# St. Philip the Apostle

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**February 7, 2021**

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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**
Saturdays -5pm Before Mass
Private Reconciliation by appointment, call rectory

**Devotions**
Recitation of Rosary—Daily (After 8:30am Mass)
**Temporarily Suspended**
Miraculous Medal Novena
Divine Mercy

# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, February 6th**
7:00 am For Our Benefactors
8:30 am God's Blessings for Joann Testa
5:30 pm † Andrzej Bryjak

**Sunday, February 7th**
7:00 am For the People
10:00 am † Stanislaw & Stansilawa Stanislawczyk
12:00 pm † Joseph Bonanno

**Monday, February 8th**
7:00 am Ray & Mary Mulvaney
8:30 am God's Blessings for Phil Mirante

**Tuesday, February 9th**
7:00 am † Stanley Tabaka
8:30 am † Maureen McCormack

**Wednesday, February 10th**
7:00 am † Carmen Pizzuto
8:30 am † James Quinn

**Thursday, February 11th**
7:00 am † Marjorie Wallace
8:30 am † Edward F Kugler

**Friday, February 12th**
7:00 am † John M. Phelan
8:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Donald Fleisch 60th Anniversary

**Saturday, February 13th**
7:00 am † Carolyn Pellegrino
8:30 am † Edward F Kugler
5:30 pm † Rosario Dispoto

**Sunday, February 14th**
7:00 am † Evelyn K Alaimo
10:00 am For the People
12:00 pm God's Blessings for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit for Jacob

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

The *Sanctuary candle* will burn in loving memory of **Joseph Carroll,** donated by Kim Carroll.

The candle at the shrine of the *Holy Family* will burn in loving memory of **George, Frances and Joseph Vuoso and Joseph Mattera** donated by Mary Mattera.

The candle at the shrine of *St. Jude* will burn thin thanksgiving of **good health for Mary Mattera,** donated by Mary Mattera.

The candle at the shrine of *St. Therese* will burn in loving memory of **Michael and Norbert Small** donated by Wendy Ann Sulick.

***The hosts, wine, Holy Family candle, Sanctuary candle and the candles at the shrines of St. Jude, St. Elizabeth, St. Anthony and St. Therese are open for many months throughout the year. If you would like to offer these in memory of a loved one or for the intentions of someone, please call the rectory office.***

## Please pray for the sick members of our parish:

- Betty Agnello
- Ross Alfieri
- Millie Antenucci
- Jacob Berard
- John Choma
- JoAnn Daleo
- Jim Fasano
- Larry Gulitti
- Marie Kenny
- Wanda Kozloski
- Claire Kwiakowski
- Beverly Kunz
- Justin Langfield
- Dorothy Leider
- Vivian Lucca
- Mary Mattera
- Elenore Mazzola
- Bill Meurer
- Jackie Meurer
- Lena Pizzullo
- Mary Sestanovich
- Stephen Stupalski
- Pamela Swenson
- Carol Zastrow

## Weekly Collection

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| *1/31/2021 Collection:* | *$2,547.00* |
| *Heritage Fund Collection:* | *$328.00* |
| *Faith Direct Avg. Weekly:* | *$1,944.32* |

## Please Pray for the Deceased

Emil Dul

## From The Pastor's Pen

I'm writing this during the first major snowstorm of 2021. The parish campus looks beautiful covered in snow. Nearly everything outside has stopped and there is a silence which is rare these days as the snow absorbs whatever sound might be out there. Pretty much the only sound I hear is that of sirens of emergency vehicles rushing to scenes of accidents, which are more frequent in slippery conditions. But for a pastor snowfall is not such a good thing because I am anticipating a large bill from our snow removal company. I hope you will consider adding "a little something" in next week's collection to help cover the cost of snow removal.

Like many of you I am waiting for the call to get my covid vaccine. We are fortunate that we live in a country which is working to vaccinate as many people as possible over the next few months. I have a religious sister friend who lives in Tanzania where there is no vaccine plan; their president declared that God has eliminated the virus from their country. But Catholic officials, among others, are working to fight the pandemic as best as they can. Please pray for Sr Rita and her community that they may be safe. And if you haven't gotten your flu shot yet, it is not too late.

Last weekend we watched the video for the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. Our goal this year, based on previous year's Sunday collection, is just over $44,000. I ask you to prayerfully consider making a sacrificial offering over the coming months. Last year less than 150 households contributed to this appeal. I hope that we can double that amount this year and get closer to our goal. Our individual support of the work of the Archdiocese is vital. Please give careful consideration to joining me and fellow-parishioners in making a sacrificial gift over the coming months. Ten dollars a month is probably affordable to many; to some it is too much, while others can afford more. But please give what you can.

Unfortunately the sale of the convent was postponed because one of the buyers was stuck in Colorado. With the snowstorm this week, we are waiting for him to return so he can sign the paperwork and we can complete the transaction. For those of you who are worried about Sr Michele Way, that property will continue to belong to the parish but we will allow the new owners to use it as the convent garages are accessed via that path.

In the Lord's Love,
Fr Bruce

## *Lectionary Spirituality*

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7
Second Reading: First Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Today's reading from Job reminds us that we all experience difficulty in our lives. It is part of the human condition. Life can seem like "a drudgery" (v.1), filled with "months of futility, and troubled nights" (v.3). But the book of Job ultimately calls us to recognize that all we have comes from God and that our destiny is in God's hands. We are called to be a people who hope in God's goodness.

St. Paul tells the Corinthians that his mission of preaching the gospel is "an obligation… imposed on me" (v.16) by God. His task is to "win over as many as possible" (v.19) in the preaching of the gospel, both Jews and Gentiles, "those outside the law" (v.21). In this preaching he is helping to fulfill God's will of saving as many as will accept the word, "so that I too may have a share in it" (v.23).

In the gospel today Jesus' cure of Simon Peter's mother-in-law serves to illustrate Jesus' authority once again, an idea we encountered in last week's gospel. Her response is to minister to Jesus and his disciples. She can do this because she is not only cured of her condition, she is also returned to her full strength. Mark then tells us that when the Sabbath was over, "after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons" (v.32) and Jesus continues to exercise his authority by healing them. Jesus does not allow the demons "to speak because they knew him" (v.34). This silencing is another example of Jesus' power, which is superior to that of the demons. We will encounter this theme frequently in Mark's text.

For reflection: When have I empathized with Job in my own life? How did I get through the suffering? Like Peter's mother-in-law, God has blessed me in many ways, what has been my response?

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## *Presider's Chair*

By Paul Turner

A chair is more than a piece of furniture. It can also symbolize the person who sits there. In many homes a family member has a preferred chair, and others won't sit there out off respect. In offices, in boardrooms and even at the dining room table, some seats are just sacred.

At church the presider's chair is more than a chair. It symbolizes the priest. He doesn't just sit there. He stands there to lead the assembly in prayer. The priest who pre- sides at Mass stands at the chair for the opening rites, sits in the chair for the Scripture readings and may stand at the chair again for the communion prayer and concluding rites. He may also preach from the chair if he wishes.

A typical sanctuary contains three distinct areas designated by furniture: the altar, the ambo, and the chair. The altar gathers us together for the eucharistic prayer, the heart of the Mass. The ambo holds the Scriptures for the Liturgy of the Word. The presider's chair focuses our attention at the beginning and at the end of the service because it establishes the role of one who leads us in prayer.

In the early church, the chair was positioned in the apse behind the altar. When the altar was moved to the back wall, the chair was relocated to one side of the sanctuary, facing the opposite side.

Today the presider faces the assembly from the chair. It may be placed against the back wall. In churches where the tabernacle occupies that space the chair should stand to the side. The presider's chair should not seem too remote from the assembly because the priest is not a performer to be watched but a leader engaged with all those gathered together. Ideally the position and structure of his chair identiies the priest as one with the people, yet also as their leader.

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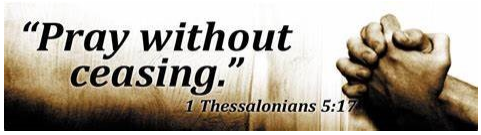
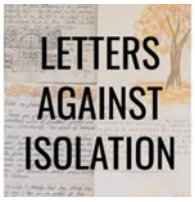



## St Philip's Respect Life Ministries

### *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




Do you have a few minutes to write a note to someone who is home alone? Join Letters Against Isolation, recently feature on NBC Nightly News and other major networks, by sending a note of encouragement to someone living alone. For more information, or to get involved, visit their website. https:/www.lettersagainstisolation.com

## *Blood Donors Urgently Needed*

At this time of year blood supplies run dangerously low. Because of the pandemic the Bloodmobile cannot come to us but you can still go to them. Consider donating blood during the winter season and help save lives. Contact Vitalant Donor Center in Paramus: 877-25- VITAL or visit their website: vitalant.org

## *From the Vincent de Paul Society*

In the Gospel today, we find that Jesus would rise very early before dawn and go to a deserted place to pray and then he went out to preach and to heal.

**Please pray for the poor and suffering, knowing that you are bringing the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.**

***"Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life***

# *Ashes and Repentance*

By Donna Cole, O.V.

Ash Wednesday is centered around the imposition of ashes on the faithful who attend Mass or a prayer service. The rite is brief, but rich in symbolism. The ashes used are created from the burning of palm branches, blessed on Passion (Palm) Sunday the previous year. This serves to connect the beginning of Lent of one year to the end of the previous Lent as we recall the Passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our season of penance starts and ends with the crucifixion.

The prayer used when imposing is a reminder of our own mortality and the consequences of Adam and Eve's original sin. The prayer, "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return," is from Genesis 3:19, "*By the sweat of your brow you shall eat bread, until you return to the ground, from which you were taken; For you are dust, and to dust you shall return*."

Ashes were used throughout the Old Testament as a sign of repentance, as a way of asking God to show mercy. In the book of Judith, "all the Israelite men, women, and children who lived in Jerusalem fell prostrate in front of the temple and sprinkled ashes on their heads, spreading out their sackcloth before the Lord" (Judith 4:11). Afterwards, "The Lord heard their cry and saw their distress" (Judith 4:13). When the prophet Jonah preached in the city of Nineveh, the king of Nineveh set aside his robe, put on sackcloth and sat on a pile of ashes (Jonah 3:6). Whenever God's people poured ashes on themselves, turned away from sin and reached out to God, their prayers were answered and they were delivered from destruction. There are other Old Testament examples as well and they give evidence of both a recognized practice of using ashes and a common understanding of their symbolism.

The "Day of Ashes" or *Dies Cinerum* in the Roman Missal is noted in the earliest existing copies of the Gregorian Sacramentary. It is believed that the custom of marking the head with ashes began during the papacy of Gregory the Great. The Council of Mainz (813) orders the observance of the great litany on the three "Rogation Days" by being "barefooted with ashes." In Rome, public penitents had to appear at the door of the church in penitential clothing and scattered with ashes on Ash Wednesday to begin their penitential period. Faithful who were not currently undergoing public penance chose to join these practices. Receiving ashes as a sign of repentance and reminder of mortality began in the 10th century and became common practice in the church of the west following the Synod of Benevento in 1091. At first, the use of ashes was a private devotion, but later the ashes became a public sign identifying penitents, encouraging others to pray for them.

At some point the practice of imposing ashes on all the faithful developed in imitation of this custom but there is some controversy regarding the actual date when this began. Using a cross symbol on the head of the penitent developed as a parallel of the seal of baptism. It seems also to be a connection to the background of the early Church practice of making the sign of the cross by tracing it on the brow as we do today at the reading of the Gospel during Mass. Also, the tradition of imposing the ashes in the shape of a cross on the forehead may have come from the fact that women were traditionally expected to cover their heads in church. In countries around the world, the older custom of sprinkling ashes on top of the head is still observed.

Ælfric gives us some insight into the way Ash Wednesday was celebrated c. A.D. 1000. He writes in his Ash Wednesday homily, "On the Wednesday, throughout the whole world, the priests bless, even as it is appointed, clean ashes in church, and afterward lay them upon men's heads, that they may have in mind that they came from earth, and shall again return to dust" and "We read in the books, both in the old Law and in the new, that the men who repented of their sins bestrewed themselves with ashes, and clothed their bodies with sackcloth. Now let us do this little in the beginning of our Lent, that we strew ashes upon our heads, to signify that we ought to repent of our sins during our Lenten fast" (*Lives of the Saints*, In Caput Ieiunii).

May we do the same.

## *Quotable Quotes*

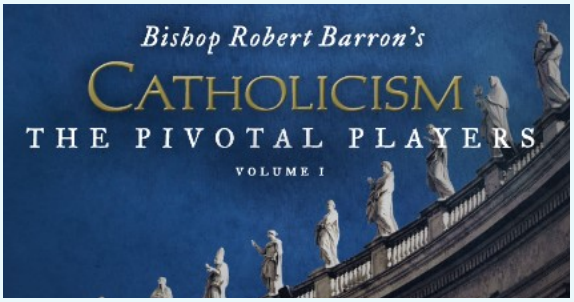
*"The (Second Vatican) council is the magisterium of the church…(it) cannot be negotiated."*

~Pope Francis

## *Nurture Your Faith*

*Live Lent!* will be your ideal companion as you gather weekly in small groups to gain inspiration from next Sunday's Gospel and its roots in the Old Testament and as you reflect each day of the week on how to live your faith in everyday life. Be inspired by the Sunday Gospel readings, explore Old Testament insights, and take action in everyday life.

Meeting remotely and in person, we will be offering several times during the week. Contact Peter O'Brien for more information or to register. There is a $10 cost to purchase the book used in the program.




Catholicism: The Pivotal Players

Join Peter O'Brien and fellow parishioners on a five week introduction to some of the key figures in Catholic history such as Francis of Assisi and Catherine of Siena. Using video and group discussion you will meet some of the most significant players in the history of Christianity. Meetings will take place in the church and remotely. Call the Faith Formation Office for information or to register. Tuesday at 10:30am in the church and remotely on Wednesday 10:30am.. This week's subject is Michelangelo.

## *Celebrants for Feb 13/14*

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| February 13 | 5:30PM | Fr. Kajetan |
| February 14 | 7:00AM | Fr. Bruce |
| | 10:00AM | Fr. Kajetan |
| | 12:00PM | Fr. Bruce |

# the 2021 Annual Appeal

## Catholic Stewardship *in* Action

Recently Cardinal Tobin launched the annual archdiocesan appeal. A letter from the Cardinal was mailed to all registered parishioners inviting them to support this valuable fund which helps the Church of Newark continue its mission. This weekend at all Masses we will be viewing the appeal video. While you continue to generously support our parish we ask you to consider including the archdiocese in your charitable giving. Many people have cut down on spending, not eating out as often or attending sporting or entertainment events, among other items because of the pandemic. Economists tell us that the US savings rate has risen considerably since the beginning of the pandemic, up to over 30% recently. Perhaps you could share some of that savings to the archdiocese so that we can continue our mission. Over the coming weeks we will highlight various ways that our parish benefits from the work of the archdiocese. You can restrict your gift to a particular area such as seminary, helping the homeless, etc. For more information see Fr Bruce.

## Upcoming Events:

**Feb 17—**Ash Wednesday 7am, 8:30am and 7:30pm
**Mar 6—**Drive-thru Spaghetti Dinner

## *Readings for the Week*

**Monday**: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
**Tuesday**: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 7:1-13
**Wednesday**: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
**Thursday**: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mk 7:24-30
**Friday**: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 7:31-37
**Saturday**: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
**Sunday**: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

## Other Ways to Donate to St. Philip's

### 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.

### 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.

### 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. No envelopes!

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Thank You for your Support!!

*February is dedicated to The Holy Family.*

## Coronavirus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us.

Kerry Weber, ***America***

## Weekly Offertory Envelopes

Weekly Offertory Books for all parishioners who contribute to the parish using envelopes are in the brides room in the back of the Church. Please stop by at the end of Mass & pick up your offertory envelopes. A member of our hospitality team will be glad to assist you.

## *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.

## Are You Registered at St. Philip's?

Do you regularly attend Mass at St. Philip the Apostle, but have never formally registered? It's easy. Either come to the Rectory or visit our website: www.https://stphilipsb.org and complete a registration form and return it to the Rectory.

## Why Should You Register?

All members of the parish *should* be formally registered. However, you need be formally registered if you wish to arrange a Baptism, Confirmation or Wedding in the parish. Registration is also our only means of certifying anyone for sponsorship letters for the sacraments.

## 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.

## Flu season is upon us.

Particularly this year as we also struggle with the Covid19 pandemic, it is important that we protect ourselves and others by getting vaccinated. For some, it is a matter of life and death.

## Archdiocesan Divorced/Separated Parents Support Groups

*Surviving Divorce* has been chosen by the Family Life Office as the program to be used for Archdiocesan support groups for the separated and divorced. This 12-week series, based on the *Theology of the Body*, offers information about the teachings of the Catholic Church and supports the process of emotional, spiritual and psychological healing following the breakup of a marriage. For the locations & times of the Separated/Divorced Support Groups, please contact the Office of Family Life Ministries at (973) 497-4327 or visit the website at www.rcan.org/separateddivorced-support-groups

## 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.

## 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

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.

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## Troubled Marriage?

See helpourmarriage.com or retrouvaille.org.

This is a Catholic-based program open to all faiths. For registration call 973-723-7090.

**Pregnant and in need?**
Help is available at OptionLine.org, 1-800-712-HELP
**Homeless and pregnant?**
Call Good Counsel Home at 1-800-723-9331, goodcounselhomes.org
**Hurting from an abortion?**
Visit AbortionForgiveness.com

# Jesus Ministers in Galilee

So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out the demons. ~ Mark 1:39

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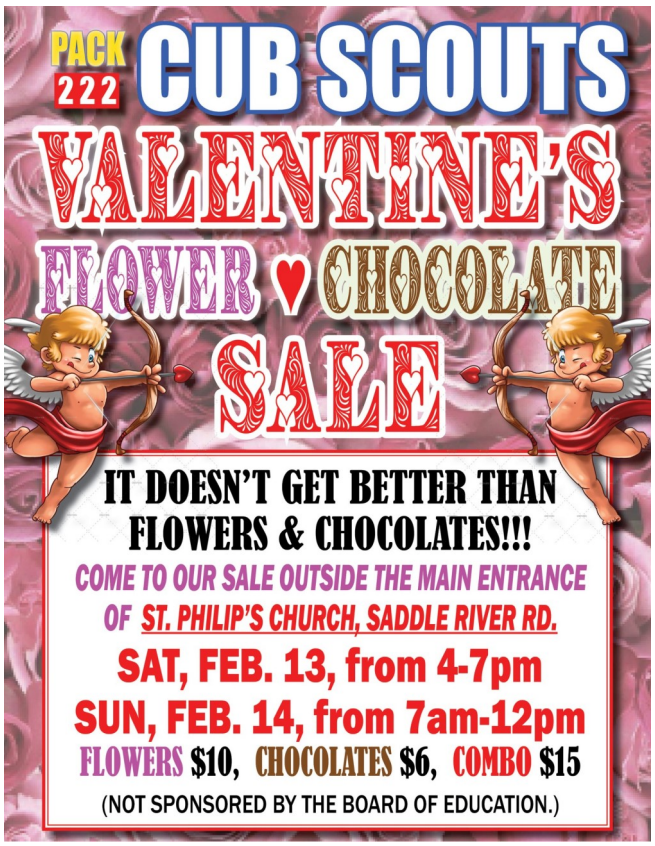
Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in You will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of Your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of Your love enable them to return home in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