

## PRAYER IS THE KEY TO SERENITY



**BLESSING PRAYER  
RESTORATION PHASE I  
APRIL 15, 2018**

Creator God, we gather this day to give you thanks and praise for your Provident care that gives us courage in every situation. In the beginning of time, you formed the universe and our world to mirror your beauty in the diversity of all creation. You created us in your image and likeness to know you, to love you and to serve you as faithful stewards. You gift us with time, talent and the desire to serve you by being love in action for one another.

75 years ago, you graced this place on earth to be Holy ground, the Parish of Saint Philip the Apostle. Some years later our parish church burned and was rebuilt through the efforts of the people of God who fulfilled your desire for a place of worship and education to stand on the spot. A few months ago, fire damaged our School and Molloy buildings. We your people rallied once again to restore and to rebuild so that your work can continue here.

We ask your continued blessing on all those who worked so diligently to complete the first Phase of our Restoration. As our St. Philip the Apostle Preparatory School students and all the various ministries and organizations prepare to return to this building, we ask for wisdom, strength and for a smooth transition.

We ask your blessing upon these doors, may the doors of our minds and hearts be open to you. We ask your blessing on these windows, may your light

and love radiate through every word spoken and in each deed performed. We ask your blessing upon every room, may we create a warm, inviting and healing home for everyone who occupies this place. May your beauty be seen and heard and felt, may your truth be proclaimed and your goodness experienced within these walls and under this roof. Today, on this Holy ground we hear your Word, receive your Sacraments and rejoice in the spiritual, social and service ministries. With your grace we live our mission of Opus Christi, Christ's Work.

In this our 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Year we are rejoicing in you, O Lord with thankful hearts as...

We Remember – gratefully our past companions on the Journey whose sacrifice inspires us.

We Celebrate – the good news of love in action that empowers spiritual, service and social ministry.

We Believe – in God's providence as faithful stewards who continue Christ's work using the Keys to the Kingdom.

We pray with confidence in your grace that grants us serenity in the presence of the Holy Spirit and through our Risen Lord this Easter Season and always, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Restoration Update: Phase I - The Return**

The restoration process of our School, Molloy Center and Marion Hall, due to the fire of January 11, 2018 continues. Good News! Phase I, The Return, will commence with the reopening of our school at our Saint Philip the Apostle campus on Monday, April 16, 2018. Our date of return is earlier than the 90-day target first estimated. We had hoped and worked toward completing the restoration, repairs and all the necessary inspections before Easter. Our preferred plan was to move the desks and equipment currently being used by our school children now being educated at the John Paul II Center and at St. Mary Help of Christians Academy in North Haledon, back to our building over the Easter vacation. However, this became undoable and another opportunity for praying for, "The Serenity, to accept the things we cannot change." All inspections are passed, this is good news.

## Invitation to Blessing Ceremony

On Sunday, April 15, the school will host an open house after the 8 AM and 10 AM Masses. Directly following the 10 AM Mass, we will joyfully Bless our restored school building at a ceremony in the school Auditorium. All are welcome to join us in this celebration. After the blessing, the school will be closed to prepare for New Registration for the 2018–2019 Academic year at 2:30 PM.

## 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

## CELEBRATING PENTECOST 2018: 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](mailto:dscancarella@stphilip.org) for more information and to volunteer.

## ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

A prayer service of Thanksgiving was held on April 11<sup>th</sup> at Mary Help of Christians Academy in gratitude for their making a home for our 6, 7, & 8 grades. Fr. Joe and Principal Zito and the students offered prayers for the principal, teachers and students of Mary Help of Christians Academy.

## GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE

St. Philip's Girls Scout Troops will be selling cookies after all masses this weekend in the Church vestibule.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Beginning in **Church** with the 8:00 AM Mass

- **April 22:** Grades 7 & 8
- **May 6:** Grades 7, 8, 9, 10

## MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

### THE FOLLOWING GROUPS MEET AT

**THE VFW HALL - 491 VALLEY ROAD, CLIFTON**  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS- 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday- 8:00 PM**  
**ROSARY SOCIETY**  
**BOYS SCOUTS TROOP 21 AND CUB SCOUTS PAC 21 -**  
**Monday nights at 6:30 PM**  
**COLUMBIETTES- 4<sup>TH</sup> Thursday of the month - 7:00 PM.**

### COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The blanket ministry will meet **Thursday April 19, 2018** at 9:45 AM at the Hamilton House museum on Valley Rd., Clifton. All crafters are welcome! For information or donations, call Cathie at 973-471-1265.

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

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



### JUBILEE YEAR 2018

The Year of our Lord 2018 is our parish Jubilee commemorating 75 years of fulfilling our mission of *Opus Christi –which is Latin for Christ's Work*. During the decades our parish has been love in action, bringing good news through spiritual, service and social ministry.

Jesus said to our parish patron St. Philip, "Whoever believes in me will do the works I do and even great works." John 14:22

### WEB SITE AND FACE BOOK INFORMATION

Share your e-mail with us so as not to miss any of the good news. Visit [stphilip.org/jubilee](http://stphilip.org/jubilee) to be included in our email list. Like us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/stphilipclifton](http://www.facebook.com/stphilipclifton). Fr. Matt is looking for some old photos and film in any format about St. Philip Church and/or school to compile our history. Items can be left with Barbara Salzer at the Parish Office.

### Our Jubilee Prayer

Rejoicing in you, O Lord, with thankful hearts we pray as . . .  
We Remember gratefully our past companions on the Journey whose sacrifice inspires us.  
We Celebrate the good news of love in action that empowers spiritual, service and social ministry.  
We Believe in God's providence as faithful stewards who continue Christ's work using the Keys to the Kingdom. Amen

### PRAY FOR

#### THE NEWLY BAPTIZED:

Jack Valentino Rubin, child of Vincent & Katherine  
Frances Vanda Santobuono, child of Philip & Magdalena

**THE SICK:** Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, Margaret Sikora, Sister Beverly Aiazzone, Jennie Marto, Antoinette Van Setters, Alexander Bancey, Derrick Medeiros, Maria Ligato, Philip Kutzenko, Evelyn Wescott, Annette Wanamaker, Mildred Nerone, Eugene & Lorraine DeBellis, Bob Rose, Jack Steffans, Barbara Ferry, Fred Van Duyne, Dave Miller, Sr. Giovanni Aiazzone, 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, Robert Fazio, John Thievon, Alice Negron, Janet Irizarry

#### THE DECEASED: Giovanni LoConte, Gregory Winberry

#### PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: APRIL 22, 2018

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

### PARISH GIVING

Easter Collection 2017	\$63,095.00
EASTER APRIL 1, 2018 TO DATE	\$55,671.00
Sunday Collection: April 9, 2017 (Palm Sunday)	\$25,802.00
Sunday Collection: April 8, 2018	
Envelopes	\$11,495.00
Cash	\$ 1,525.00
Online giving donation	\$ 4,928.00
Total	\$17,948.00

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018

- 8:00** Emily Klopotak
- 10:00** Policarpo & Salud Caparaz  
Patsy Sinisi  
Michael Conti
- 12:00** All the People of the Parish

#### MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018

- 7:00** Sr. Alice Sullivan
- 9:00** Rosalie Johnston

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018

- 7:00** Marian Lizzio
- 9:00** Angela Barat

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018

- 7:00** Sr. Nancy Grassia
- 9:00** Judith Rodriguez & Alfredo Valle

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2018

- 7:00** The Lynch Family
- 9:00** Charles Elbert

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018

- 7:00** Ron Cheon
- 9:00** Charles Salzer – 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018

- 9:00** Rose Yenason
- 5:30** Thomas Sirvidio  
Thomas A. Cioce  
Olga Romeo

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018

- 8:00** Emily Klopotek
- 10:00** Ann Albright  
Marek Cihak  
Luis Magbanua Cordero
- 12:00** Angela Blake