

June 5, 2022

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Sunday Mass Schedule

5:30pm (Sat. Eve.)

7:00am, 10:00am,

12:00pm

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*

Weekdays

& Saturdays

7:00am & 8:30am

Music Ministry

Basil Pizzuto, Director

201-615-5299

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Trustees

Dr. Richard Filipek

Camille Tritto

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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.

A Note from the Pastor

Happy Pentecost!

Traditionally celebrated as the “birthday of the Church”, this solemnity celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit given to the apostles and disciples on Pentecost, fifty days after Easter. But we also remember that we too have been gifted by the Spirit with the same gifts. Throughout the centuries the Spirit has guided and strengthened the Church in its mission, leading it in ways never imagined. Come Holy Spirit!



At Pentecost, when the words of the apostles were understood by people from many nations, the division of peoples, brought about at the Tower of Babel, was reversed. The gospel is meant for all people.

And the transformation of the apostles into bold proclaimers of God’s Word is a step toward this universal evangelization. Tradition tells us that they carried the good news to many lands, perhaps as far as India and Great Britain. And, as is the case today, it was met with mixed results. But they did not stop because the Spirit was with them, empowering them, strengthening them and comforting them.

As modern apostles we too are also called to bring the gospel to the world. In his exhortation, ***Rejoice and Be Glad***, Pope Francis calls us to, “be holy by living our lives with love and bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves.”(14). Let us each strive to be living witnesses to our faith.

On this Pentecost weekend let us commit ourselves to being open to the Holy Spirit and allowing the Spirit to guide our lives.

Recently I heard the song ***What the World Needs Now is Love*** played on the radio as a response to the recent shooting attack on an elementary school in Texas. Written by Burt Bacharach and Hal David in 1965, it is a song familiar to many of us. Back in 2016 a group of Broadway singers released a video of it in response to a shooting in Orlando. The words are as true today as they were in 2016 and in 1965, perhaps even more so. No matter where you stand on the issue of gun safety, I think we all agree that guns should not be used to kill our children. In response to this latest shooting Pope Francis said, “My heart is broken...I am praying for the children and the adults killed and their families.” He went on to say, “It is time to say enough to the indiscriminate trafficking of weapons. Let us all work hard so that such tragedies can never happen again.”

The American bishops also responded, saying, “each of us also needs to search our souls for ways that we can do more to understand this epidemic of evil and violence and implore our elected officials to help us take action.” Some would argue that this is a political issue and that the church should not get involved, but I disagree. It is political because it involves our politicians, but it is more than political; it is a matter of morality because it has to do with respecting life at every moment. As we seek to defend and protect life in the womb, we must also do what we can to protect life at all times.

In the Lord’s Love, Fr Bruce



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday June 4th

7:00 am For Our Benefactors

8:30 am † Camille P. Mazza

5:30 pm For the People

Sunday June 5th Pentecost

7:00 am † Patricia McPartland

10:00 am † Joseph Schettino

12:00 pm † Kathleen Hayes - 50th Anniversary

Monday June 6th Mary, Mother of the Church

7:00 am † Philip Ping Kong

8:30 am † Lucielle & Walter Larose

Tuesday June 7th

7:00 am † Kathleen Hayes - 50th Anniversary

8:30 am † Joseph Bonanno

Wednesday June 8th

7:00 am † Joe Gallo and Litizia Columbo

8:30 am † Norbert & Michael Small

Thursday June 9th St. Ephrem

7:00 am † Carl Calvanese

8:30 am † Frances & Edward Hart

Friday June 10th

7:00 am † Richard Baginski

8:30 am † Alfred Price - 29th Anniversary

Saturday June 11th St. Barnabas the Apostle

7:00 am † Ida Mangieri

8:30 am † Gailmarie Santolla

5:30 pm † Andrew & Evelyn Wozniak

Sunday June 12th Trinity Sunday

7:00 am For the People.

10:00 am † Wilma and William Gugliotta

12:00 pm † Dorothy Cannariato

The *hosts* used in the holy sacrifice of the Mass have been offered for the month of June in loving memory of **Alfred Price**, donated by **Pat and Bill Major**.

The wine used at Mass has been offered in loving memory of Peter Altamura by his family.

The *Sanctuary candle* will burn in loving memory of **James Stanton**, donated by Chris Stanton.

The *Holy Family candle* will burn in Thanksgiving for God's Blessings, donated by the Curry Family.

The candle at the shrine of *St. Jude* will burn in loving memory of the **Vincent DiFeo**, donated by Mary Sestanovich & Family.

The candle at the shrine of *St. Elizabeth* will burn in loving memory of **Irene Dempsey**, donated by the JoAnn Dempsey.

The candle at the shrine of *St. Anthony* will burn for **Anthony & Vita Cali** donated by the Dempsey Family.

The candle at the shrine of *St. Therese* will burn in loving memory of **Mary Carcara** donated by the Carcara Family.

Please pray for the sick members of our parish:

✠ Betty Agnello

✠ Ella Alberta

✠ Ross Alfieri

✠ Millie Antenucci

✠ Kathy Barone

✠ Jacob Berard

✠ Georgine Brancato

✠ Marianne Cap-
pello

✠ Michael Carroll

✠ John Choma

✠ Michele Cuomo

✠ JoAnn Daleo

✠ Jim Fasano

✠ Rosalie Gerber

✠ Patty H.

✠ Lucielle Hanselman

✠ Wanda Kozloski

✠ Beverly Kunz

✠ Justin Langfield

✠ Lena Lepore

✠ Marilyn McPartland

✠ Lee Migliorelli

✠ Bill Meurer

✠ Jackie Meurer

✠ Lena Pizzullo

✠ Carmela Skunda

✠ Stephen Stupalski

✠ Judy Swank

✠ Steven Testa

✠ Richard Trager

✠ Pamela Swenson

✠ Joseph Valenti

✠ Henry Wortche



Please Pray for the Deceased





Sunday, June 5, 2022

The Power of the Spirit

Today's readings: Acts 2:1–11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29–30, 31, 34; 1 Corinthians 12:3b–7, 12–13; John:19–23. Imagine the energy that must have been in the room where the disciples had gathered to await the coming of the Holy Spirit. Anticipation may have been mixed with fear as the disciples pondered the words about the Advocate. And then the driving wind and tongues of fire settle over them all.

Compelled to leave the locked room, the disciples find themselves in the midst of a crowd from all ends of the known world. Inspired to proclaim the “mighty acts of God,” they are understood in the native languages of the gathered. Filled with the Holy Spirit, the disciples are bolstered by the gift of courage. Never again will they live in fear.

This Pentecost day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism and affirmed in confirmation. This Spirit is our life force as disciples. As followers of Christ, we simply need to be open and ready for all that this Spirit will do in and through us. It is the power of the Spirit that will give us the courage and wisdom to be the people God has called us to be. Through that Spirit, we bear witness that we are adopted children of God and, as St. Paul says, we can cry, “Abba, Father.” As joint heirs with Christ, we live to glorify God.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, May 30

Take Courage

Jesus tells his disciples, "In the world you face persecution. But take courage, I have conquered the world." When we spread the Gospel, we do so knowing that Jesus has gone before us, and that his persecution, death, and rising, offer eternal life. We do not face the trouble in our lives by ourselves; our faith reminds us that we are never alone. *Today's readings: Acts 19:1–8; Psalm 68:2–3ab, 4–5acd, 6–7ab; John 16:29–33.*

Tuesday, May 31

Blessed Encounters

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Once Mary hears about her cousin Elizabeth being with child, as she is herself, the Gospel tells us she travels in haste to be with her. Elizabeth's greeting was both a comfort and affirmation for Mary. Today remember and pray in gratitude for the people in your life who, in times of challenge, support you. *Today's readings: Zephaniah 3:14–18a or Romans 12:9–16; Isaiah 12:2–3, 4bcd, 5–6; Luke 1:39–56.*

Wednesday, June 1

What Is the Truth?

For his disciples and for us, Jesus prays, "Sanctify them in the truth." The prayer commits us to being and saying what is true. Pray for the grace to know the truth in your life, and to be a witness of what is true—that is, every human being is created in the image of God and deserves to be treated with respect and dignity. Imagine a world that recognizes this truth. *Today's readings: Acts 20:28–38; Psalm 68:29–30, 33–35a, 35bc–36ab; John 17:11b–19.*

Thursday, June 2

Being One

What would our world look like if we believed that we are all called to be one as Jesus is with his Father? In and through our baptism, we are united with God and others in our faith community, and because of this union, we are to be a witness to others. How would striving for unity with all Christians change the way you pray, the way you live, and the way you make present God's love in our world? *Today's readings: Acts 22:30; 23:6–11; Psalm 16:1–2a and 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11; John 17:20–26.*

Friday, June 3

God Is Good and Kind

One of the songs from the musical *Godspell* was adapted from today's Psalm 103 "Bless the Lord, O my soul." The song and psalm remind us to remember the goodness and kindness of God. When was the last time you paused to thank God for something good in your life? When have you felt God's abundant kindness in your life? *Today's readings: Acts 25:13b–21; Psalm 103:1–2, 11–12, 19–20ab; John 21:15–19.*

Saturday, June 4

Stories to Guide Us

Scripture is a living, breathing revelation of God's life with humanity. Stories in the Bible are rooted in a certain time and place. But each of those stories holds a truth that is still relevant today. In our living out of our faith we continue to breathe life into the words of Scripture. Take some time soon to sit down with Scripture, discover the stories of our ancestors in faith, get to know Jesus better, and embrace the challenge of discipleship. *Today's readings: Acts 28:16–20, 30–31; Psalm 11:4, 5 and 7; John 21:20–25.*



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KEEPING THE SEASONS
LENT AND EASTER 2022

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

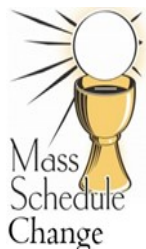
Blood supplies are running dangerously low. Consider donating blood and help save lives. Contact Vitalant Donor Center in Paramus: 877-25- VITAL or visit their website: vitalant.org

Beginning on Sunday, May 29th, we are changing the Sunday Mass

GIVE BLOOD



SAVE LIFE



schedule for the summer.
New SUNDAY Mass times are:
(Sat)5:30PM, Sun: 7AM, 10AM
and 12PM.

Beginning on Saturday, July 2nd,
we will only have one
Saturday morning Mass at 8:30AM



*63rd Annual
Summer Festival of
Fun
August 17-21*



Our parish mission was scheduled for this week. Unfortunately our retreat master, Brother Michael Moran, has been diagnosed with the COVID virus and cannot be with us. Please pray that he has a speedy and complete recovery. We will announce new dates for the mission shortly.

STEWARDSHIP

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION

...is the monthly Archdiocesan Assessment Collection. As a part of the Archdiocese of Newark we pay an assessment of 14% of our regular offertory to the Archdiocese to support the work of the Church of Newark. This collection helps us pay this amount and is not included in the amount assessed. Thanks for your continued support of this collection.

SPRING RAFFLE TICKETS

The jackpot continues to grow for our spring raffle. The drawing is Sunday, June 5. Currently the jackpot is over **\$7,300**; the winner receives half. Additional tickets are available from the Hospitality Table. You can also drop your returns in the collection basket.

ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

St Philip's is hosting a free estate planning seminar on Saturday, June 25 from 9:30am -12:00 noon. In the auditorium. Presented by parishioner Dory Dolores of Equitable Advisors and Fran Doherty of Equitable Distributors, the workshop is for anyone with questions about the complicated world of planning for retirement. There is no charge to attend and the workshop is open to all. Brunch will be provided.

SCAM Alert

Recently some parishioners have notified us that they have received text messages from members of our staff seeking urgent financial assistance. These texts did not come from either an office phone or from the phones of any of our staff. If you receive a message like this either delete it immediately or reach out to your internet/wireless provider first. We will never seek your assistance using an unknown phone number.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Bethlehem was God with us, Calvary was God for us, and Pentecost is God in us."

Robert Baer