community.

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



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 4 (FOUR) SEATS LEFT** in the second bus. If you want to join, please contact Fr. Emerson at efrancisco@stphilip.org

TRICKY TRAY

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

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



Date: Mar. 07, 2025 Time: Doors open 5:30PM

Drawings begin at 7:00PM

Get your Tickets online at

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

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

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

BIBLE STUDY

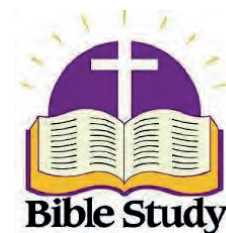
Come Join Fr. Monteleone for Bible Study this Lent!

Beginning March 10 through April 14, 2025

Mondays 10:00am~11:00am

Youth Room in the Molloy Center

The Book of Revelation



SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meetings will be Thursday, March 13 and 27, 2025 at 9:45am in the Molloy Center.

You do not have to be a Columbiette to participate.

Did you ever want to learn to crochet? Come and join us! We give free lessons. For information or fabric and yarn donations,

call Cathie Murtha. (973-471-1265)

ROSARY SOCIETY

Come join our Rosary Society on Monday, March 10 as we celebrate an early St. Patrick's Day! Mass begins 6:30 in Mariam Hall with Rosary to follow. All are welcome!

PRIMETIMERS

Please note that we will not be having our monthly meeting this month due to the Bus Trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on March 7th. Our next meeting will be Friday, April 4th.

COLUMBIETTES

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Philip's Columbiettes Sponsored

Lenten Morning of Reflection

Catholicism: Know it, Live It, Love It

Saturday, March 22, 2025

9:00 am Mass in Church

Followed by a continental breakfast

Reflection given by

Inspirational Speaker, Debbie Mastroeni

In Marian Hall

\$5.00 Donation

ALL ARE WELCOME



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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

Eat-in or & take out

Fish or chicken (Chicken advanced sales only)

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For your Lenten Devotions

Sometimes, it feels like Lent is just about giving up chocolate. But deep down, we all desire to do something more for

Lent—we just don't know how to do it.

How to Lent is a new series from the Augustine Institute that aims to equip Catholics with the tools to understand and practice the pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Guided by Solenne Santiago and with the help of priests and religious, this series will challenge our preconceived notions about Lent, laying out a roadmap for entering the season with a purpose. Don't let Lent sneak up on you like it did last year. Instead, heed the call of St. John the Baptist by preparing for the Lord, using How to Lent to transform your spiritual life this Lenten season.




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For more information, please contact any of the following:
St Philip Parish office - (973)779-6200
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GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



Cameron Kevin



Bradley Strauss



Anthony Jay



Jasmine Rose

WE PRAY FOR...

The Recently deceased...

Marilyn Rowan

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



MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025

9:00AM	Loretta Pennella- 20 th Anniversary Michael T. Renda- 3 rd Anniversary
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TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025

9:00 AM	Patricia Delatorre- Special Intention Domicita Nobleza- Special Intention
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025

ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM	All the People of Parish
9:00 AM	Edgar and Lolita Delatorre

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025

7:00 AM	Fr. Dennis Conway
9:00 AM	Benjamin Dario

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025

7:00 AM	Tina Prio
9:00 AM	Peter Cavelero

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025

9:00	Esteban Binghay Alfredo Ramos
5:30	All the People of Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

8:00	Frederick Addeo
10:00	Eric Peterson Judi DenHerder Alton W. Becker, Jr. Ronald Weiss
12:00	Michael Robinson Joseph DiDonna

CANDLE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 2, 2025

In Memory of Logan Joseph Brackenbury





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