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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 24, 2024



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.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

Stories of kings and queens are often relegated to fairy tales or medieval gallantry. Sometimes, of course, we see modern royalty in the media. Many might remember the wedding of Prince Charles and Princess Diana decades ago, and more recently their son Prince Harry to Megan Markel. But modern royals tend to be figureheads rather than political heads of state. So it can seem a bit odd to celebrate Christ the King. He is certainly more than a figurehead. Jesus was in fact king, but He was a king in a way unforeseen.

The Gospel reading for today brings us into the scene between Jesus and Pilate. Of course, we know how it will end, ultimately with the crucifixion and the antagonizing sign proclaiming Jesus, "King of the Jews." But hear in the midst of the conversation we hear eternal questions to cause us to consider, "What is truth?" Jesus makes a straightforward claim that He is a king, and He has been sent to testify to the truth. Pilate is wrapped up in a semantic argument about the nature of truth. He doesn't see the incarnation of truth, the King of Kings, standing before his eyes. And in Pilate's blindness, he will put to death Jesus as the King of the Jews.

On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King, the anointed one of God who comes to reveal the truth of God's love for all of us. In the figure of the gospel Jesus, we realize the essential truth of life: that we are loved by a God who created us to a degree we cannot begin to fathom; that we are loved by a God who refuses to give up on His creation; that we are loved by a God who humbles Himself to become one of us in order to make us like Him. It is that very truth that stands right before Pilate, and he is unable to fathom it. To be a faithful disciple of Christ is to be a servant to the truth that is the complete and unconditional love of God for mankind: love that liberates and renews, that gives and sustains life and hope, that illuminates our vision and understanding to enable us to see our world in the intended design of God.

So the early Christians, even us today, continue to proclaim Jesus as King. He is no mere figurehead.

Instead He shares the title with Yahweh, "great King over all the gods." What Pilate said in mockery was utterly true. Jesus Christ is King.

Let me end with this question: How does your life make it known that you serve Christ the King of the Universe?

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

Loved ones are remembered during all Masses celebrated during the month of November and their names will be placed by the statue of Mary in the Church.

We invite you to write the names of your beloved, faithful departed relatives, and friends on the paper by the statue of Mary in the church and place your memorial intentions in the bowl provided. This will be available throughout the month of November.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

*The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary has been transferred to Monday, December 9th.
Mass times are as follows:*

*Monday December 9th
at 7AM, 9AM and 6PM (no music)*

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL



First Grade Students will be using compass roses this week to use their cardinal directions to locate images on a map.

Third Grade students will be conducting an science experiment where they will be given materials to make a bell ring, light bulb turn on and even make a fan start . Their topic will talk about electricity and how it works.



SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Please join us on

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2024 at 7:00PM
for a Service of Lessons & Carols,
featuring our Adult, Youth and Handbell Choirs
and seasonal readings from Scripture.
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*FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW AFTER THE TALK

SAVE THE DATE

Simbang Gabi

*A Filipino tradition of nine-day novena Masses during
Advent in preparation for the Nativity of Jesus Christ.*



Join the Sixth Novena Mass
of our Diocesan and parish-sponsored
Simbang Gabi

St. Philip the Apostle Parish
797 Valley Road, Clifton, NJ

Friday, December 20, 2024, 6:30 P.M.

Rev. David Monteleone
Main Celebrant

Rev. Emerson Francisco
Homilist

Fellowship immediately following Mass in the Auditorium

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SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

FATHER ENGLISH CENTER

Please remember our Parish Food Collection on
December 7th and December 8th! The winter
months are coming and many of the working poor
in at Father English Food Pantry need to
supplement their families with nourishment. The
following items are collected: canned foods like
tuna, chicken, peanut butter, cereals, rice, beans,
lentils, pasta, sauce, mac and cheese, and anything
that our Veterans can use many of whom are
homeless. Only nonperishable foods will be
collected and please put in a bag or small carton.
Thanking you for your generous donations. Even
the smallest item is much appreciated!



SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meeting will be Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 9:45am in the Molloy Center. We have donated over 200 hats and scarves to the Coats 4 Kids drive. A great big thank you to Judy, Tara, and Loretta for your very generous yarn donations! You warm our hearts. All crafters are welcome! For information and donations call Cathie Murtha. (973-471-1265)

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TRICKY TRAY

St Philip Prep Tricky Tray is coming up in March! Our HSA is asking for basket donations. We are looking for all size baskets to use for our prizes at the tricky tray. The baskets can be left in the back of the church or dropped off at our school office. If you have any questions please call our HSA President at 862-247-3899.

GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



Francisco

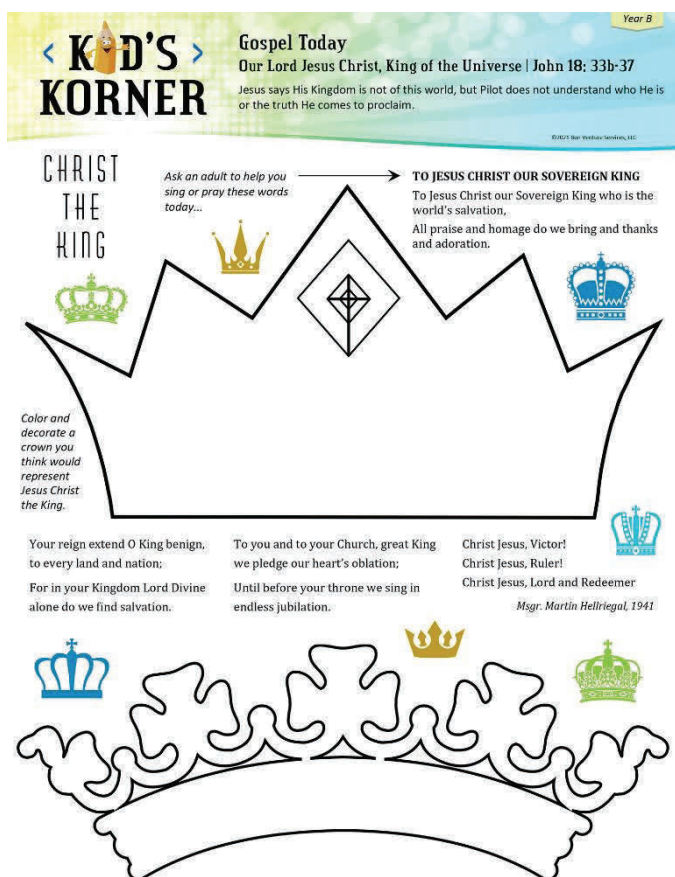


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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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There are different kinds of gifts, but the same spirit distributes them. — 1 Corinthians 12:4

To all those who have pledged, contributed to, and continue to offer prayers for our "Having a Place at the Banquet of the Lord" capital campaign, a heartfelt thank you. Your kindness and generosity toward this project have gotten us off to a great start. This work could not be done without you!

To date we have raised \$329,094 in contributions collected and we are up to \$408,874 with all our pledges.



DIOCESAN NEWS

Diocese Of Paterson to stop printing The Beacon at end of year

The stories of our faith community find a new home at Beaconnj.org

The Diocese of Paterson will cease printing its beloved newspaper, The Beacon, at the end of the year, concluding a 58-year publication run at the helm of four different bishops. Bishop Lawrence B. Casey oversaw the publication of the first edition of The Beacon on Jan. 26, 1967. Bishop Frank J. Rodimer and Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli built upon Bishop Casey's vision of a diocesan newspaper as an effective local teaching instrument of the diocesan bishop through their award-winning columns.

Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney, who was introduced to the Diocese in 2020 during a time of pandemic through his conversational weekly column that has encouraged the faithful in a time of synodality, will publish the paper's final edition on Dec. 26, 2024.

The Beacon celebrated the good news of our Catholic faith and illuminated the life-changing work of its people for almost six decades. We are a family of Christ in northern New Jersey, inspiring each other to live out our baptismal call to share the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. Over the years, The Beacon has documented our communal faith journey and pointed the way to renewed encounters with our Savior.

This is not the end of the story. The Beacon will live on in its new form: Beaconnj.org, where the important stories of our faith community will continue to be passed along. All are encouraged to visit the website often for the latest news, columns from Bishop Sweeney, event information, and more! [Subscribe to our newsletter](#), The Beacon and Beyond, for weekly updates. Share and experience what is happening in your local parish, school, and religious community in the [Community section](#). Beaconnj.org also features a new ["What To Do!" calendar events page](#) where submissions are welcome! We hope you will enjoy The Beacon's new digital form. Your feedback is encouraged.

Thank you in advance for being a part of The Beacon's transformation.

As we look forward, we also look back and give thanks to The Beacon's faithful readers, contributors, advertisers, staff, and freelancers. We are grateful to our parish priests and parishioners for providing the significant investment of financial support for The Beacon's operations. Without this partnership, the newspaper could not have carried out its mission.

With the closure of The Beacon's print edition, the PDF E-edition will also cease publication. However, it will remain archived online.

The decision to stop printing the newspaper was reached after careful research and analysis, including a comprehensive review of finances, readership, and mission.

It follows consultation with parish priests, staff, parishioners, Beacon staff, and diocesan leadership. The Beacon has experienced mounting financial challenges because of repeated printing and postage cost increases. Additional headwinds include steep advertising revenue declines.

Much has happened since 1967, including the emergence of network news, the Internet, social media, and podcasts. In turn, news and information consumption habits have changed, too. Between 1970 and 1990, newspapers thrived. However, circulation has been on a constant decline since.

The Beacon newspaper is not immune to this shift, but we are well-positioned to continue The Beacon's mandate. On the vanguard of communication from its earliest days under the direction of the renowned editor Gerald Costello, the foundation of The Beacon remains firm so that we will continue to build upon it and hand on the message of salvation in this always quickly changing digital age.

Research shows that news websites or apps are the preferred source for news of the day. Visitors to newspaper websites are growing, and analytics tell us our online news presence is working.

While interest in print newspapers as a news and information source has waned over the years, our diocese's stories and messages, rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, resonate deeply within our faith community and beyond. We are as committed as ever to presenting this good news in new and thoughtful ways.

In Christ,
Jai Agnish
Director of Communications
Editor, The Beacon

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY 2025

Pilgrimage to Italy for Jubilee Year 2025

Fr. Emerson is organizing a pilgrimage to Italy for the Jubilee Year from

September 22-October 3, 2025.

For more details see the parish website at www.stphilip.org or email Fr. Emerson at efrancisco@stphilip.org



Pilgrimage Update:

Application Form for Participation in the Pilgrimage is now available in the Parish Office or at the doors of the Church



Deadline of submission is
December 31, 2024
(subject to change)

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: NOVEMBER 12, 2023, \$15,558.00

SUNDAY COLLECTION: NOVEMBER 17, 2024

WEEKLY COLLECTION \$ 10,224.00

ONLINE GIVING DONATION \$ 6,563.00

TOTAL \$ 16,787.00

2ND COLLECTION- HOME MISSIONS \$2281.00

Upcoming Second Collections:

December 1st- Retired Religious Fund

December 8th- Project Faith

WE PRAY FOR...

Recently Deceased...

Eleanor Murray, Fred Wilson, Margarite Van Wowk, James Kaminsky, Andres Macalino

A Time to be Healed...

Nicole Hale, Mildred Giusti, Kathleen Teresa Fitzpatrick Brown, Rita Frank, Lou Piatti, Caitlin Buggy, Irene Chmura, Edward Honan



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024

8:00 Vito Tortorelli
10:00 Ralph Saam-23rd Anniversary
Domenico and Josephine Pagano
Carlina Mellot
Matthew McClane
12:00 All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2024

9:00 Stasia and Joseph Piechocki

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2024

9:00 Domenico Pagano
Amy Del Core

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2024

9:00 Deceased members of the McNamara family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2024

9:00 Kathy Miragliotta
Marguerite Hausz

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2024

9:00 Malcolm Hall
Thomas J. and Ruth C. Mullin

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2024

9:00 Enrique Angeles
Dommador Comocer
5:30 All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024

8:00 Oliveri Family
Joann Dunn
10:00 Joan Hughes- 6th Anniversary
Ella DeBenedetto- 55th Anniversary
Domingo Louis Buenafuente
Robert Quinn
12:00 Salvatore Capriglione
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