September 19, 2021

St. Philip the Apostle

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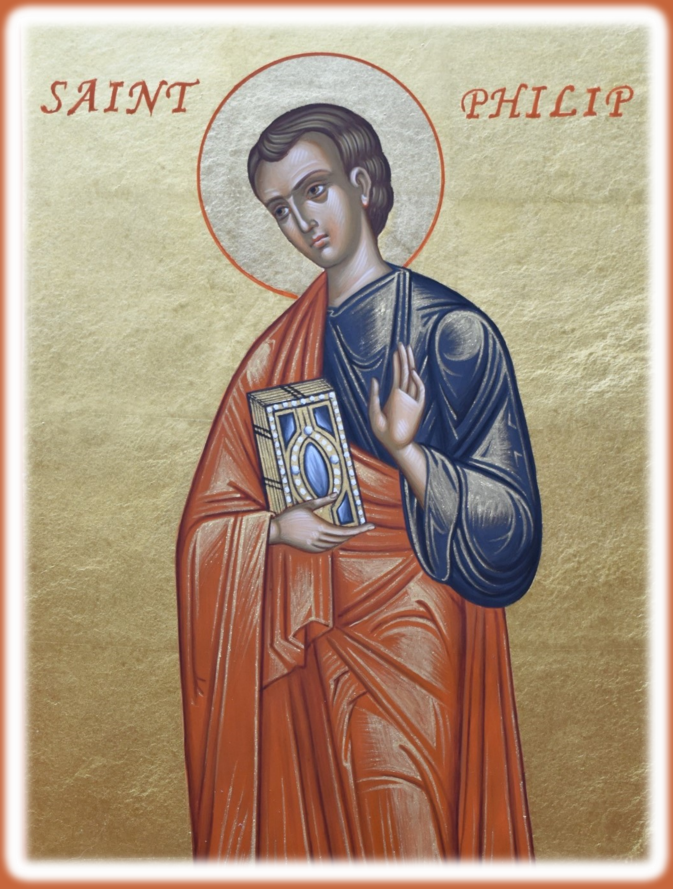
Pastor

Rev. Marek Bokota
Parochial Vicar



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Sunday Mass Schedule
5:30pm (Sat. Eve.)
7:00am, 8:30am
10:00am, 12:00pm

Weekdays & Saturdays
7:00am & 8:30am

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

Reconciliation
Saturdays –4:30pm before Mass
Private Reconciliation by appointment, call rectory

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

Music Ministry
Basil Pizzuto, Director
201-615-5299
Francesca Kubian, Adult Choir
Barbara Weiner, Children's Choir

Trustees
Dr. Richard Filipek
Camille Tritto

Scan here to visit our website

Baptism is celebrated on the third Saturday of the month. Call the rectory office to schedule your child's baptism.

Marriages should be scheduled at least 12 months in advance. To plan the Sacrament of Marriage, please contact one of the parish priests.

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 18th	
7:00 am	† Jennifer Pappalardo (Van Blarcom)
8:30 am	† Felix & Caroline Sergio
5:30 pm	† Salvatore Talamo
Sunday, September 19th	
7:00 am	For the People
8:30 am	God's Blessings for Johannah Calcaterra
10:00 am	Korean War Veterans
12:00 pm	God Bless William & Janet Marchese
Monday, September 20th	
7:00 am	God's Blessings for Joseph Federico
8:30 am	God's Blessings for James Anderson
Tuesday, September 21st	
7:00 am	God's Blessings for Andrew Vargo
8:30 am	† Bevilacqua & Carano Families
Wednesday, September 22nd	
7:00 am	God's Blessings for Phyllis Vitolo
8:30 am	† Michael J. Longo
Thursday, September 23rd	
7:00 am	† Gabe Valos
8:30 am	† Donna Golden-Foxen
Friday, September 24th	
7:00 am	† Archbishop Myers
8:30 am	† Holy Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, September 25th	
7:00 am	† Martino Scrivanich Jr.
8:30 am	† Frank Lojek
5:30 pm	† Arthur Paschek - 1st Anniversary
Sunday, September 26th	
7:00 am	† Michael J Roselli
8:30 am	† Giuseppa & Girolmo DiLisi
10:00 am	For the People
12:00 pm	† Anthony & Frances Lanza

The *Sanctuary candle* will burn in loving memory of **Josephine, Dominic and Emil Guadagno**, donated by Rose Marie Ossi.

The *Holy Family candle* will burn in loving memory the **Ragno & Magarelli Families**, donated by Joe & Rose Maguire.

The candle at the shrine of *St. Jude* will burn in loving memory of **Irene Dempsey**, donated by Jo-Ann Dempsey.

The candle at the shrine of *St. Elizabeth* will burn in loving memory of **William Duffy** donated by Friends of the Family.

The candle at the shrine of *St. Anthony* will burn for in loving memory of **Rose Piazza**, donated by Marilyn & Frank Racioppi and family.

The candle at the shrine of *St. Therese* will burn in loving memory **Mary Malatesta**, donated by the Mola family.

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
- Kathy Barone
- Jacob Berard
- Georgine Brancato
- John Carrera
- Michael Carroll
- John Choma
- Michele Cuomo
- JoAnn Daleo
- Jim Fasano
- Sarah Garcia
- Rosalie Gerber
- Larry Gulitti
- Marie Kenny
- Wanda Kozloski
- Beverly Kunz
- Claire Kwiakowski
- Justin Langfield
- Lena Lepore
- Lee Migliorelli
- Bill Meurer
- Jackie Meurer
- Lena Pizzullo
- Daniel S.
- Mary Sestanovich
- Carmela Skunda
- Stephen Stupalski
- Pamela Swenson
- Katie Williams

Weekly Collection

9/12/2021 Collection:	*$2,465.00*
Faith Direct Avg. Weekly:	*$1,672.92*
Total Sunday Collection:	***$4,137.92***
Catholic University of America Collection:	*$744.00*
Heritage Fund Collection:	*$866.00*

Thank you for the continued support of our Church.

Please Pray for the Deceased

Alice E. Gradzki
Mary Philpot

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Last Sunday Fr Matthew was surrounded by several hundred of his closest friends for the celebration of his ordination anniversary. So much work was done by countless volunteers resulting in a wonderful experience. Thanks to all who assisted and all who participated in the celebration. It was a memorable day for all who attended. Fr Matthew's assignment to St Philip's lasted thirty-nine years, but even in retirement he continues to bring Christ's presence to many in our community. Let us thank God for him. Bohoma sthoothi!

Notes From the Pastor

Please plan on joining us for our next Pot Luck Supper on Saturday, October 9. These events have been very successful in the past and we look forward to this night when we will honor Nancy Gara and Bob Murphy with the St Philip's Stewardship Award, acknowledging their many years of faithful service to our community. At this dinner we will also have a chance to formally thank Fr Kajetan (Kaj) Klein for his service to the parish. His sudden transfer in March did not allow us to say "goodbye" and to acknowledge the good work he did here. We will also congratulate Fr Mark Bokota who recently celebrated his fortieth anniversary of ordination. Finally, we will be dedicating the school auditorium/gymnasium in honor of Sr Michele, who served as a principal at St Philip's School and is fondly remembered by many. Several Sisters of Charity and Sister's niece will join us that evening. At the same time we will be renaming Sr Michele Way; its new name will be Sisters of Charity Way to acknowledge the many religious sisters who served at St Philip's over the years.

Next Saturday, September 25, we are hosting Sr Donna Ciangio, O.P. who will be offering a reflection on the role of women in the church from early biblical times to the present. Sister Donna wears many hats, including adjunct faculty at Drew University's Doctor of Ministry program and Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Newark. Currently she is also working on developing a program in our archdiocese to foster congregational spirituality and development. Hosted by our Rosary Society, the event will be held at 11:00am in the auditorium. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

Finally, at a meeting on Monday night we began to develop a Social Justice committee here at St Philip's. Over the years much good has been done to advance the cause of social justice, which is a key concern for Catholic teaching. Events like food collections, blood drives, St Vincent de Paul donations, Right to Life marches and many others concern themselves with outreach to those in need. With the assembly of a team we hope to coordinate events more effectively and provide opportunities for others to get involved. Watch for more information in future bulletins.

In the Lord's Love,
Fr Bruce

Lectionary Spirituality

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 54:3-4, 5, 6-8
Second Reading: James 3:16--4:3
Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

In today's reading from Wisdom we hear the wicked plot the downfall of "the righteous one, because he is annoying to us" (v.12). They seek to destroy him because he "reproaches us for transgressions of the law" (v.12). They argue, "if the righteous one is the son of God, God will help him" (v.18). They go on to plan to "condemn him to a shameful death" (v.20). But, our writer continues, "their wickedness blinded them" (v.21). These words offer encouragement to those who seek to be faithful to God as our author reminds us that in every generation the wicked persecute the righteous who will receive a "recompense for holiness" (v.22) from God.

James encourages us to avoid "jealousy and selfish ambition" (v.16) and to strive for true wisdom. Unlike earthly wisdom, true wisdom is "full of mercy and good fruits" (v.17). The one who exercises it is blessed by God. But those who rely on earthly wisdom do not enjoy God's blessings, rather they "covet…kill and envy…fight and wage war" (v.2) as a sign that they are led by their own "passions" (v.1) rather than God's spirit.Today's gospel presents us with the second of three passion predictions made by Jesus. On the "journey through Galilee" (v.30) heading toward Jerusalem, Jesus is teaching his disciples about the true meaning of his messiahship. "But they did not understand" (v.32) and will not understand until after the resurrection. Mark then tells us that they "had been discussing among themselves…who was the great-

est" (v.34), another indication that they still don't understand Jesus' message. Jesus tells them that true greatness is found in serving others. Using a child as an example he tells us that in accepting a "child such as this in my name" (v.37) we are accepting him.

For Reflection: Have I ever let myself be blinded to the wisdom of God? How did I overcome that blindness? Who has been an example to me of finding greatness in serving others?

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Turner Articles: Recently, we began offering a series of articles on the Mass. These articles, written by Fr Paul Turner, provide insight into the primary official public prayer of the Church, the Mass. The fathers of the Second Vatican Council authorized a revision of the Mass over fifty years ago, but there is still some confusion and controversy surrounding it, as evidenced by recent news articles, particularly in the Catholic press and on websites associated with more traditional Catholics. We hope you find these columns enlightening.

Entrance Chant By Paul Turner

As Mass begins, everyone stands to sing a song. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal calls this the Entrance Chant. "Its purpose is to open the celebration, foster the unity of those who have been gathered, introduce their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical time or festivity, and accompany the procession of the Priest and ministers" (47).

The celebration of the Mass relies on the participation of the assembly. So, when the first song is announced, this means you! Pick up the songbook and sing! Sadly, some people do not. If you choose not to sing the Entrance Chant, you fail to open the celebration, you frustrate the unity of those assembled, you postpone thinking about the mystery we have gathered to celebrate, and you dissociate yourself from the procession. Surely, no one intends to do all this, but that is the way it looks. To those who are singing, non-singers feel like dead weight. Even if you sing poorly, weakly, too loudly, or too softly, pick up the hymnal and sing! You will praise God and serve the faith of those around you.

Each Sunday of the year comes with its own suggested text for the Entrance Chant. But another Psalm or liturgical song may be used. The Church calls this music a "chant," but it means any spiritual song or hymn. All may sing together, the cantor or choir may alternate with the people, or the choir may occasionally sing it alone.

If there is no Gathering Song, the suggested text is recited by the assembly, the lector, or even by the priest himself, who may comment on it briefly to open the celebration (48).

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St Philip's Respect Life Ministries

Monthly Food Drive

This weekend is our monthly food drive to support the Helping Hands food pantry at Sacred Heart. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

Bethany Ministry

We are looking for new members who can assist at funeral Masses as readers, servers and Communion ministers. Even if you are available one day a week, we'd be glad to add you to our roster. This valuable ministry is appreciated by those who are suffering the loss of a loved one. Call the Main Office to sign up.

Hospital Visits

Federal privacy laws prohibit hospitals from notifying us about patients. If a member of your household is hospitalized in a local hospital and would like to receive a visit from one of our priests, please call the parish office and provide us with the necessary information.

Word of Life Reflection from the US Bishops

"By our baptism, we are members of Christ's body and sharers in his mission. Imitating Christ, we must care for all members of our communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God."

USCCB "Open Wide Our Hearts" Bulletin Insert

Money Counters

Did you ever wonder what happens to your money after you place it in the collection basket? After Mass the money is placed in a bag and locked in a safe in the sacristy until one of the priests retrieves it and brings it over to a larger safe in the rectory. Later one of our teams of money counters comes in to open envelopes and sort and count the money. They also stamp all the checks "For deposit only" and after adding it all up they prepare a weekly collection report. The money is returned to the safe until our bookkeeper verifies the amount and it is then brought to the bank for deposit.

Our money counters consist of a number of teams who come in on a rotating basis to perform this task as required by archdiocesan regulations.

Nurture Your Faith

Traveling Divine Mercy Image

"By means of this image, I shall grant many graces to souls.", Jesus told St. Faustina.

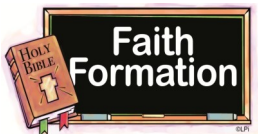
We are offering weekly opportunities to host the traveling image of Divine Mercy. Many have recorded testimonies of the graces received while the image was in their homes.

Please pick up the image at the rectory on Friday and return it the following Thursday. The image will come in a tote bag with a stand for display and other informational/devotional materials. Please see the sign up book in the back of the church and select a week to host the image.

Bereavement Support Group

Grief is a natural part of life. But sometimes we don't know how to handle it. Sometimes it helps to talk about it with others.

If you or someone you know have experienced loss, we welcome you to attend our Bereavement Support Group which will meet Wednesdays, September 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 6pm in the chapel. Call the rectory office or visit the hospitality table to register.



Faith Formation is accepting registration for the 2022 school year. Those that were registered for 2021 received a link to re-register for the 2022 school year. If you have a child in 1st through 8th grade & would like to enroll in our Faith Formation classes, please visit our website https://stphilipsb.org/registration-form or contact the office at 201-843-2240.

We are looking for Catechists willing to teach young children and help them to grow in the Catholic faith. We will guide you as to how you can join our dedicated team of wonderful Catechists. Thank you.

God's Special Children, a religious education program for children with special needs, is currently accepting registrations for their 2021-2022 year. The program is designed to address the unique learning needs of children with Autism Spectrum disorder, learning disabilities, anxiety, ADD/ADHD, Oppositional Defiance Disorder and others. Classes will begin on Sunday, September 19th at 11am. If you have any questions regarding this program, kindly call or text the program director, Monica Maniscalco at 917-992-7904.

Considering Catholic High School?

The Office of the Superintendent of Schools invites all interested families to learn about our Catholic high schools by attending a High School Expo.

Tuesday, 9/21 from 7pm—8:30pm at Visitation Academy —222 Farview Avenue, Paramus

Masks will be required.

For additional event information and a list of the schools attending, please visit:

www.catholicschoolsnj.org/hs-expo

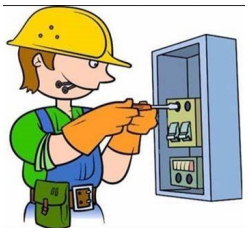
For a printable guide to the Cooperative Admissions Program (HSPT), please visit:

www.catholicschoolsnj.org/hs-guide

To register for the COOP Exam, please visit:

www.njcoopexam.org

For questions, please call 973.497.4260 or email schoolsoffice@rcanschools.org



Electrician Needed

As you've heard, we have some water damage in the rectory and church as a result of Hurricane Ida. We are now eagerly searching for an electrician who can step in to help us. If you are an electrician, we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you. Please call the rectory at 201-843-1888.

On Saturday September 25th at 11AM, the Rosary Altar Society is offering a morning of Spiritual Reflection on the role of women in the church from early Biblical times to the present. The presenter is Sister Donna L Ciangio, a Dominican Sister of Caldwell, NJ. She holds a doctorate from Drew University in Madison, NJ. She served as the Director of Adult Faith Formation at several parishes. Sister is a parish and diocesan consultant, and an adjunct faculty member in Drew University's Doctor of Ministry program. She works extensively in the areas of congregational spirituality and development. Sr. Donna currently serves on the board of the North American Forum for Small Christian Community and is Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Light refreshments will be served. All are invited to attend what promises to be a very enlightening presentation. Admission is free. We will meet in the school auditorium.

We will hold our next meeting on Monday, Oct 4th, at 7PM in the school auditorium. Any donations for the fall basket raffle will be accepted. New members are always welcome to the meetings.

The Living Rosary will be held on Thursday, October 7th at 7pm, which is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. We will meet at 6:30PM for line up and instruction. We invite all of our parishioners to attend this beautiful tribute to the Blessed Mother.

Please save date for the Communion Breakfast. It will be held on Sunday, October 10th following the 8:30 AM Mass at the Fair Lawn Athletic Club. Tickets are $22 and will be available at the meeting on Oct 4th. Anyone needing a ride to the meeting or breakfast, please call Camille (201-791-2318) or Mary (201-791-5399).

Potluck

Join us on Saturday, October 9th for a celebration of our gifts for a Potluck Supper. In a special way we will be honoring longtime parishioners Nancy Gara and Bob Murphy with the Stewardship Award. We will also have a chance to formally thank Fr Kajetan (Kaj) Klein for his service to the parish. We will also congratulate Fr Mark Bokota who recently celebrated his fortieth anniversary of ordination.

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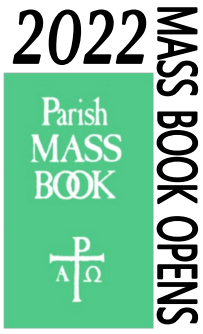
We are a community of disciples who have been given many gifts by God. Come and share some food and company with fellow disciples.

Please email Camille at ctritto14@optonline.net or call the rectory by Oct 5th to let us know you are coming. We look forward to seeing you there!



Thursday, September 30th
9am—1pm and 2pm-5pm

Mass intentions for 2022 will only be accepted by phone. To keep the lines open, we will take your number and call you back in the order they were received. Offerings may then be dropped in the mail slot at the rectory or mailed in.

Please write Attn: Trish on your envelope.

We ask that you adhere to the following guidelines:

- Limited to 3 Masses on Saturday & Sunday
- Limited to 5 Masses on weekdays
- The offering for each Mass is $10
- Each person will be limited to two months of Hosts, Wine and/or Candles per person/family

Other Ways to Donate to St. Philip's

Text to Give

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.

Do you wish to make life easier by donating electronically to St. Philips? Consider an online enrollment at Faith Direct. No envelopes!

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.

Scan Me!

Be directly linked to our Venmo to make a donation to St. Philip's.

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Thank You for your Support!!

Quotable Quotes

"No one is safe until everyone is safe…our actions really do affect one another… what we do today affects what happens tomorrow."

Pope Francis, Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby and Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Batholomew
A Joint Message for the Protection of Creation
September 1, 2021

Stewardship Reflection

September 19, 2021—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Mark 9:35

Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that many of us don't like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words *"sacer" = sacred* and *"facere" = to make.* In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

Stewardship
"God Can Do It: We Can Help"

Celebrants for Sep 25/26

September 25	5:30PM	Fr. Bruce
September 26	7:00AM	Fr. Marek
	8:30AM	Fr. Marek
	10:00AM	Fr. Bruce
	12:00PM	Fr. Ed

Upcoming Events:

Every Friday —BINGO 7:15pm
Sept 25-26—Cross Catholic Outreach
Sep 25—Spiritual Reflection with Sr Donna Ciangio
Sep 30—2022 Mass Book Opens
Oct 4—Rosary Altar Society Meeting
Oct 7—Living Rosary
Oct 9—Pot Luck Supper
Oct 10—RAS Communion Breakfast
Nov 2—Memorial Mass 7pm
Dec 18-19—Little Bethlehem Christians (all Masses)
Dec 19—Blue Christmas 7pm

Have You Visited Our Video Library or Book Racks?

We have plenty of interesting DVDs, books, booklets, and pamphlets as well as children's books along with other items.
Check back, new titles are always added. Now is a perfect time to learn more about your faith.

Sacraments at St. Philip's

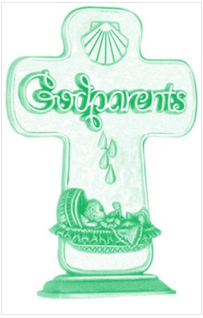
Baptism—3rd Saturday of the month at 12:30pm or 2:30pm. To begin preparing for your baby's birth into the Christian Community, please call the Rectory. A Baptismal preparation class for the parents/ godparents is scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm in the Rectory Meeting Room.

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.

Surviving Divorce Retreat

The fall Surviving Divorce Retreat will be held the following Saturdays from 9am-12pm at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament in Roseland. This 4 session retreat will be held on September 11th, October 2nd, October 23rd and November 20th. An additional session for those seeking information on the annulment process will be scheduled at a later time.

Each session features talks and videos that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, and much more. The itinerary includes video presentations followed by small group discussions. Participants will hear personal testimonies of Catholic men and women who have experience the breakdown of their families who will witness to the healing power of Christ in their lives. This retreat experience can offer valuable insight and support.

A few open spaces remain for the retreat. For more information and to register please visit, https://www.rcan.org/healing-retreats-events or contact the Family Life Office for more details- 973-497-4327 or familylife@rcan.org.

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

Crisis Hotline: 201-336-7575

Domestic Violence

(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.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Who Is the Greatest?

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all." ~ Mark 9:35 (NIV)

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LITTLE	ARMS	CHILD	ARGUING	LAST
WHOEVER	ROAD	TWELVE	QUIET	HOUSE

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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
- ★GMSR James V. Swank

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.

Doors open at 6:00pm
Early Bird game 7:15pm
Regular schedule 7:30pm

Friday Night

Volunteers/Callers Needed
Call Vicki 201-843-2024

RCIA—Four letters that stand for the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*. It is a process where non-Catholics explore our faith and are invited to become members of the Catholic Church. Are you 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?

We gather for 10am Mass & meet afterwards. If you, or anyone you know would be interested in joining us, please contact the Religious Formation office with your name & phone number. We are excited to journey with you as we explore the Catholic faith together. Call 201-843-2240

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!