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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 6, 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,

A fundamental truth of our life in Christ is that God desires our full and willing cooperation to carry on the work of proclaiming the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. That is certainly the mandate of the Lord in the Gospel texts we hear each time we attend the Eucharist or Mass and fundamental to our Christian faith and heritage.

The loving design of our God always includes the participation of the human family in bringing about His work of salvation in Jesus Christ. In other words, we human beings form a body that receives redemption as a family or community. We perhaps often forget this and think of redemption more in very personal terms, as “working out my salvation,” or my “getting to heaven,” without regard for the larger family to which we belong as humans and believers in the one God.

I recently read that when someone asked a certain priest if Jesus Christ was his personal Savior, he replied, “Well, in fact I like to share him!” Salvation in Jesus Christ is a gift of our God to the entire human race and has to do with everyone, as the Gospel so well illustrates today. As Jesus went about from place to place, town to town, he likewise sent his disciples to announce that the kingdom of God is at hand. The Lord continues to call us in our respective vocations to do likewise.

We might ask, why did the Lord send his disciples out two by two, rather than all alone? Certainly, more ground would be covered and towns visited if the seventy-two disciples were “all alone” doing God’s work. With two or more bearing witness, though, there is always a better possibility of giving testimony to the meaning of love and unity among the disciples. This reality becomes a clear form of teaching. One who is “all alone” cannot generally have the same impact.

Our Church is a community of believers. It is composed of individuals, yes, but most importantly, they form an “ecclesia,” a church or holy community (“koinonia” in Greek), constantly called to move forward together under the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. As the poet John Donne expressed it, “No man is an island,” and that is just as true today as in ages past.

The apostolate of the seventy-two disciples was to be best expressed by their very presence, that is, the way they behaved and lived out their commitment to Jesus Christ and his Gospel. Their message was to be, “The reign of God is at hand,” with the admonition from the Lord to “stay in the

one house eating and drinking what they have, for the laborer is worth his wage.” This is how Jesus characterized their mission.

Presence and commitment are vital to every follower of Christ, and most often that simply means bringing Christ to those with whom we live and work, day in and day out, year after year. So, we do not necessarily need to go to the ends of the earth in order to be good and effective followers of Christ. Some followers of Jesus are in fact called to distant lands, but most are not. It is important to remember that the presence of the disciples is not to be so spiritual or transcendent as to neglect the daily needs of those who are ministered to. Jesus is clear that the corporal works of mercy, which include feeding the hungry, tending the sick, and clothing the naked, are vital aspect of the Christian apostolate.

The message of the kingdom of God is at once simple and at the same time very demanding. All the preaching of Jesus was and is centered on the theme of the kingdom of God, which includes that essential message of redemption in Jesus Christ through the shedding of his blood. Jesus’ mission did not end with an announcement only, but with the actual establishment of God’s kingdom in the risen Christ, extending to all times, places and peoples.

We are told in the Gospel today that the disciples “returned rejoicing” to their Master after their first attempts at announcing the Good News. This is the ideal experience, though not necessarily that of every committed follower of Jesus Christ.

Sometimes disciples meet with resistance and opposition, persecution and martyrdom. These are never reasons to take flight or give up, though. With God’s ever-present grace, miracles can still occur. Even in martyrdom believers are not considered defeated, but partakers in the sufferings of Christ who bestows life on those who die in him.

Each of us should feel the urgency to act on the call from God to “go forth” as ambassadors of Jesus Christ. We are not only to announce but also to live the reality of the kingdom of God with all its demands and rewards, both in this life and in the next.

We are always to give testimony to the true meaning of unity and love, working for peace and promoting our apostolate of presence and commitment. In a word, we best proclaim the Gospel by our lives, with simple and few words perhaps, but with an efficacy that flows from a direct, sincere, concise and humble response to Jesus’ message here and now.

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone

PLEASE NOTE



Throughout the Summer, beginning July 11th the Parish Office Schedule is as follows:

**Mondays thru Thursdays
8 AM to 4:30 PM**

Fridays 8 AM to 12 Noon

**Regular office hours will resume after
Labor Day.**

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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.

The School Office will be closed Monday, June 30h through Friday, July 11th.

The School Office will reopen on Monday, July 14, 2025.

We look forward to seeing you all in September.

FAITH FORMATION

Family Faith Formation Volunteers

Is the Holy Spirit stirring your heart to serve?

We are currently seeking Catechists and Classroom Helpers for the 2025-2026 catechetical year.

If you feel called to share the faith and help form the hearts of the next generation, we invite you to consider this joyful ministry. Whether you're discerning for the first time or returning to serve, we are here to support you every step of the way.

We will help you:

- Explore the vocation of catechesis
 - Answer your questions
 - Reflect on how God may be calling you
- Interested or want to learn more?

Please contact us at reled@stphilip.org.

THANK YOU!

Our deepest gratitude to everyone who helped make the 46th Saint Philip Carnival a success.

Most especially Anton Meindl, Don DeLuca, Jim Marrocco, Chef Todd Daigneault, Maureen and Tommy Koehler, DJ Chapman, Joe Chidiac, Mark Lotito, Mike Miller and all the volunteers who worked tirelessly to make the event a success.

The Carnival Committee wishes to thank all workers and parishioners who helped at the Carnival.

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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 began May 1 in the Parish Office and ends July 11.

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

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

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.



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

FRIDAY, JULY 11TH

Please join in prayer and fasting on July 11th for Equal Rights for Babies in the Womb in NJ and for an end to abortion. Fasting can be from food, media, etc. as you are able. The goal is to get 500 people praying monthly for the unborn in NJ. Prayer changes things!

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DIOCESAN NEWS

If any person may have been abused by any priest, they should immediately contact their local County Prosecutor's office and the Diocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator: Dr. Ken McNiel at (973) 879-1489.

You may also be in touch with either of the Diocesan Response officers: Monsignor T. Mark Condon, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, (973) 777-8818 Ext. 205 or Sister Theresa Lee, FMA, Chancellor/Delegate for Religious, (973) 777-8818 Ext. 248. At St. Philip's our local coordinator is Pat Pinke, at (973) 779-6200 ext 1.

The entire text of the Policy of the Diocese of Paterson in Response to Complaints of Sexual Abuse is available on the diocesan website:

www.patersondiocese.org

10 SIGNS OF A SAFE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

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8. Clear Rules and Expectations. consistent reinforcement / consequences
9. Adequate supervision of youth. team approach—accountability—no 1-1 isolation
10. All **abuse** is **reported**.



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Local pilgrimages
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June 29, 2025 Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul	July 25, 2025 Feast of St. James	August 17, 2025 Feast of St. Bernard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 p.m. Pilgrimage • 6 p.m. Mass • Light dinner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 a.m. Pilgrimage • 10 a.m. Mass • Refreshments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 a.m. Pilgrimage • 10:30 a.m. Mass • BBQ lunch

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Gospel Today
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

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Jesus picked seventy-two disciples to go out in pairs to the towns and villages He planned to visit. Their mission was to spread the peace and love of God, bringing with them only their faith.

First say, "Peace to this household."
- Luke 10:5

Jesus said to His disciples, "Rejoice because your names are written in heaven."
- Luke 10:20

I am a disciple of the Lord

I help my family with love in my heart and a smile on my face.

Being a disciple starts at home. Draw and color yourself in the house, sharing the love and peace of Jesus with your family or attach a picture of you doing an act of kindness. Then write your name in the cloud of Heaven above. Hang your picture for all to see!

PARISH GIVING

THE COLLECTION INFORMATION NOT
AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PRINTING.

WE PRAY FOR...

Recently Deceased...

Sylvia Shami

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, Doreen Germain,



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2025

8:00	Sarah Lombardo Rosemarie Kochman
10:00	Francesco Pugliano Yeimy Rendon Rodriguez - 1 st Anniversary Margaret Chambers- 1 st Anniversary Jonas Flores
12:00	All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, JULY 7, 2025

9:00 AM	Rudy and Helaine Pohle Jerry T. Scrosia- 30 th Anniversary
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TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025

9:00 AM	Fr. Robert Holtz
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025

9:00 AM	James Carolan John Klunder
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THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025

9:00 AM	Thomas DiSanto Albin Rybolowik
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FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2025

9:00 AM	For the Unborn
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SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2025

9:00 AM	Romulo Borja Maria Guarinello
5:30 PM	All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025

8:00	Marie M. and Henry F. Marrocco, Sr Edward Maksym
10:00	Catherine Hughes- 9 th Anniversary Angel Doria Georgeanna Hall Jack Kasich
12:00	Ann Albright Walter Tarnowski

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