

National Marriage Week

On February 14, 2014, Pope Francis addressed engaged couples in St. Peter's Square. On this World Day of Prayer for Marriage it is good to reflect upon the gift of marriage and pray for all those who are engaged to be married, who are married, and for young people who the Lord is calling to the vocation of marriage. Pope Francis in answering a question about marriage, referred to marriage as a journey:

"This daily journey has rules that can be summed up in these three words you've spoken, words which I have repeated many times to families: "Please" or "May I?"; "Thank you"; and "Excuse me".

'Please – May I?' It's the courteous request to be able to enter into the life of someone else's life with respect and care. We must learn to ask: May I do this? Would you like that we do this? We take this initiative, and that we bring up our children like this. ...In short, to ask for agreement is to enter the lives of others with courtesy. But keep this in mind: it is not easy. Sometimes instead, the manners can be a bit heavy. True love is not imposed by toughness and aggression. In the Little Flowers of St. Francis is this expression: "Know that courtesy is one of the properties of God ... and courtesy is the sister of charity, which extinguishes hate and protects love" (Ch. 37). Yes, courtesy protects love. And today in our families, in our world, which is often violent and arrogant, we need much more courtesy. And this can begin at home.

'Thank you.' It seems easy to say the word, but we know that is not always so ... But it's important! We teach it to the children, but then we forget it ourselves! Gratitude is an important quality! Do we know how to say thanks? In your relationship, and then tomorrow in married life, it is important to keep alive the awareness that the other person is a gift of God, and for the gifts of God to say thank you! And in this inner attitude say thanks to each other for everything. It is not a kind word to use just with strangers, to show you are educated. It is necessary to know how to say thank you, in order to get along well together in married life.

'I'm sorry.' In life we make so many errors, many mistakes. We all do it. There is no day when we do not make some mistake. The Bible says that the very best person sins seven times a day. And so we do make mistakes ... This then is why we need to use this simple word "sorry". Generally, each of us is ready to accuse others and justify one's self. This began with our father Adam, when God asks him: "Adam, have you eaten of that fruit?" "Me? No! She is the one who gave it to me! " Accusing the other person so as not to say "sorry", "pardon." It's an old story! It's an instinct that is at the origin of many disasters. We learn to recognize our mistakes and apologize. "Sorry if I raised my voice today," "I'm sorry if I went without saying goodbye," "I'm sorry if I'm late," "If I have been so unresponsive this week", "If I talked too much without ever listening", "Excuse me, I forgot." So many times to say "sorry" each day. This is how a Christian family grows.

We all know that there is no such thing as a perfect family, nor even the perfect husband or the perfect wife. Jesus, who knows us well, teaches us a secret: never end a day without asking for forgiveness, without peace coming back to our house, to our family. It is normal that there be a quarrel

between husband and wife, but there's always something to do about it. Maybe you're angry, maybe a plate flew, but please remember this: never finish the day without making peace! Never, never, never! This is a secret, a secret to protect love and to make peace. If you end the day without making peace, what you have inside, the next day is cold and hard and it is harder to make peace. If we learn to ask for pardon and forgive each other, the marriage will last, and will move ahead. When elderly couples come to the audiences or to Mass here in Santa Marta, who celebrate their 50th anniversary, I ask the question: "Who has put up with whom?" This is marvelous! They all look at one another, then look at me, and tell me: "Both of us." And this is beautiful! This is a beautiful testimony!"

SPRING ROYALE

Saint Philip the Apostle Parish and Preparatory School
Presents



Sunday, March 22nd 2015

2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Valley Regency

Tickets: \$50 per person

Tickets are sold after mass this weekend and 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.

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

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Last year's Palms may be placed in the purple palm box on the left side of the Church vestibule.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION/RCIA

Join us for the following sessions at 7:00 PM in the Russo Room on Monday, February 9th. The topic is the Sacraments of Service and Monday, February 23rd is the Sacraments of Healing.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study sessions will resume on the Monday before Ash Wednesday, February 16th at 11 AM and 7 PM in the Molloy Center.

We will continue studying the gospel of St. Luke and the human side of Jesus, his teachings, miracles and being a true disciple. Please bring your Bible and all are welcome.

5TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY

(AND ST. JOSEPH'S DAY) DINNER DANCE

St. Philip's will host its 5th 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 8th. 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.

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

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 14/15, 2015

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

ST. PHILIP PREP SCHOOL NEWS

It is hard to believe that we are half way through the school year! The Kaleidoscope middle school students have been studying the life and works of William Shakespeare. It is amazing that Shakespeare's words are still relevant nearly five hundred years after he put pen to paper. The eighth grade is finishing up *Julius Caesar* while the seventh grade is enjoying the timeless love story, *Romeo and Juliet*.

Our Little Kaleidoscope program is doing an exciting Flat Stanley project. After reading the book, *Flat Stanley*, the first graders made their own paper Stanleys and sent them to friends and relatives around the country. Stanleys are beginning to return to St. Philip Prep, along with photographs and descriptions of his travels around the country. It is an exciting time for our first graders. Stanley's travels are posted on the bulletin board outside the Little Kaleidoscope classroom.

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.

Upcoming youth group meetings are:

- Thursday, February 19
- Thursday, March 5
- Thursday, March 19

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

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

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 19, 2015. All are welcome! Call Cathie at 973-471-1265.

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS

The Monday Night Group: February 9th and 23rd 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 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 PM in the Molloy Center: February 9th and 23rd.

ROSARY NEWS

Saturday, February 21, 2015 is our next regular meeting. We will meet in Church at 8:40 AM to say the Rosary before Mass. All are welcome!

CELEBRATE CONSECRATED LIFE

The Diocesan celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life will be held on Sunday, February 15 at Saint Philip's Church in Clifton. You are invited to join Bishop Serratelli and our religious priests, brothers and sisters for Midday Prayer at 2:00 PM Refreshments, socializing and a program featuring the work of Religious in our diocese will follow in the school hall.

Pray for

The recently deceased: Janet Davies

The newly Baptized:

Zurielle Quiming, child of Rommell and Arlene

Simon Rene De Dios, child of Ginno and Celinda

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2015

- 8:00** Leonard Insalaco, Sr. & Chester & Stephanie Pritsch
10:00 Joseph Zack
Estanislao R. Llames
Ryan Uhre
Kathryn Lake – 8th Anniversary
Fran DeBlaise
12:00 All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015

- 7:00** Richard M. Knapp
9:00 Mary Fiori

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015

- 7:00** Theresa Mayer; Sharon Krayniak
9:00 Doris McHugh-1st Anniversary; James Sheehan

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2015

- 7:00** Filipina R. Bacani-4th Anniversary
9:00 Alfred DiMartino; Anita Portelli

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2015

- 7:00** Tirso Gala; Gloria Nicola & Deceased family members
9:00 Fran DeBlaise; Frank Noger

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2015

- 7:00** Walter Budzunski
9:00 Malcolm D. Hall-14th Anniversary; Edward Chmura

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2015

- 9:00 AM** Fortuna & Pasquale Masucci; Theresa Gabler
5:30 PM Fred Anthony
Raymond Kutcher
Ottilio Pannullo

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2015

- 8:00** John Tolvay-15th Anniversary; Mark Kaczor
10:00 Michael Gabriel
Marianne Mattera
Robert Pigut
Clelia Perugia
Donald Jaeger
12:00 All the People of the Parish

Sanctuary Candle: In Loving Memory of
MALCOLM D. HALL – 14TH ANNIVERSARY

PARISH GIVING

Total Sunday Collection February 2, 2014	\$15,052.00
February 1, 2015 Sunday Collection	
Envelopes	\$12,116.00
Cash	\$ 1,392.00
Online Giving Donations	<u>\$ 2,095.00</u>
	\$15,603.00