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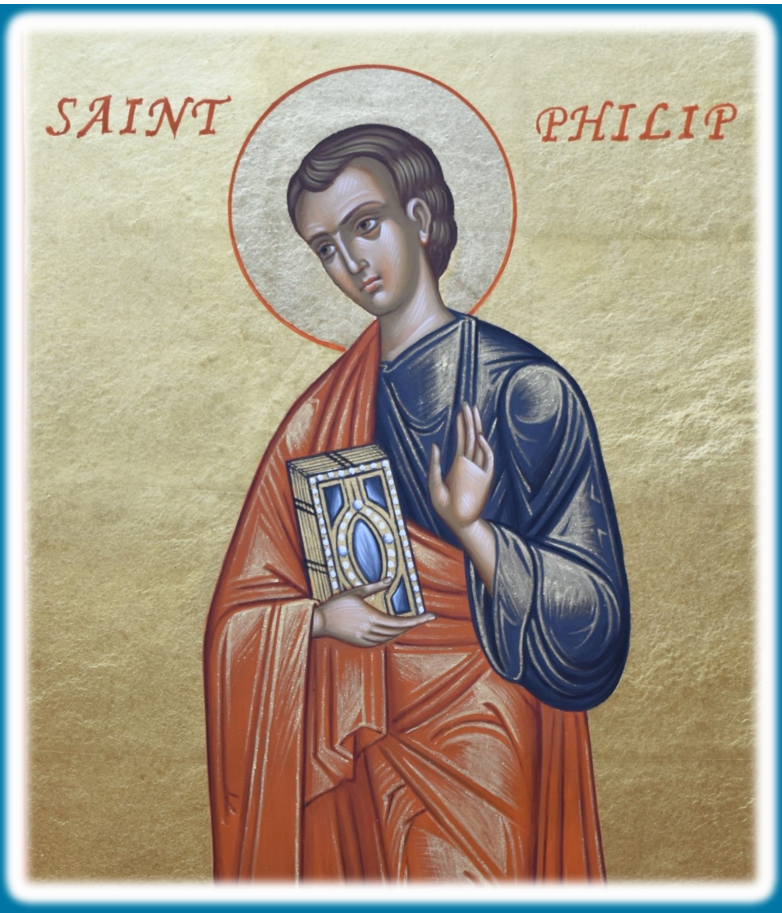

Rev. Bruce Janiga
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August 16, 2020

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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		**August 15**
†	7:00 AM	Elaine Kyle
†	8:30 AM	Edward Maska Jr.
†	5:30 PM	Lee Watrous
Sunday		**August 16**
†	7:00 AM	Dr. Fey Chu
†	10:00 AM	Frank & Bombina Fusaro
	12:00 PM	For the People
Monday		**August 17**
†	7:00 AM	Paul Gara - 24th Anniversary
†	8:30 AM	Anthony Petruccello
Tuesday		**August 18**
†	7:00 AM	Peter Altamura
†	8:30 AM	Debbie DeBellis
Wednesday		**August 19**
†	7:00 AM	John Mulvaney
†	8:30 AM	Andrew "Butch" Wozniak
Thursday		**August 20**
†	7:00 AM	Frank Scerbo
†	8:30 AM	Michael Small
Friday		**August 21**
†	7:00 AM	Lalia & Hubert Stout
†	8:30 AM	Anthony Petruccello
Saturday		**August 22**
†	7:00 AM	Loretta & Frank Guilbert
	8:30 AM	God's Blessiings for Sr. Jadwiga Zaremba
	5:30 PM	For the People
Sunday		**August 23**
†	7:00 AM	Ken Cuadra
†	10:00 AM	Sr. Mary Michele Croghan
†	12:00 PM	Joseph Janiga

Weekly Collection

8/9/2020 Collection: $2,840.00

Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa: $298.00

Faith Direct: $1,617.00

Thank you for the continued support of our Church

The wine used in the holy sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for the month in loving memory of **John Philip Ferrara,** donated by the Coviello family.

The hosts used in the holy sacrifice of the Mass have been offered for Aug16-22 in loving memory of **Yolonda Violet Mazza,** donated by the Kunz family.

The Sanctuary candle will burn in loving memory of **Patricia Grace Della Donne** , donated by Maria Romero.

The Holy Family candle will burn in loving memory of **Paulo Remuszka**, donated by the Remuszka Family.

The candle at the shrine of St. Jude will burn in loving memory of **Michael Kenny**, donated by Marie Kenny.

The candle at the shrine of St. Elizabeth will burn in loving memory of **Charles Garberino and Ernestine Mertia Giaia**, donated by Dolores and Dennis and the Garberino and Avia families.

The candle at the shrine of St. Anthony will burn in loving memory of **the Gara Family** donated by Nancy Gara.

The candle at the shrine of St. Therese will burn in loving memory of **Frances Mazza,** donated by Nancy & Robert Hickey.

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
- Baby Hannah
- Bridget Murphy Kaminski
- Wanda Kozloski
- Claire Kwiatkowski
- Beverly Kunz
- Justin Langfield
- Dorothy Leider
- Mary Mattera
- Bill Meurer
- Jackie Meurer
- Kelly Ann Morris
- Ann Murphy
- Lena Pizzullo
- Nikki Rhode
- Patricia Ryerson
- Esperanza Santillan
- Isabella Serrano
- Mary Sestanovich
- Alicia Welch

Please Pray for the Deceased

Katherine McChesney

Pastor's Corner

Praised be Jesus Christ!

On Saturday, August 15 the Church celebrated the Feast of the Assumption. This feast celebrates our belief that Mary "was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory" (CCC 966). This unprecedented act by God anticipates "the resurrection of all members of (Christ's) body". Traditionally it is a holy day of obligation but when it falls on a Saturday or a Monday the obligation is lifted. It is a feast rooted in the ancient tradition of the Church but was only declared a dogma by Pope Pius XII in 1950, one of the three times a pope has invoked the doctrine of infallibility. The Church teaches and believes, "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." Looking at this belief we learn something about Mary and about ourselves.

In 1854 Pope Pius IX defined the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, which states that Mary was free from sin from the moment of her conception. This made her the ideal vessel through whom God could come into the world. It is because she was free from sin that the Church goes on to declare that she was preserved from the corruption of death and assumed into heaven at the end of her life. There is a church in Jerusalem that commemorates this event. It is called Dormition Abbey. The title is based on the belief in the Eastern Church that Mary did not die, but "fell asleep" and was taken from this world to be with her Son in heaven.

But Mary's assumption also says something about ourselves, since she is the mother of us all. As Mary was taken into heaven so too we believe that heaven is our final destination. Let us, with the help of her intercession, strive to live lives worthy of God's gift of eternal life.

This week was scheduled to be our annual Parish Festival but because of the pandemic we did not hold it this year. But we are already making plans for next year when we hope to come back bigger and better. Our Super 50/50 Raffle will be held on Sunday night so if you haven't returned your tickets yet there is still time. We need this to be a big success this year since we will not bring in any income from the festival.

I was driving to my doctor's office the other day for a check-up and since I left earlier than necessary and in light of light traffic I didn't need to rush. So I drove mostly in the "slow" lane (65mph on the Parkway), watching so many people pass me by in a rush. By the time I got to the doctor's office I was still ten minutes early and, amazingly, my blood pressure was lower than normal. They say the only way to guarantee you are not late is to plan on being early. I'd encourage you to give yourself a little extra time when you travel and have a relaxing drive. Especially in these stressful times we need to treat ourselves with some extra TLC.

In the Lord's Love,

Fr Bruce

Lectionary Spirituality

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Today's reading from Isaiah comes from what is traditionally called Trito-Isaiah. Written by an anonymous prophet in the line of Isaiah, it addresses the postexilic community back in their homeland. Written with a universal perspective the text anticipates "foreigners who join themselves to the LORD" (v.6). Membership within the community of God's people is not about bloodlines as much as it is about keeping the commandments, and holding "fast to my covenant" (v.6). They are the ones who will be gathered on God's "holy mountain" (v.7), Jew and Gentile alike. For God's house is to be "a house of prayer for all peoples" (v.7).

Paul describes himself as "the apostle to the Gentiles" (v.13) in today's reading. He sees his mission to them as a way of making "my race jealous" (v.14) which will lead to some of them being saved. The conversion of the Gentiles who have "disobeyed God but have now received mercy" (v.30), will serve to lead the Jews who have disobeyed to "receive mercy" (v.31) as well. The disobedience of Jew and Gentile results in the mercy of God extended to all.

Jesus' encounter with the Canaanite woman finds him in foreign territory, among Gentiles. The woman approaches Jesus pleading for help for her daughter who "is tormented by a demon" (v.22). She is persistent in her request even in the face of Jesus' preliminary refusal, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (v.24). But she reminds him that, "even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table

of their masters" (v.27). She is not looking to take anything away from the Jews, she is merely looking for help for her daughter. Her perseverance pays off as Jesus heals the daughter in response to her great faith. God's grace and mercy are intended to all who seek them.

For reflection: How does an "us against them" mentality reflect an attitude contrary to Christianity? Who are those who are overlooked today and how can we as church assist them in experiencing God's grace and mercy?

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Pallbearers

By Paul Turner

Pallbearers accompany the remains of the deceased person at funerals. They are mentioned only briefly in the Order of Christian Funerals: "During the various processions, it is preferable that the pallbearers carry the coffin as a sign off reverence and respect for the deceased" (41). The Catholic liturgy does not further specify what pallbearers do. Funeral customs vary from one region and culture to another, so the liturgy allows great latitude for these to be honored. Most commonly pallbearers assist the procession from the funeral home to the church and from the church to the cemetery by carrying the coffin to and from the hearse. Their function is practical, but largely ceremonial. Inside the church, funeral directors more adept at steering the coffin usually place it before the altar and guide it out
the door.

During the Mass, pallbearers often join the opening procession and take special seats. The liturgy does not explicitly call for this, but it permits such customs.

Although one usually sees six male pallbearers, no liturgical rules govern the number or sex of those who carry the coffin. Women may assist, and fewer or more than six pallbearers may be chosen. Pallbearers at a Catholic funeral need not be Catholics. Ordinarily they are relatives or friends invited by the family of the deceased, but perfect strangers may assist if need be.

The role off the pallbearer has less significance when the deceased has been cremated because the practical need of transporting the remains from one place to another can usually be met by one person. Most people consider it an honor to be chosen as a pallbearer, and they accept the responsibility with the reverence and respect it deserves.

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St Philip's Respect Life Ministries

"In Touch" Ministry

Our "In Touch" Ministry, which provided calls to the homebound on a regular basis was really a "one woman band". Beloved parishioner Debbie DeBellis, who struggled with her own health issues, was a daily Mass-goer who volunteered to call parishioners who could not get out of the house. Sadly, we lost Debbie on March 26 at the young age of sixty. Now we are looking for volunteers to take her place. All that is required is a loving heart, a friendly spirit and a willingness to engage others in conversation on a regular basis. If you would like to be a part of this valuable ministry please leave your name at the Main Office. And please keep Debbie and her family in your prayers.

Missionary Co-op Collection

In light of the pandemic this collection, scheduled for August 26, has been cancelled this year. Please remember in your prayers all who work in the missions, bringing Christ to all the world.

Monthly Food Collection

This 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 along with your Sunday offering can be put in the collection baskets near the doors of the church. 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. As you can imagine, the need is especially great at this time with record unemployment due to the virus.

Bethany Ministry: Volunteers Needed

We are looking for people who can assist at funeral Masses as servers and readers. This valuable ministry provides a visible sign of support for those who mourn. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please contact Michele Keller at micheletk23@gmail.com.

Word of Life Reflection from the US Bishops

"God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"How to Build a Culture of Life"

"Christ our Hope, in Every Season of Life"

Monthly Candle Offerings

The following candles are available if you would like to remember a loved one in the coming months:

Sanctuary candle: October & November
St. Elizabeth: September—December
St. Anthony: September—December
St. Therese: September—December

Offerings for each candle are $30 for the month. Please call the rectory office to place your intention. Thank you

Help Wanted

St Philip's is looking for individuals familiar with video recording and editing to join our team recording weekend Mass so we can continue to stream it on our website and broadcast it on local cable television. Please contact Fr Bruce if you are interested.

Quotable Quotes

"To speak of hope to those who are desperate, it is essential to share their desperation. To dry the tears from the faces of those who are suffering, it is necessary to join our tears with theirs." Pope Francis

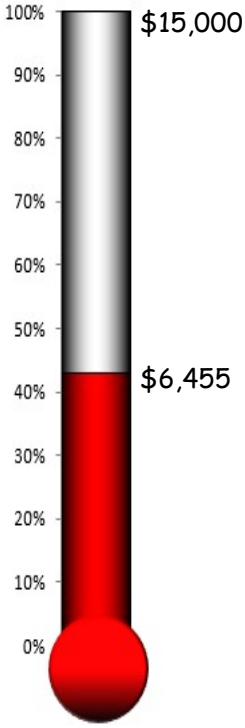
The Little Bethlehem Christians

are in need of our support. The Al Sahouri family, originally from Bethlehem in Israel, have been annual visitors to our parish offering beautiful hand-carved olive wood religious articles from the Holy Land to support their family back home. Since the pandemic struck they have not been on the road with their goods. If you are in need of any religious items such as rosaries, crucifixes, or statues please consider visiting their website and making a purchase. https://little-bethlehem.org

Perhaps this is the year to invest in a bambinello for your Christmas celebration. We adopted the tradition of the "Blessing of the Bambinelli" at St Philip's two years ago. Begun by Pope St John Paul II it is a beautiful way for families to prepare for Christmas.

Tickets for our annual Super 50/50 Raffle have been mailed to all registered parishioners. Please support us by returning the ticket stubs with your donation soon. A sign in the church lobby advertises the current jackpot. This year we are hoping to reach $15,000, half of which will be the prize. Thank you for your support. Additional tickets are available from the Main Office and in the rear of the church.

The drawing is Sunday, August 16.



SUPER 50/50 Update

As of 8/5,
we had received
$6,455.00
in raffle tickets for the BIG DRAWING on Sunday, Aug. 16th at 9:30pm.
Help us reach our $15,000 goal by returning your raffle tickets. The big winner could be YOU!
Need more tickets?
We have them!
Call the rectory office.

Prayer for the Church

Almighty God,
My parish family is composed of people like me.
I help make it what it is.
It will be friendly, if I am.
Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.
It will do great work, if I work.
It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.
It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them.
It will be a parish family of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith and a parish with noble spirit, if I—who make it what it is—am filled with these same qualities.
Therefore, with the help of God, I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish family to be,
Bless my journey, Lord God, that I just might build the Church through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Upcoming Events:

Aug 16 - Super 50/50 Drawing
Sep 19 - Food Truck Festival

Emergency Phone Numbers

When in sorrow, call John 14
If your pocketbook is empty, call Psalm 37
When you worry, call Matthew 6:19-34
When you need peace and rest, call Matthew 11:25-30
If you are losing confidence in people, call I Cor. 13
If you are depressed, call Psalm 27
For Paul's secret to happiness, call Col. 3:13-17

Emergency numbers may be dialed direct. All lines are open to Heaven 24/7. Feed your faith and doubt will starve to death!

Feeling down? Read The Psalms

For those moments when you struggle to pray, the psalms can pray through you. Covering the widest range of human emotions, even giving voice to those feelings you don't know how to put into words, the psalms are a voice of humanity, reaching out to God not only moments of joy, but also in our deepest need. The psalms not only give expression to humanity crying out, but also to God's loving and merciful reply.

Crumbs from the Table

Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." ~Matthew 15:28

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HEALED	DAUGHTER	SHEEP	FALL	MERCY
GREAT	CRYING	DOGS	LOST	JESUS
DEMON	HELP	TABLE	ISRAEL	WOMAN
EAT	FAITH	CRUMBS	SUFFERING	KNELT

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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:
Ez 24:15-23; Deut 32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday:
Ez 28:1-10; Deut 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday:
Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday:
Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

Friday:
Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday:
Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday:
Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Celebrants for August 22/23

August 22	5:30PM	Fr. Kajetan
August 23	7:00AM	Fr. Bruce
	10:00AM	Fr. Kajetan
	12:00PM	Fr. Bruce

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

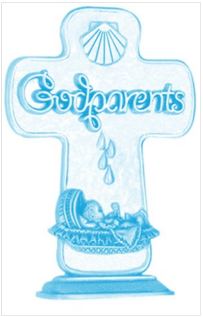
Baptism—3rd Saturday of the month at 1:30pm. To begin preparing for your baby's birth into the Christian Community, please call the Rectory. A Baptismal preparation class for the parents/godparents is scheduled for the first Friday of the month at 7:30pm in the Rectory Meeting Room.

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

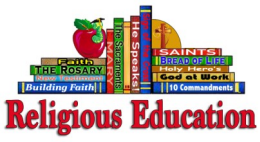
Crisis Hotline: 201-336-7575

(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.

August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary



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.

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.