What might the seventy-two labors be? Labors such as farming are comprised of many ‘labors’. Just a quick list includes planters, harvesters, crate makers, drivers of carts or trucks, cooks, servers, etc. Wayne Muller beautifully shares these thoughts in his reflection on seventy-two labors, “So many stand silently with us at every meal, and we are indebted to each and every one as we partake of the gift of nourishment. To feel their presence and be thankful for their many gifts to us is to be more acutely aware of our place in this large and generous community of beings. Can we feel this connection?”

Recognizing that all is a gift is the very meaning of the word grace which means gift. We are called to be love in action which means - gift to one another.

In our first reading, the widow and her son are afraid to share the little they have, they hesitate and doubt. Faith is the key that enables them to unlock their love in spite of their fear. Faith is the key that enables us to love when we are afraid that we will run out of our time, talent or treasure. As in the Bible story, God cannot be outdone in generosity. The widow and her son are blessed beyond their imagination and so are we when we give of ourselves in spite of our fears.

In our Gospel, another widow gives the little she has from her heart and with great love. Sometimes, we give freely and without doubt because we love. Those times when we are love in action and feel like love in action are moments of great blessing to treasure. They give us the courage to give when our feelings do not match our actions. Love is the key to giving when we feel it, more often faith is the key to giving when we don’t. But every time we’re called to be love in action, to give of ourselves, it is only possible when we are grateful people.

Taking Prayerful Action

Prayerful practices that may help us to share our gifts are the following:

The next time you’re about to eat something – spend a moment thanking God for the ‘seventy-two laborers’ who stand silently beside you at every meal. Use your imagination and ask God to bless all those whose work provides this food or drink for you.

Jubilee Prayer

As we celebrate our parish seventy-fifth Jubilee year imagine the thousands who stand and pray with us in our church. They shared their seventy-two labors and gifts. Their doing Christ’s Work enables us to worship and to share our spiritual, service and social ministries today. Ask God’s blessing on all those people who have gone before us for three quarters of a century.

So, I ask you, who is going to say grace? Who is going to say thank you for gifts? The answer can be profound silence but please point the finger at yourself and thank God the giver of all gifts.

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SING A NEW CHURCH**

**Singing Circles of Color**

The Singing Circles of Color symbol above represents our Theme. Notice (color version at www.stphilip.org and Church Banner) the dynamic relationships that each individual circle and a variety of combinations of circles share. Through relationships there is a plethora of creation - new colors and diverse sounds. We SING A NEW CHURCH in the Key of Faith as Love in Action.

**75th Jubilee Parish Theme: Sing A New Church**

We sing the good news of God’s love. Our song begins as a single note of love whispered to us by God at the very moment of our creation. In every breath through the years we draw notes and melodies together in our relationship with our self, others and God. Our song crescendos in the joyous eternal choir which is the hymn of heaven, a song of never ending praise and thanksgiving.

God’s song of love is gently played in every heart and heard as we share our unique song as Love in Action. Every time a gift or talent is given for another, our church community sings a new song and a new church into being. Faith is our key which gives voice to our collective mission which is to do Christ’s Work, Opus Christi.

During the next weeks we will explore the living relationships represented in the symbols above:


**WEEK X**

**Seventy-two Labors**

At many a family table, especially at holiday time, the question is posed, “Who is going to say grace?” The answer is usually profound silence, accompanied by rapid finger-pointing. Rumor has it that this very same behavior has occurred in Rectories (surely not in the Diocese of Paterson). Buddhist monasteries begin each meal with a traditional prayer. Their prayer begins with the phrase:

*First, seventy-two labors brought us this food; we should know how it comes to us.*
FEEDING THE HUNGRY AT THANKSGIVING

Our parish has a long history of giving service through ministry especially in the area of feeding those in need at Thanksgiving. We will not be collecting food but rather taking free-will donations that will be converted into food gift certificate cards.

HOW THE THANKSGIVING FOOD DONATION WORKS

A free will donation envelope is available in the vestibule in the back of the church. The Thanksgiving Food Donation envelope can be returned next weekend, November 17/18 in the collection basket. You may write your parish giving envelope number on the Thanksgiving Food Donation Envelope in order to have your gift added to your yearly contribution statement. Your contribution will be converted into food certificate gift cards. An added benefit is that for every $100 donated, five dollars is given to us in return by the food store for our charitable works and therefore a gift of $100 becomes an actual gift of $105.

SPRITUAL JOURNEY TO
OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA NATIONAL SHRINE
DOYLESTOWN PA
& PEDDLER’S VILLAGE
HOST: FR. MATT

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2018
TRANSPORTATION, TOUR OF SHRINE, LUNCH
TICKETS - $50.00
BUS LEAVES ST. PHILIP AT 8:30 AM
FROM ST. PHILIP’S DRIVE
RETURNS AT 9:00 PM
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE MOLLOY CENTER

BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. KEVIN

Bible Study continues an eight week course on St Matthew’s Gospel on Mondays in the Church at 11 am. St Matthew's gospel gives a very spiritual dimension to our faith and belief as it was for the early Christians. All are welcome!

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. Our next session will be on Monday, November 12th from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Russo Room. For more information about RCIA, please call Donna Scancarella at 973-779-6200.

GOOD NEWS FOR PARENTS

Join us on Sunday, November 18th at 9:00 AM in the Russo Room for parents to hear about how we can help you as people both in your lives and in your roles as parents. Julia Gabriele, Family & Executive Coach, will facilitate along with members of our Pastoral Staff. Future session dates are: Jan. 13, Feb. 10, Mar. 10, Apr. 7, May 5 All are welcome!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 2 and 7 – 10 will meet Sunday, November 18.
Grades 1 – 6 will meet Sunday, December 9th.
Christmas Pageant
All classes begin in Church with the 8:00 Mass, followed by class until 10:30.

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

SPOUSAL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

Next meetings: Tuesday, November 13 and 27 at 7 pm in the Russo Room. Please contact Thalia Sanchez 862-295-1688.

WIDOW/WIDOWERS

Monday, November 12, 2018. Note: the meeting will begin at 6:00 pm in the Molloy Center.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

1st and 3rd Wednesday: The VFW Hall -Valley Rd; 8:00 PM

PRIME TIMERS

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

ROSARY SOCIETY

Next meeting date: Monday, November 12 beginning 6:30 pm with Mass and the Rosary in the Auditorium! Please join us! All are welcome!

COLUMBIETTES BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meeting of the blanket ministry is Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 9:45 am in the Molloy Center. If you would like to make a yarn or fabric donation, call Cathie Murtha at (973-471-1265)

Advent Prayer Opportunities

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THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Annual Christmas Craft & Bake Sale - Turkey & Ham Drop.

Saturday, November 17, 2018 10 am – 4 pm

In conjunction with the Sale, turkeys and hams will be collected to provide future meals for the residents. Baked goods are lovingly prepared in their own kitchen. Please bring donations to:

St. Joseph’s Home for the Elderly
140 Shepherd Lane, Totowa NJ 07512
(Parking and Entrance on Cumberland Ave.)

For Information: 973-942-0300 or
www.littlesistersofthepoortotowa.org

PRAY FOR


THE DECEASED: Diego Salazar, Mary Kelly

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: NOVEMBER 5, 2017 $18,309.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: NOVEMBER 4, 2018 $15,772.00

Envelopes $ 1,741.00
Cash $ 5,675.00
Total $ 23,188.00

2nd Collection: All Saints Day $ 2,738.00

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2018

8:00 All the People of the Parish
10:00 Thomas Vilardi
Lillian Durso
Millie Schan
Claire Neglia
12:00 Albert Pineda
John Sonn – 10th Anniversary

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2018

7:00 James Lake
9:00 Rev. Patrick O. Mullan

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018

7:00 Rev. Richard Steiger
9:00 Rev. Edward Collin

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2018

7:00 Rev. John Sullivan
9:00 Rev. David McLeod

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2018

7:00 Rev. Leo Fanning
9:00 Marion Doyle

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2018

7:00 Rev. Francis McGowan
9:00 Ralph H. Pennella

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2018

9:00 Albert Martin
5:30 Howard Glinkin
Catherine Gaffney
Virginia Kondratuk

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

PRIESTS’ SCHEDULE: NOVEMBER 17, 2018

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

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE: In memory of
Lucia Datilia
From Pina Basile

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please submit your bulletin information for the weekend of November 24/25 no later than Wednesday, November 14th! Thank you.