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Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 6, 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,

"If God loves us no matter what, then why should we bother being good?" One of the 3rd graders asked me that once! Let's look at today's Gospel. It's early in the morning and Jesus is teaching some people in the Temple in Jerusalem. Some Scribes and Pharisees then arrive with a very unhappy woman. They say to Jesus, 'teacher, this woman was caught in a terrible act of sin. The Law of Moses says she should be punished by stoning. What do you say?' Now, these Scribes and Pharisees aren't interested in this woman. They're only trying to trap Jesus. They want him to say the wrong thing so he'll be punished. If Jesus says she should be stoned, then he'll be breaking Roman law and he'll also be contradicting his own teachings about forgiveness and mercy. But if Jesus says the opposite – let her go free – then he'll be rejecting his own Hebrew Bible: the Law of Moses. That's their trap.

At first Jesus doesn't answer. He simply looks at them in silence. He knows what they're up to. Now, we should remember this, for Jesus knows us, too. In Matthew 10:30, Jesus says that God knows us so well that he's even counted all the hairs on our heads. That's a good thing, because it means that God knows about our goodness; he knows when we're trying to be good. But it also means that when we're doing the wrong thing, God knows that too. God knows everything, so we should be careful for we'll be held to account one day. But in the Temple, Jesus won't play their game. He doesn't say whether the woman should be punished or not. Instead, he says that the person who's without sin should throw the first stone.

This must have embarrassed the Scribes and Pharisees. They hadn't thought of that. They didn't realize that when you're pointing your finger at someone else, you're also pointing three fingers back at yourself. So, one by one they all disappear, until Jesus is left alone with the woman.

St Augustine once said that at this point only two things remained: misery and mercy. The misery of the woman and the mercy of Jesus. But Jesus forgives her, and he says, 'Go, and from now on don't sin anymore.' With that, the woman has a choice. She can go back to her bad old ways of sinning and feeling miserable, or she can change the way she lives. Jesus knows she's done the wrong thing, but he wants her to start a new life. He wants her to be happy. This means she must turn away from sin. Jesus doesn't say 'It's OK. God loves you

anyway. It doesn't matter what you do'. Rather, he tells her not to sin again. What's wrong is wrong. Albert Einstein once said that the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. If you want a new life, if you want a better life, then you need to change the way you live.

The woman in this story represents you and me. She reminds us that when we do something wrong it hurts someone, and that can lead to misery. But the Scribes and Pharisees also represent you and me. They remind us that when we point the finger and think we're better than others, that's also a sin. That also leads to misery.

Many years ago, Jesus spoke directly to St Faustina Kowalska in Poland. He reminded her of his merciful heart and said that the miracle of Divine Mercy completely restores a damaged soul. Jesus told St Faustina that when we go to Reconciliation, we should be aware that he himself is in the confessional. Jesus is hidden by the priest, but he himself acts in the soul. And it's here that the misery of the soul meets the mercy of God.

Jesus said that if we trust him, we'll be able to draw graces from his fount of mercy. If our trust is great, there's no limit to his generosity. So, it's true that God always loves us, no matter what. But if we want to be happy, we must turn away from sin. We should seek the miracle of Divine Mercy, by going to Confession and starting again.

Let me leave you with this thought. Among the Native Americans there's the story of a father who said there were two wolves fighting inside him, one bad and one good. His son asked him, "Which wolf wins?" The father said, whichever one he feeds the most.

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Come Join Fr. Monteleone for
Bible Study this Lent!
Mondays 10:00am~11:00am
Through April 14, 2025
Youth Room in the Molloy Center
The Book of Revelation



No Greater Love

*A passion play for the Lenten season presented by the
Xavier Company*

Friday April 11th at 7:00 PM


Saint Philip the Apostle Church

**(*Note: This performance will be presented in lieu
of Friday Stations of the Cross)**

Tickets are not required. A free will offering will be
taken.

The Xavier Company, under the direction of Dr. Carol
Ferrone and musical direction by Gerard DeMan, is a
unique group of performing artists in residence at St.
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ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The fourth grade animated the First Friday
Mass on April 4. This is a wonderful opportunity for
the students to directly participate in the mass.

Grade four has also been working on writing
their first research reports. Each student chose a
different President of the U. S. and has been
researching his life and accomplishments. The
students are learning that it is important to use
multiple sources when learning about a subject. They
are also learning how to write down what they have
learned in the correct way without copying someone
else's thoughts and ideas.

Grade five read a story about the architect
Frank Lloyd Wright. They did some research about
his work Next, the students tried their hand at creating
stained glass windows in the style of Frank Lloyd
Wright.

The entire school has been continuing on our
Lenten prayer journey. Ms. Gonzalez has added a
special prayer in the morning that the entire school
prays together.



TICKETS on Sale

Tickets for the Middle School production of *The Little
Mermaid* go on sale Monday, March 31, 2025. Click
on the links provided to purchase tickets.

- Performance 1: Friday, May 9, 2025 at 7:00
PM

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1279746429019?aff=odtdtcreator>

- Performance 2: Saturday, May 10, 2025 at
7:00 PM

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1279782717559?aff=odtdtcreator>

There will be a special daytime performance for
Senior Citizens (\$5) and Veterans (Free with proof of
ID card) on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 10:00
AM. Tickets are not sold in advance for this
performance. Pay at the door.

IN THE AREA

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF PATERSON

SAVE THE DATE: April 26th Saturday
Bunch of Blessings Hot and Cold Buffet 10am to 1pm
184 Park Ave., Florham Park, NJ

Catholic Charities of Paterson Tickets: \$100 per person

This fundraiser event supports families, educating children, caring for Veterans, providing emergency assistance, feeding the hungry and clothing the needy. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN PURCHASING A

RAFFLE TICKET THEY ARE \$20 EACH.

Please contact Mary Ann at 973 809 7120 if interested in attending.

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.

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

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.



COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 10, 2025 in the Molloy Center. A big thank you to Rosemary and Sabina for their donations. Also a thank you to two anonymous donors who left donations in church and the Molloy Center. Please leave your name and phone number with your donation so we may call to thank you. I'd like to close with a comment from the Director of Volunteers at Hospice of New Jersey. "The red, white, and blue blanket went to a dear veteran 99 years old at the Paramus Memorial Veterans Home.....When our patients receive a blanket or shawl, it is a big hug and prayer from someone who cares!"

Cathie Murtha (973-471-1265)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Philip the Apostle Knights of Columbus will be at the doors of the church this weekend collecting for their annual John Fillipone Disability Drive. All money from this drive is contributed to organizations supporting children and adults with physical, mental or emotional challenges. Please help us with this great cause. You may also contribute by mailing a contribution to Knights of Columbus Council 11671, St. Philip the Apostle, 797 Valley Rd., Clifton, NJ. 07013. Please mark the check and envelope "Disability Drive".

ROSARY SOCIETY

All are welcome to join our next Mass and Rosary on Monday April

7 as we celebrate the new life Spring brings! Meeting in Marian Hall at 6:30. Don't forget your Social Tea donations!

SOCIAL TEA

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.

Delicious food, 50/50 and over 40 tricky tray baskets.
\$35.00 contact Elaine at 973-931-2383
by April 27th.

Have fun and wear your hat!



BOY SCOUTS

Palm Cross Fundraiser

Boy Scout Troop 21 will be selling palm crosses before and after masses this weekend and next weekend-April 12th & 13th. The palm cross price is \$15 and can be paid by cash, check, or Venmo. For pre-orders, please call Phil Jakimowicz at (973)723-6111 or email: troop21clifton@gmail.com.

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



DIOCESAN NEWS

NJ Catholic Youth Rally: Jubilee of Teenagers

Sunday, May 18, from 9 am – 8 pm – Six Flags Great Adventure

(1 Six Flags Blvd., Jackson Township, New Jersey)
Calling all teens for a day of fun, adventure, and fellowship! Join the Diocese of Paterson and dioceses across New Jersey for the NJ Catholic Youth Rally! This is a day-long event held at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, New Jersey.

For more information, visit

<https://insidethewalls.org/six-flags-great-adventure>

Jubilee Family Fest

Saturday, May 31, from 12 - 1:30 pm (Pilgrimage)

1:30 – 5 pm (Family Fest) – Shrine of St. Joseph

(1050 Long Hill Rd., Stirling, New Jersey)

Can't make it to the pilgrimage in Rome? Join Bishop Sweeney and the faithful of the Diocese for an exciting day celebrating the joy and gift of families. Families will have the opportunity to go on a pilgrimage and receive a plenary indulgence, while creating lasting memories. Gather the kids, grandparents, and friends for a day filled with faith, fun and family time! The first 50 families to register get a free Jubilee Family Fest tote bag!

For more information, visit

<https://insidethewalls.org/jubilee-family-fest>

SAINT CARLO ACUTIS

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Thanksgiving
Mass

FOR THE
CANONIZATION OF

APRIL 28, 2025
MONDAY
9:00 AM

SAINT CARLO ACUTIS

MASS PRESIDED BY: FR. EMERSON FRANCISCO

**THE VENERATION OF THE RELIC OF
SAINT CARLO WILL FOLLOW AFTER MASS**

Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991-2006) will be canonized by Pope Francis this coming April 27th, Divine Mercy Sunday. He is the first Millennial to be canonized. A first-class relic of Carlo Acutis (strands of his hair) will be exposed for public veneration on April 28th, Monday, at the 9AM Mass.

WHAT IS A RELIC? A **relic** is a fragment of the body or physical possession of a Blessed or Saint. Relics are divided into 3 classifications: A 1st class relic is a body part of a saint, such as hair, bone, blood, or flesh. 2nd class relics are possessions that a saint owned, and 3rd class relics are objects that have been touched to a 1st or 2nd class relic.

Relics have biblical foundations: See **The Cloak of Christ** (Mark 5:25-34; Luke 8:43:48; Matthew 9:20-22); **Saint Paul's Linens** (Acts 19:12); **Elijah's Mantle** (2 Kings 2:11-14); **Elisha's Bones** (2 Kings 13:20-22); **The Shadow of St. Peter** (Acts 5:12-16).

GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



Lucas Alexander

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St. Patrick was a humble man of strong faith and love of God. He began his missionary work (following his early years of slavery) using his knowledge of scripture and his devotion to God. Like Jesus, he taught with love, mercy and forgiveness, not by force. Legend tells us he used a 3 leaf clover to help the people understand the Trinity - three persons; the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, in one God.

Love, mercy and forgiveness are shown to the woman in the gospel - let's practice being more like Jesus, and forgive anyone who has hurt or wronged us, as we:

Follow OUR FAITH for 40 DAYS

Write the letters below that are missing from the shamrock...



Jesus asks us to

Unscramble the letters and fill in the message below to finish the lesson for today.

one another.

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: MARCH 24, 2024

\$24,859.00

SUNDAY COLLECTION: MARCH 30, 2025

WEEKLY COLLECTION \$ 11,322.00

ONLINE GIVING DONATION \$ 5,270.00

TOTAL \$ 17,042.00

WE PRAY FOR...

Recently Deceased...

Ed Szerencsits

A Time to be Healed...

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



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025

8:00 All the People of Parish
10:00 Rosina Gioia
Cristina Apostarero
Josephine Kimberley
Logan Jackson Brackenbury
12:00 Hedy Skrinski
Ronald Weiss

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025

7:00 AM Michele Monteleone
9:00 AM Manuel Amador

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025

7:00 AM Fran and Cindy Locatelli
▪ Special Intentions
9:00 AM Lee Villaraza

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025

7:00 AM Elsie and Ella Rodriguez
▪ Special Intentions
9:00 AM Mary and James Quinn
Tom Mullin

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025

7:00 AM Margarita Lagumbay
9:00 AM Michael Tengco

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2025

7:00 AM Kim Glinkin
9:00 AM Winston Mendoza

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025

9:00 Catherine Kelly- 15th Anniversary
Charles Marvin
5:30 Francis, Miriam and Kevin O'Brien
Anna Kaczor
William East

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

8:00 Teresa Villegas
Shannon Carroll
10:00 Clara Hrinuk
Logan Joseph Brackenbury
Caterina Masucci
Elvira Maldonado
12:00 All the People of Parish

CANDLE WEEK OF APRIL 6TH

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