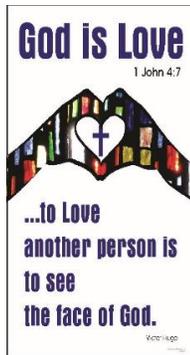


## 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### GOD IS LOVE: WEEK I

During the next weeks we are exploring our theme “**God Is Love**”. Bulletin articles, homilies, music, reflection questions and prayer practices will enable us to grow spiritually and to live our mission to do Christ’s Work as love in action. Follow our journey at [www.stphilip.org](http://www.stphilip.org).

### Banner Symbols

At the center of love’s heart is the cross, the symbol of God’s unconditional acceptance of us. The joined hands remind us that we love God by being love in action for one another. The hands reflect our Dalle de Verre stained-glass windows which represent the diversity of God’s gifts in us and in our Church as a community.

### God is Love 1 John: 7 – 21

*Beloved, let us love one another, because love has its source in God...No one has seen God, yet as we love each other God dwells in us and God’s love is perfected in us... We love because God first loved us...God is love.*

### “To love another person is to see the face of God.”

Victor Hugo was a French poet, novelist and dramatist 1802 – 1885. He is the author of the famous work *Les Miserables* immortalized on stage and on film from which the quote above is taken. All of love is relationship and connection to God, self and others. We are made in the image and likeness of God so to love another person is to see the face of God. Our love manifests God’s providence and reflects God’s Divine nature at work within us. Our mission to do *Opus Christi, Christ’s Work* is to turn our face to God. We turn our faces in prayer so that we may be empowered and perfected to reflect God’s image through our own faces, words and works of love in action. During our theme “**God Is Love**” we will explore ways to more fully experience God’s unconditional love for us, through prayer and practices, by turning our minds and hearts to be love in action.

### Our Theme Prayer:

**Lord, turn my face with grace to love.**

### Reflection

During this week, as we begin our prayerful journey of our theme, reflect on God’s love in your life.

1. What does “God is Love” mean to you?
2. How is God’s love manifest in your life? In the life of others?
3. Who are the faces of love that reveal God to you? In the past? In the present?
4. Take a moment to thank God for the gift of love in your life.
5. What one action can you take to – turn your face with grace to be love in action for another person?

### + Giving Thanks for Time and Work +

#### LABOR DAY WEEKEND REFLECTIONS

The Labor Day Holiday Weekend is an appropriate time to give God thanks for the gift of the purpose and meaning of our time and work. Uniquely created, we are called to share of ourselves in many ways with each other. This is our work in the simplest form: **OPUS CHRISTI** – doing Christ’s work is **our** mission and purpose. In a word, our work is to **LOVE!**

### **BLESSED ARE YOU, LORD OUR GOD, WHO ENHANCES OUR LIVES WITH WORK**

*For the gift of work, we are grateful in this prayer.*

*As sons and daughters of Adam and Eve, we follow in the steps of our first parents who, before their fall, worked joyfully with their hands in Your Garden of Eden, Lord and Creator.*

*We are thankful for the dignity and creative challenge of our unique tasks.*

*For the work that ennobles us, that lifts our spirits, we are grateful.*

*By the means of these labors, we are able to give flesh to our spiritual dreams and to work out the salvation of the earth.*

*We take time to thank You for those common tasks that we must perform each day, those necessary labors of life by which, according to Your divine plan, we are also able to create the Kingdom here in our midst.*

*We daily follow in the footsteps of Jesus, the carpenter of Nazareth, and in the way of Mary, his mother, who gracefully worked at the tasks of her home, as we rejoice in the opportunities for work that form us in Your love.*

*With St. Paul, the tent maker, with St. Peter, the fisherman, we too labor in love as we proclaim the mysteries of Your Gospel of good news.*

*Help us Lord our God to use the work of this day-to perform it with mindfulness and attention, with care and devotion-that it will be holy and healing for us and for all the earth.*

*Blessed are You, Lord our God, who enhances our lives with work.*

*Amen +*

*Edward Hays*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

All parish families are invited to register your children in our Religious Education and Confirmation Programs. Please note this year all registrations are only being completed online. Visit our parish website ([www.stphilip.org](http://www.stphilip.org)) to register. Online registration closes on **September 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

**In-person registration opportunity: Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Russo Room.**

Questions or concerns? Contact our office by phone 973- 779-1439 or email [reled@stphilip.org](mailto:reled@stphilip.org).

### **Journey with Us Open Your Heart to God Discover the Keys to the Kingdom RCIA**

Are you interested in exploring your spiritual life?  
Do you want to discover the abundance of God's love and 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 all these questions and discover the keys to the kingdom. We invite you to be our companion on the journey. We gather on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Russo Room. If you would like more information about **RCIA**, please call Donna Scancarella at 973-779-6200.

### **2019 VIVERE CHRISTUS AWARD RECIPIENTS ED & EVELYN KOVACS**

Bishop Serratelli continues the annual tradition of recognizing individuals in each parish who are faithful stewards and personify love in action as described by St. Paul in his words, "*Vivere Christus est*, for me to live is Christ." Ed & Evelyn Kovacs will be presented with The Annual *VIVERE CHRISTUS AWARD* on **Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** - 3:30 pm at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Paterson.

Ed and Evelyn Kovacs have been active members of St. Philip's since they were married in October of 1965. Spiritual, service and social ministry are the keys they use to live their mission. Ed is a member of St. Philip's Knights of Columbus and Evelyn is a Columbiette. Both are active members of our Prime Timers social group and have been organizers and volunteers of our Carnival for over 25 years. Ed and Evelyn always say "Yes" when asked to help out in any way and are usually asking us, "How can we help?" They attend 10:00 Mass every Sunday. Their faith is truly the center of their life.

Please keep Ed and Evelyn in your grateful prayer and all are welcome to join us at the award ceremony.

### **Saint Philip Women's Cornerstone Retreat**

**November 15 & 16, 2019**

***Go Light Your World***

*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, 6:30PM to 10:30PM**

**Saturday, 8:30AM to 6:30PM**

Registration Donation: \$50

Registration opens online [September 14, 2019](http://September 14, 2019) at [StPhilip.org](http://StPhilip.org)

Please email any questions

to [Cornerstone@StPhilip.org](mailto:Cornerstone@StPhilip.org) or call

The Molloy Center (973)779-6200.

Hear testimonials and have your questions answered after all masses the weekend of **September 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**.

## MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**September 4:** Mass with Installation of Council Officers 7:30 pm in the Church. Reception follows in the School Auditorium. PARISH IS INVITED TO ATTEND!

**September 18:** Regular Meeting- VFW - Valley Rd - 8:00 pm  
**12th Annual Golf Outing**

The Knoll West Golf Course - Parsippany

**Thursday, September 19, 2019 11:00 AM**

For information and reservations,  
call Brian Kulesa at 973-418-0285

### **ROSARY SOCIETY**

**Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** is the date for our first Rosary Society meeting of the year. It will begin at 6:00 pm in Church followed by the Rosary. This meeting is our annual Ice Cream Party.

Please join us – ALL ARE WELCOME!

### **WIDOW/WIDOWERS**

**Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>** at **6:00 pm** in the Molloy Center. Come for prayer, socialization and meeting new friends.

### **SPOUSAL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY**

Next meeting **Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday September 25<sup>th</sup>** at **7:00 pm** in the Russo Room. Please contact Thalia Sanchez 862-295-1688

### **NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE UNBORN**

**Saturday, September 14, 2019**

9:00 am Mass followed by Prayer Vigil in the Auditorium

A time to memorialize the unborn and a time for healing

Guest speaker is our own Msg. Kevin Flanagan

Sponsored by the Columbiettes, Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. For information please contact Sharon Festa 973 742-0926 or GK Jack Houston 201 452-3817.

**PRIME TIMERS**

Our first meeting will be held on **Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**. Parishioners 55 and older are invited. Hear about exciting plans for the upcoming year.

**ST. PHILIP'S PLAYERS RETURN TO THE STAGE!**

**NOTE DATE CHANGE**

**November 1 & 2:** *Love Can Build A Bridge*, an original musical revue. Saturday includes dinner catered by the Brownstone. Friday's dessert show is sponsored by Maple Valley Diner. Presale tickets coming soon. Info, volunteers, performers: contact [Jschreck1475@gmail.com](mailto:Jschreck1475@gmail.com) for an immediate response.

**SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Couples married in 1969 or 1999 are invited to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Serratelli will serve as the main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held: **Sunday, November 3rd, 2019 at 3:30 pm**. Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. **The deadline to register is Friday, October 11th, 2019.**

**ST. PHILIP'S CHOIR**



**Join Us in Song!  
Opportunities in Music Ministry**

Do you have some musical inclination? What a great way to fulfill service hours and enrich your own faith life and practice!

Music helps words get into our hearts and minds. The role of music in the church is to further enhance the speaking, listening and participation of the presider and congregation. Please consider joining one of our music ministries this year. All ministries are open to ages high school, college and adult. No formal choral or instrumental music background required. Commitment and good attitude a must! All rehearsals are held in church. Please come to the first rehearsal or see Frank Hydash after any mass for more information.

**NEW CHOIR MEMBERS WELCOME**

**Adult Choir** – Can you match pitch? Every voice part welcome!

**Rehearsals:** Mondays 7:00 – 9:00pm

**First Rehearsal:** Monday, September 9, 2019

*Sings every Sunday at the 10:00AM Liturgy + Holy Days and 2 concerts/year*

**Handbells** – Non-singers with any music background or interest.

**Rehearsals:** Mondays 6:00pm – 6:45pm

**First Rehearsal:** Monday, October 7, 2019

*Plays only at seasonal masses (Christmas Eve, Palm Sunday and 2 concerts/year)*



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**PRAY FOR**

**THE SICK:** Rose Lucignani, Antony Fernandes, Victoria Spadofora, Michael Alban, Sr., Gary J. Arvary, Judy Post, Marya Columbia, Kyle Rodrigues, John Kassai, Fred VanDuyne, Patricia Giuditta, Roberto Domingo, Evelyn Domingo, Dan Cotto

**THE DECEASED:** Gloria Peterson, Matthew Hawryluk, III

**PARISH GIVING**

Sunday Collection, August 26, 2018	\$17,210.00
Sunday Collection: August 25, 2019	
Envelopes	\$15,599.00
Cash	\$ 1,314.00
Online giving donation	\$ 4,961.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,274.00</b>
Second Collection: Project Faith	\$ 2,385.00

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2019**

- 8:00** Victor Potkalesky  
Yolanda & Antonio Villano
- 10:00** Claire Neglia  
Arlene Armstrong  
Natale Minervini
- 12:00** John Kenney  
Geronimo Atinaja

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2019**

- 9:00** Elias Kovach

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019**

- 7:00** Tammy DiSanto
- 9:00** Kyle Terry

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2019**

- 7:00** Louise Cali
- 9:00** Fred Anthony  
Andrew Doychak

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2019**

- 7:00** Robert Lynch
- 9:00** Laura & Frank Slasinski

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2019**

- 7:00** Wes Cokely
- 9:00** Anthony, Dolores & James Butera

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2019**

- 9:00** Rocco Carlucci
- 5:30** Andrew & Emily Sokerka  
Deacon Al Ciampa – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
John Zambrotta

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019**

- 8:00** Peter Kenny  
Joseph A. Murray
- 10:00** Don Muller  
C. Mildred Petaccio  
Michael Hreha  
Kathryn Miragliotta
- 12:00** All the People of the Parish

**PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: SEPTEMBER 7 & 8, 2019**

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

**THE DAILY 7 AM MASS WILL RESUME ON  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**