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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 3, 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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My Dear Parishioners,

"Vain" is one of those words that has multiple meanings and can be used in several different ways. We use it when talking about someone who is arrogant and self-centered. One thinks of Hollywood movies stars or perhaps of some TV talk show hosts who are hollow and conceited.. Home furnishings called "vanity tables" are built for the purpose of holding mirrors and various beauty aids. "Vain" can be used when describing our efforts that end up being worthless. Folks that are constantly letting you know about their accomplishments are vain and conceited. When we strive for something that is hollow or worthless we eventually realize that all of our efforts were spent in vain.

In today's first reading taken from the Book of Wisdom the word vanity is applied to everything that is not directed toward God, everything that is directed toward the things of this world.

Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth, vanity of vanities! All things are vanity! Here is one who has labored with wisdom and knowledge and skill, and yet to another who has not labored over it, he must leave property. This also is vanity and a great misfortune. For what profit comes to man from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which he has labored under the sun? All his days' sorrow and grief are his occupation; even at night his mind is not at rest. This also is vanity.

That's practical advice. How many sleepless nights have we spent tossing and turning with worries and concerns that either have not come to pass or which we eventually realize were ultimately worthless?

St. Paul likewise gives us wise advice found in today's second reading when he tells us we should rid ourselves of immorality, impurity, passion, lustful desires and all of the fool's gold offered us by the worldly. Why? Because in the long run all such things are worthless and empty and all of our energies devoted to those things will be vain. Is lusting the path to happiness? What will it all mean and what value will it have when we meet Christ face to face?

We live in a very competitive world, a world that tells us we are really somebody when we are popular, when we have clothes or money, or look more beautiful than others, a world that judges our value on what we have or how we appear. Our professions, the advertising industry, the world of fashion, and even our academic institutions are all built on measures of value that have nothing to do with how God sees us and values us. Who does not

want to be Number One? Who among us in our competitive world does not want to come out on top? Who among us does not want to be the most popular? But the question you need to face and I need to face is: Who is measuring our value?

In the end, like the man Jesus was talking about in today's Gospel account, the man who was so concerned about the things of this world, we may hear God saying to us: 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Jesus gives us fair warning in telling us: Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."

On the day we die, what can we give back to God that came to us from this life, a life that He gave to you and to me? Will it be our real estate holdings? A big bank account? Our popularity? Fine clothes? A fancy car? Death, the great leveler, will render what this world values to be valueless. Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth, vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!

God wants us to die rich; He wants us to give Him a life that has value, a life that was lived well, rich in meaning and not lived in vain. What He wants and what we can give Him, regardless of our economic position or our social status, is a spirit, a soul that is richly adorned with attitudes and personality characteristics that are similar to those of Jesus Christ. The riches of this world are extrinsic to our souls rather than intrinsic. We should be pursuing what is intrinsic and will be part of us forever rather than what is extrinsic and will disappear when we die.

Some Christians advocate a certain false sort of piety; one based on the notion that we are nothing and ought to consider ourselves to be nothing. It's a sort of so-called humility that falsifies the riches that God wants us to have. We must be rich in the eyes of God. It's true that by ourselves we can do nothing, but it is also true that with God there is nothing we cannot do. After all, God wants us to grow, to mature, to develop characteristics that are rich in the gifts that God has given to us. God does not create junk and He does not want us to consider ourselves to be junk. We do not honor God our Father in heaven by considering ourselves to be worthless.

Worldly people are afraid to die. Their feelings of self-worth are centered on things, not on virtues. The worldly man or woman would have us think the only place to have happiness is here in this world. They adorn themselves with the cosmetics of this world and attempt to cover death with cosmetics. The world values us by what we have of this world's trinkets rather than by what we can give to God when we die.

We stew too much, stew over what we don't have. We stew over our losses, about preserving what we've got. But the truth is that each day has its own gains, its own gifts along with some losses. We need to value what really matters, what is of lasting value, not what is passing. We need to value the love we have given, the love of God that can be present in the love we have given to others.

Each of our days is filled with the presence of the Son of God. The risen Christ is present in the each days rising sun. Every sun rising carries within it the Resurrection of Jesus. Likewise, each tomorrow brings with it a fresh start, a new beginning, and the opportunity to live in the new life given us in the death and resurrection of Jesus. True, there will be gains and losses, just as there were in the life of Jesus. The crucial thing is for you and me to find Him in our todays and tomorrows so that we can receive and share His presence with those around us. With that vision we can wake up from the night of death and rise in the presence of God where we will find that our losses in this world and our gains in the life God has given us will not have been in vain.

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15th is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass Schedule is as follows:

**Thursday, August 14th,
7 PM Vigil**

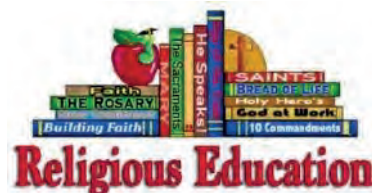
**Friday, August 15th,
7 AM and 9 AM**

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 S

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

If you have any questions, please email us at: 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?**

Want to be a fully initiated Catholic?

We know life gets busy and takes us away from what we intend.

Allow us to help and walk with you on the journey of life in faith!

**ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF
ADULTS** at Saint Philip
will meet beginning
September 2025.

Let us know if you'll join us:
Call the Parish office or email 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.

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.



SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

St. Philip the Apostle Parish
Clifton, NJ



APOLOGETICS

Class WITH FR. EMERSON

5 SEASONS

LEARN HOW TO DEFEND
THE CATHOLIC FAITH

SEASON 1 SCHEDULE:

(WEDNESDAYS)

SEPT. 3 | SEPT. 10 | SEPT. 17

OCT. 8 | OCT. 15

**6:00PM IN THE
MARIAN HALL**



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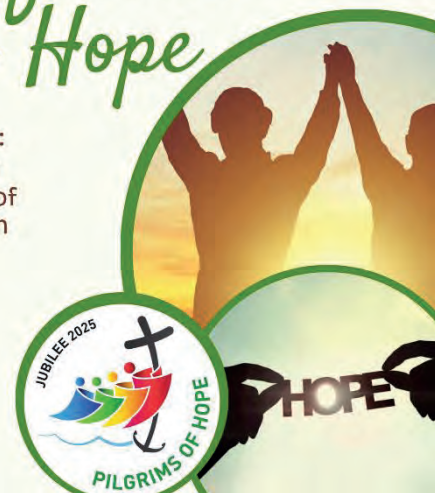
**September
5th**

**FRIDAY
7PM**

Gratefulness & Hope

Guest Speaker:
Fr. Jun Vizcara
Parochial Vicar of
St. Joseph Parish
Mendham, NJ

VENUE:
The Marian Hall
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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.

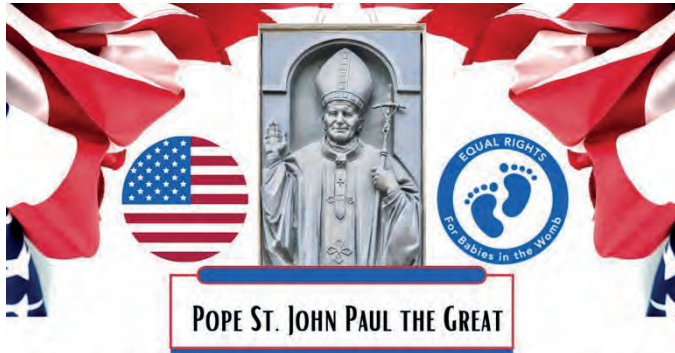
FATHER ENGLISH CENTER

We are smack in the middle of summer and our pantry shelves are nearly empty! In June we were blessed to have an excellent turnout of donations and would love to see this happen again.

The Next collection will be **August 16th and 17th**. The following items are needed: canned tuna and chicken, beans, rice, pasta, sauce, cereals, lentils, peanut butter and jelly, mac and cheese, canned fruit and pancake mixes. All items are needed and appreciated. Blessings to All!



LIFE MINISTRY



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SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

PRIMETIMERS

Prime Timers News

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

- 1 -Fiesta De San Gennaro La Greci's Staaten, Sept 23, 2025 (\$125)
- 2 -Oktoberfest Jersey Shore Club October 7, 2025 (\$125)
- 3 -Hunterdon Hill Playhouse Christmas Show Dec. 9, 2025 (\$125)

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. Full payment for Fiesta De San Gennaro and for Oktoberfest is due on or before Aug. 15th. Full Payment for Hunterdon Hills is due on or before Sept.15th.

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

Atlantic City Trip

Prime Timers are going to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Tuesday, August 26. Bus leaves from St. Philip Drive at 9:30 AM. Price is \$50.

For tickets, please call Sylvia at (973) 742-9286.



WEDDING BANNIS

The following couple will be exchanging wedding vows:



Patrick Ferry and Ann Attardi

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
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!

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

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CALL or TEXT with any questions:

Lisa S 908 801-7146

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Sunday Collection: JULY 28, 2024	\$ 17,722.00
Sunday Collection: JULY 27, 2025	
Weekly Collection	\$ 8,483.00
Online Giving Donation	\$ 5,781.00
TOTAL	\$ 14,264.00

Upcoming Second Collections:

August 10- Project Faith

August 17- Missionary Cooperation Plan

WE PRAY FOR...

A Time to be Healed...

Marge Sikora, Robert Rup, Fran Kobernick, Rosanna Hampton, Philip Kutzenco, Angelo Torres, Nina Sova, Nicholas Magrogan, Antonio Bussanich, Rosemarie Carlee, James Jablonowski, Terry Kolenc

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

8:00	Howard Glinkin
	Angeles Family- Special Intentions
10:00	Anthony Paterno
	Graziella Cozzolino
	Maria Laya
	Helena Cwiklinski
12:00	Margaret and Antoni Potoczak
	Stephen Mokis

MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025

9:00 AM	Fr. Dennis Conway
	Margaret and Antoni Potoczak

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025

9:00 AM	Sylvia Shami
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025

9:00 AM	For the Unborn and their Parents
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2025

9:00 AM	For all the Souls in Purgatory
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2025

9:00 AM	Anthony R. Lipari
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2025

9:00 AM	For all the Sick and those who care for them
5:30 PM	Elvira Maldonado
	Constantino Cortez
	John Farley

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025

8:00	All the People of the Parish
10:00	Stephen Mokis
	Marino and Anne DePasquale
	Angela Ancheta Nyberg
12:00	Deceased Members of the Canavan Family
	Sandy Fecko

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