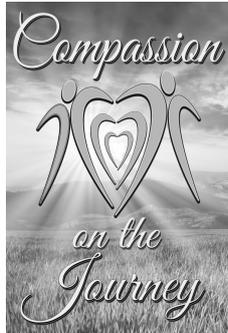


COMPASSION ON THE JOURNEY

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 church banner pictured above displays our Easter Theme symbols. 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 the Risen 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 image above is of Rembrandt's Portrait of Christ's Head 1650, oil on wood, State Museum Berlin – Dahlem. (For a clear view/see website)

Our focus is on ways to reflect and pray with the masterpiece. 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.

Easter Prayer:

Resurrected Glory – guide our hearts to serve
Dona nobis pacem, Grant us Peace.

EASTER SEASON

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.

Scripture WEEK V

- The Apostles deal with the difficulty in the early church community by sending representatives to convey knowledge and true teachings.
- St. John is gifted with a vision that helps us to understand that Christ is the glory of God, a brilliant light in every situation.
- The Gospel promises that the Holy Spirit is given to ease our troubles by bringing joy and peace.

REFLECTION:

Lane Becker enjoys telling the following story, "My father was a guard at San Quentin, and we lived on the prison grounds. Occasionally, inmates came by and helped with yard work. One day, mom lost the keys to the shed. A man who was mowing the lawn offered to help. Picking up a hammer, he gave the lock two sharp taps, and it magically opened. 'Wow,' said mom. 'How did you do that so quickly?'"

Handing back the hammer, the prisoner said, 'Lady, I'm not in this place for nothing!'"

The prisoner had knowledge and understanding about locks. Knowledge and understanding are gifts of the Holy Spirit given to help us solve problems. Sometimes we feel locked up by life. When we have difficulty thinking clearly, God desires for us to pray for a change of perception. In prayer, we can learn to see with God's eyes. In prayer, God gently teaches us how to think, feel and act with compassion.

Often, we are locked out of understanding other people. In prayer, God gives us the gift of understanding so that we can experience God's compassion for them.

ACTIVITY

1. What situations have me feeling, "locked up"?
2. How is God gently tapping me to see, think and act in new ways?
3. Who is difficult for me to understand? Who challenges my compassion?
4. Action: God invites us to "BLESS" those who disturb us. Over time a simple blessing prayer can help us to see, think and feel God's compassion. Blessing someone else - even through gritted teeth - opens us to God's grace and enables us to listen with the ear of our hearts for God's compassion.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- CONFIRMATION Thursday, May 5 at 7:30 PM
- VIVERE CHRISTUS Awards Sunday, May 15 at 3:30 PM
- K OF C Awards Night Wednesday, May 18 at 8 PM

- CHOIR Concert Sunday, May 22 at 4 PM
- ST PHILIP PLAYERS Cabaret Thursday, June 2 at 7 PM
- ROSARY Tea Sunday, June 5 at 2 PM
- SR. CHRISTINE'S Farewell Saturday, June 11 at 6:30 PM
- CARNIVAL Thursday - Friday - Saturday June 16 - 17 -

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CELEBRATING PENTECOST 2016: MAY 15TH

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 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.

DIOCESAN AWARD BESTOWED UPON RAY LILL

The Diocese of Paterson recognizes the service of the laity and religious as it awards the Annual VIVERE CHRISTUS AWARD. The title of the award is taken from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians 1:21, "for me to live is Christ." The Bishop bestows this honor on behalf of the community of faith in gratitude for faithful stewardship given in the name of our Lord Jesus. Our parish recipient this year is **Ray Lill**. Congratulations!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES SCHEDULE

Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6: May 15

Grades 7, 8, Confirmation Grade 9, 10: May 1

YOUTH MINISTRY

The next Youth ministry meeting will be on Thursday, May 19th at 7:00 PM in the youth room. Please follow us on Twitter and Instagram: @stphilipyouthnj. Youth from our parish are attending a Search Retreat this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

SR. RENE DONOHUE CULTURE & ARTS PROGRAM

The 8th grade students attended *The Artistic Discovery Exhibit at the George Segal Gallery of Montclair State University*. That, coupled with an art-making activity provided an educational and enriching experience for the students.

Students are looking forward to many exciting events coming up at St. Philip's Prep during the next few weeks.

In May, we honor our Blessed Mother. We will also have the opportunity to learn about countries all over the world as St. Philip Prep celebrates *Multicultural Day*. Some of our year end activities include Field Day and our field trip to the Meadowlands Environmental Center.

PRINCIPAL POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Paterson is seeking applicants for the 2016-2017 school year for the following positions:

Principal, St. Andrew the Apostle Elementary School - Clifton, NJ

Principal, St. Therese Elementary School - Succasunna, NJ

Information and application materials can be found at <http://www.patdioschools.org/administrative-openings>.

Closing date for applications is May 15, 2016.

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

PRIME TIMERS

St. Philip's Prime Timers next meeting is Friday May 6, 2016 at 1:00 PM the Molloy Center. The group "Call Us Clowns" will be entertaining everyone. If you are planning to purchase tickets for the June Luncheon, do so at this meeting or send your request to St. Philip's 797 Valley Rd. Clifton, Attention: Bea Lacava. The cost of the luncheon is \$15 each for both members and non-members. No tickets will be available at the door.

ATLANTIC CITY CASINO BUS RIDE

- Trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Thursday, May 12th
- Must be 21 years old and over
- Price is \$25.00 with a casino bonus of \$25.00.
- Call Barbara Rzepecki early to reserve your bus seating at 983-278-1566.

WIDOW/WIDOWERS

- THE MONDAY NIGHT GROUP: May 23rd at 6:30 PM
- THE NEW & RECENTLY BEREAVED GROUP: Wednesday, May 11th & 25th at 7:00 PM

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

- Thursday, May 5 and May, 19, 2016 at 9:45 AM in the Molloy Center. All crafters are welcome!
- If you have questions or would like to make a fabric or yarn donation, please call Cathie Murtha at [973-471-1265](tel:973-471-1265).

PRAY FOR

THE NEWLY BAPTIZED: Gavin Michael Conti, child of Michael & Jaime

Vivian Marie Moore, child of Brady &

Alexis

Lily Grace Entwistle, child of Joseph &

Kathleen

THE SICK: Ann Marie Kwiatkowski, Joan Hughes, Mildred Nerone, Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, Margaret Schweighardt, Ryan G. Micale, Emma Wyman, Jane Hughes, Allison Llanos, Jayce Mazza, Patsy Sinisi, Barbara Sikora, Margaret Sikora, Steve Kuchta, Joseph Buhler, Sister Beverly Aiazzino, Andrzej Zarebczan, Linda Brady, Josephine Basile, Annette Cavalini, Norman J. Dollbaum, Gus Perez, Patricia Giuditta, Osmania Levanti, Joseph Villano, Marie Nattvo, Jennie Marto, Kathy Miragliotta, Victor Nacheff, Baby Adrian Gennaro Laidlaw, Betty Urquhart, Dorothy Lesko, Antoinette Van Setters, Mary Ellen Stanton, Steve Brass

PARISH GIVING

Total Sunday Collection: April 26, 2015

\$15,798.00

April 24, 2016

Envelopes

\$11,329.00

Cash

1,600.00

\$

Online Giving donations

3,315.00

\$

Total

\$16,244.00

2nd Collection: Project Faith

2,321.00

\$

ST. PHILIP'S ANNUAL CARNIVAL

PM	Thursday	June 16	6-10
PM	Friday	June 17	6-11
PM	Saturday	June 18	6-11

VALLEY RIDES & AMUSEMENTS

AN EXCELLENT NEW VENDOR!

RIDES GAMES FOOD DRINK

Carnival Meeting on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 7:00 PM in

Marian Hall. All are welcome!

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: MAY 7/8, 2016

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2016

- 8:00 All the People of the Parish
- 10:00 Antonio Mascucci
Ethel Vivona
Joseph Colca
- 12:00 Ralph Pennella

MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016

- 7:00 Philomena DeStefano
- 9:00 Nick Quintavella; Marie Walsky-7th Anniversary

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016

- 7:00 Denis Rodriguez
- 9:00 Sandra Balanza

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2016

- 7:00 Rose Sinisi
- 9:00 Mary Saltalmachia

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2016: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



- 7:00 Deceased members: Alphonse & Jennie Seiffert family
- 9:00 Anna Maria & Nicola Pansini; Betty Welsh
- 7:30PM CONFIRMATION

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2016

- 7:00 Olga & Steve Shafran
- 9:00 Marylou Hausler

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016

- 9:00 Jim Rabbett
- 5:30 Betty Heizing
Barbara Patierno
Walter Drzymkowski

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2016

- 8:00 Maryann Spohn; Rose & Carmen Gravino
- 10:00 Giovanna & Vincenza Caradonna
Leticia Pelosi
- 12:00 All the People of the Parish

The Offertory Gifts: In Memory of Jim Rabbett
From His Family

**YOU ARE INVITED TO HONOR & CELEBRATE THE FAITHFUL SERVICE OF SISTER
CHRISTINE LIEGEY**

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2016
5:30 MASS FOLLOWED BY A LIGHT MEAL & PROGRAM
ST. PHILIP'S AUDITORIUM

NAME _____ PHONE # _____ NUMBER _____
ATTENDING _____

Return to basket in church vestibule or parish office by June 4th

If you have pictures of Sr. Chris, please bring them to the parish office for scanning.