

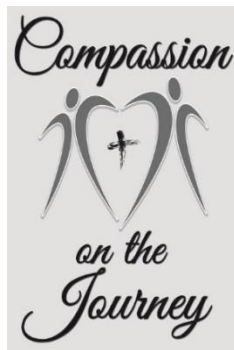
COMPASSION ON THE JOURNEY

Parish Lenten Retreat

Our Parish Retreat, **Compassion on the Journey**, is our participation in Our Holy Father's invitation for the Church to celebrate a Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Compassion is the heart of Mercy.

You are invited to join us as we experience God's compassion and learn to be more compassionate and of fuller service to one another. The retreat unfolds in the weekend homilies, liturgical music, bulletin reflections/ stphilp.org, a Holy Hour, workshops and suggested activities involving the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.



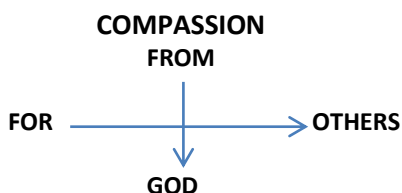
The church banner pictured above displays symbols of the various themes of our Retreat. Our journey begins with God who creates us, accompanies us through life, death and resurrection until we return to God in glory. Our journey is from "glory to glory" (2Cor.3:18). Along the way we are transformed into the image and likeness of Christ. God is our compassionate companion on the journey and invites us to offer compassionate service to one another.

The **Two Figures** shown form a **Heart Shape** as they symbolize human and divine love. The word **compassion** has its origins in two Latin roots; *com*-with and *passion*-to suffer/intense force. The meaning of **compassion** is a union of love that motivates beyond sympathy and empathy, 'to be one with' and, therefore, compels with a commitment to action physically, emotionally or spiritually as needed.

The **Cross** in the center of the heart is the sign of compassion.

The **Vertical** line of the cross calls to mind the unconditional compassion for us that comes **From God**.

The **Horizontal** line of the cross suggests the purpose for our lives which is to offer compassionate service **For Others**.



The image above (*for a clear view/see website*) is a reproduction of Rembrandt's Portrait of Christ's Head 1650, oil on wood, State Museum Berlin – Dahlem.

Our future focus will be on ways to reflect and pray with the masterpiece. For now appreciate the expression of Christ captured by the artist. Notice the exposed ear which suggests that Jesus listens with compassion.

St. Benedict of Nursia encouraged compassionate listening with the challenge,

"Listen with the ear of your heart."

Compassion is listening with the ear of your heart and acting on what you hear.

Lenten Prayer:

God of all compassion, guide our hearts to serve.

Dona nobis pacem, Grant us Peace.

Week II

Scripture

- God makes a covenant with Abraham by giving the land for the journey as holy ground.
- The letter to the Philippians encourages trust in God's desire to transform lives when we "stand firm in the Lord."
- While at prayer with his disciples Jesus is transfigured in glory. The disciples receive the instruction, "This is my beloved one, listen to him."

Reflection Story

Invited to speak at a military base, the professor is met at the airport by an unforgettable soldier. Heading toward the baggage claim area, the soldier keeps disappearing. The soldier dashes to help an older woman retrieve her suitcase from the conveyor belt, to lift two toddlers so that they can see Santa Clause and another time to give someone directions.

"Where did you learn to live like that?" asks the professor. "During the war," he explains. He shares with the professor that his particular job during the war was to clear the mine fields. During this life-threatening assignment he saw many of his friends meet an untimely end before his eyes. "I learned to live between the steps," he shared "I never knew when the next step would be my last. In the moments between picking up one foot and putting it down again, I experienced a whole new reality. It was as if each moment had an eternal

meaning. I learned to live between the steps. Living between the steps is really living."

Living with compassion and for service is really living. Prayer is that moment between the steps when we lift our minds and hearts to God to receive God's compassion. Our God of all compassion guides us to see and to hear with the ear of our hearts what is needed before we take another step. Turning to God in prayer on the journey, fully aware that our mission is to offer compassionate service to others, is how we are transfigured into the image and likeness of Christ. Living between the steps with compassion is really living.

Prayer Card Activity

A prayer card will be available for each individual after Masses. One side of the prayer card has Rembrandt's Head of Christ image. On the other side is written our Lenten prayer: *God of All Compassion, Guide our Hearts to Serve*. The prayer card will serve as a reminder to turn to the Lord in prayer, seeking God's compassion which enables us to share compassion through acts of service on our daily journey.

Reflection Questions

- What is my plan for my prayer card?
- How will I live compassionately between the steps?
- What actions will I take?

Season of Lent Opportunities

Renew your faith and your spiritual life for service and compassion to one another.

LENTEN PRACTICES:

- The **Eucharist** is the most perfect prayer and Lenten observance.
- Our Parish Retreat, **Compassion on the Journey**
- **Spirituality Workshops:**
Sunday, March 13th, 11 AM in the Russo Room
- **Adoration/Benediction Hour:** Wednesday, February 24, 7 PM in Church - Fr. Julio
- **WELCOME HOME:** Sacrament of **Reconciliation;** Mondays 7 to 8:30 PM, Saturdays 11 AM to 12 Noon; Saturday, March 19th -10 AM to 12 Noon
- **Stations of the Cross:** Fridays 7:00 PM in Church;
Living Stations of the Cross: March 18th
- **Lenten penance** includes acts of self-denial as a tool for mindfulness of God's bountiful gifts and presence and/or an increase in Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.
- Days of **Fast and Abstinence:** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence when we refrain from eating meat and have one full meal and two lesser meals. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.
- **Lenten Bible Study:** Final Chapters of Luke's Gospel leading to Christ's Passion, death and Resurrection Mondays at 11 AM in the Molloy Center
- **CRS Rice Bowls** supports Catholic Relief Services

THANK YOU

I am most grateful for your prayers for my brother Frank. He has had a full recovery and now is cancer free. Praise the Lord and many thanks. Fr. Kevin

RCIA Journey with Us

Our next **RCIA** session is Monday, February 22nd at 7:00 PM in the Russo Room. Fr. Julio will be presenting the Sacraments of Healing.

6TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK DINNER DANCE



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ST. JOSEPH DESSERT TABLE

Saturday, March 5, at 7 PM (doors open 6:30 PM)

School auditorium

Tickets are \$40 pp Traditional Irish dinner, beer, wine, soda, coffee, tea, Italian desserts
Entertainment will be provided by The Peter McKiernan Band.
Special Guest Performances

For tickets contact parish office between 9:00 AM & 4:30 PM

Hurry! This event sells out quickly.

For more information call Donna @ 973-779-6200

Tickets will NOT be available at the door.

You must be 21 years or older to attend this event

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES SCHEDULE

Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6: February 28, March 6, April 10, May 15

Grade 2: February 28, March 6 & 13, April 10

Grades 7, 8: March 13, April 17, May 1

Confirmation Grade 9, 10: March 13, March 24-Holy Thursday, April 17 and May 1

Attention Confirmation Candidates!

If you would like to accrue service hours, the Columbiettes could use your help! We are conducting a **Flapjack Breakfast** on Saturday, March 12, 2016 from 8-10 AM at Applebee's in Clifton. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Cathie Murtha at 973-471-1265.

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The students at The Prep are officially 100 days smarter! This week marks the 100th day of school. Early childhood celebrated this monumental day counting to 100 and graphing 100 healthy snacks.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Next Youth ministry meeting will be on **February 25th at 7 PM** in the youth room. Please follow us on Twitter and Instagram: @stphilipyouthnj.

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

COLUMBIETTES

The Columbiettes will be meeting on February 25th at 7 PM in Cerullo Hall. Please bring non sugary cereal such as Cheerios, Oatmeal, or Chex to the meeting. Also be reminded that dues must be paid at this time!

FLAPJACK BREAKFAST

The Columbiettes will be hosting a Flapjack Breakfast on Saturday, March 12, 2016 from 8-10 AM at Applebee's, 375 Route 3 East, Clifton, NJ. Meal includes: pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, and a beverage. Cost is \$11.00. Proceeds from this event will support our various ministries and outreach contributions. Tickets will be sold at the door. For tickets and information, contact Cathie at 973-471-1265.

WIDOW/WIDOWERS

THE MONDAY NIGHT GROUP: February 29th at 6:30 PM

THE NEW & RECENTLY BEREAVED GROUP: Wednesday, February 24th at 7:00 PM

PRIME TIMERS

March 21: Easter Parade at the Royal Manor – Garfield; \$45. If interested contact Sr. Christine at 973-779-1295.

BOY SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The annual Troop 21 Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast will be held in the auditorium on Sunday, February 21st from 8 AM to Noon: Adults \$9.00 and children 12 and under \$5.00. Tickets are purchased at the door. Please come enjoy pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice and coffee and support Troop 21.

DIOCESAN NEWS

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR FUNDRAISER

MUSIC, FOOD, WINE & SONG ON Sunday, February 28 – 2- 5 PM, 140 Shepherds Lane, Totowa. Donation \$30 p.p. features Deacon Anthony Liguori, Jr. - Singer/Songwriter/Recording Artist and Singer Joe Caroselli. Checks should be made out to: Auxiliary of the Little Sisters of the Poor- Marguerite Lombardi, 270 E 23rd St. – Paterson, NJ 07514. For more information contact Marguerite at 973-684-3479 or lombama@hotmail.com.

LENTEN RECOLLECTION

Joy & Mercy Are One presented by Fr. John T. Catoir on Saturday, March 12th 1:00 – 5:15 PM; Mass at 5:30 PM at St. Paul Church, 286 Haledon Ave, Prospect Pk. For more information contact Mathilda Bulacan at 973-742-3357 or mdbulacan@yahoo.com

Pray for

THE SICK: Ann Marie Kwiatkowski, Derrick Medeiros, Joan Hughes, Mildred Nerone, Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, John Timochko, Margaret Schweighardt, Ryan G. Micale, Emma Wyman, Jane Hughes, Philomena DiStefano, Allison Llanos, Jayce Mazza, Patsy Sinisi, Barbara Sikora, Margaret Sikora, Steve Kuchta, Joseph Buhler, Sister Beverly Aiazzone, Julio Grajera, Andrzej Zarebczan

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Joseph Colca, Lynn Franco

PARISH GIVING

Total Sunday collection: February 15, 2015	\$ 11,333.00
February 14, 2016 Sunday Collection	
Envelopes	\$ 8,725.00
Cash	\$ 1,124.00
Online Giving donations	\$ 3,691.00
Total	\$ 13,540.00
2 nd Collection: Project Faith	\$ 1,974.00

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: FEBRUARY 27/28, 2016

5:30 PM	Fr. Julio	10:00 AM	Fr. Kevin
8:00 AM	Fr. Joe	12:00 Noon	Fr. Miguel

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2016

- 8:00** All the People of the Parish
10:00 John Tolvay, Jr. – 16th Anniversary
Richard Brophy – 20th Anniversary
Joseph Hugh Ganguzza
Richard David Turtleaub

12:00 Lena & Peter Bartolo; Lazaro Passigna, Jr.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2016

- 7:00** Sister Nancy Grassia
9:00 Anastacio Cubero

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2016

- 7:00** John McKniff
9:00 Domenico Carriero

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2016

- 7:00** James Lake
9:00 Jane Warhol

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2016

- 7:00** Charles Salzer
9:00 Angeles Cabigao

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2016

- 7:00** Peter & Ann Vaccarezza
9:00 Anthony C. Murgia

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2016

- 9:00 AM** Deceased members of the Flanagan Family
5:30 PM Deceased Columbiette Members
Betty Huzing
Frank & Eleanor Kipikasha

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2016

- 8:00** All the People of the Parish
10:00 Arthur Sanfilippo
John Ganger – 20th Anniversary
Reita E. Marone
Molly & Joe Belbruno
12:00 Nikki Valle – 12th Anniversary; Antonio Garcia



Sunday, April 17, 2016

2:00 to 6:00 PM

The Valley Regency

Tickets: \$65 per person

- Includes \$25 Gift of Chips for Gaming Tables
- Butler served hors d'oeuvres, Caring Station
- Complimentary: Beer, Wine, Soda, Coffee, Tea
- Gourmet Desserts, Cash Bar, Piano Music
- Gaming Tables: Black Jack, Roulette, Craps, Wheel of Chance
- Gift Baskets for Casino Winnings, Silent Auction, Super 50/50

Tickets available on our website: www.stphilip.org
and at our School & Parish Offices