

PRAYER IS THE KEY TO SERENITY



New Life in the Easter Season!

Restoration Update: Phase I - The Return

The restoration process of our School, Molloy Center and Marion Hall, due to the fire of January 11, 2018 continues. Good News! Phase I, The Return, will commence with the reopening of our school at our Saint Philip the Apostle campus on Monday, April 16, 2018. Our expected date of return is earlier than the 90-day target first estimated. We had hoped and worked toward completing the restoration, repairs and all the necessary inspections before Easter. Our preferred plan was to move the desks and equipment currently being used by our school children now being educated at the John Paul II Center and at St. Mary Help of Christians Academy in North Haledon, back to our building over the Easter vacation. However, this became undoable and another opportunity for praying for, "The Serenity, to accept the things we cannot change." If all inspections are passed, the move will take place on April 12 and 13 necessitating no classes being held on those days.

Invitation to Blessing Ceremony

On Sunday, April 15, the school will host an open house after the 8 AM and 10 AM Masses. Directly following the 10 AM Mass, we will joyfully Bless our restored school building at a ceremony in the school Auditorium. All are welcome to join us in this celebration. After the blessing, the school will be closed to prepare for New Registration for the 2018 – 2019 Academic year at 2:30 PM.

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: <img

- 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

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion



Jesus I Trust in You

In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that devotions to Divine Mercy could be celebrated from that year forward on the Second Sunday of Easter. This was proclaimed at the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kawalska, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God. St. Faustina (1905–1938) was born and raised in Poland. Following a vocation to religious life, she was accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. As a member of the Congregation, she worked as a cook, gardener, and porter. In her spiritual life, her contemplation on the Mercy of God led her to develop a childlike trust in God and deep love for her neighbor.

In her years in the convent, St. Faustina heard a call from God to make God's mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God's healing grace. St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which consists of the

recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father with the use of the rosary for the sake of Christ's sorrowful passion.

The Chaplet Prayer Instruction

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the Apostles' Creed.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

2. On the Our Father beads, recite the following:

"Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."

3. On the ten Hail Mary beads, say the following:

"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

4. Repeat step two and three for all five decades.

5. Conclude by reciting three times:

"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

When celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, the faithful are called to reflect more personally on the graces won through the life, death, and Resurreccware of the mercy of God for them personally and for the sake of the world.

THE ROSARY

The Rosary is a scripture based prayer and is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery. For a guide on how to pray the Rosary go to:

<http://www.kofc.org/en/resources/cis/devotionals/4772.pdf>

MEDITATION HOUR "Yours are the hands"



Please join us for prayer, guided meditation and reflection on **Thursday, April 12th** at 7:00 PM in Church.

RCIA

God bless *Dimitri Lucas* who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Our prayer is with him as he continues his journey with the Lord.

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The 3rd grade students have been researching different missions around the world. They have been very creative in science as well; doing various experiments including building their own wind resistant house and researching state birds. In writing, the third grade is gearing up for a debate based on their persuasive essays. The students at St. Philip Prep are looking forward to all of the new beginnings that this season brings.

TEACHER POSITION AVAILABLE:

Maternity Substitute Teacher – Kindergarten

Certification mandatory

April – June 30, 2018

Qualified candidates please email your resume to:

principalzito@gmail.com

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE

St. Philip's Girls Scout Troops will be selling cookies after all masses next weekend in the Church vestibule.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Beginning in **Church** with the 8:00 AM Mass

- **April 22:** Grades 7 & 8
- **May 6:** Grades 7, 8, 9, 10

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

THE FOLLOWING GROUPS MEET AT

THE VFW HALL - 491 VALLEY ROAD, CLIFTON

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 1st and 3rd Wednesday - 8:00 PM

ROSARY SOCIETY - Thursdays, April 12 at 5:30 PM

The meeting will begin with Mass and the Rosary followed by refreshments. Please join us!

BOYS SCOUTS TROOP 21 AND CUB SCOUTS PAC 21 – Monday nights at 6:30PM

COLUMBIETTES – 4TH Thursday of the month - 7:00 PM.

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The blanket ministry will meet **Thursday April 19, 2018** at 9:45 AM at the Hamilton House museum on Valley Rd., Clifton. All

crafters are welcome! For information or donations, call Cathie at 973-471-1265.

WIDOW/WIDOWERS - Monday, April 9th at 6:00 PM;

The Hearth Restaurant, 1116 Rt. 46 West, Clifton

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

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

K OF C COLLECTION

St. Philip's Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations after each mass this weekend to help our Citizens with Special Needs .



JUBILEE YEAR 2018

commemorating 75 years of fulfilling our mission of *Opus Christi –which is Latin for Christ's Work*. During the decades our parish has been love in action, bringing good news through spiritual, service and social ministry.

Jesus said to our parish patron St. Philip, *"Whoever believes in me will do the works I do and even great works."* John 14:22

WEB SITE AND FACE BOOK INFORMATION

Share your e-mail with us so as not to miss any of the good news. Visit stphilip.org/jubilee to be included in our email list. Like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/stphilipclifton.

Fr. Matt is looking for some old photos and film in any format about St. Philip Church and/or school to compile our history. Items can be left with Barbara Salzer at the Parish Office.

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

DIOCESEAN NEWS

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH

Annunciation Parish, 45 Urban Club Rd., Wayne: Confessions from 2:00-3:00 PM; Chaplet at 3:00 PM followed immediately by Mass.

St. Catharine, 905 South Maple Ave. Glen Rock. Holy Hour beginning at 3:00 PM, personal quiet time, confession, Benediction to follow, ending with Mass.

A MUSICAL AFTERNOON WITH OUR SISTERS

Our Sisters in Concert: Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 3 PM at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Paterson. Several religious communities will be represented. Free garage parking is available!

PRAY FOR

THE SICK: Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, Margaret Sikora, Sister Beverly Aiazzino, 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 Aiazzino, 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, Robert Fazio, John Thievon

THE DECEASED: Joan E. Hughes, Patrick Cross, Angela Barat

PARISH GIVING

Easter Collection 2017	\$63,095.00
HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION 2018	\$ 4,086.00
GOOD FRIDAY – HOLY LAND 2018	\$ 3,921.00
EASTER APRIL 1, 2018 TO DATE	
ENVELOPES	\$47,472.00
CASH	\$ 4,214.00
ONLINE GIVING DONATION	\$ 4,347.00
TOTAL	\$56,013.00
2 ND Collection: Project Faith	\$ 3,346.00

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: APRIL 15, 2018

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY

OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018

- 8:00** All the People of the Parish
- 10:00** Dorothy & Richard Piechocki
Marek Cicak
Special Intention: Robert Fazio
Deborah Manente
- 12:00** Priscilla D. Caparaz
Leonor Calvi

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018

- 7:00** Frank Martin
- 9:00** Special Intention

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2018

- 7:00** Blanca & Marcial Arias
- 9:00** Josephine Harrison

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018

- 7:00** Dorothy & John Snelson
- 9:00** Howard Glinkin

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018

- 7:00** Francis, Miriam & Kevin O'Brien
- 9:00** Charles Marvin

FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2018

- 7:00** Frank Pilkiewicz
- 9:00** William Belott

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018

- 9:00** Michael May

5:30 Mary & James Quinn

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018

8:00 Emily Klopotek

10:00 Policarpo & Salud Caparaz

Patsy Sinisi

Michael Conti

12:00 All the People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Candle

&

The Offertory Gifts: In loving memory of
William Belott