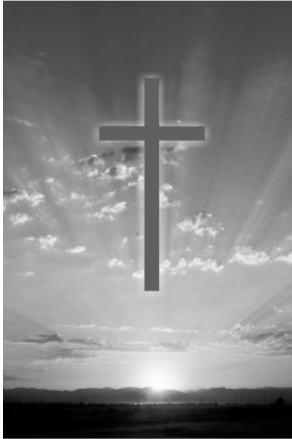


EASTER TIME
WE REMEMBER, WE CELEBRATE, WE BELIEVE



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.

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.

REFLECTION ON REVERENCE AND PIETY

FOSTER A CONTEMPLATIVE OUTLOOK

What we need to foster, in ourselves and in others, is a contemplative outlook. Such an outlook arises from faith in the God of life, who has created every individual as a wonder. It is the outlook of those who see life in its deeper meaning, who grasp its utter gratuitousness, its beauty, and its invitation to freedom and responsibility. It is the outlook of those who do not presume to take possession of reality, but instead accept it as a gift, discovering in all things the reflection of the Creator and seeing in every person their own living image.

Prayer not only opens up to a meeting with the Most High, but also disposes us to a meeting with our neighbors, helping us to establish with everyone—without discrimination—relationships of respect, understanding, esteem, and love. Prayer is the bond that most effectively unites us all. It is through prayer that believers meet one another at a level where inequalities, misunderstandings, bitterness, and hostility are overcome; namely, before God. Prayer is the authentic expression of a right relationship with God and with others.

We need to reaffirm our need for intense, humble, confident, and persevering prayer, if the world is finally to become a dwelling place of peace.

So, to take time to pray and to nourish prayer and activities through biblical, theological, and doctrinal study; and to live by Christ and His grace by receiving assiduously the sacraments of reconciliation and the Eucharist: such are the fundamental requirements of every deeply Christian life. Thus, the Holy Spirit will be the source both of our action and of our contemplation, which will then interpenetrate each other, support each other, and yield abundant fruit.

This deep unity between prayer and action is at the basis of all spiritual renewal. It is at the basis of the great enterprises of evangelization and construction of the world according to God's plan.

This reflection is from Pope John Paul II. These are selections from his book, [Go in Peace: A Gift of Enduring Love](#)

REFLECTION QUESTIONS AND ACTIVITY

1. Look at yourself as God's gift to you. For what attributes are you most grateful? Say thanks to God.
2. Take a look at something in nature, flowers, trees, pets. List the loveliness of the creation. Say thanks to God.

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 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.**

CONGRATULATIONS DONNA SCANCARELLA

Donna Scancarella received a certificate for completing the courses for a Certificate in Catholic Evangelization from St. Paul Inside the Walls Catholic Center for Evangelization in conjunction with Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology at Seton Hall University.

She attended a three year program designed to equip Catholic evangelists with a greater understanding of the scriptural and theological foundations of our Catholic faith in order to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our homes, parishes and local communities.

Courses included: Prayer, Discipleship & Community, Biblical Call Narratives, Catholic Evangelization, Parables of Jesus, Evangelizing Church and Practical Evangelization.

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The students at Saint Philip have been busy gearing up for the end of the year. Each grade has many fun and exciting activities planned. As a part of our Family Life Curriculum, the 5th grade participated in a flour baby project. The purpose of the project was to learn how to care for an infant. The students had to care for their babies 24/7. If they were unable to care for their baby they had to find a babysitter. The students were required to flip a coin for the gender, log daily activities, complete a birth certificate, baby book, and write a reflection paper. The students realized raising a baby cost a lot of money. They also realized their daily routines were affected when they had to care for a baby. The students really enjoyed this project. The 5th grade class, along with all the students at St. Philip, wanted to congratulate and thank the 8th grade class and their teachers for a magnificent performance of Aladdin.

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

COLUMBIETTES

Columbiettes Food Drive at Stop & Shop
Broad Street, Clifton

Saturday, May 20, 2017 10 – 2 PM

BLANKET MINISTRY

Next meeting is Thursday, **May 18, 2017** at 9:45 AM in the Molloy Center.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council 11671 would like to thank everyone who attended our recent communion breakfast and most especially Fr. Joe for his inspirational talk on "Yes and No; Responding vs. Reacting".

ALL ARE INVITED to our **Annual Awards Night** - Wednesday, **May 17th** at 7 PM in the Molloy Center.

ST. PHILIP YOUTH MINISTRY

Thursday, May 18 - Youth Group from 7-9 PM

Thursday, June 8 - Graduation party for all 12th graders; 6-9 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Practice: **Wednesday, May 24th** at 7 PM in Church
Confirmation: **Thursday, May 25th** at 7 PM. Candidates must be in Church at 6:15 PM

DIOCESAN NEWS

PRINCIPAL POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Paterson is seeking applicants for the 2017-2018 school year for the following positions:

* Principal, St. Joseph Elementary School, Mendham, NJ

* Principal, St. Brendan Elementary School, Clifton, NJ

* Principal, DePaul Catholic High School, Wayne, NJ

A job description and application materials can be found at <https://www.patdioschools.org/administrative-openings>

Closing date for applications is May 22, 2017.

DIocese CONSECRATED TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Bishop Serratelli will consecrate our Diocese of Paterson to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on **June 13th**, the Commemoration for the 100th Anniversary of our Lady's Apparition at Fatima, Portugal. At each mass, we will ask our Blessed Mother to intercede for us and for the whole world.

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

O Mary, chosen by the Father from all eternity, you offer us Jesus, the blessed fruit of your womb, the Word made flesh, the world's Redeemer. On the cross, your Son gave you, his own Mother, to be our Mother, entrusting us to your loving care. Therefore, in obedience to his will, this day, we kneel in humble prayer before you, placing ourselves, our families, our loved ones, our entire diocese in the shelter of your Immaculate Heart. By this act of consecration, we, like John the Apostle, wish to take you into our homes and lives.

Most Holy Virgin, at the Annunciation, you became the first disciple, accepting Jesus into your life. Now, assumed into heaven, you do not abandon all who follow Jesus, but accompany us on the way of discipleship. Plead for us with your beloved Son that he may give us in abundance the Holy Spirit to strengthen our faith, increase our hope and inflame our charity. Be with us in trial and suffering, in joy and happiness, every moment of our lives and most especially, at the hour of our death.

O Mother, Queen of Heaven and Earth, you know our sufferings and hopes. Look kindly upon all people and all nations and, by your powerful intercession, lead them to Christ the Prince of Peace. Mary, Joy of Fatima, you see our struggles between good and evil, between light and darkness. Embrace, with the love of a mother each of us who entrust and consecrate ourselves to you. To you, Dawn of Salvation, we commit our life journey, so that, with you as guide, we may truly know and follow Christ, the light of the world and its only Savior, who reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

PARISH GIVING

Total Sunday Collection: May 8, 2016	\$16,008.00
MAY 7, 2017	
Envelopes	\$13,058.00
Cash	\$ 2,183.00
Online Giving Donations	\$ 4,551.00
Total	\$19,792.00
2 ND COLLECTION: (SEVERAL SOURCES)	\$ 1,355.00

ST. PHILIP'S ANNUAL CARNIVAL



Thursday June 15 6-10 PM
 Friday June 16 6-11 PM
 Saturday June 17 6:30-11 PM
VALLEY RIDES & AMUSEMENTS
 Rides Games Food Drink

CARNIVAL VOLUNTEER MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 22 AT 7:00 PM IN MARIAN HALL
ALL ARE WELCOME!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO STUFF ENVELOPES FOR OUR ANNUAL CARNIVAL RAFFLE MAILING ON FRIDAY, MAY 19TH AT 9:30 AM IN THE MOLLOY CENTER. WHEN WE GET ENOUGH HELP, IT ONLY TAKES A COUPLE OF HOURS. CONTACT BARBARA AT 973-779-6200 IF YOU CAN HELP OUT.

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 Aiazzino, Linda Brady, Gus Perez, Joseph Villano, Marie Nattvo, Jennie Marto, Antoinette Van Setters, Alexander Bancey, Josephine Pipitone, Zigrig Roman, Derrick Medeiros, Maria Ligato, Philip Kutzenco, Susan Russell, Evelyn Wescott, Ana Cabezas, Annette Wanamaker, Daniel Marty, Alan Graf, Jim Lacava, Virginia Mascolo, Christine Carpenter, Robert Wagner, Mildred Nerone, Stephen Blayne, Rachel Livi, Don Muller, Eugene & Lorraine DeBellis, Sylvia Shami, Bruno Marino, Frank Parisi, Bob Rose, Jack Steffans, Barbara Ferry, Roger Rosnagel, Esther Benard

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: MAY 20/21, 2017

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2017

8:00 All the People of the Parish
10:00 Maryann Spohn
 Deceased members of the Walsh Family
 Giovanna & Vincenzo Caradonna
 Mary Trautfetter
12:00 Claire Chidiac; Ida Pompeo

MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017

7:00 Marta E. Mendoza
9:00 Anna Montella

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017

7:00 Theresa Modica
9:00 Jerry Piserchia

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2017

7:00 Special Intention: Good Health
9:00 Fabio Tranelli

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017

7:00 Alphonse & Jennie Seiffert Family
9:00 Theresa Sforza

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2017

7:00 Mary DeVeno
9:00 Special Intention: Speedy Recovery

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017

9:00 Fred Siwec
5:30 Deceased members Festa-Novacio Family
 Michael Chiamonte

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017

8:00 John Strangeway; Madeline Buttiglieri
10:00 Nicholas A. Gallopo, Jr.
 Helen Veliky
 Mary Becker
 Thomas Fudali
 Leonor Calvi
12:00 All the People of the Parish

The Offertory Candle: In Loving Memory of
 Julia McNamara