

## FIVE (SURPRISING) PLACES TO FIND GOD

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### GREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Many of us fall into the subtle trap of thinking the only place to find God is at church. If we're not expecting to find God everywhere, we might just miss great opportunities for help, healing, and spiritual growth. Here are five places where God awaits you:

#### 1. At Work

The relationships you have, the results you achieve, the quality and mindfulness with which you do your work can all be the stuff of holiness. Plus, the money you earn to support your family and the esteem you hold as a contributor to the world can either help serve the kingdom or be an impediment to it. Each day we "suit up and show up" at work we get opportunities to learn more about ourselves and to contribute our gifts to the good of the world.

#### 2. In Difficult Relationships

It's easy to love other people when everything's going well. But when there are hurt feelings, mistrust, or clashing wills, relationships don't feel very much as though they are of God. Yet it is at just those times, that we can witness the movement of God in our lives, leading us to healing, trust, and cooperation. These can be opportunities to let go of character defects and to exercise virtues.

#### 3. In Our Failings

We all like to be heroes. But it's a given that each of us will fail in our lives. Nevertheless, when we hit our limits or even when we sin, we can turn to God for acceptance, mercy, and the strength to make amends and sin no more. In that turning to God and in our opening ourselves up to God's grace and forgiveness, we become better people.

#### 4. In Loneliness

Our hearts are restless until they rest in you, O God. Rather than trying to fill the emptiness with mindless entertainment or indulging our cravings, sit still and find God in the emptiness. It takes patience and courage and humility, but you will hear the "still small voice" of God even in the midst of your emptiness responding to your loneliness and restlessness with the only love that fully satisfies.

#### 5. In Pleasure

Many people seem to think that if something's fun, it must be at least partially wrong. Yet God gives us the world to live in and enjoy. In the words of St. Irenaeus, the "glory of God is a human being fully alive." Therefore, pleasure is a place to meet God, whether it be the pleasure of nature, of playing, of loving one another, of beauty, or of the occasional overwhelming conviction that we are loved by God.

## SPRING ROYALE

Saint Philip the Apostle Parish and Preparatory School Presents



Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015

2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Valley Regency

Tickets: \$50 per person

Ticket sales begin January 31<sup>st</sup> after Masses, or through the School OR Parish Office:

- 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

### AD JOURNAL

#### HONORING

Monsignor Kevin Flanagan, our distinguished honoree, generously shares God's gifts through faithful ministry. You are invited to express your gratitude and thankfulness for all that Father Kevin has done and continues to do for our Church and School community. Share a special message, prayer or goodhearted wish for Fr. Kevin in our *Spring Royale Ad Journal*.

#### REMEMBERING

Sister Rene Donohue, FSP served as our dynamic School principal from 1979 to 2001. Sister's commitment to social gatherings, music, theater and the arts is a rich part of our heritage. We honor her memory with the creation of The **Sister Rene Donohue Cultural Arts Legacy** which will be funded by the proceeds of our **Spring Royale**. This year her legacy is continued by providing new lighting and a refurbished sound system for our auditorium. Remember Sister Rene, and contribute to her legacy, by taking an *Ad in our Journal* in loving memory of Sister or in support of God's gifts of fellowship and the Arts.

## SPONSORSHIP SUPPORTER

### Recognition of Your Gift 3-for-1

- Glossy ad in the printed journal
- Display on the "Big Screen" at the event
- 31 day website PDF

### Full-Color Ad Journal

\$100 - Benefactor (Full Page)

\$65 - Patron (Half Page)

\$35 - Sponsor (Qtr. Page/Business Card)

\$25 - Contributor (Name only)

### Table Sponsor

\$500 - Leadership Sponsor (Table Sponsorship)

*Directions: At [stphilip.org](http://stphilip.org), click on the Spring Royale Event, or telephone the Molloy Center (973-779-6200), with your order request*

### Seeking donations for Silent Auction: (See Fr. Joe)

Vacation package: home/condo in a vacation destination

Airline Miles

Jewelry

Flat Screen TV

Theatre Tickets

Sporting Event Tickets

Restaurant Gift Certificates

iPad

Laptop

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### ADULT FAITH FORMATION/RCIA

Join us for the following sessions at 7:00 PM in the Russo Room: Topics - February 2<sup>nd</sup> *Sacraments of Service*; February 9<sup>th</sup> - *Paschal Mystery*.

### 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY

#### (AND ST. JOSEPH'S DAY) DINNER DANCE

St. Philip's will host its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 7, at 7 PM (doors open 6:30 PM) in the school auditorium. This year we're also celebrating St. Joseph's Day and will combine the best of both traditions! Tickets are \$35 pp and includes a traditional Irish dinner with beer, wine, soda, coffee and tea, plus a St. Joseph's Day dessert table. Entertainment will be provided by The Peter McKiernan Band. To purchase tickets, send your name, phone number, the number of tickets requested, along with payment (make check payable to St. Philip the Apostle) to: St. Philip the Apostle Parish, 797 Valley Rd., Clifton, NJ 07013. Attn: St. Patrick's Day Tickets, no later than February 28. For more information call Donna @ 201-321-4376. **Tickets will be sold after all masses the weekend of February 14/15.** This event sells out quickly so order your tickets early! Tickets will not be available at the door

## VALENTINE CABARET . . . A MUSICAL CELEBRATION

To help finance Boy Scout Marc Pannullo's Eagle Scout Project for the renovation of the church choir loft, a performance by the Blue State Theater group entitled "The Main Event of Love" will be presented in Marian Hall on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Under the direction of parishioner Joe Schreck, Jr. the performance, including our own cantor Mark Bigica, will follow a pasta buffet lunch beginning at 2 PM. Reservations are strongly suggested by calling 973-607-1924 or by e-mail at [BlueStateTheater@aol.com](mailto:BlueStateTheater@aol.com).

Tickets which include the pasta buffet are \$25.00 and payment is made at the door by cash or check.

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### SCHOOL NEWS

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting us during Catholic Schools week.

### FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

St. Philip the Apostle Preparatory School HSA Family BINGO night will be held on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> in the auditorium immediately following 5:30 PM Mass. Please join us for BINGO, all new prizes and delicious food.

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### YOUTH MINISTRY & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### YOUTH GROUP

Youth Ministry has been very busy recently. Preparation for the Antioch Retreat is beginning. The winter retreat will be held the weekend of February 27, 28, & March 1.

On Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> there will be a trip to New York City to the Catholic Underground. The Catholic Underground is an apostolate of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. It takes place at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. The evening begins at 7:30 PM with prayer including Eucharistic Adoration, communal prayer, Praise and Worship music and an opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. The church is illumined only by candles and provides an atmosphere which allows us to enter into the mystery of Christ's presence in the Eucharist. The Holy Hour ends with Benediction. The second part of the evening showcases a Catholic musical artist.

Upcoming youth ministry events are:

- Thursday, February 5 - Youth Group
- Saturday, February 7 - Catholic Underground, NYC
- Thursday, February 19 - Youth Group

All youth group meetings begin at 7 PM in the Youth Room.

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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

**Grades 1 - 6: 8:00 AM Mass followed by class until 10:30 AM**

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**

February 8; February 27 - March 1 Antioch (10th Graders),  
March 15, April 26 Confirmation: May 14, 2015

## MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

### **COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY**

The Blanket Ministry will meet Thursday, February 5 and 19, 2015. All are welcome! Call Cathie at 973-471-1265.

### **WIDOW AND WIDOWERS**

The Monday Night Group: February 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM.  
The New & Recently Bereaved Group: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

### **SEPARATED & DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP**

The Saint Philip the Apostle Divorce Healing Group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7 PM in the Molloy Center: February 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **PRIME TIMERS**

The next meeting will be Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM in Marian Hall of the Molloy Center. This meeting will feature a luncheon consisting of sandwiches and drinks for those members whose dues are current.

**March 11, 2015** - Brownstone: Tim Finnegan's Wake

**April 16, 2015** - "Sing, Sing, Sing" A tribute to The Andrew Sisters & Great Female Singing Groups. Cost is \$45.00 for show and dinner OR send your name and check made out to Prime timers to:

Sr. Christine - 797 Valley Rd. Clifton, NJ07013

### **ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP**

All parishioners and friends 21 years old and over are invited to join us on our ride to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Thursday, February 12, 2015. The cost is \$25.00 with a bonus of \$25.00. Bring a photo I.D. Please call Barbara Rzepecki at 973-278-1566.

#### **PARISH GIVING**

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| Total Sunday Collection January 26, 2014 | \$11,117.00        |
| January 25, 2015 Sunday Collection       |                    |
| Envelopes                                | \$13,349.00        |
| Cash                                     | \$ 1,411.00        |
| Online Giving Donations                  | <u>\$ 1,955.00</u> |
|  | <b>\$16,715.00</b> |
| CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK                    | \$ 3,128.00        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                             | <b>\$19,943.00</b> |

### *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, Marge Sikora

**The recently deceased:** Mary DeMaio, Viola Maggio, Norman Barna, Gerald Piserchia

## **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2015**

- 8:00** Deceased members of the McNamara Family
- 10:00** Vincente Romero  
Kathi Tasetano  
Bridget Tomesco  
August Pra Sisto, Jr.  
Robert E. Pigut
- 12:00** Irene Sadvary

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2015**

- 7:00** Beatrice C. Azzarone
- 9:00** Tammy Di Santo; Edith Zak

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2015**

- 7:00** Josef Roman
- 9:00** Anthony C. Molinaro; Mary & Charles Molinaro

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015**

- 7:00** Richard Landry
- 9:00** Tyler Schreck, Mary Fiori

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2015**

- 7:00** Loretta Siluk
- 9:00** Charles Marvin, John Hughes

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2015**

- 7:00** Emil Stoy,
- 9:00** Monica Fabiano, Theresa Gabler

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2015**

- 9:00 AM** Claudia Pugliese; Altagracia Medina
- 5:30 PM** Josephine Pascrell  
Ann Marie McGowan  
Frank & Eleanor Kipikasha

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2015**

- 8:00** Leonard Insalaco, Sr.; Chester & Stephanie Pritch
- 10:00** Joseph Zack  
Estanislao R. Llames  
Ryan Uhre  
Kathryn Lake - 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Frances DeBlaise
- 12:00** All the People of the Parish

**Sanctuary Candle:** In Loving Memory of  
ELEANOR KIPIKASHA

#### **PRIESTS' SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 7/8, 2015**

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