

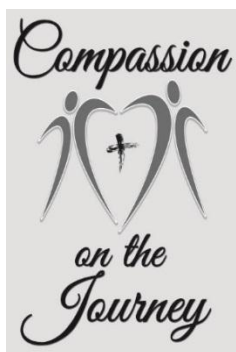
COMPASSION ON THE JOURNEY

Parish Lenten Retreat

Our Parish Retreat, **Compassion on the Journey**, is our participation in Our Holy Father's invitation for the Church to celebrate a Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Compassion is the heart of Mercy.

You are invited to join us as we experience God's compassion and learn to be more compassionate and of fuller service to one another. The retreat unfolds in the weekend homilies, liturgical music, bulletin reflections/ stphilp.org, a Holy Hour, workshops and suggested activities involving the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.



The church banner pictured above displays symbols of the various themes of our Retreat. Our journey begins with God who creates us, accompanies us through life, death and resurrection until we return to God in glory. Our journey is from "glory to glory" (2Cor.3:18). Along the way we are transformed into the image and likeness of Christ. God is our compassionate companion on the journey and invites us to offer compassionate service to one another.

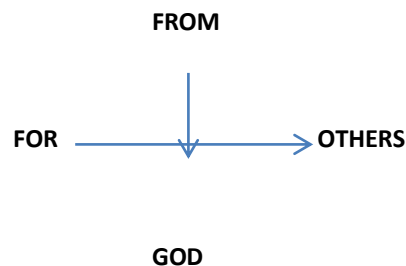
The **Two Figures** shown form a **Heart Shape** as they symbolize human and divine love. The word **compassion** has its origins in two Latin roots; *com*-with and *passion*-to suffer/intense force. The meaning of **compassion** is a union of love that motivates beyond sympathy and empathy, 'to be one with' and, therefore, compels with a commitment to action physically, emotionally or spiritually as needed.

The **Cross** in the center of the heart is the sign of compassion.

The **Vertical** line of the cross calls to mind the unconditional compassion for us that comes **From God**.

The **Horizontal** line of the cross suggests the purpose for our lives which is to offer compassionate service **For Others**.

COMPASSION



The image above (*for a clear view/see website*) is a reproduction of Rembrandt's Portrait of Christ's Head 1650, oil on wood, State Museum Berlin – Dahlem.

Our future focus will be on ways to reflect and pray with the masterpiece. For now appreciate the expression of Christ captured by the artist. Notice the exposed ear which suggests that Jesus listens with compassion.

St. Benedict of Nursia encouraged compassionate listening with the challenge,

"Listen with the ear of your heart."

Compassion is listening with the ear of your heart and acting on what you hear.

Lenten Prayer:

God of all compassion, guide our hearts to serve.

Dona nobis pacem, Grant us Peace.

Week VI

Holy Week Reflection

Our Lenten Hymn: God of all Compassion will serve as a daily meditation for each day of Holy Week. Read and listen with the ear of your heart to the song lyrics. Reflect on the questions and take the action suggested.

Monday:

God of all compassion, guide us on our way

Through our Lenten journey, on toward Easter Day.

Signed with the cross, we walk each step with you.

God of all compassion, guide our hearts to serve.

1. The cross of Christ reminds us of God's deep compassion for us. What crosses are you carrying in your life and how is God compassionately helping you with them? What action can you take to help another bear his/her cross?

Tuesday:

God of all compassion, Author of our days;

Fashioned in your image we, for love, were made.

Body and mind and spirit give you praise:

God of all compassion, guide our hearts to serve.

2. You were made in God's image and likeness, sharing in God's desire to love. What action can you take to express and demonstrate your love for another person?

Wednesday:

Singing of your goodness, confident in grace

We embrace your promise – ev'ry time and place.

Love freely giv'n flows from the cross of Christ;

God of all compassion, guide our hearts to serve.

3. Jesus promises, "Peace is my gift to you." Use the prayer, *Dona nobis pacem, Grant us peace* throughout your day. Pay attention to God's presence which offers peace even in the most difficult of situations.

Holy Thursday:

Longing for your presence, we in stillness pray

For your healing touch, Lord, now and ev'ry day.

Merciful Savior, Source of life renewed,

God of all compassion, guide our hearts to serve.

4. Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and calls us to acts of selfless service. What one healing action in word or deed can you perform this day to be of service to another?

Good Friday:

Giver of all bounty, teach us how to share

Love's redeeming message, gifted through your care.

Blessed by your mission, charity we learn;

God of all compassion, guide our hearts to serve.

5. Forgiveness and God's power at work in every moment of our lives is the message of God's charity and care. Who is in need of your compassion and forgiveness? Pray the following prayer to open a path for healing, "Lord bless, (name), and transform me to set me free."

Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday:

God of all compassion, guide us on our way

Onto Easter's Dawning – Christ th' Eternal Day.

Alleluia! Enlightened hymns we raise:

Resurrected Glory – guide our hearts to serve!

6. Like dawn in darkness Christ is our light. What actions can you take to follow the Risen Lord into new, life-giving paths physically, emotionally, psychologically, spiritually?

LENTEN PRACTICES:

1. The **Eucharist** is the most perfect prayer and Lenten observance.
2. **Lenten penance** includes acts of self-denial as a tool for mindfulness of God's bountiful gifts and presence and/or an increase in Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

- 3. Days of **Fast and Abstinence**: 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 from meat.
- 4. **CRS Rice Bowls** supports Catholic Relief Services

HOLY WEEK - EASTER SCHEDULE

- 1. **HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 24**
 Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:30 PM

 Eucharistic Adoration (AUDITORIUM) 9:00 PM – Midnight
- 2. **GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25**
 Blood Drive (Gym) 7:30 AM – 1:30 PM

 Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

 (Holy Communion/Veneration of the Cross) 3:00 PM
- 3. **HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 26**
 Blessing of the Easter Food: 1:00 PM

 Easter Vigil 8:00 PM
- 4. **EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27**
 Celebration of Eucharist

 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM

- Includes \$25 Gift of Chips for Gaming Tables
- Butler served hors d’oeuvres, Carving Station
- Complimentary: Beer, Wine, Soda, Coffee, Tea
- Gourmet Desserts, Cash Bar, Piano Music
- Gaming Tables: Black Jack, Roulette, Craps, Wheel of Chance
- Gift Baskets for Casino Winnings, Silent Auction, Super 50/50

Tickets available on our website: www.stphilip.org
 and at our School & Parish Offices

SPRING ROYALE AD JOURNAL HONORS OUR WOMEN OF SERVICE


Say thank you, offer congratulations or add a prayer intention while honoring our three women’s service and ministry organizations:

***The Rosary Society (71st Year), The Legion of Mary
 and The Columbiettes***

•*St. Philip the Apostle Rosary Society*, founded in 1944, is committed to fostering love and devotion to the Blessed Mother through the recitation of the Rosary, visiting the sick, and supporting various charitable activities in the parish and in our community. Msgr. Flanagan serves as chaplain.

•Our *Legion of Mary* participate in daily prayer devotions, spiritual programs, made 80 hospital and nursing home visits, and performed over 300 service hours in this last year alone.

•*St. Philip’s Columbiettes Auxiliary* members are dedicated to the mission of our faith and perform charitable and religious works. Working together with the Knights of Columbus they are tireless in their goodwill, prayer and outreach.



Sunday, April 17, 2016

2:00 to 6:00 PM

The Valley Regency

Tickets: \$65 per person

Place an ad today and support our parish Youth Ministry program and the Sr. Renée Legacy and Cultural & Art School Programs. Visit SpringRoyale.com

YOUTH MINISTRY

We are having our 11th and 12th grade SEARCH retreat on April 29-May 1. If you or anyone you know might be interested, please contact Andrew Scalone at ascalone@stphilip.org for more information.

The next Youth ministry meetings will be on April 7th & 21st at 7:00 PM in the youth room. Please follow us on Twitter and Instagram: @stphilipyouthnj.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES SCHEDULE

Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6: April 10, May 15

Grade 2: April 10

Grades 7, 8: April 17, May 1

Confirmation Grade 9, 10: March 24-Holy Thursday, April 17, May 1

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

COLUMBIETTES

THE COLUMBIETTES ARE LOOKING FOR GOOD WOMEN! We are an organization of faith filled women who serve the parish, local community and state and national efforts. We meet once a month & participate in charitable projects. Contact Deb Sirvidio at 201-220-1875 for more information.

WIDOW/WIDOWERS

THE MONDAY NIGHT GROUP: April 11th & 25th at 6:30 PM

THE NEW & RECENTLY BEREAVED GROUP: Wednesday, April 13th & 27th at 7:00 PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Everyone is invited to the Annual Knights of Columbus Communion Breakfast on Sunday April 3rd after the 8:00 AM Mass in the Auditorium. Our special Guest Speaker is Professor Allan Wright, Academic Dean for Evangelization at St. Paul Inside the Walls and an

Adjunct Professor at Seton Hall University. The topic is the Year of Mercy. This is NOT a fundraiser; it is open to all members of the parish. The cost of \$10 includes a full breakfast buffet. Contact SK Jack Paparella at waw347@hotmail.com or (201) 577-1212 for tickets.

LEGION OF MARY

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we invite you to join us for the 11th Annual Divine Mercy Conference from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM. It will be held at Cardinal Spellman High School, Bronx, NY. Featured speakers are Sr. Briege McKenna, Msgr. James Lisante, Fr. Joe Roesch, and Fr. Dan Cambria. A Mass will be celebrated in the afternoon. We have a bus, leaving from St. Philip's lower parking lot at 7:00 AM. If interested, please call: Veni Evangelista (973) 393-5120 or Elaine Vigilante (973) 931- 2383.

PRAY FOR

THE SICK: Ann Marie Kwiatkowski, Derrick Medeiros, Joan Hughes, Mildred Nerone, Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, Margaret Schweighardt, Ryan G. Micale, Emma Wyman, Jane Hughes, Philomena DiStefano, Allison Llanos, Jayce Mazza, Patsy Sinisi, Barbara Sikora, Margaret Sikora, Steve Kuchta, Joseph Buhler, Sister Beverly Aiazzone, Julio Grajera, Andrzej Zarebczan, Simon Edward Fairhurst, Linda Brady, Josephine Basile, Annette Cavalini, Norman J. Dollbaum, Gus Perez, Patricia Giuditta, Osmania Levanti, Joseph Villano, Marie Nattvo, Barbara Patierno

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Marvin Kosoff, Mary Saltalamachia

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: EASTER - MARCH 26/27, 2016

VIGIL 8:00 PM	Fr. Joe	10:00 AM	Fr. Julio
8:00 AM	Fr. Miguel	12:00 Noon	Fr. Joe

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016

8:00 Mirna Gonzalez
10:00 Pietro & Felicia Mannarino

Deceased members of the Brophy Family

Thomas Gorman – 7th Anniversary

12:00 All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016

7:00 Msgr. Thomas J. Molloy

9:00 Sandra Baldanza

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016

7:00 Rev. Robert Gordon

9:00 Leslie & Jack Doyle

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2016

7:00 Msgr. Joseph J. Gallo

9:00 Stanley J. Makowski – 6th Anniversary

EASTER TRIDUUM

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016 (HOLY THURSDAY)

7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

9PM-Midnight Eucharistic Adoration (Auditorium)

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2016 (GOOD FRIDAY)

7:30-1:00P BLOOD DRIVE

3:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion
(Holy Communion/Veneration of the Cross)

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2016 (HOLY SATURDAY)

1:00 PM Blessing of Easter Food

8:00 PM Easter Vigil – All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2016 (EASTER SUNDAY)

8:00 Deceased members of the Zisa Family; Mary Pinke

10:00 Marie D'Angelo

Nancy Markey

Charles & Blanche Dunn

Frank Spychaj

12:00 Joseph Scafidi

The Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Deacon Al Ciampa

From Wife Joanne

PARISH GIVING

Total Sunday collection: March 15, 2015	\$ 15,382.00
March 13, 2016 Sunday Collection	
Envelopes	\$ 11,367.00
Cash	\$ 1,381.00
Online Giving donations	\$ 3,701.00
Total	\$16,449.00
2 nd Collection: Project Faith	\$ 2,365.00