

PRAYER IS THE KEY TO SERENITY



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 FORTITUDE (COURAGE) AND RIGHT COUNCIL

TEN + 2 = SERENITY

Three-year old Nick is getting angry more frequently. His mom, Mary Lu Hudak, teaches the boy to count to ten when he begins to feel anger. On one occasion, she reminds him, "Count to ten, Nick. Count to ten." So, he starts "One, two, three," and on and on, until he ends with "... eleven, twelve." The mom is quiet for a few minutes while they look at each other. Then, with nod of his head and a wise smile says, "Some people just need to count to twelve." (Adapted Readers Digest 4/2018)

Counting to ten is a good start because it focuses the mind on the entire situation and not just on the feeling. The most winning equation adds another two steps. Add the two steps of prayer; tell God what is happening in your mind and heart and listen for God's help.

Prayer gifts us with Courage and Fortitude to face any situation and affords us God's grace of Right Council which helps us to see how we can most wisely change our reactions into loving responses.

PRAYER PRACTICE FOR ANGER MANAGEMENT

Count to twelve:

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

Count to ten, collect yourself. Add the two steps of prayer.

Plus 11,

Share honestly with God about your thoughts and feelings.

Plus 12,

Be attentive to how God is guiding you to respond.

Equals.....

Serenity.

CELEBRATING PENTECOST 2018: MAY 20

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.

RESTORATION UPDATE

Phase II

The Molloy Center is still in process because it sustained the greatest amount of smoke damage. At this writing, there is no projected return date.

Phase III

The Kaleidoscope wing of the school, which was the epicenter of the fire, was deemed unsalvageable by the insurance company and was demolished. Marion Hall shared a wall and a roof with the Kaleidoscope wing and therefore, cannot be used until a new building is constructed on the site. We are currently in the planning stage to rebuild the Kaleidoscope wing and to restore Marion Hall for use.

Please Help

Your prayer and support through these months is deeply appreciated. Please help by continuing your prayer for:

- patience in dealing with the relocation of our spiritual, service and social ministries to off campus sites.
- all those involved in the restoration process, that God will continue to Bless them for their dedication and diligence.
- a speedy return for the use of our entire facility as we continue to do our mission which is Christ's Work of love in action.

The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
Courage to change the things I can;
And the wisdom to know the difference.

Reinhold Niebuhr

MEDITATION HOUR

MARY MAGDALENE IN THE GARDEN

Please join us for prayer, guided meditation and reflection on **Thursday, May 10th at 8:00 PM** in Church following the 7:00 PM Mass for the Ascension.

MAY CROWNING

On Mother's Day, **Sunday, May 13th**, following the 8 AM Mass, the outside Statue of Mary will be crowned. Please join us along with the first communion children and the Rosary Society as we pray a decade of the Rosary and sing a Marian hymn.

SPRING CONCERT

The Adult, Youth and Handbell Choirs of St. Philip the Apostle will present their annual Spring Concert on **Sunday, May 20** 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.

EVANGELIZATION

Soon To Be Released Film About Pope Francis' Life And Ministry



"Pope Francis – A Man of His Word" will have national release sometime in mid-May. We hope to organize a parish trip to see the film as soon as details about time, date, etc. are available to us. Our hope is to offer an outing that includes lunch and the movie. Here is more about the film: *Wim Wenders' new documentary, "Pope Francis – A Man of His Word," is intended to be a personal journey with Pope Francis as he sets out to present his work of reform and his answers to today's global questions. From his deep concern for the poor to his involvement in environmental issues and social justice, Pope Francis engages the audience face-to-face in a way never seen before.*

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Intermediate school has been very busy! The fifth graders recently went to explore Sterling Mine where they entered a real mine and learned about the on-the-job daily risks the miners faced and explored the museum which housed a vast collection of gems and minerals from all over the world. In the science classroom, the fourth & fifth graders have been learning about our most precious resource—water! They experimented with air pressure putting marshmallows in (needleless) syringes and watching them decrease and increase in volume without even being touched, and learned why ocean waters can be colder than 0* C and not freeze. The process of how our water is treated before we are able to drink it was studied. They even designed their own water filtration systems and cleaned dirty water right before their eyes!

Finally in Religion students are getting ready to compete in the latest trend...the Escape Room. Students will be "Escaping the Sacrament"! They will be learning all about the sacrament of marriage while they complete puzzles and decipher codes to ultimately unlock a treasure chest. This is the escape-(since I am not really going to lock them in a room-a prize for their hard work and learning is next best thing!)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Registration for the 2018-2019 year will begin on the weekend of **May 19/20** following the 5:30 PM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 noon Masses in the school auditorium. An early incentive discount will be given if registration is completed at this time. New families are welcome!

Please be sure that you are registered with the parish **prior** to registering your child/children for class. If you need to register as a parishioner, please contact Barbara Salzer, parish secretary at 973 779-6200.

Please contact dleach@stphilip.org with any questions about our Religious Education program.

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

THE FOLLOWING GROUPS MEET AT

THE VFW HALL - 491 VALLEY ROAD, CLIFTON

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 1st and 3rd Wednesday - 8:00 PM

BOYS SCOUTS TROOP 21 AND CUB SCOUTS PAC 21 – Monday nights at 6:30PM

COLUMBIETTES Thursday, May 31 –7:00 PM

Columbiettes Food Drive to benefit the Father English Center
Stop & Shop Broad Street, Clifton

Saturday, May 12, 2018 10AM – 2PM

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

A support group for people grieving the death of their spouse.
Please contact Dr. Rachel Rengifo at 201-500-2068.

ROSARY SOCIETY

Monday, May 21 beginning with mass in the **CHURCH** at 6 PM.
Meeting to follow in St. Philip's School Auditorium.

MSGR. PETER J. DOODY RETIREMENT

Celebration of Mass on **Saturday, June 9, 2018** at 10 AM at
Annunciation Church, 45 Urban Club Road, Wayne. Reception
at Macaluso's in Hawthorne 12:00-4:00. \$75 pp. Checks
payable to Annunciation Church - send to the attention of Mrs.
Trish Frost. Indicate number in your party and your home
parish. Call the rectory at 973-694-5700 with any questions.

PRAY FOR

THE SICK: Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, Margaret Sikora, Sister Beverly Aiazzino, Jennie Marto, Antoinette Van Setters, Alexander Bancey, Derrick Medeiros, Maria Ligato, Philip Kutzenco, Evelyn Wescott, Annette Wanamaker, Mildred Nerone, Eugene & Lorraine DeBellis, Bob Rose, Jack Steffans, Barbara Ferry, Fred Van Duyne, Dave Miller, Sr. Giovanni Aiazzino, Maya Hilario, John Pepe, Ron Kuruc, George Biondi, Katie Gerber, Theresa Buhler, Chloe LoPresti, Cathy Papuzenski, Roberta & Al Dressner, Eloise Stampoulos, Pina Basile, Joseph Pagani, Jim Weis, Loretta Latona, Rita Latona, Eileen Kirschner, Roger Greff, Maryann Greff, Peg Chambers, Dorothea Stepka, Vivian Hart, Paul Doviak, John Thievon, Alice Negron, Janet Irizarry, Clara Maffei, Ryan G. Micale

THE DECEASED: Robert Fazio

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: MAY 13, 2018

5:30 PM	Fr. Matt	8:00 AM	Fr. Kevin
10:00 AM	Fr. Joe	12:00 N	Fr. Julio

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: APRIL 30, 2017	\$20,293.00
Sunday Collection: April 29, 2018	
Envelopes	\$14,463.00
Cash	\$ 1,977 .00
Online giving donation	\$ 4,348.00
Total	\$18,811.00

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018

8:00 All the People of the Parish
10:00 Lillian Durso
Giuseppe Castaldo
Patrick Cross
Magna Jumao-as
12:00 Stanislaw Dewera
Edward Rivetti – 27th Anniversary

MONDAY, MAY 7, 2018

7:00 Kenneth Luetkemeyer
9:00 Jay Jacobowitz – 6th Anniversary

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018

7:00 Patrick Cross
9:00 Rose Martin

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2018

7:00 Marcial & Blanca Arias
9:00 Thomas Turner

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018 - ASCENSION

7:00AM All the People of the Parish
9:00 Angela Blake
7:00PM Victor Shami

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2018

7:00 Joseph J. Garbarino, Sr.
9:00 Joseph Scafidi – 12th Anniversary

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018

9:00 Murphy Family
5:30 Anna May Wozny
Joan Hughes
Edna Madden

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018

8:00 Francine Faililla, Susan Russell
10:00 Maryann Spohn
Peter & Maureen Donohue
Marek Cicak
Rose Martin
12:00 All the People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Candle:

In Memory of
Saverio Caradonna
From Nick & Anna Caradonna

SAVE THE DATE!

ST. PHILIP'S ANNUAL CARNIVAL



Thursday June 14 6-10 PM
Friday June 15 6-11 PM
Saturday June 16 6:30-11 PM

VALLEY RIDES & AMUSEMENTS
Rides Games Food