



in an endless beat. Although upset, she is fearful of confrontation and attached to her idea of how people should behave in a movie theater. She wishes to control their behavior because she is entitled to a quiet, non-jolting experience. Suddenly, she feels a hot, rough wet something on her neck. Enough! She turns quickly around and finds herself face to face with a German Shepherd. Next, she notices the blind man holding the collar of the seeing-eye dog. Of course, the talking was one man explaining the movie to the blind man. The kicking of her seat was the dog's tail and we presume that the dog licked her neck.

The ladies change of perspective was great! But what really changed - nothing; yet, what changed - everything!

The lady quickly moved, with her new perspective, to a deeper faith in the goodness of others. She accepted her situation because her compassion overcame her inconvenience. Empathy erased her annoyance and empowered her to cooperate with her gentle pat to the dog's head. The circumstances were the same yet her experience was transformed by grace.

In today's Gospel, the woman in the parable persistently works for her cause. Eventually, she turns the judge in her direction. She receives the outcome she wishes through persistence. During the last eight weeks we have explored and prayed with our Parish Theme: **God is Love**. We persistently prayed and used our prayer practices to turn our faces with grace to love. On this, our last theme week, we are challenged to continue using what we have learned to turn from fear to faith, from attachment to acceptance, from control to cooperation, from unhealthy entitlement to empathy.

### Prayer Practice

Ways to encourage continued engagement with our theme is:

- Remember our good experiences
- Celebrate God at work within us now
- Believe that God's power at work in us will continue to accomplish much more than we could ever hope for or imagine.

Take a moment to close your eyes. In prayer recall a time during the last weeks when you turned your face with grace to love. Thank God for that grace. What one action can you take to be love in action: faith, acceptance, cooperation or empathy?

Like the lady in the movie theater, when our perspective is different all is different. With prayer sometimes nothing changes, yet with prayer everything changes.

Lord, turn our faces with grace to love.

### THANK YOU FR. JOSEPH!

Fr. Joseph Boykow, our parochial vicar, has been transferred by Bishop Serratelli to St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Long Valley. St. Mark's is in need of his pastoral care because it is a dual parish which also serves Our Lady of the Mountain in Schooley's Mountain.

Throughout his time with us Fr. Joseph often referred to the prayer that he holds closest to his heart, "Jesus, I trust in You". May our prayer for him as he begins a new assignment deepen his trust in the Lord in all things.

We are grateful for his sharing in our mission, *Opus Christi*, Christ's Work, through his spiritual, service and social ministry. If you wish to express your gratitude to Fr. Joseph for his ministry to us, he may be reached after November 13<sup>th</sup> at the following address:

St. Mark the Evangelist - 59 Spring Lane, Long Valley, NJ 07853

### St. 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

Register online at [StPhilip.org](http://StPhilip.org)

Please email any questions to [Cornerstone@StPhilip.org](mailto:Cornerstone@StPhilip.org) or call The MolloyCenter (973) 779-6200

### SOCIAL MEDIA MINISTRY

Fr. Matt invites all who have an interest in social media, picture taking and possess skills in social media to participate in an experiment to bring *St. Philip the Apostle Parish* social media to a new level.

Join us on **Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 pm in the Jubilee Wing Youth Room. Please bring your laptop and be prepared to demonstrate your skills, creative ideas, hopes and dreams for St. Philip's. Help us to share the good news of God's desire to be in a relationship with all people. Join us in proclaiming through social media that God is love and that we are empowered to turn our faces with grace to love as God loves. Our mission, *Opus Christi*, is to do Christ's Work which is to be love in action.

### MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

#### GOOD NEWS FOR PARENTS

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU HAD A MOMENT TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF?

Join us **Sunday, October 20** at 9:00 am in the Russo Room  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Future session dates: **Nov. 17, Jan. 5, Feb. 9, Mar. 1, Mar. 29**

#### LEGION OF MARY

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

## BIBLE STUDY

An eight-week Bible study session will resume on **Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>** at 11:00 am in the Jubilee Wing Youth Room. You may enter from St. Philip Drive (the easiest entry) or from the office entrance. St. Paul's letters to the Ephesians, Colossians and Galatians will be the topics for discussion and prayer.

## WIDOW/WIDOWERS

**Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019** at 6:00 pm in the Molloy Center. Come for prayer, socialization and meeting new friends.

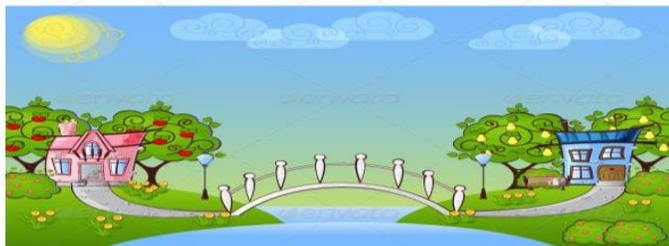
## SPOUSAL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

Next meeting **Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm in the Russo Room. Please contact Erica Kunzig at 201-452-7972.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Upcoming November meetings will be held in *Marian Hall* on **Wednesday - November 6 & 20**. All meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

*St. Philip's Players*  
Presents  
**LOVE CAN BUILD A BRIDGE**



**November 1 & 2 8:00 pm Performances**  
**November 1: Dessert Theatre \$25.00**  
**November 2: Dinner Theatre (6:30pm) \$40.00**  
**(Show only Nov 2 - \$25.00 – admission at 7:45pm)**  
**797 Valley Road Clifton, NJ 07013**  
**862-686-5544**  
**StPhilipsPlayers@gmail.com**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Class schedule: **Sunday, October 20** - Grades 2, 7-10.  
Sunday, November 17 – Grades 2, 7-10  
Sunday, November 24 – Grades 1-6

## PRAY FOR

**THE NEWLY BAPTIZED:** Samantha Hales Browne, child of Frank and Kathy  
Nicolo Christopher DiStefano, child of Nicholas & Alice

**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, Theresa Evans, Tom Tromellen, Katie Gerber,  
Louis Paparella, Nerae Alfano, Mario DeSena

**THE DECEASED:** Jean C. Kelchner, Emily Tarnowski, Josefina Aguado

## PARISH GIVING

Sunday Collection: October 14, 2018	\$21,237.00
Sunday Collection: October 13, 2019	
Envelopes	\$11,602.00
Cash	\$ 1,437.00
Online giving donation	\$ 5,975.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,014.00</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: Project Faith	\$ 2,404.00

## TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EX 17:8-13 2 TM 3:14-4:2 LK 18:1-8

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019

- 8:00** Thomas Ziemba  
**10:00** John D'Aquila  
Barbara Mieczkowski  
Diego Jimenez  
Albert Pineda  
**12:00** Victor Shami  
Emiliano Magno Cruz

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2019

- 7:00** Stanislaw Sudol – 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
**9:00** Joan Jeffas

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2019

- 7:00** Olga Sutphen  
**9:00** Lewis Castiglia

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2019

- 7:00** John Petruska  
**9:00** Richard Mascone

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2019

- 7:00** Mildred Scrosia  
**9:00** Joseph Padula, Jr. – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2019

- 7:00** Helaine Pohle  
**9:00** Don Muller

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019

- 9:00** Gary Neubert  
**5:30** Bill McNellis  
Nancy Markey  
John Gorman

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019

- 8:00** All the People of the Parish  
**10:00** Sophie, Stephen Makowski, Sr. & Jr.  
Caridad Angeles  
Elena Sanz  
Angelo Altieri  
**12:00** Donna DeMartino  
Abigail & Andrzej Zarebczan

**Sanctuary Candle:** In Memory of  
Father Tom Rainforth

**Offertory Gifts:** In Memory of  
Victor Shami  
From His Family

### PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: OCTOBER 26 & 27, 2019

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