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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 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,

This Sunday's Gospel passage comes from the Farewell Discourse of Jesus at the Last Supper, right before his betrayal, crucifixion and death occurred. Liturgically, we are still in the Easter Season, celebrating the Lord's Resurrection, but we are also thinking about the Solemnity of the Ascension, soon to be celebrated, as well as the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, on Sunday, June 8th.

Jesus spoke to his disciples in the Last Supper Farewell Discourse about returning to the Father. The Lord had come to earth as the ambassador of the Father, with the mission of revealing God's love for the human race, and bestowing the gift of salvation by rising from the dead. What Jesus taught and the works that He performed came from God, and Jesus would ultimately return to the Father at the Ascension.

Returning to the Father meant that there would be a separation for the Apostles from their Master. At the same time, the separation establishes the Apostles in a special relationship with the Father. They were commissioned to continue the work of Christ on earth.

We are inheritors of the Apostles work, being members of the Body of Christ, the Catholic Church, and so, "ambassadors for Christ," to use the phrase of Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans (chapter 5, verse 20). That means we are entrusted with announcing the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ, by our words and deeds. It is a profound call and an obligation as Baptized believers. Jesus desired that His Apostles are not distressed or worried, and promised to remain with them. Faith in Christ is the guarantee of belonging to God. Jesus asked of His disciples, and is asking of us as well, to demonstrate our love, by fidelity to the mission Jesus has entrusted to us. We are assisted in this by the action of God's Holy Spirit in our lives. Just as the Father gave His greatest gift by sending His only Son into the world, so now, when Jesus ascends to the Father, the Holy Spirit will be poured out upon the face of the earth. God's Holy Spirit comes to us as teacher and guide, not only regarding matters of doctrine, that is, in what to believe, but also as regarding situations of daily life, which require light and strength, to make concrete decisions. We hear of such in the First Reading of Mass this Sunday, from the Acts of the Apostles, about what should be required of non-Jews who wish to become Christians. The conclusion drawn is not to lay on converts any burdens beyond what is strictly necessary. In other words, Gentiles do not need to become Jews first, before being allowed to become Christians.

The words of Jesus at the Farewell Discourse during the Last Supper are intended as encouragement, concluding with a solemn farewell from the Lord: "Peace," (in Hebrew, "Shalom"). This is not just a friendly salutation, but intended as a gift, something real and tangible, a state of the soul which cannot be compared with anything else. We might call it happiness, joy or satisfaction, but only if we understand it on a deeply spiritual level, as something that goes beyond feeling, and is a state of being, that only God can give.

The important point of this Sunday's Gospel is that all who follow Christ must demonstrate their love for Christ by persevering in faith, hope and love, what we call the "Theological Virtues."

Separation from the Lord, as when He ascended into Heaven, may be painful, but it does not mean being abandoned. The Master returns to the Father, which should fill the hearts of believers with peace, especially in the light of Jesus' promise of sending the Holy Spirit whose other name is the Paraclete, that is, the Comforter, who leads us along the way to eternal union with the Blessed Trinity: Father, Son, Holy Spirit. This is a possibility for all of us! In this Second Reading at Mass this Sunday, from the Book of Revelation, we are given an inspiring and vivid vision of the heavenly Jerusalem, where the Church Triumphant, composed all who have passed from life to God's Glory, are present with the Holy Trinity. It is another way of expressing that "God will be all in all," as Saint Paul describes it in his First Letter to the Corinthians (chapter 15, verse 28), when our redemption will be fully accomplished.

A Blessed Sunday and week ahead, as we prepare for the Lord's Ascension and then the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, fifty days after Easter Sunday.

Peace,

Fr. Monteleone

PLEASE NOTE

In observance of Memorial Day
on Monday, May 26th,
Mass will be celebrated at 9 AM.
The Church will be closed following Mass.
The Parish Office will be closed.



ASCENSION OF THE LORD

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

The Latin-rite Diocesan Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of Newark (i.e. the State of New Jersey) have joined most of the country in permanently assigning the observance of the Ascension of the Lord to the Seventh Sunday of Easter. **In 2025, it is therefore transferred to Sunday, June 1, 2025.**

Therefore, please note that we will only have our regular 9 AM Daily Mass on Thursday, May 29th.

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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In Pre-K 4, we are working hard every day to get ready for the big leap into kindergarten. We've learned to write our full names, count all the way to 30, recognize letters and sounds, and so much more. We've also practiced important social skills like sharing, taking turns, and using kind words with our friends.

Each day brings new opportunities to grow smarter, stronger, and more independent. We're building the confidence and foundation we need for a successful transition—one fun and exciting step at a time!

THANK YOU, FR. JARED

Fr. Jared has been appointed the Pastor of St. Patrick's in Chatham, NJ.

On Sunday, June 15th, all are invited to the auditorium after the 12 Noon Mass for a brunch to celebrate him and thank him for his time here at St. Philip's Parish.



Please RSVP by June 10th using the link on our website at www.stphilip.org or by calling Linda in the Parish Office at (973) 779-6200 if you are planning to attend.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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.

COLUMBIETTES

COLUMBIETTES FOOD DRIVE



Saturday, May 31st

10am to 2pm

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Father English Needs You!

Summer is approaching and that means a lot of children will be out of school and will be eating more meals at home. Our neighbors in Paterson are already struggling to make ends meet, so please be as generous as you can in our June Food Collection for the Fr. English Food Pantry. The most needed nonperishable food items are: mac and cheese, lentils, peanut butter and jelly, cereals, pasta, tomato sauces, tuna fish, canned chicken, beans and soups. Times are hard for many, so even if you can bring one item to church on June 7th or June 8th, please help. The shelves are bare often. Thank you!

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

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

We will resume our monthly meetings in the fall. Our members work diligently over the summer months to prepare for next winter, even though we don't meet in person. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Cynthia, Agnes, and Vinnie for their generous donations. Recently we donated 42 blankets and many more hats to St Mary Hospital Community Services for the baby shower. For information or donations, please call Cathie Murtha. (973-471-1265)

PRIMETIMERS

Atlantic City Trip

Prime Timers are going to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Tuesday, June 10. 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 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. Philip's 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

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.

DIOCESAN NEWS

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>

AROUND TOWN

Societa' Franese di Mutuo Soccorso

Presents their annual Festa Frainese

In honor of Santa Maria Mater Domino

Sunday, June 8th at Holy Face Monastery in Clifton.

12:30 PM Mass (outside) Italian and English following procession with the band.

2:00 PM A Variety of tasty Italian foods served in the picnic area

4:30 PM Procession with statue of our own Mater Domini will conclude the religious festivity.

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Please bring your own chair

Food will be available for Purchase.

Please note that on Saturday, May 31st there will be a candlelight procession and benediction at 7:30 PM at the Holy Face Monastery.

For any questions, please contact Nick at (973) 778-9328.

GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



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RAQUEL NAEL-MARRERO - (973) 563-6924

VIRGINIA SIPIN - (973) 760-8484

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

Jesus	H	A	A	P	L	O	T	J	O	H	N	B	S
Answered	L	E	F	T	O	N	R	E	J	O	I	C	E
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Keeps	E	E	A	A	E	V	U	P	O	Y	T	O	N
Word	E	R	I	C	S	E	B	O	R	Z	I	D	I
Father	P	Y	D	H	W	R	L	P	D	A	W	L	L
Loves	S	T	R	A	E	H	E	N	G	R	R	O	L
Dwelling	E	H	E	C	N	A	D	V	O	C	A	T	E
Within	N	I	H	O	C	P	E	R	O	F	E	B	W
Advocate	E	N	T	E	S	P	I	R	I	T	V	D	D
Holy	S	G	A	T	R	E	M	I	N	D	A	V	E
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Sunday Collection: MAY 12, 2024	\$ 19,808.00
Sunday Collection: MAY 18, 2025	
Weekly Collection	\$ 9,224.00
Online Giving Donation	\$ 6,778.00
TOTAL	\$16,002.00
SECOND COLLECTION-	\$ 2,130.00

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EASTER COLLECTION 2024	\$ 49,221.00
EASTER COLLECTION 2025 (YTD)	\$ 54,902.00

Upcoming Second Collections:
June 1- S. American/ Latin American OVS

WE PRAY FOR...

Recently Deceased...

Sarah Lombardo, Rosemarie Kochmar

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, Nicholas Magrogan



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025

8:00	Rose Muratore- 1 st Anniversary Rosa Masino
10:00	Dale Cavalero Martino Santulli Beth Dickinson Ed Szerenczits
12:00	All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025

9:00 AM	Henry Spohn
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TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025

9:00 AM	Emily Sokerka
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2025

9:00 AM	Thomas Mullin Tony Volonnino
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THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2025

9:00 AM	Margaret Potoczak
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FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2025

9:00 AM	Cielo Arevalo Jessie DiDonna
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SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025

9:00 AM	Stephen R. Tilton, Sr
5:30 PM	All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025

8:00	Logan Joseph Brackenbury Herbert Pugliese- 15 th Anniversary
10:00	Tom Mullin Esperanza Jacot Ed Szerencsits Georgeanna Hall
12:00	Anna Kaczor Joseph and Joey Cortese Joseph Hourihan

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