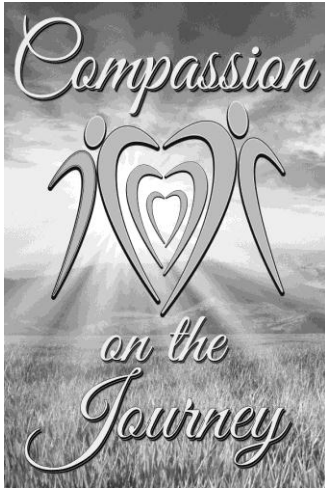


COMPASSION ON THE JOURNEY

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 church banner pictured above displays our Easter Theme symbols. 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 the Risen 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 image is of Rembrandt's Portrait of Christ's Head 1650, oil on wood, State Museum Berlin – Dahlem. (*For a clear view/see website*)

Our focus is on ways to reflect and pray with the masterpiece. 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.

Easter Prayer:

Resurrected Glory – guide our hearts to serve
Dona nobis pacem, Grant us Peace.

HYMN

*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.*

Easter Reflection

One night the captain of a ship orders his signalman to send a message to the light right in front of them, "Turn your ship ten degrees to port." The signal returns, "Turn your ship ten degrees to the starboard." Surprised, the Captain orders the message sent, "I am the Captain of a battleship, turn your ship to port." The response is swift and clear. "I am a lighthouse!!"

A lighthouse is an unmovable sign of great compassion built in stone and mortar, offering a light to guide ships on their journey at sea. A lighthouse saves ships in storms and fog, their light guides in the right direction and their beacons bring ships home to safe and peaceful harbors.

Easter is our celebration of Christ, our light. Christ is the compassion of God born in flesh and blood to guide us on our journey through life. Through the life, death and resurrection of Christ, the light of the resurrected glory of Christ is always right in front of us.

The light of Christ saves us with compassion from the storms in our discontented hearts, the howling winds of our overactive minds and from the crashing waves of our physical, psychological, emotional and spiritual pain.

The light of Christ guides us with compassion in the right direction, away from the rocks of sin, addiction and brokenness, to the healing shores of forgiveness, freedom and healing grace.

The light of Christ shines with compassion through depression, despair and paralyzing fear, showing the way to vigor, hope and courage.

Christ is the light that gives us a compassionate vision of the glory of the resurrection right here and now. Christ is our light when grace grants us peace to smile through our tears, motivates us to extend our hand to another in darkness, and opens our arms in service to those who feel lost.

The light of Christ is the compassionate promise of the resurrection when our journey ends in the safe harbor and bright glory of our heavenly home.

The light of Christ is right before us beckoning us to be light for one another. The light of Christ is compassion guiding us in ways of forgiveness, peace and justice. The light of Christ is the compassion that radiates from our minds and hearts. The light of Christ empowers us to be safe harbors of service reflecting Christ's resurrected glory.

The light of Christ is right in front of us. Easter signals to us to turn toward the light of Christ and to shine as bright beacons of God's light and compassion with every word and in every deed:

**Resurrected Glory, guide our hearts to serve.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

Reflection Activity

What one action can I take this Easter to be a compassionate light for another person in word or in deed?

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: April 17, May 1

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

COLUMBIETTES

Thank you to all who supported our Flapjack Fundraiser.

Our annual Spiritual workshop, open to all parishioners age 16+, will be Saturday, April 23rd after the 9:00 AM Mass in Marian Hall from 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM. Fr. Julio will be our guest speaker. The topic is "Living & Practicing Mercy after Easter." Cost is \$5.00. Call Deb Sirvidio at 201-220-1875. (Leave a message)

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.

PRIME TIMERS

The next meeting is Friday, May 6th at 1:00 PM in the Molloy Center. This will be your only opportunity to purchase tickets for the June Luncheon at a meeting. The cost is expected to be in the \$15 - \$20 range. Be prepared to get your tickets at this meeting.

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.

DIOCESAN NEWS

59TH ANNUAL DEPAUL CATHOLIC TRICKY TRAY & FASHION SHOW

Date: Wednesday, April 13 Time: Doors open 5:30 PM

Place: Westmount Country Club, Woodland Park, N.J.

Theme: "April in Paris"

Tickets: \$60 each and includes a starter sheet of first-level prize tickets, passed hors d'oeuvres during the first hour, dinner, beverages and dessert

Reservations: Individual tickets/tables of 10 or 12 call [973 694-3702, ext. 300](tel:9736943702)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SERVICES: SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD

Annunciation Parish – Wayne: Confessions 2-3 PM;

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 PM followed by Mass

St. Peter – Parsippany: Hour of Great Mercy Prayers - 2:15 PM

Sacred Heart – Clifton: 3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Benediction

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, Andrzej Zarebczan, Simon Edward Fairhurst, Linda Brady, Josephine Basile, Annette Cavolini, Norman J. Dollbaum, Gus Perez, Patricia Giuditta, Osmania Levanti, Joseph Villano, Marie Nattvo, Barbara Patierno, Josephine Basile, Jennie Marto, Kathy Miragliotta, Victor Nachev

THE RECENTLY DECEASED: Julio Grajera

THE NEWLY MARRIED: Robert S. Cali & Lindsey K. Welsh



Sunday, April 17, 2016

2:00 to 6:00 PM

The Valley Regency

Tickets: \$65 per person

- 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 faith and perform charitable and religious works. Working together with the Knights of Columbus they are tireless in their goodwill, prayer and outreach.

EASTER SUNDAY-THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12;

Evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2016

- 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

MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2016

- 7:00** **No Mass at this time**
9:00 Sister Alice Sullivan

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2016

- 7:00** Sister Nancy Grassia
9:00 Joseph Colca

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2016

- 7:00** Deceased memb: Alphonse & Jennie Seiffert Family
9:00 Sandra Baldanza

THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2016

- 7:00** Thomas Wilson
9:00 Eleanor & Arthur Sanfilippo

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2016

- 7:00** Josephine Champi
9:00 Anthony Schimenti

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2016

- 9:00** Deceased members of the Lynch Family
5:30 All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2016

- 8:00** Virginia & Lewis Castiglia, Sr. & Jr.
10:00 Mauro D'Alto – 6th Anniversary
Daniel Bauer
Molly & Joe Belbruno
12:00 Kathleen & Eric Awramko

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: APRIL 2/3, 2016

5:30 PM	Fr. Miguel	10:00 AM	Fr. Miguel
	<i>Deacon Bob Preaching</i>		<i>Deacon Bob Preaching</i>
8:00 AM	Fr. Kevin	12:00 Noon	Fr. Julio
	<i>Deacon Nick Preaching</i>		<i>Deacon Nick Preaching</i>

PARISH GIVING

Total Sunday collection: March 22, 2015	\$ 14,292.00
March 20, 2016 Sunday Collection	
Envelopes	\$ 14,451.00
Cash	\$ 2,193.00
Online Giving donations	\$ 3,686.00
Total	\$ 20,330.00