

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

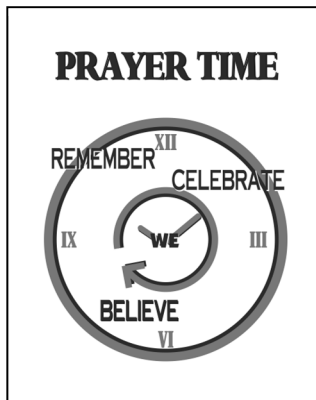
What Time is it for You?

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 IV

WE BELIEVE THAT WE ARE CREATED TO SHARE

One afternoon while waiting for a train, Jack was eating from his bag of potato chips placed on the lunch counter. A stranger sitting beside him started to take chips from Jack's bag. Jack was surprised and a little annoyed. He wasn't that hungry, but he thought, "Really?" Jack's Christian belief that he was created to share helped him let it go. The stranger took a few chips and Jack took a few chips; it went back and forth. When the bag was empty the stranger walked away, but not before he gave Jack a long hard look. Jack began shaking his head in disbelief. Suddenly, he noticed his bag of unopened chips and realized that he had been eating from the stranger's bag all along. It was as if Jack was blind and now could see the situation clearly.

In today's Gospel, Jesus cures the blind man and empowers him to see in a new way. Some of the religious leaders did not believe that Jesus had a right to share his healing power with the blind man. Jesus teaches that God's healing power and our responsibility to share our gifts with other people are meant to be freely given to all. Like Jack in our story, we share because it is our belief and our creed that we are called to share like God even when it doesn't feel right.

This week, we focus on our **Prayer** as a **Time** to affirm what we believe. We believe that our purpose and mission is to do Christ's work and to share with others in word and in deed.

What we believe changes how we see everything and how we choose to act.

In fact, our choices and actions demonstrate what we really believe. Belief is more than just saying, "I believe." Believing is doing. Our English word, from old Middle English, is derived from the word *bilieven*, which means, acting on what one values or holds dear. The Latin word for I believe is *Credo* which is translated, "I give my heart." When we say, **WE BELIEVE**, it is a call for action!

Activity

This week you are invited in your **Prayer Time** to reflect on how you share your bag of chips with others.

- What do you value or hold dear?
- How do share your heart in practical ways?
- Where are your time, talent and treasure given?
- Where do you resist giving freely?
- With whom do you feel free to give?
- What action will you take?

As you pray, ask God to direct your thoughts and heart. Affirm that you were created to share what you have been given by God.

May our Lord heal us and remove our blindness, opening our eyes to greater sharing.

**May We Believe by giving freely from our hearts
one chip at a time.**

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
- **Adoration/Benediction Hour:** Tuesday, March 28th 7:00 PM in Church
- **WELCOME HOME:** Sacrament of **Reconciliation;** Mondays 7:00 to 8:30 PM
Saturdays 11:00 AM to 12 Noon
Saturday, April 8th 10:00 AM to 12 Noon in Church
- **Stations of the Cross:** Fridays 7:00 PM 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, March 27th at 7:00 PM**
in the Russo Room
as we journey through the Parables with Fr. Julio

ADORATION/BENEDICTION HOUR

Tuesday, March 28th
7:00 PM in Church

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES SCHEDULE

Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6: March 26, April 2

Grade 2: March 26, April 2

Grades 7, 8: April 2, May 7

Confirmation Grade 9, 10: April 2, May 7

YOUTH MINISTRY

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.

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The halls of St. Philip Prep have come alive with Spring. All classes celebrated the beginning of Spring with festivities honoring St. Patrick and St. Joseph. The second graders have completed their First Eucharist interviews and are anxiously awaiting their First Communion Day. The Student Council has started a contest to see which class can collect the most money for the Lenten Rice Bowls. Every time a student donates a dollar, a star is placed outside their room with their name on it. At the end of Lent, the class with the most stars receives a giant star to display outside their classroom. The eighth graders are hard at work practicing for their Spring production of Aladdin. Check the bulletin for dates and show times. You really don't want to miss it!

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

WIDOW/WIDOWERS

- The Monday Night Group: **Mar. 27th, Apr. 3rd** at 6:30 PM.
- The New & Recently Bereaved Group: **TUESDAY, April 25th** at 7:00 PM.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Fish & Chips Dinner

- The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring, for the first time, a Fish & Chips Dinner Fund Raiser on **Friday, March 31, 2017** from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in St. Philip the Apostle Auditorium.
- Catered by Thistle Fish & Chips Dinner includes fish, chips, coleslaw, coffee, tea, water or soda and dessert. Beer and wine are also available. Take out is also available. Fried chicken dinners are also available.
- All tickets must be purchased in advance (no sales at the door) and are \$15.00 each; children's portions (under 10) are \$12.00. For tickets and/or information contact, Mike Cervine (973)220-3095, Rich Donkersloot (973)650-3327 or Mike Andolino (201)953-4724.
- A 50/50 raffle will be held - winner need not be present.

ST. PHILIP ALUMNI

Calling all '50's, '60's, or '70's attendees and graduates of St. Philip's School! A casual get-together is planned for **April 21, 2017** at 7:00 PM at Alexis Steakhouse on Valley Road. Cash bar & food available; no RSVP necessary; spouses & significant others welcome!

12TH ANNUAL DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

Saturday, April 8, 2017

9:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Cardinal Spellman High School
Bronx, NY

Registration \$60 (box lunch \$9)

For information and registration go to:

TheDivineMercy.org/bronx

1-800-462-7426

A bus will be leaving from St. Philip's Drive. Call Elaine V. at 973-472-9019.

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: APRIL 1/2, 2017

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

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, 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, Jim Lacava, Catherine Jackson, Virginia Mascolo, Christine Carpenter, Robert Wagner, Mildred Nerone, Leonor Calvi, Michael Chiramonte

THE DECEASED: Peter Kenny, Viorel Coman

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or
9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017

8:00 Mary Cricco
10:00 Marie D'Angelo
Vincent Zaccone
Ronald Gorun
Jane Hughes
12:00 All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2017

7:00 Deceased members: Melnyk Family
9:00 Theodore Vanak

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017

7:00 Thomas Fisher
9:00 Marie & Robert Lynch

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017

7:00 Katherine Colca
9:00 Billy Cassin

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017

7:00 Lorraine Tomsky
9:00 Lawrence Duca

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2017

7:00 Thomas Wilson
9:00 Agnes Witkowski

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017

9:00 Mary Paccillo
5:30 All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017

8:00 Francis, Miriam & Kevin O'Brien
10:00 Helen Veliky
DeBiasi & Kimberly Family
Mauro D'Alto – 7th Anniversary
Christina Apostadero
12:00 Fred & Anna Hennig

The Offertory Candle: In Loving Memory of
Stephen Farkas, SR.
40th Anniversary
From daughter, Kathy

PARISH GIVING

Total Sunday Collection:	
March 20, 2016 (Palm Sunday)	\$23,590.00
March 19, 2017	
Envelopes	\$12,919.00
Cash	\$ 2,070.00
Online Giving Donations	\$ 4,468.00
Total	\$19,457.50