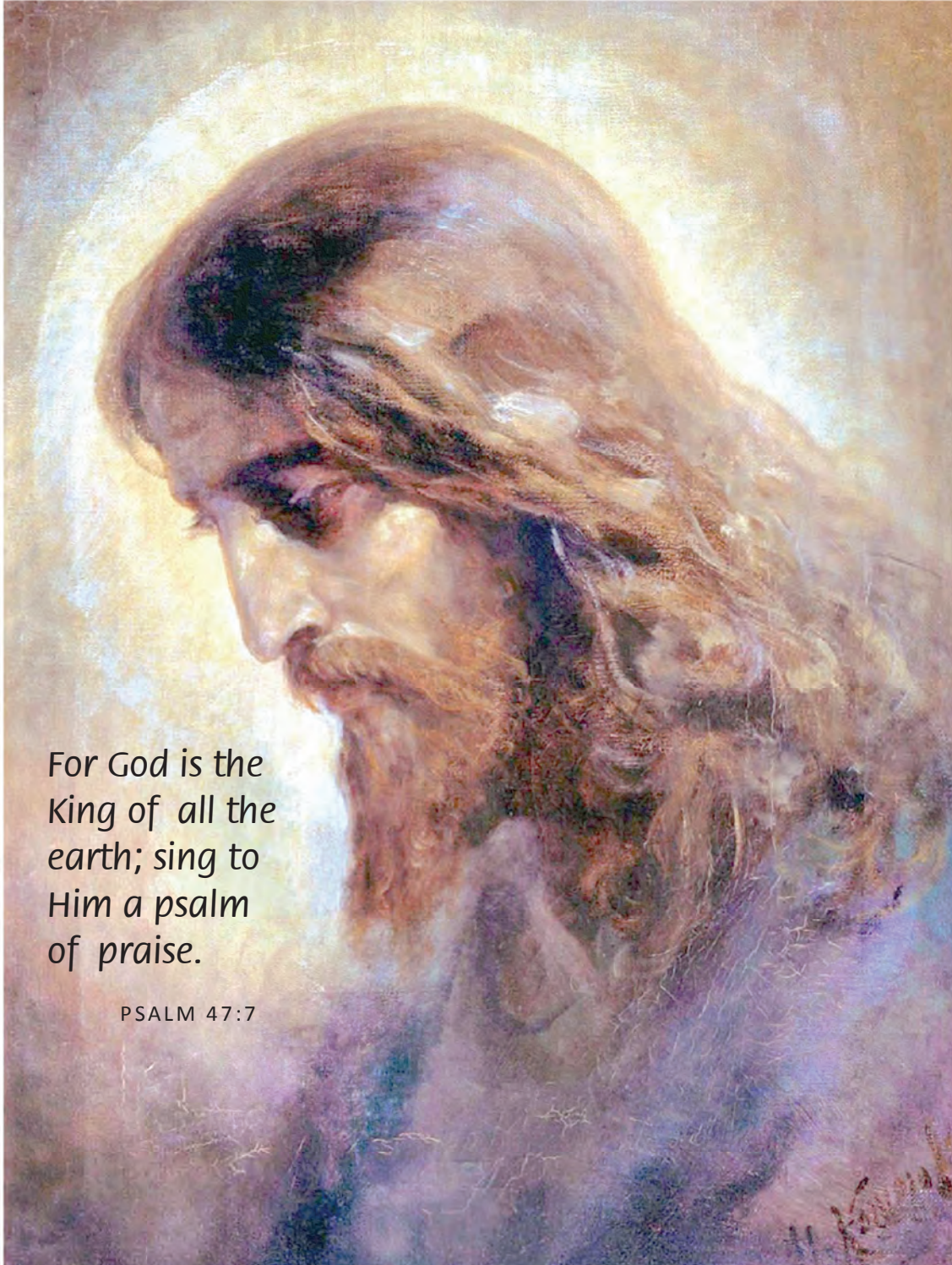


Feast of Christ the King



For God is the
King of all the
earth; sing to
Him a psalm
of praise.

PSALM 47:7

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Today's gospel presents Jesus as the judge of the entire world. It reminds us that a day will come where we will stand before the Lord to give an accounting of our own life. Then we will either be invited to join Jesus's flock or banished to be among the goats. Since this story holds our eternal happiness in balance, it would be wise for us to read it carefully.

A casual reading of this story might conclude that we are going to be judged on the way that we love other people. But the story is much more specific. In fact, this teaching of Jesus goes further than his other teachings on love and service. It goes further than saying we are to love our neighbor as ourselves. It goes beyond saying that we are to love others as Jesus has loved us. This story tells us that we are to love the least among us. Jesus says that what we do or do not do to the least among us is what we do or do not do to him.

This story calls us to serve the least, the lost, and the last. This is not our usual practice. We are comfortable serving those who we love and those who are close to us. It makes sense to us to love those who we like or who will love us in return. But Jesus is asking us to serve the least, the lost, and the last, and that means we have some searching out to do. Because the truth is that you and I do not usually live surrounded by the least, the lost, and the last. We have to find out where they are.

For some of us, the search is close at hand. It might be in our very families. There might be a son or daughter who is always last, who struggles to keep up or a grandchild that falls time and time again by abusing drugs or alcohol. There might be a brother or sister that has run afoul of the law. In this past week of Thanksgiving, when we think so much of family, Jesus is telling us that it is our role to feed and to clothe the least, the lost, and the last in our own families.

Who is the least at school or at work? Jesus is asking us to do more than simply love our friends and care for those who everyone admires. Who is the person that people shun or ridicule, the person

that they avoid or dismiss? That is the person that Jesus is asking us to care for and to visit.

Who is the least in our country? It is not often that we will find those least in the middle class and socially responsible circles in which we live. We have to seek them out in the inner city, in a hunger center, at the borders of our country looking to come in and be a part of our society. We need only to look at the Father English Center in Paterson to see the least of our brethren. We need to seek them out because these are the ones that Jesus wants us to care for and to welcome. We have to search around the margins of society so that we can stand in solidarity with those who others considered disposable.

In today's first reading, God is revealed as the one who seeks out the lost, who brings back those who have strayed, who binds up the injured, who heals the sick. This is why we must go out and search for the least, the lost, and the last. When we find them, we will find God. And—if we can trust today's gospel—we will also find eternal life.

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 vase provided. This will be available throughout the month of November.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Mass Schedule for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is as follows:

Thursday, December 7th, Vigil Mass at 7PM
Friday, December 8th, 7 AM and 9 AM

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Please mark your calendars for our Service of Lessons & Carols, which will be held on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023, at 7:00 PM. This is a change of date and time from our usual Sunday concert featuring our Adult, Youth and Handbell Choirs and readings from the bible. We hope you can join us for this radiant event on the evening of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception!

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

A poster for Simbang Gabi. The background is dark red with a large, glowing, multi-pointed star on the right side. The text is white and yellow. The title 'Simbang Gabi' is in a large, white, serif font. Below it, in a smaller white font, is the description: 'A Filipino devotional of a nine-day series of Masses during Advent in preparation for the Nativity of Jesus Christ.' Below that, 'Join Us' is written in a yellow, cursive font. The date '22 DEC 2023' is in a large, white, bold font, with '22' in a yellow box. Below the date is '7:00 PM' in white. The location 'St. Philip the Apostle Parish, 797 Valley Road, Clifton, NJ' and the celebrant 'Father Nico Quintos, Celebrant' are listed in white. At the bottom, it says 'Fellowship immediately following Mass in the Auditorium' in white.

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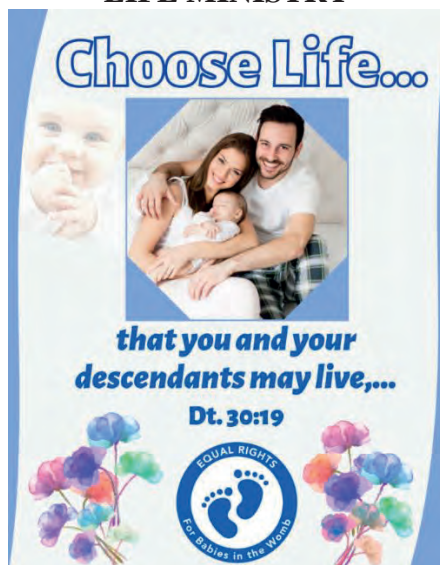
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SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

LIFE MINISTRY

A poster for 'Choose Life...'. The background is light blue. At the top, 'Choose Life...' is written in a large, blue, serif font. Below it is a photograph of a smiling couple holding a baby. Below the photo, the text 'that you and your descendants may live,...' is written in a blue, serif font. Below that is the reference 'Dt. 30:19' in a blue, serif font. At the bottom, there is a circular logo with a blue footprint and the text 'EQUAL RIGHTS For Babies in the Womb' around it. There are also some colorful, abstract shapes at the bottom.

Choose Life...

that you and your descendants may live,...

Dt. 30:19

EQUAL RIGHTS
For Babies in the Womb

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2023

*Lessons and Carols
Friday, December 8
7 PM*

*Advent Penance Service
Monday, December 11
7 PM*

*Advent Recollection
by Fr. Greg Cappucino
Monday, December 18
10 AM and 7 PM*

*Filipino Simbang Gabi
Friday, December 22
7 PM*

*Christmas Eve Masses
Sunday, December 24
4 PM, 7 PM and 10 PM*

*Christmas Day Masses
Monday, December 25
8 AM, 10 AM and 12 PM*

*Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God
Monday, January 1
9 AM*

GRIEFSHARE AT SAINT PHILIP'S

Need help dealing with grief?
A prayerful support group can help you move through the grief process.



A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way. The next GriefShare session at Saint Philip's is on **Monday, November 27th, 2023 at 7 PM** in the Youth Room of Jubilee Wing Building of the Molloy Center. For questions, please call the Parish Office at (973) 779 6200.

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

We hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving! 4th Grade has begun learning about the Beatitudes in Religion class and how they can help us live a life more like Jesus. We are also looking forward to receiving our Bibles so we can begin learning more about the amazing stories shared in it. Preparations for the annual Christmas Show have also begun. We hope to see you there.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Philip Prep's TREP\$ Christmas Marketplace run by our own student entrepreneurs!

Saturday, December 9, 2023

from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

St. Philip Prep Auditorium.

More information to come!

WORK WITH US!

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CALENDAR RAFFLES

Back by popular demand, the HSA will be selling calendar raffles this year. Tickets are \$10 each for 90 chances to win \$10,000 in prizes.

A chance to win money makes a great Stocking Stuffer! Stay tuned for more details

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

SCOUTS

Wreath Sale

Boy Scout Troop 21 is having their Annual Wreath Sale after all masses this weekend and next weekend. The scouts will be selling fresh wreaths as well as grave blankets and grave pillows outside of the church. Please stop by and support Boy Scout Troop 21! For pre-orders or more information call Phil Jakimowicz at (973)723-6111.

PRIME-TIMERS

The next meeting of the St. Philip Prime-Timers will be on Friday, December 1st at 1:30 PM in Marian Hall. Coffee and Cake will be served before the meeting.

Karen will be doing chair exercises to music. If you do not want to exercise, you can listen to music. Come and learn some chair exercises that you can do at home.

Everyone, 50 years and older, is welcome. Come and be our guest and join us for fun and make new friends.

If you have any questions, please contact Jean R. (973) 253-1619.

COLUMBIETTES

Columbiette Blanket Ministry

The blanket ministry will meet on Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 9:45 AM in the Molloy Center. All crafters are welcome!

Thank you to Gertrude for a generous fabric donation and to Carol and Peggy for many, many skeins of yarn. You have enabled us to provide many handmade items for those in need. We have just donated hats and scarves to coordinate with the K of C coat drive. It's getting cold out there!

For further information, call Cathie Murtha at (973) 471-1265.

AROUND TOWN...

2023

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DIOCESAN NEWS

**FRIDAY
DECEMBER 1**

St. James, Totowa
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 3**

St. Margaret, Morristown
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM



"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19)

Project ANDREW

Join other single, Catholic young men - high school age to young professionals - to learn more about the priesthood by joining Bishop Sweeney and other priests and seminarians from the Diocese of Paterson for an evening of prayer, dinner and conversation.

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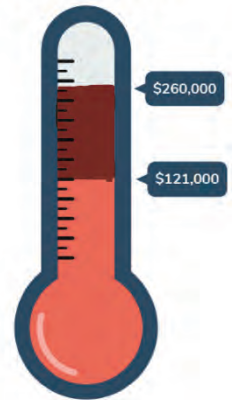
What can we do to restore the quality and beauty of the pews, kneelers, and furnishings of our church? Our "Having a Place at the Banquet of the Lord" capital campaign has begun. Please see the parish website for information about the restoration project and to make an online pledge.

Thank You for Your Support

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!

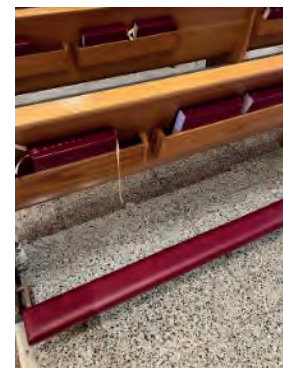
GOAL: \$300,000



To date we have raised \$121,000 in contributions collected and we are up to \$260,000 with all our pledges.

Due to the holiday, we do not have an update at this time!

Please see the pictures below of the sample pew has been restored.



PARISH GIVING

DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY PARISH GIVING WAS NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PRINTING.

**Upcoming Second Collections:
December 3 - Retired Religious Fund**

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KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe | Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus tells His disciples, the Son of Man will come in His glory and sit upon His throne. He will bless, from all the nations, every person who gave drink to the thirsty, something to eat to the hungry and paid a visit to the ill. The Kingdom of Heaven will be theirs.

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One Kingdom
One King

Christ the King said in reply, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

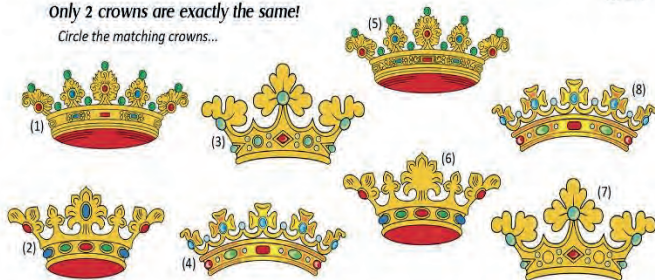
Matthew 25:40

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find the underlined words in the block puzzle by coloring them all gold... left, right, up, down or diagonally. Then color the ✦ stars ✦ all different jewel colors.

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Only 2 crowns are exactly the same!
Circle the matching crowns...



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023

- 8:00** Edward Leber
Kristen Bruschi
- 10:00** Ralph Saam - 22nd Anniversary
Domenick Pagano
Connie Pomposelli
Rita Latona
- 12:00** Maria Sciancalepore
Victor Shami
Bernard Pompeo - 22nd Anniversary

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2023

- 9:00** Deceased Members of the McNamara Family
RoseMary Young - Thanksgiving- 90th Birthday

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023

- 9:00** Kathryn Miragliotta
Rosita Malonzo

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2023

- 9:00** Malcolm D. Hall
Florenca Racho

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2023

- 9:00** Michael Mujersky
Mercedes Macalino

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2023

- 9:00** Bob Martin
Thomas Viggiano

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023

- 9:00** Zofia Gray
Jacqueline Otero
- 5:30** Ella DeBenedetto
Salvatore Capriglione
Louise Stolarz

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

- 8:00** For all the People of the Parish
- 10:00** James Fernandez
Rosario Llames - 3rd Anniversary
Mario Santulli
Segundo Villegas
- 12:00** Robert Quinn
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