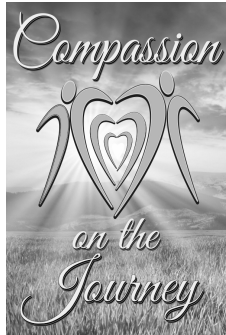


COMPASSION ON THE JOURNEY

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.

PENTECOST

The Lobster.....

A struggling young American painter is trying to get started as an artist in France. One day, he meets a group of wealthy socialites in a museum. They invite him to a costume party in a castle in the country. The artist is delighted and works hard all week on his costume. He believes that making a good impression on these influential people will most surely help his career.

Fully in costume, the artist enters the ballroom and prepares to descend the long staircase onto the dancefloor. Shocked, he realizes that his friends had indeed invited him to a themed costume party, however, the theme was "a medieval court." The artist is dressed as a lobster.

All around are bejeweled Kings, Queens, Princes and Princesses, Dukes, Earls, Barons and Baronesses. Our artist is wearing a red leotard, red tights, red ballet slippers, giant red foam claws and two wiggling antennae on his head.

Running away is his first thought. But he doesn't run. He worked very hard on his costume using his gifts and talents. His mission remains the same, to get to know these people, whether he is dressed as a lobster or not.

Stepping into the crowd, a great silence falls and all eyes turn toward him. Someone asks, "What on earth are you?"

A quick prayer crosses his mind and then with a great bow and a flourish he announces "I am the court lobster!" Laughter, not mocking but joyful, signals that they love their new court jester! (Adapted from a story by Elizabeth Gilbert)

That moment when the lobster chose to pray and then courageously go forth into the crowd is a Pentecost moment. The Holy Spirit gifts us to go forth beyond our fears to accomplish our daily mission of *Opus Christi*, Christ's Work. We are called to walk into the crowd with service and compassion on the journey.

May we experience our lives as empowered by the Holy Spirit so that in our every thought, prayer, word and deed we manifest God's compassion.

May we be the lobster who walks into the party.....

Our Walk Through the Last Year

Pentecost is a celebration of God's love and power at work within and among us.

The Eucharist means "to give thanks". Our celebration is the perfect time to recount all the ways that God has blessed our parish and the ways that we have blessed each other with Compassion on the Journey since last Pentecost.

We share God's gifts spiritually, socially and in service:

Pentecost 2015 to Pentecost 2016

Baptisms	46	RCIA
10		
First Eucharist	85	Funerals
87		

Confirmation	71	School Enrollment
458		
Pre Cana Couples	15	Rel. Ed. Enrollment
370		
Marriages	15	Regular Home
		Communion Visitation

50

Living Spirituality themes

- Keys to the Kingdom: keys of Faith, Hope, and Love
- Parish Crest-Opus Christi = Christ's work
- Your Gift is Wrapped in Prayer
- Compassion on the Journey

Celebrating Socially Facilities

Service For

- Parish Carnival
- Parish Picnic
- Spring Royale
- All parish group events
- St. Joseph/St. Patrick Dinner

- Church Sound System
- Valley Road Street Sign
- Molloy Center Boiler
- Bell Tower Repointing
- Brick Work Molloy Ctr
- School Roof

Work

Molloy

- Renovation of Center Rest Rooms

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 CABARET Thursday, June 2 at 7 PM
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

DIOCESAN AWARD BESTOWED UPON RAY LILL

Congratulations to Ray Lill as he is presented with The Annual VIVERE CHRISTUS AWARD by Bishop Serratelli this Sunday at 3:30 PM.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The following are being presented Awards on Wednesday, May 18th:

Catechist of the Year:	Pat Schell
Parishioner of the Year:	Beth Crocker
Senior Citizen of the Year:	Fred Van Duyne
Youth of the Year:	R.J. Paleski
Altar Server of the Year:	Charlotte Ortzian
Family of the Year:	Dennis & Michelle Fitzpatrick
Knight of the Year:	Robert Donkersloot
Firefighter of the Year:	Mark Drew

EMT of the Year: Derak Cotton
Special Recognition Award: Chief John Link
Monsignor Peter J. Doody Scholarship winners of \$1000 each:

Kaylee Reyes, Krystina M. Gabin,
Andrew McDermott, Mariah Vargas

CONCERT CHOIR

The Adult, Youth and Handbell Choirs of St. Philip the Apostle will present their annual Spring Concert on Sunday, May 22nd at 4:00 PM in church. The concert, which will feature sacred music, is free; however a free-will offering is appreciated. Please join us.

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)

YOUTH MINISTRY

Thursday, May 19th, 7:00 PM in the youth room.
Please follow us on Twitter and Instagram: @stphilipyouthnj.

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

On May 9th, the fifth graders went to Sandy Hook on a field trip. They learned all about the ecology of the shore and that the military used Sandy Hook to assist them after World War II. One of our own students won the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey Contest. Out of about 6,000 applicants, Yvonne Allen, a 4th grader, was in the top 30 of the state, and attended a reception at the Newark Museum. St. Philip Prep is getting ready for Multicultural Day on May 19th-20th. The students will visit about 10 countries.

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

WIDOW/WIDOWERS

- THE MONDAY NIGHT GROUP: May 23rd at 6:30 PM
- THE NEW & RECENTLY BEREAVED GROUP: Wednesday, May 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**, beginning with the Rosary at **6:30 PM** in Marian Hall.
- Induction, May Crowning, annual group picture and last meeting of the year! Don't miss it! All are welcome.

ST. PHILIP'S PLAYERS

Present *BACKWARDS BROADWAY*. An evening of classic and contemporary Broadway music. . . with a twist: June 2nd at 7 PM; June 3rd & 4th at 8 PM

- Thursday and Friday: \$25 Dessert Theater; Saturday, : \$35 Pasta Dinner
- Reserve tickets by calling [973-607-1924](tel:973-607-1924), prepay through the Molloy Center by calling 973-779-1439 or email us at StPhilipsPlayers@AOL.com. Tickets on sale after Mass the weekend of May 21/22.

ST. PHILIP'S 37TH ANNUAL CARNIVAL



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

Carnival Meeting on Monday, May 23, 2016 7:00 PM in Marian Hall All are welcome!

Worker sign-up sheets are available this week in the vestibule of the Church

We want to thank all workers in the past and hope they can work again this year. New faces are always welcome.

Sponsor flyers are available in the vestibule of the church.

Business Sponsorship - \$50.00; Family Sponsorship - \$30.00; Booth and ride sponsorship - \$100.00.

A **Craft Fair** will be held in the gym during all Carnival hours.

More Crafters welcome! Information and contract available by calling the parish office at 973-779-6200.

Soda/Water Donations

Name brand soda and bottled water for the Soda & Water booth can be left at the Molloy Parish Center. Hours are 9 AM – 4:30 PM Monday through Friday.

Confirmation Service Hours: Current grades 8, 9 & 10

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

Email: dgermain@stphilip.org

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE SCHOOL CLASS OF 1966

- The Class is celebrating its 50th Anniversary with a gala reunion
- Looking for all classmates that are interested. Please spread the word.
- Send contact information-name, email and postal address to: Bob Calcagno at chaddyb171@aol.com; Phyllis DiMartino at butterfly2052@aol.com or Dom DiDomenico at didomenico9@hotmail.com

PRAY FOR

THE DECEASED: Frank Monopoli, Anthony Cassone, Joseph Reynolds

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 Cavallini, Norman J. Dollbaum, Gus Perez, Patricia Giuditta, Osmenia Levanti, Joseph Villano, Marie Nattvo, Jennie Marto, Victor Nacheff, Baby Adrian Gennaro Laidlaw, Betty Urquhart, Dorothy Lesko, Antoinette Van Setters, Mary Ellen Stanton,

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: MAY 21/22, 2016

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

PARISH GIVING

Total Sunday Collection: May 10, 2015

\$14,945.00

May 8, 2016

Envelopes

\$10,938.00

Cash \$

1,274.00

Online Giving donations \$

3,596.00

Total

\$15,808.00

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17;
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2016

8:00 Jennie Gourley-3rd Anniversary; John Puzio

10:00 Barbara Patierno; Mary Saltalamachia

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12:00 Charles Hampton

MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016

7:00 Joseph Reynolds

9:00 Margaret Hreha; Gerald Piserchia

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016

7:00 McGuire Family

9:00 Michael Bischak

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016

7:00 Tarantino Family

9:00 Josephine & Steve Casale

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016

7:00 Josephine Browne

9:00 Patricia Percoskie

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2016

7:00 Reagan Family

9:00 Philomena DiStefano

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2016

9:00 Paul Tortorella

5:30 Ray Festa, Betty Heizing

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016

8:00 All the People of the Parish

10:00 Joseph Colca

John & Christine Strangeway – 45th Wedding Anniversary

12:00 Marilyn Kenna; Simon Edward Fairhurst

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 IN 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.