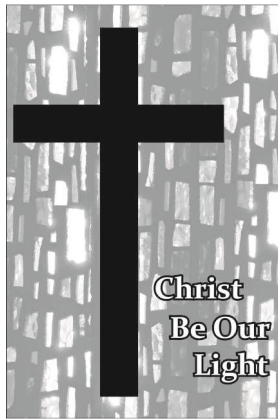


EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



- ❖ Tired of black and white, all or nothing thinking?
- ❖ Do your fears keep you in the dark?
- ❖ Living in the shadow of doubt about God's ability to be your strength in every weakness?
- ❖ Looking for a key to set you free from all shades of anger and resentment?
- ❖ Is your love dimmed and your heart needing to be open to love of yourself, others and God?

Our Lenten Theme – ***Christ Be Our Light***, is an opportunity for God's unconditional acceptance, forgiveness and healing to shine through our dark thoughts, feelings and actions. Prayer is the key transforming fear into faith, doubt into hope and closed hearts into love in action.

Join us by participating in the prayer and practices offered through the bulletin, website and weekly homilies.

Step into the bright light of freedom by praying our Lenten prayer daily:

***Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine in the darkness.
We shine your love,
Placing our hope and trust in you.***

Pray with our Lenten Hymn by reading and reflecting on one verse each day.

Reflection Question: How can I bring light into someone else's life?

Activity: What one action will I take to be light?

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT!

Refrain:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine in the darkness.

We shine your love,

Placing our hope and trust in you. (ADAPTED)

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,

Light for the world to see.

Refrain

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has pow'r to save us.

Make us your living voice.

Refrain

Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others,

Shared until all are fed.

Refrain

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others,

Walls made of living stone.

Refrain

Many the gifts, many the people,

Many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another,

Making your kingdom come.

Refrain

Text and Tune Bernadette Farrell

**LAST YEAR'S PALMS MAY BE PLACED
IN THE PURPLE PALM BARREL
IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE**

MARCH 6, 2018

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Masses with Eucharist and distribution of ashes:

7:00 AM, 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

4:00 PM Prayer Service with distribution of ashes

LENTEN PRAYERS AND PRACTICES

Renew your faith and your spiritual life for service and love for one another.

Lenten Practices:

- Participating in weekly or even daily celebration of the **Eucharist** is the most perfect prayer and Lenten observance
- Days of **Fast and Abstinence**: Ash Wednesday and 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.
- **Lenten penance** includes acts of self-denial as a tool for mindfulness of God's bountiful gifts and presence and/or an increase in charitable acts and works of kindness.
- Engage in the variety of opportunities for community and private prayer and reflection.

Prayer Opportunities

- **Bible Study**: Mondays at 11:00 am in Church
- **Meditation Hour**: Thursday, March 14th at 7 pm
Thursday, April 11th at 7 pm
- **"Whom Shall I Send?" - Lenten Musical**: Sunday, March 17th at 3:00 pm
- **Adoration**: April 6th 11 am - 1pm
- **WELCOME HOME**: Sacrament of **Reconciliation**; Mondays 7:00 to 8:00 pm
Saturdays 4:00 to 5:00 pm
- **Stations of the Cross**: Fridays 7:00 pm in Church
Living Stations of the Cross: Friday, March 29th, 7pm
- Follow the bulletin and website for our parish theme **Christ Be Our Light**

RCIA

Journey with Us!

Monday, March 11th from **7:00-8:30 pm** in the Russo Room. Join us as Fr. Joe discusses scripture, the Synoptic Gospels and Reconciliation. All are welcome! For more information about **RCIA**, please call Donna Scancarella at 973-779-6200.

BIBLE STUDY

Eight week Bible Study sessions on **Mondays** in Church at **11 am** during Lent. We will discuss the mission of the apostles, the parables of Jesus and His healing mission ending with His Passion, Death and Resurrection.

GOOD NEWS FOR PARENTS

Join us on **Sunday, March 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: Apr. 7, May 5.

All are welcome!

MEDITATION HOUR

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

WHOM SHALL I SEND?

A musical drama presented by the Xavier Company
The call of the disciples... The call to conversion... A story of faith, love and friendship

Sunday March 17th at 3:00 PM

Saint Philip the Apostle Church
Freewill Donation

An exciting new musical finds its roots in the New Testament as it depicts God's call to the disciples and their response. The play explores the humanity of the disciples – their doubts, fears and joys– as they respond to the call of the risen Christ. The energetic dialogue, vibrant songs and dances celebrate the spiritual journey of Peter, Paul, John, Mary Magdalene and Lydia. It explores the unique way that each character is called by God and inspires audiences to reflect on the call of God in their own lives. This poignant and moving drama engages the audience in a story of faith, love and friendship.

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

2019 TRICKY TRAY

St. Philip Prep Annual Tricky Tray
School Auditorium

797 Valley Rd., Clifton

Friday, March 15, 2019

Doors open at 5:30 pm

Tickets \$15 per person

(includes 1 sheet of General Bidding Tickets)

Tickets on sale now!

See Karen Powers at the front desk in school lobby

From 8:30 am – 12:30 pm Monday – Friday

or contact Carol Urquhart at 973-472-3523

No one under 18 permitted

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1 – 6: **Sunday, March 3**

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

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

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

ROSARY SOCIETY

SAVE THE DATE! Monday, March 11th is the date for our next Rosary Society meeting. It will begin at 6:30 pm with Mass and the Rosary in the Auditorium. We had 30 people participate in the Rosary conference call in February - a special thanks to all those who were able to join us!

SPOUSAL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

Next meeting: **Tuesday, March 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

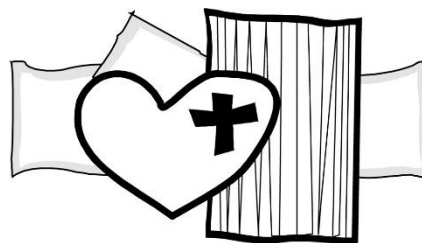
PRAY FOR

DECEASED: Annette Cavallini, Adriana LaFrada

THE SICK: Rose Lucignani, Antony Fernandes, Victoria Spadofora, Monique Tommaro, Carol Skolds

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: MARCH 9/10, 2019

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



EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019

- 8:00** Mary Ellen Rozzell
John Trommelen, Sr.
10:00 Mark G. Emr
John Zmudsky
12:00 All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019

- 7:00** Dorothy Snelson
9:00 Loretta Pennella

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019

- 7:00** James Grabarits
9:00 Henry C. Zak

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019 ASH WEDNESDAY

- 7:00AM** Rose Yenason
9:00AM Thomas Critchley
7:00PM Jeanne M. Myers

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2019

- 7:00** Anita DeLuca
9:00 Teresa Pyrtko

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2019

- 7:00** Patricia D. Bolwell
9:00 Rosina Armetta

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019

- 9:00** Joe DiDonna
5:30 All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019

- 8:00** Anne & John Tolvay, Sr.
10:00 Walter Stefanacci – 7th Anniversary
John Zmudsky
12:00 Rosemary Pupalitis

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: FEBRUARY 25, 2018	\$19,193.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: FEBRUARY 24, 2019	
Envelopes	\$11,125.00

Cash	\$ 1,402.00
Online giving donation	\$ 4,958.00
Total	\$17,475.00
Second Collection: Project Faith	\$ 2,453.00