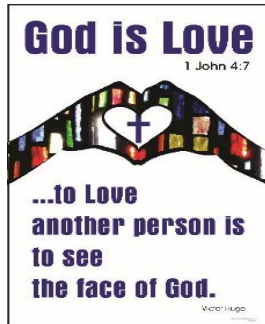


TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 6, 2019



GOD IS LOVE: WEEK VI

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.

Banner Symbols

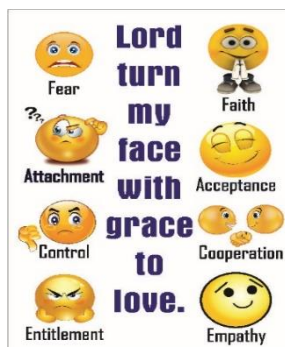
At the center of love’s heart is the cross, the symbol of God’s unconditional acceptance of us. The joined hands remind us that we love God by being love in action for one another. The hands reflect our Dalle de Verre stained-glass windows which represent the diversity of God’s gifts in us and in our 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 (1802 – 1885) was a French poet and novelist. He is the author of the famous work *Les Miserables* from which the quote is taken.



Our Theme Prayer:

Lord, turn my face with grace to love.

Turning our face with grace to love is a prayer practice based on St. Ignatius of Loyola’s prayer The Examen. This type of prayer takes an honest look at our thoughts, feelings and motivations. It invites God to move our mind, hearts and will toward loving self, others and God.

Banner Symbols

The first acronym (vertical left column) in our theme **F.A.C.E** – **Fear, Attachment, Control, Entitlement** is based on the ideas of David Richo and Mark Thibodeaux S.J.

The center prayer, **Lord, turn my face with grace to love** and the second acronym (vertical right column) is an original idea of our theme **F.A.C.E.** – **Faith, Acceptance, Cooperation, Empathy**.

In prayer we turn from **Fear** to **Faith** – **Attachment** to **Acceptance** – **Control** to **Cooperation** – **Entitlement** to **Empathy**.

Prayer Practice Procedure

1. Ask for the Grace (Gift) of honest prayer
2. Reflect on the banner/Prayer Card words or emoji’s
3. Ask the Lord to help you FACE which applies most to you in this present moment
4. Choose one that seems most appropriate
5. Ask the Lord to turn your face with grace toward love
6. What thoughts, feelings or ideas come to you in this prayer?
7. Simply recognizing what is within us with God as our companion is often enough for a change
8. Ask “OK God, what is the good news?” Give thanks.

This Prayer can be prayed once or twice a day. Keeping it brief is helpful, it is about growing in awareness and spending time with God.

For homily and all weeks of the theme, please visit our website: stphilip.org and YouTube: [stphilipclifton](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4u8qUzUd18Bv9pD8E8i80g)

Guide For Prayer - Turning To Love

- Fear:** What causes me anxiety, stress, uncomfortableness?
Faith: St. Paul writes, “I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.” Phil 4:13
- Attachment:** What person, idea or behavior is obsessing my mind? Recognize it with God and move on...
- Acceptance:** God grant me the serenity to accept what I cannot change...
- Control:** Where am I trying too hard to control people, organizations, outcomes? This is difficult to admit.
- Cooperation:** God grant me the wisdom to change (ONLY) what I can and to leave the rest to your Provident care.
- Entitlement:** What do I think is owed me because of my effort, goodness, sacrifice? Even if these seem “fair” these ideas are unproductive.
- Empathy:** Others may be unaware, unable or unwilling to deliver what we expect. Pray – “Lord bless (name or This Clown) and transform me to set me free.”

Reflection Week VI

Once upon a time in a tiny village in Poland, famine visited the land. Hungry villagers trying to control the situation hoard what little food they have behind locked doors and closed shutters. One day old Mateusz – a stranger to the townspeople – visits carrying a large pot and a large stone.

Sitting next to the village well, he fills the pot with water and the stone announcing, "I will now make stone soup." He invites curious children to gather some sticks and starts a fire under the pot. As the water boils, he tastes his soup saying, "MMM... So good. A little salt would help. Whomever brings some salt can share in my delicious soup." From within a hut scurries a villager adding some salt to the pot. "Perhaps an onion will help?" A peasant comes forth with an onion and so it goes – a carrot – a potato – an old chicken – all into the pot. And that day the whole village ate their fill of the fine soup. They feasted abundantly because their faces turned from control to cooperation.

We are familiar with this old folk fable. Yet, it is timely because it points to a spiritual reality that we encounter every day. We are invited by God to share our gifts and talents through cooperation with each other. The challenge found in and relationships that we desire to control are really in need of cooperation. Only prayer can replace our fear with faith, our unhealthy attachments with acceptance and our obsession with control, the grace of cooperation.

Our reading from Habakkuk gives God's vision for us which includes our cooperation in offering help to others as God helps us. Paul encourages Timothy to stir into flame all the gifts given from God. We are encouraged to use self-control when we seek to hoard our gifts by prayerfully asking for God's power and an increase of love. The Gospel teaches that even the smallest act of cooperation, with faith the size of a mustard seed, has limitless potential in God's hands.

Activity

Trying to control situations or people is a frustrating and a futile endeavor.

1. What pot of control is boiling in your life? Ask the Lord to turn your face with grace to love toward cooperation.
2. Pray for the wisdom to know how you can change by adding to the pot
3. Pray from the list of ingredients below which will be your cooperative act added to your pot:
Kindness, Gentleness, Strength, Resilience, Caring, Assertiveness, Hard work, Honesty, Responsibility, Loyalty, Creativity, Sensitivity, Patience, Thoughtfulness, Trustworthiness, Taking initiative, Motivation, Prayer.

Lord turn our face with grace to love, so that all will be fed by my words and deeds with a nourishing bowl of cooperation.

RCIA

For information about the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** or **RCIA**, visit our website stphilip.org or call Donna Scancarella at 973-779-6200.

Saint Philip Women's Cornerstone Retreat

November 15 & 16, 2019

Go Light Your World

Retreat Times: **Friday, 6:30PM to 10:30PM**

Saturday, 8:30AM to 6:30PM

Registration Donation: \$50

Register online at StPhilip.org

Please email any questions
to Cornerstone@StPhilip.org or call

The Molloy Center (973)779-6200.

2019 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: "FOR I WAS HUNGRY"

While there are many ways to donate to the Annual Appeal, there is one option unique to people who are 70 ½ or over and have an IRA. Instead of taking your required minimum distribution, you can instruct your IRA investment manager to donate this distribution to a charity such as the Bishop's Annual Appeal and this automatically omits this amount from your adjusted gross income. This can be a significant benefit to you and a great way to support the work of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. For more information, call the Bishop's Annual Appeal office at 973-777-8818, ext. 218. Please be sure to first discuss this with your financial or tax advisor to make sure it is right for you.

MEDITATION HOUR

As Water to the Thirsty

Thursday, October 10th at 7:00 PM in Church

Please join us for prayer, guided meditation and reflection.



FEAST DAY OF POPE SAINT JOHN XXIII

Friday, October 11 following the 9 am mass in Church - a 20 minute presentation on the life and times of Pope Saint John XXIII, featuring his writing, "Journal of a Soul", and his encyclical, "Pacem in Terris" (Peace on Earth). Presented by Jack Houston - Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus. Everyone welcome

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE PREPARATORY

The Saint Philip Prep students have adjusted to their back to school routine. The first-grade students are studying the life cycle of a frog. They even have a tadpole that they examine each day. Second graders are focusing on adding great detail to their writing and zooming into small moments. The fifth-grade science students are learning about the scientific method and how to identify variables. They are currently doing an airplane lab and changing the size of their paper airplane to see how it affects the airplane's flight. The fifth grade Kaleidoscope class constructed circle graphs that display the percentage of signers of the Declaration of Independence by birthplace. 18% of the signers were from New Jersey and 58% of the signers were from Virginia. All grades are starting the year off strong.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Class schedule for October:

Sunday, 10/6 Grades 1-6; **Sunday, 10/20** - Grades 2, 7-10. Families are encouraged to attend the 8:00 am Mass on class dates. Class will begin immediately after Mass.

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

MUSIC MINISTRY

Handbell choir rehearsals begin **Monday, October 7th** at 6:00 pm in church. Handbells play at holidays and concerts only. Adult choir meets **Mondays** 7-9 pm upstairs in the choir loft and sings every Sunday morning at 10 am. *Turn your face with grace to love with music!* Great opportunities for service hours!

LEGION OF MARY

Weekly meetings at 9:45 am on **Mondays** in the Molloy Center. For information call Veni Evangelista at 973-393-5120

CUB SCOUT POPCORN SALE

St. Philip's Pack 21 annual Popcorn Fundraiser, **October 5 & 6**. Please support our primary fundraiser to fund our programs including camping, multiple hikes and the Pinewood Derby.

ROSARY SOCIETY

Next meeting **Monday, October 7**. Beginning at 6:30 pm with Mass in the Auditorium followed by the Rosary. Please join us – all are welcome!

SPOUSAL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

Next meetings **Tuesday, October 8th & 22nd** at **7:00 pm** in the Russo Room. Please contact Thalia Sanchez 862-295-1688

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY - October 13: Join us after the 8 am, 10 am, and 12 Noon Masses in the Auditorium. Coffee, tea, juice, and light refreshments will be served. Share in the friendship of our fellow parishioners. All are welcome!
Meeting: **October 16** will be held at the VFW on Valley Road.

BIBLE STUDY

An eight-week Bible study session will resume on **Monday, October 21st**. St. Paul's letters to the Ephesians, Colossians and Galatians will be the topics for discussion and prayer.

ST. PHILIP'S PLAYERS RETURN TO THE STAGE!

Love Can Build A Bridge-an original musical revue

Friday, November 1 and Saturday, November 2

Friday dessert theatre (\$25)

Saturday dinner theatre (\$40)

Maple Valley Diner dessert sponsor.

Tickets on sale at: StPhilipsPlayers@gmail.com

SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples married in 1969 or 1999 are invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th 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 October 15th, 2019.

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, Dan Cotto, Theresa Evans, Tom Tromellen, Katie Gerber, Louis Paparella, Nerae Alfano

THE DECEASED: Marion M. Ranges

PARISH GIVING

Sunday Collection: September 30, 2018	\$17,251.00
Sunday Collection: September 29, 2019	
Envelopes	\$12,382.00
Cash	\$ 1,486.00
Online giving donation	\$ 5,234.00
TOTAL	\$19,102.00

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Hb 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 TM 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019

- 8:00** All the People of the Parish
10:00 Francesco & Angelina Castaldo
Michael Konopka
Frank Chillemi
12:00 Genevieve "Jean" Tarnowski
Dennis Mulheren
Living & Deceased Rosarians

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2019

- 7:00** Benigno Jumao-as
9:00 Saverio & Rosemarie Caradonna

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019

- 7:00** Deceased members of the McNamara Family
9:00 Joanne M. Koval
Mary Ellen Valentin – 6th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2019

- 7:00** Robert Finizio
9:00 Maria & Giuseppe Esposito

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2019

- 7:00** Jerry T. and Michael Scrosia
9:00 Marilyn Hall

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2019

- 7:00** Norma Renta
9:00 Daniel Doyle

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019

- 9:00** Joe & Jessie DiDonna
5:30 Frank Salensky
Michael Louis Spada
Special Intention: Aurora DeLeon
Margot Segarra – 2nd Anniversary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2019

- 8:00** Emil Chowanec
10:00 Francesco Pugliano
Pasquale Pugliese
Shane Giunta
Elena Sanz
12:00 All the People of the Parish

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: OCTOBER 12 & 13, 2019

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