

OUR PARISH LENTEN RETREAT
PRAYER TIME
WE REMEMBER, WE CELEBRATE, WE BELIEVE

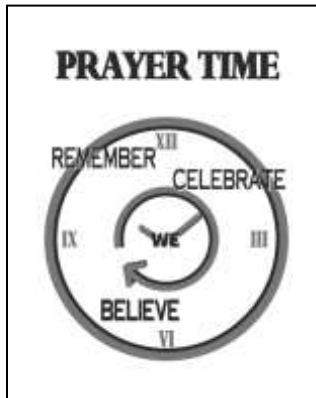
What Time is it for You?

Feeling frazzled by no time?

Bored with too much time on your hands?

It is time to wake up!

God can help you every time. God is always with you in the nick of time, whenever you make time to pray. God's presence, wisdom and peace are with you, here in this moment. The time is now.



The clock reminds us that Time is God's gift. When you see a clock or watch, remember that it is always **Prayer Time**. Prayer closes the circle of our past, present and future with our God who is here for us. Prayer makes us aware of God right now! **We Remember** our past blessings, lifting our hands in **faith**. **We Celebrate** God's presence now, opening our hands, in **hope**, with trust. **We Believe** that our future is our mission to do Christ's Work, empowering us to reach out our hands in **love** and **service**.

Always Prayer Time

Time Out!

Waiting is an opportunity to pray. Wait with God. While at a red light, on line, on hold or while watching the computer download, be mindful of God.

Got Five Minutes?

Time is God's gift to us; we return the gift by giving God our time in prayer. There are 720 minutes in only 12 waking hours; giving God five minutes is less than 1%. How to use the time? Find a quiet place alone. Take some deep breaths in and out using the Latin word for peace, *pacem*- pa- --cem. Follow the guide below.

Turn the Hands of Time in Prayer

Turning the hands of time in prayer involves three sweeping moves into your past, present and future.

We Remember: call to mind your **past** blessings and **thank** God. God did provide. Gratitude grows **Faith**.

We Celebrate: affirm God's presence with you in this very moment. Pray, "Lord, I trust that you are with me **now** in

mind, body and spirit. My **hope** lies in you." God is providing. **Trust** gives hope.

We Believe: you were created to receive and to give love. Imagine your **future**. How is God inviting you to live your mission in doing Christ's work? God will provide all that you need. Second by second, you are being endlessly supplied and empowered to **love** and to offer **service** to others.

LENTEN HYMN and PRAYER

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

Marty Haugen Adapted

We remember in our prayer time we've been blessed,
And so we celebrate for you are with us here.
And we believe that you entrust us
With your work, of love and service, Lord.
We remember, we celebrate, we believe.

No Time at All? You have Time for this Prayer!



THE SIGN OF THE 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.
What love and service are you giving next?

Lent Reflection Week V

CLOSE THE CIRCLE

Winston Churchill, one of Great Britain's most notable leaders of the 20th century, left specific instructions for his funeral at St. Paul's Cathedral in London. After the recessional hymn, but before the flag draped coffin was taken from the Nave, a single Bugler played the plaintive tune, *Taps- Day is Done*. Immediately following, the notes of the morning call for a new day – *Reveille* echoed through the Cathedral's arched vaults. *Taps* the sound of the end of day and *Reveille* the song of a new day symbolized the circle of life.

In our Gospel story today, we see the pattern of life, death and resurrection in the story of Lazarus. **We Remember** that we share in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. **We Celebrate** that we are created by God in glory. **We Believe** that in time we shall pass through death and return to God in glory, closing the circle of our God given life.

God's power not only helps us from this life to the next, but is also present with us here in order to help us to close the circles in our lives. Notice in our Lenten Theme Banner the center of the clock with the unclosed circle and arrow. God desires to assist us in closing the circles in our life as a way to

inner peace. Tasks undone, relationships in need of attention and all the things we leave unfinished are unclosed circles. Unclosed circles draw our attention, our energy and our strength away from us. Our energy is often spent on needless spinning anxiety over what is undone. Our ability to love others freely is diminished when we have unresolved circles. We can turn to God in prayer to learn what unclosed circles God is calling us in very concrete ways to complete.

Closing circles in even simple things, done with God's help, brings us a sense of accomplishment. Finally getting the oil changed in the car, sending promised photos or making "that call" are circles easily closed with God's help. Yes, God does want to be a part of our everyday challenges.

Some circles such as hurt in a relationship or long-range goals with many steps are not so easily completed. These are opportunities for us to turn to God and to trust God with our unclosed circles.

Prayer is our time to place our unclosed circles in God's hands.

Activity

Listen to *Taps* or *Reveille* or both in your prayer time. Close your eyes and breathe deeply. Reflect on these questions with God in prayer.

1. What unclosed circle is God directing you to close? What is the next right or loving task that you need to take in order to close these circles in your life?
2. What circles are you unable to close? Give God these unclosed circles in you, for other people or in various situations. **Remember** that God has provided. **Celebrate** that God is providing. **Believe** that God will provide. God desires to help us to close all the circles in our lives until we return to God in glory.

SEASON OF LENT OPPORTUNITIES

Renew your faith and your spiritual life for service and love for one another.

Lenten Practices:

- Participating in weekly or even daily celebration of the **Eucharist** is the most perfect prayer and Lenten observance
- Engage in the variety of opportunities for community and private prayer and reflection in our Parish Retreat, **Prayer Time: We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe**
- **Meditation Hour:** Thursday, April 6th at 7 PM in Marian Hall
- **WELCOME HOME:** Sacrament of **Reconciliation;** Monday from 7:00 to 8:30 PM
Saturday, April 8th 10:00 AM to 12 Noon in Church
- **Living Stations of the Cross:** Friday, April 7th
- **Lenten penance** includes acts of self-denial as a tool for mindfulness of God's bountiful gifts and presence and/or an increase in charitable acts and works of kindness.
- Days of **Fast and Abstinence:** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence when we refrain from eating meat and have one full meal and two lesser meals. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

- **Lenten Bible Study:** *St. John's Gospel* - Seven week series
Mondays at 11 AM in the Molloy Center

BIBLE STUDY

The theme, **We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe** is part of our Lenten Bible journey as we remember the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, while studying the latter chapters of St John's Gospel.

We meet **every Monday** of Lent beginning at 11 AM in the Molloy Center with 30 participants. Everyone is welcome.

RCIA

Join us on **Monday, April 3rd at 7:00 PM**
in the Russo Room
as we journey through Holy Week with Fr. Joe

MEDITATION HOUR



Find rest in His Presence

Please join us for prayer, guided meditation and reflection on **Thursday, April 6th** at 7:00 PM in Marian Hall.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Presented by the Youth Group
and 2nd Year Confirmation Candidates
On **Friday, April 7th** at 7:00 PM in Church

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Second grade is busy preparing for their First Holy Communion. They work daily in their Eucharist books to help them fully understand the sacrament they will be receiving very soon. In Math class, they have mastered their times tables and are starting to work on division. Second grade is enjoying using their Kindles during centers and they have done very well with guided reading. In Science class they have learned about animals and their habitats and all kinds of weather patterns. The 8th grade is preparing for their play, Aladdin, which will be at the end of April. The whole school is looking forward to seeing all their hard work pay off! The 4th grade Science class is making models of the arm to learn how muscles and bones work together so we can move. They will also be making a model lung so students can learn about how we breathe. In Science, the 5th graders have created inventions. They then participated in their own version of "Shark Tank". They had to write a persuasive essay and present it to their class to convince them to buy into their company to produce their invention. Students were able to vote in real-time using Chromebooks to see if the class of

"sharks" wanted their inventions. There are so many exciting things going on at St. Philip Prep!

HSA FAMILY BINGO

St. Philip the Apostle Preparatory School HSA Family BINGO Night will be held on **Saturday, April 8th** in the auditorium immediately following 5:30 PM mass. Please join us for BINGO, all new prizes and delicious food. Menu items include: pizza, hot dogs, chicken fingers, French fries and more! Bring your family and friends for this fun filled night!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES SCHEDULE

Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6: April 2

Grade 2: April 2

Grades 7, 8: April 2, May 7

Confirmation Grade 9, 10: April 2, May 7

FIRST EUCHARIST RETREAT

The children preparing for First Eucharist participated in a retreat on Wednesday. They were able to visualize and experience the Eucharist as "The Happy Meal", in which we receive Jesus in a special way. The children celebrated at the end of the retreat with McDonald's Happy Meals.

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meeting of the blanket ministry will be **Thursday, April 6, 2017** at 9:45 AM in the Molloy Center. All crafters are welcome! For questions or donations of fabric/yarn, call Cathie at 973-471-1265.

PRIME TIMERS

St. Philip the Apostle Prime Timers will hold their next monthly meeting on **Friday, April 7** at 1:00 PM in the St. Philip's Molloy Center. This meeting will feature a brief talk about trips followed by a pizza lunch for all members in good standing; members with dues in arrears may also bring them up to date at this time. The April A/C trip will be to Resorts Casino on **April 12**, the cost is \$27; contact Sylvia at 973-742-9286 for tickets. Meetings are held on the 1st Friday of the month, September through June.

WIDOW/WIDOWERS

- The Monday Night Group: **Apr. 24th** at 6:30 PM.
- The New & Recently Bereaved Group: **TUESDAY, April 25th** at 7:00 PM.

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 Aiazzone, Linda Brady, Gus Perez, Joseph Villano, Marie Natto, Jennie Marto, Antoinette Van Setters, Alexander Bancey, Josephine Pipitone, Zigrig Roman, Derrick Medeiros, Maria Ligato, Philip Kutzenco, Susan Russell, Evelyn Wescott, Ana Cabezas, Theresa Buhler, Annette Wanamaker, Daniel Marty, Alan Graf, Jim Lacava, Catherine Jackson, Virginia Mascolo, Christine

Carpenter, Robert Wagner, Mildred Nerone, Leonor Calvi, Michael Chiaramonte, Stephen Blayney

THE DECEASED: Jacqueline D'Angelo, Dolores Rando, Anthony Cordero

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017

8:00 Francis, Miriam & Kevin O'Brien

10:00 Helen Veliky
DeBiasi & Kimberley Family
Mauro D'Alto – 7th Anniversary
Cristina Apostadero

12:00 Fred & Anna Hennig

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017

7:00 Helen Spages

9:00 Anne Slane

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017

7:00 Paul Unis

9:00 Ann Fasoli

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017

7:00 John Vatasin

9:00 Robert Paccioretti

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2017

7:00 Joseph Rajkowski

9:00 Kevin White

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2017

7:00 Edward Wester

9:00 Peter Artaserse

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2017

9:00 Priscilla D. Carparez

5:30 Dorothy & Richard Piechocki
Joseph Hopper – 8th Anniversary
Anthony Maffei

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017

8:00 All the People of the Parish

10:00 Al Castrovillari
Alton Ferry
Patricia Fitzgerald Nash

12:00 Claire Chidiac
Francesca Ortisi

The Offertory Candle: In Loving Memory of
Mauro D'Alto
From wife, Anna

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: APRIL 8/9, 2017

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: March 27, 2016
March 26, 2017
Envelopes

EASTER

\$15,178.00

Cash	\$ 1,561.00
Online Giving Donations	\$ 4,191.00
Total	\$20,930.00