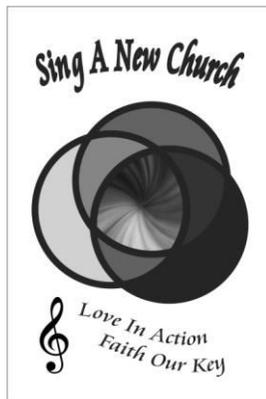


24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SING A NEW CHURCH: Week II



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**.

75th Jubilee Parish Theme: Sing A New Church

We sing the good news of God's love. Our song begins as a single note of love whispered to us by God at the very moment of our creation. In every breath through the years we draw notes and melodies together in our relationship with our self, others and God. Our song crescendos in the joyous eternal choir which is the hymn of heaven, a song of never ending praise and thanksgiving.

God's song of love is gently played in every heart and heard as we share our unique song as Love in Action. Every time a gift or talent is given for another, our church community sings a new song and a new church into being. Faith is our key which gives voice to our collective mission which is to do *Christ's Work, Opus Christi*.

During the next weeks we will explore the living relationships represented in the symbols above:

Father Son Spirit, God Self Others, Creation Redemption Sanctification, Body Mind Spirit, Gift Gratitude Action, Awakening Interpreting Responding.

Reflection Story

The attractive young woman is at the hardware store to get a duplicate of her car key. The store clerk asks, "You're a model?" It is exactly what a woman wants to hear. She responds, "Well, no, I'm not, in fact I'm turning thirty this week but I'm very flattered." The clerk stops her right there, points to the car keys and repeats slowly and loudly, "Year... and...model?" (Kirsten Jeppson adapted).

Our story illustrates that whatever image we might have in our heads about who we are, we are all created in a certain year and as a specific model. We are human and created as body, mind and spirit.

Jesus asks his disciples in the Gospel today, "Who do people say that I am?" Jesus asks the question so that he might

understand how best to minister to others not because he is confused about his own identity. Jesus was fully aware that he was both human and divine and that because of his humanity, suffering was inevitable. Peter does not want to hear the truth that there are crosses in every life.

As Isaiah points out in today's first reading, the good news is that God is ready and willing to "help" in every situation. Honestly turning to God in faith is the key to receiving help in times of trouble. St. James points out the Catholic perspective that faith and prayer must be accompanied by works which are love in action.

Our **Singing Circles of Color** can symbolize our humanity in its three components which are body, mind and spirit. These aspects of our lives are deeply integrated and are all to be considered when we are living our faith and acting with love.

Reflection Questions

When suffering visits, we need to pay attention to all three parts of ourselves - body, mind and spirit.

Faith is our key, love is our action.

1. BODY CIRCLE

FAITH - we reflect with God in prayer about our rest, exercise, food, use of mood altering substances, environment, appreciation of beauty, prayerful use of our senses, paying attention to our intuition and God's gift of wisdom at work in our lives.

ACTION - What loving actions will I take for the good of my body which is God's gift to me?

2. MIND CIRCLE

FAITH - We believe that God can do for us what we cannot do for ourselves. Be honest with God. Do not be afraid to express negative emotion with God, even if it is directed at God. All loving relationships are based on honesty - God can take it!

ACTION - Ask the question in prayer, "OK God, what's the good news?" What one action can you take to be good news for another person? Do it.

3. SPIRIT CIRCLE

FAITH - In the singing circle that represents our wholeness, the very heart and center where all circles intersect and come together, is represented as a rainbow. The rainbow in the Bible is a symbol of hope, new creation, forgiveness, healing, renewal and a reminder that as St. Paul writes:

'ultimately all things work together for good with God's power at work within us which accomplishes much more than we could ever hope for or imagine.'

We need not fear the quiet of prayer because at the center of our very being is God's own spirit waiting to embrace us with unconditional acceptance.

ACTION - Use **Our Parish Jubilee Hymn "Sing a New Church"** for your prayerful reflection. Read the hymn through once, read it again or sing it to yourself slowly. What word or phrase: Comforts, Challenges, Teaches and/or Speaks to you? These are the area or areas that God wishes to touch and heal within you. Pay attention, speak to God honestly about your body, mind and spirit. Listen carefully as God whispers God's song of unconditional love. May God continue to shape each circle of your life ever more colorful, wider, richer, deeper, fuller and may you be ever more free.

**Our Parish Jubilee Hymn
"Sing a New Church"**

1. Summoned by the God who made us
Rich in our diversity,
Gathered in the name of Jesus,
Richer still in unity:
Refrain: *Let us praise the gifts that differ
With good news our ministry,
Sing a new church into being,
Love in action, faith our key.*
2. Radiant vision, past companions,
Whose foundation paved the way
Through their service in Christ's mission,
We advance their work today. (Refrain)
3. Trust the goodness of creation;
Trust the Spirit strong within.
Dare to dream the vision promised,
Colored rich from what has been. (Refrain)
4. Bring the hopes of every nation;
Bring the art of every race.
Weave a song of peace and justice;
Let it sound through time and space. (Refrain)
5. Draw together at one table
All the human family;
Shape a circle ever wider
And a people ever free. (Refrain)

Written by: D. Delores Dufner, OSB b. 1939, The Sisters of St. Benedict
Music: Nettelton: Journeysongs 3rd ed. (adapted.)

SAVE THE DATE!
75TH JUBILEE CELEBRATION
"SING A NEW CHURCH"
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2018

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

2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal: Here I Am, Lord!

Over the years, more and more parishioners have chosen to support the Bishop's Annual Appeal by making an on-line gift. Simply go to www.2018appeal.org and follow the instructions. You can either make a one-time gift or a pledge with monthly payments made automatically for your convenience. Whether it is a pledge, a one-time gift, or an on-line donation, your support is greatly needed!

The 2019 Mass Book will open on Tuesday, September 25. The donation for one mass, the Sanctuary Candle, or Offertory Gift is \$20.00

RCIA

Are you interested in exploring your spiritual life?
Do you want to know more about the Catholic Faith?
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.

We invite you to be our companion on the journey. 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.

Saint Philip Women's Cornerstone Retreat

November 16 & 17, 2018

"Peace be with you"

Cornerstone is a beautiful retreat experience, a time to revitalize your relationship with God, renew your own spirit and bond with other women of our parish through a combination of quiet reflection and prayer, and the sharing of one's faith journey with others. Please consider joining us for this two-day retreat experience.

Retreat Times: **Friday, 6:30PM to 10:30PM**

Saturday, 8:30AM to 6:30PM

Registration Donation: \$50

Registration opens online **September 15, 2018** at stphilip.org

Please email any questions to Cornerstone@StPhilip.org or call

The Molloy Center (973)779-6200.

Hear testimonials and have your questions answered after all masses this weekend.

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The Columbiette Blanket Ministry will meet on **Thursday, September 20, 2018 (please note corrected date)** in the Molloy Center at 9:45 am. Call Cathie Murtha at (973) 471-1265. **All are welcome!**

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

A support group for people grieving the death of their spouse. Next meeting: **Tuesday, September 25th** at 7:00 pm in the Russo Room. Please contact Dr. Rachel Rengifo at 201 500 2068.

ROSARY SOCIETY

74TH ANNUAL COMMUNION BRUNCH

Sunday, October 7th following 10:00 am Mass in the auditorium. Tickets: \$25.00. Call Elaine at 973-472-9019.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF OUTING

September 20, 2018 at Knolls West Country Club. Cost-\$150.00 Includes: golf, golf cart and all fees, lunch, cocktail hour, dinner, prizes, raffle and contests. To be a player,

sponsor or volunteer, please contact Brian Kulesa at (973) 418-2085 or beezerkul@aol.com.

ADULT CHOIR AND HANDBELL CHOIR

New voices are **Welcome!** Rehearsals are on Mondays from 7-9 pm in the choir loft. We sing at the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday. Join us at rehearsal or see Frank Hydash after Mass.

Handbell Choir - Calling all ringers high school age and up. Rehearsals are 6-6:45 pm Monday evenings in church beginning **September 24th**.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND CONFIRMATION

*Grades 1-6 Classes begin on **Sunday, September 16***

*Grades 7, 8 and Confirmation, Grades 9, 10 classes begin on **Sunday, September 23***

- *Classes begin at the 8:00 am Mass, followed by classroom instruction in the school until 10:30.*
- *Following Mass, parents of students in Grades 1-8 accompany your child/children to the school. Students names will be posted outside the classroom.*
- *You are invited to meet your child's Catechist from 10:00-10:30 in their classroom.*

Please contact dpanullo@stphilip.org or dleach@stphilip.org with any questions or concerns.

YOUTH GROUP

All high school youth are invited to attend the first youth group meeting of the year **Sunday, September 30th** at 11 am in the Russo Room. If you are a high school teen, we want you to stop by and let us know what YOU need the church to provide for YOU to grow in faith. This will be an informal meeting just to get a sense of what the young church needs. Please bring your thoughts, questions and of course there will be food! Youth group gatherings will be an average of twice a month, with the schedules being updated regularly. There will be opportunities for service, fun, food, fellowship and a chance to share and grow in faith. Meeting space will vary for now as we continue to rebuild. Join us anytime and show the world that the young church is living proof of God's love in the world!

PRAY FOR

THE SICK: Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, Margaret Sikora, Sister Beverly Aiazzone, Antoinette Van Setters, Alexander Bancey, Derrick Medeiros, Maria Ligato, Philip Kutzenko, Evelyn Wescott, Annette Wanamaker, Mildred Nerone, Eugene & Lorraine DeBellis, Bob Rose, Jack Steffans, Fred Van Duyne, Dave Miller, Sr. Giovanni Aiazzone, Maya Hilario, John Pepe, Ron Kuruc, George Biondi, Theresa Buhler, Chloe LoPresti, Cathy Papuzenski, Roberta & Al Dressner, Eloise Stampoulos, Pina Basile, Jim Weis, Loretta Latona, Rita Latona, Eileen Kirschner, Roger Greff, Maryann Greff, Peg Chambers, Dorothea Stepka, Vivian Hart, John Thievon, Alice Negron, Janet Irizarry, Ryan G. Micale, Vincent Caragliano, Domenico Cirilli, Angelo Masino, Monique Tommaro, Paul Pairo, RoseMarie Azzaro, Henry Murphy, Annie Omelcvuck, Chris Mueller, Katharine Dasenbrock, Ken Hauser, Linda Ciaburri, Frank Piscatelli, Patricia Garland, Harry Plastik

THE DECEASED: Edna Reynolds, Ann Kos, Joseph Pitak, Mary Shashaty

THE NEWLY MARRIED:

Christian Daniel Tarectecan and Diane Marie Alburo
Juan David Murillo and Sasha Marie Toro

THE NEWLY BAPTIZED:

Aiden William Cheddie, child of Adrian and Allison
Luke Joseph Dujets, child of Lucas and Kristen
Michelle Nicole Young, child of William and Alexandria

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 50:5-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

- 8:00 All People of the Parish
10:00 Salvatore Cossari
Norma Llanes
Mildred Lechleiter
Giovanni La Galia
12:00 Antonio B. Garcia 7th Anniversary
John Thiruvathukal 3rd Anniversary

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

- 7:00 Msgr. John Morris
9:00 Sergio D'Alto

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

- 7:00 Dr. Albert Pineda
9:00 Robert Zachary Bunsu

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2018

- 7:00 Edna Reynolds
9:00 Lillian Durso

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

- 7:00 Vincenzo Mazzara
9:00 Lillian Durso

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2018

- 7:00 Primitivo Navarro
9:00 Frank & Michael Sabella

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

- 9:00 Ann Kos
5:30 All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

- 8:00 Stefan Kramer
Charles Dyke
Joseph McNamara, Jr.
10:00 Generoso Spatola
Lillian Durso
Patsy Sinisi
Joan Hughes
12:00 Al Mayewski
Osmania Levanti

The Sanctuary Candle: In memory of
John McNamara, Jr.

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: SEPTEMBER 10, 2017	\$19,813.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: SEPTEMBER 9, 2018	
Envelopes	\$12,986.00
Cash	\$ 1,364.00
Online giving donation	\$ 5,559.00
Total	\$19,909.00
2 nd Collection: Project Faith	\$ 2,847.00

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

5:30 PM Fr. Joseph 8:00 AM Fr. Matt

10:00 AM Fr. Kevin

12:00 N Fr. Joe