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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 21st, 2021



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Evening 5:30 PM
Sunday..... 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Broadcast) & 12:00 PM
Mondays thru Saturdays..... 9:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday 4:30 to 5:00 PM

Please telephone the Parish Office
if you would like a priest to visit you
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or in the hospital.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

Our world is a very busy and fast paced place. From within it we can find many things that are at war to grab our attention. The average attention span can only be held for a few minutes before we are left searching for something else. We are left searching from within our own restlessness for the next big thing that will come along and fill us up. We can see this played out each year as the Black Friday sales continue to be pushed forward into Thanksgiving Day. Giant televisions, laptops, clothing, and other items drop in price, so that the fight of the masses can take place in hope that you will walk away as the victor. As our liturgical year ends, we celebrate this day where we acknowledge Christ as our king. On this day we flock to Christ and place Him at the center of our attention and worship. This solemnity is the perfect way for us to end this liturgical year with focused minds as we enter the season of Advent and begin to prepare ourselves for Christmas Day.

In our world we build up our own kingdoms surrounded by the many needs that we have. In building up each of these individual kingdoms we store up many worldly treasures for ourselves without always allowing ourselves to see Christ at the center of our lives. The days following Thanksgiving and leading up to Christmas are days filled with this materialistic mentality. Advent is a voice far different than this because we are not being called to enter into the machine of materialism but are being called to prepare ourselves for the arrival of Christ. Our needs and our wants should be brought on Christmas Day to Christ born inside of the manger. In the lowliness of this place, we encounter the great King of the Universe. We encounter the King who would suffer and die upon the cross for all our sins. Despite this lowliness He would endure and now reigns in Heaven in hope to lead each of us away from all sin and fear, so that we can one day share in the glory of His Heavenly Kingdom.



This solemnity that is being celebrated today was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 in hope to draw people's hearts and souls towards Christ. In his encyclical letter *Quas Primas* translated into English as *In the First* he referred to the importance of this great solemnity. Pope Pius XI saw the problem that comes with growing nationalism and secularism and reminds the faithful inside of this letter of the importance of Christ being seen as the king who stands at the center of the world. The world cannot cut Christ off from its midst as it continues to grow and change, but instead we all need Christ all the more. This great concern that Pope Pius XI was speaking to inside of this letter is still being felt within our world today. It seems that we continue to make the excuse to banish Christ from our midst. This solemnity has been placed upon the liturgical calendar as reminder that this is

not a possible option because Christ is the King who reigns in our midst each day.

From the dialogue between Christ and Pilate that is found inside of Saint John's Gospel we can gather three things about Christ as king. Firstly, we are told that Christ is a king, secondly, we hear about the nature of His Kingdom, and finally we are told about all those who He reigns over. Pilate asks if Christ is a king, but Christ does not want to give a direct answer because he is not a king in the worldly sense that Pilate would understand. He also did not deny it because He was a king in a spiritual sense as King of Kings. The nature of His kingdom is being given with His response of "for this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth." From this statement we can gather that all the faithful have been called to follow Christ who gathers each of the faithful inside of His Kingdom. He finally closes by saying "everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Christ reigns as King over each of the faithful who can listen to His voice.



On this solemnity of Christ the King may we allow ourselves to listen to the voice of Christ. We must ask ourselves what things cling to our hearts and ears and helps to continually pull us away from this kingdom. Christ desires that we can all share within this kingdom one day, but if we are unable and unwilling to open to his voice of love how can we ever hope to accomplish this task? If we continue to be fed by the longing of materialism, how can we ever hope to be filled by Christ who desires that we will listen to His voice? May we use this day and the whole season of Advent to separate ourselves from this sense of loss and finally commit ourselves fully to the voice of Christ which comforts all our needs. No matter what these needs may be for us, may we understand that Christ is prepared to receive each of them and give us guidance in our time of need. Gathering each of these longings together, Christ gives hope to each of us that one day we can dwell with Him in the Kingdom of God.

This Kingdom that we have been invited to share is a Kingdom of truth and justice. It is a Kingdom of peace and joy. It is a Kingdom where love, holiness, life, and grace reigns always. With all the fears and needs that we might have, may we allow this Kingdom to become our primary goal within our lives. May we look to Christ our triumphant King with great hope and joy because His Kingdom is everlasting. All majesty and splendor are His because without Christ we are left with nothing. May we no longer allow ourselves to be filled by passing desires, but may we allow our attention to be placed upon Christ the King. Through this King, this great Kingdom is shown to us where we can receive every longing that we might have. The Lord is great and is clothed in majesty as He reaches out to us with love. May we reciprocate with this love that is being shown to us to draw ourselves closer to Christ's Kingdom.

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone

PARISH NEWS

BIBLE STUDY

There will be NO Bible Study Session this Thanksgiving Week. The next session will be Monday, November 29th in the Jubilee Wing Room at 11 AM



FOOD DONATION DRIVE

Feeding the Hungry this Season of Gratitude and Giving

Our parish has a long history of giving service through ministry, especially in feeding those in need. We will not be collecting food but instead taking free-will donations converted into food gift certificate cards.

How Can We Give?

A free-will donation envelope is available in the vestibule in the back of the church. The **Food Donation Envelope** can be returned on **Thanksgiving Day** at the 9 AM Mass or the following weekend, **November 27/28**, and then put in the collection basket. You may write your parish giving envelope number on the Food Donation Envelope to add your gift to your yearly contribution statement. Your contribution will be converted into food certificate gift cards. An added benefit is that for every \$100 donated, five dollars is given to us in return by the food store for our charitable works, and therefore a gift of \$100 becomes an actual gift of \$105.

THANKSGIVING DAY

Before we get busy preparing for our family gatherings, let us first thank God for all the blessings and gather as a family of faith at the banquet of the Lord. Holy Mass on Thanksgiving Day is at 9 AM.

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The students of St. Philip Prep learned all about Veteran's Day in their Social Studies classes. The first graders made thank you cards to share with the veterans. In addition, Mrs. Constanza and the student council organized a special fundraiser to support Tunnel to Towers. Thank you, Mrs. Constanza and the student council.

The students in grade 4-8 were able to express their creative side after school in Mrs. Banyai's abstract art class. The students enjoyed this class very much and hope to see it return soon.

Lastly, the intermediate students have been learning about the building blocks of life as their science classes have explored plant and animal cells.

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please consider joining our Religious Education Ministry as a Catechist or substitute. The only thing you need is to combine your love of children and your love of our faith! Please pray on assisting us with this most rewarding ministry.

If you would like to learn more, please email reled@stphilip.org.



PRIME TIMERS

Our December meeting will be our Christmas Party, which will be held on Wednesday, December 15 at 1 PM in Marian Hall. The cost is \$35 per person and will be catered by Francesco's Restaurant. Payment for the Christmas Party will be made to Stasia Komorowski, who can be reached at (973) 473-2068

COLUMBIETTES

We are pleased to announce that the following women have been initiated into the Columbiettes: Deborah Chen, Kathleen Milici, Jackie Quinn, Linda Rizzuto, Barbara Salzer, Angela Scafidi, and Dawn Schriever.

We welcome you with open arms!

If you would like more information about joining, please call Cathie Murtha at (973) 471-1265

Columbiettes Blanket Ministry

The next meeting will be Thursday, December 2, 2021, at 9:45 AM in the Molloy Center. We welcome all crafters. If you have any questions or yarn and fabric donations, please call Cathie Murtha at (973) 471-1265

BOY SCOUTS

Scout Christmas Wreath and Grave Pillow Sale

Boy Scout Troop 21 will be having their Annual Wreath Sale the weekend of Nov 28 & 29 and Dec 4 & 5.

They will be selling fresh wreaths, grave pillows, and grave blankets.

Pre-orders will be taken starting this weekend.

Contact Phil Jakimowicz at (973) 723-6111 to place your order.



DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

2021 Diocesan Ministries Appeal

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This time of year, as we plan to celebrate Thanksgiving, please consider making a gift to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Each year, tens of thousands of people in profound need seek out the services of Catholic Charities and, with the help for the Diocesan Ministries Appeal, they find an open door and a Compassionate response. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2021appeal.org

GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



*Ava
Adele*

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 27, 2021

5:30 PM Fr. Monteleone

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

8:00 AM Fr. Nico

10:00 AM Fr. Kevin

12:00 PM Fr. Kevin

WE PRAY FOR...

THE DECEASED: Fanny DiSanto, Donald D. Sisk, John Chlada, Gerard Scucci

THE SICK: Christine Kessler, Larry Pedroza, Luca Ataide, Rev. Joseph W. Lugo, Mary Grace Henrich, Susan Stierlen, Rev. Richard D. Kilcomons, Debbie Werthmann



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021

8:00 All the People of the Parish

10:00 Joseph Dewland
Edward Jacob Yobs
Joseph Bay
Dot Cervine

12:00 Mary Scafidi
Susan Shahin

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2021

9:00 Guy Scafidi

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2021

9:00 Kenneth S. Pizzo, Sr
Felicita B. Sales

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2021

9:00 Thomas J. and Ruth C. Mullin
James and Genevieve Strangeway
Nancy Plishka- 1st Anniversary

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2021

9:00 In Memory of Living and Deceased members of the Lang and Doychak Family
Stasia and Joseph Piechocki
Bill Pompeo- 20th Anniversary

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2021

9:00 Josephine Marie Tulp

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2021

9:00 Jean Finley

5:30 All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

8:00 Deceased members of the McNamara Family
Enrique R. Angeles

10:00 Ralph Saam- 20th Anniversary
Rocco Paolazzi
Violet Carisi

Special Intentions - 60th Wedding Anniversary
George and MaryGrace Heyrich

12:00 Stefano and Josephine Casele
Shafik and Kwakah Maximos

CANDLE THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21ST

In Memory of Fred and Dorothea Anthony
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PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: NOVEMBER 15, 2020 \$ 17,212.00

SUNDAY COLLECTION: NOVEMBER 14, 2021

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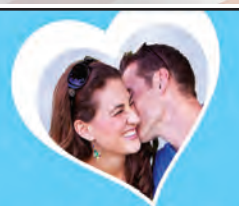
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