

PRAYER IS THE KEY TO SERENITY



The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The Risen Christ commissioned the disciples and therefore us, to go out into the world and proclaim the Good News! Part of the Good News of Jesus Christ is the power of the Holy Spirit at work within us and among us. We are given all that we need to live our mission to love and to work for justice and the flourishing of all people. As we journey through the Easter Season to Pentecost the same Holy Spirit that propelled the disciples to live their mission of *Opus Christi, Christ's Work* animates us. Through Baptism and Confirmation we are empowered with spiritual gifts. During this Easter Season we will explore thematically the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and experience them at work in our lives in new ways.

Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

- **Fear of the Lord ("WOW!" Awe, Wonder, Amazement)** is awakening to God's blessings freely given: in the beauty of creation, the truth of compassion deep within us, the goodness of loving relationships – recognizing that "All is Gift."
- **Piety (Reverence)** is living gratefully in a graced world with a profound respect for all life and a passion to be faithful stewards of God's bountiful gifts.
- **Fortitude (Courage)** enables us to dream of what is possible with Christ's love. Fortitude emboldens us to take responsibility for that vision and to creatively make it a reality.
- **Right Counsel** helps us to sift and sort in prayer what cannot be changed and needs to be accepted and what can be changed and needs to be accomplished.

- **Knowledge** focuses our priorities and shifts our perspective to think, feel and act with faith, hope and love.
- **Understanding** is seeing, feeling and listening with the "ear of our heart." Understanding and compassion are God's heart.
- **Wisdom** enables us to discern and relish God's presence in all things, to trust in Providence and to therefore live with compassion on the journey.

CELEBRATING PENTECOST 2018: MAY 20

Multi-language Liturgy

Acts of the Apostles (2:4) reports that on the feast of Pentecost all were "filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim." The multiple languages at Pentecost demonstrate God's desire to be in relation with all people. God speaks to each heart in a unique way. Our celebration of Pentecost will be a multi-language liturgy serving as a symbol of God's ongoing action to renew the face of the earth.

Volunteers are being sought to proclaim the Scripture readings and general intercessions in their native language. Please contact Donna Scancarella at 973-779-6200 or dscancarella@stphilip.org for more information and to volunteer.

Festive Clothing

On the first Pentecost the Spirit hovered over the disciples like tongues of fire. The manifestation of God's power symbolizes the fire of love that compels the followers of Jesus through spirituality, service and social ministry. Therefore, parishioners are invited to wear **flame colors of red, yellow or orange**. Our multi-colored glow will be a communal affirmation of our commitment to rekindle the fire of God's love and to live our mission working for peace and justice with zeal.

Flag Bearers Needed

Our Pentecost Eucharist procession is led by our flag bearers. We are in need of six volunteers for each Mass on Pentecost weekend as carriers. The flags are more cumbersome than heavy; however moderate upper body strength is a requirement. A sign-up sheet for each Mass time can be found in the Sacristy.

RESTORATION UPDATE

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:

- 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

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

\$4.6 million has been pledged to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. On a goal of \$51,710.00, our parish pledged \$70,164.00. Thanks so much! Great!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

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

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

We are so happy to be back HOME! To Father Joe, Principal Zito, Superintendent Baier, and all those who worked tirelessly on our renovation and getting us back home - THANK YOU ALL!

Sunday Mass and the Blessing of the School were beautiful. When they sang, the Children's Choir sounded like angels. The fourth grade would like to congratulate all the Communicants who have received their First Holy Communion! We are also eagerly awaiting our field trip to see "Ellis Island: Gateway to a Dream" at Ramapo College where we will learn about why people immigrated to the United States from 1892-1954. We are delving into inferences and fractions, figuring out ways in which we can conserve water, and creating posters for Earth Day!

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

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

COLUMBIETTES - Thursday, April 26, 2018 - 7:00 PM

We will be collecting items for Lyons VA Hospital and welcome our four new members.

Columbiettes Food Drive at Stop & Shop
Broad Street, Clifton

To benefit the Father English Center

Saturday, May 12, 2018

Please drop off your items between 10AM - 2PM

PRIME TIMERS

Friday, May 4 from 12:30 - 2:30 PM; Valley Regency, 1129 Valley Rd. Bring new unused items for our annual Tricky Tray Raffle.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

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



JUBILEE YEAR 2018

The Year of our Lord 2018 is our parish Jubilee 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 greater 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

MSGR. PETER J. DOODY RETIREMENT

SAVE THE DATE!!! **Saturday, June 9, 2018** from 12:00-4:00 PM
Annunciation Parish will hold a Retirement Party for their
beloved Pastor, Fr. Peter J. Doody at Macaluso's in Hawthorne.

PRAY FOR

THE NEWLY BAPTIZED:

Quinn Christine Cabassa, child of Brandon & Alicia
Gustave John Moore, child of Brady & Alexis

THE RECENTLY MARRIED:

Sean Russell and Natalia Dziubek
Kenneth Ortiz and Marian Cruz

THE SICK: Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, Margaret Sikora, Sister Beverly Aiazzone, 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 Aiazzone, 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, Alice Negron, Janet Irizarry

THE DECEASED: Carol Lynch, Harold Humphry, Susan Russell, Jenna Errico, Jean McMullen

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: APRIL 29, 2018

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018

8:00 Emily Klopotek
10:00 Ann Albright
Marek Cicak
Luis & Magbanua Cordero
12:00 Angela Blake

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018

7:00 Anita DeLuca
9:00 Noelle Anderson

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018

7:00 Joan Pelkowsky
9:00 Betty Williamson

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018

7:00 The Seminarians of our Diocese
9:00 Agnes & Charles W. Hahn

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018

7:00 Julio Barrios, Sr.
9:00 Fred Anthony

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2018

7:00 Deceased Priests of the Parish
9:00 Rosemarie Caradonna -12th Anniversary

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018

9:00 Salvatore Scafidi
5:30 Eileen Hopkins

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018

8:00 Emily Klopotek
10:00 Stanislaw Dewera
Joan Hughes
12:00 All the People of the Parish

PARISH GIVING

Easter Collection: April 16, 2017	\$63,095.00
EASTER APRIL 1, 2018 TO DATE	\$57,278.00
Sunday Collection: April 15, 2018	
Envelopes	\$10,363.00
Cash	\$ 3,245.00
Online giving donation	\$ 4,944.00
Total	\$18,552.00
2 nd Collection: Campaign/Human Develop.	\$ 2,727.00

SAVE THE DATE!

ST. PHILIP'S ANNUAL CARNIVAL



Thursday June 14 6-10 PM
Friday June 15 6-11 PM
Saturday June 16 6:30-11 PM

VALLEY RIDES & AMUSEMENTS
Rides Games Food