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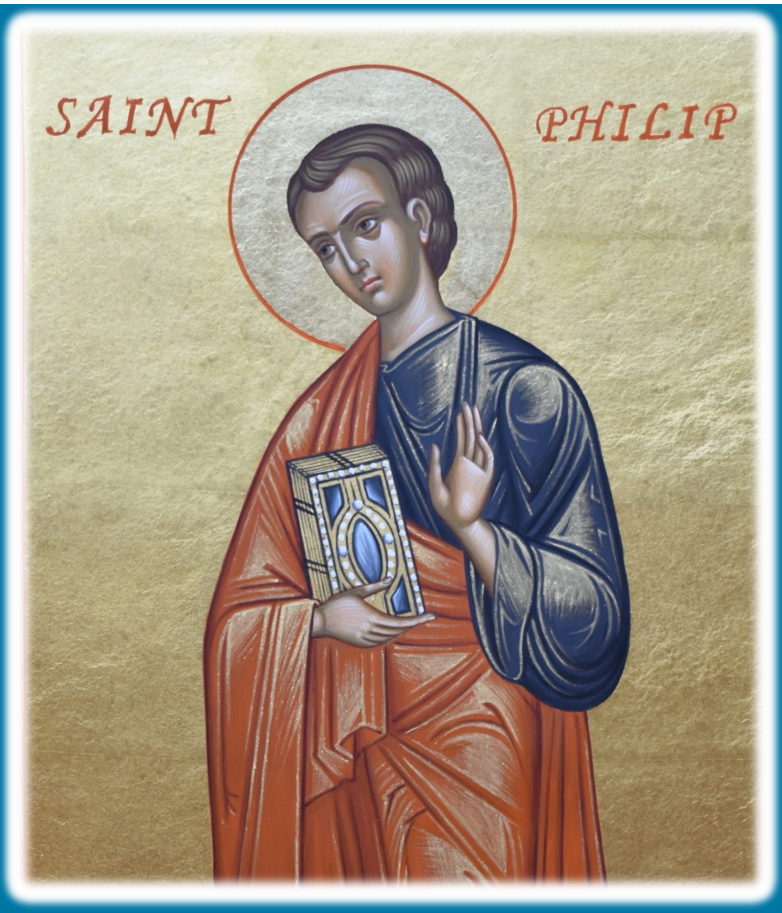

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Parochial Vicar

July 12, 2020

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Sunday Mass Schedule
5:30pm (Saturday Evening)
7:00am,10:00am, 12:00pm

Weekdays / Saturday
7:00am & 8:30am

Holy Days
5:30pm (Eve)
7:00am, 8:30am
12:10pm and 7:30pm

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Reconciliation
Private Reconciliation
Call Rectory

Devotions
Temporarily Suspended

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday		**July 11**
†	7:00 AM	Ann Soden
†	8:30 AM	Norbert Small
†	5:30 PM	Judith Guerrette
Sunday		**July 12**
†	7:00 AM	Sonia Marino
	10:00 AM	For the People
†	12:00 PM	Diane C. Fotiadis
Monday		**July 13**
†	7:00 AM	Joseph Vitolo
†	8:30 AM	Peter Raffo
Tuesday		**July 14**
†	7:00 AM	Julian Sadej
†	8:30 AM	Thomas Foran Sr.
Wednesday		**July 15**
†	7:00 AM	Ida Mangieri
†	8:30 AM	Peter Altamura
Thursday		**July 16**
†	7:00 AM	Lawrence Suitor
†	8:30 AM	Debbie DeBellis
Friday		**July 17**
	7:00 AM	Lynn Dillon
†	8:30 AM	Anthony Petruccello
Saturday		**July 18**
†	7:00 AM	Diane C. Fotiadis
†	8:30 AM	Kathleen & Ralph Colella
†	5:30 PM	Judith Guerrette
Sunday		**July 19**
†	7:00 AM	Living & Deceased Members Alaimo & McPartland Families
†	10:00 AM	June Flecker
	12:00 PM	For the People

Weekly Collection

7/5/2020 Collection:	$4,469.00
July Assessment Collection:	$254.00
Faith Direct:	$1,617.00

Thank you for the continued support of our Church

The hosts used in the holy sacrifice of the Mass have been offered for the month in loving memory of **Patrick Spina,** donated by the Keller family.

The wine used in the holy sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for the month in loving memory of **Michael Kenny** donated by the Kenny family.

The Sanctuary candle will burn in loving memory of **Joseph Bonnano**, donated by his wife & children.

The Holy Family candle will burn in loving memory of **Mr & Mrs Caspare Abbene** donated by Anabelle Goganzer.

The candle at the shrine of St. Jude will burn in loving memory of the **Kakoleski & Ramsay Families**, donated by Agnes Ramsay.

The candle at the shrine of St. Elizabeth will burn in loving memory of **Lorraine Campbell**, donated by Marie Kenny.

The candle at the shrine of St. Anthony will burn in loving memory of **Francis Campbell** donated by Marie Kenny.

The candle at the shrine of St. Therese will burn in loving memory of **June Flecker,** donated by the Flecker family.

Please pray for the sick members of our parish:

- Betty Agnello
- Millie Antenucci
- Jacob Berard
- Nanette Borges
- Nancy Buckley
- John Choma
- Baby Luke Coloianni
- Patricia Davis
- JoAnn Daleo
- Patrick Dilworth
- Annemarie Donaghey
- Maureen Etzrodt
- Jim Fasano
- Denise Gravante
- Larry Gulitti
- Veronica Hartley
- Wanda Kozloski
- Claire Kwiatkowski
- Beverly Kunz
- Justin Langfield
- Dorothy Leider
- Bill Meurer
- Jackie Meurer
- Kelly Ann Morris
- Lena Pizzullo
- Nikki Rhode
- Patricia Ryerson
- Esperanza Santillan
- Isabella Serrano
- Mary Sestanovich
- Alicia Welch
- Carol Zastrow

Please Pray for the Deceased

Michael Kula
Richard Telfer
Joseph Ceccacci
Frank Degondea Sr.

Praised be Jesus Christ!

This is our first published bulletin since March, though it will not be printed as it is not yet considered safe to distribute printed bulletins. So it will only be available on the parish website. In the interim we have been publishing a weekly newsletter which we have been e-mailing to all our registered parishioners for whom we have a current e-mail address. A recent mailing of postcards to all registered parishioners has led to a good deal of updating of phone numbers and e-mail addresses, so we now have a wider audience.

As I look back to the last printed bulletin I am reminded of the busyness of Lent. We were announcing our monthly food drive, Stations of the Cross, our new sound system, a weekly Lenten discussion group based on Bishop Baron's video ***Catholicism***, our Bereavement Group, and Taizé prayer among other things. And then the virus came.

We received word from the chancery on Thursday night that Cardinal Tobin was directing all parishes to not celebrate public weekend Masses. And so for a short while we were only celebrating weekday Masses while we started to record and broadcast Sunday Mass on our YouTube channel. Soon after that Governor Murphy issued a lockdown order and we were no longer celebrating the weekday Masses.

Many people were in "lockdown" while the "essential workers" continued to work in order to provide basic needs in a safe way. During the lockdown St Philip's continued as best as we could to provide the necessary services. Private Masses were offered daily. Our staff continued to work on a limited basis. The offices were open and processing e-mails, regular mail and phone calls. Several parishioners were anointed with the Sacrament of the Sick and those who died had funerals, though modified based on safety concerns.

Only one complaint came in about not celebrating public Mass and that was an anonymous letter. But the writer failed to mention that even at the Vatican, public Masses were suspended. We did however receive many positive phone calls, e-mails and notes of gratitude for carrying on our mission in the best way we could. Our Sunday Masses, broadcast on both YouTube and Saddle Brook TV were a source of comfort for many. Seeing familiar faces in a familiar space meant so much to so many. And many sent in their weekly contributions which helped us meet our ongoing financial obligations. We also instituted a daily prayer broadcast over the internet in which some participated. Our food collection paused but many sent in donations which were forwarded to Sacred Heart to stock their food pantry. And I offered a weekly Bible Study on the gospels which was well-received.

Please join me in thanking the many people who continue to assist us in "weathering the storm" in so many different ways. I will not start naming names because if I do I will inevitably miss someone.

As we have been announcing before Sunday Masses we are currently not singing based on guidance from the National Association of Pastoral Musicians and statements issued by scientists such as Dr Anthony Fauci. This was a difficult decision to make but was made out of a sense of concern for the well-being of our community, particularly those of us who are "of a certain age" or have ongoing medical issues. I know some are not happy with this but once experts indicate that congregational singing is not as dangerous we will return to it.

Personally I was not able to do as much as I would have liked to done over these months because I have been struggling with leg pain related to several pinched nerves in my spine. My new best friend is a cane forced on me by a parishioner. I thank God that I was wise enough to accept her gift. I have been in pain since before Christmas and began receiving treatments at Valley Hospital's pain center just before the lockdown. My first set of injections were successful but the pain made a reappearance after several weeks. Unfortunately my second set of injections was postponed several times from March to May: I finally received them in early June and as I write this column I am in quarantine, having undergone a COVID19 test in anticipation of a new round of injections on Friday, July 10. So by the time you see me I hope the pain will have decreased. Thanks to those of you who have expressed concern for my health and who have been praying for me.

Finally, as we announced at all Masses last weekend we have decided to forgo the annual Parish Festival of Fun due the concerns based on the pandemic. Parish leadership expressed concern about whether we could provide a safe environment for our guests; they also felt that many people might not feel comfortable volunteering or bringing in their families at this point. So, despite its importance to our community, and our dependence on the expected revenue it usually brings in, we made what we feel was the right choice.

May God continue to bless us and assist us as we continue navigating the uncertain days ahead.

In the Lord's Love,
Fr Bruce

Lectionary Spirituality

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14
Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Rain in the Bible is a sign of God's blessing. The Israelites were dependent upon the weather for survival. There is no river that waters Israel like the Nile does in Egypt. The Jordan is below sea level and is not an adequate source of water. They depend more upon the rain. Isaiah speaks of the efficacy of God's Word in today's reading. Using the image of rain, which waters "the earth, making it fertile and fruitful" (v.10), he tells us that God's Word will achieve "the end for which I sent it" (v.11).

Agriculture was very much a part of Jesus' world and images of sowing and reaping are often found in his teaching. In today's parable, found in all three synoptic gospels (cf. Mk.4, Lk.8), Jesus compares God's reign to the act of a sower sowing seed. Although the same type of seed is planted in various locations, only some of it produces a harvest. Frequently called "The Parable of the Sower," the emphasis of the parable, based on Jesus' own interpretation, is on the various types of ground where the seed is sown. He challenges us to "hear(s) the word and understand(s) it" (v.23), producing a good harvest. We must be open to receiving the Word and allow it to take root in our lives.

St. Paul's letter to the Romans uses another familiar image, that of an expectant mother. "All creation is groaning in labor pains" (v.22), he writes. History continues to unfold and the followers of Jesus endure suffering. But this suffering is temporary, for just as a seed sprouts to new life, so too we will one day experience, "the redemption of our bodies" (v.23), when God's reign is fully realized.

For reflection: How does my life benefit from the gift of God's Word? Is there something in the "soil" of my life that needs to be changed before I can bear an abundant harvest?

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Sunday Scriptures at Home

By Paul Turner

Many people find it helpful to pray over the Sunday scripture readings at home before going to church. The practice puts them in touch with the church's prayer, helps them listen as the readings are proclaimed at Mass, prepares them to hear the homily, and engages them personally in the word of God.

The Sunday readings are available in many publications and also online at www.usccb.org. To prepare the readings at home, get a copy of them, or just get the citations and look them up in a Bible.

Create some time and space for this prayer. If you do it alone, remove yourself from other activities. Choose a place where you can center yourself. Open the Scriptures and read over them. You might keep a journal and jot down some thoughts that come to you. Ask yourself some questions such as these: "What is going on in this reading? Is something similar happening in my life? What is God saying to me this week?"

If you pray with others, choose a time when everyone is together. You could pray in the living room at the end of the day or around the table before a meal. Someone reads the Scripture aloud. All think

about it. Then each shares a few thoughts. Read the passage again. You may choose one or more readings at a time. The exercise can be repeated throughout the week. God's word is able to go as deep inside you as you give it time and room.

When you get to church, don't read along while the readings are proclaimed. Lift your head and open your ears and heart to the word of God.

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St Philip's Respect Life Ministries

Next weekend is normally our monthly food drive to support the Helping Hands food pantry at Sacred Heart. In light of the pandemic we are not collecting food yet. But monetary donations can be put in the collection baskets near the doors of the church along with your Sunday offering. Please mark you donation "Food Pantry" so the funds will be directed to Helping Hands. Thank you for your continued support of this valuable Respect Life ministry.

OREMUS Ministry: Let Us Pray

St Philip's Oremus Ministry consists of parishioners who volunteer to pray for individuals with acute needs such as serious illness or death. The word "Oremus" is the Latin word that means "let us pray." Our "PRAY-ers" are contacted by e-mail when we receive a prayer request. If you know of someone who needs prayer or if you would like to take part in this ministry please e-mail: prayers@stphilipsb.org

St Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the sower and we know that "some seed fell on rich soil, and produce fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty fold."

This week by putting a gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that together they will produce fruit a hundred fold.

"Christ our Hope, in Every Season of Life"

Keeping You Po$ted

(Please Note: This column was part of the July 5 Newsletter but because of the importance of the message to the welfare of our parish we are repeating it in our first published bulletin after reopening.)

On Monday night our Finance Council met with John McGovern, the parish accountant to review the 2020-2021 budget.

The original budget, without an allowance for the Covid19 virus, projected a $20,000 surplus. This was a good sign. But based on a realistic projection of a 30% drop in income from the Sunday collections because of the virus, we are now anticipating a deficit of over $130,000. As you can imagine this is very serious.

Contrary to normal policy, the archdiocese is accepting deficit budgets at this time but has indicated that by October parishes must submit a revised budget that addresses this issue.

There are two areas that need to be addressed here: income and expenses.

Some factors might help such as reopening Bingo, which would bring in money. But the biggest source of our income, apart from the school rental, is the Sunday collection. So we will be discussing ways to increase that. We would need to increase our weekly income by $2600 to break even based on current projections. This amounts to an increase of less than $4 per person every week, which is not unreasonable in many cases.

The other factor to consider is expenses. Our primary expense is salaries and benefits, which account for about 50% of our expenses. We currently have two fulltime priests and four fulltime lay employees; all of them get benefits. All other employees are part time. So this is also an area that the Council will have to look into in order to balance the budget. As they say in negotiations, "everything is on the table." One consolation is that probably every parish in the archdiocese is in a similar situation as we all are affected by Covid19.

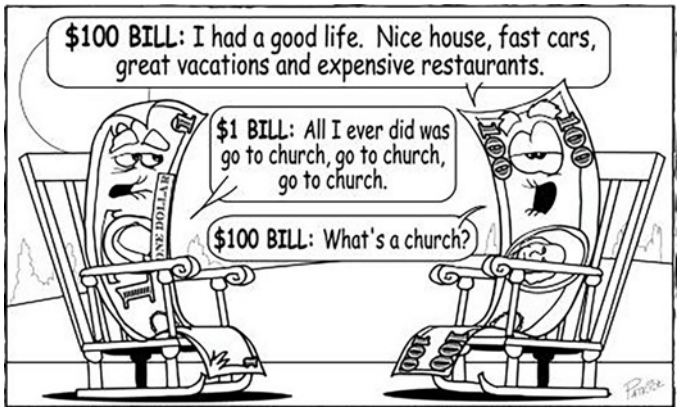
At this point we'd like to ask you to pray about your weekly offering and consider whether you could afford to raise your weekly offering to our parish. If every person giving less than $5 could find a way to contribute $5 and if those in the $5-9 range could

contribute $10, that alone would be a big help. (We see many $1 bills dropped in the collection basket.) And those giving $10 or more, who are many, please consider increasing your amount.

Our parish exists today partially because of the generosity and sacrifices of long time parishioners and previous generations of parishioners. Going forward we need your help to ensure that we stay solvent and can continue our mission of living and sharing the gospel.

Some may ask, "What about the money from the sale of the convent"? That question will be addressed in a future bulletin column. For now, you should know that archdiocesan policy discourages using money from the sale of property to balance a budget. There are also other issues to consider.

Please prayerfully consider whether it is time for you to increase your sacrificial gift to our parish.

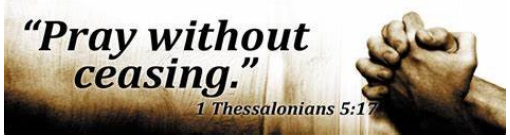


Upcoming Events:

July 18– First Communion & Confirmation
Please pray for our young people celebrating these sacraments.
Sep 19 - Food Truck Festival

Quotable Quotes

"Are we protecting our unity with prayer, the unity of the church? Are we praying for one another? What would happen if we prayed more and complained less?" Pope Francis



Dear Religious Formation Families,

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus telling his disciples the parable of the Sower and the Seed. He uses four examples of different kinds of ground that the seeds are sown in. For various reasons the first three seeds did not find an environment that would sustain them. The fourth and final seed finds rich soil and thrives to produce a hundred fold.

The seed is a metaphor for the Word of God and the receptiveness of the different groups of people. Jesus didn't preach only to receptive audiences but often to those who needed to hear it the most.

Today we can ask ourselves how receptive are we to God's Word today. I think our receptiveness changes with time and circumstances. When we are the most in need we may be more receptive. As people of faith we are challenged to be more receptive at all times of our lives. When we take the time to pray, we can let go of worldly distractions and truly be open and listen to what God is telling us.

As we move through this week, let us be aware of the ways that the Lord is trying to plant the seeds of faith in us. May we be fertile soil so that we may produce a bountiful harvest.

Registration has begun for the 2020-2021. The forms are available online on our Website. I hope all of you will continue to be part of our program in the fall. As always, I will be in need of teachers to help in the ministry of passing on the faith. Please consider joining our team in this wonderful ministry. If you are willing, please call the office and we can talk about how you can help serve the children of our parish.

Yours in Ministry,

Peter Keenen O'Brien
Director of Religious Formation

Below is short videos for children that will help in teaching about the Sower and the Seed.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3FfG-Zg8wSs

Text to Give

We recently signed up for a "Text to Give" program that allows people to make a donation to our parish using their cellphones. To securely make a gift to St. Philip the Apostle, text a dollar amount to (201) 733-4101. You will be asked to complete a one-time registration page with your billing and contact information. After this registration, you can give any time by texting a dollar amount to our phone number.

Eventually we will be able to accept credit card payments for Mass cards and other Main Office transactions.

St Philip's and amazonsmile

St Philips is an Amazon Smile charity. This means that when you make a purchase from Amazon, after designating us as your "Smile" charity, we will receive a donation of 0.5% from Amazon based on ***any*** purchase you make. You only have to sign up once and then make your purchases through the Amazon Smile link. While it doesn't sound like a lot of money, it can add up to a considerable amount if enough people participate. Please share this message with anyone you know who shops at Amazon.

Sign up by visiting the link on our webpage or visit Amazon's Smile page and search for St Philip the Apostle, Saddle Brook.

Have You Considered Faith Direct?

Do you wish to make life easier by donating electronically to St. Philips? Consider an online enrollment at Faith Direct. This secure program works directly with your bank, credit or debit card in the same way as other electronic funds transfer payments you may already conduct. All transactions are processed electronically, debiting your bank account or charging your credit\debit card automatically for the amounts you designate. ***No need for envelopes!*** Contributions to the Assessment Collection are now available through Faith Direct.

Just go to www.stphilipsb.org and click on the link for Faith Direct for more information and to register.

Archdiocesan Divorced/ Separated Parents Support Groups

"It's true . . . there's no such thing as "Catholic Divorce" ...but millions of Catholics DO get civilly divorced. And it affects and hurts us all. Maybe you or someone you know has suffered the breakdown of the marriage and family, or maybe they are going through it right now. No matter how long it's been, the Church IS HERE to help. The Archdiocese of Newark currently has 13 parishes who offer a support group for the separated/divorced and these groups will be starting during the next couple months. For a list of these groups, please visit our website at: www.rcan.org/separateddivorced-support-groups
Email or Call: Lauren.Egan@rcan.org 973-497-4327

Readings for the Week

Monday:
Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday:
Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday:
Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5 -6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday:
Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21; Mt 11:28-30

Friday:
Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday:
Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday:
Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5 -6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Celebrants for July 18/19

July 18	5:30PM	Fr. Bruce
July 19	7:00AM	Fr. Kajetan
	10:00AM	Fr. Bruce
	12:00PM	Fr. Kajetan

RETROUVAILLE
A LIFE LINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Troubled Marriage?

See helpourmarriage.com or retrouvaille.org.

This is a Catholic-based program open to all faiths.

For registration call 973-723-7090.

Sacraments at St. Philip's

Baptism—3rd Saturday of the month at 1:30pm. To begin preparing for your baby's birth into the Christian Community, please call the Rectory. A Baptismal preparation class for the parents/godparents is scheduled for the first Friday of the month at 7:30pm in the Rectory Meeting Room.

Marriage—Couples taking this most important step in life are helped to deepen their relationship with one another, to strengthen their communication skills, to grow in their understanding of married life, and to strengthen their relationship with Christ and His Church. Marriages should be scheduled at least 12 months in advance. This allows the couple time to prepare for their marriage at a more relaxed pace. Those who would like more information about celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage at our parish should contact one of the parish priests.

Anointing of the Sick—Our priests would like to visit and pray with the sick members of our parish to give spiritual care to those that cannot attend Mass. When the Church cares for the sick, it serves Christ Himself in the suffering members of his Mystical Body. The Church shows this by visiting those in poor health, raising them up through the sacrament of anointing and by nourishing them with the Eucharist during their illness.

This Sacrament is not just for those in danger of death, but for anyone who suffers from serious or chronic physical or emotional illness or who struggles with the infirmities of age. Those scheduled for a surgery or hospital stay may request this Sacrament prior to entering the hospital.

If you would like to invite one of our priests to visit and pray with you, please call the rectory.

Have You Been Asked to be a Godparent?

Godparents represent the Church to the child and the child to the Church. They profess faith in the child's name and promise to assist the child in living out his/her baptismal commitment. Indelibly marked by baptism, the child must be encouraged to live the Christian life, instructed and supported by the Christian community. All members of the Body of Christ share this responsibility, but godparents assume it in a special way.

Choosing a godparent can be a challenge. Some families consider it an honorary title to be automatically bestowed on siblings or cousins. Resentment may follow if they are not chosen. There may be friends or family who are not Catholics. Godparents promise to help a child become faithful Catholics. Those who are not faithful themselves can hardly make such a promise. Only one godparent is required by Canon Law. The person must be designated by the one who is to be baptized or their parents. 1. A godparent must intend to fulfill his/her function as a Godparent. 2. He/she must be a Catholic who has been Confirmed. 3. He/she must be at least sixteen (16) years old. 4. He/she must live a life in harmony with the Church. 5. A godparent cannot be the mother or father of the person to be baptized. 6. A non-Catholic Christian cannot be a godparent but he/she can be a witness as long as there is one Catholic godparent.

Importance of Mass Intentions

As Catholics, we believe that there is inestimable value in "having a Mass celebrated" for a particular intention**.** A Mass may be offered in thanksgiving for our blessings, family, health and answer to prayers. A Mass may be offered for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. We must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit ones soul. Masses offered for us during our life can help us obtain the great grace of a happy and holy death.

The most beautiful gift one can give to another person is a gift of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. No material gift can ever compare to or equal the Infinite Value of the Holy Mass. Masses offered for our departed loved ones and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory is a great act of charity. As a Spiritual Act of Mercy consider, then, to have Masses offered for yourself and your family, living and dead. Use the Infinite Treasure of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Mass intentions are scheduled at the Rectory Office.

How to Report Abuse

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any & all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others & provide support to victims of sexual abuse. individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan office of Child & Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.

God Bless Our Troops

- ★1st LT Claire Betterbed
- ★CPT Elizabeth Betterbed
- ★LT Thomas Betterbed, DDS
- ★PFC. Joseph Camilleri
- ★CPL Joseph Decker
- ★CPT Erik J. Filipek
- ★PFC Andres Guerrero
- ★SPC Ben Hansen

Domestic Violence

Shelter our Sisters

Crisis Hotline: 201-944-9600

Shelter Our Sisters is dedicated to assisting victims, and their children, of domestic violence by turning fear into safety, helplessness into strength, & isolation into hope.

Alternatives to Domestic Violence

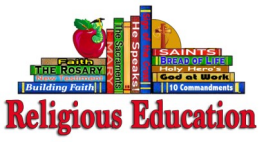
Crisis Hotline: 201-336-7575

(ADV) Division of the Bergen County Dept of Human Services, which is exclusively devoted to domestic violence intervention. ADV offers a full range of specialized services: crisis intervention, counseling, legal advocacy & assistance, court appearance preparation, court accompaniment, individual, group, & family counseling, information & referral to other needed services, community education and professional training.

Prayer for the Safety of Soldiers

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in You will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of Your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of Your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise You for Your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

July is dedicated to the Precious Blood.



Religious Education is now accepting registration for the 2021 school year.

If you have not received your re-registration form, please visit our website stphilipsb.org/registration-form to download the form or contact the office as soon as possible at 201-843-2240.

RCIA
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Ever wonder what RCIA stands for? Those initials have a special meaning; **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults**.** RCIA is a process of prayer, catechesis, reflection and discussion that allows the continuing discernment of God's will in our lives.

Are you someone or do you know someone who…

- ☐ Has expressed an interest in being baptized?
- ☐ Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- ☐ Was baptized Catholic as a child but has not completed the sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation?

For more information, please contact the Religious Education office at 201-843-2240.

Catechists Needed

St. Philip's Religious Education Program is looking for a new Catechists willing to teach young children and help them to grow in the Catholic faith. If you feel in your heart that God calling you to offer your time by spreading the Gospel, teaching the young generation, and using your God-given talents to help others know God, please contact the Religious Education office at 201-843-2240 or email reled@stphilip.org.

We will guide you as to how you can join our dedicated team of wonderful Catechists. We would love to have you. God will bless you always.