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## First Sunday of Lent

March 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

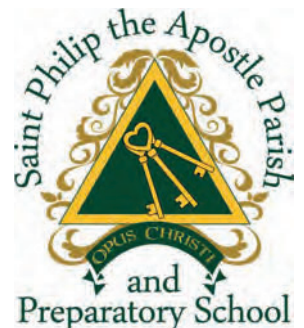
### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every 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,

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers us insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency is a temptation from the devil.

Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross.

Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.

Peace,  
Fr. Monteleone

## MARIAN HYMN

Our choir and cantors will sing 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](mailto:rss.mecca@gmail.com) , Phone (973) 349-8898

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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

Date: September 22 – October 3, 2025

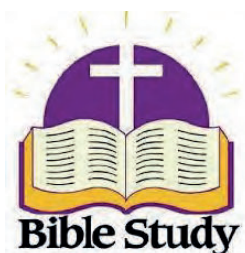
**PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY**  
DURING THE HOLY YEAR — Jubilee 2025

### PILGRIMAGE UPDATE:

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



## 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!

### 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 27<sup>th</sup>.

Have fun and wear your hat!



### COLUMBIETTES

Sponsored by St. Philip's Columbiettes  
*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.



## ON FORMED

### 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.

## GOD BLESS THE NEWLYWED



*Joseph and Kelly*

## SIGHT AND SOUND

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For more information, please contact any of the following:

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Raquel Nael-Marrero - (973)563-6924 / Virginia Sipin - (973)760-8484

## 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>

### PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: FEBRUARY 25, 2024 \$18,018.00

SUNDAY COLLECTION: MARCH 2, 2025

WEEKLY COLLECTION \$ 14,003.00

ONLINE GIVING DONATION \$ 6,211.00

TOTAL \$ 20,214.00

CHRISTMAS 2023 \$ 74,362.00

CHRISTMAS 2024 (YTD) \$ 83,904.00

### WE PRAY FOR...

#### *A Time to be Healed...*

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



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### 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

#### MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025

7:00 AM	Nerio Peña
9:00 AM	Exasperanza and Jose Bingham

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025

7:00 AM	Ariston Francisco
9:00 AM	Maria Francisco

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025

7:00 AM	Margarita Lagumbay
9:00 AM	Joseph Michael Paris Pasquale V. Ferraro

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025

7:00 AM	Maximus Onella
9:00 AM	Michael Farrell

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025

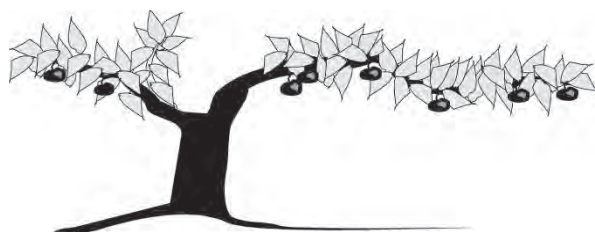
7:00 AM	Bermond Caballero
9:00 AM	Anna Kaczor

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025

9:00	Daniel Mutter
5:30	Fe Leonor McGowen Joan Purdy Kain Giovanni Modola

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025

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







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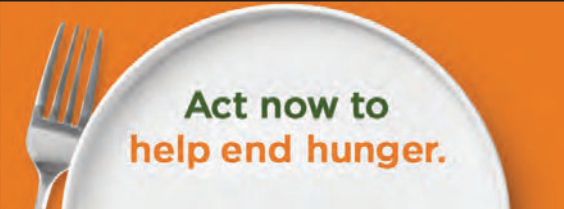
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