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## Pentecost Sunday

June 8, 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,

As a priest, one of the most common complaints about Christianity I hear from young people is that they believe practicing the Faith means boredom and conformity. The person who follows Christ becomes a "cookie cutter" person, made to look like everyone else by following specific rules; a robot that doesn't think for themselves and loses what makes them unique. It's only by rebelling against the Faith that one can become uniquely themselves, different from the boring masses.

Nothing could be farther from the truth. As C.S. Lewis said, "Sameness is to be found most among the most 'natural' men, not among those who surrender to Christ. How monotonously alike all the great tyrants and conquerors have been; how gloriously different are the saints." I will often say, perhaps simply to get a rise out of someone, that sitting in the Confessional is "boring." I certainly don't mean this to be disrespectful to the tremendous Sacrament of Mercy; nothing could be more thrilling than welcoming a soul back into communion with Christ! What I mean is that the sins we commit, and the ways we rebel against the Lord and His Church, are not terribly interesting. In reality, it is sin that turns us into uninteresting, cookie cutter people, all looking and acting basically the same. As wild and rebellious as a young person thinks they are being by leaving the Church, the truth is that they end up acting like most of the rest of society. It is in the saints, and those closest to Christ, that we see radical individuality and uniqueness. We were made in the image and likeness of God as a soul specifically created for a purpose. Thus, the closer to Christ I draw, the more myself I actually am. I am powerful and unique, not by leaving the Lord, but when I am closest to Him!

We see this in our readings this Pentecost. When the flame of the Holy Spirit pours out upon the Apostles, they preach the Good News in such a way that each individual language and culture can understand and receive it in their own manner. Their uniqueness is gathered and utilized, not covered over or abandoned. St. Paul touches on this profound truth in our Second Reading: "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone... As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ." How unhelpful would it be to have a body full of noses or eyes or ears? It is when each part acts most fully as it was created that the body is at its best. It is the same with the human soul. As we draw nearer to the Lord, we receive the best of both worlds; the stability of being members of a body and the individuality of my particular call and destiny.

The great St. Catherine of Siena, one of the most unique people to ever live, purportedly said, "Become who you were born to be, and you will set the world on fire." While her exact quote is slightly different, the point is well made. I have a specific and unique role to play in the great story, a "definite service" in the worlds of St. John Henry Newman. But I find that role not by rebellion, but by drawing closer to the fire of the Holy Spirit and the flame of the Sacred Heart. This Pentecost may my nearness to the flame of love allow me to light a fire throughout my family, community, and world.

Peace,  
Fr. Monteleone

## THANK YOU, FR. JARED

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

On Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.stphilip.org) or by calling Linda in the Parish Office at (973) 779-6200 if you are planning to attend.

## ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Little by little, the end of the course is approaching. For some students, this is a great joy because their vacations are coming, but there is also a mixture of nostalgia in the atmosphere, that feeling of pleasure, and also of slight sadness, because it is time to say "goodbye" to our 8th-grade students.

In these last weeks, the Saint Philip Prep Family has prepared numerous activities for our students: Field Day, Baccalaureate Mass, Bouncy House Day, Grade 8 Dinner Dance, Tank Pull, among others.

This week, we continue with other joyful ceremonies: the Holy Eucharist on Monday, 9th, at 9:00 AM, followed by the Ring Ceremony for Seventh Grade, and on Wednesday, June 11, there will be the Kindergarten graduation at 10:00 AM.

For our eighth-grade students, it is not "goodbye", it is "See you later". We hope to continue seeing you often in our summer activities, collaborating in our parish,



and showing the kindness, camaraderie, and enthusiasm with which you have grown up in our school. We pray that you continue to transmit evangelical values also from the school desk. Successes in High School!

## 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. We need extra volunteers for the kitchen if they have experience cooking, and for Friday and Saturday nights.

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

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

### White Elephant

Donate your "treasures" and bring them to the gym doors beginning Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 1-9 PM and Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM – 9 PM. As per Health Department regulations, NO clothing, shoes, bedding, or stuffed animals exist. If you need your donations items picked up or carried, please contact Joe Chidiac at 973-248-7222. Thank you so much for your participation!

Looking forward to seeing you all again this year!

## 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.  
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### PRIMETIMERS

Prime Timers News

Both summer cruises are now full. Anyone who has not paid for these trips must do so by sending their check made out to Prime Timers, St. Philip The Apostle, 797 Valley Rd. Clifton, N.J. 07013 on or before June 15 or you will be moved to the wait list. Watch the bulletin for the specific times the busses will pick us up for each cruise.

The 2024-2025 Prime Timers year is quickly coming to a close, by the time you read this we will have had our last meeting for the season. We'll start again on September 5th.

The planning team is working on several presentations, activities and trips for the Fall so keep you eye on the Bulletin for information on these.

Prime Timers is open to anyone age 50 and older, we meet the first Friday of each month, September through June. To join our fun-loving group, send your name address telephone no. and email address to michael.cervine@gmail.com or mail it to Prime Timers St. Philip the Apostle 797 Valley Rd. Clifton, N.J., 07013.

## PRIMETIMERS

### Atlantic City Trip

Prime Timers are going to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Tuesday, July 22. Bus leaves from St. Philip Drive at 9:30 AM. Price is \$50.  
For tickets, please call Sylvia at (973) 742-9286.



## COLUMBIETTE

### BLANKET MINISTRY

These are the fruits of our labor! Our recent donations include Project Linus, NJ Hospice, Complete Care at St. Vincent's, and St. Catherine of Siena Health Care Center. This is all due to our tireless members. Also a thank you to Diana and Tina for their generous donation. For information or donations, please contact Cathie Murtha.  
(973-471-1265)

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Congratulations to Awards Night Selectees  
2025

Firefighter of the Year – Paul Holzach  
EMT of the Year – Michael Bandurski  
Police Officer of the Year – Samantha Litchfield  
Detective of the Year – Kevin Collucci  
Usher of the Year – Stasia Komorowski  
Altar Server of the Year – Julia Tolfree  
Family of the Year – Walter & Jane Beck  
Educator of the Year – Betty Majkrzak

## YOUTH SPORTS

All Parishioners SPPS Basketball sign-ups are now open until June 16, 2025. Basketball sign-ups are open for Children in 3rd to 8th grade next School year.

Go to St. Philip School website /drop down box/ Programs/ Athletics/ Basketball Sign-ups.  
Please sign your child up if they are interested in playing for the 2025-26 Basketball Season.

## 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.

## WITH THANKS

### COLUMBIETTES

**Thank you for helping us help others!**

Our Columbiettes wish to thank all who helped with our food drive at the Stop & Shop on Broad St. in Clifton, on Saturday, May 31st. Along with many, many shopping carts filled to the top with food, \$160.00 in cash donations were also collected. Parishioners and total strangers alike gave so generously! All the food and monetary gifts were donated to Father English Food Pantry in Paterson and St. Michael's Food Pantry in Passaic.  
Thanks to the Columbiette volunteers that collected at the doors of the store and to Stop N Shop for their continued support. Blessings to All!



## KIDS KORNER

**< KID'S >  
KORNER**

**Gospel Today**  
Pentecost Sunday | John 20:19-23

Jesus appeared to the disciples in the locked room and said to them, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." He was preparing them for their missionary work.

The tongues of fire rested upon each disciple and they were "filled with the Spirit." Given the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit, they were now ready to set out and spread the Good News. This was a new beginning, or birthday for the church.

**Birthdays come with gifts!**  
The 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit were promised by Christ and are made known to us by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation.

**7 GIFTS of the HOLY SPIRIT**

- Counsel
- Knowledge
- Wisdom
- Fortitude
- Piety
- Understanding
- Pentecost

Follow these directions to turn the cross into a gift box.  
Color then cut on dotted lines - fold on light, solid lines into gift box, tape edges together, then the remaining edges.

Jesus died on the cross out of love for us. This same love gives us the Gifts of the Spirit to help us on our journey as disciples of Christ.

Color the bow red; RED is the color of Pentecost, the vestments of the priest and the color people wear to signify the LOVE and FIRE of the SPIRIT.

## PARISH GIVING

<b>Sunday Collection: MAY 26, 2024</b>	<b>\$ 17,888.00</b>
<b>Sunday Collection: JUNE 1, 2025</b>	
<b>Weekly Collection</b>	<b>\$ 10,351.00</b>
<b>Online Giving Donation</b>	<b>\$ 5,903.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16, 254.00</b>
<b>SECOND COLLECTION-</b>	<b>\$ 2,164.00</b>

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY THIS  
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**EASTER COLLECTION 2024 \$ 49,221.00**

**EASTER COLLECTION 2025 (YTD) \$ 55,039.00**

Upcoming Second Collections:

June 15- Seminarian Collection

## WE PRAY FOR...

**Recently Deceased...**

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

Marge and Barbara Sikora, Robert Rup, Fran Kobernick, Rosanna Hampton, Philip Kutzenko, Angelo Torres, Paula Mutter, Nina Sova, Nicholas Magrogan



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025

8:00	All the People of the Parish
10:00	Sr. Jean Agans- Special Intention Matthew McClane Lorenzo Castaldo Tom Mullin
12:00	Irene Sadvary Deceased members of the Kerner Family

### MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025

9:00 AM	Frances Monteleone Hilda Carlucci- 32 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary
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### TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025

9:00 AM	Dot Cervine Constantino Cortez
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### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2025

9:00 AM	Jerry Jaucian Milagros Amador
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### THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025

9:00 AM	Mary Ellen Marley
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### FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025

9:00 AM	Antonio B. Garcia Nicole Potash
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### SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025

9:00 AM	Nerio Pena Ariston and Maria Francisco
5:30 PM	Lyla Wip Michael Thomas Savala- Special Intentions Georgeanna Hall

### SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025

8:00	Leandro Salme John Sadvary
10:00	Daniel Mutter Herman Voelkner Salvatore Capriglione Vincenja and Giovanni Minervini
12:00	All the People of the Parish

### CANDLE WEEK OF JUNE 8

In Memory of Herbert and Angela Pugliese  
- From their children







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