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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# MISSION STATEMENT

St. Philip Parish, a welcoming Catholic community, strives to love, honor, know, and serve God. As a family, we gather to celebrate liturgy, perform good deeds, share our faith, and bring all to Christ. *St. Philip*,

lead us to Jesus.

# Faith Formation Registration

We are excited to announce that we are ready to begin registering students for the 2022-2023 Faith Formation year!

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# St. Philip Family Fall Festival

Saturday, September 17, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Rain or Shine

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# **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. **Sunday** 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and Noon

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday 12:15 p.m.

# SACRAMENT OF **RECONCILIATION**

**Saturday** 4:00—4:30 p.m. or by appointment

# **BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE**

Please call to schedule Pre-Baptism and Baptism dates. Marriage dates are to be scheduled one year prior.

# WELCOME TO OUR NEW BULLETIN

Today's bulletin has been produced by LPI a leading publisher of church bulletins.

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# MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Monday 7/4 7:30 a.m. For Our Nation

Independence Day

Tuesday 7/5 7:30 a.m. **Bob & Roseann McAndrew** 

St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal

Wednesday 7/6 Robert D'Amico, Jr. 12:15 p.m.

St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday 7/7 7:30 a.m. Dionisio Barroso Friday 7/8 7:30 a.m. Pasquale Martino Saturday 7/9 For the Parishioners 5:00 p.m.

St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Sunday 7/10 8:00 a.m. Io Ann Piacentini 10:00 a.m. Vincent DiBiasio

12:00 p.m. Judy Correa

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

# MASS BOOK FOR 2023

The 2023 Mass Book is open for your Mass intention requests. The Mass Books are available during office hours: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday - Thursday



# WE PRAY FOR...

Christ's healing be given to: Michelle Consolati, Gerry McGuire, Magaly Talledo

Sympathy and Prayerful Remembrances to

the families of those who have died and are in most need of our prayers

# PARISH EVENTS HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday 7/4 Office Closed **Tuesday 7/5** 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Blood Drive** 

Wednesday 7/6 5:00 p.m. Praise Choir Music Room

Friday 7/8 Office Closed

Sunday 7/10 10:00 a.m. Parise Choir Church

# Save the Date! - Thursday, July 14, 7:00 pm

Men's Pizza Night!

Fr. Sudhir is inviting ALL men of the parish for a Pizza Night on July 14 at 7:00 pm in the School Hall. Sign up details to follow.

# **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

Freedom properly defined is freedom properly understood. The Cambridge Dictionary tells us that it is, "the condition or right of being able or allowed to do, say, think, etc., whatever you want to, without being controlled or limited." That same dictionary defines liberty as, "the freedom to live, work, and travel as you want to." Both definitions sound very similar. Is there a difference between freedom and liberty? Many are accustomed to believing that freedom and liberty interchangeable and simply involve possessing rights and privileges. For the Christian, however, there is a big difference between the two.

St. John Chrysostom directs that "the only person who is free is the one who lives for Christ." There are many inspirational other people throughout history who see freedom as something far greater than liberty. True and properly understood freedom has little to do with entitlement or self-promotion. For the believer, it is a matter of the heart and soul. Freedom (and liberty, for that matter), seen only in terms of the world, can quickly be taken away. The freedom spoken of by St. John Chrysostom can only be lost by personal choice. When one lives for Christ, they live in pursuit of virtues that enlighten one's soul



(faith, hope, and love) and strengthen one's character (justice, fortitude, temperance, and prudence). Rather than having the ability to acquire or do more things, true freedom asks us to be detached. Privileges, rights, and responsibilities are important, but they do not define us.

The world is not always open to listening to the truth. "I am sending you like lambs among wolves," Jesus tells his disciples. The secular definitions of freedom and liberty are very attractive. They promise us a great deal. It is no wonder lesus

asks his disciples to travel with very little. The Gospel is not dependent upon things or anything those with worldly power or investment can say or do. When one chooses to live for Christ, they choose to live with peace. That's what true freedom will give us. If we do not want what Christ offers, we can close the door, and the messenger will walk away. Distracted by the lure of personal liberties, we risk losing our freedom. We will not have anything truly lifegiving to share with others.

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA

**JULY 4, 2022** 



Our hearts are filled with a sense of deep pride and solitude

as we salute all our brave Heroes who fought for our country.

The Saint Philip Parish Office will be closed Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.



Have a Great Fourth of July!



The Parish Office is operating on summer hours: Monday thru Thursday, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and will be closed on Fridays. As always, the phones will be monitored for emergencies.

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# **SUNDAY READINGS**

# First Reading:

Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent. (Is 66:12)

# Psalm:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Ps 66)

# **Second Reading:**

From now on, let no one make troubles for me;

for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body. (Gal 6:17)

### **Gospel:**

"Into whatever house you enter, first say,

'Peace to this household.'
If a peaceful person lives there,
your peace will rest on him."
(Lk 10:5-6)

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# FAITH FORMATION

# **Faith Formation Registration**

We are excited to announce that student registration for the 2022 -2023 Faith Formation year has begun!

Classes will meet on Sundays: 3 times a month Tuesdays: 3 times a month

# \*\*2nd Grade, Middle School and Confirmation class will only meet on <u>Sundays</u>\*\*

Hard copy registration forms are available on request.

We ask that you register early as it will help us determine how many catechists we will need for Sundays and Tuesdays.

**Please note**: For 2022-23, Online Registration is for all Grades 1 thru 5, Middle School **and** Confirmation Grades 7 – 12 for those who have not already been confirmed.

# **Ordinary Time**

Why do we have a liturgical season called ordinary time? Can you explain?

Ordinary time is the longest season of the liturgical year. It begins the Monday after January 6, the Epiphany, and goes until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period can last anywhere from five to eight weeks, depending on when Easter is celebrated. Ordinary time picks up again the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and lasts from twenty-three to twenty-seven weeks, until the end of the liturgical year, the Saturday before Advent begins.

the name ordinary? "Ordinary" is not in contrast to "extraordinary" or "special" but rather stresses the Latin language notion of "ordinal" or numbered Sundays. The Latin title for the tempus ordinarium, season, conveys the sense that this time of the year is measured or numbered time. Measured time can allude simply to the numbered Sundays, or the notion these Sundays "measured" time to deepen and immerse ourselves completely in the realities of Jesus' incarnation, ministry, passion, death, and resurrection. Ordinary time offers us the opportunity to connect the ordinary lived experiences of our lives with those of Jesus, who modeled for us how to live a truly human existence.

# 2022 Summer Music Schedule

At the following Masses in July there will not be music:

July 9 5:00 pm Mass July 17 12:00 pm Mass July 24 8:00 am Mass July 30 5:00 pm Mass

# READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 3, 2022

**Sunday:** Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Gal 6:14-18/

Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

**Monday:** Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26 **Tuesday:** Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10//Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday:Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7Thursday:Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15Friday:Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23

**Saturday:** Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33

**Next Sunday:** Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9,

10, 11 [9])/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37



Join Us for the St. Philip Family Fall Festival Saturday, September 17, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Rain or Shine



After 2-year а absence, St Philip Church is delighted for the return of the annual **Family** Fall Festival. This is a fun event for all ages that not only brings community the but also together, funds raises support our Parish and community programs.

The **Family Fall Festival** draws hundreds of families from around Fairfield County. This year we will feature live music, lots of great food, homemade baked goodies, our popular raffle baskets and local vendors for fantastic shopping.

There will be an expanded **Kid's Activities Area** for lots of family fun. You will even be able to pick out mums and pumpkins to decorate your home!

# Gift Card Donations and New Items for the Chinese Raffle!

Do you have store or restaurant gift cards that you can donate? Or, do you have credit card points that you can redeem for gift cards? We are in need of **new** gift items and gift cards to be used in the Chinese Raffle for the Fall Festival. You can donate these items or gift cards by dropping them off at the Parish office.

# **Sponsors**

You or your business can support the Festival as a Sponsor at one of the four sponsorship levels: \$100, \$250, \$500 or \$750. You can choose to be a general sponsor or sponsor a specific event/booth. All sponsorships will be displayed on signage at the event and acknowledged in the bulletin.

To become a sponsor, or for general questions please contact the St. Philip Fall Festival Committee at <a href="mailto:fallestival@stphilipnorwalk.org">fallestival@stphilipnorwalk.org</a>

# STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



Please remember the commitment you made to St. Philip. While the overall Parish finances have improved, the need for your weekly offertory remains as important as ever. **ELECTRONIC** GIVING is a great way to be sure your offering is received, particularly while you are away on summer holiday. Please go to our website <a href="https://www.stphilipnorwalk.org">www.stphilipnorwalk.org</a> to sign up. Supporting your Parish is essential for the Parish to remain strong in the spiritual life of all FAMILIES.



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# ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL

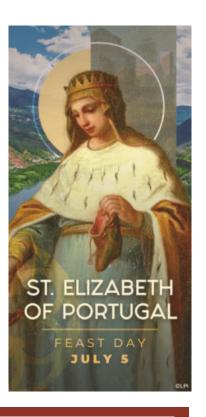
# July 5

St. Elizabeth was born to Peter III of Aragon and his queen Constantia in 1271. Like most royal girls of the time, she was betrothed at an early age, and was married to King Diniz (or Dinis, English: Denis) at the age of 12. Although her husband's infidelities and life of sin caused much scandal, Elizabeth was a good and pius queen. She attended Mass daily and dedicated her life to helping the poor. She established orphanages and shelters for the homeless. She also founded a convent of Poor Clares at Coimbra, Portugal.

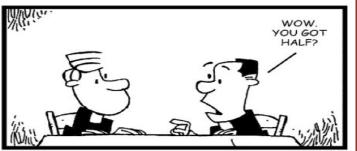
Often called Peacemaker, Elizabeth was from her birth a reconciler of conflict. Her birth brought her father and his estranged father James to peace. Later when her own son and husband came to war out of jealousy, she rode between armies and reconciled the two men.

After King Diniz died in 1325, she went to live as a lay member at the convent of Poor Clares that she had founded. But her fight for peace was not over, she undertook a long ride to keep the army of her son Afonso IV, from fighting that of Alfonso XI of Castile. Although she was successful, she died shortly after from a fever.

Saint Elizabeth was canonized on May 25th, 1625, by Pope Urban VIII. In the United States her memorial has been transferred to 5 July since 4 July is Independence Day,









# July 9, 2022 Day of Prayer and Healing

Are you or someone you know carrying the pain and sorrow of losing a child to abortion? You do not have to suffer alone! Join us on *Saturday*, *July 9, 2022* for a Day of Prayer and Healing. Come experience the healing peace of Christ! For more information or to register, call Maureen at 203.416.1619 or email projectrachel@diobpt.org. God's mercy, healing and forgiveness are waiting for you!





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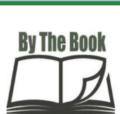


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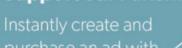
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