

## TRANSFORMED IN CHRIST

*"Be renewed through the transformation of your minds, and put on a new self, created in God's way in wisdom and holiness of truth."*

### A SUNRISE PRAYER

Maker of the Morning,  
as the blazing sun glories the eastern horizon,  
I rise and greet this new day.  
My spirit bows with gratitude  
Rejoicing in hope for what this day promises.

Focusing Ray of Light,  
I celebrate the fresh, penetrating clarity  
of your daily entrance into my life,  
stronger than the rising sun of morning,  
clearer than brilliant light on a maple leaf.

As people of the sleepy earth stretch and stir,  
awaken in them an eagerness for your wisdom.  
As creatures come forth from their hidden places,  
protect them from human greed and carelessness.  
May this day be a day of compassion extended to each one.

I commit all that awakens in my heart  
into the gracious hands of your care.  
I dedicate all I am and all I do this day to you,  
the Radiant One of the morning.  
I entrust my entire being into the protective arms  
of your love

Creator of the Dawning Sun,  
draw me with your eternal energy.  
Filter your transforming glow  
through every inner fiber of mine  
until I am transparent  
with the power of your enlightening beauty.

*Joyce Rupp, Prayers to Sophia 2010*

*"Whoever loves wisdom loves life, and those who seek wisdom from early morning are filled with joy."*

*Ecclesiasticus 4:12*

### Reflection

What is the intention of your heart as you arise?

Consider how you might want to start your day with prayer. When? How?

Comprise your own morning prayer.

## BLESSING PRAYER WHEN LEAVING ON VACATION

Blessed are You, Lord our God,  
for You have created a wide and wonderful  
world in which we can travel.

We ask Your blessing upon us  
as we are about to leave on a journey.

Be our ever-near companion, O Holy Guide of Travelers,  
and spread the road before us  
with beauty and adventure.

May all the highways ahead of us  
be free of harm and evil.

May we be accompanied by Your holy spirits,  
Your angelic messengers,  
as were the holy ones of days past.

On this trip may we take with us  
as part of our traveling equipment  
a heart wrapped in wonder with which to rejoice  
in all that we shall meet.

Along with the clothing of wonder,  
may we have room in our luggage  
for a mystic map  
by which we can find the invisible meanings  
of the events of this journey –  
of possible disappointments and delays,  
of possible breakdowns and rainy day troubles.

Always awake to Your Sacred Presence  
and to Your divine compassionate love,  
may we see in all that happens to us,  
in the beautiful and the bad,  
the mystery of Your holy plan.

May the blessing of Your name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be upon us throughout this trip,  
and bring us home again in safety and peace.  
Amen. Edward Hayes (Adapted)

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Sunday, September 27, 2015**

**PARISH PICNIC**  
**Fun Food Friends**

**BISHOP SERRATELLI'S LETTER REGARDING THOSE  
SUFFERING RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION**

My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

On June 30, 2015, the feast of the Christians martyred under Nero in 64 A.D., our Holy Father, Pope Francis, remarked that there are more persecuted Christians in the world today than there were in the first centuries. Each month 180 Christians are being martyred. These sad statistics bear witness to the fact that Christians are among the most persecuted religious groups worldwide.

In more than 60 countries, over 200 million Christians are being denied their fundamental rights. In 41 of those countries, Islamic extremists are barbarically beheading, crucifying and killing men, women, young people and children. Tragically, in those areas of the world where Christianity once began, the Christian community is being wiped off the map. Islamic jihadists do not limit their violence to Christians alone. They spare no religious group, even killing those of their own Muslim faith.

As Pope Francis recently remarked, "The dramatic news ... about violence, kidnapping ...and harassment against Christians and other groups does not stop. We want to assure those involved in these situations that we do not forget them, but we are close to them and pray insistently that, very quickly, the intolerable brutality of which they are victims is put to an end" (*Angelus*, May 1, 2015).

The Pope has urged us to pray for an increased awareness of the "drama of persecuted Christians in our day," for religious freedom as an "inalienable human right" and for the "end to this unacceptable crime." In response to our Holy Father's urgent request and united with him in concern for all those suffering religious persecution, **I am designating this August as a diocesan-wide Month of Prayer for Those Suffering Religious Persecution**

**PRAYER FOR THOSE SUFFERING RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION**

**Good and gracious Father, whose own Beloved Son suffered  
Violence and death for the salvation of the world,  
Listen graciously to our cry for all who are being  
persecuted for their faith.**

**In your great mercy, comfort them with the Holy Spirit.  
Give them strength in the face of hostility and courage  
in the face of trial.**

**Open the eyes of those who raise their hands in violence to  
see others as their brothers and sisters, children of the  
one Father of all.  
By your grace, turn their hearts from hatred to love.**

**Through the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Queen  
of Peace, may justice and peace prevail?  
So that all may have the freedom to worship you,  
The one true God and him whom you have sent,  
Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen**

**YOUTH MINISTRY & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

The Summer Youth Group Meetings will be held in the Youth Room on Thursdays at 7:00 PM on the following dates:

- August 6
- August 20

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION**

This year there are several ways to register your child for Religious Education:

1. You can go online at [www.stphilip.org](http://www.stphilip.org), complete the form and pay online.
2. You can register in person, by appointment only, by calling 973-779-1439 after 4:30 PM Monday-Thursday and pay in cash or check.
3. You can call the Religious Education office at the above number to request that the packet be mailed to you and return with payment.

**MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

**WIDOW AND WIDOWERS**

THE MONDAY NIGHT GROUP: August 10<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM.

THE NEW & RECENTLY BEREAVED GROUP: Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**SEPARATED & DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP**

THE DIVORCE HEALING GROUP **will not** meet for the month of August. Meetings will resume on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Please call Joan at 973-652-5302 for information.

**PRIME TIMERS BUS TRIP**

All parishioners and friends 21 years old and over are invited to join us on our monthly ride to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Each person receives a \$25.00 Casino bonus. Sign up early to reserve your bus seat. Call Barbara Rzepecki at 973-278-1566.

**ST. PHILIP'S PLAYERS**

On the heels of our successful production of *One Night Only*, "Blue State Productions" is proud to announce the transition of their theater group into "St. Philip's Players". The new group will be in residence here at St. Philip creating productions to benefit various parish projects.

As we gear up for our first full production, we are happy to announce that **GODSPELL** will be performed this coming October. The theater group welcomes all people, experienced or not, to come join us on and off stage.

We are seeking volunteers for all aspects of production, including stage managers, costuming, properties, hair, makeup, stage crew, lighting operators, set designers and builders, graphic artists and any and all assorted talents. In order for the theater group to be successful, we need your talent to build the group into the future. Interested parties that would like to join us on this journey, come expand your *Companions on the Journey* and grow with St. Philip's Players. We welcome all! The non-experienced will be trained in any area that might be of interest.

So don't be shy. . . join in what will be a fun and rewarding experience. Interested parties can call the theater phone line at 973-607-1924, or contact The Molloy Center at 973 779-1439 and your call will be returned. As Blue State productions just reached its ten year anniversary, we look forward to the new transition for another great 10 years. Special thanks to Father Joe for making us feel welcome and allowing us to expand the community of St. Philip.

### *Pray for*

**THE SICK:** Ann Marie Kwiatkowski, Derrick Medeiros, Tressa Bandel Domboski, Joan Hughes, Mildred Nerone, Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, John Timochko, Ted Stefaniszyn, Margaret Schweighardt, Ryan G. Micale, Nancy Bandel, Sister Annette Baxley, Emma Wyman, Jane Hughes

**THE DECEASED:** Donna Marquart, Emil Kondra

**THE NEWLY BAPTIZED:**

Alexander Nathaniel Caldwell, child of Brian & Monica

#### PARISH GIVING

Total Sunday Collection July 27, 2014:	\$13,832.50
July 26, 2015 Sunday Collection:	
Envelopes	\$ 9,572.00
Cash	\$ 1,236.00
Online Giving Donations	\$ 2,094.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,902.00</b>
Second Collection: Project Faith	\$ 1,915.00

#### PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: AUGUST 8/9, 2015

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

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2015

- 8:00** Howard Glinkin, Ann O'Malley
- 10:00** Herbert Zschoche  
Anna Chase  
Morris Russo  
Rafalina Masucci  
Ann Cirillo
- 12:00** All the People of the Parish

### MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2015

- 9:00** Dollbaum Family

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2015

- 9:00** Michael Klos (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2015

- 9:00** Ann Jasionowicz  
Robert Pigut

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2015

- 9:00** Srs. Eileen & Jane Kelly, PBVM  
Anthony R. Lipari

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2015

- 9:00** Frank Millo

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2015

- 9:00 AM** Anthony, Helen & Janice Hodupski  
Theresa Gabler
- 5:30 PM** Marge Virgilito  
Paul Novaco  
John Gibney

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2015

- 8:00** All the People of the Parish
- 10:00** Morris Russo  
Angelina Zarra  
Anna Campanile  
Rosemary Jeanmonod  
Marie Cammilleri
- 12:00** Maddalena Lucignani  
Maura Loor

**The Sanctuary Candle** In Loving Memory of  
Howard Glinkin