



## TIME TO BE GOOD NEWS

Our spiritual practice of asking, “OK God, what’s the good news?” in prayer opens us to the wonder of God’s presence and gifts.

Our Theme, *Time To Be Good News*, is developed in bulletin articles, through song, and on our website [www.stphilip.org](http://www.stphilip.org) each week.

### KEY CONCEPT: Salvation Is Healing

Our mission, *Opus Christi*, is to do Christ’s Work in our lives each day. We are invited to be good news for each other. Prayer is the key that helps us to discover good news within us and in God’s gifts around us. Prayer enables us to become good news for others through our words and in our deeds. The Good News of Jesus Christ we call Salvation, comes from the Latin word *Salvus*, which means to heal. God saves us in this life by healing our minds, hearts and wills through prayer, Scripture and the Sacraments. God saves us in every moment of life. Even through death we are healed into a new life in Christ.

### Our Banner in Words and In Symbol

The *time* is now to pay attention to God’s saving *hands* that heal our *hearts to be* free to love with the *good news* in word and in deed. All grace is given from God, for others † and let it begin with me.

### Good News In Progress

- Week I: Salvation Is Healing
- Week II: The Time Is Now
- Week III: Free to be Me
- Week IV: Good, Better, Best Choice
- Week V: New News is Good News
- Week VI: In Giving, We Receive
- Week VII: Blessing and Healing
- Week VIII: Sacrament of Healing

**Week III Free To Be Me**

*[Disclaimer: Any similarity to characters living or dead is purely coincidental]:*

Every afternoon the two little brothers, Julio and Matt approach the monkey bars. Once again, the older one, Julio, taunts Matt to climb and gets a definite “no”.

One day, Julio notices that Matt tries to climb when his brother isn’t watching. Julio’s heart goes out to Matt and he thinks hard to find a better way to encourage him. “If you climb, I’ll be right beneath you and catch you”, he says. Matt changes his mind and therefore his heart. He is filled with courage knowing that his brother will be there for him. Matt climbs. Julio now has another “monkey” to play with on the bars.

Both Julio and Matt have a change of mind and of heart. They discover a new freedom to take the positive action through a change in thinking and through a change of feeling. Julio recognizes his brother’s fear and his heart is moved with compassion. Compassion changes his thinking and behavior to encouragement. Matt is transformed by the good news of Julio’s support and is empowered to take new action.

God calls us to change our thinking and to have a change of heart through prayer. God invites and empowers us to love, take actions for service and thus be good news in our every choice. Prayer is the key to new freedom in every choice. Prayer enables us to think “I can change” and empowers our hearts to do so. God assures us that we will be caught in God’s arms of unconditional acceptance no matter the outcome of our choices.

We are created to be in a process of continual growth in holiness, sanctification and as in the Orthodox Greek word for being transformed into God’s image and likeness, “*theosis*”. We are empowered through Scripture, sacraments, prayer and good choices to respond to God’s grace which is always at work in us. God desires for us to become freely who we are designed to be - loving people who have God’s transforming Spirit dwelling deep within us.

The **image of a heart** has two halves. A change of thinking is a change of heart. A change of heart is a change of thinking. Prayer frees God’s healing power which saves us into new ways of thinking and opens our heart for change.

### Scripture Reflection

Today’s Gospel tells a story about how a change of mind and a change of heart are essential components to the work that can be accomplished. One brother thinks that he will do his father’s work but has a change of heart and declines. The other brother’s heart is not willing, at first, but he later changes his mind and puts his heart into the work.

Only when the heart and mind are unified is it possible to do and to be good news. St. Paul writes in *Philippians 2*, “Complete my joy by being of the same mind, with love, united in heart, thinking one thing . . . finding solace and encouragement in Christ.”

### Activity - Thinking

Be honest with God in prayer. What thoughts limit me from acting with compassion? What concerns about fairness or about who is right keep me from loving? What is God saying to me about my potential for change with grace at work in my life? How do I feel my heart change in this prayer? What good news thoughts will I share today? What words or work of encouragement will I accomplish?

## Feeling

When does my heart feel small, tight and closed? How is God inviting me to be saved/healed? What good news of unconditional acceptance is God offering me – as I am right now? What one action of compassionate love will I perform today to be good news?

## 2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: *IN GIVING, WE RECEIVE*

The services provided by our Catholic Charities agencies are too long to list in our bulletin – but here are just a few: emergency housing for people in extreme poverty, out-patient and residential substance abuse treatment, group homes for disabled adults, outreach to veterans who are homeless, family counseling, etc. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at [www.2017appeal.org](http://www.2017appeal.org). Thank you!

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

On **Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** we would like to invite you for Eucharistic Adoration from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Join us for this spiritual time before the Blessed Sacrament in commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of apparitions of Blessed Virgin Mary in Fatima.

- 11:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 11:00-12N Reconciliation
- 12:30 Spiritual Talk – **“To Jesus through Mary”**
- 12:40 Benediction
- 1:00 Dismissal

*Why not stop by for a few minutes and say “thank you” for the Good News in our life.*

## RCIA

Through the process of the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** or **RCIA** we explore and discover the keys to the kingdom. These Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist which are celebrated at the Easter Vigil open your hearts and empower you to lives of services, charity and justice as witnesses to our mission of *OPUS CHRISTI*, Christ's work. **RCIA** is not a program but a sacramental process.

For more information about **RCIA** please call Donna Scancarella at (973) 779-6200

### Saint Philip Women's Cornerstone Retreat

**November 17 & 18, 2017**

***I Love You † You Are Mine***

*Cornerstone is a beautiful retreat experience, a time to revitalize your relationship with God, renew your own spirit and bond with other women of our parish through a combination of quiet reflection and prayer, and the sharing of one's faith journey with others. Please consider joining us for this two-day retreat.*

Retreat Times:

Friday, 6:30 PM to 11:00 PM

Saturday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Registration Donation: \$50

Registration online at [stphilip.org](http://stphilip.org)

Please email any questions

to [Cornerstone@StPhilip.org](mailto:Cornerstone@StPhilip.org) or call

The Molloy Center (973)779-6200

## BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study with Fr. Kevin will resume on **Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 AM in the Molloy Center. The group will be discussing St. Paul's Letter to the Romans. The theme is the relationship between Judaism and Christianity as well as a plea to the new Christians to hold fast to their faith.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There will be a retreat for parents of students celebrating the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion on **Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 7:00 PM in Marian Hall. One parent needs to be present so that you may help us prepare your child. Please remember that you are your child's first teacher.

Denise Pannullo for Grades 1 - 8 at 973-779-1439

Victoria Velasco for Confirmation at 973-798-8772

## YOUTH GROUP

Upcoming Youth Group meetings will be **October 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>** in the Youth Room from 7 – 9 PM. All teens in grades 9-12 are welcome to come join us for fun, prayer and a chance to build community.

## ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Saint Philip Prep recently had their Back to School Night where the families were able to meet our HSA board members as well as their children's teachers and visit their classrooms to go over curriculum and procedures. The faculty and students are always so appreciative of their extraordinary fundraising efforts and generosity that helps the school continue to move forward with technology, books or whatever else is needed to ensure the students get a quality education. They were greeted with an introduction and explanation of this year's theme "Time to be the Good News" by Father Joe. On Friday, we celebrated our Back to School mass with Father Matt as our celebrant. After mass, we all visited the new garden area, with fountain, right by the church. With the seasons changing this will make for great lessons in the classroom. The Kindergarten students met their 8<sup>th</sup> grade buddies and are ready to have a great year of bonding and fun.

## MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

### ST. PHILIP HANDBELL CHOIR

The Saint Philip Handbell Choir will begin this year's season with an organizational meeting and rehearsal on **Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 6:00 PM in church.

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

#### MONDAY NIGHT WIDOW & WIDOWERS GROUP:

A social group for widows and widowers. Next meetings: **October 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**: Molloy Center at 6:30 PM.

#### SPOUSE BEREAVEMENT GROUP:

A support group for people grieving the death of their spouse. Next meetings: **October 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM in the RUSSO ROOM. For information contact Dr. Rachel Rengifo at 201-500-2068

## GOOD NEWS FOR PARENTS

The parish is offering an introductory session for parents to hear about how we can help you as people both in your lives and in your roles as parents. When was the last time you had a moment to take care of yourself?

Julia Gabriele, Family and Executive Coach will facilitate along with members of our pastoral staff. Join us; we are here to help you: **Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 AM in the Russo Room.

## ROSARY SOCIETY

**Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> - Annual Communion Brunch!** We will begin the Rosary at 9:40 AM followed by Mass at 10:00 AM in the Church. The Brunch will begin after Mass in Marian Hall.

## PRIME TIMERS

St. Philip the Apostle Prime Timers next monthly meeting is **Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00 PM in the Molloy Center on St. Philip's Drive. Dues of \$10.00 (cash or check) for the 2017-2018 year should be brought to this meeting.

AC trips to Resorts Casino will be held on **Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Sylvia at 973-742-9286 for tickets.

## BLESSING OF ANIMALS

The blessing of Animals will take place on **Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** immediately following the 9:00 AM mass at the St. Anthony Shrine, next to the parking lot.

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

Life Chain is a prayer vigil, stop by any time, spend a few minutes in prayer for the Unborn on **Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>** from 2-4 PM. **Rt. 46 Clifton - Day St. to Seventh St.**

### SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples married in 1967 or 1992 are warmly invited to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Paterson at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson on **Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 4:00 PM.**

Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office.

### PRAY FOR

**THE SICK:** Joan Hughes, Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, Ryan G. Micale, Jayce Mazza, Patsy Sinisi, Margaret Sikora, Steve Kuchta, Sister Beverly Aiazzone, Linda Brady, Gus Perez, Joseph Villano, Marie Nattvo, Jennie Marto, Antoinette Van Setters, Alexander Bancey, Josephine Pipitone, Derrick Medeiros, Maria Ligato, Philip Kutzenko, Evelyn Wescott, Ana Cabezas, Annette Wanamaker, Daniel Marty, Virginia Mascolo, Christine Carpenter, Robert Wagner, Mildred Nerone, Stephen Blayney, Eugene & Lorraine DeBellis, Bob Rose, Jack Steffans, Barbara Ferry, Fred Van Duyne, Theresa Buhler, Karen Ambrose, Dave Miller, Gary Diekmann, Sr. Giovanni Aiazzone, Maya Hilario, John Pepe, Ron Kuruc, George Biondi, Jack Jaeger, Arlene Pompeo, Margot Segarra, Bill Brady, Samantha Calderone

**THE DECEASED:** Ronald Pascrell

### PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: OCTOBER 7/8, 2017

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

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017

- 8:00** Marianne Viscardi  
Marianne Jordon
- 10:00** Joseph Howard McEwan  
Rudolph Pohle  
Mario Aloia  
Living & Deceased members of the Rosary Society
- 12:00** Louis A. Cassella  
Jaime Gilberto Ruales

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017

- 7:00** Ann F. & Edward Sheridan, Jr. & Sr.  
**9:00** Maria & Giuseppe Esposito

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2017

- 7:00** Francis, Miriam & Kevin O'Brien  
**9:00** Jimmy Valle

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2017

- 7:00** Harry Lutz  
**9:00** Ralph & Lorretta Pennella  
Irene Sadvary

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2017

- 7:00** Maureen Hopper  
**9:00** Joanne M. Koval

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2017

- 7:00** Robert Martin  
**9:00** Patricia Hutchins

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2017

- 9:00** Mary Ellen Valentin  
**5:30** Genevieve "Jean" Tarnowski  
Elsie Doychak  
Benigno Jumao-as

### SUNDAY, October 8, 2017

- 8:00** Joanne M. Koval  
Deceased members of the McNamara Family
- 10:00** Francesco Pugliano – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Martin Boyd – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
Joseph Coglitore  
Catherine L. McClane  
Mary & John Gallagher
- 12:00** All the People of the Parish

**The Offertory Candle** In Memory of  
Ralph & Loretta Pennella  
From Jane & Walter Beck

### PARISH GIVING

TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION: SEPTEMBER 25, 2017	\$14,714.00
SEPTEMBER 24, 2017	
Envelopes	\$10,341.50
Cash	\$ 1,381.50
Online Giving Donations	\$ 4,190.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,913.50</b>
Second Collection: Project Faith	\$ 2,996.50