



Saturday, January 23 (St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr)

9:00 am Carol Cropper + | Sally Tanedo
5:00 pm Rev. Bernard Ihrie + | Sodality of St. Philips

Sunday, January 24 (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

9:00 am For the Parish
11:30 am Marlyn Meoli + | Tierney Family

Monday, January 25 (Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle)

8:30 am John Tierney + | Emily Tierney

Tuesday, January 26 (Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops)

8:30 am Lillian Yates + | Sarah Yates

Wednesday, January 27

8:30 am Carol Cropper + | Sodality of St. Philips

Thursday, January 28 (St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church)

8:30 am Carol Cropper + | Pat Brooke

Friday, January 29

8:30 am Troi Greenfield | Mary Burke

Saturday, January 30

9:00 am Tyrone Burke | Mary Burke
5:00 pm Marlyn Meoli + | Sodality of St. Philips

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER LEWIS

Starting Monday, our parish will be doing a Novena to the Infant Child of Prague for our parish and school. The Novena ends on the feast of the Presentation. Please join me in this powerful prayer. Here you will find an explanation of the devotion:

Infant of Prague Novena

Created originally as a royal wedding gift, the statue is 19 inches tall, made of wood and wax. It represents the Infant Jesus dressed in royal robes, wearing a crown. Later, it had been discarded in war and His hands destroyed. Found by a Carmelite, the statue was returned to a place of honor in the Carmelite Chapel in Prague.

In 1637, as Fr. Cyril prayed before Him, he was filled with wonder, contemplating the loving God who became a child for His people. Suddenly the statue spoke to the stunned Carmelite:

Have mercy on me and I will have mercy on you. Give me hands and I will give you peace. The more you honor me, the more I will bless you.

Many miracles have occurred through the intercession to the Divine Infant. For almost four centuries this promise has inspired devotion and love of the Infant Jesus. The original statue has been restored and is preserved in the Church of Our Lady of Victory in Prague, Czech Republic.

Devotion to the Infant Jesus celebrates the "child of God" - The great mystery of the Incarnation. The child in all of us believes in the humanity and the divinity of Christ and rejoices in God's caring love for us

January 25 - February 2 - Novena

O Jesus, Who has said, "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened," through the intercession of Mary, Your Most Holy Mother, I knock, I seek, I ask that my prayer be granted.

(Make your request)

O Jesus, Who has said, "All that you ask of the Father in My Name, He will grant you," through the intercession of Mary Your Most Holy Mother, I humbly and urgently ask your Father in your name that my prayer will be granted.

(Make your request)

O Jesus, Who has said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away but My word shall not pass away," through the intercession of Mary Your Most Holy Mother, I feel confident that my prayer will be granted.

(Make your request)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Divine Infant Jesus, I know You love me and would never leave me. I thank You for Your close Presence in my life.

Miraculous Infant, I believe in Your promise of peace, blessings, and freedom from want. I place every need and care in Your hands. Lord Jesus, may I always trust in Your generous mercy and love. I want to honor and praise You, now and forever. Amen.

An email with the Novena will be sent out daily. Please call or email the office if you are not signed up for our email distribution.

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

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

RCIA

RCIA classes are being held on Sunday's in the rectory or via Zoom from 10:15am – 11:15am. If you know someone who may be interested, contact Deacon Kelley at deacon@stphiliptheapostlechurch.org

Evangelization Team

Are you interested in evangelization? Do you have a heart for reaching out to others? If so, please contact Deacon Kelley at deacon@stphiliptheapostlechurch.org

ADW Youth Rally Mass & March for Life

For the first time ever, there will be no cap on attendance for the annual Youth Rally and #Mass4Life. Live streaming on multiple platforms, beginning at **8:30 AM on Friday, January 29**. Ditch the charter bus and join us from your living room! Register today:

www.bit.ly/2X10xPj

Religious Education

Classes for religious education take place every Saturday from 3 - 5 PM at St. Philips. Run by the Missionaries of Charity.

Please call the office for more details. This is for ages 3 – 14.

School News**Catholic Schools Week**

The week of the 31st, STPA is celebrating Catholic Schools Week! They are going to have a jam packed week from celebrating our Community, Vocations, Nation, STUDENTS and TEACHERS! More information on the fun-filled activities will come out soon.

Read-a-thon

STPA is holding a Read-a-thon. For more information:

<https://www.read-a-thon.com/readers/r/qMUrZA>

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well. ©LPi

Offertory Summary for January 17, 2021

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