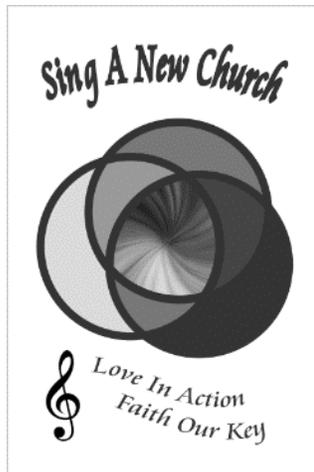


## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### A SONG FOR OUR FUTURE

In 1943, Casablanca swept the field at the Academy Awards and remains one of the top five most popular films of the twentieth century. Set in tension filled Morocco where Nazis, the exiled French and assorted characters struggle during World War II to overcome the darkness of Nazi oppression with the light of freedom for all. A memorable scene from the movie begins in Rick's Café with Nazi soldiers and officers singing *Watch on the Rhine* a patriotic pro-Nazi song. Lazlo, a secret agent for the free French, asks pro-Allies Rick if the nightclub orchestra could play *The Marseille*, the French national anthem. With single notes that build into a swelling patriotic song, voice after voice join louder and bolder. One by one the French rise to their feet with tears in their eyes, voices now full of bravery and strength. The song they share, the faith and freedom they bear and the love they hold for one another, their occupied country and freedom drowns out the now muted sound of their Nazi oppressors. No one watching that movie scene at that time knew the outcome of the War, but they knew the power of voices raised with a common vision and goal. Singing together creates something more wonderful than could ever be hoped for or imagined, the whole so much greater than the sum of the parts, notes and voices joined in a chorus, an anthem, a hymn.

In 1943, people gathered in Clifton to create a church, our Saint Philip the Apostle Parish, that would sing the good news of God's love that could be heard above the din of War, sacrifice and uncertainty. They sang a new church whose song echoed, resounded and rang out for seventy-five years until this very day. We gather at this

Eucharist to give God thanks as we draw our notes and melodies together, celebrating our relationship with ourselves and others and God. Our church has orchestrated spiritual, service and social ministries that sang out day after day, month after month, decade after decade, by the hundreds, by the thousands praying, laughing, weeping, grieving, rejoicing, celebrating, petitioning, offering, serving, sacrificing, and giving of time, talent and treasure. Songs of God's love sung as a rallying cry for all that is true, beautiful and good. The keys of the kingdom were shared and used to unlock, not only the mysteries of heaven but, also the mystery of the depth and breath, height and length of God's love and God's powerful Spirit that dwells in every human heart.

This weekend we conclude our 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Year as we begin the season of Advent. Advent signals a new beginning and is the first note of a new song, a song for today, a song for all our tomorrows, a song for the future kingdom that belongs to all who have sung before us, all who sing with us now, all who will sing with the heavenly chorus in the advent of eternity.

We sing a new church into being.

*Let us praise the gifts that differ, with good news our ministry, sing a new church into being, love in action faith our key.*

Please stand and sing with me, sing the good news of Christ's work accomplished on this holy ground yesterday, today and forever. Sing for our faith, sing for the love we hold for one another, sing to be light, sing for freedom, sing for justice and peace, sing for those who have no voice. Our notes and voices join in a chorus, an anthem, a hymn. Sing for we are .... *Love in action, faith our key.* (Women sing, men sing, men and women on the left sing, women and men on the right sing, we all sing.)

### OUR JUBILEE PRAYER

Rejoicing in you, O Lord, with thankful hearts we pray as. . .

We Remember

gratefully our past companions on the Journey whose sacrifice inspires us.

We Celebrate

the good news of love in action that empowers spiritual, service and social ministry.

We Believe

in God's providence as faithful stewards who continue Christ's work using the Keys to the Kingdom.

### *Advent Prayer Opportunities*

Lessons and Carols	December 2	3 pm
Christmas Pageant	December 9	9 am
Meditation Hour	December 13	7 pm
Eucharistic Adoration	December 15	11 am – 1 pm
Christmas Concert	December 16	3 pm

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*"This Moment Is Wrapped In Prayer"*

On **Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**, we invite you for Eucharistic Adoration from **11:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. Join us for this spiritual time before the Blessed Sacrament.

Why not stop by as your time permits and experience the Serenity that Jesus has to offer us.

#### NEW HYMNALS

Our *Journeysong Hymnals*, which were of poor quality and in constant disrepair, have been replaced by the *Ritualsong Hymnal*. *Ritualsong Hymnals* include the Sunday readings and daily antiphons.

All Memorials have been transferred to the new books and are located on the first turnable page.

#### ST. PHILIP'S JUBILEE HISTORY CELEBRATED AT FILM PREMIER

Join us for a premier viewing of **"Greater Works"** a documentary movie created by Fr. Matt about the history of our parish. The viewing will be on **Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** after the **5:30 pm** Mass and **Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am** in the Auditorium.



#### RCIA

##### Journey with Us!

Through the process of the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** or **RCIA**, we explore your questions about the faith and discover the keys to the kingdom. Join us on **Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** from **7:00-8:30 pm** in the Russo Room as we *Wrap our gifts in prayer*. For more information about **RCIA**, please call Donna Scancarella at 973-779-6200.

#### BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. KEVIN

Bible Study session will be cancelled for **Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** because of the pilgrimage to Our Lady of Czestochowa in Pa.

Bible Study Session will however take place on **Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 11 am**. ***This will be the final Bible Session for the Year.***

#### CHRISTMAS CONCERTS



Please join us this **Sunday, December 2, 2018** at **3:00 pm** for a *Service of Lessons and Carols*. Hear readings and beautiful music provided by our **Adult** and **Youth Choirs** and **Handbells**. Come meditate on the spirit of Christmas with us!

On **Sunday, December 16, 2018** at **3:00 pm** St. Philip's will be hosting a Christmas Concert by *Imperial Brass* instrumental ensemble. Tickets for this event are \$8/adults, \$2/children – *note price change*. A light reception will follow in the auditorium. Please join us for some holiday fun and a sing along! Tickets on sale after all masses this weekend and at the Molloy Center. Tickets will also be available at the door.

#### THE GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is all ready in the church vestibule decorated with gift tags indicating items to help people served by *Catholic Family and Community Services, St. Martin de Porres Village, St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly* and *Mercy House*.

Please consider sharing your blessings this Christmas season by purchasing a gift to help those in need in our local community.

*All gifts need to be returned by the 12:00 noon Mass on December 16<sup>th</sup>!*

#### MEDITATION HOUR



Please join us for prayer, guided meditation and reflection on **Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> in Church at 7 PM** as we journey with *our Blessed Mother through the Joyful Mysteries*.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 2 and 7 – 10, **Sunday, December 2.**

Grades 1 – 6, **Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

#### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Following the 8 am all are invited to join us for our annual Christmas Pageant in our school auditorium.

The Christmas Story will come to life as it will be performed by our First Year Confirmation students. Join us to celebrate and sing. Light refreshments will follow.



#### ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

November is always a busy month at St. Philip Prep. Students are preparing for the annual Christmas performance, and teachers have had their annual conferences with parents. For Veterans Day, fourth graders wrote letters to members of the armed forces stationed in Germany. Second graders have

completed their interviews as the final step in their preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation on December 1st. Eighth graders are looking forward to celebrating Thanksgiving with their Kindergarten buddies.

## MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday: The VFW Hall -Valley Rd; 8:00 pm**

### ROSARY SOCIETY

Next meeting of the Rosary Society is Monday, **December 10, 2018 in the Auditorium**. It will begin with Mass and the Rosary at **6:30 pm**.

The following items are being collected for the Passaic Neighborhood Center for Women: diapers (especially size 4-5), baby wipes, toilet paper, facial tissue, paper towels (select-a-size), Staples gift cards (for office supplies), Shop-Rite or Target gift cards. If you would like to donate, please call Beth Crocker 973-818-3223 to arrange for a pickup

### PRIME TIMERS

- ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY - **Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**, Valley Regency, Noon to 4 pm. \$50 per person; bring payments to the Molloy Center by **Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**.
- **January 4<sup>th</sup>** Meeting Speaker: Joan Herrmann, Inspirational Speaker, Radio Host, and St. Philip Parishioner

### COLUMBIETTES BLANKET MINISTRY

**Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 am** in the Molloy Center. All crafters are welcome. Any questions call Cathie Murtha at 973-471-1265-C.

The Blanket Ministry presents its display of various handmade items at the Clifton Main Library on Piaget Avenue through December 31<sup>st</sup>. Items may be purchased for a small donation. Come and visit to learn more about our service to the community.

## PRAY FOR

### THE SICK:

*At this beginning of a new liturgical year, our sick list starts with a clean slate. The names of parishioners that will be published in the bulletin can only be added by the sick person themselves or a designated authority for a limited period of time. The qualification for inclusion in the bulletin is for those who are gravely ill and in need of urgent prayer.*

### THE RECENTLY BAPTIZED:

Braden Louis Borbas and Elize Kofman, children of Brian & Eliane Angelina Rose & Santino Leon Castaldo, children of Gianpaolo & Lindsey

Joseph Patrick, Brendan Francis & Ryan William Morrissey, Children of Joseph & Ellen

### PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: NOVEMBER 26, 2017	\$19,400.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: NOVEMBER 25, 2018	
Envelopes	\$14,700.00
Cash	\$ 1,700.00

Online giving donation	\$ 4,948.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,085.00</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: Project Faith	\$ 2,413.00

### PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 8/9, 2018

5:30 PM	Fr. Joe	8:00 AM	Fr. Matt
10:00 AM	Fr. Joseph	12:00 N	Fr. Kevin

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018

<b>8:00</b>	All the People of the Parish
<b>10:00</b>	Roger Rossnagel Guy Giordano - 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary Lise Dollbaum - 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary Steven Kuhta - 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary Maria Corradino
<b>12:00</b>	Albert Pineda Carmella Schan

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2018

<b>7:00</b>	Patricia Pellegrino
<b>9:00</b>	Robert Quinn

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2018

<b>7:00</b>	Msgr. Leo Carey
<b>9:00</b>	Dorothea Stepka

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2018

<b>7:00</b>	Doris Tamburella
<b>9:00</b>	Mary Ellen Valentin

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018

<b>7:00</b>	Christopher Stanek
<b>9:00</b>	James Melone

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2018

<b>7:00</b>	Diego Salazar
<b>9:00</b>	Barbara Furesz – 16 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

<b>9:00</b>	All the People of the Parish
<b>5:30</b>	Mary Wilson Rosina Armetta Henry Marrocco, Jr.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018

<b>8:00</b>	Julie Koshlap - 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary Henry P. McNamara
<b>10:00</b>	Jerry Jaucian - 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary F. Paul Marschalk Erika Braun Angelina & Francesco Castaldo
<b>12:00</b>	All the People of the Parish

*The Sanctuary Candle:* In memory of Thomas Sirvidio  
From His Loving Family

