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## **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**July 20, 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

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

Leading a parish can, at times, feel overwhelming. With endless tasks and responsibilities, trying to keep parishioners happy where do you even start? My mentor recently asked me to pause, breathe, and answer a simple question: "What is the one thing you need to focus on at the parish to make everything else flourish?" And he offered examples of what this looks like in other professions. A doctor juggles patients, paperwork, and family, but when a trauma case arrives, everything else fades—laser focus kicks in. A firefighter drops all else when the alarm sounds. A student hones in on a looming deadline. We've all experienced moments where one thing demands our full attention.

Yet, in our fast-paced world, these "extreme" moments feel like daily life. We bounce from work to kids' activities, from one crisis to the next. Parents today face an unrelenting race. In emergencies, focus is clear, but what about the long term? What's most necessary for tomorrow, next month, or the next decade?

An author I greatly admire, Annie Dillard, wrote something that really opened my eyes. She wrote, "How we spend our days is of course how we spend our lives. What we do with this hour and that one is what we are doing."

We can get so caught-up and smothered by the daily needs, the constant barrage of "stuff" that we need to focus on, that we need to do for our kids, our family, our job—we can get so entrenched in this, fill our days with this, that we forget that this becomes what we're doing with our lives. How we spend our days is how we spend our lives.

In her anxious concern about many things, Martha is corrected by Jesus in this week's Gospel. Jesus calls her attention to a glaring problem in her life, "There is need of only one thing. Only one thing is necessary" (Luke 10:42).

And here's the kicker for each of us: by the way we live, by the way we live each day, we claim to know what that one need, that one necessary thing is. I don't need you to tell me what is most necessary, your life tells me what you believe is most necessary.

This incredibly famous scene of Martha and Mary, Jesus does just that with Martha. He looks at her life and reveals her heart to her. We can easily mischaracterize what Jesus says to Martha as being, "Stop working so hard and learn to enjoy life more, enjoy the present moment more." We can think Jesus means, "Martha, stop with the anxiety and

worry. Life's too short for that!" But no, Martha is already aware of her temperament.

What Jesus reveals to her is her heart, he exposed her heart's deep, essential, total need—and revealed to her that she was fooling this deep, essential, total need, not taking care of it. Or better, she was clogging it up with things, worries, activities, judgements, fears, irritations, preconceptions and dislikes, just like we do!

"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. There is one thing necessary."

Jesus is not simply giving a bit of psychological or spiritual advice, or an invitation to commit ourselves to bringing order into our life, starting by getting our bad character under control. The meaning of this message is that only Jesus responds to the fundamental desire of the heart and of life.

So, we need to engage the silence. Listen, listen with the "ears of the heart." Listen in the uncomfortable aftermath of Jesus looking at us, at our life, telling us, "Michael, Michael, there is need of only one thing, only one thing is necessary." In the silence that follows that statement, the silence where all our self-justifications and retorts for why we are living such frantic distracted and chaotic lives start racing through our mind—in this silence, listen to Jesus' words over and over and over: "There is need of only one thing. There is one thing necessary."

Let these words expose your heart. Let them expose your heart's deep, essential, total need; how you have clogged up your heart with things, worries, activities, judgements, fears, irritations, preconceptions. And let Him respond. Our heart, our life needs only Him, it lacks only Him.

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.  
We look forward to seeing you all in September.

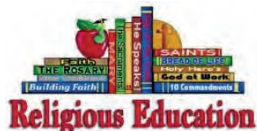
## FAITH FORMATION

Registration for our Religious Education and Confirmation Programs is now open! If you have a child in grades 1 through 10, we invite your family to join our program. For details, please visit our Parish website at [www.stphilip.org](http://www.stphilip.org)

If you have any questions, please email us at: [reled@stphilip.org](mailto:reled@stphilip.org)

If your child is being registered for Grades 1 - 8 in the Faith Formation Program, there will be two class sessions each month they are expected to attend. In addition, parents will be expected to attend a special parent session the first of these two sessions.

Please remember that each child must complete the registration in the Religious Education Program or Confirmation Program in order to be admitted into their first class session.



Missing Baptism, First Communion, or Confirmation?  
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**ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS** at Saint Philip will meet beginning September 2025.

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Call the Parish office or email [lvalenti@stphilip.org](mailto:lvalenti@stphilip.org)

## 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](mailto:reled@stphilip.org).

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

### CONSOLATION MINISTRY

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### 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. 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in Marion Hall.

## GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



*Margot*

*Cristiano*



## DIOCESAN OPPORTUNITIES

### LOCAL PILGRIMAGES

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

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

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<b>Sunday Collection: JULY 14, 2024</b>	<b>\$ 18,255.00</b>
<b>Sunday Collection: JULY 13, 2025</b>	
<b>Weekly Collection</b>	<b>\$ 11,216.00</b>
<b>Online Giving Donation</b>	<b>\$ 6,457.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 17,673.00</b>
<b>Second Collection</b>	<b>\$ 2,264.00</b>

Upcoming Second Collections:  
 August 10- Project Faith

## WE PRAY FOR...

### *Recently Deceased...*

Barbara Tolvay, Elisabeth Angeli and Doreen Germain

### *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,  
 Rosemarie Carlee

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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

### MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025

9:00 AM	John Carlesi
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### TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025

9:00 AM	Maria Laya
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### WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2025

9:00 AM	All the Souls in Purgatory
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### THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2025

9:00 AM	Giovanna Pizzi- 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
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### FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2025

9:00 AM	Joseph Scartelli Jacinto Andres, Jr- 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
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### SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2025

9:00 AM	All Grandparents
5:30 PM	Lloyd Christopher Castillo Michael Thomas Zavala - Special Intentions Edward Szerencsits

### SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025

8:00	Joyce Thomas
10:00	Amado Gamboa- Special Intentions Theresa Giquinto Sylvia Shami Giorgio Cozzolino
12:00	All the People of the Parish





# < KID'S > KORNER

## Gospel Today

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 10:38-42

Mary sat in **quiet listening** to Jesus, while her sister Martha **bustled about serving** Jesus and His disciples food and drinks. Both women were focused on Jesus, but hearing the Word of God, Jesus said, was most important. [*Bustle*: To hurry busily and briskly]

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# KEEP A GOOD BALANCE

Some days we are like Mary, spending quiet time with Jesus. Other days we are like Martha, serving God by helping others.

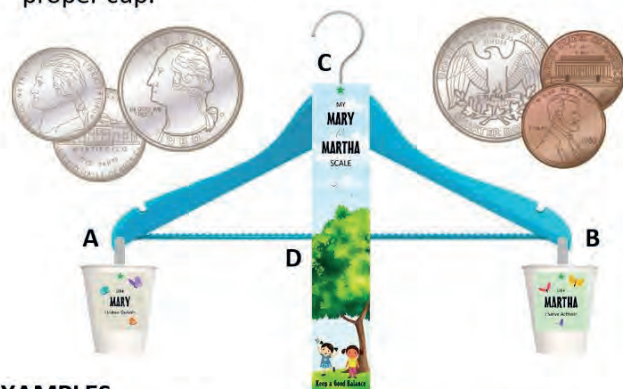
Let's make a Mary and Martha scale, and measure how we spend time with Jesus.

### YOU WILL NEED

**1 clothes hanger** (plastic or wire) • **2 cups** (same size plastic or paper) • **Scissors, tape, crayons/markers** • **Coins as weights** (nickels work great, but you can use pennies/quarters as long as you always use the same size coin).

### DIRECTIONS

- Color and cut out pieces A, B, C.
- Tape A & B to top edge of each cup.
- Tape top edge of cup (at star) to each end on bottom edge of hanger by looping tape over hanger and back onto cup.
- Tape C to center/upper part of hanger as shown and secure at point D.
- Hang your new scale in a place where it can move freely.
- Each time you focus on Jesus, put a coin/weight into the proper cup.



### EXAMPLES

#### Coin into Mary cup

- Reading about Jesus
- Praying to Jesus
- Listening to gospel

#### Coin into Martha cup

- Being an Altar Server
- Singing in the choir
- Assisting family or friends

What else can you do to be like Mary and Martha?

*A Good Deed - Donate your coins each week to charity/church*

Tape to top  
of hanger

C



MY  
**MARY**  
&  
**MARTHA**  
SCALE

A



Like  
**MARY**  
I Listen Quietly

B



Like  
**MARTHA**  
I Serve Actively

**Remember** — Keep a  
good balance! Both  
sides are important in  
being a good disciple.

**Keep a Good  
BALANCE**



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