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# Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord April 20, 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,

One of the clearest messages of this holy day is contained in the words of the angel at the empty tomb, which is heard at the Gospel account of the Vigil Mass of Easter Sunday: "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" That is what the disciples unknowingly were doing: looking for their Master, presumed dead, simply in order to complete the elaborate burial customs.

However, the disciples encountered something else entirely, for though they thought that everything had ended in tragedy, and that they must pay adequate respect to their now deceased teacher, he in fact had risen.

The disciples, women and men alike, were not really expecting or ready to hear the words of the angel saying not to seek the living among the dead! The women were the first to arrive at the tomb and found the stone rolled back at the place where Jesus had been buried. It would have taken more than one person to do that, and in fact guards had been posted at the tomb. So how did the stone get rolled and no one witnessed the actual rising of the Lord?

"The Lord comes forth," the psalmist tells us, "Like a bridegroom coming from his tent." The tomb was thrown open not to make a passageway for the risen Christ, but to provide the needed sign to all that Christ had truly risen, wondrously and mysteriously. Put another way: once the stones have been rolled away from human hearts, they can behold the resurrected Lord.

The empty tomb was a sign to Christ's disciples. Seeing the empty tomb, they could begin to comprehend what had been foretold to them, that Jesus would suffer and die for the sins of the world and then rise triumphantly in glory. When they pondered the empty tomb the Lord's followers came to know that something significant had taken place, a change of fortune had occurred, and that the clock could not be turned back.

Over the next days and weeks, Christ revealed the glory of his resurrection to his disciples. Mystery accompanied his appearances, and called for eyes of faith that the Lord was really in their midst once again, yet now in a changed manner. Having tasted death, Christ became the conqueror of death once and for all. Death could not hold the Lord captive, being himself the author of life.

The resurrection occurred in the context of the community of believers. If the Lord had not appeared to his band of brothers and sisters, the apostles and disciples, then how could we or anyone else have heard of the resurrection? Only an event such as this

could reverse the sadness and even despair of these first followers of the Lord. They become, as a result of Christ's resurrection, radiantly joyful, courageous and ultimately willing to give their life for the cause.

Belief in the resurrection is central to our Christian religion. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit we are being given even today eyes of faith, to perceive and know the power of the unconquered Sun of Justice, Christ the Lord. The greatest joy we can imagine, or experience is an encounter with the living Lord who desires to be at the center of our existence as individuals, as community, as Church.

We are being called here and now to celebrate this festival of festivals with joy and thanksgiving for the victory Christ has won, the triumph over sin and death and the chance for us to partake of eternal life with the Holy Trinity and the Communion of Angels and Saints.

Let us hasten to partake of the banquet being offered to us, free of charge, costing only willing hearts ready to be transformed by the love of God poured into our hearts.

"Christ my hope has arisen," we sing each day with Mary Magdalene during the Easter Octave during the Sequence at Mass. We are utterly amazed before this mystery, we confess our lack of comprehension, and yet we live with full confidence that it is true.

"We have put on Christ," as a "new outfit," so to speak, to announce to all we believe Christ is risen. We eat Easter eggs, symbols of life that springs from the shell-like Christ from the tomb.

Who among us can fully understand or fathom the depths and full meaning of the resurrection? Presumably no one, for we are dealing with something that transcends human understanding and is a truth rooted in faith! The life we live is hidden now with Christ in God, Saint Paul reminds us. We live with and in a mystery. We cry out: Alleluia!

As followers of Christ, we are all called to be signs of hope to those we meet, living lives of peace and a willingness to forgive others, as God has forgiven us in Christ Jesus. May the risen Lord be our only hope!

Peace, Fr. Monteleone



#### **PLEASE NOTE**

On Monday, April 21, Mass will be celebrated at 9AM. The church will be closed following the Mass. The Parish Office will be closed.

#### **DIVINE MERCY**

#### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Join us on

Sunday, April 27th at 3 PM

in the church for Holy Hour and recitation of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.



#### SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

#### FILIPINO-AMERCIAN GROUP



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#### ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Our Students are preparing for the joyous celebration of Easter. Grade 1 students made crafts related to the Resurrection of Jesus.

In Middle School, the sixth-graders have been learning about the symbols of Easter.

Also, in Grade 6, Fine Arts classes students explored 3D Printing, Robotics, and Illustration. In Science class, the fifth graders are learning about the properties of matter. 4<sup>th</sup> Science classes learned about the Periodic Table of Elements.

Please pray for our children as they prepare to celebrate their First Communion on Saturday, May 3. They attended a Jesus Day, First Eucharist Retreat,

where they deepened their relationship with Our Lord. 4<sup>th</sup> Religion classes have created water color paintings of Jesus' crucifixion.



#### ST. PHILIP PREP MIDDLE SCHOOL

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#### **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=oddtdtcreator

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

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1279782717559?aff=oddtdtcreator

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.

#### **SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **PRIMETIMERS**

The next Prime Timers meeting is Friday, May 2 at 1:30 PM in Marian Hall. Coffee and cake will be served before the meeting. We will have our annual Tricky Tray at this meeting. We ask everyone to bring at least one new unwrapped item to the meeting. Tickets will be 8 for \$5 and you could win a nice prize. Everyone 55 years or older is welcome. Come and join us. Please come a little early at 1 o'clock so we can set up our Tricky Tray tables. For more information call Jean R. at (973) 253-1619.

#### **Atlantic City Trip**

Prime Timers are going to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Tuesday, May 13. Bus leaves from St. Philip Drive at 9:30 AM. Price is \$50.

For tickets, please call Sylvia at (973) 742-9286.

#### **Prime Timers River Queen Lunch Cruise**

Our St. Philip's Prime Timers are planning a 2 hour cruise, Wednesday July 30, 2025.

This trip includes lunch on the River Queen on the Manasquan River. The cost of the trip is \$135 per person which includes bus transportation from St. Philip's Drive, and lunch cruise. The bus will leave St. Philip's Drive at 9:30am and return about 3:30pm. This cruise is for any Prime Timer and available to anyone age 50 or older. To sign up, call Mike Cervine (973)472-7505. Only 35 tickets are available, and reservations must be made by Wed. April 30th.

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

Have fun and wear your hat!



#### **COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY**

The next meetings will be Wednesday May 7 and Thursday May 22, 2025 at 9:45am in the Molloy Center. All crafters are welcome! We welcomed one new member at the last meeting. To date we have handmade 1,820 blankets since May 10, 2012. This is possible due to our generous volunteers! For information or donations, please call Cathie. (973-474-1265)

#### **CARNIVAL**

St Philip's Annual Carnival is coming soon:

This year's carnival will be held on June 19,20, and 21st. We are starting to collect water and soda donations. Which can be left by the auditorium doors.

If you are a returning volunteer or new, please contact Maureen at 973-773-5161. We will be having a quick intro volunteer meeting Monday April 28th at 7 pm in the auditorium. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

### **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

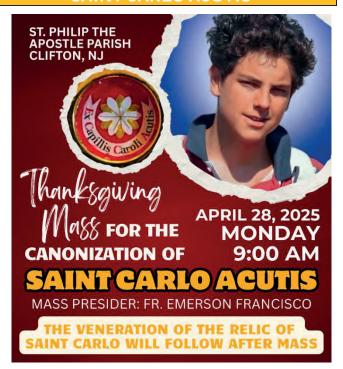
Registration begins May 1 and ends July 11. We invite children in Kindergarten through fifth grade. Only \$20.

#### GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



Tiernan George Leon

#### **SAINT CARLO ACUTIS**



Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991-2006) will be canonized by Pope Francis this coming April 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 28<sup>th</sup>, Monday, at the 9AM Mass.



Scan this QR code and check out a short, animated YouTube video about Saint Carlo Acutis.

Scan the QR code to view more short, animated YouTube videos about the Saints, or type "@SaintsOnScreen" on the YouTube search bar.



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).

#### **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**

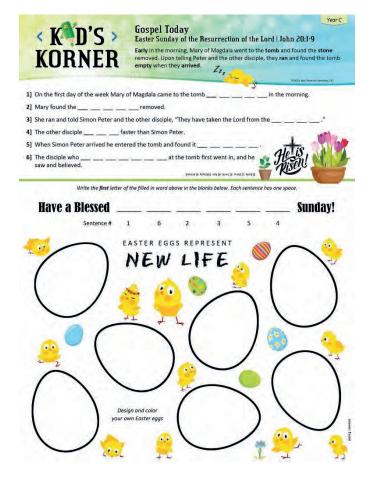
Saturday, May 31, from 12 - 1:30 pm (Pilgrimage) 1:30 - 5 pm (Family Fest) - Shrine of St. Joseph (1050 Long Hill Rd., Stirling, New Jersey) Can't make it to the pilgrimage in Rome? Join Bishop Sweeney and the faithful of the Diocese for an exciting day celebrating the joy and gift of families. Families 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

#### **DIVINE MERCY SHRINE TRIP**



#### **KIDS KORNER**



#### **PARISH GIVING**

THE COLLECTION INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PRINTING.

#### **WE PRAY FOR..**

Recently Deceased...

Todd Morici, Jr.

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

Irene Chmura, Marge and Barbara Sikora, Robert Rup, Fran Kobernick, Rosanna Hampton, Philip Kutzenco, Angelo Torres, Paula Mutter, Nina Sova, Margaret Potoczak



#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025, EASTER SUNDAY

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8:00	Mary Godri
	Patricia Hassert
10:00	Michael Altomare
	Louis D'Angelo
	Joseph Scafidi
	Logan Joseph Brackenbury
12:00	Michael Paul Robinson
	Aquile R. Valencia

#### **MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025**

9:00 AM	Jorge Serrano
	Alcira Summa

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025**

9:00 AM Santa Maria Triolo

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025

9:00 AM Mary Rogers

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025

7:30 PM Agnes and Charles W. Hahn

#### **FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2025**

3:00 PM Jack McKenna- 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Jim and Marilyn Loftus

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025

8:00PM Maria Scafidi Kathleen and Joe Payne Tom Mullin

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025, DIVINE MERCY**

8:00	All the People of the Parish
10:00	Sirvidio Family
	John Michal
	Laurice Younes
	Martino Santulli
12:00	Gail Lockhart
	Alton Becker

#### **CANDLE WEEK OF APRIL 20 TH**

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#### **OFFERTORY WEEK OF APRIL 20TH**

In memory of Charles R. Salzer - 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



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