



Saturday, December 14 (St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church)

9:00 am Mai Nguyen +

5:00 pm Patrick A Donoghue, Sr. +

Sunday, December 15 (Third Sunday in Advent)

9:00 am Roberta Murray +

11:30 am Mai Nguyen +

Monday, December 16

8:30 am Joseph Savage +

Tuesday, December 17

8:30 am Carmina Young +

7:00pm Anonymous

Wednesday, December 18

8:30 am Luis Martinez +

Thursday, December 19

8:30 am Carmina Young +

Friday, December 20

8:30 am Bill Stephens

Saturday, December 21 (St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church)

9:00 am Gertrude C. Toney +

5:00 pm For the Parish

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER LEWIS

On Saturday, after the 5:00pm Mass, our parish and school of St. Philip the Apostle were consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Louis de Montfort taught that while there might be different paths to achieve holiness, the surest and easiest way is to give oneself to the Blessed Mother. Jesus himself was formed within his mother's womb – and so, we too seek to be formed close to the heart of his Mother as well. As Mary lovingly held Jesus within her womb, we seek to hold him in love when we receive him in Communion. Jesus was obedient and generous to his Mother in their home at Nazareth. We seek to be obedient and generous to her in our lives. Mary was present at his first miracle, as she directed the wine stewards, "Do whatever he tells you." She was present at the foot of the Cross, where he gave her to us as our Mother. When we offer Mary our prayers, works, joys, achievements, and challenges, we can be confident that she will offer them to her Son on our behalf. In the motto of St. John Paul II, "Totus tuus." "All is yours, Mary... All is yours." We can be confident that the Blessed Virgin will care for us, her children at St. Philip.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. PHILIPS

- **Tuesday, December 17 at 7 PM** Father Lewis and Deacon Darryl will lead an Advent Healing and Penance Service at St. Philip the Apostle. Please call the office for more details.
- **Monday, December 23 at 1 PM** rehearsal for the Living Nativity.
- **Tuesday, December 24 at 4:30 PM** please join us to watch the Living Nativity before the 5 PM Christmas Vigil mass.

Christmas Flowers

Please use the Christmas envelope in your monthly packet to make donations *in memory* or *in honor* of your loved ones. These names will appear as an insert with the Christmas bulletin. Please print clearly. All names must be submitted by Wednesday, December 18th in order to appear in the bulletin. As always, thank you for your support!



FORMING YOUR FAITH



Children's Faith Formation 2019/2020 *Classes are underway!* There is still space to enroll your child. We encourage all students to join us as we explore our faith foundations and grow as disciples in Christ. Children in Kindergarten through 8th grade are encouraged to sign up. If you have questions or would like further information, please email April King at StpaReligiousEd@gmail.com.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adult with Deacon Kelley. For more information, speak with Deacon Kelley after Mass or contact April King at StpaReligiousEd@gmail.com or call the rectory at (301) 423-4244.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AND THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM:

Duffy Askin Family, Bradley Baker, Evan Beck, Pat Brooke, Counihan Family, Carol Cropper, Phil Eppard, Martin (Red) Fahey, Tim Gatta, Walter Harley, Annie Henderson, Lukas Hjort-Tyson, Hoehl Family, Father Ihrie, Lillie Gerald, Art Grenier, Mary Gressett, Bert Latimer, Tonya Lee, Ralph Loveless, MacMannis Family, Lina Maralit, Jennifer Whipple-Marciano, Leondre Massey, Denise McHale, Marlyn Meoli, Grace Mueth, Nancy Palmedo, Deborah Pritts-Murray, Joe Norris, Shannon O'Connell, Matthew Pineda, Father Michael Quill, Barbara Ruf, Robert Wayne Saul III, Judge Tom Simpson, Dolores Steinhilber, Emily Tierney, Elijah & Marilyn Thorne, Eva Thorne, Nellie & Ruth Wade, Suzanne Walters, Shawn & Tommy Webb, Dineen Whipple, Bee Duncan, Alma Streicher, Shoko Ferguson, and Ryan Murray

Young Adult Ministry Meeting

Join other Catholic young adults (college age through 40's) from the parish and surrounding areas. We are starting a Bible study. The next meeting is to be determined! All are welcome!

Contact Liz Thomas at lizminneman@gmail.com or (952) 836-5190 for more details.

**Angel Tree**

Angel Tree gifts are due back no later than December 15 at 12:30 pm.

Seeking St. Philip's School alumni

In August 1960, at the request of Washington Archbishop Patrick O'Boyle and St. Philip's Pastor, Father Joseph Teletchea, the Bernardine Sisters arrived in Suitland to prepare for the opening of St. Philip's School. The Bernardines, a branch of the Franciscan Third Order, founded La Reine High School on Silver Hill Road, next to Suitland HS.

Though construction was still underway, St. Philip's School officially opened Sept. 19, 1960 with 1st and 2nd grades in an unoccupied wing of La Reine. (My son Mike was in the 2nd grade, daughter Therese in 1st.) The newly-constructed St. Philip's School finally opened in 1962.

Next September marks St. Philip's 60th anniversary.

Ms. Deanna Johnson, Principal at St. Philip's. would like alumni of the school to reach out to them, to get back in touch leading up to the school's big 60th Anniversary next September.

Alumni interested in reconnecting with St. Philip's can email stpaoffice@gmail.com.

The Living Nativity

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Please contact April King stpareligioused@gmail.com to sign up!

Please join us Tuesday, December 24 at 4:30 PM prior to the 5:00 PM mass to watch the Living Nativity put on by St. Philips.

**Christmas Mass Times**

Tuesday, December 24

4:30pm Living Nativity | 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

Wednesday, December 25

10:00am Mass

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We are greatly encouraged by last week's offerings and appreciate your continued support

Offertory Summary for Dec 7 & Dec 8:

Parishioner Contributions: \$5,200.55

Archbishop Gregory has approved a special distribution of **\$36,872** to St. Philip Parish for the replacement of the church roof. Although our parish is striving and understands the obligation to be self-supporting, we remain greatly encouraged by this generous support.