

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO BLESS

*Lord, today brings paths to discover,
possibilities to choose,
people to encounter, peace to possess,
promises to fulfil, perplexities to ponder,
power to strengthen, pointers to guide,
pardon to accept, praises to sing
and a Presence to proclaim.*

David Adam

Blessings

Blessed are those who realize that they cannot live on bread alone,
but need the word of God too -
they will be fully nourished.

Blessed are those who remember that the things which corrupt us are not those which enter us but those which come out of us,
and who strive for purity of heart -
they will be clean all over.

Blessed are those who, when they have sinned,
follow the example of the prodigal, and come back home to seek reconciliation -
they will cause heaven to ring with joy.

Blessed are those who stop to bind up the wounds of today's roadside wounded,
pouring in the oil of compassion and the wine of hope -
they are the Good Samaritans of today.

Blessed are those generous doers who, in the midst of their work,
maintain a lonely place in their lives for prayer, reflection and relaxation -
they will not suffer burn-out.

Blessed are those who remove the plank from their own eyes
before telling others to remove the splinter from theirs -
their efforts at reforming others will bear fruit.

Blessed are those who, having put their hand to the plough,
refuse to look back -
they will be found worthy of the kingdom.

Blessed are those disciples who remember that they are the branches without which the vine cannot bear fruit -
through their good works the Vine will bear the grapes of love.

Flor McCarthy

Reflection Questions

How are you blessed by these prayers?

How are you a blessing to others?

What action will you take to share your gifts as a steward of God's blessings?

Concluding Prayer

Creator God,

for the many wonders of our lives we bless your name and find, in turn, that we are blessed.

Guide and strengthen us on life's journey,
so that we may be the voice and face of Christ in the world,

through our actions, attitudes and presence.

Give us the desire to be instruments of your blessings in the places of our hearts and homes, both now and tomorrow.

Amen

Donal Harrington and Julie Kavanagh

WHO ARE WE AS STEWARDS?

Last weekend, Fr. Joe used a portion of the 1994 Inaugural Address of President Nelson Mandela in his homily as a vision for a Christian Steward. It is printed below for your reflection:

*Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate;
our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.
It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us.*

We ask ourselves,

'Whom am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented and fabulous?'

Actually, who are you not to be?

You are a child of God.

Your playing small doesn't serve the world.

There is nothing enlightened about shrinking

so that people don't feel insecure around you.

We were born to make manifest the glory of God within us.

It is not just in some of us;

it's in everyone.

And, as we let our own light shine,

*we unconsciously give other people
permission to do the same.*

As we are liberated from our own fear,

our presence automatically liberates others.

INCREASED OFFERTORY PROGRAM

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted their Commitment Card to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. It is important that all parishioners complete a Commitment Card as we will be mailing out a Summary Report of the program and need all commitments accounted for in this report. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office. We also encourage parishioners to consider our electronic giving method and to setup your reoccurring offertory gifts electronically.

“SOUPER” BOWL OF GIVING

On **Sunday, February 5th**, over 100 million Americans will tune in to the Super Bowl game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, others in our local community will worry about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal.

Next Sunday, as you head out of Mass, you will see students from our Confirmation Program holding pots and pans. Please consider dropping in \$1 (or more!). All donations will benefit our local diocesan soup kitchen/food pantry. *Help change the game by tackling hunger!*

RCIA

Journey with Us - Discover the Keys to the Kingdom
IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN US!

Our last session has been rescheduled to this Sunday, **January 29th at 11:00 AM**. Fr. Joe will present the “Oil of Gladness”. Our next session is **Monday, February 6th at 7:00 PM** in the Russo Room. Note: there is **no** session on **Monday, January 30th**.

We invite you to be our companion on the journey. Make-up sessions will be available. If you would like more information about **RCIA**, please call Donna Scancarella at 973-779-6200.

BIBLE STUDY

A seven week Lenten Bible Study series begins on **Monday, February 27th** at 11:00 AM in the Molloy Center. We will discuss the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus from St. John's Gospel.

WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE AT ST. PHILIP

November 17-18, 2017

If you have already made your Cornerstone (somewhat recently) and would like to be on our Women's Cornerstone Team, please contact Donna Scancarella at 973-779-6200 or cornerstone@stphilip.org.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

MEDITATION HOUR: LOVE LETTER FROM JESUS

Join us on **Thursday, February 2nd** at 7:00 PM in the Russo Room for prayer, guided meditation and reflection.

EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT AND BENEDICTION

Will take place in Church on

Saturday, February 25th from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Reconciliation from 11:00 AM – 12:00 N

Benediction at 12:45 PM



TRIP TO IRELAND WITH FR. KEVIN: AUGUST 6-16, 2017

For brochure contact Long's Travel: 973-538-1700.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES SCHEDULE

Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6: February 5, 26, March 26

Grade 2: February 5, 12, 26, March 19, 26

Grades 7, 8: February 12, March 19

Confirmation Grade 9, 10: February 12, March 19

YOUTH MINISTRY

- **Sun 1/29** SEVEN retreat team planning meeting following 8 AM Mass
- **Thurs 2/2** Youth Group in the Youth Room 7-9 PM
- **Sun 2/5** SEVEN retreat team planning meeting following 8 AM Mass
- **Fri 2/10** SEVEN retreat team planning meeting 6 PM
- **Sat 2/11** SEVEN retreat for all 9th grade Confirmation candidates
- **Thurs 2/23** Youth Group in the Youth Room 7-9 PM
- **Thurs 3/9** Youth Group in the Youth Room 7-9 PM

Our next SEARCH retreat weekend is **March 30 – April 2**. This retreat experience is open to all 10th, 11th and 12th grade students. Please contact Andrew ASAP if interested.

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

WIDOW/WIDOWERS

- The Monday Night Group: **February 27th** at 6:30 PM
- The New & Recently Bereaved Group: **TUESDAY, February 7th & 21st** at 7:00 PM.

ROSARY SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Rosary Society will be held on **Saturday, February 11th** beginning with the Rosary at 8:40 followed by Mass at 9 AM in the Church. All are welcome -- please join us!

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The next meetings of the blanket ministry are Thursdays, **February 2nd and 16th, 2017** at 9:45 AM in the Molloy Center. If you have any questions or a fabric or yarn donation, please call Cathie Murtha. ([973-471-1265](tel:973-471-1265))

PRIME TIMERS

St. Philip the Apostle Prime Timers will hold their next monthly meeting on **Friday, February 3rd at 1:00 PM** in the Molloy Center. Dr. Eichoff's presentation has been postponed, however, Clifton City Historian Don Lotz, rescheduled from last month, will discuss the history of Clifton. Anyone with old pictures of Clifton and/or Clifton events should bring them to this meeting.

St. Philip's Prime Timers holds regular meetings on the first Friday of every month and is open to any parishioner of St. Philip's and their friends age 50 and over.

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The primary students at St. Philip School were busy during the week of Martin Luther King Jr. Day learning all about his life and achievements! The first, second, and third grade students had the opportunity to listen to stories, watch informative videos, and even hear parts of his famous speech. The first graders created a Martin Luther King Jr. booklet using pictures and new words that they learned. These activities helped teach the students all about the struggles he faced during his lifetime and how he became such an incredible leader. The second grade Kaleidoscope students created colorful globe projects representing the dreams they have to help make the world a better place. Third graders all contributed kind words to the beautiful "Kindness Quilt" which is displayed outside the third grade classrooms.

Open House

Catholic Schools Week
January 30th – February 3rd, 2017

Tours by Appointment
973-779-4700

BOY SCOUT TROOP 21

BLOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

ST. PHILIP'S AUDITORIUM

CONTACT COMMUNITY BLOOD SERVICE FOR AN APPOINTMENT:
201-251-3703

WALK INS ALWAYS WELCOME

WEIGHT: AT LEAST 110 LBS. - - - BRING ID WITH SIGNATURE

DIOCESAN NEWS

PATERSON MULTICULTURAL US CITIZEN CAMPAIGN

A citizen outreach campaign will provide free services to help fill out forms for US citizenship at Passaic County Community College. A flyer is available in the vestibule of the Church with dates, times and additional information.

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 Nattvo, Jennie Marto, Antoinette Van Setters, Mary Ellen Stanton, Alexander Bancey, Josephine Pipitone, Zigrid Roman, Derrick Medeiros, Maria Ligato, Philip Kutzenko, Susan Russell, Evelyn Wescott, Ana Cabezas, Theresa Buhler, Annette Wanamaker, Daniel Marty, Alan Graf, Eileen DeMaio, Tom Fudali, Jim Lacava, Jim Cherrey, Natalie Pych

THE DECEASED: William Steckowich, Noreen A. Mickey, Emilia Lunan, Patricia A. Zygmunt, Edward Wester

PARISH GIVING

Total Sunday Collection: Jan 24, 2016	\$ 6,685.00
(Blizzard)	
January 22, 2017	
Envelopes	\$12,244.00
Cash	\$ 1,973.00
Online Giving Donations	\$ 3,626.00
Total	\$17,843.00
2 ND Collection: PROJECT FAITH	\$ 2,535.00

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Zep 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017

- 8:00** Kevin Carroll – 3rd Anniversary
Ann Jasionowicz – 13th Anniversary
- 10:00** Francis & Anna Smyth
Genevieve Maruszewski
William Fearon
Helen Veliky
- 12:00** Claire Chidiac
Al Ferry

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2017

- 7:00** Richard Murray
- 9:00** John Laquiniti

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2017

- 7:00** Special Intention: Anton Hilzendegeer
- 9:00** Joseph & Nancy Chopko

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2017

- 7:00** Mary Pinke
- 9:00** Tammy DiSanto
Irene Sadvary

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017

- 7:00** Deceased members of the McNamara Family
- 9:00** Eleanor Shook

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2017

- 7:00** Stolarz & DeLuca Families
- 9:00** Emilia Lunan

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017

- 9:00** Fran Lopresto
- 5:30** Robert Gourley, Sr.
Thomas Hahn
Gloria Kolodziej

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017

- 8:00** All the People of the Parish
- 10:00** Al Castrovillari
Sylvia Fariello
Enza Portelli
Patricia FitzGerald-Nash
- 12:00** Maria Suazo
Claire Chidiac

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: FEBRUARY 4/5, 2017

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