

## 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.

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### REFLECTIONS ON KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING

#### GRANNY GOES TO THE PROM

Austin was talking about his prom with his Granny DD. She shared that she had never been asked to her own prom seventy years ago. With this knowledge he understood that he could help. Austin took his eighty-nine-year-old Granny to his prom. As they danced they received a standing ovation from Austin's class. (Readers Digest Adapted 5/2018)

The gifts of Knowledge and Understanding help and guide our decisions and actions. Like in our story about Austin and his Granny, knowing about another person's thoughts, feelings and wishes gives us an opportunity to understand and to fashion a loving response.

Asking questions, being a compassionate listener and making time for others mirrors God's desire to know and understand us. In prayer, God knows and understands us. God listens with the "ear of God's heart" to our deepest desires. In prayer, God encourages us to listen wholeheartedly to each other.

The Holy Spirit gifts us with Knowledge and with Understanding and empowers us to come to know and to understand each other as we are known and understood by God.

#### Reflection and Activity

1. Share with God your true and honest thoughts and feelings in prayer.
2. God listens to you. Affirm that you are known and understood by God. Feel God's closeness as you share your heart.
3. Who is the Granny in your life? Who do you need to listen to? How might you respond in a loving way?
4. What one action will you take?

### 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.

#### 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.

## 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

### PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

This collection will be taken on **May 20<sup>th</sup>**. The collection supports our Holy Father as he reaches out with charity to some of the most marginalized throughout the world and reveals the love and compassion of faithful Catholics everywhere.

### EUCCHARIST ADORATION

On **Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**, we invite you for Eucharistic Adoration from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Join us for this spiritual time before the Blessed Sacrament in anticipation of the Feast of Pentecost.

- 11:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 11:00- 12N Reconciliation
- 12:30 Spiritual Talk – *"From Easter to Pentecost"*
- 12:40 Benediction
- 1:00 Dismissal

Why not stop by as your time permits and experience the Serenity that Jesus has to offer us.

### SPRING CONCERT

The Adult, Youth and Handbell Choirs of St. Philip the Apostle will present their annual Spring Concert on **Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** at 4:00 PM in church. The concert, which will feature sacred music, is free; however a free-will offering is appreciated. Please join us.

## ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

St. Philip Prep students are delighted to be back at our home campus. This week fourth graders are studying weather in Science where they will be making models of different types of clouds. Fifth grade Social Studies classes are learning about the challenges of the Constitutional Convention of 1787. Many grades are looking forward to field trips planned for this month.

## EVANGELIZATION



"Enjoy lunch & a movie with Pope Francis"

**Pope Francis**  
**A MAN OF HIS WORD**  
**Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

- Lunch at **11:00 AM** *Applebee's Restaurant*, Clifton Commons
- Followed by the movie at **12:15 PM** *AMC Theatre*, Clifton Commons
- \$20 per person includes lunch & movie  
\$10 per person for movie only

Sign up for tickets after all masses this weekend or call the office. *Limited ticket availability.*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2018-2019 year will begin on the weekend of **May 19/20** following the 5:30 PM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 noon Masses in the school auditorium. An early incentive discount will be given if registration is completed at this time. New families are welcome!

Please be sure that you are registered with the parish **prior** to registering your child/children for class. If you need to register as a parishioner, please contact Barbara Salzer, parish secretary at 973 779-6200.

Please contact [dleach@stphilip.org](mailto:dleach@stphilip.org) with any questions about our Religious Education program.

## MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

### THE FOLLOWING GROUPS MEET AT

**THE VFW HALL - 491 VALLEY ROAD, CLIFTON**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

### BLANKET MINISTRY

**Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 1:00 PM not 9:45 AM** at the Hamilton House on Valley Road, Clifton. This will be the last meeting until September.

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

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

## ROSARY SOCIETY

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

## WIDOW/WIDOWERS

**Monday, May 21** at 6:00 PM;  
The Hearth Restaurant, 1116 Rt. 46 West, Clifton

## PRIME TIMERS

Buffet Luncheon on **June 1, 2018** - 12:00 Noon at the Valley Regency. Anyone (members and non-members) wishing to attend the luncheon should send their reservation and payment of \$15.00 (checks made payable to Prime Timers) to St. Philip Church- Attn: Prime Timers.

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### ALPINE PILGRIMAGE

Bishop Serratelli will be the spiritual director for a tour of the Alpine countries of Switzerland, Austria and Germany from July 8 to 17, 2018.

Reservations are limited. For a brochure and information, contact Great Experiences at 201-825-3725 or by email at [Anne@greatexperiencesnj.com](mailto:Anne@greatexperiencesnj.com).

## 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 Kutzenko, 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, John Thievon, Alice Negron, Janet Irizarry, Clara Maffei, Ryan G. Micale

### PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: MAY 20, 2018

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

### PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: MAY 7, 2017	\$19,792.00
Sunday Collection: May 6, 2018	
Envelopes	\$10,808.00
Cash	\$ 2,115.00
Online giving donation	\$ 4,809.00
Total	\$17,732.00

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26, John 4:11-16, John 17:11b-19

### SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018

**8:00** Francine Faililla  
Susan Russell  
**10:00** Maryann Spohn  
Peter & Maureen Donohue  
Marek Cicak  
Rose Martin  
**12:00** All the People of the Parish

### MONDAY, MAY 14, 2018

**7:00** Robert Mattis  
**9:00** Eva Serratelli

### TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018

**7:00** Hermann Koch  
**9:00** Caroyln Distasio

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2018

**7:00** Dec'd members: Alphonse & Jennie Seiffert Family  
**9:00** Margaret Hreha – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2018

**7:00** Helen Kalin  
**9:00** Rose Martin

### FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2018

**7:00** Rev. Vincent E. Keane  
**9:00** Rose Martin

### SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2018

**9:00** Anna Rhode  
**5:30** All the People of the Parish

### SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018

**8:00** Mary Byonne  
**10:00** Walter Posmik  
Marek Cicak  
Patsy Sinisi  
Susan Russell  
**12:00** Fred Siwec  
Gregory Winberry

The Sanctuary Candle:

In Memory of  
Julia McNamara

### 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