

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

“They prostrated themselves and did him homage. They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” Matthew 2:11

Our daily invitation is to journey on the road in prayer offering our gifts in service to our brothers and sisters. Our gifts are not gold, frankincense and myrrh, but the duties and sacrifices of love given as gifts each day. Sharing our gifts is the way we live as grateful stewards of God’s bounty.

Reflection

The people asked, Speak to us of Giving:

You give but little when you give of your possessions.

It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.

For what are your possessions but things you keep and guard for fear you may need them tomorrow? . . .

And what is fear of need but need itself? Is not dread of thirst when your well is full, the thirst that is unquenchable?

There are those who give little of the much which they have - and they give for recognition and their hidden desire makes their gifts unwholesome.

And there are those who have little and give it all.

These are the believers in life and the bounty of life, and their coffer is never empty.

There are those who give with joy, and that joy is their reward.

And there are those who give with pain,

and that pain is their baptism. And there are those who give and know not pain in giving, nor do they seek joy, nor give with mindfulness of virtue; They give as in yonder valley the myrtle breathes its fragrance into space.

Through the hands of such as these God speaks, and from behind their eyes God smiles upon the earth. It is well to give when asked, but it is better to give unasked, through understanding; And to the open-handed the search for one who shall receive is joy greater than giving. And is there aught you would withhold? All you have shall some day be given; Therefore give now, that the season of giving may be yours.

Kahil Gilran, *The Prophet*

Activity

Read carefully and prayerfully each line of the reflection. How is God guiding you to share of yourself?

GRATEFULLY

Thank you to all parishioners who wrapped “we three priests” in your prayer and thoughtfully remembered us with kind gifts.

Fr. Joe Fr. Jared Fr. Kevin

ADULT FAITH FORMATION/RCIA

This year we are offering opportunities for Adult Faith Formation in conjunction with the RCIA. We invite everyone to take advantage of these spiritual and educational sessions which address a specific part of our faith. Join us for the following sessions: Monday, January 5, 12 and 26 in the Russo Room. The topic will be *Sacraments of Initiation and Sacraments of Healing*.



Our Crest

Over the last few months a parish crest has been created to reflect the mission of our parish and preparatory school. In times past, crests were carried to identify kingdoms and families on standards, banners, flags and armor. In our time, crests symbolize the identity and work of the community they represent.

Our Mission –*Opus Christi*

Opus Christi is Latin for *Christ's Work* which is our mission as disciples. Jesus said to our parish patron St. Philip, "Whoever believes in me will do the work I do and even greater works." John 14:12. We are created, gifted and commissioned to continue Christ's ministry as faithful stewards.

The Triangle

The triangle evokes the unity and relationship of the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At the heart of the symbol is a heart shape reminding us that, "God is love." 1 John 4:8.

At the heart of our mission is our Lord's great command, "Love one another as I have loved you." John 13:34. Our work is to experience and share God's love in word and deed.

Keys

The keys joined to the heart represent the **Keys to the Kingdom** which are promised to St. Peter and to the community of the Church when Jesus said, "I will give you the Keys to the Kingdom." Matthew 16:19. We are focusing on the ways that we learn, live and lead as a parish and school using the three keys of **Spirituality, Social** and **Service** ministry.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Grades 1 - 6: 8:00 AM Mass followed by class until 10:30 AM
January 11, February 1, March 1, March 29, April 19, May 17
Grade 7, 8 & CONFIRMATION: 8:00 AM Mass followed by class to 10:30 AM
January 25 February 8; February 27 – March 1 Antioch (10th Graders), March 15, April 26

SPRING ROYALE

Save the Date

March 22, 2015

Saint Philip the Apostle Parish and
Preparatory School
Presents



The Sister Rene Culture and
Arts Legacy
Honoring Msgr. Kevin Flanagan

Sunday, March 22nd, 2015 2:00 to 6:00 PM
The Valley Regency

Tickets: \$50 per person

Includes \$25 Gift of Chips for Gaming Tables
Butler served hors d'oeuvres, Carving Station
Complimentary Beer, Wine, Soda, Coffee, Tea
Gourmet Desserts, Cash Bar,
Piano Music

Gaming Tables: Black Jack, Roulette, Craps,
Wheel of Chance
Gift Baskets for Casino Winnings,
Silent Auction, Super 50/50

YOUTH MINISTRY & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

YOUTH GROUP

The youth group is on break now due to the holidays falling on Thursday.

- The next youth group meetings are scheduled for Thursday, January 8th and 22nd at 7pm in the Youth Room. All high school students are invited to participate.
- On Saturday, February 7th, we are planning a trip to the Catholic Underground in NYC. This is an apostolate of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Each month hundreds of young people from all over the tri-state area gather in a church for prayer, adoration, reconciliation, and praise and worship music. The evening continues with fellowship and socialization. Musical entertainment is provided. It is a great experience of a young and vibrant Church. More information will come.

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

PRIME TIMERS

The next meeting will take place on Friday, February 6, 2015.

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS

The Monday Night Group: January 12th and 26th at 6:30 PM.
The New & Recently Bereaved Group: Wednesday, January 14th, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

SEPARATED & DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP

The Saint Philip the Apostle Divorce Healing Group meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 PM in the Molloy Center: January 12th and 26th.

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

JANUARY 10/11, 2015

5:30 PM	Fr. Jared	8:00 AM	Fr. Jared
10:00 AM	Fr. Kevin	12:00 NOON	Fr. Kevin

PARISH GIVING

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION 2013	\$80,847.00
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION 2014(TO DATE)	\$73,031.00
PROJECT FAITH	\$ 4,685.00

Total Sunday Collection December 29, 2013	\$12,998.00
December 28, 2014 Sunday Collection	
Envelopes	\$12,931.00
Cash	\$ 1,601.00
Online Giving Donations	\$ 2,239.00
TOTAL	\$16,771.00
2 nd Collection: Project Faith	\$ 1,665 .00

Pray for

Those who are ill: Rose Innocenti, Ryder Joseph Sasso, Maria Ganwoski, Tom Egan, Nicole Porto, Esther Benard, Brad McNamara, Stella Bulna, Donna Delventhal, Margaret Schweighardt, Barbara Patierno, Kara O'Donnell, Carol Flynn, Eileen Kirchner, Christopher Kelly, Charles Robert & Barbara Fazio, Skip Goltz, Nicholas Cichella, Jessica Dehart, Valerie Davies, Dawn Nesto, David Grelli

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Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2015

- 8:00 All the People of the Parish
10:00 Margaret Brophy
Charles Marvin
Joseph Einholz
Mary & John Lytle
Drew O'Donoghue
12:00 Giuseppe Cuffari, Elizabeth Brancati

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015

- 7:00 Ken O'Brien, Lorretta Siluk
9:00 Dec'd mem. Dwyer Family, Andrew Doychak-10th Ann

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014

- 7:00 Gerry Hilado, Alice Kuchno
9:00 Gloria Carlo, Barbara Jansen

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2015

- 7:00 Ralph Wescott, Margaret Hannaway
9:00 John Magullian, Marie Browne

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8 2015

- 11:00 Loretta Martinotti, Ann, Edward F. Sr. & Jr. Sheridan
Gertrude Kovach, Anne & Anthony Lipari

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2015

- 7:00 Rose Weiner, Gloria Carlo
9:00 Francesco Papaiani, Rosemarie Coombs

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2015

- 9:00 AM Francesca Derosa, Marie & Karoly Farkas
5:30 PM Frank Patierno – 11th Anniversary
Betty Bruncanti
Gene Musto – 24th Anniversary

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2015

- 8:00 All the People of the Parish
10:00 Eugene Mottese
Roberto Zayas-Lopez
Leonardo Porlares
Paul Lowney
Patricia Kelly
12:00 Mark Dudar, Pete Guralchuk

Sanctuary Candle: IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ROSEMARIE FRITZSCH
FROM THE FRITZSCH FAMILY

OFFERTORY GIFTS: IN LOVING MEMORY OF
BOB PARILLO
FROM HIS WIFE, PATRICIA

BOY SCOUT TROOP 21 BLOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2015
7:30 AM – 1:30 PM
ST. PHILIP'S AUDITORIUM
WALK INS WELCOME

WEIGHT: AT LEAST 110 LBS. --- BRING ID --- EAT BEFORE DONATION