

## SUMMER SERIES

A little extra bulletin space during the summer weeks enables us to run a full article in four weekly segments. The topic is HOPE and is taken from a leading journal of contemporary Spirituality, SPIRITUAL LIFE (Summer 2012)

Each installment will be posted on the web-page sequentially by bulletin date.

### WEEK IV SERIES ON HOPE

#### FEAR OF THE FUTURE: Liberated from Fear of the Future

Mary Paul Curti, OCD

We can begin to see, with eyes of faith, how one can live by the virtue of hope so as to be liberated from fear of the future. The pathway of hope is toward greater freedom and peace. To hold in a confident heart that we are loved and cared for by God is to draw strength from the one who fulfills his promises. Live within the will of God, now, in this moment, as if the promises of God are being fulfilled, which they surely are. Rest in the quiet peace of reliance upon God who leads us into the future by his gracious Word, which is true and effective.

Whatever God asks of us, he will give us the grace and courage to do:

For surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. (Jer 29:11)

If we are persons of hope, we have a passion for life. We trust in God's supreme goodness. We know we have been blessed with God's infinite mercy. We live by the breath of God, and his Spirit is alive in our breasts. Sustained by the theological virtue of hope, we can be opened to a new world of liberating peace and joy. We become aware of the destiny that is ours in Christ Jesus: "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly" (Jn 10:10). We rejoice that our names are written in heaven.

When our time of death arrives, we will move into the fullness of life with God in glory, a life when all promises come true in full reality. No fear will remain, no desire unfulfilled, no struggle continued. Hope will have brought us into glory with God forever. John of the Cross explains:

This is the ordinary task of hope in the soul: it raises the eyes to look only at God...the soul obtains from God all that it hopes to receive from Him.

#### Prayer

We thank you, Lord, for the baptism we received, which gives us your very life within us. We praise you for the gifts of faith, hope, and love that sustain us in our journey home. Help us to accept the sufferings in our lives, which teach us how to love and to endure. Free us from fear of the future and help us to live in hope which will fulfill all our expectations and bring us one day to glory and life with you forever. Amen

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## MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

### WIDOW/WIDOWERS

- THE MONDAY NIGHT GROUP: Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM
- THE NEW & RECENTLY BEREAVED GROUP: Wednesday, Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

### ST. PHILIP'S PLAYERS - NUNSENSE

Tickets are now on sale!

*Nonsense* is a hilarious spoof about the misadventures of five nuns trying to manage a fundraiser. Sadly, the rest of the sisterhood died after eating tainted soup. The remaining nuns stage a talent show in order to raise the money to bury their dearly departed. **Shows will be:**

**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](mailto:stphilipsplayers@aol.com)

**Props Needed:**

1 small folding bed and 1 old black desk phone.

If you have props that you can share with us to be used for our performances, please call us at 973 779-1439 or 973 607-1924. **They will be returned to you.**

**OKTOBERFEST! SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

Gather up your lederhosen and practice your yodeling to get ready for *Oktoberfest* on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

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 will be on sale in August.

**LES MISERABLES**

Our very own accompanist Marc Pannullo and cantor Rachel Zegler have been very busy this summer rehearsing for the Bergen PAC's production of *Les Miserables*. Marc has been working as the rehearsal pianist and will be part of the ensemble. Rachel will be playing the part of Cosette.

Performances will be August 5, 6, & 7, Friday and Saturday at 8 PM and Sunday at 3 PM. Tickets are available at [bergenpac.org](http://bergenpac.org) or [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com).

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

- Sun. July 31: 11-11:45 AM **Bagels & Bibles** in the Youth Room after 10 AM Mass
- Sun. Aug 14: 11-11:45 AM **Bagels & Bibles** in the Youth Room after 10 AM Mass (please RSVP with Andrew to get a bagel)
- Thurs. Aug 18: 7-9 PM **Movie Night** in the Youth Room
- 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](mailto:ascalone@stphilip.org). Please follow us on Twitter and Instagram: @stphilipyouthnj

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**REGISTRATION FOR 2016-2017 IS NOW OPEN**

This year there are several ways to register your child for Religious Education (Grades 1-10).

1. You can go on line at [www.stphilip.org](http://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 the packet be mailed to you and return with payment.

Any new families or families with children entering Grade 1, please call the office for registration.

**Catechists** are needed for 2016-17. Please call the religious education department at 973-779-1249. The Religious Education Department hours are Monday through Thursday from 4:30 to 6:30 PM.

**DIOCESAN NEWS**

**Diocesan Men's Conference**

The Diocese of Paterson Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, October 15 at St. Paul Inside the Walls in Madison. Join us from 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM for the opportunity to enhance men's spirituality and encourage them to be more involved with their parishes. Former NFL receiver, Danny Abramowicz; Peter Herbeck, Director of Renewal Ministries; and Pete Burak, Director of Young Adult Outreach for Renewal Ministries will make presentations. The conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by Bishop Serratelli. Visit [insidethewalls.org](http://insidethewalls.org) for more information.

**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 Aiazzino, Linda Brady, Josephine Basile, Annette Cavalini, Gus Perez, Joseph Villano, Marie Nattvo, Jennie Marto, Victor Nachev, Dorothy Lesko, Antoinette Van Setters, Mary Ellen Stanton, Virginia Berry, Margaret Schneider

**THE DECEASED:** Sadie Marino

<b>PARISH GIVING</b>	
Total Sunday Collection: July 26, 2015	
\$14,187.00	
July 24, 2016	
Envelopes	\$
9,896.00	
Cash	\$
1,284.00	
Online Giving donations	\$
3,605.00	
<b>Total</b>	
<b>\$14,785.00</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection: Project Faith	\$
1,974.50	

<b>PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: AUGUST 6/7, 2016</b>			
5:30 PM	Fr. Julio	10:00 AM	Fr. Joe
8:00 AM	Fr. Joe	12:00 Noon	Fr. Miguel

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2016**

9:00 Azmy George

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2016**

9:00 David Di Antonio  
Robert Pigut

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2016**

9:00 AM Sisters Eileen & Janet Kelly, P.B.V.M.  
5:30 PM All the People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2016**

8:00 Christopher Kelly, Sr. – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
David C. Lacz  
10:00 Margaret & George Dikdan  
Betty Welsh  
Joseph DeMaio  
12:00 Dave Mocera – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
Louise Arabella



**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

**SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2016**

8:00 Joan Sidor  
John Puzio  
10:00 Mary Saltalamachia  
Stella Buna  
Cesar Landaeta  
12:00 All the People of the Parish

**MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2016**

9:00 Mildred Scrosia

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2016**

9:00 William Del Vecchio

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2016**

9:00 Deceased members of the Dollbaum Family  
Wilhemina Gray

