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Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

November 9, 2025



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,

In the late 1800s, a priest named Fr. Francis was attempting to build a large, beautiful Church in south St. Louis. The neighborhood was industrial and not known for gorgeous buildings, so Fr. Francis was regularly critiqued for the decision to build such a beautiful space in such a tough neighborhood. Why waste money and energy? Fr. Francis, in great charity, would often respond, "My people see only dreariness all day. I want them to see beauty on Sunday."

I have long treasured this story as an argument for beautiful churches and beautiful buildings in general. How often the Church is attacked for throwing away money on beautiful things instead of spending it on "more worthy" causes. Once again, people say, the Church is more concerned with how things look than what is deep down. But this worldview totally misses the importance of beauty and the pain of the modern world. As Winston Churchill said: "We shape our buildings, and afterward, our buildings shape us." I am a body and soul creature, so what I see, touch, and experience is going to impact my soul. It is one of the reasons Soviet regimes insisted on drab and hyper-efficient buildings. Creating something beautiful is to remind someone that they have an eternal soul, and they are made for the beauty of heaven. Fr. Francis realized that his people lived hard lives, constantly surrounded by poverty, the grind of the industrial world, and the sin that impacts us all. To experience a beautiful Church allows a soul, even just for an hour, to remember Who created them and the beauty of their destiny.

When the Feast of the Dedication of the Church of St. John Lateran falls on Sunday, as it does this year, it takes the place of the usual Ordinary Time celebration. This Feast remembers the building and consecration of St. John Lateran, which is the Cathedral of Rome and, thus, the Mother Church of all of Catholicism. This is the location of the "Cathedra", the Chair, of Pope Leo XIV, from where he serves as Christ's Vicar for the entire world. This day should remind us of the universality of the Catholic Church and the obedience we owe our Pontiff.

But today's celebration also reminds us of the physical beauty of our Mother Church. To walk into St. John Lateran is to grow in hope, confidence and love. You cannot help but gasp at the massive statues of the apostles, serving almost as pillars holding up the Church while grasping the instruments of their martyrdom. The stately façade gives one confidence in the strength of Mother Church. The magnificent baldacchino above the

altar immediately makes one raise their eyes and heart to heaven.

The beauty of our Mother Church reminds us of the beauty of my soul and of God, even when I'm surrounded by drear all week. In fact, as St. Paul shares in our Second Reading, my soul is meant to reflect these beautiful structures. "You are God's building," he says; "Do you not know that you are the temple of God?" Paul asks. Beautiful structures challenge me to keep my own temple beautiful, to make it a space that raises the eyes of others to God. A beautiful Church reminds me of God. Does the temple of my body remind anyone of God?

Lastly, a beautiful Church reminds me that others are temples of God as well. This is perfectly expressed in our own Mother Church in Paterson, herself a magnificent and beautiful space. When one walks out of the main doors of our Cathedral, one of the finest buildings in Paterson, what is the one thing we see nearby? Our diocesan food kitchen and Eva's Village. Once I encounter the beauty of the Church, I am immediately reminded of the need to offer that beauty to my community. As we celebrate the Dedication of our Mother Church, may we be consistently reminded of the beauty of our own soul, and the beauty of the souls of all we encounter.

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone

PLEASE NOTE

In observance of Veteran's Day
on Tuesday, November 11th, Mass will be
celebrated at 9 AM.

The Church will be closed immediately
following Mass.

The Parish Office will be closed.

VETERAN'S DAY PRAYER

Dear Lord,
We thank You for the brave men
and women who have served our
country. Please protect those
currently serving, heal the wounds
of our veterans, and comfort the
families who have lost loved ones.
Guide our leaders with wisdom, and
let peace reign in our hearts and
world.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Our Saint Philip Prep students enjoyed a festive Halloween parade, followed by classroom celebrations filled with fun and excitement! In Religion class, students continue to learn about the lives of the saints and are reminded that we, too, are called to grow in holiness and follow their example.

Our eighth-grade students completed the HSPT (High School Placement Test) on Friday and look forward with hope and excitement as they begin planning for their high school futures. Grade Two is preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and learning about the beauty of forgiveness and God's unconditional love. In anticipation of our Veterans Day celebration, students are writing heartfelt letters and poems to honor and thank the brave men and women who have served our country.

WE ARE HIRING!

Saint Philip Preparatory School is currently accepting resumes from qualified teachers for various grade level positions.

In addition, we are in need of people to help with our After Care school program, (Monday – Friday 3PM-6PM.)

Anyone interested in either position kindly send your resume or call the school office, 973-779-4700.

Thank you for your support.

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

COLUMBIETTES

BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meeting of the blanket ministry will be Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 10:00am in the Molloy Center. All crafters are welcome! Thank you to Doreen, Robert, and Marsha for their generous donations. Recently, the coordinator from Project Linus wrote, "Your generosity will bring a smile and provide a warm hug to a child in need."

For more information or donations, call Cathie Murtha. (973-471-1265)

ROSARY SOCIETY

On Monday November 10 the St Philip Rosary Society will commemorate the souls of our loved ones. Please join us for Mass at 6:30 in Marian Hall followed by the Rosary and refreshments. All are welcome - come and see!

COLUMBIETTES

Harvest Harmony Luncheon

Live music, prizes, 50/50

Sunday, November 16th

In the Auditorium

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Tickets \$45



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email pattyscarp@aol.com

Tickets will be sold after all the Masses Nov. 8th/9th.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus Events

The annual St. Philip the Apostle Knights of Columbus Blood Drive will be held in the GYM on Sunday, November 30 from 9am to 1PM.

Although walk-ins are welcome we strongly suggest you make an appointment to avoid potentially long delays. You can make an appointment at:

<https://donors.vitalant.org/dwp/portal/dwa/appointment/guest/phl/timeSlotsExtr?token=bsZELHLr84f2nPgc1PaqBrIuf4gbmNHbwBLfC%2Fh1DWc%3D>

or Call Mike Cervine at

(973)472-7505 or use your smart phone on the QR code below



FR. ENGLISH GLOVE COLLECTION

Upcoming Glove Collection!

Last year we were able to collect hundreds of much needed new warm winter gloves for Fr. English Food Pantry. As the cold weather approaches, please consider donating a new pair of warm gloves – either for a child or an adult – man or woman. Every pair will be hand delivered to those in need. There will be bins in the back of the church the weekend of Nov. 22nd and 23rd. Please contact Mary Ann at 973 809 7120, if you have any questions.

Blessings to All!

LIFE MINISTRY

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"I am love and Mercy Itself. There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted – it increases. The soul that trusts in My mercy is most fortunate, because I Myself take care of it."

Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary of St. Faustina, 1273

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

FR. EMERSON'S APOLOGETICS CLASS

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DEC. 3 | DEC. 10
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"WHY, FATHER?" by Fr. Emerson

Question: *Father, why do we celebrate the Dedication of a Church—and especially the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica?*

Answer: Every year on  November 9th, the Church celebrates the  Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome—the Pope's own cathedral and the "mother church" of all churches in the world!

Now, it might seem a little strange to celebrate the anniversary of a *building* —but this feast is about something much deeper. It reminds us that God truly dwells among His people  and that His Church is alive in every heart that believes.

The Lateran Basilica reminds us that our faith is both universal (shared with Catholics everywhere ) and personal (lived out right here in our own parish ).

And just as that great basilica was consecrated to God's glory , so were we at baptism —each of us becoming a living temple of the Holy Spirit , shining with Christ's presence for the world to see. 

So yes, we celebrate a building—but even more, we celebrate us: God's living Church, built on the Rock of Peter  and filled with His Spirit!

WEDDING BANNS

The following couples will be exchanging wedding vows:



**Steven Thomas and
Angela Alexander**

GOD BLESS THE NEWLYWED



*Timothy and
Jaclyn*

IN THE AREA

St. Ann's Church is hosting its Fourteenth Annual Fall Festival

The Community of St. Ann Church in Parsippany is hosting its fourteenth annual Fall Festival on November 14th and 15th. St. Ann's will have 44 Tables of vendors, including Stitching Queens, Urban Retreat and Pampered Chef, who will be offering various handmade crafts and products.

The fair will also include ministry opportunities, a Bake Sale, Tricky Trays on both days, Orders for Christmas Greenery, and a 50 - 50. This year's dates are: Friday evening, November 14th, 5:00 – 9:00 PM and Saturday, November 15th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. St. Ann's is located at 781 Smith Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054. Admission is free.

PARISH GIVING

Sunday Collection: NOV. 3, 2024	\$17,133.00
Sunday Collection: NOVEMBER 2, 2025	
Weekly Collection	\$ 12,184.00
Online Giving Donation	\$ 6,602.00
TOTAL	\$ 18,786.00

Upcoming Second Collections:
November 16- Catholic Home Missions

WE PRAY FOR...

Recently Deceased...

Valerie Prisk

A Time to be Healed...

Marge Sikora, Robert Rup, Fran Kobernick, Rosanna Hampton, Philip Kutzenco, Angelo Torres, Nina Sova, Nicholas Magrogan, Antonio Bussanich, Rosemarie Carlee, James Jablonowski, Terry Kolenc, Wilson Torres, Jill Festa, Arlene Pompeo, Tom Wilkinson, Paula Mutter, Lee Welch, Maya Hilario

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025

8:00	Clementine and Louis Pall Guiseppe Carduccio
10:00	Martino Santulli Tom Mullin Frank Dara Elaine and Jerome Cipolla
12:00	All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2025

9:00 AM	Norma A. Moises- 2 nd Anniversary Frank Graziosi- 1 st Anniversary
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2025

9:00 AM	John Tomesco Kathy Lucianin
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025

9:00 AM	Martin Sudol
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025

9:00 AM	Bonifacio Flores Richard DeMarco
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025

9:00 AM	Ida Fazio
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025

9:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Columbiettes Nina Calello
5:30 PM	All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

8:00	Howard Glinkin John and Ruth Geary
10:00	Rosina Gioia Giovanna and Antonio Caradonna Deceased members of the Bicksler family Richard DeMarco
12:00	Ralph Pennella Leonardo and Pino Scelfo

CANDLE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9th

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Gospel Today

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica | John 2:13-22

Jesus says He will raise the Temple in 3 days. He is talking about the death and resurrection of His body.

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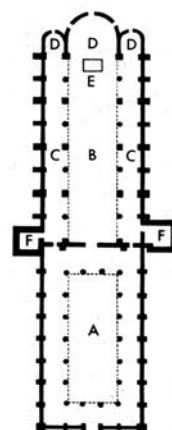
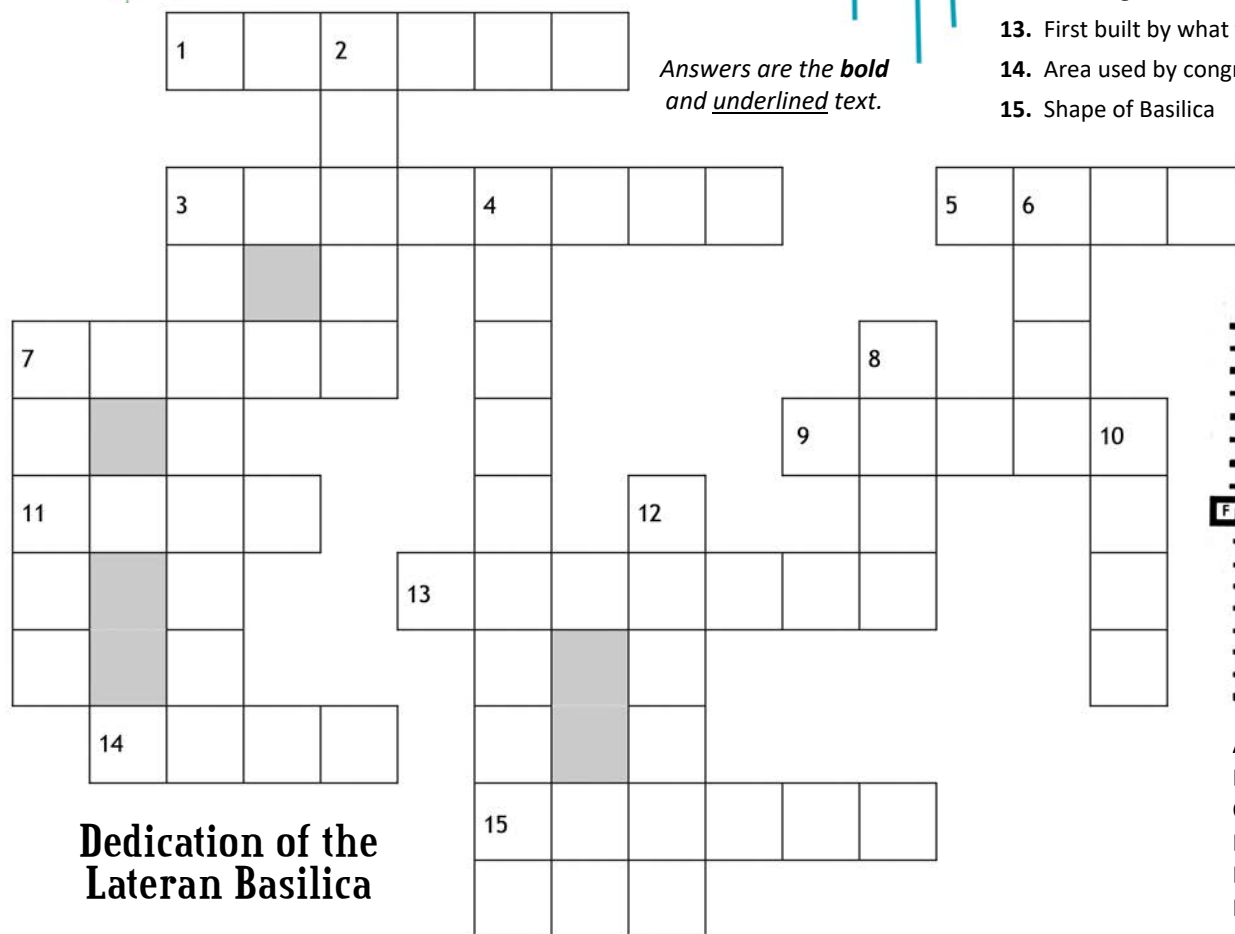
2. What Jesus would do to temple in 3 days
3. A large oblong church
4. Named in honor of
6. Pastor of St. John/head of church
7. Table for Sacrifice of the Mass
8. St. ____ the Baptist
10. Where is St. John Lateran
12. What Jesus will raise in 3 days



ACROSS

1. Main room or courtyard
3. A structure with a roof & walls
5. Vaulted, semi-circular recess
7. Brides walk down an ____ .
9. Tall, narrow section of building
11. The height of the tower section
13. First built by what family?
14. Area used by congregation
15. Shape of Basilica

Answers are the **bold** and underlined text.



- A. Atrium
B. Nave
C. Aisle
D. Apse
E. High Altar
F. Tower

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

What is a Basilica?

A large **oblong** shaped church **building**, having a **nave**, two or four aisles, one or more semi-circular vaulted apses, and a vaulted roof. It can also have an **atrium**, high **altar** and **tall** towers.

What is the Lateran Basilica?

The Lateran **Basilica** is a church constructed by the **Lateran** Family, officially named Archbasilica of the Most Holy Savior, St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist at the Lateran. Being the Highest ranking Catholic church, it is the Cathedral of the Bishop of **Rome**, with the **Pope** as pastor. At the **dedication** of the Basilica, St. John Lateran is named in honor of St. **John** the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

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