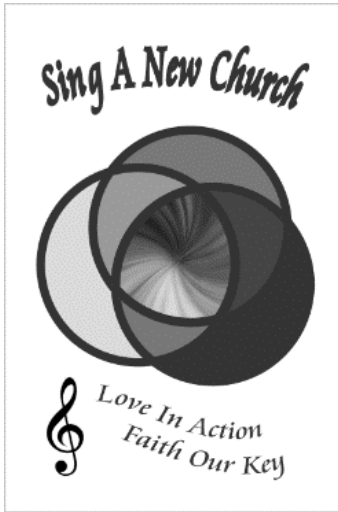


33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
SING A NEW CHURCH



Singing Circles of Color

The Singing Circles of Color symbol above represents our Theme. Notice (color version at www.stphilip.org and Church Banner) the dynamic relationships that each individual circle and a variety of combinations of circles share. Through relationships there is a plethora of creation - new colors and diverse sounds. We **SING A NEW CHURCH** in the **Key of Faith as Love in Action**.

WEEK XI

Wounded Healers

Fr. Matt shares a reflection:

I remember how excited I was stepping on the plane to come to America for my seminary education and then, with God's help, to minister as a priest in the Diocese of Paterson. What I did not know was the pain I would experience in leaving my family, friends, language and homeland. I am delighted to be a priest here and consider this country my home as I pursue citizenship. Yet, there is always pain in separation especially at holiday time. When I feel the pain of loss of family and my past, I think of it as a little wound. As a priest, I am glad for this pain because it gifts me with compassion for people who suffer loss, grief and fear.

The spiritual writer Henri Nouwen teaches that ministers and all people are called to be wounded healers. As stewards of Christ's Work, we are invited to use our suffering and pain as a catalyst for our growth in sensitivity and as an impetus for our desire to help others on this pilgrimage and journey of life. In our theme, Sing a New Church, we have three circles that may represent this dynamic of being wounded healers. One circle is our difficulty or pain, the other Christ's power to heal our pain, the third our interaction with others as we heal them with our words, actions and ministry. The place of beauty where our wounds, Christ's power, and our healing presence for others is represented by the rainbow. In the center, we become love in action with faith as our key.



An Icon of Healing Love

For me the icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa is a helpful image of our mission to be wounded healers. The origin of this image of Mary and Jesus is surrounded by many legends. The icon originated near Constantinople until it was taken to Poland in the fifteenth century. The icon changed hands frequently and was involved in various

wars and controversies. At some point, the icon received slashes to Mary's face and throat. All attempts to artistically erase the scars have failed, as if the icon wished to remain imperfect. This makes sense because, when we look upon this Image of our Blessed Mother, we see not perfection but a wounded healer with whom we can share our sorrows, pain and wounds. Mary brings our wounds to Christ for healing. Christ himself is our wounded healer, in that, Jesus suffered as we suffer, died as we died and promises us a share in His Resurrection. Ultimately all wounds are healed in God's kingdom.

Replica images of the Our Lady of Czestochowa icon travel in pilgrimage around the world and people visit shrines dedicated to her at Czestochowa in Poland and even Doylestown, Pennsylvania. Our Mother draws her children to seek healing through her Son Jesus, our wounded healer.

Prayerful Action

Our Scripture readings this week speak about the trials and sufferings we find in life. I invite you look upon this image of Our Lady of Czestochowa praying with the following reflections:

1. What wound, pain or distress in me needs healing?
2. Speak to Mary and our Lord about your wound.
3. Ask our Lord to heal you and to give you compassion because of your pain.
4. Who in your life needs you to be a healing presence?
5. What one action can I take to be a wounded healer for others?

Prayer to Our Lady of Czestochowa

Compassionate Mother, your image bears the marks of time and pain mixed with the joy of holding your Son our Wounded Healer. Grant, through your kindly intercession, that Christ heal my pain and wounds so that I may give God glory through faithful service as a grateful steward. Through my suffering, open my heart to hold the presence of your Son more dearly. May I grow in empathy for the people in my life and throughout the world. In word and deed, may I be love in action with faith as my key. Amen.

ST. PHILIP'S JUBILEE HISTORY CELEBRATED AT FILM PREMIER

Join us for a premier viewing of "Greater Things" a documentary movie created by Fr. Matt about the history of our parish. The viewing will be on **Saturday, December 8th** after the **5:30 pm** Mass and **Sunday, December 9th at 11:00 am** in the Auditorium.



**SPIRITUAL JOURNEY TO
OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA NATIONAL SHRINE
DOYLESTOWN PA
& PEDDLER'S VILLAGE
HOST: FR. MATT**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2018
TRANSPORTATION, TOUR OF SHRINE, LUNCH
TICKETS - \$50.00
BUS LEAVES ST. PHILIP AT 8:30 AM
FROM ST. PHILIP'S DRIVE
RETURNS AT 9:00 PM
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE MOLLOY CENTER

BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. KEVIN

Bible Study on St Matthew's Gospel on **Mondays** in the Church at 11 am. St Matthew's Gospel gives a unique spiritual dimension to our faith and belief. All are welcome!

RCIA

Journey with Us!

Through the process of the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** or **RCIA**, we explore your questions about the faith and discover the keys to the kingdom. Our next session will be on **Monday, November 26th** from 7:00-8:30 pm in Church. For more information about **RCIA**, please call Donna Scancarella at 973-779-6200.

GOOD NEWS FOR PARENTS

Join us on **Sunday, November 18th** at 9:00 AM in the Russo Room as we explore ways of managing your lives and your roles as parents. Julia Gabriele, Family & Executive Coach, will facilitate along with members of our Pastoral Staff. Future session dates are: Jan. 13, Feb. 10, Mar. 10, Apr. 7, May 5 **All are welcome!**

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

The St. Philip's Adult, Children and Handbell Choirs will present our annual *Service of Lessons and Carols* on **December 2, 2018 at 3:00 pm.**

On **December 16, 2018 at 3:00 pm**, the church will host a Christmas Concert featuring instrumental ensemble, *Imperial Brass* in the church. Tickets for this event are \$10/adults, \$4/children. A light reception will follow in the auditorium. Please join us for some holiday fun and a sing along! More information about purchasing tickets for this event to follow.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 2 and 7 – 10, **Sunday, November 18.**

Grades 1 – 6, **Sunday, December 9th-Christmas Pageant**

All classes begin in Church with the 8:00 Mass, followed by instruction until 10:30.

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The school children have begun practicing for our annual Christmas show, which will be held Thursday, December 6. The students are learning Christmas tunes, both old and new, along with dance steps, and creating costumes and scenery for this joyful and festive event.

The St. Philip Prep joins our Parish in participating in the annual Thanksgiving food drive to help those who are less fortunate. Our students have been making contributions which will be converted into gift certificate cards for the purchase of food.

HOME & SCHOOL CRAFT FAIR

St. Philip HSA CRAFT FAIR will be held on **December 1st** from 9 am to 4 pm. Over 40 Vendors! Please stop in to do some Christmas Shopping and buy homemade baked goods made by the SPS Families. Hope to see you all there!

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

SPOUSAL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

Next meetings: **Tuesday, November 27** at 7 pm in the Russo Room. Please contact Thalia Sanchez 862-295-1688.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

1st and 3rd Wednesday: The VFW Hall -Valley Rd; 8:00 PM

PRIME TIMERS

- ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY - **Wednesday, December 19th**, Valley Regency, Noon to 4 pm. \$50 per person; payments to the Molloy Center by **Friday, December 7th.**
- **January 4th** Meeting Speaker: Joan Herrmann, Inspirational Speaker, Radio Host, and St. Philip Parishioner

Advent Prayer Opportunities

Lessons and Carols	December 2	3 pm
Christmas Pageant	December 9	9 am
Meditation Hour	December 13	7 pm
Eucharistic Adoration	December 15	11 am – 1 pm
Christmas Concert	December 16	3 pm

THANKSGIVING GRACE

Father, we give you thanks this day as we remember that all gifts come from you.

You created us in your own image and set us over all creation as your stewards.

Once you chose a people and gave them a promise that all would be blessed and all could be free.

We remember the faith of our ancestors who came to this land as a place of promise and hope.

Our prayer of Thanks reminds us to be grateful for your bountiful gifts.

You lead us to the blessed vision of peace.

Bless all of us present and those we love who cannot be with us today.

Bless this meal, a symbol of your daily care for us.

As we share this gift may we grow in love and service through Christ our Lord.

Please join us for the Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00 AM. The word Eucharist means, "to give thanks." What a perfect way to say thank you to our provident God from whom all blessings flow.

PRAY FOR

THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Timothy Joseph Boss, child of Timothy & Melissa

Aria Marie Poissant, child of Tyler & Samantha

Sloan Olivia Santosuosso, child of Michael & Lori

Carter Grayson and Hudson Gray Scelsa,

children of Cory & Alecia

THE SICK: Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, Margaret Sikora, Sister Beverly Aiazzone, Maria Ligato, Philip Kutzenko, Evelyn Wescott, Annette Wanamaker, Mildred Nerone, Eugene & Lorraine DeBellis, Bob Rose, Jack Steffans, Fred Van Duyne, Sr. Giovanni Aiazzone, Maya Hilario, John Pepe, Ron Kuruc, Theresa Buhler, Chloe LoPresti, Cathy Papuzenski, Roberta & Al Dressner, Eloise Stampoulos, Pina Basile, Eileen Kirschner, Roger Greff, Maryann Greff, Peg Chambers, Dorothea Stepka, Vivian Hart, Janet Irizarry, Ryan G. Micale, Vincent Caragliano, Domenico Girilli, Angelo Masino, Monique Tommaro, Paul Pairo, RoseMarie Azzaro, Michael Murphy, Annie Omelcvcuck, Chris Mueller, Katharine Dasenbrock, Ken Hauser, Frank Piscatelli, Patricia Garland, Harry Plastik, Patricia Garland, Maria McHorney, Arthur McHorney, Patricia & Kelly McNair, Georgeanna Hall, Jack Farrington, Ann Guidetti, Dave D'Arco, Ginny Perez, Karen S. Montague

THE DECEASED: Dorothea Stepka

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: NOVEMBER 12, 2017	\$18,791.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: NOVEMBER 11, 2018	
Envelopes	\$12,667.00
Cash	\$ 1,304.00
Online giving donation	\$ 5,918.00
Total	\$19,889.00
2 nd Collection: Project Faith	\$ 2,350.00

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: NOVEMBER 24/25, 2018

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

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018

8:00	Richard Kochan Michael McKenna
10:00	Anthony M. Petaccio Edna E. Reynolds Leona Funicelli Joan Paul
12:00	All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2018

7:00	Mary Roszkowski
9:00	Patricia Fitzgerald-Nash

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2018

7:00	Rev. John McGuigan
9:00	Rev. Richard Messenlehner

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2018

7:00	Rev. Raymond Conlin
9:00	Rev. Robert Gordon

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2018

9:00	Mark Kaczor
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2018

9:00	Thomas J. & Ruth Mullin
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2018

9:00	Joanne M. Koval – 4 th Anniversary
5:30	Joan Hughes Angelo DePeri Caroline Auletto

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2018

8:00	All the People of the Parish
10:00	Stasia & Joseph Piechocki Ralph Saam – 17 th Anniversary Angela Blake Joan Hughes Bernard Pompeo – 17 th Anniversary
12:00	Victor Shami

The Sanctuary Candle: In memory of
Fred Anthony
From Francesca

The Offertory Gifts: In memory of
Domenico Pagano
From the Pagano & Salvatori
Families