

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SING A NEW CHURCH: Week III



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

While waiting online in the grocery store, a young man begins to sing along with the music playing on the PA system. Suddenly the customer behind him, a seemingly sweet elderly woman, taps him on the shoulder and asks, "What did you do with the money?" "What money?" he asks. She says with a wicked smile, "The money your parents gave you for singing lessons."

When a person sings, hums or speaks within our earshot we hear and are affected by the sound. According to Wayne Muller this phenomenon is called sympathetic vibration.

"There is a principle of physics, called sympathetic vibration, that can be used by musicians to shape and amplify sound. When two strings are tuned to an identical pitch, striking one will instantly cause the other to vibrate in sympathy. If we place two identically tuned harps at opposite ends of a large room and pluck the note C-sharp on one string of one harp, every string tuned to C-sharp – on both harps – will suddenly come alive in a collaborative celebration of that note."

Sympathetic vibration is one way to understand our interrelationships with one another. The three circles represented in our symbol are in sympathetic vibration when seen as musical sounds that interact. Our relationship with God, with ourselves and with others are like sympathetic vibration – intimately connected, mutually stimulating and united at the deepest levels.

An example of sympathetic vibration occurs in today's Gospel when Jesus overhears the disciples arguing about who is the greatest and the first among them. Jesus is troubled by what he hears and speaks to his disciples about their need to echo, speak, sing, resonate, be in sympathy with God's song which is always a song of love and service. Any other note is a false note not played in the key of faith but in self-serving behavior which is not God's song. In the second reading, St. James reminds us that we are to sing in the key of faith and in the key of love not with notes of jealousy or ambition but with the soothing sounds of generosity, gentleness, peace and wisdom.

Reflection

Our reflection this week invites us to pay attention to the song we sing to one another and to be attentive to the song that God sings to us in prayer. We sing to each other in every interaction. In every encounter we sing some type of song, at times beautiful or pleasant, at times discordant, harsh or even painful to hear.

- Quiet yourself, listen closely, hear the song of gentleness, peace and wisdom that God sings in your heart.
- Ask yourself: what song do I sing to others through my words and my deeds? My family? My coworkers? My friends?

This week we reflect on sympathetic vibration. We are invited to pray for one another and to pay attention to the sound we make. God has not given us money for singing lessons but rather, gifts and talents that we are given to share as we join our voices, works in prayer singing a new church as God's song of love.



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Our Parish continues to **Sing the Good News** of God's love as we celebrate our **75th Jubilee Year, 1943 – 2018**.

Our **Sing a New Church Theme** symbol shows **Singing Circles of Color**. Our Church community sings a new church as we, like St. Philip the Apostle, do the work of Christ. By sharing our time, talent and treasure we become **Love in Action**, gratefully revealing new colors of God's gifts among us. In the **Key of Faith**, we join the notes of our song of thanks so that all might hear, know and experience the beauty of God's song of unconditional love.

Please consider how you can help our parish to continue our mission of Christ's work. Our goal through this **Jubilee Giving Commitment** initiative is to increase our regular offertory contributions, in light of the extraordinary expenses incurred due to the fire our school experienced in January 2018.

- Although the **school restoration** was funded by insurance, we incurred costs that were not reimbursed and took the opportunity to **update/refurbish** several areas of the school at our own expense totaling \$343,598.00.
- The insurance company decided to demolish our Kaleidoscope Wing due to irreparable damage. We are currently in the last phase of pre-construction for our new building which will now be called the **Jubilee Wing**. Insurance and cost are close as of this writing.
- An anonymous donor offered to be the financial foundation for the creation of new stained glass for the East and West Windows of our church as a **Jubilee Year Beautification Gift**. The parish will contribute to the windows through this giving initiative.

Increasing our weekly gift enables our spiritual, service and social ministries to be the very colors and sounds of God's Kingdom. When we collectively increase our weekly 'gift,' we will be able to accomplish our rebuilding and beautification projects.

As you prayerfully consider **your gift increase**, remember that God cannot be outdone in generosity. Please know that you and your loved ones remain in our prayer.

Yours in Faith,
Rev. Joseph J. Garbarino and Pastoral Team

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!

While there are many ways to give to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, there is a particularly beneficial opportunity if you are 70 ½ or over and have an IRA. If you are in this category, the IRS requires you to take a required minimum distribution from your IRA each year. This tax benefit can be realized by all qualifying individuals, whether you take the standard deduction or itemize your deductions. This can be a significant benefit to you and a great way to support the work of the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

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 discover the abundance of God's love and peace?
- Would you like to have greater motivation for service?
- Do you want to know more about the Catholic Faith?
- Did you ever think about becoming a Catholic?
- 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. Our first session will be on **Monday, November 5th** 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.
All are welcome!

Saint Philip Women's Cornerstone Retreat
November 16 & 17, 2018
"Peace be with you"
Retreat Times: **Friday, 6:30PM to 10:30PM**
Saturday, 8:30AM to 6:30PM
Registration Donation: \$50
Registration is open online at stphilip.org/cornerstone
Please email any questions to Cornerstone@StPhilip.org or call The Molloy Center (973)779-6200.

BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. KEVIN

An eight-week Bible Study course will begin on **Monday, October 15th** at 11:00 am in the Church.

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Students at St. Philip Preparatory School have been very busy this week! The Kindergarteners got to meet their Eighth Grade Buddies. The students had a great time meeting and really enjoyed their time at lunch together too!
The Early Childhood wing also celebrated their first color day: Yellow Day. Students who participated wore their own yellow clothes. They also made a special yellow drink; lemonade! Everyone had a great time and can't wait for the next color day!

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 6:30-9:00 PM

SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Opportunity for 6, 7, & 8 grade Students and Parents to speak with various High School Admissions Directors regarding tuition, scholarships, AP courses, sports, etc.

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

A support group for people grieving the death of their spouse. Next meeting: **Tuesday, September 25th** at 6:30 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

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

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Grades 7-8 and Confirmation classes Grades 9-10 meet this Sunday. Classes begin with the 8:00 am Mass followed by class until 10:30.

Following Mass, parents of students in Grades 7 and 8, please 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.

You may register your child for classes following the 8:00 Mass in the school lobby if you haven't done so. Please contact dpanullo@stphilip.org with questions.

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, Michael Murphy, Annie Omelcvuck, Chris Mueller, Katharine Dasenbrock, Ken Hauser, Linda Ciaburri, Frank Piscatelli, Patricia Garland, Harry Plastik, Patricia Garland

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

8:00 Stefan Kramer, Charles Dyke
Joseph McNamara, Jr.

10:00 Generosa Spatola.
Lillian Durso
Patsy Sinisi
Joan Hughes

12:00 Al Mayewski
Osmania Levanti

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

7:00 Bill Loftus
9:00 Dec'd members Gorman-Walsky Family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

7:00 Gene Powell
9:00 Kitty & Jim Murtha

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

7:00 Paul Doviak
9:00 John (Jack) MacGregor

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

7:00 Kyle Robert Terry
9:00 James Lacava – 1st Anniversary

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2018

7:00 Marie & Robert Lynch
9:00 Dr. Albert Pineda

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

9:00 Michael Schimpf
5:30 Anthony & Clara Maffei
Joseph & Theresa Raia

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

8:00 All the People of the Parish
10:00 Rudolph Pohle
James & Sylvia Fariello
Dolores Heins
Donald Marry
12:00 Reid Krevis
Special Intention: Columbiettes Thanksgiving

The Sanctuary Candle: In memory of
Antonio B. Garcia
From his wife & children

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: SEPTEMBER 17, 2017	\$20,027.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: SEPTEMBER 16, 2018	
Envelopes	\$11,708.00
Cash	\$ 1,662.00
Online giving donation	\$ 5,574.00
Total	\$18,944.00

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

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