

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Fathering and Mothering God

"See what love God bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God." John 3:1

Reflection

God our Father, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. We thank you for giving us the bread we need. Holy is your name.

You hold us in your strong arms like a mother with a newborn infant. You have raised your children from generation to generation, planting seeds, harvesting grain, baking fresh bread, preparing meals, feeding your people, holding us up when we are too weak to stand on our own, teaching us how to walk and enabling us to go forth in the world as your daughters and sons.

God our Mother, you are the womb of our power, our tenderness and our courage. We forget too often that you are God. Holy is your name.

We who are as varied as your names are numerous, as varied as the ways in which you reveal yourself to us, we delight to be your cooperative, imaginative workers in a world abundant with redemptive images.

God our Father, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. We thank you for giving us the bread we need. Holy is your name.

We see you in the sun and in the moon, the rain and the wind, coming power. We see you in the liberation of humanity from injustice and oppression. We see you coming with power. Holy is your name.

God our Mother, you are the womb of our power, our tenderness and our courage. We forget too often that you are God. Holy is your name.

We see you in our friends and lovers, our spouses and children. We know your passion, your commitment to right relations amongst us. We experience you, coming with power.

God our Father, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. We thank you for giving us the bread we need. Holy is your name.

We see you in the bodies of hungry people, broke people, tortured people, and in a tortured earth. We tremble, yet we believe that you are coming with power. Holy is your name.

God our Mother, you are the womb of our power, our tenderness and our courage. We forget too often that you are God. Holy is your name.

We believe in you, we love you, we expect you to be with us, as we remember the power you revealed to us in the life of Jesus, your Son and our brother. Amen.

(Eucharistic Prayer, Center of Concern)

Quiet Time

Concluding Prayer

Come, Lord, with power into our midst.
Come with power into our prayer.
Come with power into our lives.
Come with power into our work.
Come with power into our togetherness.
Transform our prayer, our lives, our work, our togetherness,
that we may more truly be the body of Christ,
your beloved and our Savior. Amen

*Prayers for Parish Groups
Donal Harrington & Julie Kavangh*

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Luke 2:16-21

PRAYER TO THE MOTHER OF GOD IN GRATITUDE FOR GIFTS RECEIVED

Honor be yours,
O Mother of God.
We rejoice in thanksgiving
for signs of God's love.
We take great joy in the fruitfulness of the earth,
in good harvests, in full barns
and in the special signs given to us this day.

We are grateful for the harvest-fullness
of life itself,
for the blessings of health
and the fruits of the Spirit which have come to us.

Together with all those who love your Son, Jesus,
we rejoice in Him
who was the fruit of your womb,
the harvest gift of history
and an eternal blessing to each us.

Mary, Blessed Mother and gateway to mystic love,
help us to be united with all those
who love God and seek truth.

May our gratitude this day
for the special gifts that have come to us,
be praise and honor
for our God, the Lord of All Gifts.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
we thank you for your intercession
and ask that you carry our prayer of gratitude
straightaway to the heart of God.
Amen

Edward Hays

NEW YEAR'S BLESSING PRAYER

*All Time Display Devices, Watches and Calendars
may be placed on the table.*

Lord, You who live outside of time,
and reside in the imperishable moment,
we ask Your blessing this New Year's Day (Eve)
upon Your gift to us of time.

Bless our clocks, watches and time display devices,
You who kindly direct us
to observe the passing of minutes and hours.
May they make us aware of the miracle
of each second of life we experience.
May these our ticking or digital servants
help us not to miss that which is important,
while You keep us from machine-like routine.
May we ever be free from being clock watchers
and instead become time lovers.

Bless our calendars,
these ordered lists of days, weeks and months,
of holidays, holydays, fasts and feasts –
all our special days of remembering.

May these servants, our calendars,
once reserved for the royal few,
for magi and pyramid priests,
now grace our homes and our lives.

May they remind us of birthdays and other gift-days,
as they teach us the secret
that all life
is meant for celebration
and contemplation.

Bless, Lord, this New Year,
each of its 365 days and nights.
Bless us with new moons and full moons.
Bless us with happy seasons and a long life.
Grant to us, Lord,
the new year's gift
of a year of love.
Amen

Edward Hays



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

Our Jubilee Prayer

Rejoicing in you, O Lord, with thankful hearts we
pray as . . .

We Remember

gratefully our past companions on the Journey who
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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The next class for grades 1 – 6 is **January 7**

The next class for grades 2 and 7 – 10 is **January 21**

Denise Pannullo for Grades 1 - 8 at 973-779-1439

Victoria Velasco for Confirmation at 973-798-8772

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The faculty, staff, and students wish everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year, from our family to yours! The 8th graders are excited that their official graduation year has arrived and are anxiously awaiting the arrival of their high school acceptance letters. Good Luck to the Class of 2018 during this time.

School reopens on Tuesday, January 2nd. Friday, January 5th is a full day of school. We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week at the end of the month. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

YOUTH GROUP

Beginning in January, the Youth Group meetings will be moved to Sundays at 11 AM: **January 7th and 28th**.

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

MONDAY NIGHT WIDOW & WIDOWERS GROUP:

A social group for widows and widowers. Next meeting: **January 22nd** 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, January 9th & 23rd** at 7:00 PM in the RUSSO ROOM. Contact Dr. Rachel Rengifo at 201-500-2068.

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meetings of the blanket ministry will be Thursdays, **January 4 and 18**, 2018 at 9:45 AM in the Molloy Center. For fabric or yarn donations, call Cathie 973-471-1265.

PRIME TIMERS

Their next monthly meeting is **Friday, January 5th**, 2018 at 1:00 PM at the Molloy Center on St. Philip's Drive. Resorts Casino Trips for 2018 are **Feb. 8th, Mar. 8th, Apr. 12th and May 10th**, the cost is \$27 per person per trip; bus leaves at 9:30 AM. Contact Sylvia as soon as possible at 973-742-9286 for tickets, as the bus fills up fast.

St. Philip's Prime Timers regular meetings are held on the first Friday of every month, September through June at 1:00 PM and is open to any parishioner of St. Philip's and their friends age 50 and over.

PRAY FOR

THE DECEASED: William Potter, Thomas Turner, Anna Delastos

THE SICK: Joan Hughes, Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, Ryan G. Micale, Jayce Mazza, Patsy Sinisi, Margaret Sikora, Steve Kuchta, Sister Beverly Aiazzone, 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 Duynne, Dave Miller, Sr. Giovanni Aiazzone, Maya Hilario, John Pepe, Ron Kuruc, George Biondi, Jack Jaeger, Bill Brady, Samantha Calderone, Katie Gerber, Theresa Buhler, Chloe LoPresti, Cathy Papuzenski, Roberta & Al Dressner, Eloise Stampoulos, Pina Basile, Joseph Pagani, John Hughes, Jim Weis, Loretta Latona, Alan Graf, Rita Latona

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: JANUARY 6/7, 2018

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

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION DECEMBER 24, 2016	\$ 7,477.00
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION DECEMBER 25, 2016	\$83,444.00
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SUNDAY DECEMBER 24, 2017	\$21,943.00
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION DECEMBER 25, 2017 (TO DATE)	\$73,723.00
Project Faith	\$ 4,265.00

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017

8:00	Stephen Nugent
10:00	Vincent & Sandra Borgese Angelo Terranella Donald Muller Thomas J. & Ruth C. Mullin
12:00	All the People of the Parish

NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2018: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9:00	George & Emelyn Masbang 34 th Wedding Anniversary Gazi Brahim
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018

7:00	Betty Birmingham
9:00	Mary Tedeschi

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018

7:00	Margaret Davey
9:00	Jaquelyn Grady-Liberi

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2018

7:00	Dec'd members: Alphonse & Jennie Seiffert Family
9:00	Margaret Brophy – 13 th Anniversary

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2018

7:00	Frank Bendl
9:00	Andrew Doychak Robert Parillo – 8 th Anniversary

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018

9:00	Dolores Barth
5:30	All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018

8:00	Frank Halen
10:00	Frank Fattrosso James Lacava Thomas L. Houston Special Intention: Rita Latona
12:00	Antonio Grompone Bernard (Bud) Chidiac