Companions on the Journey
OUR PARISH LENTEN RETREAT– WEEK V
Throughout the season of Lent and culminating in our Easter celebration we offer a Parish Retreat titled, Companions on the Journey. You are invited to join us as we experience the Lord and the love of each other more fully. The Retreat will unfold in the weekend homilies, liturgical music, bulletin reflections/stphilip.org, and workshop.

Our Lenten church banner pictured above displays symbols of the various themes of our parish Lenten retreat.

Our Journey begins with God who creates us, accompanies us through life, death and resurrection until we return to God in glory. Our journey is from, “glory to glory.” (2Cor.3:18) Along the way we are transformed into the image and likeness of Christ. God holds our hand on the journey and we are invited to hold the hands of our brothers and sisters on every step.

We are Companions on the Journey with God and with each other. The Two Figures shown form a Heart Shape as they companion one another in a bond of divine and human love. The word companion has its origins in two Latin roots; com- with and panis-bread. We “break bread” and share meals with the ones we love.

The Host and Chalice remind us of the precious Sacrament of the Eucharist where we share intimate communion with the Lord, our Bread of Life, and with each other.

The Cross in the center of the Host is the sign of our belief in the love of our God, Father, and Holy Spirit. The Vertical line of the Cross calls to mind that everything, everyone and even we ourselves come From God as free gifts and grace. The Horizontal line of the cross suggests the purpose for our lives which is to share our gifts For Others.

Our Prayer of Grace for Lent – Using Our Hands
Giving thanks before meals is a holy practice which keeps us mindful that all that we have is a gift From God. Making a Sign of the Cross as a simple blessing or grace before a meal is a way to reflect our Mission to share our gifts For Others.

During this Lent, you are invited to give thanks with a prayer of grace before each meal.

Trace the sign of the cross, saying or thinking:

FROM
FOR GOD
OTHERS

Grace means gift; we acknowledge all that comes From God and remember to share what we have and are For Others.

Week V
- The prophet Jeremiah promises that God will take all people by the hand and lead them forth with a new covenant written upon each heart.
- The letter to the Hebrews reminds us that Jesus prayed throughout his life. The prayer of Jesus enabled him to remain open and obedient to all that his Father asked of him.
- As Jesus approaches Jerusalem and death he is honest in prayer about being deeply disturbed about the suffering to come. In prayer Jesus receives the Father’s reassurance that he will be glorified through giving freely of himself even to the giving up of his life.

Reflection
One day, a little girl and her father were in the grocery store. The proprietor smiled at the little girl and said, “Since you have been so patient, please help yourself to a handful of candy.” The girl looked up, smiled sweetly and said, “Thank you, but I am too shy to take some candy for myself. If you wish, I will open my hands and you can give me what you will.”

The store owner said to her father, “What a sweet and shy girl you have.” As her hands were filled with candy, the girl’s father remarked, “She may be sweet and shy but she is also very clever. An open hand holds more candy!”

A hand, open to receive, holds more. A hand, willing to give, gives more. Jesus lived his life with an open hand of service, freely giving of his time, wisdom and healing presence to all. We are invited to open one hand to God in prayer. God’s indwelling presence gifts us with the fruit of the Holy Spirit, “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” (Galatians 5:22-23) In gratitude we open our other hand, as Companions on the Journey sharing all we receive From God - For others.

We give God glory when we offer our lives in service for others. We are glorified by God when we share our love and good works for others. In today’s gospel a voice proclaims that Jesus will be glorified through his offering of himself on the cross.

The word “glorify” has many meanings, praise, honor, to cause, to appear, to know fully, to manifest. When we reach out in service for others we make God’s presence more fully known and more manifest. Loving service glorifies us as we give honor, praise and continue our mission to do Christ’s work in imitation of the self-giving of Jesus For Others.
THE EUCHARIST AS SENDING FORTH IN SERVICE
We are encouraged, empowered and nourished with God's presence in the Eucharist to give God glory through our words and deeds. As we are blessed at the dismissal rite we are commissioned to, “Go forth to love and serve the Lord.” God glorifies us through God's trust in us to love and serve. We give God glory as we share all that we have received from God - For Others.
We are Companions on the Journey who are made for the glory of God and for service in the name of Jesus.

Reflection Questions
1. In what ways has God led you by the hand?
2. How does God write upon your heart?
3. What does knowing that Jesus prayed when he was disturbed tell you about Jesus and about yourself in relationship with God?
4. What fruit of the Holy Spirit needs to be more active in your life - joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control?
5. How are you being invited to walk side by side with God and in service for others?
6. What one action can you take this week to do Christ's work on earth?

LENTEN HYMN VERSE 4
We are made for the glory of God, for service in the name of Jesus; to walk side by side with hope in our hearts, to do Christ's work on earth, to do Christ's work on earth.

Refrain
We are companions on the journey, breaking bread and sharing life; and in the love we bear is the hope we share for we believe in the love of our God, we believe in the love of our God.

Season of Lent Opportunities
- Grace before each meals with a sign of the Cross. (See Companion Lenten Prayer above.)
- Participating in weekly or even daily celebration of the Eucharist is the most perfect prayer and Lenten observance.
- Welcome Home to Healing: Sacrament of Reconciliation; Monday 7:00 to 8:30 PM
- Stations of the Cross; Fridays 7:00 PM
- March 27: Religious Education

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY
Bible Study sessions on the Gospel of Luke.
Mondays: 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM in the Molloy Center.

SAVE THE DATE! ST. PHILIP ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY BLOOD DRIVE
When: Good Friday, April 3, 2015
Where: School Auditorium
Time: 7:30 AM to 2:30 PM
If you have any questions, please call Doreen Germain at 973-819-4610.

HOLY WEEK EASTER SCHEDULE
PALM SUNDAY MARCH 29: Passion of the Lord
Saturday 5:30 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12 NOON

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 PM
Eucharistic Adoration (Marian Hall) 9:00 PM – Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3
Blood Drive (Auditorium) 7:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Celebration of the Lord's Passion
(Holy Communion/Veneration of the Cross) 3:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY, April 4
Blessing of the Easter Food: 1:00 PM
Easter Vigil 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, April 5
Celebration of Eucharist 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM

YOUTH MINISTRY & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND SCHOOL

YOUTH GROUP
Upcoming youth group meetings are:
- Thursday, April 2-Mass of the Lord’s Supper
- Youth Participation in Procession and Adoration
- Thursday, April 16, 2015 – Meeting in Youth Room

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
Grades 1 - 6: 8:00 AM Mass followed by class until 10:30 AM
March 29, April 19, May 17
Grade 7, 8 & CONFIRMATION: 8:00 AM Mass followed by class to 10:30 AM on: April 26
Confirmation: May 14, 2015 (Practice: May 13)

ST. PHILIP’S PREPARATORY SCHOOL BASKETBALL
What a fantastic weekend of basketball for our program. We played three hard won championship games and we were victorious in two.

Our 5/6 Girls and Boys won their Championship games and our 7/8 girls came in second. All games were fantastic. We are so proud of all of them.

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS
COLUMBIETTES
Happy 5th Anniversary Columbiettes!!!
Our monthly meeting will be on Thursday March 26, 2015 at 7:00 PM in Cerullo Hall. After a quick meeting we will have a special time together going over the past 5 years with pizza and cake. Remember to bring your school supplies. Sharon - 973 742-0926

If you are interested in becoming a Columbiette, you are invited to attend the First and Major Degree ceremonies on Sunday, April 12, 2015 at 2:00 PM. Membership is open to women, 17 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. Contact Cathie: 973.471.1265 or Sharon: 973.742.0926 by Sunday, March 30, 2015.

WIDOW AND WIDowers
THE MONDAY NIGHT GROUP: March 23rd, April 13th & 27th at 6:30 PM.
THE NEW & RECENTLY BEREAVED GROUP: Wednesday, April 8th at 7:00 PM.
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2015
8:00 Keith VanDer Vegt; Jay Malitsch
10:00 Marie Giunta
Pietro & Felicia Mannarino
Donald E. Jaeger
Edward Mancini
George Bednarz
12:00 All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2015
7:00 Nancy Colatrella; Morris Russo
9:00 Stanley J. Makowski: 5th Annv.; Gene & Gloria Petrigio

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015
7:00 Richard Bowly
9:00 Michele Cormio

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2015
7:00 Eva Sratelli
9:00 John Cerullo, Sr.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2015
7:00 Joseph Burghoffer
9:00 Mary Fiori

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2015
7:00 Kathleen Burke
9:00 James S. Mandel, Sr.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2015
9:00 AM Thomas V. Lanteri
5:30 PM Nancy Markey
Mark Kaczor
Hugo Gallo

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2015
8:00 All the People of the Parish
10:00 Marie D’Angelo
Mauro D’Alto – 5th Anniversary
Alfonso Montoya
Rose Mudd
Donald E. Jaeger
12:00 Dominic Doyle-10th Anniversary; Clare Mocek

The Sanctuary Candle: In memory of
Mauro D’Alto
From wife, Anna

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HAWTHORNE, NEW JERSEY

March 30, 2015

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DIVORCE HEALING GROUP
Divorce Heal Group: 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 7:00 PM in the Molloy Center, March 23rd, April 13th & 27th.

MSGR. PETER J. DOODY SCHOLARSHIP BEEFSTEAK
The Fundraiser will be on April 11, 2015 at 7:00 PM in St. Philip’s Auditorium. The guest speaker is Jeff Pompeo, Esq. Tickets: $35.00/ea. Call Ray Lill at 973.472.1756 or Dennis Fitzpatrick at 973.271.9577.

ROSARY SOCIETY

UPCOMING EVENTS
Our annual Social Tea will be held on Sunday, May 3 beginning at 2:00 PM in Marian Hall. Come with hats and a teacup for a great afternoon! Tickets on sale now: only $25.

ST. PHILIP’S PARISH CARNIVAL - 2015
JUNE 5, JUNE 6, JUNE 7
SAVE THE DATES!!!!!!!

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

A SPECIAL INVITATION FROM BISHOP SERRATELLI
Bishop Serratelli is encouraging all catechists throughout the diocese (including RCIA & Adult Faith Formation leaders, Youth Ministers, & Deacons) to attend the 2015 Diocesan Catechetical Conference entitled, “Faith, Joy, Family” on April 11 at the John Paul II Center in Clifton. The day will close with the Vigil Mass celebrated by the Bishop. More information and Conference registration can be found at www.insidethewall.org.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR SPRING FASHION SHOW
The auxiliary of the Little Sisters invites you to their 2015 Spring Fashion Show at Macaluso’s, Hawthorne on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 11 AM – 3 PM. Reservations are $50.00 p.p. Fashions by Coco’s Chateau. For further information contact Marguerite Lombardi at 973.684.3479 or lombama@hotmail.com. RSVP by April 23, 2015.

PRIESTS’ SCHEDULE
MARCH 28/29, 2015
5:30 PM Fr. Kevin
8:00 AM Fr. Joe
10:00 AM Fr. Jared
12:00 NOON Fr. Joe

PRAY FOR

THE RECENTLY DECEASED
Brad McNamara, Sylvia Consi, Lois Unis, Angelo Sinisi, Jose Pagan

THE SICK: Ann Marie Kwiatkowski, Derrick Medeiros, Tressa Bandel Domboski, Joan Hughes

THE NEWLY BAPTIZED
Penelope Clementina Fernandes, child of Sanjay and Melissa Giovannina Marie Galligan, child of Patrick and Victoria

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