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Second Sunday of Lent

March 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,

What are you willing to do for glory?

Abraham is commanded to bind his only son, Isaac, and to offer him as a burnt sacrifice to the Lord. Abraham, being a true man of God, was detached from all things apart from the will of God. This being so, he was ready to carry out what the Lord had asked of him. God used this encounter to display true faithfulness to His will, and not His need for sacrifice. Sacrifice is for our benefit, not God's. It orientates us to Him. Abraham recognized this, conscious of his need to always turn to the Lord, and so continued to offer a sacrifice, this time not his son, but a ram. God is self-sufficient and nothing we do can add anything to Him. We cannot make Him be anything more than He is. God reveals His glory in His response to Abraham's act of faith by His blessing him with numerous descendants, of which we can count ourselves in faith a part. Abraham was willing to undergo personal pain and loss out of obedience to God's will, and in return God readily bestowed His blessing on him and his posterity.

The account of the Transfiguration of Our Lord should not be seen apart from the Cross to come. We could read Peter's wanting to make tents for Our Lord, Moses, and Elijah, as a short-sighted decision. Peter—never one to catch on first time round—was quite happy to stay with the glory of God. What a dazzling, wonderful sight it must have been. Peter was quite content with this sight. What he was not so comfortable with, as we see elsewhere in Scripture, was the idea of a crucified, humiliated Messiah. Was it not Peter who previously rebuked Our Lord, saying that He did not need to go to Jerusalem to be killed? He was comfortable with a glorified Messiah, but not a crucified one. Perhaps Peter did not realize that the dazzling, burning light of God's glory, displayed in the Transfiguration, needed to be manifested in the glory of the burning love of the One rejected by His own on Calvary, not displayed by light pouring out of Him, but by His blood.

The account of Abraham and Isaac may be said to foreshadow the offering made by the Blessed Mother of her Son, the One who would serve as the Sacrifice of all sacrifices; the Sacrifice which would unite God and man through the triumph over sin,

that ailment brought about by man's disobedience. Mary would not be spared the personal loss of which Abraham was spared: her heart would be pierced. Jesus' obedience would serve as the remedy for our forefather's disobedience, thereby mending the rift brought about in the Garden of Eden.

Both Moses and Elijah encountered God on mountains, and Abraham too was on Mount Moriah when he was about to sacrifice Isaac when God spoke to him. The event of the Transfiguration in the Gospel also occurs on a mountain. We have the halted sacrifice on Moriah, the giving of the Law on Sinai, and the encounter of God in the silence on Horeb. These prefigure the event of the Cross on the mount of Calvary: the sacrifice not of a man, but of *the* Son of Man; the giving of a New Law, which was Christ Himself; and God's life-giving presence in the silence of Jesus' hanging body.

The Transfiguration is not meant to draw us away from the Cross. Quite the opposite. It is a foretaste of that which we will enjoy in eternity if only we embrace the Cross. The gateway into Heaven is cross-shaped. Perhaps this Lent we can examine whether or not our lives are cruciform, and if not, how can we offer ourselves more completely to the will of God, like Abraham, who placed God before all else?

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone

MARIAN HYMN

Our choir and cantors will chat this Marian anthem is sung from after Purification (February 2 or Candlemas) until Easter Vigil. Its earliest appearance was in the 12th century, although some also attribute this text to Herimann the Lame.

Ave regina caelorum, ave domina angelorum: salve radix, salve porta, ex qua mundo lux est orta: Gaude Virgo, gloriosa, super omnes speciosa, vale o valde decora, et pro nobis Christum exora.

The translation is:

Hail, queen of heaven, hail lady of the angels. Hail, root, hail the door through which the Light of the world is risen. Rejoice, glorious Virgin, beautiful above all. Hail, O very fair one, and plead for us to Christ.

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 school celebrated Ash Wednesday by attending a special Ash Wednesday Mass.
The students are preparing for Easter by working on our Lent promises and Lent-themed activities in Religion class.
The Tricky Tray was a big success with all having a night of enjoyment. Thank You to all who came out to support our school.

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

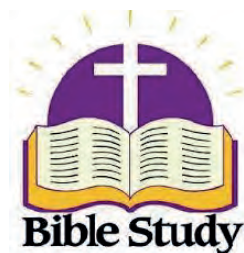


PILGRIMAGE UPDATE:

WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING PILGRIMS who want to join. At the moment, we have two buses going for the pilgrimage. If you want to join, please contact Fr. Emerson at efrancisco@stphilip.org

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



SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Experience a Lenten Reflection Focusing on the
Bread of Life and The Last Supper.

Join Deacon Nick as we continue our journey to
Calvary.

7pm Tuesday March 18 in church

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

FR. ENGLISH

Thank you for the generous donations that were received for the Fr. English Food Pantry in February. Our next collection is coming up on April 5th and 6th. 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!

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 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)

COLUMBIETTES

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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

and Reflection given by

Inspirational Speaker, Debbie Mastroeni

in Marian Hall

\$5.00 Donation



All are welcome!

PRIMETIMERS

ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

The Primetimers are going to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Tuesday, April 8th.

The Price is \$50.

Bus leaves at 9:30 AM from

St. Philip's Drive.

For tickets, call Sylvia at 973-742-9286.



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Saturday April 5, 2025

St. Philip's Auditorium 7pm



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*** If donating to the Scholarship Fund (for tax deduction) payable to: Msgr Peter J Doody Scholarship Fund

ROSARY SOCIETY

HOLD ON TO YOUR HATS!

All are welcome to join the

Rosary Society Social Tea

on Sunday, May 4 in Marian Hall at 1:00.

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\$35.00 contact Elaine at 973-317-1468

by April 27th.

Have fun and wear your hat!



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Gospel Today
Second Sunday of Lent | Luke 9:28b-36

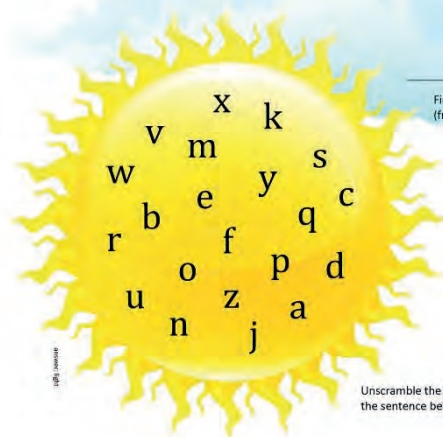
On the mountain, Simon-Peter, James and John saw Jesus transform to a dazzling bright light, like the rays of the sun!

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Upon seeing Jesus,
Moses and Elijah,
the apostles were
filled with the light
of faith.

Let our eyes be
open to the light
of God's power
and love as we:

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Find and write here the missing letters
(from A to Z) not found in the sun...

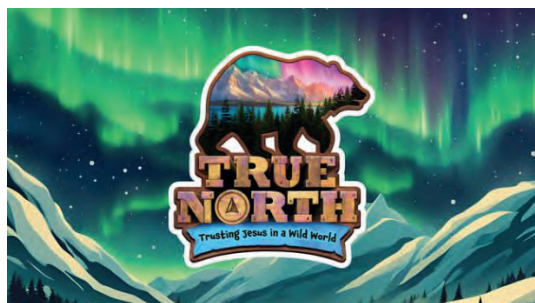
Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete
the sentence below.

God is my _____ and salvation!

VACATION BIBLE FUN

Reserve the date for our Vacation Bible Fun
Mark your calendar July 28- August 1
8:45 AM – 12 Noon

This year's theme is
"True North- Trusting Jesus in a Wild World"



Songs, skits, snacks, games, crafts, logo t-shirt, free
music CD

Registration begins May 1 and ends July 11.

We invite children in Kindergarten through fifth
grade. Only \$20.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Christian Unity Roundtable

Sunday, March 16, March 23, and March 30, from 4
– 6 pm

Join us throughout March for our Christian Unity
Roundtables. These roundtables are an opportunity
for people of Christian faiths to come together,
listen, share, and learn from one another. These
informal gatherings will include a panel discussion
and group sharing. All sessions will be the same
format, with different panelists from different faith
traditions as available. All are welcome!

March 16, 2025 from 4 pm – 6 pm – Our Lady of
the Valley, Wayne

March 23, 2025 from 4 pm – 6 pm – St. Peter the
Apostle, Parsippany

March 30, 2025 from 4 pm – 6 pm – Our Lady of
the Lake, Sparta

For more information and to register, visit
<https://insidethewalls.org/christian-unity-roundtable>

Women's Health and Fertility Awareness

Monday, March 24, from 7:30 – 9 pm

Offered once monthly via Zoom

Come learn the most effective, natural, healthy, and
inexpensive system integrating excellent women's
health, and true family planning for couples trying
to achieve pregnancy, couples having infertility
concerns, or couples planning to postpone
pregnancy, all within God's natural design. St. Paul

Inside the Walls offers two different methods to
Natural Family Planning: the Creighton Method,
and the Sympto Pro Method. This month's class
will focus on the Sympto Pro Method.

For more information, visit

<https://insidethewalls.org/nfp>

Leading Like Jesus: Catholic Evangelization and Leadership Series

Saturday, March 29, from 9 – 12 pm – St. Paul
Inside the Walls

(205 Madison Ave., Madison, New Jersey)

Join us for a special leadership workshop designed
to explore Jesus as a leader. Sr. Kathleen Tuite, O.P.
will lead us in a thoughtful discussion of what
characteristics made Jesus an exceptional leader and
how we can apply those same characteristics to
ourselves. Register by March 24.

For more information and to register, visit

<https://insidethewalls.org/cceleadershipseries>

IN THE AREA

Immaculate Heart Academy is proud to present Roald Dahl's *Matilda the Musical* on Friday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 5 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, April 6 at 2:00 p.m. The musical tells the story of a young girl, Matilda, who yearns to learn and explore her imagination. Due to a difficult home life, Matilda dives into the world of reading, which takes her to places she longs to be. Her journey is packed with fun dance numbers and music as Matilda ultimately discovers the true meaning of family and bravery. Student actors performing in the musical come from IHA, St. Joseph Regional High School, and Pascack Hills High School. Tickets are \$15 for children, students, and seniors; and \$20 for adults. Tickets go on sale on March 14 and can be purchased at www.performingartsattheheart.com. All performances will take place at IHA, 500 Van Emburgh Ave., Township of Washington, NJ 07676.

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: MACH 3, 2024	\$18,666.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: MARCH 9, 2025	
WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$ 10,568.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION	\$ 7,753.00
TOTAL	\$ 18,321.00
SECOND COLLECTION- PROJECT FAITH	\$ 2,128.00

CHRISTMAS 2023	\$ 74,362.00
CHRISTMAS 2024 (YTD)	\$ 84,404.00

WE PRAY FOR...

Recently Deceased...

Nicola Colangelo, Joyce Hilla

A Time to be Healed...

Irene Chmura, Marge and Barbara Sikora, Diane Albanesius, Robert Rup, Fran Kobernick, Rosanna Hampton, Philip Kutzenko, Tom Mullin, Angelo Torres, Paula Mutter



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025

8:00	All the People of Parish
10:00	Alexander Artola Pietro and Felicia Mannarino Kathy LaMatia- 2 nd Anniversary Andrea DiDomenico
12:00	Khameryn Oliver Shavonn Stewart-Oliver Rhakeem Oliver

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025

7:00 AM	Marie Sabatino Fran and Cindy Locatello - Special Intentions
9:00 AM	Deceased members of the Hughes and McDonald Families Rosemary Barrett

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025

7:00 AM	Diana Smith
9:00 AM	Anne A. Lipari William Gilbert Richline, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025

7:00 AM	Demosthenes M. Tupaz
9:00 AM	Frantiska and Joseph Krizek Maria Riegrova

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025

7:00 AM	Robert Klinger
9:00 AM	Joan Bronzo

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025

7:00 AM	Noemi Lugo Graciela Henriguez
9:00 AM	Nicola Colangelo

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025

9:00	Pilar Reyes Ricardo Reyes, Jr. Patricia A. Larson Jose Borrajo Richard Orlando
5:30	

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025

8:00	Barbara P. LoProto Victor Garcia
10:00	Stanley Makowski-15 th Anniversary Peter Caruso Denise Wicki Jerzy Sielicki
12:00	All the People of Parish

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