

KINDNESS

*"Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,
but the one who humbles herself will be exalted."*

Luke 14:7-14

*A humble person, knowing that all gifts are God-
given,
is kind.*

"Whether one believes in religion or not – there isn't anyone who doesn't appreciate kindness," observes the Dalai Lama, leader of Tibetan Buddhists.

The spiritual practice of kindness consists of little acts – a word of thanks, a nod of approval, a tip at a restaurant, a smile to a weary worker, a greeting on the street, a hug for a friend. Remember William Wordsworth's poem: "The best portion of a good man's life/his little nameless, unremarkable acts/of kindness and love."

American novelist Henry James gets directly to the point: "Three things in human life are important. The first is to be kind. The second is to be kind. And the third is to be kind."

It isn't the bold initiatives or the grand strategies which make a difference. It is the trifles taken seriously which are at the heart of morality.

Rebbe Nachman of Breslov, a Hasidic master, says: "It's easy to criticize others and make them feel unwanted. Anyone can do it. What takes effort and skill is picking them up and making them feel good."

Kindness flows naturally out of empathy and hospitality. And a little appreciation can be powerful. Think about how many times someone's kind words have lifted your spirits and made you feel like a king or queen.

Etiquette is also a part of the spiritual practice of kindness. In Earth etiquette, we don't walk on flowers or leave trash in parks. In house etiquette, we don't ignore or abuse our possessions. In animal etiquette, we don't ridicule our pets or frighten them.

"As we move around this world and as we act with kindness, perhaps, or with indifference or with hostility toward the people we meet, we are

setting the great spider web atremble," Protestant writer Frederick Buechner muses. "The life I touch for good or ill will touch another life, and that in turn another, until who knows where the trembling stops or in what far place my touch will be felt." Our acts have reverberations which are felt way beyond our imagining.

Wendy Lustbader, a mental health counselor, writes: "The words 'genius' and 'generous' come from the Latin root 'genere' meaning 'to beget'. To have a genius for life is to possess the ability to generate warmth and well-being in others. Largesse literally enlarges our lives."

The spiritual life, Buddha says, is impossible without a generous heart. And in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus advises his followers to "forgive and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you."

Kindness is sometimes viewed as one of those effete virtues lacking in charisma or clout. And yet it encompasses meaningful acts of love, words of encouragement, various kinds of etiquette, reverberations beyond our ken, generosity, and a salutary largesse. No wonder Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel near the end of his life concludes: "When I was young, I used to admire intelligent people; as I grow older, I admire kind people."

Frederic & Mary Ann Brussat
Spiritual Literacy, 1996

CORNERSTONE RETREAT EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY

***Inquiry & Gathering – Sunday, September 18th
11:00 AM in Russo Room***

St. Philip's is excited to announce a new journey initiative that we will be bringing to our parish. **MEN'S & WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE!** Cornerstone is a weekend retreat led by lay leadership. Cornerstone offers weekends for men and weekends for women. If you have ever made a Cornerstone retreat or if you are curious about one, please join us to share your experience. There's no obligation to sign up. And if you can't make it on Sunday and would like some information, call or email Donna at 973-779-6200 or dscancarella@stphilip.org.

"Cornerstone led me to know Jesus as the foundation for my life and I formed new friendships." Donna S.

ST. PHILIP'S PLAYERS - NUNSENSE

Tickets are on sale!

Nonsense is a hilarious spoof about the misadventures of five nuns trying to manage a talent show fundraiser after the rest of the sisterhood died after eating tainted soup. **Shows on:**

Friday, September 16 at 8 PM with Dessert: \$25.00

Saturday, September 17 with Dinner & Dessert following

5:30 PM Mass: \$35.00

or Dessert Theater at 8:00 PM: \$25.00

For tickets or reservations, please call 973-779-1439 or 973-607-1924. Please leave a message, your call will be returned. You may also email us at:

stphilipsplayers@aol.com



SAVE THE DATE! ST. PHILIP'S PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

OKTOBERFEST! SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 1ST

Gather up your lederhosen and practice your yodeling to get ready for *Oktoberfest* on Saturday, October 1st following the 5:30 PM Mass.

St. Philip's Players will hold its first fundraiser for the theater group. There will be German food, domestic and imported beer, music and dancing! Tickets which are **\$40** are now on sale.

For tickets or reservations, please call 973-779-1439 or 973-607-1924. Please leave a message, your call will be returned. You may also email us at stphilipsplayers@aol.com

YOUTH MINISTRY

- Sun. Aug 28: 11-11:45 AM **Bagels & Bibles** in the Youth Room after 10 AM Mass (please RSVP with Andrew to get a bagel)
- Nov. 18-20: **SEARCH Retreat Weekend** for high school juniors and seniors

Contact Andrew Scalone with any youth ministry questions: ascalone@stphilip.org. Please follow us on Twitter and Instagram: @stphilipyouthnj

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTRATION FOR 2016-2017 IS NOW OPEN AND CLASSES ARE NOW FORMING

There are several ways to register your child for Religious Education (Grades 1-10)

1. You can go on line at www.stphilip.org, complete the form and pay online.
2. You can register in person, **by appointment only**, at 973-779-1439 and pay with cash or check.
3. You can call the office and request a packet be mailed to you and return with payment.
4. Any new families or families with children entering Grade 1, please call the office for registration.

The Religious Education Department hours are Monday through Thursday from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. Please call us at 973-779-1439.

CATECHISTS ARE NEEDED

If you or someone you know are considering the call to serve as a catechist, please contact Denise Pannullo at 973-779-1439 to talk about the possibilities.

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING AT THE KNOLL WEST COUNTRY CLUB, BOONTON

- Thursday, September 15th
- Put together your own foursome or play as an individual and be placed in a foursome.
- Includes lunch with beer & soda, a putting contest in the morning, a day of best ball format golf with 4 hole-in-one contests
- Prizes for cars, motorcycles and vacations; day ending with a full cocktail hour reception.
- Register today at:

<https://secure.perfectgolfevent.com/eventweb/2067/> or call Brian Kulesa at 973-418-0285. Any questions, contact Brian at by phone or at beezerkul@aol.com

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR LIFE

The Knights of Columbus and the Columbiettes would like you to join them on Saturday, September 10, 2016 at the 9:00 AM Mass. All the victims of abortion will be remembered. After mass we will go outside the church to the Knights of Columbus memorial site dedicated to these little victims. We will hear a speaker; say a special prayer and then the Divine Mercy Chaplet, in honor of the year of Mercy. For more information call

Sharon Festa 973-742-0926 or David Cordero 973-220-4601.

PRIME TIMERS

St. Philip Prime Timers will hold their first monthly meeting for 2016-2017 on Friday, September 9th at 1:00 PM in the Molloy Center. Dues will be collected at this meeting, please be prepared with cash or check. The guest speaker at this meeting will be Mr. Michael Miller, a local beekeeper in Clifton, who will talk on the life of bees.

The Prime Timers is open to any parishioner and their friends age 50 and over. Guests may attend a maximum of two meetings before joining.

ATLANTIC CITY CASINO BUS RIDE

- Trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Thursday, September 8th
- Must be 21 years old and over
- Price is \$25.00 with a casino bonus of \$25.00.
- Photo ID needed to get Casino bonus from Resorts or get one there, free of charge.
- Call Barbara Rzepecki early to reserve your bus seating at 973-278-1566.
- Bus leaves from lower parking lot at 10 AM Sharp!

MEN'S BOWLING

St. Philip Friday Night Men's Bowling League is looking for bowlers of any ability to join the 2016-2017 season. There are four lanes on site and we start after Labor Day. Contact Rich for more info [973-768-6272](tel:973-768-6272) or richloftus@aol.com

WIDOW/WIDOWERS

- THE MONDAY NIGHT GROUP: Sept. 12th & 26th at 6:30 PM
- THE NEW & RECENTLY BEREAVED GROUP: Wednesday, September 14th & 28th at 7:00 PM.

DIOCESAN NEWS

The Diocesan Commission for Catholic Filipino Ministries invites you to celebrate the Year of Mercy with Filipino Saints, San Lorenzo Ruiz DeManila and San Pedro Caulungsod De Cebu on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at St. Claire Church, Clifton. Rosary & Novena at 12:30 PM, Mass at 1:00 PM will be celebrated by Bishop Arthur Serratelli. Fellowship will follow immediately in the parish hall. Filipiniana attire is encouraged.

PRAY FOR

THE SICK: Ann Marie Kwiatkowski, Joan Hughes, Mildred Nerone, Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, Margaret Schweighardt, Ryan G. Micale, Emma Wyman, Jane Hughes, Allison Llanos, Jayce Mazza, Patsy Sinisi, Barbara Sikora, Margaret Sikora, Steve Kuchta, Joseph Buhler, Sister Beverly Aiazzone, Linda Brady, Josephine Basile, Annette Cavolini, Gus Perez, Joseph Villano, Marie Nattvo, Jennie Marto, Antoinette Van Setters, Mary Ellen Stanton, Margaret Schneider, Alexander Bancey, Josephine Pipitone, Sam Pennella, Alice Negron

THE DECEASED: Dorothea Dul

PARISH GIVING

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| Total Sunday Collection: Aug. 23, 2015 | \$ |
| 15,262.00 | |
| August 21, 2016 | |
| Envelopes | \$ |
| 10,628.00 | |
| Cash | \$ |
| 1,305.00 | |
| Online Giving donations | \$ |
| 3,777.00 | |
| Total | \$ |
| 15,710.00 | |
| 2 nd Collection: Mission Co Op | \$ |
| 3,794.00 | |

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: SEPTEMBER 3/4, 2016

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| 5:30 PM | Fr. Julio | 10:00 AM | Fr. Joe |
| 8:00 AM | Fr. Miguel | 12:00 Noon | Fr. Joe |

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2016

- 8:00** Albert Levendusky – 1st Anniversary
Miguel Jimenez
- 10:00** Joseph Colca
Debra Aquila
Elizabeth Pinto

Louis Marino
12:00 Frank Slasinski
James Oleck

MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2016

9:00 Elisabeth Macrae

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2016

9:00 Michael Sullivan

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2016

9:00 Howard Glinkin

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

9:00 John Holden

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2016

9:00 Jimmy Valle

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2016

9:00 AM Tammy DiSanto

5:30 PM Deacon Al Ciampa – 7th Anniversary
Andrew Doychak – 11th Anniversary

Special Intention – Joseph Murray

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

8:00 All the People of the Parish

10:00 Fred Anthony
Pepe DiSanto
Albert & Rosa Wasmer
Lucia & Antonio Santulli
Frances DeBlaise

12:00 Patrick Gravino
James Oleck

2017 MASS BOOK

The 2017 Mass Book is open. The donation for one mass, the Sanctuary Candle or Offertory Gifts is **\$20.00**.

The Eucharist is the universal prayer of the Church remembering all of Gods people, past, present and future at every celebration.