



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 VII Blessing and Healing

"The best come back I've ever heard occurred at our store. A customer was complaining to my supervisor about the employees. He was spouting off about how terrible we all were and insisting our company hired only idiots. That was when my boss looked him in the eye and asked, "Would you like an application?" Source: reddit.com

We spend a lot of time in our minds complaining about other people, about what they have said or have not said, done or have not done. Sometimes we spout off verbally to others with our range of emotions running the gamut from hurt to anger. We would love to have the best come back ever heard. Knowing that we are called to be good news we grow uncomfortable with our resentments, rants and even the urge to begin closing our hearts and minds to another. What to do? Prayer is the key that sets us free from our negative thoughts. Prayer helps us to change our perspective and ask, "OK, God what's the good news?"

The good news is that although we are powerless to change others, God has the power to change us. Jesus teaches us to pray for others which leads to our own transformation. Jesus is clear in Matthew's Gospel, "I say to you, love your enemies, bless those that curse you, do good to those that hate you and pray for those who seem to undo the good in your life." This Gospel passage does not seem like good news! However, Jesus is very direct in the Scripture and tells us what to do. Knowing what to do is good news. We surely do not feel like praying for others especially when they are wrong and we are right. Jesus is not asking us to solve the problem only to pray and to leave outcomes to God.

The simple Blessing Prayer that we can say is:

"Bless (name), and transform me to set me free."

The good news is that all we are being asked to do is to say the **Blessing Prayer**. We need not feel like praying or even to feel good while praying. We can pray this prayer through clenched teeth and with any emotion. God knows us better than we know ourselves so we can pray honestly feeling as we feel. Jesus understands our negative experiences; he himself was ultimately killed by his enemies.

The **Blessing Prayer** is a gift, a life-changing tool in our good news survival kit. Pack it and use it when it is time to be good news.

The **Blessing Prayer** is the saving and healing act of love which trusts God and frees us to choose the next right action. Prayer enables us to see God at work in our daily lives. Over time, as we pray the **Blessing Prayer** faithfully, we soon discover that God is doing for us what we cannot do for ourselves - gifting us with a deep sense of inner peace. Healing and salvation are ours to choose. It is time to be good news through prayer.

Scripture Reflection

Our reading from the book of Exodus challenges us to act with compassion and love in justice. The psalm reminds us that God is our rock of strength when we are beset by difficulties. Paul praises the Thessalonians for imitating Christ by receiving God's word and living it with the help of the Holy Spirit. Our Gospel sums up the very heart of our faith in saying that loving

God means loving our neighbor. Compassion and love for those near to us are only possible with God's strength and healing. The good news is that God is faithful and God's promises for our transformation are fulfilled beyond all that we could ever hope for or imagine.

Activity Key Prayer

Bless (name) and transform me to set me free.

A SACRAMENT OF HEALING THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK NOVEMBER 4 & 5, 2017

"Is anyone sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the church, and let them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord; and the Lord will raise them up; and if they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them."

James 5:14-15

On the weekend of **November 4 & 5** we will celebrate the Sacrament of *The Anointing of the Sick* at all Masses. The Sacrament of the Sick is one of the healing sacraments. It is a balm for physical, psychological, emotional and spiritual ills.

The Ritual

- The Sacrament may be administered individually or in a communal setting.
- After an appropriate Scripture reading, the priest prays over the sick person by the laying on of hands on the head of the sick person.
- The forehead is anointed with the Oil of the Sick. The prayer: *"Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit."* R. Amen.
- The palms of the hands are anointed: *"May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up."* R. Amen.
- The following prayer is said after the anointing: *"Father in heaven, through this holy anointing grant your people comfort in suffering. When they are afraid give them courage, when afflicted give them patience, when dejected, afford them hope, and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord."* R. Amen.

Our Parish Plan for Prayer and Healing

- Prayer for the healing power of God to be manifest in each one of our lives accompanied by appropriate music for healing will shape our worship theme.
- Those who choose to receive the Sacrament of the Sick are asked to sit in the first or last row of any section of pews. Wheelchairs can be accommodated in the open space in front of the Ambo. This seating arrangement will allow us to have access to your head and hands for the anointing.
- The Sacrament will be administered directly following a brief homily at all of the Masses.

RCIA

Through the process of the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** or **RCIA** we explore and discover the keys to the kingdom. 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

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The students at Saint Philip Prep have been busy gearing up for the holidays. Each grade has many fun and exciting activities planned. As a part of our Religion curriculum, the 3rd grade class is learning about ways to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. The third graders took a class vote and decided they wanted to help another third grade in Texas affected by the recent hurricane. The students decided to donate Scholastic Book Points to help build another class library. This class lost their library of books due to the flooding. In Science, the third graders took a *virtual field trip* to the *San Diego Zoo*. The San Diego Zoo website features video lessons hosted by zookeepers packed with information. The students at St. Philip Prep are very excited and are looking forward to all of the Halloween events scheduled next week.

Congratulations to one of our alumni, Rachel Zegler, who will be starring in *Thoroughly Modern Mille*. The show will be at the Theresa Aprea Theater, 199 Scoles Ave., Clifton on **November 3, 4 & 5 and November 10, 11 & 12**.

BIBLE STUDY

An eight week Bible Study group will meet every **Monday** at 11 AM in the Molloy Center. St. Paul's letter to the Romans will be discussed. All are welcome!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The next class for grades 1 and 3 – 6 is **November 12th**.

The next class for grades 2 and 7 – 10 is **November 19th**.

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

Victoria Velasco for Confirmation at 973-798-8772

YOUTH GROUP

The upcoming Youth Group meeting is **Wednesday, November 1st** and an open gym on **November 15th**! All teens in grades 9-12 are welcome to come join us for fun, prayer and a chance to build community.

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

COLUMBIETTE INTERNATIONAL DINNER/TRICKY TRAY

St. Philip Columbiettes will host an International Dinner/ Tricky Tray on **Sunday, October 29, 2017** after the 12 noon mass in the Molloy Center. Cost is \$15 for adults; \$7.50 for children 10 and under. There will be a tricky tray and 50/50 raffle. For tickets, call Sharon 973-464-6608/ Cathie 973-471-1265.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

MONDAY NIGHT WIDOW & WIDOWERS GROUP:

A social group for widows and widowers. Next meetings: **November 13 & 27** at 6:30 PM in the Molloy Center.

SPOUSE BEREAVEMENT GROUP:

A support group for people grieving the death of their spouse. Next meetings: **November 14 & 28** at 7:00 PM in the RUSSO ROOM. Contact Dr. Rachel Rengifo at 201-500-2068.

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

Meetings: **Thursdays, November 2 and 16, 2017** at 9:45 AM in the Molloy Center. For fabric or yarn donations, call Cathie at 973-471-1265.

PRIME TIMERS

Next meeting: **Friday, November 3** at 1:00 PM in the Molloy Center. Entertainment will be "A Touch of Sinatra".

Reservations & payments of \$50 for the *Christmas Party* on December 14th at the Valley Regency are due by November 3rd.

Last AC trip for 2017 to Resorts Casino is **November 8**. \$27 per person and bus leaves at 9:30 AM. For tickets contact Sylvia ASAP at 973-742-9286. Bus fills up fast.

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Rosary Society meeting: **Monday, November 13** in Marian Hall. The meeting will begin with the Rosary at 6:30 PM followed by Mass. Our November Rosary will be offered for our departed loved ones and especially for all deceased Rosarians.

DIOCESAN NEWS

SUPPORT NJ RIGHT TO LIFE

Take a chance to win a 2018 Volvo SUV. Other prizes include Shop Rite Gift Cards. This is the only fundraiser of the year to benefit NJ Right to Life. Tickets are \$10.00 each and will be sold the weekend of **November 4 & 5** in our church vestibule.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION POSITION AVAILABLE

Our Lady of Fatima in Highland Lakes is seeking to employ a part-time Coordinator of Religious Education. For information, contact Father Ricardo Ortega at the parish office at (973)764-4457 or olfatima@warwick.net.

CATHOLIC YOUTH LOUNGE

Saturday, November 4th at 7:00 PM - St. Joseph Church- Passaic
Adoration, praise and worship for youth.

Join the youth of our diocese for this special event.

PRAY FOR

THE SICK: Joan Hughes, Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, Ryan G. Micale, Jayce Mazza, Patsy Sinisi, Margaret Sikora, Steve Kuchta, Sister Beverly Aiazzino, 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 Aiazzino, Maya Hilario, John Pepe, Ron Kuruc, George Biondi, Jack Jaeger, Arlene Pompeo, Bill Brady, Samantha Calderone, Katie Gerber, Jim Cupo, Theresa Buhler

PARISH GIVING

TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION: OCTOBER 23, 2016	\$16,257.00
OCTOBER 22, 2017	
Envelopes	\$ 11,168.00
Cash	\$ 1,638.00
Online Giving Donations	\$ 4,176.00
Total	\$16,982.00

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017

- 8:00** Al Castrovillari
Lillian Durso
- 10:00** Frances Dollbaum
Elsie Doychak – 12th Anniversary
Peter Kenny
Donna DeMartino
- 12:00** All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2017

- 7:00** Lillian Durso
- 9:00** Larry Less, Regina Pelligrino – 1st Anniversary

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2017

- 7:00** Angeles Cabigao
- 9:00** Violet Lipinski, Joseph Jasionowicz – 1st Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2017 – ALL SAINTS DAY

- 7:00A** All the People of the Parish
- 9:00** Rosemarie Caradonna, Joan Muscarello
- 7:00P** Joanne M. Koval

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2017

- 7:00** All the
- 9:00** Faithful Departed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2017

- 7:00** Jerry T. Scrosia
- 9:00** D'Alto & Pansini Families

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017

- 9:00** Vittoria & Antonio Masucci
- 5:30** All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017

- 8:00** Pomposelli & Benedetto Families
Jim Lacava
- 10:00** Giovanna & Antonio Caradonna
Dec'd members of the Llamas & Ramos Family
Donald Muller
Alfred James Lospinoso
- 12:00** Fred Siwec
Raymond Luchko – 20th Anniversary

The Sanctuary Candle : In Memory of
Rolando Roque & Gerry Rosel

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: NOVEMBER 4/5, 2017

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