



FROM THE DESK OF FATHER LEWIS

Saturday, February 13

9:00 am Gloria Scott + | Mary Burke

5:00 pm Martha Martin + | Sara Yates

Sunday, February 14 (6th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

9:00 am For the Parish

11:30 am Roberta Murray + | Robert Murray

Monday, February 15

8:30 am Linda Baldabat | Maralit Family

Tuesday, February 16

8:30 am Sara Yates (another year)

Wednesday, February 17 (Ash Wednesday)

8:30 am John Tierney + | Tierney Family

7:00 pm For the Parish

Thursday, February 18

8:30 am Gladys Benton + | Mary Burke

Friday, February 19

8:30 am Carol Acree + | Margaret Hunt

Saturday, February 20

9:00 am Doris Acree + | Margaret Hunt

5:00 pm Connie Madden + | Margaret Hunt

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."

Jesus invites us to imitate him in bringing hope to the sick and those in hardship. You imitate Jesus when you telephone, provide a meal, or send a gift to the sick and suffering. Jesus provides his healing grace through the Anointing of the Sick and Sacrament of Penance – both of which bring the healing power of Jesus and an outpouring of hope into our lives. We can pray over people, tapping into the grace of our baptism to bring the healing power of Jesus to the afflicted. The Risen Jesus continues to walk among us – and he invites you and me to be channels of his grace.

In an especially profound way, men and women in the medical profession reflect the healing power of Jesus. Nurses, doctors, and hospital personnel are great heroes who we depend on in our most vulnerable moments. Through their actions and sacrifices, people are made well. As we continue to deal with Covid-19, let's keep all medical personnel and their families in our daily prayers.

Jesus is the Healer – and he continues to pour out his saving grace in abundance.

Church News

February 15 - Office Closed due to Holiday

February 17 - Ash Wednesday Masses 8:30 am & 7:00 pm

February 17 - Wednesday Adoration cancelled

February 19 - Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm

Lenten Calendar

Wednesdays (excluding Ash Wednesday) during Lent Adoration from 4 - 8 pm and Confessions will be heard 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Fridays during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm



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

2021 Annual Appeal

Dear Friends in Christ,

The 2021 Annual Appeal is off to a fantastic start! This year's theme is Seeking Christ to remind us, in this time of hardship and need, that Christ is the source of the healing, unity, and love that we all seek. Through our collective support of the Annual Appeal, we strengthen the Body of Christ that is our local Church, and we sustain her many charitable works that serve the spiritual and other needs of all those within and beyond our parish boundaries. Please consider a commitment to the 2021 Annual Appeal this weekend at home or in-person. Your gift will be credited toward our parish goal. Learn more about the Annual Appeal at appeal.adw.org.

**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

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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. For ages 3 – 14.

School News

February 15 - School closed Presidents Day

February 17 - Ash Wednesday

The Church, as a voice of the Gospel, proclaims the sacredness of all human life. Everyone created by God is fashioned in God's image and has Divine DNA at the center of their soul. God never leaves what God creates but always remains intimately bound to what he has given form. Everyone has a place and because they have received the gift of Divine Blessing, nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, unclean or marginalized. Even the most broken of souls has a place. We, the Body of Christ, have the privilege and responsibility to give voice to the voiceless. The cries of the little one in his or her mother's womb are just as sacred as the cries of one who is homeless and hungry. The migrant deserves our attention as much as the forgotten elderly and even the prisoner, with a heart hardened by anger and resentment, deserves respect and dignity.

The Gospel of Life is often hard to swallow, and we would rather keep those we consider unclean, different or unfixable in a place by themselves. It is hard to see them with us, but they deserve to be. There is far too much violence in this world and the result of that violence is the assault on human life. Many are forced to leave the place they call home in search of safer ground, finding few if any along the way who will help them. How different today's Gospel story would be if Jesus gave in to what was politically correct at that time. The leper would have been turned away and a soul, already beaten down by disease and fear, would have experienced an even deeper wound. Jesus wouldn't have captured much attention from anyone, nor would he have mirrored the Father's compassion and love.

Where do we stand with all of this? Do we at least understand that God's vision is often in conflict with the vision put forth in our world and even the one we advance ourselves? There is no doubt that it is incredibly challenging to find a place for everyone at the table. This challenge is compounded when the systems of operation and structure that are so ingrained in us affirm power and privilege rather than inclusivity and justice. Everything really goes askew when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement raise their ugly heads and we find ourselves with quite a mess. It's time to admit that things have been a mess for a very long time. The mess needs to be healed, not by erasing it but by allowing God to touch it and make it whole. We need to bring God back to the center of life where God belongs. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But, knowing that wholeness, healing, and dignity are worthy pursuits, we can more confidently labor to achieve God's vision. ©LPi

Offertory Summary for February 7, 2021

Parishioner Contributions: \$4,628.00