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Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 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,

Our Lord Jesus Christ, during His earthly ministry, knew very well how to speak to the people about His person and his mission, using simple and direct words. The images or examples Jesus used in His teachings were taken from the daily lives of the people whom He addressed. Even so, the people did not always immediately understand the meaning of these images or examples. So, Jesus took pains to explain more clearly how the people should apply His teachings to their lives.

In the Gospel text of this Sunday, for instance, the image Jesus uses for Himself is that of a good shepherd who lovingly tends his flock. Jesus also calls Himself the gate by which the sheep come and go from the sheepfold.

All of this would have been familiar enough imagery for the nomadic and pastoral people who listened to Jesus. To adhere to Jesus without fear or doubt is the basic challenge the Lord presented to His first hearers and to us as well.

Jesus contrasts Himself as the good shepherd with the thieves who deceive and do not lead the sheep along good paths. Jesus says clearly that what He comes to bring is life, and life to the full. What the thieves bring may look like life, but in fact brings spiritual death. That would include the unbridled pursuit of pleasure, accumulation and hoarding of goods, living for oneself and not for God and others in genuine and humble service; in short, living a life of vice and not of virtue.

Jesus speaks of Himself as the leader of God's flock, the Good Shepherd, walking in front of the sheep, as the way, the truth and the life for all those who are truly seeking to be in God's sheepfold.

Today, perhaps more than ever, in the face of so much loss of morality and direction in life, where apathy and mistrust abound in the social, political and even religious realms, we need to hear again the strong message of Jesus. The Lord is indeed our Good Shepherd, guiding us in right paths, giving us courage and strength even in our darkest moments, spreading a banquet for us and inviting us to dwell in God's house forever. If that is the case, then truly we shall not want for anything!

The gentle message of the Lord today is applicable to all, the rich and the poor, the well and the infirm, the young and the old, leaders and

followers, saints and sinners. No one is to be excluded from Jesus' sheepfold, and all are lovingly invited to it.

The shepherd knows his sheep, Jesus says, and He knows each of us. Nothing is hidden from God's sight, so we can never pretend to be other than what we are: a flock that has been loved into being. As individuals, endowed with free will, we are capable of straying from the fold and seeking our own will rather than God's. However, the good shepherd never leaves the flock untended, and is always seeking the return of the stray, finding the lost and the discouraged among the sheep.

God continually gives grace so that we, the sheep of his flock, may truly adhere to the one thing necessary, namely, participation in God's life, which Jesus came to give us to the full by dying a bitter death yet rising from the dead. "By his wounds you were healed," says Saint Peter in the second lesson for this Sunday (First Letter of Saint Peter 2:24).

Could there be a richer consolation for our weary hearts? Happy Easter!

Peace,

Fr. Monteleone

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>

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

This past week was a vibrant period for our K-8 students as they completed their NWEA examinations, demonstrating commendable dedication in this important assessment phase. Our middle school students showcased their talents in their performances of "The Little Mermaid," while the Kaleidoscope students engaged with To Kill a Mockingbird, producing thoughtful essays and creative Mockingbird sketches.

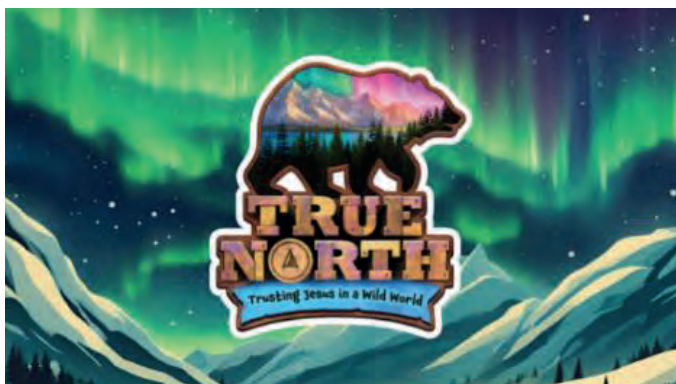
We also extend heartfelt congratulations to the second-grade students who celebrated their First Holy Communion, echoing the biblical sentiment from Matthew 19:14: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." We are proud of all our students' achievements this week.

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 in the Parish Office and ends July 11.

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

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

LIFE MINISTRY



Happy Mother's Day!

"When a woman is in labor, she is in anguish,... but when she has given birth to a child, she no longer remembers the pain because of her joy that a child has been born into the world."

Jn. 16:21



CONSOLATION MINISTRY

Are you able to comfort during times of loss, able to support during funeral liturgies? Perhaps consider joining our consolation ministry.
Contact the Parish office.

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS

The next meeting of the St. Philip Widow and Widowers will be on Monday, May 12th at 2 PM in the Molloy Center.
All are welcome

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meetings will be held Wednesday, May 7 and Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 9:45am in the Molloy Center. All crafters are welcome! To date, we have handmade 1,758 hats and 358 scarves. A huge thank you to Barbara for a generous donation! May we continue to work in the spirit of the risen Christ, love and peace. For information or donations, call Cathie Murtha. (973-471-1265)

ST. PHILIP COLUMBIETTES

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

REAR OF OUR CHURCH PARKING LOT



The Columbiettes are collecting donations of new and “almost like new” baby clothes, sizes newborn to size 8, diapers (larger size diapers especially needed) and all baby items.

All contributions will be donated to St. Mary’s Hospital Family Center in Passaic.

ROSARY SOCIETY

Come join the St Philip’s Rosary Society on Monday, May 12 for our induction meeting. All are welcome to attend Mass in Marian Hall at 6:30.

After the Rosary refreshments are served as we welcome our new members!

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PRIMETIMERS

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.



PRIMETIMERS

Our St. Philip’s Prime Timers have 3 events coming up this summer.

1 – Our Spring Luncheon – Friday June 6th with sandwiches and salads and fun. Only \$15. Not a Prime Timer? No problem come out and join with your fellows seniors (50 and Over) and try us on for size. The more the merrier.

2 – Our River Queen cruise on the

Manasquan River on July 30th. This is a wonderful 2 hour

narrated cruise including lunch where you can learn the history of some parts of our wonderful Jersey shore communities and see some of the river wetlands from a paddle-wheeler. Only \$135 including bus transportation.



3 – Spirit Delaware River Cruise – Aug. 19th cruise. This is an unusual cruise of the Delaware River in the Philadelphia area. This two-hour cruise includes

an on-board lunch buffet, narration of local sites and history and entertainment. Comfortable Motor Coach transportation from St. Philip’s Drive is also included. Only \$135

All of these are still available to anyone not just Prime timer Members. To add your name to any of these events simply call Mike Cervine at the number below before the end of May.

Money for these trips is due payable to St. Philip’s Prime Timers by June 6, 2025. You may bring the money to our June 6th meeting or mail it to St. Philips Prime Timers 797 Valley Rd. Clifton, 07013. Shortly we will also be announcing our Fall event schedule. Why not come out and join us for some fun and learn what’s next coming up for the “Mature Set” at St. Philip’s.

Contact Mike Cervine (973)472-7505 (H)

(973)220-3095 (Cell)

michael.cervine@gmail.com

CARNIVAL



St Philip's Annual Carnival is coming soon:

St. Philip's Carnival will be 3 days this year,

Thursday, June 19, 6-10 PM

Friday, June 20, 6-11 PM

Saturday, June 21, 6:30-11 PM

Sponsorship Opportunities are available at

<https://stphilip.org/carnival/>

Soda/Water Donations

Name brand soda and bottled water for the Soda & Water Booth can be left at the school kitchen door.

Volunteers

We are looking for new volunteers to join all of our veterans volunteers.

It's 3 days of fun, laughs, and excitement.

If you would like to Volunteer, please contact Maureen at (973) 773-5161

DIVINE MERCY SHRINE TRIP



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GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



Liam Cole



Monroe Isabel



Kairi Sora

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Gospel Today
Fourth Sunday of Easter | John 10:27-30

Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are His little sheep - loved, guided and cared for. Following His voice leads us to eternal life, with God.

Jesus says, "The Father and I are one."
JOHN 10:30

We are all Jesus' little sheep. Give the sheep names using people you know. Don't forget yourself!



BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

Bible	K	O	G	O	D	A	L	B	F	I	L	O	V	E	D
Jesus	M	P	E	K	N	O	W	S	N	G	I	V	E	N	P
Good	N	E	E	P	U	W	O	L	L	O	F	I	A	A	E
Shepherd	A	O	O	E	B	C	I	G	G	R	E	H	T	A	F
Little	T	P	N	E	H	N	E	E	E	W	J	L	H	E	A
Sheep	E	L	E	L	P	S	A	T	E	O	L	E	B	L	R
Hear	P	E	R	I	S	H	A	H	E	I	A	N	S	I	D
Listen	N	P	E	Y	L	E	J	E	T	R	S	E	B	U	B
Know	V	A	R	E	R	P	N	T	J	E	N	T	I	H	S
Follow	H	O	A	G	E	H	L	D	C	E	A	A	B	R	O
Voice	E	L	I	S	T	E	N	C	V	S	T	I	L	N	I
People	L	O	L	C	T	R	L	E	F	O	C	L	E	W	P
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PARISH GIVING

Sunday Collection: April 28, 2024	\$ 18,250.00
Sunday Collection: MAY 4, 2025	
Weekly Collection	\$ 11,928.00
Online Giving Donation	\$ 6,057.00
TOTAL	\$17,985.00

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY THIS EASTER!

EASTER COLLECTION 2024	\$ 49,221.00
EASTER COLLECTION 2024 (YTD)	\$ 53,562.00

Upcoming Second Collections:
May 18- Peter's Pence

WE PRAY FOR...

Recently Deceased...

John Sadvary, Eva Grimaldo, Linda Royceston

A Time to be Healed...

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



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025

8:00	Dr. Danile Bolima Virginia Castiglia
10:00	Maryann Spohn Joseph Scafidi- 20 th Anniversary Francesco and Angelina Castaldo Anna Kaczor
12:00	Leonard Passenti, Jr. Andrea DiDomenico

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025

9:00 AM	Eva Grimaldi
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TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025

9:00 AM	Fr. Robert Holtz
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025

9:00 AM	Estanislao Llames Carole Brandon
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THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025

9:00 AM	Louise Stolarz
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FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025

9:00 AM	Ariston and Maria Francisco
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SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025

9:00 AM	Nerio Pena
5:30 PM	Deceased members of the Festa and Novaco Families Shirley Klein

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

8:00	All the People of the Parish
10:00	Susan Voelkner Martino Santulli Rosanna Hampton Joyce Hilla
12:00	Don Greiner Kris Singh

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