

PRAYER IS THE KEY TO SERENITY



The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The Risen Christ commissioned the disciples and therefore us, to go out into the world and proclaim the Good News! Part of the Good News of Jesus Christ is the power of the Holy Spirit at work within us and among us. We are given all that we need to live our mission to love and to work for justice and the flourishing of all people.

As we journey through the Easter Season to Pentecost the same Holy Spirit that propelled the disciples to live their mission of *Opus Christi, Christ's Work* animates us. Through Baptism and Confirmation we are empowered with spiritual gifts. During this Easter Season we will explore thematically the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and experience them at work in our lives in new ways.

Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

- **Fear of the Lord ("WOW!" Awe, Wonder, Amazement)** is awakening to God's blessings freely given: in the beauty of creation, the truth of compassion deep within us, the goodness of loving relationships – recognizing that "All is Gift."
- **Piety (Reverence)** is living gratefully in a graced world with a profound respect for all life and a passion to be faithful stewards of God's bountiful gifts.
- **Fortitude (Courage)** enables us to dream of what is possible with Christ's love. Fortitude emboldens us to take responsibility for that vision and to creatively make it a reality.
- **Right Counsel** helps us to sift and sort in prayer what cannot be changed and needs to be accepted and what can be changed and needs to be accomplished.
- **Knowledge** focuses our priorities and shifts our perspective to think, feel and act with faith, hope and love.
- **Understanding** is seeing, feeling and listening with the "ear of our heart." Understanding and compassion are God's heart.

- **Wisdom** enables us to discern and relish God's presence in all things, to trust in Providence and to therefore live with compassion on the journey.

REFLECTION ON "WOW!" – AWE – Reverence and Piety FINDING GOD IN THE GARDEN

Hugo Marnatti was giving a young student a mental development test. He showed the child an image of an incomplete stick figure that was missing an arm and a leg. The child was asked, "What does the stick figure need?" She responded, "A wheelchair."

We all have needs. Often we deny them or prefer to focus on our independence but we are connected to our bodies, other people, our world and God. Recognizing our needs is the first step to wholeness and to holiness. Today, our Gospel reminds us that we are connected to God in the way that a vine is connected to a branch. Perhaps a clearer analogy would be that we need God as much as a branch needs a tree trunk, roots and leaves in order to live! When it comes to our need for God it is up to us to grow in our awareness and recognition of God in us, other people and around us in our world. Awakening to the presence of God in all the gifts around us including the gift of our own lives is the beginning of the spiritual journey and its culmination.

Becoming more aware and awake to God's presence among us often happens by appreciation of the beauty, complexity and wonder of God's creation of nature all around us. Nature can give us a sense of wow and Awe.

Reverence and piety are our grateful response to recognizing God's gifts in our lives.

The following reflection questions draw our attention to God's gifts. Spending time in prayer and reflection with these questions and activities may lead us to discover, understand and rejoice in the God who was always present among us – the God we need!

REFLECTION QUESTIONS AND ACTIVITY

1. What is the most beautiful place that you have ever seen? What does this say to you about God our creator? Talk to God about your thoughts and feelings.
2. In the musical *Le Miserables* one of the song lyrics reads, "To love another person is to see the face of God." Picture the faces of those you love who are here and those who now live with the Lord. One by one express your love for them and thankfulness to God for the gift of each one of them.
3. Choose one act of service for another person to express your gratitude to God. Do it.
4. Look at yourself as God's gift to you. For what attributes are you most grateful? Say thanks to God.
5. Take a look at something in nature, flowers, trees, pets. List the loveliness of the creation. Say thanks to God.

CELEBRATING PENTECOST 2018: MAY 20

Multi-language Liturgy

Acts of the Apostles (2:4) reports that on the feast of Pentecost all were "filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim." The multiple languages at Pentecost demonstrate God's desire to be in relation with all people. God speaks to each heart in a unique way. Our celebration of Pentecost will be a multi-language liturgy serving as a symbol of God's ongoing action to renew the face of the earth.

Volunteers are being sought to proclaim the Scripture readings and general intercessions in their native language.

Please contact Donna Scancarella at 973-779-6200 or dscancarella@stphilip.org for more information and to volunteer.

Festive Clothing

On the first Pentecost the Spirit hovered over the disciples like tongues of fire. The manifestation of God's power symbolizes the fire of love that compels the followers of Jesus through spirituality, service and social ministry. Therefore, parishioners are invited to wear **flame colors of red, yellow or orange**. Our multi-colored glow will be a communal affirmation of our commitment to rekindle the fire of God's love and to live our mission working for peace and justice with zeal.

Flag Bearers Needed

Our Pentecost Eucharist procession is led by our flag bearers. We are in need of six volunteers for each Mass on Pentecost weekend as carriers. The flags are more cumbersome than heavy; however moderate upper body strength is a requirement. A sign-up sheet for each Mass time can be found in the Sacristy.

RESTORATION UPDATE

Phase II

The Molloy Center is still in process because it sustained the greatest amount of smoke damage. At this writing, there is no projected return date.

Phase III

The Kaleidoscope wing of the school, which was the epicenter of the fire, was deemed unsalvageable by the insurance company and was demolished. Marion Hall shared a wall and a roof with the Kaleidoscope wing and therefore, cannot be used until a new building is constructed on the site. We are currently in the planning stage to rebuild the Kaleidoscope wing and to restore Marion Hall for use.

Please Help

Your prayer and support through these months is deeply appreciated. Please help by continuing your prayer for:

- patience in dealing with the relocation of our spiritual, service and social ministries to off campus sites.
- all those involved in the restoration process, that God will continue to Bless them for their dedication and diligence.
- a speedy return for the use of our entire facility as we continue to do our mission which is Christ's Work of love in action.

The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
Courage to change the things I can;
And the wisdom to know the difference.

Reinhold Niebuhr

MEDITATION HOUR

Please join us for prayer, guided meditation and reflection on **Thursday, May 10th** at **8:00 PM** in Church following the 7:00 PM Mass for the Ascension.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

May 6: Grades 7, 8, 9, 10

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The fifth grade class visited Sterling Mill Museum of Fluorescence in Ogdensburg, NJ. The students experienced a fantastic tour of the mine 1/4 of a mile underground, collected minerals and saw historical exhibits. The students said that the many specimens of fluorescent minerals was absolutely breath taking!

Students from Grade 2 participated in a special Earth Day class which was part of their Science/Social Studies curriculum. Topics of Renewable Energy, and Pollution Prevention were explored. This class was presented by one of St. Philip School alumni, Class of 2007.

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

THE FOLLOWING GROUPS MEET AT

THE VFW HALL - 491 VALLEY ROAD, CLIFTON

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 1st and 3rd Wednesday - 8:00 PM

BOYS SCOUTS TROOP 21 AND CUB SCOUTS PAC 21 - Monday nights at 6:30PM

COLUMBIETTES Thursday, May 31 -7:00 PM

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The blanket ministry will meet Thursdays, **May 3 and 17, 2018** at 9:45 AM at the Hamilton House on Valley Road in Clifton. These will be the last meetings until September. For fabric or yarn donations, call Cathie Murtha. (973-471-1265)

PRIME TIMERS

Friday, May 4 from 12:30 - 2:30 PM; Valley Regency, 1129 Valley Rd. Bring new unused items for our annual Tricky Tray Raffle.

ROSARY SOCIETY

Monday, May 21 beginning with mass in the **CHURCH** at 6 PM. Meeting to follow in St. Philip's School Auditorium.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

A support group for people grieving the death of their spouse. Please contact Dr. Rachel Rengifo at 201-500-2068.

MAY CROWNING

On Mother's Day, **Sunday, May 13th**, following the 8 AM Mass, the outside Statue of Mary will be crowned. Please join us along with the first communion children and the Rosary Society as we pray a decade of the Rosary and sing a Marian hymn.



JUBILEE YEAR 2018

The Year of our Lord 2018 is our parish Jubilee commemorating 75 years of fulfilling our mission of *Opus Christi –which is Latin for Christ’s Work*. During the decades our parish has been love in action, bringing good news through spiritual, service and social ministry.

Jesus said to our parish patron St. Philip, “Whoever believes in me will do the works I do and even great works.” John 14:22

WEB SITE AND FACE BOOK INFORMATION

Share your e-mail with us so as not to miss any of the good news. Visit stphilip.org/jubilee to be included in our email list. Like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/stphilipclifton.

Fr. Matt is looking for some old photos and film in any format about St. Philip Church and/or school to compile our history. Items can be left with Barbara Salzer at the Parish Office.

Our Jubilee Prayer

Rejoicing in you, O Lord, with thankful hearts we pray as . . .

We Remember

gratefully our past companions on the Journey whose sacrifice inspires us.

We Celebrate

the good news of love in action that empowers spiritual, service and social ministry.

We Believe

in God’s providence as faithful stewards who continue Christ’s work using the Keys to the Kingdom. Amen

MSGR. PETER J. DOODY RETIREMENT

Celebration of Mass on **Saturday, June 9, 2018** at 10 AM at Annunciation Church, 45 Urban Club Road, Wayne. A reception in Fr. Peter’s honor will follow from 12:00-4:00 PM at Macaluso’s in Hawthorne. Cost is \$75 pp. Checks should be made payable to Annunciation Church and directed to the attention of Mrs. Trish Frost. Indicate number in your party and your home parish. Call the rectory at 973-694-5700 with any questions.

PRAY FOR

THE SICK: Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, Margaret Sikora, Sister Beverly Aiazzone, Jennie Marto, Antoinette Van Setters, Alexander Bancey, Derrick Medeiros, Maria Ligato, Philip Kutzenco, Evelyn Wescott, Annette Wanamaker, Mildred Nerone, Eugene & Lorraine DeBellis, Bob Rose, Jack Steffans, Barbara Ferry, Fred Van Duyne, Dave Miller, Sr. Giovanni Aiazzone, Maya Hilario, John Pepe, Ron Kuruc, George Biondi, Katie Gerber, Theresa Buhler, Chloe LoPresti, Cathy Papuzenski, Roberta & Al Dressner, Eloise Stampoulos, Pina Basile, Joseph Pagani, Jim Weis, Loretta Latona, Rita Latona, Eileen Kirschner, Roger Greff, Maryann Greff, Peg Chambers, Dorothea Stepka, Vivian Hart, Paul Doviak, Robert Fazio, John Thievon, Alice Negron, Janet Irizarry

THE DECEASED: Norma Llanes, Rose Martin

PRIESTS’ SCHEDULE: MAY 6, 2018

5:30 PM Fr. Kevin 8:00 AM Fr. Matt
10:00 AM Fr. Julio 12:00 N Fr. Joe

PARISH GIVING

Easter Collection: April 16, 2017	\$63,095.00
EASTER APRIL 1, 2018 TO DATE	\$57,983.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: APRIL 23, 2017	\$19,138.00
Sunday Collection: April 22, 2018	
Envelopes	\$11,333.00
Cash	\$ 1,669.00
Online giving donation	\$ 4,374.00
Total	\$17,376.00
2 nd Collection: Project Faith	\$ 2,555.00

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018

- 8:00** Emily Klopotak
- 10:00** Stanislaw Dewera
Joan Hughes
- 12:00** All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2018

- 7:00** John and Clorinda Scancarella
- 9:00** Msgr. Augustine Roman

TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018

- 7:00** Jean McMullen
- 9:00** Thomas Turner

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2018

- 7:00** Phyllis Kindler
- 9:00** Marie Walsky

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018

- 7:00** Susan Russell
- 9:00** Nicholas Quintavella

FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2018

- 7:00** Norma Llanes
- 9:00** Lillian Durso

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018

- 9:00** Jenna Errico
- 5:30** Bruno Marino
Anna Maria & Nicolo Pansini
Joan Hughes

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018

- 8:00** All the People of the Parish
- 10:00** Lillian Durso
Giuseppe Castaldo
Patrick Cross
Magna Jumao-as
- 12:00** Stanislaw Dewera

SAVE THE DATE!

ST. PHILIP’S ANNUAL CARNIVAL

Thursday	June 14	6-10 PM
Friday	June 15	6-11 PM
Saturday	June 16	6:30-11 PM



VALLEY RIDES & AMUSEMENTS
Rides Games Food