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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 13, 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.



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

In today's Gospel we encounter the parable of the Good Samaritan as Christ responds to the question, "who is my neighbor?" This parable reminds us that we are to imitate Christ's mercy, but the texts call for a much more radical care than we might realize. The priest and the Levite who pass by on the far side of the road do so to preserve their ritual purity so that they might continue to serve in temple. Meanwhile, the Samaritan tends to the man with great generosity. The rest of the Jewish people considered the Samaritans to be heretics and treated them as outsiders. Their religious practices were different, and they had built their own temple to worship God outside of Jerusalem, which rejected the covenant God made with David. The Samaritans and the Jewish people had fought wars with each other over these things. But the fact that this outsider, who worshiped God incorrectly, acted correctly in Christ's eyes, would have been shocking then and should be today: Christ is teaching us that mercy is the heart of God's law.

This parable, however, has more than one layer to it. The Church Fathers and ancient tradition understood that in this parable the man who has been beaten and robbed is not just any man, it is every man. The man is a symbol of humanity, which has fallen prey to the forces of Sin and Death, which has been robbed of its dignity when he fell into sin through the deception of Satan, our ancient enemy. The priest and the Levite are symbols of the Old Covenant, which are good but have not saved us. The Samaritan, though, is a type of Christ. Christ, God born as man, comes to this world as an outsider. He was accused of false teaching and false worship. And yet, like the Samaritan, he heals us. Just as the Samaritan cleans and bandages the man's wounds, Christ heals our broken humanity, even though this means that he had to descend from Heaven and become one of us. Then, Christ brings us to the inn, which stands for the Church and her ministers. The two coins have been understood as many different things. St. Ambrose says they are the two Testaments of the Bible. St. Augustine says they are the two precepts of love (of God and of neighbor). St. Irenaeus sees the coins as the image of the Father and the Son, entrusted to the innkeeper who is the Holy Spirit. Finally, the Samaritan promises to return one day, just as Christ has.

We see in this parable how God has chosen to save humanity, and the Gospel today ends with Christ saying, "Go and do likewise." Christ is calling us, in this parable not simply to be merciful,

but to be merciful as God is merciful. God came down to save us and have mercy on us, even though we turned away from him. He desires us to show that same mercy to those around us.

This parable is in response to the question, "Who is my neighbor?" But that isn't the first question we heard. "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" The answer, we know, is, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." With this introduction, we can understand the parable as teaching us how to attain eternal life and how to live out God's law. Because if we desire to attain eternal life, we must love God with our entire self. If we love God with our entire self, we will not hesitate to imitate Him in showing mercy, no matter where they are from, no matter what they look like, and no matter what they might have done to us, because we will recognize that God loves them just like He loves us.

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone

PLEASE NOTE



Throughout the Summer 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.

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

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

“Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved, and forgiven.” ~ Pope Francis

The Church can also be a place to heal. We are called to “be merciful like the Father.”

So many are suffering from the effects of abortion. Where can they heal? Where can they feel safe and loved?

The Archdiocese of Newark Respect Life Office will be hosting an upcoming Rachel's Vineyard retreat to heal the wounds from abortion.

Retreat date is: Sept. 19-21, 2025 (English & Spanish)

Contact the Respect Life Office for more details by calling 973-497-4350 (Spanish option 2) or e-mail

cheryl.riley@rcan.org (English)
elvinedoderaquelin@rcan.org (Spanish)

“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.” (Psalm 147:3)

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

PRIMETIMERS

Prime Timers News

Due to miscommunications between Prime Timers and the agent our previously planned Spirit of Philadelphia Delaware Cruise has been cancelled.

We will be returning the payment checks to the appropriate parties. We will reschedule this for next Spring/Summer.

We are scheduling 3 below listed matinee excursions for this Fall:

1 -Fiesta De San Gennaro La Greci's Staaten,
Sept 23, 2025 (\$125 - \$135)

2 -Oktoberfest Jersey Shore Club
October 7, 2025 (\$125 - \$135)

3 -Hunterdon Hill Playhouse Christmas Show
Dec. 9, 2025 (\$125 - \$135)

Up to 45 tickets are available for each event and the price will be finalized in early September as the cost will vary depending on how many people wish to attend.

Each event includes bus transportation to/from the event. All events include a full course meal and entertainment. Events 1 & 2 also feature an open bar for one hour.

If you are interested in any or all events call Mike Cervine (973)472-7505. We will also need a \$50 deposit for each person for each event made out to Prime Timers with the event name in the memo section of your check and mailed to St. Philip's Prime Timers, 797 Valley Rd. Clifton, NJ 07013.

Our first regular meeting of the year will be Friday Sept. 5th at 1:30pm in Marion Hall.



Prayer to Our Lady of Mount Carmel

FEAST DAY: JULY 16TH

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity.

Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me you are my Mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to help me in this necessity (make your request here).

There are none that can withstand your power.

Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (say 3x).
Holy Mary, I place this prayer in your hands (say 3x).

DIOCESAN OPPORTUNITIES

LOCAL PILGRIMAGES



JUBILEE 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

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Local pilgrimages
THIS SUMMER

Ready to gain more **plenary indulgences** for yourself and deceased loved ones?
Ready to walk, pray, and share fellowship with **Bishop Sweeney** and other faithful?

St. Luke, Long Valley	St. James, Montague	St. Bernard, Wharton
June 29, 2025 Feast of St. 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

Each Pilgrimage Walk is about 1 - 1.5 miles.
Bring a friend (or many) and your Rosary!

REGISTER HERE

<https://insidethewalls.org/jubilee-pilgrimages>



<https://catholicinrecovery.com>

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CALL or TEXT with any questions:

Lisa S 908 801-7146

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

1. **Screening** of staff / volunteers.

2. Adults trained in safe environment strategies and signs of abuse.

3. **Code of conduct** enforced.

4. **Open Communication** between parents and staff / staff and children / children and parents.

5. **Parents** always Welcome.

6. Children educated in right relationships & what to do if a relationship isn't right.

7. All children treated with **Dignity and Respect**.

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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Roman Patrick

PARISH GIVING

Sunday Collection: JULY 7, 2024	\$ 16,061.00
Sunday Collection: JULY 6, 2025	
Weekly Collection	\$ 9,075.00
Online Giving Donation	\$ 5,863.00
TOTAL	\$14,938.00

Upcoming Second Collections:
August 10- Project Faith

WE PRAY FOR...

Recently Deceased...

Romulo L. Genato, Barbara Sikora

A Time to be Healed...

Marge Sikora, Robert Rup, Fran Kobernick, Rosanna Hampton, Philip Kutzenco, Angelo Torres, Paula Mutter, Nina Sova, Nicholas Magrogan, Antonio Bussanich, Doreen Germain, Rosemarie Carlee



MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025

9:00 AM	Georgeanna Hall
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TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2025

9:00 AM	Sylvia Shami
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025

9:00 AM	Francis, Miriam and Kevin O'Brien Rodolfo Simon- 2 nd Anniversary
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THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2025

9:00 AM	Malcolm Hall
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FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2025

9:00 AM	Anna Kaczer Irene Chmura
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SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2025

9:00 AM	Emanuel Calon Rodriguez Margaret Potoczak
5:30 PM	Members of the Sadvary family Vincent and Janice Serafini Dominick Giordano

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025

8:00	All the People of the Parish
10:00	Ruthann Anderson Joseph Pagano Robert Johnson Pasquale Cedola, Jr.
12:00	John Holy Anna Karak

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Gospel Today

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 10:25-37

Jesus wants us to open our hearts with love and compassion like the good samaritan in today's parable.

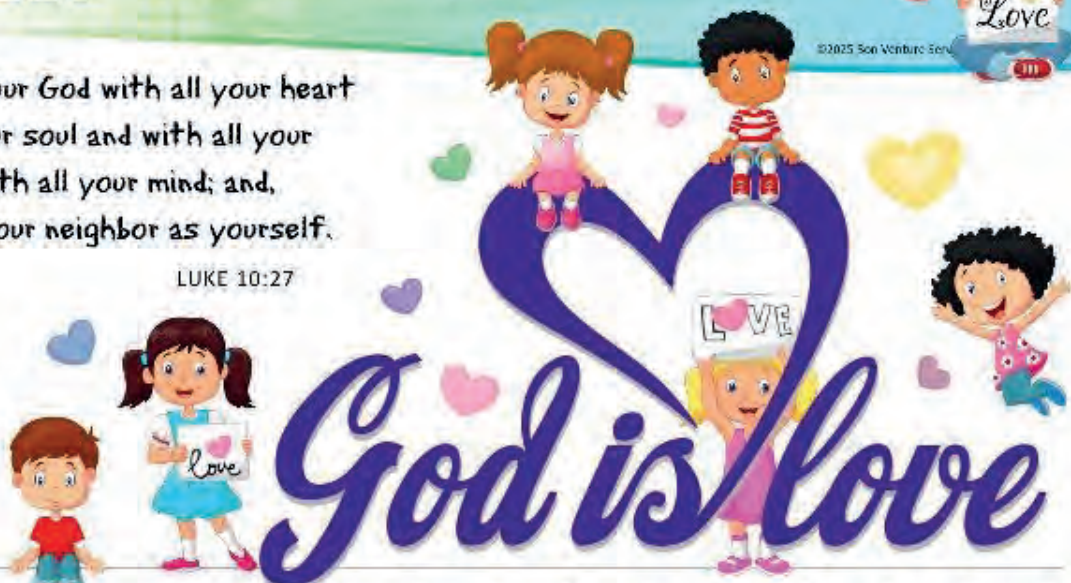


Love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your
strength and with all your mind; and,
Love your neighbor as yourself.

LUKE 10:27

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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



Love
Greatest
Commandment
Open
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Jerusalem
Robbed
Beaten
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Priest
Levite
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