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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 16, 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,

We can define the word “perseverance” as hanging on “through” what is “severe”. Not many of us have ever literally faced something as severe as a cliffhanger in the jungles of the Amazon. Yet more than a few of us have faced death.

Maybe you were involved in a serious vehicle accident where you came within an inch of losing your life. You might have faced a serious illness that could have been terminal, but for some mysterious reason took a turn for the better. Regardless, every experience of suffering is an occasion for a moral choice between two opposing perspectives. You must choose between looking at suffering as an end or looking at it as a means.

A wise older priest friend has a saying that he’s well known for. ***“In the face of suffering and in the face of loss, you can choose to be bitter, or you can choose to be better.”*** You get to choose. The difference between the two choices is that, on the one hand, you can choose to be bitter through your own power alone. On the other hand, you can only be better through God’s strength.

In this Sunday’s Gospel Reading, Jesus describes many types of suffering that His disciples might experience. However, He’s not outlining these types of suffering to frighten us, but to alert us both to our need for perseverance and to what perseverance demands from us.

There’s a distinction that we need to understand in order to appreciate Christian perseverance. God’s strength not only makes it possible for us to hang on in spite of what life throws at us. In fact, we hang on to God Himself. This Sunday’s First Reading can help us put into a broader perspective what it means to hang on to God. The First Reading is taken from the *Book of Malachi*, which is the last book of the Old Testament.

Throughout the book named after him, Malachi prophesies—in the Name of the Lord—about what he calls ***“the day”*** or sometimes ***“that day”***. Without knowing Jesus, it’s easy to feel fear when Malachi prophesies: ***“Lo, the day is coming, blazing like an oven, when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire... says the Lord of hosts.”***

However, in the last verse of today’s First Reading, we hear a message of hope. Malachi prophesies in the Name of the Lord: ***“But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays.”*** These are words that can inspire perseverance. Although these words speak of fear, this is a particular type of fear. This is not servile fear, as you would naturally fear a wolf that’s bearing down upon you. Malachi prophesies about the type of fear that brings healing and strength.

Fear of the Lord’s Name is another way of speaking about religious awe of God. A more pedestrian way at getting at this same truth is the modern quip: “There are only two things I know for sure: #1, there is a God; and #2, I’m not Him.” Of course, it’s easy to say such a thing, but harder to live from such a conviction.

Nonetheless, what the Jews knew only dimly, as in a mirror, Jesus revealed plainly in His very Person when He walked this earth. The Most Holy Name of Jesus literally means ***“God saves.”*** So, consider this question: how often do you call on the Name of Jesus as you work to persevere through difficulties? You might be tempted often to use the Holy Name of Jesus in vain. But Jesus instead wants us when we’re suffering to use His Name not to express frustration, but to call for the strength that only He can give.

Calling on the Name of Jesus when striving to persevere in faith may seem quaint to some. To others, it may even seem superstitious. Regardless, make a resolution that three times during the coming week you’ll call on the Name of Jesus out loud when you’re struggling with some situation, striving to persevere in the life of faith.

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Many things are happening here at St. Philip Prep this month.

We celebrated Veterans day on Tuesday, November 11th honoring veterans that have children and grandchildren that attend the school.

HSA met Thursday evening.

Parent Teacher conferences are coming up next week

The 2nd graders did wonderful volcano displays and presentations that were so wonderful! They worked so hard on them but loved doing them plus presenting their displays!

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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)

MEETING REMINDER

The next Columbiettes meeting will be held on Thursday, November 20th. Our Initiation Ceremony will take place at 6:00 pm with the regular meeting beginning at 7:00 pm. Refreshments to follow the Initiation Ceremony.

Please make every effort to be at Marian Hall by 6 pm.

COLUMBIETTES FOOD DRIVE THANK YOU

An old saying is *"It is better to give than to receive."* This was very evident on Saturday, November 8th at the Stop and Shop on Broad Street in Clifton. While donating for Fr. English Food Pantry, St. Michael's in Passaic and St. Peter's Haven, many folks were so generous in telling their stories of how blessed they felt to be able to share and give food to those in need. Many also thanked those who were working for doing such a worthwhile effort.

Over 16 food carts were filled to overflow with all needed items for the pantries. Those who donated gave generously and with heart. Blessings to All!

BOY SCOUTS

Wreath Sale

Boy Scout Troop 21 is having their Annual Wreath Sale after all masses the weekends of November 29th -30th and December 6th-7th. The scouts will be selling

fresh wreaths as well as grave blankets and grave pillows outside of the church. Call Phil Jakimowicz at (973)723-6111 for pre-orders or more information.



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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Get A "Baby Feet" Car Magnet!!



Request a magnet at:



or visit: equalrightsforbabiesinthewomb.com
973-497-4520

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Please join us on
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025
at 7:00PM
for a Service of Lessons & Carols
featuring our Adult, Youth and Handbell Choirs
and seasonal readings from scripture.
We hope you can join us for this radiant event!



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**GUEST SPEAKER
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**THURSDAY
DEC. 4TH**



**TIME
7:00 PM**



**VENUE
MARIAN HALL**

"WHY, FATHER" by Fr. Emerson

Q: *Father, in this Sunday's Gospel (Luke 21:5–19), why does Jesus talk about the Temple being destroyed and warn us about persecution?*

A: When Jesus foretells the destruction of the Temple 🏛️, He is not just talking about an ancient building—He is pointing to something greater. The Temple had been the center of Jewish worship, the place where God's presence dwelt. But with Christ's coming, He Himself becomes the true Temple—God dwelling among us in the flesh!

So when He says the old Temple will fall, He is revealing that our faith is no longer built on stones, but on a Person—Jesus Christ—and the Church He founded. 🏡 That is why even when earthly things crumble, the Church remains. As Jesus promised, *"The gates of hell shall not prevail against it."* (Mt 16:18) 🙌

And yes, He warns of persecution and trials 😞—but not to scare us. He is preparing us! The Church has faced every kind of storm for over 2,000 years 🌪️, yet she stands firm because her foundation is divine, not human.

So when the world shakes, don't lose heart. Stand with Christ and His Church—the living Temple of God—and by perseverance, you will save your soul.

WEDDING BANNS



The following couples will be exchanging wedding vows:

**Steven Benkiewicz and
Andrea Comperiello**

PARISH GIVING

Sunday Collection: NOV. 10, 2024	\$18,940.00
Sunday Collection: NOVEMBER 9, 2025	
Weekly Collection	\$ 10,711.00
Online Giving Donation	\$ 6,609.00
TOTAL	\$ 17,320.00
Second Collection- Project Faith	\$ 2,541.00

Upcoming Second Collections:
November 23- Project Faith

WE PRAY FOR...

Recently Deceased...

Josefina Laya

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, Lee Welch, Maya Hilario,

MASS INTENTIONS

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 Bob Frank

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025

9:00 AM	Joann Warwick
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025

9:00 AM	Margaret Janusz
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2025

9:00 AM	Bob Frank
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025

9:00 AM	Michael T. Renda
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025

9:00 AM	Ida Fazio
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025

9:00 AM	John Tomesco- 2 nd Anniversary
5:30 PM	Maryann Helm Annie Gaittens Yolanda Divino

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025

8:00	All the People of the Parish
10:00	Fr. Dennis Conway Ellen Baker Frances Pico- 21 st Anniversary Guiseppe Carduccio
12:00	Maria Anna Scelfo Paul, and Maria Konzelmann and Paul Konzelmann II

CANDLE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16th

In Memory of Anthony and Frances Pico



Gospel Today

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 21:5-19

Jesus says we must persevere - to persist despite obstacles. It is not always easy to follow God's will, but the rewards are wonderful - everlasting happiness in Heaven!

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HEAVEN

EVERLASTING HAPPINESS WITH JESUS

The image below is like the road of life - different paths crossing over and under (our obstacles) and open intersections offering us new directions. With crayon or marker, choose a direction and follow to the finish. Follow over and under the crossovers, but only change direction at the open intersections.

Repeat with new colors, as many times as you can find new ways to reach the finish... Heaven.

Note: Some paths will be traveled many times, but all should be covered at least once.

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Look at the colorful options life offers
when following life with Jesus!

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