

# St. Philip the Apostle

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## Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 14, 2022

## A Note from the Pastor



Our annual parish Festival of Fun begins this Wednesday. The festival is a highlight of many people's summers. Work began last August in order to make this year's festival even bigger and better than last year's.

Raffle tickets have been mailed out to all registered parishioners and returns have started to come in. We are also still recruiting volunteers. Many people look forward to volunteering at one of the stands or booths. If you did not get a letter with raffle tickets

then you are not a registered parishioner; please call the Main Office or visit our website to register; we'd love to officially add you to the parish family. Your participation in the Festival and raffle help us raise money for our biggest fund raiser of the year. Thank you in advance.

Each year every parish in the archdiocese is assigned a particular mission as a means of supporting the Missionary Co-Op Appeal. This year we will be visited by a representative of Mary's Meals USA. Please see the article below about what they do and how we can help.

I'm looking forward to taking part of my vacation after the Festival is over. I'm planning on making it a "friend-cation" as I intend to visit friends in Pennsylvania and at both ends of Massachusetts. On the way back I will stop in Hartford to take delivery of the icon we commissioned for our planned Memorial Shrine, which will honor the recently deceased of our parish.

August can be a busy month at the parish as we make final preparations for a busy fall season. Developing religious formation curricula, scheduling committee meetings, spiritual and social events and more can be a challenge but it is also exciting. We have some new things we are hoping to introduce in the coming year and hope you will take advantage of them. And if you have an idea for something we can do, please bring it to me or one of the members of our Parish Pastoral Council. One example of an idea that came "out of the pews" was the Family Movie Night which we recently held; it was a great success and we are hoping to schedule another one soon. Also, the t-shirt collection idea came from a parishioner. We collected over six hundred t-shirts that will be

repurposed into shopping bags for a food pantry in South Jersey.

And watch for St Philip's reusable shopping bags that will be available for sale soon. Designed "in house" they are one way we can help address the changing climate. Since one-use plastic bags are no longer allowed in NJ these bags should come in handy. And they will be a way of getting our "name" out there as they feature a newly-designed logo: SPSB.



In the Lord's Love,  
Fr Bruce

## Lectionary Spirituality

20 Ord August 14, 2022

First Reading	Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Second Reading	Hebrews 12:1-4
Gospel	Luke 12:49-53

Tradition says that many of the prophets of biblical Israel suffered martyrdom because their words fell on unfriendly ears. In today's reading from Jeremiah we hear that the prophet is thrown into a muddy cistern, left there to die because he predicts defeat for his nation. But his words are not his own; they come from God and must be spoken, despite the cost. It is through the intervention of a foreigner, Ebed-melech of Ethiopia, that the prophet is rescued. If you continue reading the text you discover that Jeremiah does not stop preaching his words of destruction to the king and all who would listen.

The writer of the letter to the Hebrews reminds us that, "Christ endured the cross...and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God." (12:2) It was at the hands of "sinners" (v. 3) that he suffered. In light of his suffering, we too should anticipate that we also will suffer. But we should not lose heart for God is on our side and so we do not suffer alone.

Jesus' words in the gospel today are not very comforting. "I have come to set the earth on fire," (v. 49) he tells us. Fire can destroy or purify in the biblical mind. The picture Luke paints for us of "father divided against son," etc. reflects the situation in the early Church. The gospel caused division among family members as some embraced it and others rejected it. Jesus reminds us that his message is not always a comforting one. Sometimes the gospel afflicts the comfortable, calling us to step out of our own comfort zone. Jesus paid the ultimate price and he tells us that we too might be called to suffer for the sake of the

Word.

*For reflection:* Am I “on fire” with my faith? How have I suffered for the sake of the Word?

### Mass Intentions for the Week

- **Saturday August 13th**  
8:30 am † Bill Duffy  
5:30 pm † Giuseppe Vullo
- **Sunday August 14th**  
7:00 am † Richard Ardito  
10:00 am For the People  
12:00 pm † Joseph Janiga
- **Monday August 15th**  
7:00 am † Elaine Kyle  
8:30 am † Ernestine Gioia
- **Tuesday August 16th**  
7:00 am † Carl Calvanese  
8:30 am † Brian Beirne
- **Wednesday August 17th**  
7:00 am † Paul Gara - 26th Anniversary  
8:30 am † Filippa Arrigo
- **Thursday August 18th**  
7:00 am † Pedro Diaz  
8:30 am † Yolanda “Violet” Mazza - 11th Anniversary
- **Friday August 19th**  
7:00 am † Bill Drew  
8:30 am † John Mulvaney
- **Saturday August 20th St. Bernard**  
8:30 am † Charles Torre  
5:30 pm † Lee Watrous
- **Sunday August 21st**  
7:00 am † Dr. Fey Chu  
10:00 am † Andrew “Butch” Wozniak  
12:00 pm For the People

### Memorials for August

- St. Jude** † William Duffy  
by Marilyn Racioppi
- St. Anthony** † Paul Gara  
by Gara Family
- Holy Family Candle** † Paulo Remuszka  
10th Anniv.  
by Remuszka Family
- Sanctuary Candle** † Lee Deedmeyer, Jr  
by Elaine & Trish
- St. Therese** † Andrew Majkowicz  
by Loretta Majkowicz
- Wine & Host** Anne Gross’ Birthday  
by Maria and Rich Vassallo  
and Family

### Readings for the Week

#### August 15, 2022

- Monday** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;  
Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27;  
Lk 1:39-56
- Tuesday** Ez 28:1-10; Deut 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28,  
30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday** Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;  
Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday** Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19;  
Mt 22:1-14
- Friday** Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;  
Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday** Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12,  
13-14; Mt 23:1-12
- Sunday** Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7,  
11-13; Lk 13:22-30

*Please Pray for the Deceased*

*Marion LoDico*



## Respect Life Ministries



### *Word of Life from the USCCB*

“Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation. We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions.” Read more at [www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations](http://www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations).

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
*“Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing”*



### *Food Pantry*

Next weekend is our monthly food drive to support the Helping Hands food pantry at Sacred Heart Parish. Paper bags with a list of items currently needed are available in the rear of the church. Please take one and return it with your food donation next weekend.

### *In Touch Ministry*

Do You Know Someone Who is Homebound?

Our “In Touch Ministry” makes phone calls to the homebound. Volunteers are ready to make a phone call to “check in” with those who cannot come to us. If you know someone who would benefit from a regular phone call from one of our parishioners, please contact the Main Office at **201-843-1888**.

## Living Out the Gospel



Betty Agnello, Ella Alberta, Ross Alfieri, Kathy Barone, Jacob Berard, Georgine Brancato, Marianne Cappello, JoAnn Daleo, Jim Fasano, Rosalie Gerber, Patty H., Marie Kenny, Wanda Kozloski, Beverly Kunz, Justin Langfield, Lena Lepore, Marilyn McPartland, Bill Meurer, Jackie Meurer, Lena Pizzullo, Carmela Skunda, Stephen Stupalski, Judy Swank, Pamela Swenson, Henry Wortche

Our Annual Super 50-50 Raffle will take place at the closing night of our Festival. Tickets were mailed home to all registered parishioners and returns are coming in. As of the date of publication (Aug 8<sup>th</sup>) the jackpot was already at \$3,815.00. As the Jackpot grows we will keep the electronic sign out front updated.

*(This list will be updated monthly please call the rectory if names need to be added or removed)*



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## Confess One Baptism

**NEAR THE** end of the Nicene Creed, we all say, “I confess one Baptism.” At first, that seems like the wrong verb. We use “confess” to admit that we have done wrong. Baptism is not a sin, so why confess it?

“Confess” is a translation of the Latin word *confiteor*, which also appears in one option for the Penitential Act at the beginning of Mass: “I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters.” That word means more than confessing sin. It also means professing a belief in. When we confess to almighty God that we have sinned, we “admit” to God that we have sinned.

In the Creed, we confess or profess a belief in one Baptism. A different verb starts the Creed: “I believe.” It means more than “I believe that there is a God.” It means, “God is the center of my life. I put my trust and hope in God.” You can catch the meaning of it if you think about the Baptismal promises. The first set of questions asks, “Do you renounce Satan . . . And all his works . . . And all his empty show?” If you were asked, “Do you believe in Satan, his works and promises,” you could answer yes, you believe that they exist. But the point is to distinguish what you reject from what you follow.

In the first part of the Creed, we say we believe in the Trinity and in the Church. That is where our heart is. Near the end, we confess our belief in one Baptism. Baptism is not the center of our life in the same way that the Trinity and the Church are. So we don’t say we believe one Baptism. Rather, we confess it. We profess that it is true.

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### *From the Liturgy Committee*

The Solemnity of the Assumption celebrates the Church’s belief that at the end of her earthly life Mary was assumed into heaven, body and soul, as declared by Pope Pius XII in 1950.

In 1991 the US bishops voted, with the approval of the Vatican, to suspend the obligation to attend Mass on this feast when it falls on a Saturday or a Monday. So as August 15 is a Monday this year, the Assumption is not considered a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 7:00 and 8:30am. Join us as we honor the mother of God and of the Church.

### *Nurture Your Faith: THE CHOSEN Returns*



Beginning on Friday, September 16 we will be meeting to watch Season Two of the video **THE CHOSEN**. Join Fr Bruce and fellow parishioners on Friday nights for a group discussion centered on the video **THE CHOSEN**. We will watch an episode of the video then take time for prayer and discussion. There will be eight meetings, ending before our parish pilgrimage to Israel. We will gather Fridays at 7pm in the Daily Mass Chapel. Please call the Main Office or use the sign-up sheet at the hospitality table to register. There is no cost for this program and all are welcome.

### *Bible Studies Continue: Luke*

On Wednesday mornings and evenings join us for a continuing Bible Study based on Luke’s Gospel. Meetings last about 90 minutes and all are welcome. Call the Main Office for details.



## Stewardship

### Stewardship Reflection

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.” Luke 12:51*

Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.



### Collection of the Week

July 31st, 2022	\$4,249.00
Faith Direct Avg. Weekly	\$2,653.50
Past and Futures Second Collections	\$43.00
Donations: Movie Night & Literature Rack	\$153.00
Assessment	\$15.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$7,113.50</b>

Buildings & Grounds	\$185.00
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### Annual Missionary Co-Op Appeal



Next weekend Gillian Giangrande from Mary's Meals will be visiting St. Philip the Apostle Parish to share about Mary's Meals for our annual Mission Appeal.

Mary's Meals' vision is that every child receive a daily meal in their place of education. Their mission is named in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary's Meals works in some of the world's poorest communities, providing meals to children in their schools. In this way, Mary's Meals meets children's immediate need for food and basic nourishment, while at the same time enabling more children to attend school and to receive a basic education that can be a means out of a terrible cycle of debilitating poverty. They began by providing 200 children school meals in Malawi in 2002, and today they are thankful that more than 2.2 million children

eat Mary's Meals each school day in 21 countries in the developing world.

A few highlights about Mary's Meals:

- Mary's Meals is committed to being a simple, low-cost charity, and it costs only \$21 to provide Mary's Meals to a child for an ENTIRE school year.
- 93% of donations to Mary's Meals go directly for charitable purposes.
- Mary's Meals is supported primarily by thousands of individual (and parish and school) donors around the world.
- More information about Mary's Meals can be found at [www.marysmealsusa.org](http://www.marysmealsusa.org), or please contact MMUSA church representative Rob Turner at [rob.turner@MarysMeals.org](mailto:rob.turner@MarysMeals.org) or 1-800-385-4983 ext. 2

### The Heritage Fund

The Heritage Fund provides an opportunity for you to support programs and other needs for our parish, enabling us to continue our mission of sharing and passing on the faith to future generations as well as keeping our facilities in good condition and enhancing the beauty of our worship. We invite you to consider contributing to the fund in honor of or in memory of someone, enabling us to continue our mission to spread the light of Christ.

Recently we had some additional school doors replaced as they were in poor condition; some had openings at the bottom that allowed mice to get into the building. This was paid for by the Heritage Fund.

And as we gear up for the fall, we are planning on some training for our catechists and liturgical ministers. We also hope to hold another Family Movie Night and restart the regular movie nights.

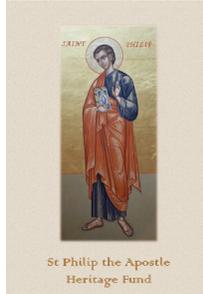
Recently we met with an architect who examined the pillars in the front of the church. He is going to give us some suggestions as to how we can repair or replace the columns. Previous estimates came in at around \$60,000 but he feels there is a less expensive way to repair them rather than replacing them.

Additionally, the air conditioning units for the rectory have been manufactured and we are waiting for them to be delivered and installed. Once the work is done we will have replaced two units (kitchen and basement) and installed two units where they were

lacking (dining room and front vestibule). As those of you who are homeowners know, there is never an end to things that need to be repaired or replaced.

Thanks to all who contribute to the Buildings and Grounds/Heritage Fund.

Please consider a donation to the fund in honor of, or in memory of a loved one or "just because". In some parishes people designate this type of fund "in lieu of flowers" when a loved one passes away. We have beautiful cards to acknowledge your gift. Another idea is to designate the fund as a beneficiary when you plan your estate. For more information, contact Fr Bruce or call the Main Office.



— The Gift You Have Received, Give As Gift —

**Parish News & Activities**

**Parish Pilgrimage to Israel**

*Walk where Jesus walked, pray where he prayed, sail where he sailed.*



There is still room on our tour bus for the pilgrimage to Israel. If you've been thinking about joining us, now is the time to make your reservation.

Sail the Sea of Galilee on our upcoming trip to Israel. A beautiful fresh water lake in northern Israel, the Galilee is a place where fishing provides income for the locals while tourists enjoy the beautiful lake and its shores. A local favorite for lunch is tilapia, also known as St Peter's fish.

A trip to the Holy Land is the trip of a lifetime. You will never approach the Bible in the same way. Sail on the Sea of Galilee, walk the Way of the Cross, pray at Jesus' tomb, visit Bethlehem, Cana, Capernaum, Nazareth and more. Experience the beauty of Israel this year. Join Fr Bruce and fellow-parishioners on an unforgettable pilgrimage this November.

The ten day pilgrimage leaves from Newark Airport on November 8. Brochures are available from the Main Office or at the hospitality table. Reservations are now being accepted. Don't miss out on this extraordinary trip. Reservations are now due. For more information, see Fr Bruce.



**Quotable Quotes**

"It is better to say one Our Father fervently and devoutly than a thousand with no devotion and full of distraction."



**St Edmund**



**Festival of Fun  
Volunteers Needed**

The Festival Committee is looking for volunteers to assist with this year's 63rd Annual Festival of Fun. This is also a fun and easy way to earn service hours for Confirmation or school.

If you're interested in helping make our festival a success, please visit the hospitality team or call the Rectory at 201-843-1888.

*Thank you in advance for your help.*

**Festival Wristbands**

*Will be sold every evening for you to purchase*

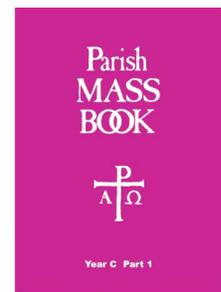
Wednesday & Thursday	7pm – 11pm
Friday	6pm – 11pm
Saturday	5pm – 11pm
Sunday	5pm – 9pm

**St. Philip the Apostle's  
63rd Annual  
Summer Festival of Fun  
August 17-21**

**2023 Mass Book**

**OPENS Tuesday August 30th  
9am-1pm and 2pm-5pm**

Once again the Mass intentions for 2023 will only be accepted by phone. To keep the lines open, we will take your number and call you back in the order calls were received. Offerings may then be



## Parish News & Activities

dropped in the mail slot at the rectory or mailed in.  
Please write *Attn: Eileen* on your envelope.

We ask that you adhere to the following guidelines:

- Limited to 3 Masses on Saturday & Sunday
- Limited to 5 Masses on weekdays
- The offering for each Mass is \$10
- Each person will be limited to two months of Hosts, Wine and/or Candles per person/family

### Sign Up Today!

Summer is almost over – have you made the switch to eGiving?

It's a great way to support St. Philip the Apostle and grow our ministries that share the Good News of God's love. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.



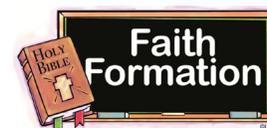
Recurring gifts can streamline your stewardship and sustain our parish in the "dog days" of summer and throughout the year. You'll provide consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community.

Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/NJ663](http://faith.direct/NJ663), or text **'Enroll'** to 201-733-4101.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless You,  
Fr. Bruce

### Registration is Open



Faith Formation is accepting registration for the 2022-2023 school year. Those that were registered for 21-22 received a link to re-register for the 22-23 school year. If you have a child in 1st through 8th grade & would like to enroll in our Faith Formation classes, please visit our website <https://st-philipsb.org/registration-form> or contact the office at 201-843-2240. Forms are also available at the hospitality table at the back of the church.

*We are looking for Catechists willing to teach young children and help them to grow in the Catholic faith. We will guide you as to how you can join our dedicated team of wonderful Catechists. Thank you.*



### Troubled Marriage?

See [helpourmarriage.com](http://helpourmarriage.com) or [retrouvaille.org](http://retrouvaille.org). This is a Catholic-based program open to all faiths. For registration call 973-723-7090.

### Alternatives to Domestic Violence

**Crisis Hotline: 201-336-7575**

(ADV) Division of the Bergen County Dept of Human Services, which is exclusively devoted to domestic violence intervention. ADV offers a full range of specialized services: crisis intervention, counseling, legal advocacy & assistance, court appearance preparation, court accompaniment, individual, group, & family counseling, information & referral to other needed services, community education and professional training.

### Are You Registered at St. Philip's?

Do you regularly attend Mass at St. Philip the Apostle, but have never formally registered? It's easy. Either come to the Rectory or visit our website: [www.stphilipsb.org](http://www.stphilipsb.org) and complete a registration form.



### Why You Should Register?

All members of the parish should be formally registered. You need be formally registered if you wish to arrange a Baptism, Confirmation or Wedding in the parish. Registration is also our only means of certifying anyone for sponsorship letters for the sacraments.

## Celebrating the Sacraments

**Baptism.** Celebrated on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Call the rectory office to schedule your child's baptism.

**Marriages.** To be scheduled at least 12 months in advance. To plan the Sacrament of Marriage, please contact one of the parish priests.

**Anointing of the Sick.** If you would like to invite one of our priests to visit and pray with you or a loved one please call the rectory.



**Reconciliation.** Every Saturday at 4:30 PM before Mass. Private Reconciliation by appointment, call the rectory.

**Devotions.** Recitation of Rosary is daily after 8:30 AM Mass. Miraculous Medal Novena on Saturdays after 8:30 AM Mass.



### Memorial Day Weekend - Labor Day Weekend

<b>Saturdays</b>	5:30 PM
<b>Sundays</b>	7:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

### Daily Masses from July to August

<b>Monday - Friday</b>	7:00 AM, 8:30 AM
<b>Saturdays</b>	8:30 AM

*The normal schedule will resume the weekend after Labor Day.*

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# Run the Race

Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Hebrews 12:1b (NIV)

Based on Hebrews 12:1-2



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WITNESSES	THROW	THRONE	EYES	RUN
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