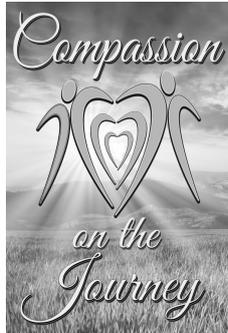


COMPASSION ON THE JOURNEY

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 VI

- Stephen filled with the Holy Spirit looks to God for help in prayer and wisely rests his own spirit in God's hands. God gives Stephen courage and the grace to forgive his persecutors.
- In prayer, St. John sees that God is the first and last, the beginning and the end of all things and therefore the source of ultimate wisdom. He hears the invitation of the Spirit to come to God in our need. John's response, "Yes, come Lord Jesus."
- Jesus looks to his Father in prayer and prays for us who believe but have not seen. Jesus prays that we might be wise and look to God in order to experience, as he did, our heavenly Father's love and help.

REFLECTION:

The Best Tip

"Three women, obviously old friends, had just finished having dinner at the table next to me. When the waiter came with the bill, one said, 'Give it to me.' 'No. You got it last time,' said another. 'It's my turn.'

The waiter stood there, unsure of what to do – until the third woman said, 'I'm the biggest tipper.' He handed her the check."

Our story, as told by Mary Jo Vettori, demonstrates the wisdom of the waiter. He looked to the women, listened to them, thought about his options and then made a very wise decision.

Every day we are faced with many, many decision. The wise thing to do in every situation is to look to God in prayer in order to help us to make the best possible choices. God's deepest desire is to help us with our lives. God is Providence giving and offering assistance at all times. Our challenge is to become more aware and to trust in God's Providence. Our invitation is to use our spiritual gifts through prayer to help us to live compassionate lives of service.

How It Works:

Wisely use the process of discernment in a real-life situation or in a choice that faces you now.

1. Quiet yourself
2. Look to God in prayer
3. Ask for wisdom
4. Describe the situation at hand
5. Listen with the ear of your heart to what God is saying
6. Think about your options
7. Make a decision
8. Act

NOTE: When a situation is more difficult it is wise to talk it over with a trusted and hopefully wise friend or a professional.

Short Version in a clutch situation: Lord grant me wisdom; (often this is enough to turn a reaction into a compassionate response).

Using the gift of wisdom in our daily lives is--- The Best Tip!

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- 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 Thursday, June 2 at 7 PM
- CABARET Fri. & Sat., June 3 & 4 at 8 PM
- ROSARY TEA Sunday, June 5 at 2 PM
- SR. CHRISTINE'S EVENT Saturday, June 11 at 5:30 PM
- CARNIVAL Thursday - Friday - Saturday June 16 - 17 - 18

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.

SR. CHRISTINE TO RETIRE FROM STAFF PARISH MINISTRY

After 36 years of faithful service Sr. Chris is retiring from Staff Parish Ministry. The good news is that Sister will continue to live in our community and will share her abundant gifts as a fellow parishioner. We will honor and celebrate Sr. Chris' legacy of service: Saturday, June 11th at 5:30 PM Mass followed by a light meal and program in the auditorium. (See tear-off)

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!

ST. PHILIP'S 37th ANNUAL CARNIVAL

PM	Thursday	June 16	6-10
PM	Friday	June 17	6-11
PM	Saturday	June 18	6:30-11

VALLEY RIDES & AMUSEMENTS
AN EXCELLENT NEW VENDOR!
RIDES GAMES FOOD DRINK

Carnival Meeting on Monday, May 9, 2016

7:00 PM Marian Hall All are welcome!

SPONSOR support is one of the reasons our carnival has been a huge success each year. Sponsors are greatly appreciated. We are offering Business Sponsorship for \$50.00 and Family Sponsorship for \$30.00.

We are again offering the sponsor of a booth or ride at a cost of \$100.00.

Sponsor flyers are available this week in the vestibule of the church.

Carnival Soda/Water Donations

Name brand soda and bottled water for the Carnival's "Soda & Lemon Ice" booth can be left in the Molloy Parish Center. Hours are 9AM – 4:30 PM Monday through Friday.

Confirmation Service Hours: Current grades 8, 9 & 10

Please contact Doreen Germain at Home: 973-667-1982

E-mail:

dgermain@stphilip.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES SCHEDULE

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

Thursday, May 19th, 7:00 PM in the youth room.

Please follow us on Twitter and Instagram: @stphilipyouthnj.

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The Student Council prepared a special lunch for teachers in celebration of Teacher Appreciation Day. The faculty enjoyed their special day.

Grade 4 students participated in the 14th Annual Chili Cook-Off on Thursday. Chef Todd was present to judge this anticipated event. The Cook-Off is a culminating activity of studying the Southwest Region of the United States.

On Monday, May 9, Grade 5 students will visit the NJ Sea Grant Consortium in Sandy Hook. There they'll observe the ecosystem, collect shells and organisms, and identify plants of this environment.

Teachers and students are at work preparing for our upcoming Multicultural Days which will take place on May 19 and 20.

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

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, 19, 2016 at 9:45 AM in the Molloy Center. All crafters are welcome!
- To make a fabric or yarn donation, please call Cathie Murtha at [973-471-1265](tel:973-471-1265).

ROSARY SOCIETY

- **Monday, May 16, 2016** meeting of the Rosary Society beginning with the Rosary at **6:30 pm** in Marian Hall.
- This will be our Induction meeting, May Crowning, annual group picture and last meeting of the year! Don't miss it! All are welcome.

PRAY FOR

THE NEWLY BAPTIZED: Victoria Sophia Parra child of Michael & Jacqueline

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 Aiazzone, Linda Brady, Josephine Basile, Annette Cavalini, Norman J. Dollbaum, Gus Perez, Patricia Giuditta, Osmania Levanti, Joseph Villano, Marie Nattvo, Jennie Marto, Victor Nacheff, Baby Adrian Gennaro Laidlaw, Betty Urquhart, Dorothy Lesko, Antoinette Van Setters, Mary Ellen Stanton, Steve Brass

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: MAY 14/15, 2016

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

PARISH GIVING

Total Sunday Collection: May 3, 2015	
\$15,209.00	
May 1, 2016	
Envelopes	
\$11,279.00	
Cash	\$
2,140.00	
Online Giving donations	\$
3,634.00	
Total	
\$17,053.00	

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 7:55-60; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2016

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

MONDAY, MAY 9, 2016

- 7:00** Philomena DeStefano



**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.

9:00 Stella Bulna

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016

- 7:00** Billie Cassin
- 9:00** Victor Shami

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2016

- 7:00** Ken Pami
- 9:00** Joseph Scafidi-11th Anniversary; Mary Pinke

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016

- 7:00** Lynch Family
- 9:00** Susan Sullivan

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2016

- 7:00** Francis Shea
- 9:00** Stella Bulna

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2016

- 9:00** Lucille Cook
- 5:30** All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2016

- 8:00** Jennie Gourley-3rd Anniversary; John Puzio
- 10:00** Barbara Patierno
Mary Saltamachia
- 12:00** Charles Hampton

The Offertory Gifts: In Memory of
Julia McNamara