

St. Philip the Apostle

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**“INVITE
THE POOR,
THE CRIPPLED,
THE LAME,
THE BLIND.”**

LUKE 14:13



Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 28, 2022

A Note from the Pastor

Thanks to all who worked so hard to make our annual Festival of Fun a great success. The numbers are being crunched and we are waiting on some final bills before we can tally our profit. But it seems like we had another very successful year. THANKS SO MUCH to Ray Abel and his amazing volunteers who generously volunteered to work this year. While many are regular volunteers we also had some new faces this year; a special word of thanks to them for joining the team. The Festival, along with the Super 50/50 is our largest budgeted fundraiser of the year. Thanks for all who contributed to another successful Festival.

This weekend I am on vacation. I'm looking forward to getting a little bit of "down time". I have a few books I've been waiting to read and I also anticipate spending time with friends I haven't seen in a while. When we were in the seminary they told us that our day off should be sacred and that we should make sure to take vacation as well. Every now and then it is good for us to rest, following the example of God in Genesis 1, who "rested on the sabbath." And with the price of gasoline continuing to decline travelling is more affordable. So if you haven't taken time off yet, there's still a chance to take a break. You'll thank yourself later.

A reminder to parents that registration for our Religious Ed/Faith Formation Program is ongoing. Many families have already registered but we are still waiting for a number of families to sign

up for the coming year. Registration can be done in person or online. Contact the Religious Ed Office for details.

This week, on Tuesday, the Mass Book for next year is opening. Once again, we will be taking reservations by telephone only on the first day. We tried this last year and it was a success so we are doing it again this year. Please remember that there are other people who also want the same days and dates as you. As a way of giving everyone an opportunity to get preferred dates and times we are maintaining the policy of limiting each person to 3 Masses on Saturday/Sunday and 5 weekday Masses at this time. This is the practice in many parishes. The suggested offering remains \$10. These policies predate my administration and we appreciate that you respect them. Once the original rush is over then we will accept further requests. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

It's hard to believe but I just got a notice from CVS that they are already administering flu shots for this year's version of the flu. As you know I am a firm believer in science and so I encourage you to get this vaccination for your sake and the sake of others around you. While no vaccine is 100% reliable, studies show that vaccinated people are less likely to get sick and if they do come down with the virus it is usually a less severe case than those unvaccinated. So do it for yourself and the sake of the rest of us.

In the Lord's Love,
Fr Bruce

Lectionary Spirituality

22 Ord August 28, 2022

First Reading Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
Second Reading Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24
Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14

In today's gospel Jesus is dining, not with sinners, but, "at the home of one of the leading Pharisees" (14:1). The guests at this meal "were choosing the places of honor at the table" (v.7) But Jesus tells them to "take the lowest place" (v.10) to avoid a possible embarrassing situation. Most people in Jesus' day invited their social equals or those who were "more distinguished" (v.8) in order to improve their own social standing. Jesus tells us that we should invite those normally overlooked by society. This image reflects Jesus' mission to not only the righteous but also to sinners.

Reinforcing the message of Jesus, Sirach instructs us, "Humble yourself...and you will find mercy in the sight of God" (3:18). God desires us to be humble for in our humility we glorify God. In his collection of proverbs

he presents advice that will benefit the wise, whose mind "appreciates proverbs" (v.29). The former name of the book, Ecclesiasticus or "Church Book" is an indication of the book's status in the early Church, where it was quoted extensively in instructing the faithful in matters of morality. The call to humility is as appropriate today as it was earlier.

The writer of Hebrews compares God's revelation to Moses on Mt Sinai to God's self-revelation in Jesus. The first was accompanied by "a blazing fire...gloomy darkness...storm and a trumpet blast" (12:18-19) that inspired fear in Moses and the Israelites. Now, he says, God calls us to "Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem" (v.22). In Jesus, God is no longer unapproachable or terrifying. Jesus, "the mediator of a new covenant" (v.24, has reconciled us to God and we have no need to fear anymore.

For reflection: Is humility a virtue I try to practice regularly? How can Jesus' example of humbling himself inspire me? that all people be saved. God's love knows no bounds.

Mass Intentions for the Week

- **Saturday August 27th St. Monica**
8:30 am † Paulo Remuszka
5:30 pm For the People
- **Sunday August 28th**
7:00 am God Bless Karen & Evans Vasiliou -
51st Wedding Anniversary
10:00 am † Carmelo Virga
12:00 pm † Thomassina Russo
- **Monday August 29th The Passion of
St. John the Baptist**
7:00 am † Esperanza Lacdan
8:30 am † Stephen DiSalvo
- **Tuesday August 30th**
7:00 am † All Souls in Purgatory
8:30 am † Vincent Mackin
- **Wednesday August 31st**
7:00 am God's Blessings for the Macaluso
Family
8:30 am † John Fiorillo
- **Thursday September 1st**
7:00 am † Angela Tella
8:30 am † Ines Morelli - 1st Anniversary
- **Friday September 2nd**
7:00 am † Veronica & Roy Modugno
8:30 am † Carol McIntyre
- **Saturday September 3rd St. Gregory
the Great**
8:30 am For Our Benefactors
5:30 pm † August Adeline DeRosa
- **Sunday September 4th**
7:00 am For the People
10:00 am † Connie Gliatta - Antine
12:00 pm † Daniel Price

Readings for the Week

August 29, 2022

- Monday** 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101,
102; Mk 6:17-29
- Tuesday** 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11,
12-13ab, 13cd-14; Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday** 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21;
Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday** 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6;
Lk 5:1-11
- Friday** 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40;
Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday** 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21;
Lk 6:1-5
- Sunday** Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13,
14 and 17; Phmn 9-10, 12-17;
Lk 14:25-33



Betty Agnello, Ella Alberta, Ross Alfieri, Kathy Barone, Jacob Berard, Georgine Brancato, Marianne Cappello, JoAnn Daleo, Kathy Farid, Jim Fasano, Donald Fleisch, Rosalie Gerber, Patty H., Marie Kenny, Wanda Kozloski, Beverly Kunz, Justin Langfield, Lena Lepore, Marilyn McPartland, Bill Meurer, Jackie Meurer, Lena Pizzullo, Jodi Ratajczak, Carmela Skunda, Stephen Stupalski, Judy Swank, Pamela Swenson, Henry Wortche

(This list will be updated monthly please call the rectory if names need to be added or removed)

Memorials for August

- St. Jude** † William Duffy
by Marilyn Racioppi
- St. Anthony** † Paul Gara
by Gara Family
- Holy Family Candle** † Paulo Remuszka
10th Anniversary
by Remuszka Family

- Sanctuary Candle** † Lee Deedmeyer, Jr
by Elaine & Trish
- St. Therese** † Andrew Majkowicz
by Loretta Majkowicz
- Wine & Host** Anne Gross' Birthday
by Maria and Rich Vassallo
and Family

Instrumental Music

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS aid our efforts at worship. They support singing by establishing its tones, rhythms, and speed. But at other times instruments make music all alone, without the addition of the human voice.

To introduce a song, instruments usually play a brief phrase, but sometimes the introduction is expanded into a complete piece of music on its own. At other times, the introduction is reduced to a single pitch.

Instrumental music may be played before the service begins, during the Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts, at Communion time, and at the end of Mass. Such music can facilitate prayer. It can calm our spirits—or energize them. It can move us to repentance or remind us of God’s unbounded mercy. It can call us to generosity in time, talent, and treasure.

Sometimes instrumental music seems to fill up time at Mass. It can cover the use of incense, and it can fill the air with harmonious sound when the Communion hymn did not quite last long enough for everyone to receive.

The rubrics for the Mass never mention the singing of a final hymn. Although many congregations sing a closing hymn in the United States, in other countries instruments play while the ministers and the faithful leave.

The literature for organ solo is especially large and diverse. Over the centuries, great composers have written exceptionally beautiful music for the organ to play at Mass. In the past, the organist even played while the priest prayed the canon quietly, but instruments are not to compete with the priest when he is praying aloud (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 32). During Advent, instrumental music may be used with moderation, and it should be avoided during Lent (313).

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Please Note: If you would like to bring up the gifts at Mass, please speak with one of the ministers before Mass, indicating your interest.

Our Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers have been asked to invite different people to bring up the gifts at weekend Masses as a sign that the gifts, along with our monetary offerings, are presented by the community to God. In particular, if you have arranged for the Mass intention, it is especially appropriate that you bring up the gifts. And if you are asked to bring up the gifts, please say “yes.”

Respect Life Ministries

Word of Life from the USCCB

“Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation.... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions.” Read more at www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations.



USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing”

Blood Drive

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



In Touch Ministry

Do You Know Someone Who is Homebound?

Our “In Touch Ministry” makes phone calls to the homebound. Volunteers are ready to make a phone call to “check in” with those who cannot come to us. If you know someone who would benefit from a regular phone call from one our parishioners, please contact the Main Office at 201-843-1888.

NURTURE YOUR FAITH: THE CHOSEN Returns



Beginning on Friday, September 16 we will be meeting to watch Season Two of the video THE CHOSEN. Join Fr Bruce and fellow parishioners on Friday nights for a group discussion centered on the video THE CHOSEN a new video series that depicts the life of Jesus. Each week we will watch an episode of the video then take time for prayer and discussion. There will be eight meetings, concluding before our parish pilgrimage to Israel. We will gather Fridays at 7pm in the Daily Mass Chapel. Please call the Main Office or use the sign-up sheet at the hospitality table to register. There is no cost for this program and all are welcome.

ON-GOING BIBLE STUDIES: LUKE

On Wednesday mornings and evenings join us for a continuing Bible Study based on Luke’s Gospel. Meetings last about 90 minutes and all are welcome. Call the Main Office for details.



Stewardship

Stewardship Reflection

August 28, 2022
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.” Luke 14:13-14

One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our “consumerist” culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it’s just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus’, renewing our covenant relationship with Him.

Text to Give with FAITH DIRECT

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. Thanks so much for supporting us.



NEXT WEEKEND’S SECOND COLLECTION

... is the monthly archdiocesan assessment collection. This collection helps us pay our monthly assessment to the archdiocese without being assessed itself. Thank you for your support.



Collection of the Week

August 14 th , 2022	\$3,800.00
Faith Direct Avg. Weekly	\$3,821.80
Total Collection	\$7,621.80
Second Collections – Church of Africa	\$965.00
Buildings & Grounds	\$553.00



Congratulations to, Christine Muscia of Fair Lawn, the winner of our Super 50/50. She won a prize of \$4,717.70. Thanks to all who bought tickets.

The Gift You Have Received, Give As Gift

Parish Pilgrimage to Israel



Walk where Jesus walked, pray where he prayed, sail where he sailed.

There is still room on our tour bus for the pilgrimage to Israel. If you've been thinking about joining us, now is the time to make your reservation.

The Tomb of Jesus, located in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, is one of the most visited sites in the world. A small cave like room is inside a chapel that was believed to have been built over Jesus's cave tomb. Christians are permitted to enter and spend a few moments in prayer at this most sacred spot located not far from the shrine commemorating the Crucifixion.

A trip to the Holy Land a trip you will never forget. You will see the Bible in a new way. Sail on the Sea of Galilee, walk the Way of the Cross, visit Bethlehem, Cana, Capernaum, Nazareth and more. Experience the beauty of Israel this year. Join Fr Bruce and fellow-parishioners on an unforgettable pilgrimage this November.

The ten day pilgrimage leaves from Newark Airport on November 8. Brochures are available from the Main Office or at the hospitality table. Don't miss out on this extraordinary trip. **Reservations are now due.** For more information, see Fr Bruce.



Jaxson James Beischer
Avery Lucia Guardino
Ellie Ann Albanese

August 20th, 2022



Quotable Quotes

The Second Vatican Council was held, "to place the modern world in contact with the life-giving and perennial energies of the Gospel."

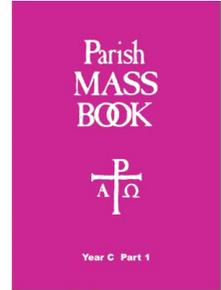


Pope St John XXIII

2023 Mass Book

OPENS Tuesday August 30th
9am-1pm and 2pm-5pm

Mass intentions for 2023 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.

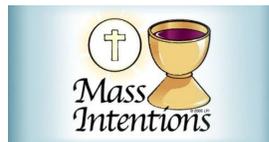


Please write *Attn: Eileen* on your envelope.

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

Importance of Mass Intentions



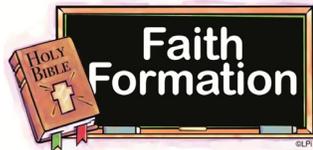
As Catholics, we believe that there is inestimable value in "having a Mass celebrated" for a particular intention. A Mass may be offered in thanksgiving for our blessings, family, health and answer to prayers. A Mass may be offered for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as 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 depart-

ed 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.

Registration is Open

Faith Formation is accepting registration for the 22-23 school year. Those that were registered for 21-22 received a link to re-register for the 22-23 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://st-philipbs.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

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. If you have any questions regarding this program, kindly call or text the program director, Monica Maniscalco at 917-992-7904

All boys & girls, grades 3 and above, who have received their First Communion are invited to become an Altar Server.

God asks us to Serve. One of the important messages God gives his people is to serve one another. By becoming an Altar Server, you can begin to fulfill God's request. Altar Servers serve the congregation, the priests and one another in celebrating the Mass.

If you are interested in joining this important ministry, please contact Eileen in the rectory office.

God's Special Children, a religious education program for children with special needs, is currently accepting registrations for their 2022-2023 year.



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.

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.



**Please Consider Joining
The Rosary Altar Society Of St. Philip's**

The Rosary Altar Society is a dedicated group of women helping to bring about increased devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary through prayer and the recitation of the Rosary.

The Society gathers as a body to attend the 8:30 Mass on the first Sunday of each month.



The First meeting will be Wednesday Sept. 7th at 7pm in the school Auditorium. Meetings starting in October are held on the first Monday after the first Sunday of the month at 7P.M. The Society also works to maintain the beauty of the Church and Altar.

Among the Society's events are:

- Covered Dish Dinner
- Living Rosary
- Crowning the Statue of the Blessed Virgin
- Woman's Annual Retreat on the 2nd weekend of March
- Recitation of the Rosary after the 8:30 Mass Monday to Saturday mornings (all are welcome, not just Rosarians)
- Communion Breakfast in October

All Women of the Parish are Welcome!

To join or further information, please contact Camille Tritto at 201-791-2318.

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 michel-etk23@gmail.com.

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.

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.stphilipsb.org and complete a registration form.

Why You Should Register?

All members of the parish should be formally registered. 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.

Celebrating the Sacraments

Baptism. Celebrated on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Call the rectory office to schedule your child's baptism.

Marriages. To 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 or a loved one please call the rectory.



Reconciliation. Every Saturday at 4:30 PM before Mass. Private Reconciliation by appointment, call the rectory.

Devotions. Recitation of Rosary is daily after 8:30 AM Mass. Miraculous Medal Novena on Saturdays after 8:30 AM Mass.



Memorial Day Weekend - Labor Day Weekend

Saturdays	5:30 PM
Sundays	7:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

Daily Masses from July to August

Monday - Friday	7:00 AM, 8:30 AM
Saturdays	8:30 AM

The normal schedule will resume the weekend after Labor Day.

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A Lesson in Humility

"For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." Luke 14:11 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 14:7-14



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LAME	INVITE	GUESTS	LEAST	BLIND