

**EASTER TIME**  
**WE REMEMBER, WE CELEBRATE, WE BELIEVE**



**EASTER PRAYER**  
**THE SIGN OF THE EASTER CROSS**

Make the sign of the cross. As you do, know that this desire to pray is God's gift. You are praying.

- Touch your forehead...  
Remember God's blessings in your life. Say, "Thank You" which is the perfect prayer.
- Touch your heart...  
Celebrate God's presence in you. Smile.
- Touch your left and right shoulders...  
Believe that you were created to receive and give love.

What love and service are you giving next?

**The Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

The Risen Christ commissioned the disciples and therefore us, to go out into the world and proclaim the Good News! Part of the Good News of Jesus Christ is the power of the Holy Spirit at work within us and among us. We are given all that we need to live our mission to love and to work for justice and the flourishing of all people.

As we journey through the Easter Season to Pentecost the same Holy Spirit that propelled the disciples to live their mission of *Opus Christi, Christ's Work* animates us.

Through Baptism and Confirmation we are empowered with spiritual gifts. During this Easter Season we will explore thematically the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and experience them at work in our lives in new ways.

**Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

- **Fear of the Lord ("WOW!" Awe, Wonder, Amazement)** is awakening to God's blessings freely given: in the beauty of creation, the truth of compassion deep within us, the goodness of loving relationships – recognizing that "All is Gift."

- **Piety (Reverence)** is living gratefully in a graced world with a profound respect for all life and a passion to be faithful stewards of God's bountiful gifts.
- **Fortitude (Courage)** enables us to dream of what is possible with Christ's love. Fortitude emboldens us to take responsibility for that vision and to creatively make it a reality.
- **Right Counsel** helps us to sift and sort in prayer what cannot be changed and needs to be accepted and what can be changed and needs to be accomplished.
- **Knowledge** focuses our priorities and shifts our perspective to think, feel and act with faith, hope and love.
- **Understanding** is seeing, feeling and listening with the "ear of our heart." Understanding and compassion are God's heart.
- **Wisdom** enables us to discern and relish God's presence in all things, to trust in Providence and to therefore live with compassion on the journey.

**CELEBRATING PENTECOST 2017: JUNE 4TH**

**Multi-language Liturgy**

Acts of the Apostles (2:4) reports that on the feast of Pentecost all were "filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim." The multiple languages at Pentecost demonstrate God's desire to be in relation with all people. God speaks to each heart in a unique way. Our celebration of Pentecost will be a multi-language liturgy serving as a symbol of God's ongoing action to renew the face of the earth.

**Volunteers are being sought to proclaim the Scripture readings and general intercessions in their native language.**

Please contact Donna Scancarella at 973-779-6200 or [dscancarella@stphilip.org](mailto:dscancarella@stphilip.org) for more information and to volunteer.

**Festive Clothing**

On the first Pentecost the Spirit hovered over the disciples like tongues of fire. The manifestation of God's power symbolizes the fire of love that compels the followers of Jesus through spirituality, service and social ministry. Therefore, parishioners are invited to wear **flame colors of red, yellow or orange**. Our multi-colored glow will be a communal affirmation of our commitment to rekindle the fire of God's love and to live our mission working for peace and justice with zeal.

**Flag Bearers Needed**

Our Pentecost Eucharist procession is led by our flag bearers. We are in need of six volunteers for each Mass on Pentecost weekend as carriers. The flags are more cumbersome than heavy; however moderate upper body strength is a requirement. A sign-up sheet for each Mass time can be found in the Sacristy.

## FATHER JOE COMMUNION BREAKFAST SPEAKER

### TOPIC: YES OR NO?

*Challenged by the anxiety and frustration of the many decisions we make daily? Prayer can help us to simplify our choice processes. A simple "yes or no" can be at the heart of our day and a source of peace for ourselves and for others. Join us to learn more.*

All are welcome to attend the Knights of Columbus Annual Communion Breakfast on **Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** after the 8:00 AM Mass in the Auditorium. The cost is \$10 and includes a full breakfast buffet. This is NOT a fund raiser and it is open to all members of the parish and anyone else interested. Please plan on attending and encourage others to join us for what promises to be a great Sunday morning. We will also again be remembering all of our deceased brothers and performing the Honor Roll Call. Contact SK Jack Paparella at [waw347@hotmail.com](mailto:waw347@hotmail.com) or (201) 577-1212 for tickets.

## SEVERAL SOURCES COLLECTION

Our second collection next weekend will be taken for Several Sources Shelters which provides hope, assistance and shelter to pregnant teens, needy families and homeless women.

## THANK YOU

The Little Sisters of the Poor and their Residents at St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly would like to thank the parishioners of St. Philip's Parish for their generous donations amounting to \$6,185.00 in response to the recent Door Collection taken at St. Philip. Be assured that the parishioners will be included in their daily prayers.

## MAY CROWNING

On Mother's Day, **Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**, following the 8 AM Mass, the outside Statue of Mary will be crowned. Please join us along with the first communion children and Rosary Society as we pray a decade of the Rosary and sing a Marian hymn.

## MEDITATION HOUR

### *Mother Mary*

Please join us for prayer, guided meditation and reflection on Thursday, **May 4<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM in Marian Hall as we journey through the *Joyful Mysteries*.



## RCIA

### **WE Remember, WE Celebrate, WE Believe**

The next session of the RCIA is this **Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>** at 7:00 PM in the Left Conference Room of the Molloy Center. Our topic is Social Justice. All are invited.

## ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

COSTUMES, MAKEUP, SETTINGS!! It was time for the annual spring play, Disney's *Aladdin Jr.* at St. Philip Preparatory School. The whole school was so excited to witness the spectacular performance this past week. Congratulations to everyone involved for a great show!

Another upcoming exciting event here at the Prep is our Multicultural Day program on May 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. Each class in every grade from Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> selected a country for the 2-day event. The students at the Prep will travel from classroom to classroom to learn interesting facts and experiences about different countries. On the second day, we will present the Day of the Dance, which depicts the dance representing our particular country. Following will be a school-wide International luncheon for all to enjoy!

### **St. Philip Prep School 50/50**

Tickets for the SPPS 50/50 are \$2.00 each or \$20 per book. Winner will be announced at the HSA meeting on **May 18<sup>th</sup>** and need not be present. If interested in purchasing tickets, please see Karen Powers in the school office from 9 AM to 3 PM on weekdays.

## MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

### **PRIME TIMERS**

St. Philip the Apostle Prime Timers next meeting is **Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00 PM in the Molloy Center. This meeting will feature a Passaic County Sheriff's Department discussion on Senior Scams. Payment for the June 2, 2017 Luncheon of \$15 (members and non-members) is due at this meeting; if not paid at the meeting anyone wishing to attend the luncheon should send a reservation and payment to the Molloy Center Attn: Prime Timers. No reservations can be made after **Friday May 26, 2017**.

The monthly Atlantic City trips to Resorts Casino will be **May 11, June 8, July 13 and Aug. 10**. The cost is \$27 p.p. per trip and the bus leaves at 9:30 AM. Contact Sylvia at 973-742-9286 for tickets.

Prime Timers is open to any parishioner of St. Philip's and their friends age 50 and over. Guests may attend a maximum of two meetings before joining.

### **COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY**

The next meetings for the Blanket Ministry are scheduled on Thursdays, **May 4 and 18, 2017** at 9:45 AM in the Molloy Center. These will be the last meetings until we resume in September. If you have any questions or donations of fabric/yarn, call Cathie at 973-471-1265.

### **ROSARY SOCIETY**

**IMPORTANT CHANGE! Monday, May 8, 2017** is the date for the next regular meeting of the Rosary Society. We will begin with the Rosary at **6:30 PM** in Marian Hall. This will be our Induction Meeting, May Crowning, pizza party and annual group picture! Don't miss it!

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights would like to thank our parishioners for their generous donations to last weekend's Collection for Citizens with Special Needs.

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

**"Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted."**

- **The Monday Night Widow/Widowers Group:**  
A social group for widows and widowers. Next meeting: **May 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 6:30 PM in Cerullo Hall.
- **Spouse Bereavement Group:**  
A support group for people grieving the death of their spouse. Next meeting: **TUESDAY, May 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 7:00 PM in the **RUSSO ROOM**. For information contact Dr. Rachel Rengifo at 201-248-4335.
- **BEREAVEMENT SEMINAR:**  
*A Source of Understanding & Hope*
  - Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel Church-Cedar Knolls, NJ
  - **Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** at 7PM; Room 103
  - Hosted by Deacon Henry deMena, MA
  - Contact Notre Dame Parish office at 973-538-1358 ext. 122 or email at [hdemena@gmail.com](mailto:hdemena@gmail.com)

## ST. PHILIP YOUTH MINISTRY

**Thursday, May 4 and May 18** - Youth Group from 7-9 PM  
**Thursday, June 8** - Graduation party for all 12<sup>th</sup> graders; 6-9 PM

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES SCHEDULE

**Grades 7, 8:** May 7  
**Confirmation Grade 9, 10:** May 7

### PRAY FOR

**THE SICK:** Joan Hughes, Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, Ryan G. Micale, Jayce Mazza, Patsy Sinisi, Barbara Sikora, Margaret Sikora, Steve Kuchta, Sister Beverly Aiazzone, Linda Brady, Gus Perez, Joseph Villano, Marie Nattvo, Jennie Marto, Antoinette Van Setters, Alexander Bancey, Josephine Pipitone, Zigrig Roman, Derrick Medeiros, Maria Ligato, Philip Kutzenko, Susan Russell, Evelyn Wescott, Ana Cabezas, Annette Wanamaker, Daniel Marty, Alan Graf, Jim Lacava, Catherine Jackson, Virginia Mascolo, Christine Carpenter, Robert Wagner, Mildred Nerone, Leonor Calvi, Michael Chiaramonte, Stephen Blayney, Rachel Livi, Don Muller, Eugene & Lorraine DeBellis, Sylvia Shami

**THE DECEASED:** Wayne Oblosky

### THE NEWLY BAPTIZED:

Santino Emil Stamato, child of Patrick & Jennifer  
Katie Rose Amaral, Michael & Jessica  
Lilian Nicole Cerchio, child of Christopher & Nina

### PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: MAY 6/7, 2017

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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY

Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

### SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2017

- 8:00** Silvestri & Laterza Family; Don Calderaro-20<sup>th</sup> Anniv.
- 10:00** Al Castrovillari  
Joe & Kitty Colca  
Mary Pat Trautfetter  
Mary Ann Seczawinski

### MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017

- 7:00** James Accardi
- 9:00** Dolores Rando

### TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017

- 7:00** Nicholas Quintavella
- 9:00** Marie Walsky-8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2017

- 7:00** Stefano Piccinich
- 9:00** Antonio Masucci

### THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2017

- 7:00** Thomas Harris, Sr.
- 9:00** Ann Fasoli

### FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2017

- 7:00** Joan Steele
- 9:00** Anna Marie & Nicolo Pansini

### SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

- 9:00** Mario Velasco
- 5:30** Stephen Farkas, Sr. – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
All the People of the Parish

### SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017

- 8:00** Kevin White  
Mae Giardino
- 10:00** Al Castrovillari  
Jane Hughes  
Charles George Beyer  
Rose Sinisi
- 12:00** Jay Jacobowitz; Ida Pompeo

The Offertory Candle: In Loving Memory of  
Bill Belott

### PARISH GIVING

Easter 2016 Collection	\$56,888.00
Easter April 16, 2017 <b>to Date</b>	\$61,560.00
Total Sunday Collection: April 24, 2016 APRIL 23, 2017	\$16,274.00
Envelopes	\$13,276.00.
Cash	\$ 1,606.00
Online Giving Donations	\$ 4,256 .00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,138.00</b>

### SAVE THE DATE!

### ST. PHILIP'S ANNUAL CARNIVAL



Thursday	June 15	6-10 PM
Friday	June 16	6-11 PM
Saturday	June 17	6-11 PM

**VALLEY RIDES & AMUSEMENTS**  
Rides Games Food Drink