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November 8, 2026 The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



THIS WEEK...

NOV 9 **Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**



The Lateran Basilica in Rome is the Pope's cathedral and the "Mother and Head of All Churches." This feast reminds us that we are living temples of God, united in Christ and called to build up His Church.

NOV 10 **Memorial of St. Leo the Great** *Pope and Doctor of the Church*



St. Leo the Great was a fifth-century pope and Doctor of the Church who courageously defended the faith and promoted unity. Known for his wisdom and strong leadership, he reminds us to remain steadfast in truth and faithful to Christ and His Church.

NOV 11 **Memorial of St. Martin of Tours** *Bishop*



St. Martin of Tours was a fourth-century bishop known for his humility, generosity, and care for the poor. A former soldier who devoted his life to Christ, he reminds us that true holiness is found in acts of charity, compassion, and selfless service.

NOV 12 **Memorial of St. Josaphat** *Bishop and Martyr*



St. Josaphat was a 17th-century Ukrainian Catholic bishop and martyr who devoted his life to promoting unity among Christians. His courage and sacrifice remind us to work for peace, reconciliation, and unity in the Church, remaining faithful to Christ even in times of division.

NOV 13 **Memorial of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini** *Virgin*



St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, the first U.S. citizen to be canonized, was a missionary sister who dedicated her life to serving immigrants, the poor, and the sick. Her unwavering faith and compassion inspire us to trust in God's providence and serve those in need with love and generosity.

SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MASS | Daily - 9:00 AM
Saturday (Vigil) - 5:30 PM
Sunday - 8:00 AM
10:00 AM (Broadcast)
12:00 PM

HOLY HOUR | Every Friday - 9:30 to 10:30 AM
CONFESSION | Every Saturday - 4:30

For Communion Visit and/or Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

There are three roles that God calls every Christian to carry out for the sake of His Kingdom. These roles are priest, prophet, and king. Each Christian will carry out these three roles in somewhat different ways, depending on his or her vocation. Nonetheless, on the day of your baptism God "commissioned" you, if you will, to carry out these three roles.

Immediately after a person is baptized, the priest takes the most sacred of the church's three blessed oils—Sacred Chrism—and anoints the crown of the newly baptized person's head. The crown of the head is called the "crown", of course, because it's the part of the head that—if you were a king or queen—would be covered with your golden crown. But in baptism, that's in fact what you become: a king or queen.

In our American culture, the role of king is often looked down upon. Yet when we look into our Catholic history, we see many saintly kings. Saint Louis, for whom the Midwestern city is named, served France as King Louis IX. In addition to serving Christ in the people of his own kingdom, St. Louis also served Christ by defending the Holy Land. He wasn't a ruler who sat in a situation room and ordered his pawns forward toward death. He was a king who led his troops into battle. He armored, saddled up, and faced death for the cause he served.

Yet the role of a saintly king can be summed up more simply by a single word: "shepherd". In our culture, we might consider a king and a shepherd to be different roles, hardly synonymous at all. But in Sacred Scripture they often coincide. After all, the greatest king of Israel was David, who was a shepherd before he was anointed king. David illustrates that part of being a shepherd is the role of protector.

Of course, there is also another, gentler side to a shepherd. The shepherd also sees to it that his flock is provided with nourishment. We can think of saintly kings like Louis IX of France or Stephen of Hungary, who spent their personal wealth to carry out the corporal works of mercy for the poor and destitute within their kingdoms.

Given all this, however, we must recognize that all kingship and shepherding flows from God. It's by the grace of God those kings like St. Louis of France and St. Stephen of Hungary gave their lives for their people. It's by the grace of God that you who are fathers and mothers, husbands and wives, protect and provide for those entrusted to your care.

The Lord God acts as protector and provider throughout our lives, in countless ways. But He does so most powerfully in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Consider the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in terms of Jesus as our Eucharistic Shepherd and King.

The physical altar in the church's sanctuary represents the Cross on Calvary. On the Altar of the Cross, Jesus offered His own Self in sacrifice for His flock: that is, for His Bride, the Church. On the altar in the sanctuary, Jesus' self-sacrifice is truly made present through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, to protect us from the power of sin and death.

Yet God also calls us to the altar during Mass to be nourished by Jesus' entire self. We are most thoroughly nourished by Jesus when we offer Him our entire self. If I hold something back from God—if I say that God can have part of my life, or some of my wants and needs, but not my whole life—then the sacrifice of Jesus won't be able fully to dwell in me.

For Jesus's life to change your life as He wants, what you bring to the altar has to be as complete a gift as what Jesus offers you from the altar. Only with a complete exchange of selves will you have the strength to be a faithful steward during the week, in all the sacrifices—large and small—that God asks you to make for others.

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone

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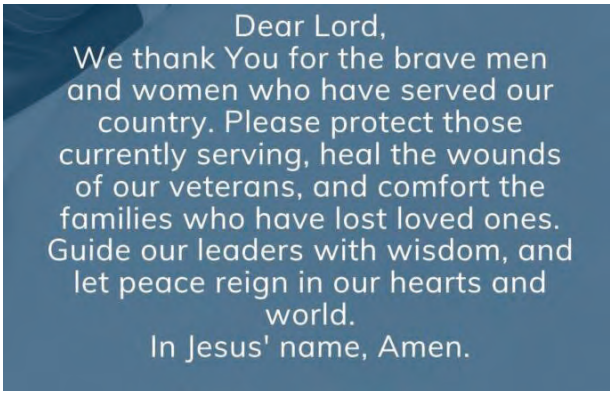


VETERANS DAY

In observance of Veterans Day on Wednesday, November 11th, Mass will be celebrated at 9 AM.

The Church will be closed immediately following Mass.
The Parish Office will be closed.

VETERANS DAY PRAYER



ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

What an exciting week at St. Philip! Our youngest Eagles got into the Halloween spirit while continuing to build important skills. PreK3 learned the letter E, PreK4 explored pumpkins through hands-on activities, and Kindergarten practiced letters and numbers. First graders worked on doubles facts in Math, while third graders combined creativity and problem-solving by building jack-o'-lanterns with LEGOs!

Our older students were busy, too! Fourth grade learned about compound subjects and predicates while continuing to read *Because of Winn-Dixie*. Fifth grade began multiplication, and sixth graders studied early humans and prepared reports about the saints. Seventh grade explored Native American history, while eighth grade studied the Industrial Revolution and applied the Pythagorean theorem in Math. Our seventh-grade readers also wrote essays about *A Long Walk to Water*, examining the challenges faced by the characters and the importance of perseverance. In Art, students worked on everything from painting crows and creating still-life drawings to self-portraits inspired by the saints.

We wrapped up the week with some Halloween fun! Our annual Halloween Parade was led by Ms. Lucciola, who brought our school mascot, Eddie the Eagle, to life! Students also enjoyed our Buddy Boo Bash, where older and younger Eagles teamed up for an afternoon of fun and games, including Franken-Putt, Skee Boo, Monster Smash, Mummy Bowling, and more! It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to spend time with their buddies, build friendships, and make some great memories together!

COME WORK WITH US

St. Philip Preparatory School is still seeking a Little Kaleidoscope Teacher for our gifted and talented program which is a part-time position. Teaching 3rd and 4th grade math and reading to our 1st and 2nd graders. 8 AM -12 PM Monday- Friday.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining our team, please visit https://rcdop.org/job-opportunities to complete an application or contact the school office for more information.

A PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Merciful Father, into Your loving hands
we commend the souls of our departed
brothers and sisters.
Forgive their sins, purify them in Your mercy,
and welcome them into the everlasting joy
of Your heavenly kingdom.
Comfort those who mourn,
strengthen our hope in the Resurrection,
and help us to live faithfully
until the day we are reunited with You
and all Your saints.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



BIBLE STUDY



ISAIAH AND ADVENT: WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?

A Biblical and Spiritual Journey through the Prophecies of Isaiah

Journey through the prophecies of Isaiah and discover the deeper meaning of Advent. This four-session Bible study explores God's promise of the Messiah, the hope of salvation, and the call to prepare our hearts for Christ. Through Scripture, we will come to appreciate Advent not simply as a preparation for Christmas, but as a season of faith, conversion, and joyful hope as we await the coming of our Savior.

To be facilitated by Fr. Paul Octubre

November 5 and 12, 2026
December 3 and 10, 2026
7:00 PM at the Marian Hall

Please register at the Parish Office,
call 973-779-6200 or email Lvalenti@stphilip.org

PARISH TRIP



Please contact the Parish Office, at (973)779-6200 or Virginia Sipin at (973) 760-8484

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

PRIMETIMERS

Prime Timers Holiday Excursion

Some unusual circumstances have enabled the Prime Timers to add several more seats for our Holiday Excursion to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse for their famous Holiday Extravaganza on Tuesday, Dec. 2. The day includes bus transportation to/from Hunterdon Hills and St. Philip's Drive, a full holiday dinner including their famous "all-you-can eat dessert bar" and the holiday show. Hunterdon Hills also has a clothing and novelty boutique and their homemade bake shop. The cost for the tip is only $140 per person which includes the bus driver's tip. The trip is open to anyone, not just Prime Timers.

If interested call either Mike Cervine (973) 472-7505 or Flo Campanella (973) 471-3976.

ROSARY SOCIETY

Rosary Remembers-November 16

All are welcome to join us for Mass and remembrance of our loved ones during the month of November. Our meeting starts at 6:30 in Marian Hall followed by coffee and. Hope to see you there!

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at 10 AM in the Molloy Center. ALL crafters are welcome! The Columbiettes are collecting gloves. We are excited about delivering our hats, scarves, and gloves to the school children. Thank you to Joanne, Tina, Robert, and Judy for their kind donations. For more information or yarn and new fabric donations, call Cathie Murtha. (973-471-1265)

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

FR. ENGLISH FOOD DRIVE

Parish Thanksgiving Food Collection for Fr. English Food Pantry

This month is very special as families unite to celebrate one of our nation's most beautiful holidays. Please remember those who do not have the resources to put all the trimmings on their Thanksgiving table. We are collecting non-perishable food items: canned tuna and chicken, soups, lentils, beans, mac and cheese, peanut butter and jelly, pastas and sauces, canned fruit and cereals and turkey gravy. Always remember our Veterans as they can need healthy snacks and small juices. Thank you always for your generous spirit!

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35

DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

Weekend of November 7-8, 2026 Diocesan Ministries Appeal "Be a Good Samaritan."

Christ's message in the story of the Good Samaritan is clear: we are called to bind up the wounds of the vulnerable and care for one another with a joyful heart. The Diocesan Ministries Appeal is our way of doing just that. Your generosity serves as the hands and feet of Christ across four essential areas: Catholic Charities' ministries, seminarian formation, Catholic Urban Education and the healthcare and housing needs of our retired priests. This approach allows you to offer an immediate lifeline to those in crisis. We pray God blesses you abundantly for your kindness! Please consider a donation to the 2026 Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Scan the QR code or visit www.2026appeal.org to make a gift today.

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PARISH GIVING

Sunday Collection: November 2, 2025	**$ 18,786.00**
Sunday Collection: November 1, 2026	
WEEKLY COLLECTION	**$ 14,156.00**
ONLINE GIVING DONATION	**$ 7,237.00**
TOTAL	**$ 21,393.00**

Upcoming Second Collections:
Nov 15th PROJECT FAITH

WE PRAY FOR...

A Time to be Healed…
Terry Kolenc, Wilson Torres, Arlene Pompeo, Tom Wilkinson, Lee Welch, Maya Hilario, Margaret Sikora, Maria Torres, David A. Ricca, Daisy Troope, Christopher Ivan George, Jack Insinga, Colin Jones, Kate Doyle, Isabel Pereiras, James Jablonowski, Michelle Garcia, Pierre Celestin**,** Benjamin Abate, Jacqueline Vanak



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026

8:00	Johanna Szerencsits
	Frances Shaw Kisch
10:00	Deceased members of the Gentolia Family
	Vincenza and Giovanni Minervini
	Manuel and Milagros Amador
	For all Veterans
12:00	All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2026

9:00 AM	Rosemarie Barrett
	Aquile R. Valendia

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2026

9:00 AM	Norma Moises- 3rd Anniversary
	David Kidd

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2026

9:00 AM	For All Veterans

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2026

9:00 AM	Rose Jorges

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2026

9:00 AM	Carmela Savino

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2026

9:00 AM	Deceased members of the Columbiettes
	John Salierno
5:30 PM	All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026

8:00	Christopher Healy
	Daniel DiRocco
10:00	Rosina Gioia
	John Pogorelec, Sr.
	Giovanna and Antonio Caradonna
	Harriett Luchko
12:00	Maria Anna and Leonardo Scelfo
	Rosario Impoco

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Year A

Gospel Today

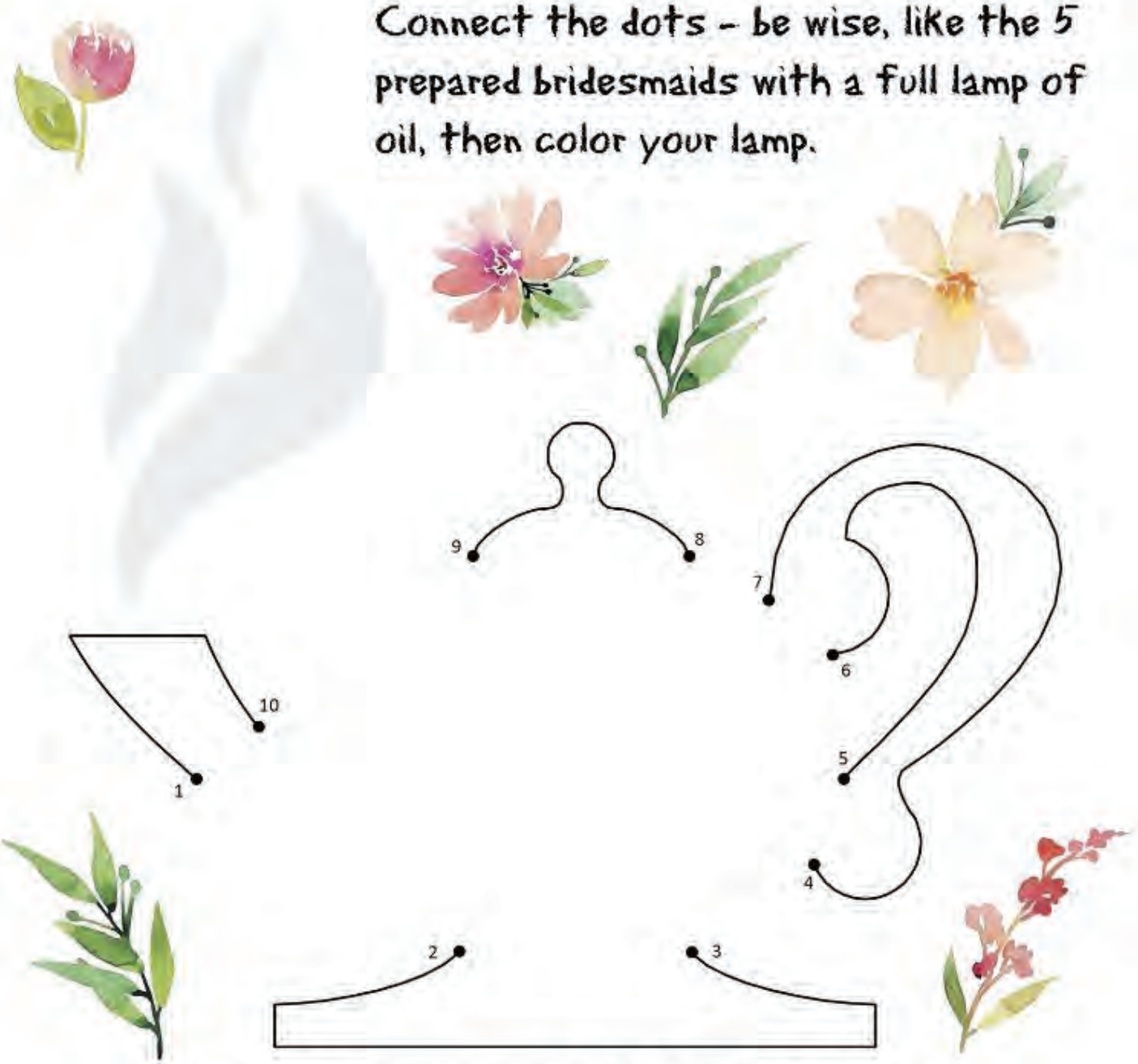
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 25:1-13

Of the 10 bridesmaids in the parable, 5 brought enough oil for their lamps for a long wait. The other 5 were not prepared and when their oil ran out, they missed the bridegroom when they went back for more oil. Always be prepared, like the 5 sensible bridesmaids. We never know the day or hour when Christ will return.

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There are 10 dots to follow, like the 10 bridesmaids waiting for the bridegroom.

Connect the dots - be wise, like the 5 prepared bridesmaids with a full lamp of oil, then color your lamp.



Always be prepared for Christ's return!

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