



**75<sup>th</sup> JUBILEE YEAR  
ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE  
1943 – 2018**

**WE REMEMBER, WE CELEBRATE, WE BELIEVE**

The word **Jubilee** meaning a special anniversary of an event has deep Biblical roots. In the Hebrew Scripture a ram's horn *yuhel* or *yuvel* was sounded like a trumpet heralding a special year of restoration, equitable distribution of lands and release for captives and slaves (Leviticus 25). Jubilee is a Latin translation of the Hebrew word for ram's horn which is *shofar* in English. The prophet Isaiah (61) proclaims a beautiful vision for a year of favor from the Lord.

In Luke's Gospel 4 we learn that in Nazareth, Jesus was handed a scroll of Scripture to read in the synagogue. He chose Isaiah 61 which announces a Year of Favor from the Lord.

Throughout the ages the Roman Catholic Church has a joyous history of celebrating various Jubilee Years, most recently the Year of Mercy 2015 – 2016.

**JUBILEE YEAR 2018**

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

**You are invited**

This weekend, we open our **75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Year** with special celebrations at each Mass followed by refreshments in the Auditorium. **Refreshments will follow in the GYM after the 5:30 PM Mass.** Please join us and enjoy this time to share the joy of our love in action years.

**Opening Ceremony – The Jubilee Year Commences**

Advent means a new beginning and is an invitation to pay attention to the presence of the Lord within and among us. One title for our Lord is Emmanuel which means *God is with us*. Please prayerfully reflect on our Jubilee ceremony.

**The Sounding of the Shofar**

A trumpet sound catches our attention and focuses us on the present moment. Which gifts in God's creation shout out to you to recognize the beauty of the world, the gifts

and talents within yourself, the love for others and God's providence and presence in all things? Make the time in prayer to thank God who heralds favor and grace in our every breath.

**The Singing of the Shema**

Our Hebrew ancestors and faith proclaim God as Lord and God as one. It is the most ancient of all creedal proclamations. A cantor will sing this prayer which unites us with all those who have gone before us passing down the faith throughout the ages of love in action. Jesus prayed the foundational prayer. The English translation of the Shema and the verses known as the Veahvta follow.

*Sh'ma Yisra'eil Adonai Eloheinu Adonai echad.*  
Hear, Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is One.

*Barukh sheim k'vod malkhuto l'olam va'ed.*  
Blessed be the Name of His glorious kingdom for ever and ever.

*V'ahav'ta eit Adonai Elohekha b'khol l'vav'kha uv'khol naf'sh'kha uv'khol m'odekha.*  
And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

*V'hayu had'varim ha'eileh asher anokhi m'tzav'kha hayom al l'vavekha.*  
And these words that I command you today shall be in your heart.

*V'shinan'tam l'vanekha v'dibar'ta bam*  
And you shall teach them diligently to your children, and you shall speak of them

*b'shiv't'kha b'veitekha uv'lekh't'kha vaderekh uv'shakh'b'kha uv'kumekha*  
When you sit at home, and when you walk along the way, and when you lie down and when you rise up.

Read the prayer. Reflect on your history of faith. Remember those who passed the faith on to you in word and deed. Thank God for those people and ask for their intercession for all of us as we celebrate our Jubilee year.

**Proclamation of a Year of Favor**

Jesus proclaims a year of favor from the Lord in Luke's Gospel Chapter 4

*The spirit of the Lord is upon me  
because God has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
God has sent me to announce freedom to captives,  
recovery of sight to the blind,  
to give liberty to those who are burdened  
and to proclaim a year of favor from the Lord.  
Today this Scripture passage is filled in your hearing.*

As we embrace this year of celebration reflect on the good news in your life. Thank God. How can you be a living proclamation of good news in word and in deed this day? Time to be good news!

### Jubilee Hymn

Our Jubilee Year hymn is *Sing a New Church*. Our church as a living community continues to live and grow and sustain its being through the presence of the living Christ in our midst. A new church is born through our fulfilling of our mission to do Opus Christi – Christ’s work. Use the hymn refrain for your prayer.

The hymn refrain is:

*Let us bring the gifts that differ and, in splendid, varied ways, sing a new church into being, one in faith and love and praise.*

We are called to be faithful stewards by using our gifts. How can you be a new song of good news in someone’s life today? Take action.

### Jubilee Prayer

We believe that individual and communal prayer strengthens us to live our mission to be love in action. Pray the Jubilee prayer each day and remember, celebrate and believe that we are living in a year of favor from our Lord.

### Pray

*“Whoever believes in me will do the works I do and even greater works.” John 14:12*

We Remember our past companions whose sacrifice inspires us on the journey in grateful prayer.

We Celebrate the good news of the gifts and talents among us now that empower spiritual, service and social ministry.

We Believe in God’s providence as we continue Christ’s Work using the Key’s to the Kingdom as faithful stewards. Amen.

### HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** THERE WILL BE MASS AT 5:30 PM ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> AND 8:00 AM ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>.

**NO** 10 AM OR 12 NOON MASS ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>.

**CHRISTMAS:** THE CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE WILL THEN BEGIN: 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM AND 10:00 PM (PRECEDED BY CAROLS AT 9:30PM)  
CHRISTMAS DAY: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM AND 12:00 NOON

### YOUTH GROUP

The 10<sup>th</sup> grade retreat is coming up! Please pray for the confirmation candidates as they prepare for their retreat on **December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>**. For more information about the Youth Group, contact Brian Caldwell at 973-798-8595.

### BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study group concludes St. Paul’s letter to the Romans on **Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 AM.

### GIVING TREE

Mother Teresa once shared that “It’s not how much we give, but how much love we put into the giving.”

Consider being a part of providing a merry Christmas to individuals and families in our local community by participating in our annual **Giving Tree**. It’s simple:

- Pick up a tag from the tree.
- Purchase the specified gift.
- Wrap the gift in prayer.
- Pray for the recipients of the gift.
- Attach the same gift bag to the wrapped gift.
- Place your wrapped gift with the specified gift tag under the tree.

All gifts need to be returned by the 12:00 PM Mass on **December 17**.

### GOOD NEWS FOR PARENTS

Join us on **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 AM in the Russo Room for parents to hear about how we can help you as people both in your lives and in your roles as parents. Julia Gabriele, Family & Executive Coach, will facilitate along with members of our Pastoral Staff. Future session dates:

**January 21, February 11, March 18, April 22, May 6**

*When was the last time you had a moment to take care of yourself?* All are welcome

### PRAYER OPPORTUNITY: MEDITATION HOUR



*“O, Come All Ye Faithful!”*

Join us for prayer, guided meditation and reflection on **Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM in Marian Hall.

### ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

St. Philip Prep students gave a heartfelt Veteran’s Day tribute to family members and all United States veterans. We continued to count our veterans among our blessings at Thanksgiving and throughout the year. Fourth and fifth graders attended a field trip to see the movie *Wonder*, a film about embracing differences in all of God’s children.

Students in Pre-K through eighth grade have been working very hard practicing for the annual St. Philip Preparatory School Christmas show on **Tuesday, December 5:**

Grades Pk – 3 9:30AM and Grades 4- 8 7:00 PM

Donations graciously accepted at the door. All are welcome!

### ANNUAL WREATH SALE

Boy Scout Troop 21 is having their Annual Wreath Sale after all masses on **Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>** and **Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. They will be selling fresh wreaths as well as grave blankets and grave pillows. Please support Boy Scout Troop 21!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The next class for grades 1 – 6 is **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**.  
The next class for grades 2 and 7 – 10 is **December 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Denise Pannullo for Grades 1 - 8 at 973-779-1439  
Victoria Velasco for Confirmation at 973-798-8772

## MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

#### MONDAY NIGHT WIDOW & WIDOWERS GROUP:

A social group for widows and widowers. Next meeting:  
**December 11<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 PM in the Molloy Center.

#### SPOUSE BEREAVEMENT GROUP:

A support group for people grieving the death of their spouse.  
Next meeting: **Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM in the  
RUSSO ROOM. Contact Dr. Rachel Rengifo at 201-500-2068.

### COLUMBIETTES

The Columbiettes and Hamilton House Museum invite the parishioners of St. Philip to view their handcraft items at the Main Memorial Library (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) through the month of December. Each project is unique and one of a kind for a very affordable donation.

### BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meeting will be Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 9:45 AM in the Molloy Center. This will be the last meeting for 2017. For fabric or yarn donations, contact Cathie 973-471-1265.

### ST. PHILIP PRIME TIMERS

The next monthly meeting is **Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup> 2018**, at 1:00 PM in the Molloy Center on St. Philip's Drive. There is no regular December business meeting. The Christmas Party is on **Thursday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>** at 12 noon at the Valley Regency. Resorts Casino Trips for 2018 are **Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>, Apr. 12<sup>th</sup> and May 10<sup>th</sup>**, the cost is \$27 per person per trip and bus leaves at 9:30 AM; contact Sylvia as soon as possible at 973-742-9286 for tickets, as the bus fills up fast.

### ROSARY NEWS

The next meeting of the Rosary Society will be our Christmas Party on **Monday, December 11, 2017** in Marian Hall. The meeting will begin with the Rosary at 6:30 PM followed by Mass. **Bring your favorite Christmas mug or cup.** All are welcome!

## PRAY FOR

**THE DECEASED:** Peter Porter, Marek Cicak

**THE SICK:** Joan Hughes, Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, Ryan G. Micale, Jayce Mazza, Patsy Sinisi, Margaret Sikora, Steve Kuchta, Sister Beverly Aiazzino, Linda Brady, Gus Perez, Joseph Villano, Marie Nattvo, Jennie Marto, Antoinette Van Setters, Alexander Bancey, Josephine Pipitone, Derrick Medeiros, Maria Ligato, Philip Kutzenko, Evelyn Wescott, Ana Cabezas, Annette Wanamaker, Daniel Marty, Virginia Mascolo, Christine Carpenter, Robert Wagner, 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, Jack Jaeger, Bill Brady, Samantha Calderone, Katie Gerber, Jim Cupo, Theresa Buhler, Chloe LoPresti, Cathy Papuzenski, Roberta & Al Dressner, Eloise Stampoulos, Pina Basile, Joseph Pagani.

## PARISH GIVING

TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION: NOVEMBER 27, 2016	\$16,058.00
NOVEMBER 26, 2017	
Envelopes	\$13,870.00
Cash	\$ 1,384.00
Online Giving Donations	\$ 4,146.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,400.00</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: Project Faith	\$ 2,398.00
Thanksgiving Collection:	\$7,777.00

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

- 8:00** All The People of the Parish  
**10:00** Don Muller  
Peter Kenny  
Margot Segarra  
James Lacava  
**12:00** Robert Quinn  
Joseph Young – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017

- 7:00** Dorothy Hoffman  
**9:00** John N. Russo, Jr.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017

- 7:00** Thomas R. Chidiac-15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
**9:00** Mary Ellen Valentin

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017

- 7:00** Michael McNicholas  
**9:00** Francesca & Angelina Castaldo

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017

- 7:00** Edward Yobs  
**9:00** Barbara Furesz

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017 (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

- 7:00A** All the People of the Parish  
**9:00A** Mary Wilson  
**7:00 P** Thomas Sirvidio

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017

- 9:00** F. Paul Marshcalk  
**5:30** Jerry Jaucian – 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Rosina Armetta  
Alexander & Jennie Gourley

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017

- 8:00** Joan and Joseph Sidor, Jr.  
**10:00** Lawrence Levanti  
James Lacava  
Giuditta & Nicola Ruggiero  
Josephine Morrissey

**12:00** All the People of the Parish

**The Sanctuary Candle:** In Memory of  
Thomas Sirvidio  
From Loving Wife & Daughter

**The Offertory Gifts:** In Memory of  
Thomas R. Chidiac  
15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 9/10, 2017

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