



TIME TO BE GOOD NEWS

Our spiritual practice of asking, “OK God, what’s the good news?” in prayer opens us to the wonder of God’s presence and gifts.

Our Theme, *Time To Be Good News*, is developed in bulletin articles, through song, and on our website www.stphilip.org each week.

KEY CONCEPT: Salvation Is Healing

Our mission, *Opus Christi*, is to do Christ’s Work in our lives each day. We are invited to be good news for each other. Prayer is the key that helps us to discover good news within us and in God’s gifts around us. Prayer enables us to become good news for others through our words and in our deeds. The Good News of Jesus Christ we call Salvation, comes from the Latin word *Salvus*, which means to heal. God saves us in this life by healing our minds, hearts and wills through prayer, Scripture and the Sacraments. God saves us in every moment of life. Even through death we are healed into a new life in Christ.

Our Banner in Words and In Symbol

The *time* is now to pay attention to God’s saving *hands* that heal our *hearts to be* free to love with the *good news* in word and in deed. All grace is given from God, for others † and let it begin with me.

Good News In Progress

- Week I: Salvation Is Healing
- Week II: The Time Is Now
- Week III: Free to be Me
- Week IV: In Giving, We Receive
- Week V: Good, Better, Best Choice
- Week VI: New News is Good News
- Week VII: Blessing and Healing
- Week VIII: Sacrament of Healing

Week IV In Giving, We Receive

Bishop Serratelli, in his pre-recorded homily which we will hear this weekend, shares the following story as an illustration of the dynamic of love that in giving, we receive. Called to be good news in action we are deeply blessed whenever we respond to the needs of others as good, faithful stewards.

Our parish responded with great goodness in last week’s collection for Hurricane Relief Efforts through Catholic Charities by giving \$11,000 dollars in the second collection. This week we are asked by the Bishop to support the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. Many of us have already pledged and those who have not taken the opportunity will be able to pledge during the masses.

Being good news to others is a saving and healing act of faith that we give. Our Lord cannot be outdone in generosity and we always receive blessings poured abundantly into our minds and hearts.

Bishop’s Story (*adapted*)

A man walks into a telegraph office to get out of the cold and realizes that it is just as cold inside. He inquires of the telegraph operator why he does not light a fire. The response: “too busy sending telegrams.” The gentleman informs the operator that he is the president of the telegraph company and that he should send the following telegram, “Fire the operator of this station immediately.” A few minutes later he asks, “Did you send my telegram?” “No” he responds. “I’m too busy making a fire.”

The give and take in the story is an illustration of the truth that in giving, we receive.

This weekend’s Gospel reminds us that we are stewards of God’s vineyard. As stewards we are responsible for our welfare, our family, church, and also all of our brothers and sisters throughout the world. Sometimes fear keeps us from wanting to give of ourselves from our resources. In the letter to the Philippians, we are urged not to have anxiety when we give generously of our time, talent and treasure. God provides peace when we do Christ’s work. Prayer is the key to keep our minds and actions focused on what is good, honorable and worthy of peace.

At the very least, when we give, we receive God’s peace. What does inner peace change? Nothing. But what does inner peace change? Everything.

Activity

1. Who has given to you in your life? What have you received from others? See those faces; remember to celebrate their gifts to you. Thank God for the gift of those people and pray for them
2. Who needs to receive something within your power to give? Prayer? Words? Actions? Make a list. Make a plan. Take action. Now is the time to be good news!

RCIA

- Are you interested in exploring your spiritual life?
- Do you want to discover the abundance of God's love & peace?
- Would you like to have greater motivation for service?
- Do you want to know more about the Catholic Faith?
- Did you ever think about becoming a Catholic?
- Are you a baptized Catholic and have never made your First Communion and/or Confirmation?
- Are you baptized in another faith and have a desire to become Catholic?
- Have you never been baptized in any faith but wonder?

JOURNEY WITH US!

Through the process of the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** or **RCIA** we explore and discover the keys to the kingdom. These Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist which are celebrated at the Easter Vigil open your hearts and empower you to lives of services, charity and justice as witnesses to our mission of *OPUS CHRISTI*, Christ's work. **RCIA** is not a program but a sacramental process.

For more information about **RCIA** please call Donna Scancarella at (973) 779-6200

Saint Philip Women's Cornerstone Retreat November 17 & 18, 2017

I Love You † You Are Mine

Cornerstone is a beautiful retreat experience, a time to revitalize your relationship with God, renew your own spirit and bond with other women of our parish through a combination of quiet reflection and prayer, and the sharing of one's faith journey with others. Please consider joining us for this two-day retreat.

Retreat Times:

Friday, 6:30 PM to 11:00 PM

Saturday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Registration Donation: \$50

Registration online at stphilip.org

Please email any questions

to Cornerstone@StPhilip.org or call

The Molloy Center (973)779-6200

PRAYER OPPORTUNITY: MEDITATION HOUR



"Be still and know that I Am God!" Psalm 46:10

Join us for prayer, guided meditation and reflection on **Thursday, October 12th** at 7:00 PM in Marian Hall.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ALTAR SERVER?

New and returning servers are invited to attend two training sessions on **Tuesday and Wednesday, October 17th and 18th** at 3:15 PM or 4:15 PM in church.

To sign up, download an application from our website StPhilip.org or see Father Matt for more information. Open to students in the 4th grade and higher.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study with Fr. Kevin resumes on **Monday, October 16th** at 11:00 AM in the Molloy Center.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATE!!

The group will be discussing St. Paul's Letter to the Romans. The theme is the relationship between Judaism and Christianity as well as a plea to the new Christians to hold fast to their faith.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The next class for grades 1 and 3 – 6 is **October 22nd**.

The next class for grades 2 and 7 – 10 is **October 15th**.

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

Victoria Velasco for Confirmation at 973-798-8772

YOUTH GROUP

Upcoming Youth Group meetings will be **Wednesday, October 18th** in the Youth Room from 7 – 9 PM. All teens in grades 9-12 are welcome to come join us for fun, prayer and a chance to build community.

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

This past Friday we had an assembly about Bullying. The first graders have been talking about friendship in Social Studies class. The students will create a "Smarter than a Bully" booklet, as well as complete a sort about "tattling versus reporting". The first grade is working on a writing piece "If I could cast a spell". The fifth grade students are gearing up to begin Genius Hour where students get a chance to explore their passion. They are also learning about the people and objects of the mass. These are a few of the great things going on at St. Philip's.

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

MONDAY NIGHT WIDOW & WIDOWERS GROUP:

A social group for widows and widowers. Next meetings: **October 16th & 30th**: Molloy Center at 6:30 PM.

SPOUSE BEREAVEMENT GROUP:

A support group for people grieving the death of their spouse. Next meetings: **October 10th & 24th** at 7:00 PM in the RUSSO ROOM. For information contact Dr. Rachel Rengifo at 201-500-2068

GOOD NEWS FOR PARENTS

The parish is offering an introductory session for parents to hear about how we can help you as people both in your lives and in your roles as parents. When was the last time you had a moment to take care of yourself?

Julia Gabriele, Family and Executive Coach will facilitate along with members of our pastoral staff. Join us; we are here to help you: **Sunday, October 15th** at 9:00 AM in the Russo Room.

DIOCESAN NEWS

PONTIFICAL MASS

The Liturgy of the Church is rich in its diversity and its history. To afford the opportunity to experience this, a Pontifical Mass in the Extraordinary Form will be celebrated by the bishop on **Saturday, October 14th** at 9:30 AM at Saint John the Baptist Cathedral, Paterson. All are welcome.

SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples married in 1967 or 1992 are warmly invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Paterson at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson on **Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 4:00 PM**. Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office.

RESPECT LIFE MASS

On **Saturday, November 18, 2017** Bishop Serratelli will celebrate the Annual Respect Life Mass at 10 AM in the Cathedral. The mass is sponsored by the Federation of Knights of Columbus Councils. Hospital staff, school staff and students, parishioners, families and friends are encouraged to attend. This is a wonderful way to come together in prayer and in mutual support for protecting our children and all life.

PRAY FOR

THE RECENTLY MARRIED:

Mark Erik Acierto and Noelle Kristen Alalay

THE NEWLY BAPTIZED:

Francine Kate Miguel, child of Frederick and Maricel

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 Kutzenco, Evelyn Wescott, Ana Cabezas, Annette Wanamaker, Daniel Marty, Virginia Mascolo, Christine Carpenter, Robert Wagner, Mildred Nerone, Stephen Blayney, Eugene & Lorraine DeBellis, Bob Rose, Jack Steffans, Barbara Ferry, Fred Van Duyne, Karen Ambrose, Dave Miller, Gary Diekmann, Sr. Giovanni Aiazzone, Maya Hilario, John Pepe, Ron Kuruc, George Biondi, Jack Jaeger, Arlene Pompeo, Margot Segarra, Bill Brady, Samantha Calderone, Katie Gerber

THE DECEASED: James Lacava, Albert Lomauro, Patricia Balbuena, Fr. Walter Sempko

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017

- 8:00** Joanne M. Koval
Deceased members of the McNamara Family
- 10:00** Francesco Pugliano – 10th Anniversary
Martin Boyd - 1st Anniversary
Joseph Coglitore
Catherine L. McClane
Mary & John Gallagher
- 12:00** All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017

- 7:00** NO MASS AT THIS TIME
- 9:00** Marianne Jordon

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017

- 7:00** Millie & Jerry Scrosia
- 9:00** Charles Grenda, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2017

- 7:00** Anthony Marano
- 9:00** John & Tessie Barrett

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2017

- 7:00** Ludwik Andrzejewski
- 9:00** Robert & Catherine Frank

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2017

- 7:00** Anna Marie Grenda
- 9:00** Danielle LaFaso

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017

- 9:00** Pasquale Pugliese
- 5:30** All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, October 15, 2017

- 8:00** Marie Luisa Cantanero
Kathleen Criscuolo
- 10:00** Deceased members of the Adams Family
John Strangeway – 1st Anniversary
Joanna & Fred Cheon
Marie Marucci
- 12:00** Arthur & Ann Biesaida
Claire Chidiac

The Offertory Candle In Memory of
John & Bertha Doviak
From son Paul

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: OCTOBER 14/15, 2017

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

PARISH GIVING

TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION: OCTOBER 2, 2016	\$14,420.00
OCTOBER 1, 2017	
Envelopes	\$14,970.00
Cash	\$ 1,372.00
Online Giving Donations	\$ 4,485.00
Total	\$20,827.00
Second Collection: Hurricane Relief	\$ 11,004.00