

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RECOGNIZE YOUR INVITATION FROM THE LORD

Many people ask me, "Donna, what do you do at St. Philip's?" Well, my title is Evangelization Minister. "What exactly is an Evangelization Minister?" Good question because I wouldn't call "evangelization" a user-friendly word. Evangelize means to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. What does it mean to spread the Good News? How do you do that? If you ask Pope Francis, he will say you need to meet people where they are and invite them.

But who am I, Donna Scancarella, that I should be called to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ? I'm a wife, mother, daughter. I spent most of my life caring for a family. I don't have any special credentials that would make me an evangelist.

In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus calls Simon, James and John to follow Him and evangelize. They were fishermen. They didn't have any special evangelization credentials. Yet, Jesus calls and invites them, "Come after me," to evangelize, "and I will make you fishers of people." Jesus meets the Apostles where they are in a boat washing their fishing nets. Where was I? I was working in a school for special needs children when the Lord called me.

Like the Apostles, as I discovered that Jesus really is the Good News and as my love for the Lord grew, I knew I wanted to share that Love. As it turns out, I do have some credentials; God has given me some gifts and talents. My enthusiastic personality, love of public speaking and the simple fact that I enjoy being around people helps me to share the Good News with others. The skills that I developed raising a family and working also help me in my ministry as Evangelization Minister to provide opportunities at St. Philip's that invite people into a deeper relationship with Jesus.

So, what do I do?

- Work with families preparing for funerals and are present with them at liturgies
- Coordinator of the RCIA
- Moderator of the Prime Timers social group
- Director of the Women's Cornerstone Retreat Ministry
- Sponsor Guided Meditation Nights
- Little bit of everything as a team member of the staff

What can you do? The Lord is inviting you to participate in some way.

- Spiritual – Join us for Guided Meditation on February 14th.
- Social – Come to our St. Patrick & St. Joseph Dinner Dance on March 2nd.
- Service – Check out St. Philip's many service ministries: Knights of Columbus, Rosary Society, Columbiettes and their Blanket Ministry, just to name a few.

Jesus calls all of us, you and me, ordinary people just like Simon, James and John to evangelize, to spread the Good News. We don't have to understand why the Lord called us, only that we are called. Then, as Pope Francis tells us, we need to meet people where they are and invite.

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!" Isaiah 6:8

Reflection Questions:

- How is the Lord calling you to be a witness to God's love at home, at work, in church?
- What have you done to use your gifts and talents to share the Good News with family, with friends, with church members?
- Which form of spiritual, social or service opportunities listed above will you participate in?
- Who can you invite to participate with you?

Donna Scancarella



ST. PHILIP'S JUBILEE HISTORY DOCUMENTARY

The Greater Works Film about the history of St. Philip the Apostle Parish, created by Fr. Matt, is on sale at the Molloy Center.

Cost of DVD is \$15 and Blu-Ray is \$20.



9TH ANNUAL

ST. PATRICK & ST. JOSEPH
DINNER DANCE



SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019
7 - 11 PM
St. Philip Auditorium

Traditional Corned Beef & Cabbage
Chicken Cacciatore & Italian Desserts
Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks, Coffee/Tea

\$40 per person

Entertainment by The Doug Feroni Orchestra
Tickets on sale at the Molloy Center
And after Mass 2/16 & 2/17
Or call Donna @ 973-779-6200

Must be 21 years or older to attend

GOOD NEWS FOR PARENTS

Join us on **Sunday, February 10th** at 9:00 am in the Russo Room as we explore ways of managing your lives and your roles as parents. Julia Gabriele, Family & Executive Coach, will facilitate along with members of our Pastoral Staff. Future session dates are: Mar. 10, Apr. 7, May 5.

All are welcome!

RCIA

Journey with Us!

Our next RCIA session is **Monday, February 11th** from **7:00-8:30 pm** in the Russo Room. We will be discussing the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. All are welcome! For more information about **RCIA**, please call Donna Scancarella at 973-779-6200.

MEDITATION HOUR

Will you be my Valentine?

“For God so loVed the world,

That He gAve

His onLy

BegottEn son

That whosoever

Believeth In Him

Should **Not** perish,

But have **Everlasting** life.”

John 3:16

Please join us for prayer, guided meditation and reflection on **Thursday, February 14th in Church at 7 pm.**

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study sessions will resume for an eight-week period during Lent beginning on **Monday, February 25th** in Church **at 11 am.** We will discuss the mission of the apostles, the parables of Jesus and His healing mission ending with His Passion, Death and Resurrection.

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Our 8th Grade show, Mary Poppins, has been cast, and rehearsals are beginning full swing! Grade 8 Kaleidoscope students made school commercials with Mrs. McKeever. The commercials will be used as a marketing tool for new admissions.

Kaleidoscope 7th Graders are delving into the Civil Rights Movement.

The 5th Graders are learning about the body systems. They are now studying digestion.

Grade 4 students are discovering ecosystems.

Our 2nd Graders are learning about the parts of the Mass in preparation for celebration of their First Eucharist in May.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1 – 6: **Sunday, March 3**

Grades 2, 7-10: **Sunday, February 10**

Pray for the Confirmation candidates during their times of retreat as they prepare to receive the Sacrament in May.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

The students of the Confirmation Program/Youth Group are very thankful to the parishioners of St. Philip's for the overwhelming support of the Souper Bowl of Caring! We were able to donate over 300 sandwiches and \$2,260.00 to Eva's Village. You continue to serve as an example to our students of our Opus Christi, Christ's Work, what it means to love and help our neighbors in need!

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

WIDOW/WIDOWERS

Monday, February 11th, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Molloy Center. Please note date!

SPOUSAL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

Next meeting: **Tuesday, February 12th at 7 pm** in the Russo Room. Please contact Thalia Sanchez 862-295-1688.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

1st and 3rd Wednesday: The VFW Hall -Valley Rd; 8:00 pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Annual Monsignor Peter Doody Scholarship Beefsteak
Honoring Monsignor Peter Doody**

*The scholarship benefits St. Philip 8th Grade students
attending a Catholic High School*

**February 16, 2019
St. Philip the Apostle Auditorium
Start Time 7:00 PM
Tickets are \$40.00 each.**

Monsignor Doody is the founder of our Council and has served as Chaplin for both our Police and Fire Departments in addition to his long-term service as our former Pastor. For tickets please call the following: Ray Lill @ 973-472-1756 Rich Donkersloot @ 973-650-3327 or Dennis Fitzpatrick @ 973-271-9577. Visit us online at www.kofc11671.com. Tickets will be sold after masses this weekend, **February 9 & 10.**

PRAY FOR

THE SICK: Rose Lucignani, Barbara Pineda, Antony Fernandes, Victoria Spadofora, Monique Tommaro, Dan Cotto

The names of parishioners that will be published in the bulletin can only be added by the sick person themselves or a designated authority for a limited period of time. The qualification for inclusion in the bulletin is for those who are gravely ill and in need of urgent prayer.

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: FEBRUARY 4, 2018	\$18,201.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: FEBRUARY 3, 2019	
Envelopes	\$14,702.00
Cash	\$ 1,680.00
Online giving donation	\$ 5,523.00
Total	\$21,905.00
Second Collection: Catholic Schools Week	\$ 3,731.00

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2019

- 8:00** Grace Laubshire
10:00 Saverio Caradonna
Nathan Lutz
Joseph Cortese - 7th Anniversary
Estanislao Llamas - 20th Anniversary
Mary Shashaty
12:00 All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2019

- 7:00** Paul Doviak
9:00 Filipina R. Bacani – 8th Anniversary

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019

- 7:00** Dec'd members of Alphonse & Jennie Seiffert Family
9:00 Gabriel Liegey

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019

- 7:00** Edward Chmura – 12th Anniversary
9:00 Luigi Napolitano

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2019

- 7:00** Saverio Caradonna – 1st Anniversary
9:00 Fred Anthony

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2019

- 7:00** Joan P. Fitzgerald
9:00 Rose Del Franco

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2019

- 9:00** Carmen Federico
5:30 All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2019

- 8:00** John Tolvay, Jr.
10:00 Giuseppe Rubino
Mark Emr
12:00 Red Mulholland

The Offertory Gifts: In Memory of
Mary Shashaty

From the Holzli Family

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: FEBRUARY 16/17, 2019

5:30 PM	Fr. Joe	8:00 AM	Fr. Kevin
10:00 AM	Fr. Joseph	12:00 N	Fr. Matt