

LABOR DAY WEEKEND REFLECTIONS

"Why do you seek rest; you were created to labor."

Thomas a Kempis

"God rested on the seventh day and
all that God created was good." *Genesis*

A RESTFUL REFLECTION

Loving God, all creation calls you blessed.
Your Spirit imprints the whole universe with life and mystery.
Yes, all creation proclaims your love.
We now join with this chorus of praise.

Loving God, all of nature calls you blessed, and so do we.

For you have woven an intimate tapestry and called it life,
and called it good.

From the darkest corners of the cosmos
to the sun-bright droplets of morning dew
you dance the world into being.
Nothing that exists is apart from your love,
no song is sung unheard, no death occurs unmourned.

*Loving God, loving God, all creation calls you blessed
and so do we, and so do we.*

In love you have formed a universe, so diverse yet so related,
and into its web you call us forth,
to walk the land and swim the sea.

To the stars we seem no more than blades of grass.
Yet to you, each of us, like each blade of grass and each star,
is an irreplaceable treasure, an essential companion on this
journey of love.

*Loving God, loving God, all creation calls you blessed
and so do we, and so do we.*

We who are often deaf to your presence
in the many creeds of human hearts
need also to witness your loving presence
in the faith of the forests and the creeds of sky and sea.

And we who are too often silent about your presence
in human suffering needlessly in our world,
need also to cry out
that the compassion Jesus teaches
goes far beyond our human domain.

*Loving God, loving God, all creation calls you blessed
and so do we, and so do we.*

Loving God, as you lure the whole world into salvation,
guide us with your Spirit
that we might not only be pilgrims on the earth
but pilgrims with the earth, journeying home to you.
Open our hearts to understand your intimacy with all of
creation

Only with this faith can we hope that tomorrow's children
will be able to end their prayer as we do now
in Christ's name, world without end. Amen, alleluia!

*Loving God, loving God, all creation calls you blessed
and so do we, and so do we.*²¹

John P. Mossi, *Canticles and Gathering Prayers*

PRAYER

Creator God,
in the work of our hands, our minds and our spirits
may we constantly reflect the work of the Kingdom.
Grant us the courage
to willingly embrace the mantle of servant,
knowing that as servants of God
we will share in the fruits and joys
of the Kingdom that is and that is to come.
We ask this through the One who came to serve,
Christ our Lord. Amen.

Donald Harrington & Julie Kavanagh



ST. PHILIP'S PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2015 1:00-4:00 PM

JOIN US FOR **FOOD, FUN, MUSIC & ACTIVITIES** FOR
ALL AGES!

- OUTDOOR BIG TOP TENT & INDOOR AC SEATING
- CASH KITCHEN, BEER, WINE, SODA & WATER
- COMPLIMENTARY:
 - COFFEE, TEA & COOKIES
 - DJ AND DANCING
 - YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES, GAMES, RELAYS, ETC.
 - FIRE TRUCK
- SPECIAL SHOW: **UNIQUE CREATURES**
(3:30 PM GYM)
- DONATION ACCEPTED:
 - BOUNCY HOUSE SLIDE & CASTLE
 - FACE PAINTING
 - PUMPKIN DECORATING

THE MAIN PARKING LOT WILL CLOSE **AFTER** THE
8:00 AM MASS. SHUTTLE BUSES WILL BE
AVAILABLE FROM THE JOHN PAUL II SCHOOL
PARKING LOT, BEGINNING AT 9:30 AM & ENDING
AT 4:30 PM.

Journey with Us
Open Your Heart to God
Discover the Keys to the Kingdom

RCIA

- Are you interested in exploring your spiritual life?
- Do you want to discover the abundance of God's love and peace?
- Would you like to have greater motivation for service?
- Do you want to know more about the Catholic Faith?
- Did you ever think about becoming a Catholic?
- Are you a Baptized Catholic and have never made your First Communion and/or Confirmation?
- Are you baptized in another faith and have a desire to become Catholic?
- Have you never been baptized in any faith but wonder?

Journey with Us!

Through the process of the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** or **RCIA**, we explore all these questions and discover the keys to the kingdom. **RCIA** is a restoration of the ancient practice of initiation into the Church. Through a process of discernment, spiritual development and ritualizing stages of conversion, you are guided to sacramental initiation. These Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist which are celebrated at the Easter Vigil open your hearts and empower you to lives of service, charity and justice as witnesses to our mission of *OPUS CHRISTI*, Christ's work. **RCIA** is not a program but a sacramental process. **RCIA** reflects a sacramental attitude that is at the heart of all Christian living: *CONVERSION*, turning your heart to God.

We invite you to be our companion on the journey and discover the keys to the kingdom. We gather on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Russo Room. If you would like more information about **RCIA**, please call Donna Scancarella at 973-779-6200.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

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

- You can go online at www.stphilip.org, complete the form and pay online.
- 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.
- You can call the Religious Education office at the above number to request that the packet be mailed to you and return with payment.

Catechist substitutes are needed for Grades 1-8. If you can help, contact the Religious Education office at 973-779-1439. Catechist needed for Grade 9. Please call Doreen Germain at 973-819-4610 if interested. Please consider assisting in this very important ministry.

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

COLUMBIETTES

The St. Philip's Columbiettes #11671 will hold an installation of officers for the year 2015 - 2016 on September 10th at 7:00 PM in Marion Hall. Grand Knight Richard Donkersloot will preside over the installation. Our first meeting of the year will follow. Please make every effort to attend.

Interested in Joining the Columbiettes? The Columbiettes are looking for YOU! Any woman, age 17 and beyond is welcome to join our Auxiliary. Women practicing the Catholic faith and interested in serving God and your community by charitable acts are encouraged to contact Deb Sirvidio at 201-220-1875 for more information.

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The members of the blanket ministry will meet on Thursday, September 17th, October 1st and 15th at 9:45 AM in the Molloy Center. All crocheters, knitters, and quilters are welcomed. We make handmade blankets for hospitalized children, chemotherapy patients, the homebound, and veterans in the nursing home. If you have any questions, please call Cathie 973-471-1265.

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR SAFEGUARDING LIFE

The Knights of Columbus and the Columbiettes would like you to join them on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at the 9:00 AM Mass remembering all the victims of abortion and to pray for the safeguarding of all life. After mass we will go outside the church to the Knights of Columbus memorial site dedicated to these little victims. A special prayer and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said. For more information call Sharon Festa 973-742-0926 or David Cordero 973-220-4601.

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS

THE MONDAY NIGHT GROUP: September 14th at 6:30 PM.
THE NEW & RECENTLY BEREAVED GROUP: Wednesday, September 9th and 23rd at 7:00 PM

SEPARATED & DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP

THE DIVORCE HEALING GROUP meetings will resume on Monday, September 14th at 7:00 PM. Please call Joan at 973-652-5302 for information.

ROSARY SOCIETY

SAVE THE DATES!

Monday, September 21st is the date for our first Rosary Society meeting. It will begin at 6:30 PM with the Rosary followed by Mass in Marian Hall. After Mass, we will have our annual Ice Cream Party! Please join us – all are welcome!

Sunday, October 4th is our 71st Annual Communion Brunch. Call Elaine 973-472-9019 for tickets.

YOUTH MINISTRY

The next Youth Group Meetings will be held in the Youth Room on Thursday, September 10th & 24th at 7:00 PM.

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. Micala, Nancy Bandel, Emma Wyman, Jane Hughes, Philomena DiStefano

THE NEWLY BAPTIZED:

Alessandra Elena Velasco, child of David & Valerie

THE RECENTLY MARRIED:

Adam Michael Yoda & Stephanie Ann Peterson

THE DECEASED: Albert Levendusky, Mary Giampapa

PARISH GIVING

Total Sunday Collection August 31, 2014:	\$15,393.00
August 30, 2015 Sunday Collection:	
Envelopes	\$ 12,235.00
Cash	\$ 1,497.00
Online Giving Donations	\$ 1,964.00
Total	\$15,696.00

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: SEPTEMBER 12/13, 2015

5:30 PM: Fr. Joe	8:00 AM: Fr. Joe
10:00 AM: Fr. Miguel	12:00 N: Fr. Kevin
Fr. Joe preaching at all masses	

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

- 8:00** Patrick Underhill; Maria Binetti
10:00 Rosa and Albert Wasmer
Jay Jacobowitz
Donald Jaeger
Edward Yobs
Brian Hollis
12:00 All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2015

- 9:00** Andrew Sokerka
Italo Gonnella; Helen Gorman

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

- 7:00** Rocco Carlucci; Michael Hreha
8:00 C. Mildred Petaccio; Helen Gorman

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2015

- 7:00** Eugene Salemi; Chris Kelly
9:00 Rosario J. Marro; Nancy Bondonna

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

- 7:00** Joseph DiDonna
9:00 Edward & Bridget Dunn
Rodolfo Tordera

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2015

- 7:00** Joseph Spatola; Emily Sokerka
9:00 Sr. Rene Donohue; Joyce Schreck-7th Anniver.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2015

- 9:00 AM** Rosario Marro ; Maria Meluso
5:30 PM Margaret Pannullo
Theresa Raia
Edward Klos – 5th Anniversary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

- 8:00** All the People of the Parish
10:00 Mildred Lechleiter
John Gallagher
Ken Papuzenski
Jose Pagan
Marie Puleo
12:00 Antonio B. Garcia – 4th Anniversary
Paul & Carol Crowley-40th Wedding Anniversary

The Sanctuary Candle: In loving memory of
Kenneth Ververs

**THE 7:00 AM DAILY MASS WILL RESUME ON
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015.**