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## The Most Holy Trinity

June 15, 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,

The Trinity lies at the origin and core of it all, at the origin and core of our entire faith, the central Mystery of our faith (Catechism 234). And I don't know about you, but for the longest time, I never really understood the importance of this fact. I was too caught up in defining and understanding the Trinity. Three persons in one God, but God is one, but there are three.

But then one day, I was talking to one of my good friends (a father figure really) and he said something that changed it all. We weren't even talking about the Trinity; we were talking about something else entirely. But what he said changed everything! Because as I have alluded to before, I was very caught up in trying to *understand* and *comprehend* the faith—I was trying to encapsulate the faith, “figure it out.” And what he said helped me begin to make a shift from *that* (trying to *know* everything, follow the rules and expectations)—it shifted from *that* to allowing the faith to embrace me, embrace me and the desires of my heart.

Psalm 8 from the lectionary which was sung at this weekend's Masses makes us think about our faith. We begin to move from trying to understand our faith to being embraced by it.

And really, the answer becomes clearer the moment you read the line before it, and the answer to this whole Trinity Sunday business becomes clearer as well.

The line right before that question is this—the Psalmist is speaking to God and says this, “When I behold your heavens [the sky], the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you set in place...” In other words, “When I am looking up into the night sky, all of the moon and the stars, all of this which you have created and set in place—when I gaze at this seemingly infinite and unfathomable glory—the question comes to my mind, the question overwhelms me: *Why do you think of me? Why do you bother with me? Why do you care about me?*”

Consider the universe's scale. It spans 92 billion light years, containing 100 billion galaxies, each with 100 billion stars—roughly 70 sextillion stars total. To grasp this, imagine a sandcastle five miles high, wide, and long, where each star is a grain of sand. Our sun holds a million Earths; the largest star, “Big Dog,” fits 7 quadrillion Earths. Counting to a quadrillion would take 31 million years; a sextillion would take 10 million times that. Yet, Scripture says God “counts the number of the

stars; He calls them all by name” (Psalm 147:4). In this vast universe, He loves one creature most: *you*.

This Triune God, who created everything out of love, holds us in His palm, unrivaled and un-anxious. The first reading from Proverbs 8 reveals that Wisdom—God's Son and Spirit—crafted the universe but found delight in humanity. God doesn't just want you; He destined us to share in His divine life, a privilege not even angels have.

It's easy to lose sight of this amid life's chaos—family struggles, personal failures, or global crises. Fear and discouragement can overwhelm us. Yet, the Psalmist, gazing at the infinite universe, is so convinced of God's care that anxiety loses its grip. Paul echoes this in Romans 5: “We boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts.” The God who created 70 sextillion stars loves and sustains you, destined for His life.

This is what Lent and Easter celebrate: God became man, suffered, died, and rose to rescue us, sending His Spirit so we can share His life. In the Eucharist, He meets us, offering His divine life. The Triune God, creator of a universe beyond comprehension, delights in you. No question strikes deeper: “O Lord, what am I, poor and frail, that you are mindful of me?”

The Trinity isn't a puzzle to solve but a mystery to live. Amidst a 92 billion light-year universe, God's gaze rests on you, inviting you into His eternal life. Let this truth dispel fear and shape your life, knowing the God who names every star care for you.

Peace,  
Fr. Monteleone

## ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Congratulations to all our Pre-K and Kindergarten Graduates and their families! Well done! As the school year comes to an end, we are already looking forward to next year. Students in grades 1-7 had “Step-Up” Day on Friday June 13 to meet their grade level teachers for next year, and to learn about class expectations. Summer work packets and supply lists were given to the students. The packets and information will also be available on the school website. Summer work assignments are due in the first week of school in September.



If you haven't already registered your child for the 2025-2026 school year, please contact the main office or visit the school website, <https://stphilipprep.com>. We welcome new families with school age children to consider joining our St Philip Prep community, home of the Archangels where students soar to new heights. Have a safe and wonderful summer vacation. We look forward to seeing you all in September.



## 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.

Contact the Parish office.

### LIFE MINISTRY

## Rosary for Life

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### 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.



## 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.

## 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)

## 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

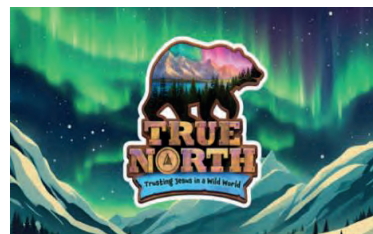
Reserve the date for our Vacation Bible Fun

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.

## KIDS KORNER

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**Gospel Today**  
The Most Holy Trinity | John 16:12-15

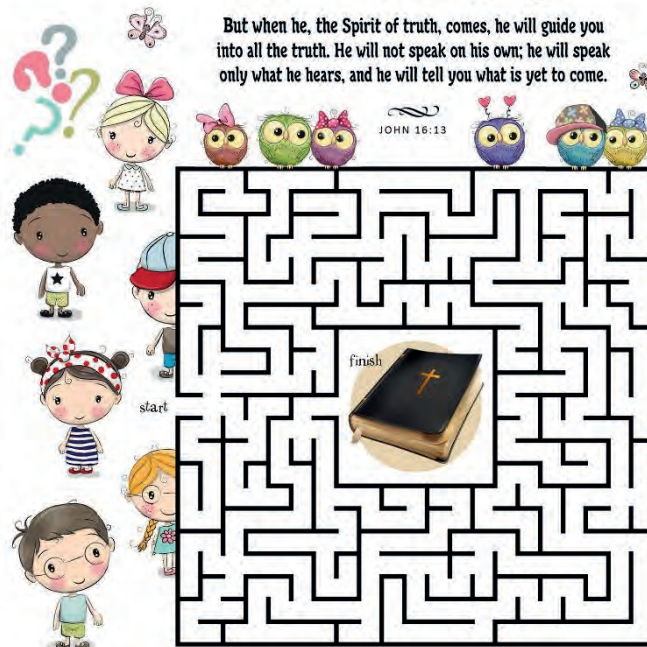
Jesus speaks of the Spirit of Truth at the Last Supper. He prepares the disciples for the coming of the Spirit, the Advocate, who will remain with them when Jesus is with the Father in Heaven. They are all One, the Trinity, so what the disciples hear from the Spirit will come from Jesus and the Father.

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## The Work of the Holy Spirit

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

JOHN 16:13





## GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



*Maise*

## PARISH GIVING

Sunday Collection: JUNE 2, 2024	\$ 18,815.00
Sunday Collection: JUNE 8, 2025	
Weekly Collection	\$ 10,229.00
Online Giving Donation	\$ 5,978.00
TOTAL	\$16, 207.00
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Upcoming Second Collections:  
June 29- Project Faith

## WE PRAY FOR...

### *Recently Deceased...*

Theresa Wojekoski, Franz Ebertz

### *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, Antonio Bussanich



## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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

### MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025

9:00 AM	Dot Cervine
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### TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025

9:00 AM	Andrew Sokerka Marton Robnson- 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary
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### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2025

9:00 AM	Ann Kaszor
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### THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2025

9:00 AM	William Presti
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### FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2025

9:00 AM	For the souls in purgatory
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### SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025

9:00 AM	Emily and Andrew Sokerka
5:30 PM	All the People of the Parish

### SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025

8:00	Fred and Gertrude Glinkin Rosanna Hampton
10:00	Generoso Spatola Guy P. Garruddo Santo Pecchio Katherina Dasenbrock
12:00	Georgeanna Hall Katharina Dasenbrock

### CANDLE WEEK OF JUNE 15

For all fathers of the Mastriano and Cerracchio families



### OFFERTORY WEEK OF JUNE 15

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