



TIME TO BE GOOD NEWS

Our spiritual practice of asking, “OK God, what’s the good news?” in prayer opens us to the wonder of God’s presence and gifts.

Our Theme, *Time To Be Good News*, is developed in bulletin articles, through song, and on our website www.stphilip.org each week.

KEY CONCEPT: Salvation Is Healing

Our mission, *Opus Christi*, is to do Christ’s Work in our lives each day. We are invited to be good news for each other. Prayer is the key that helps us to discover good news within us and in God’s gifts around us. Prayer enables us to become good news for others through our words and in our deeds. The Good News of Jesus Christ we call Salvation, comes from the Latin word *Salvus*, which means to heal. God saves us in this life by healing our minds, hearts and wills through prayer, Scripture and the Sacraments. God saves us in every moment of life. Even through death we are healed into a new life in Christ.

Our Banner in Words and In Symbol

The *time* is now to pay attention to God’s saving *hands* that heal our *hearts to be* free to love with the *good news* in word and in deed. All grace is given from God, for others † and let it begin with me.

Good News In Progress

- Week I: Salvation Is Healing
- Week II: The Time Is Now
- Week III: Free to be Me
- Week IV: Good, Better, Best Choice
- Week V: New News is Good News
- Week VI: In Giving, We Receive
- Week VII: Blessing and Healing
- Week VIII: Sacrament of Healing

Week II The Time Is Now

The sausage factory in Garfield is ablaze. Half the town works there. The owner realizes that the secret sausage formula is in the safe and offers a \$100,000 reward for the fire company that puts out the flames. Firemen are watching, assessing the

risk, but are unwilling to enter the building. Around the corner and down the steep hill comes the Lodi volunteer fire company in their ancient truck. Down the hill and breaking through the wall of the factory, they fight the flames as though fighting for their very lives. The fire is put out. “How did you find the courage to do all of that?” asks the owner. “We did not find any courage, the truck’s brakes failed!”

The Garfield firemen were stuck in the future with thoughts of what if this or what if that. The Lodi men were thrust into the present moment of Now. They had to fight for their lives minute by minute. Not one firemen wasted any time thinking what might have been had the brakes not failed. In the present moment, working to full capacity, the work was done and done well.

Our minds often focus on the past, “coulda, woulda, shoulda.” We can be paralyzed by wishful thinking of what might have been. On the other hand, we can become frozen into inaction by imagining the future fearfully. Prayer is the key to free us from our past. Prayer is the key to believe in the future with hope. The only time we really have is Now. The present is the gift of God in this moment.

Scripture Reflection

In today’s Gospel the workers in the field, whether working for one hour or 10 hours, receive the same wage. The good news is that each one and their families will eat that day. The bad news is that the resentment bursts into flame as they look into the past for what is fair. The bad news is that the resentment also causes fear for the future concerning whether the land owner will provide generously tomorrow. If the workers had focused on the only reality that they could control, the present moment, they would rejoice in the gift of their work, in the gift of their wages and would feel generous compassion for their fellow workers.

The good news is that by living in the present moment, the fire that burns in our mind concerning our past and our future can be put out by the healing waters of God’s compassion.

Activity

Healing the Past: The Time is Now

When troubled by memories we remember that God was with us in every moment of our lives. We can pray to find good news in the past, or know that God understands our pain with true compassion and desires to heal our memories. Pray for that gift. How are you motivated to be good news for others so that they will not have to share the type of pain you remember?

Healing Hope for the Future – The Time is Now

A **T I P** for having hope for the future is the **T I P** acronym – **T**rust In **P**rovidence. Affirm in prayer, “I may not feel trusting but my feelings are not the true fact that I can trust God to provide. God cares more about me and my loved ones than I do.” **T I P** – **T**rust In **P**rovidence.

The **Time is Now** to put out the fire of regretting the past and fearing the future. The **T I P** is the Time is Now to **T**rust In **P**rovidence.

TIME TO BE GOOD NEWS ON EARTH

To the tune of "Let There be Peace on Earth"

Time to be good news on earth and let it begin with me.
Time to be good news on earth the truth that was meant to be.

With Keys to the Kingdom, prayer will set us free;
Let us walk with each other Christ's love our destiny.

Our world is filled with strife our mission is clear to see.
The golden rule is ours, we stand for equality.
With Christ as our teacher, we are family;
As stewards we serve one another with justice through ministry.

Time to be good news on earth, let this be the moment now.

Let love begin with me, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment as good news for others to see.

Let there be good news on earth and let it begin with me/let it begin with me.

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: *IN GIVING, WE RECEIVE*

The vital work of our Church supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal is only as successful as the number of faithful parishioners who participate by making a gift. Your support helps bring hope to those who come to our Catholic Charities agencies. Every gift counts! Saint Teresa once wrote that "we feel what we are doing is a drop in the ocean, but that ocean would be less without that drop." Our Bishop's Annual Appeal is able to do that much more with whatever you are able to give. Please help make 2017 the year that our Bishop's Annual Appeal does even more for people in profound need.

HURRICANE RELIEF COLLECTION

Next weekend, **September 30th & October 1st**, the second collection will be taken for those devastated by the effects of the recent hurricanes. The diocese will then send these funds to Catholic Charities USA which will get resources directly to the needy.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

On **Saturday, October 7th** we would like to invite you for Eucharistic Adoration from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Join us for this spiritual time before the Blessed Sacrament in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of apparitions of Blessed Virgin Mary in Fatima.

- 11:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 11:00-12N Reconciliation
- 12:30 Spiritual Talk – **"To Jesus through Mary"**
- 12:40 Benediction
- 1:00 Dismissal

Why not stop by for a few minutes and say "thank you" for the Good News in our life.



SEPTEMBER 24, 2017
1:00-4:00 PM

Through the process of the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA** we explore 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 services, 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 of faith. We gather on Monday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in the Russo Room. For more information about **RCIA** please call Donna Scancarella at (973) 779-6200

Saint Philip Women's Cornerstone Retreat November 17 & 18, 2017 *I Love You † You Are Mine*

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.

Retreat Times:

Friday, 6:30 PM to 11:00 PM

Saturday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Registration Donation: \$50

Registration online at stphilip.org

Please email any questions

to Cornerstone@StPhilip.org or call

The Molloy Center (973)779-6200

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study with Fr. Kevin will resume on **Monday, October 9th** at 11:00 AM in the Molloy Center. The group will be discussing St. Paul's Letter to the Romans. The theme is the relationship between Judaism and Christianity as well as a plea to the new Christians to hold fast to their faith

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Denise Pannullo for Grades 1-8 at 973-779-1439 or
Victoria Velasco for Confirmation at 973-798-8772

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

MONDAY NIGHT WIDOW & WIDOWERS GROUP:

A social group for widows and widowers. Next meeting: **September 25th** in the Molloy Center at 6:30 PM.

SPOUSE BEREAVEMENT GROUP:

A support group for people grieving the death of their spouse. Next meeting: **September 26th** at 7:00 PM in the RUSSO ROOM. For information contact Dr. Rachel Rengifo at 201-500-2068

GOOD NEWS FOR PARENTS

The parish is offering an introductory session for parents to hear about how we can help you as people both in your lives and in your roles as parents. When was the last time you had a moment to take care of yourself?

Julia Gabriele, Family and Executive Coach will facilitate along with members of our pastoral staff. Join us; we are here to help you: **Sunday, October 15th** at 9:00 AM in the Russo Room

ROSARY SOCIETY

Sunday, **October 1st** is our **Annual Communion Brunch!** We will begin the Rosary at 9:40 AM followed by Mass at 10:00 AM in the Church. The Brunch will begin after Mass in Marian Hall. This year our speaker will be **Sr. Ann Marie Paul, Director** of the **Passaic Neighborhood Center for Women**. Tickets are \$25. Call Elaine for tickets (973) 472-9019

COLUMBIETTES

- Congratulations to all members on receiving the Margaret Mary J Mangan Award. This is the highest national award an auxiliary can win!
- Installation of officers and meeting on **September 28th** at 7:00 PM in Marion Hall.

DIOCESAN NEWS

DIocese VOCATION OFFICE FUNDRAISER

A dinner dance will be held on **Sunday, November 12th** at 5:30 PM at The Brownstone, 351 West Broadway, Paterson. The proceeds of the event will go towards the upkeep of the Domus Bartimaus House of Discernment in Boonton as well as to help the Diocese in defraying the expense of the formation of our seminarians. Cost is \$70 per person. A cash bar will be available plus wine and beer on each table. For tickets and information, please contact the Vocations Office at 973-777-8818, ext. 711, or mnunez@patersondiocese.org.

PRAY FOR

THE SICK: Joan Hughes, Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, Ryan G. Micale, Jayce Mazza, Patsy Sinisi, Margaret Sikora, Steve Kuchta, Sister Beverly Aiazzino, Linda Brady, Gus Perez, Joseph Villano, Marie Nattvo, Jennie Marto, Antoinette Van Setters, Alexander Bancey, Josephine Pipitone, Derrick Medeiros, Maria Ligato, Philip Kutzenko, Evelyn Wescott, Ana Cabezas, Annette Wanamaker, Daniel Marty, Jim Lacava, Virginia Mascolo, Christine Carpenter, Robert Wagner, Mildred Nerone, Stephen Blayney, Eugene & Lorraine DeBellis, Bob Rose, Jack Steffans, Barbara Ferry, Fred Van Duyn, Theresa Buhler, Karen Ambrose, Dave Miller, Gary Diekmann, Sr. Giovanni Aiazzino, Maya Hilario, John Pepe, Ron Kuruc, George Biondi, Jack Jaeger, Arlene Pompeo, Margot Segarra

THE DECEASED: Carlina Gomez, Lillian Durso

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: SEPT. 30/OCT. 1, 2017

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

PARISH GIVING

TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION: SEPTEMBER 18, 2017	\$16,932.00
SEPTEMBER 17, 2017	
Envelopes	\$11,540.50
Cash	\$ 1,735.00
Online Giving Donations	\$ 4,630.50
Total	\$17,906.00

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

8:00	Patricia Hampton Kenneth M. Goeman
10:00	Generoso Spatola Deceased members of the Gorman & Walsky Family Osmenia Levante Joyce Amore
12:00	All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

7:00	Lillian Durso
9:00	Danielle LaFaso

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

7:00	Gordon Hahn
9:00	Ann Jasionowicz

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

7:00	Albundio Alburo
9:00	Kitty & Jim Murtha

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2017

7:00	John Gabler
9:00	Neal Giunta

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2017

7:00	Michael Schimpf
9:00	Ida Pompeo

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

9:00	Reid Charles Krevis
5:30	All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, October 1, 2017

8:00	Marianne Viscardi Marianne Jordon
10:00	Joseph Howard McEwan Rudolph Pohle Mario Aloia Living & Deceased members of the Rosary Society
12:00	Louis A. Cassella Jaime Gilberto Ruales

The Offertory Candle In Memory of
Antonio B. Garcia
From his wife & children