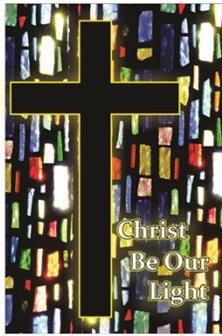


## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



### ***Christ Be Our Light***

Follow our theme and review past reflections on our website [www.stphilip.org](http://www.stphilip.org)

#### **The Gifts of the Holy Spirit Light our Way**

The Risen Christ commissioned the disciples and therefore us, to go out into the world and proclaim the Good News! Part of the Good News of Jesus Christ is the power of the Holy Spirit at work within us and among us. We are given all that we need to be the Light of Christ to others in our mission to love and to work for justice and the flourishing of all people.

As we journey through the Easter Season to Pentecost the same Holy Spirit that propelled the disciples to live their mission of *Opus Christi, Christ's Work* enlightens us.

Through Baptism and Confirmation we are empowered with spiritual gifts. During this Easter Season we will explore thematically the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and experience them at work in our lives in new ways.

#### **Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

- **Fear of the Lord ("WOW!" Awe, Wonder, Amazement)** is awakening to God's blessings freely given: in the beauty of creation, the truth of compassion deep within us, the goodness of loving relationships – recognizing that "All is Gift."
- **Piety (Reverence)** is living gratefully in a graced world with a profound respect for all life and a passion to be faithful stewards of God's bountiful gifts.
- **Fortitude (Courage)** enables us to dream of what is possible with Christ's love. Fortitude emboldens us to take responsibility for that vision and to creatively make it a reality.
- **Right Counsel** helps us to sift and sort in prayer what cannot be changed and needs to be accepted and what can be changed and needs to be accomplished.
- **Knowledge** focuses our priorities and shifts our perspective to think, feel and act with faith, hope and love.

- **Understanding** is seeing, feeling and listening with the "ear of our heart." Understanding and compassion are God's heart.
- **Wisdom** enables us to discern and relish God's presence in all things, to trust in Providence and to therefore live with compassion on the journey.

#### **Week II – Gift of the Holy Spirit – Reverence**

**Piety (Reverence)** is living gratefully in a graced world with a profound respect for all life and a passion to be faithful stewards of God's bountiful gifts.

#### **Need a Day between Saturday and Sunday?**

Last Saturday Fr. Matt, Fr. Joseph and I walked over to the Greek Festival across the street and wandered through the Flea Market. Fr. Joseph noticed a glass coaster that read, "I really need a day between Saturday and Sunday." We 3 priests laughed because the last thing we need is a longer weekend! However, for most people the weekend is a time without work and an extra day would make it all the sweeter. It has been observed that the sound for waking on a Saturday morning is AHHHH, Monday morning UGHHH. The good news is that our spiritual life and relationship with God offers us an extra day any weekend or any day of the week. We could call the extra day *Prayerday*. Prayer transforms every day into an adventure – an exciting treasure hunt as we seek to discover the gifts that can be found in every situation. *Prayerdays* are the keys that set us free from unnecessary worry and anxiety. In prayer, we recognize that all things work for good in every minute because we can trust in God's Providence. *Prayerdays* turn our UGHHH's into AHHHH's whenever we desire to use our time, talent and treasure as faithful stewards by being love in action to the people around us.

*Prayerday* starts whenever we pay attention to our God who desires to be in relationship with us in every moment. Our prayerful attention to God in all things is the gift of the Holy Spirit called Reverence. Reverence is the gift that empowers us to turn any day into a *Prayerday*. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us how to begin a *Prayerday*. Jesus invites us to listen carefully to the voice of the Good Shepherd who is gently calling us to experience a *Prayerday*. Sometimes our days and nights get off to a bad start; the good news is that we can restart any day at any time whenever we pray. In challenging circumstances we get in between any situation by adding prayer in thanksgiving, in petition or for the good of others.

The rest, the peace of mind, the freedom from anxiety, the opportunity to enjoy the people we love or to help people in need, the freedom from the burden of labor, the opportunity to praise God, worship and share our faith and community are all characteristics of the weekend. What a gift an extra weekend day would be any day of the week – this is possible when we hear the voice of the Good Shepherd gently calling us to make each day a *Prayerday*.

## Reflection and Activity

The next time your day is feeling like an *UGHHH* listen for the gentle voice of the Good Shepherd who is calling you to pray. Ask our Lord to help you to start a new day. God desires to transform your day into a brand-new day - a *Prayerday*. Give thanks for your gifts. Pray for what you need. Reach out and become love in action for another person. Prayer can turn your *UGHHH* day into an *AAHHH* day – a *Prayerday*.  
Need a day between Saturday and Sunday? *Prayerday*.

## CELEBRATING PENTECOST 2019: JUNE 8 & 9

### Multi-language Liturgy

Acts of the Apostles (2:4) reports that on the feast of Pentecost all were “filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.” The multiple languages at Pentecost demonstrate God's desire to be in relation with all people. God speaks to each heart in a unique way. Our celebration of Pentecost will be a multi-language liturgy serving as a symbol of God's ongoing action to renew the face of the earth.

**Volunteers are being sought to proclaim the Scripture readings and general intercessions in their native language.** Please contact Donna Scancarella at 973-779-6200 or [dscancarella@stphilip.org](mailto:dscancarella@stphilip.org) for more information and to volunteer.

### Festive Clothing

On the first Pentecost the Spirit hovered over the disciples like tongues of fire. The manifestation of God's power symbolizes the fire of love that compels the followers of Jesus through spirituality, service and social ministry. Therefore, parishioners are invited to wear **flame colors of red, yellow or orange**. Our multi-colored glow will be a communal affirmation of our commitment to rekindle the fire of God's love and to live our mission working for peace and justice with zeal.

### Flag Bearers Needed

Our Pentecost Eucharist procession is led by our flag bearers. We need six volunteers for each Mass on Pentecost weekend as carriers. The flags are more cumbersome than heavy; however moderate upper body strength is a requirement. A sign-up sheet for each Mass time can be found in the Sacristy.

## Mother's Day Prayer

Loving God,  
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,  
so you watch over your Church.  
Bless these women,  
that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.  
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters,  
may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

## PARISH MAY CROWNING

On Mother's Day, **Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**, following the 8 am Mass, the Statue of Mary in the Bell Tower will be crowned. Please join us along with the First Communion children and the Rosary Society as we pray a decade of the Rosary and sing a Marian hymn.

## RCIA

RCIA continues with the process of *Mystagogia* which is a Greek word meaning “*mystery*”. We go from *learning* to *living* our faith more fully. Our next session is **Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>** at 7 pm in the Russo Room. The topic is Catholic Social Teaching. All are welcome.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Pray for our children as they receive their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion and our Confirmation candidates as they prepare to receive the Sacrament on **May 28<sup>th</sup>**.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**“THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN I HAVE EVER SEEN!”**

**Saturday, May 18**

**Holy Hour 11:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**11:00 Presentation: Fr. Joseph Boykow**



St. Bernadette, seeing Mary for the first time at Lourdes in France, described her as the most beautiful woman she had ever seen, calling to her as her Mother. We can all say that our Blessed Mother is the most beautiful in heart, in spirit, in faithful discipleship. Like St. Bernadette, we too, see Mary as the Mother of God, the Mother of our Church, and our own Mother. Share the beauty of coming to know our Blessed Mother through the apparition at Lourdes. All are welcome.

***Sponsored by the Columbiettes.***

## SPRING CONCERT

The Adult, Youth and Handbell Choirs of St. Philip the Apostle will present their annual Spring Concert on **Sunday, May 19** at 3:00 PM in church. The concert will feature sacred music. A free-will offering is appreciated. Please join us.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**ST. PHILIP'S 40<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CARNIVAL**

	Thursday June 13 6-10 PM
	Friday June 14 6-11 PM
	Saturday June 15 6:30-11 PM

VALLEY RIDES & AMUSEMENTS  
Rides Games Food

## CARNIVAL KICK-OFF MEETING FOR VOLUNTEERS

**Tuesday, May 21 at 7:00 PM** in the Russo Room  
Join us as we plan our 40th Annual Carnival. All are welcome!!!

## MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

We offer a resounding **thank you** to our pastor, associate pastors, parish secretary, and our entire parish community for your ongoing, unfailing support. We thank everyone who joined us on May 5<sup>th</sup> for our annual Mass and Communion Breakfast, and our Brother Knights who labored to provide a wonderful buffet. Special thanks to Fr. Matt, our guest speaker and honoree, for giving us an informative, as well as entertaining, behind-the-scene look at his creation of our parish's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary DVD documentary.

Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday: 8:00 pm VFW Hall - Valley Rd

### WIDOW/WIDOWERS

**Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:00 pm** in the Molloy Center. Come for prayers, socialization and meeting new friends.

### SPOUSAL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

Next meetings: **Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> and May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** in the Russo Room. Please contact Thalia Sanchez 862-295-1688.

### COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

Next meeting: **Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** in Cerullo Hall.

The Columbiettes would like to wish all the mothers of the parish a Blessed Mother's Day, especially our heavenly mother for being the example we all need to follow.

The Blanket Ministry will meet **Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 9:45 am** in the Molloy Center. This will be the last meeting until September. Any questions- call Cathie Murtha 973-471-1265.

### ROSARY SOCIETY

- Next meeting: **Monday, May 20** beginning with the Rosary at **6:00 pm** in Church; Mass will follow at **6:30 pm**. This is our Induction Meeting, pizza party, and annual group picture! Don't miss it!
- **Social Tea: Sunday, June 2**, beginning at 2:00 pm (doors open at 1:30 pm) in the Auditorium. Call Elaine Vigilante at 973-472-9019 to reserve your seat today. Tickets on sale now and still only \$25! Everyone is welcome – Hats a plus and Teacups a must!

## ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

This week St. Philip Prep students enjoyed a wonderful production of *Mary Poppins* performed by the eighth graders. Thank you to Mrs. Banyai, Ms. Bennett, Mr. Hydash and all of those who contributed for all their efforts to make this event possible. Fifth graders are looking forward to their field trip this week to Sterling Mines. Students in every grade are preparing for our annual Multicultural Day event. Mrs. Higgins' fifth-grade class is preparing to host *Writers' Café* showcasing books that students have written. Blessings to all of our students who are receiving First Holy Communion this month. Many thanks to Mrs. Pannullo and Ms. Patel for their dedication in preparing the students for this blessed event.

### PRAY FOR

**THE SICK:** Rose Lucignani, Antony Fernandes, Victoria Spadofora, Michael Alban, Sr., Vincent Ramundo, Gary J. Arvardy

**THE DECEASED:** Frank LoGioco, Tina DeBorger

### PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: MAY 18 & 19, 2019

5:30 PM Fr. Kevin	8:00 AM Fr. Joseph
10:00 AM Fr. Joe	12:00 N Fr. Joe
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Communion</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Communion</b>

### PARISH GIVING

EASTER COLLECTION 2018	\$58,303.00
EASTER COLLECTION 2019 YTD	\$60,568.00
Sunday Collection, May 6, 2018	\$17,732.00
Sunday Collection: May 5, 2019	
Envelopes	\$14,009.00
Cash	\$ 1,790.00
Online giving donation	\$ 5,488.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$21,287.00</b>

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

#### SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2019

- 8:00** Virginia Castiglia  
Rosa Masino
- 10:00** Kyle Terry  
Maria DePiro  
Maryann Spohn  
Giovanna & Vincenza Minervini
- 12:00** All the People of the Parish

#### MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019

- 7:00** Dennis Borecki  
**9:00** Rose & Carmen Gravino

#### TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019

- 7:00** Sally Vullo  
**9:00** Bonifacio Flores

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019

- 7:00** Sr. Claudia Rossignoli  
**9:00** Brenda Foreman

#### THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019

- 7:00** Lucio Duenas  
**9:00** Jerry Piserchia

#### FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2019

- 7:00** Garbarino Family  
**9:00** Marcia Polini

#### SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019

- 9:00** Deacon Gregory DeLorenzo  
**5:30** Dec'd members Festa & Novaco Family  
Alexander & Jennie Gourley  
Nicole Pelletier

#### SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019

- 8:00** All the People of the Parish
- 10:00** Mark G. Emr  
Mary Journick – 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Lizet Lopez  
Margaret Yobs
- 12:00** Dorothy Neubert- 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Herb & Angela Pugliese

**Sanctuary Candle:** In Memory of  
Julia McNamara