



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 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: In Giving, We Receive
- Week V: Good, Better, Best Choice
- Week VI: New News is Good News
- Week VII: Blessing and Healing
- Week VIII: Sacrament of Healing

Week V Good, Better, Best Choice

Debbie Fields of Mrs. Fields’ cookies is expanding her business and needs to entrust management to others. Her interview with prospects involves the display of cookies of varying quality in uniformity of shape and size. Asking her potential employees to choose which cookies they would sell and which not, she listens for two words. If the prospect ever uses the words, “good enough”, they are disqualified. The philosophy of Debbie Fields states “good enough never is”. The very successful company is founded on each person on the team choosing not what is good or ever better, but best.

All through our day, we make choices in what we will say and what we will do. In the same manner, we want the work of our hands to be used for the best choice. Many times we fall back on routines and the ruts we are accustomed to choosing. God gives us the freedom to choose- we always have a choice. To be the good news of Christ’s love and service we are invited to choose not only what is good, or better, but the best decision in every situation.

Prayer is the key to making the best choice with God’s help of wisdom. The process of choosing with God involved is called discernment. Prayer is the place to weigh options, consider outcomes and to decide to be love in action. We bring our daily life to God in prayer asking – “Lord, how can I be good news in this situation?”

Scripture Reflection

Isaiah, in our first reading, promises that God provides abundantly when we look to God for help, direction, wisdom and healing. God desires to restore us and save us as we individually and collectively choose the best for ourselves and for others in prayer.

When the “best” seems like a tall order, we remember St. Paul’s great affirmation and a scripture quote worth remembering, “I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.” *Philippians 4*

In today’s Gospel we hear an invitation to a great feast, celebration and to abundance. Many in the story choose other good things to do instead of attending the wedding as the best choice.

Often a good choice is the enemy of the better choice and the better drains our strength from the best. As Sean McComb has written about choosing too many goods, “You can always do more. But if you do too much they won’t get your best.” Saying “No” is an option when it allows us to say “Yes” to something better. God desires to help us not only in action but in choosing.

God guides us to check if our motive is to be the good news of love in action. Prayer is the key to discerning the good, better and best loving choice for service with the work of our hands.

Activity – A Process of Discernment

1. **Choice:** What choices and decisions are mine to make this day?
2. **Disposition:** Ask God for an open mind and heart, a good attitude for discerning. Check your motives.

3. **Gather Information:** What are the factors and possible outcomes of your choice. Make a list of pros and cons if necessary.
4. **Discern:** Pray for the wisdom in your choice. Listen to God's inner voice in thought or intuition and in feeling. What is good, better or best? This need not be about what is fair but about how you can be love in action.
5. **Decide:** How you will do Christ's Work through your heart and hands.
6. **Seek Confirmation:** Discuss your choices with someone who is wise to review your process.
7. **Thank God** for the freedom to choose and the privilege of being a faithful steward of the best good news every time.

"I can do all things through Christ who give me strength." Phil.4

RCIA

- Are you interested in exploring your spiritual life?
- Do you want to discover the abundance of God's love & peace?
- Would you like to have greater motivation for service?
- Do you want to know more about the Catholic Faith?
- Did you ever think about becoming a Catholic?
- Are you a baptized Catholic and have never made your First Communion and/or Confirmation?
- Are you baptized in another faith and have a desire to become Catholic?
- Have you never been baptized in any faith but wonder?

JOURNEY WITH US!

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

Please email any questions

to Cornerstone@StPhilip.org or call

The Molloy Center (973)779-6200

INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ALTAR SERVER?

New and returning servers are invited to attend two training sessions on **Tuesday and Wednesday, October 17th and 18th** at 3:15 PM or 4:15 PM in church.

To sign up, download an application from our website StPhilip.org or see Father Matt for more information. Open to students in the 4th grade and higher.

BIBLE STUDY

An eight week Bible Study group will meet beginning on **Monday, October 16th** in the Molloy Center at 11 AM.

St Paul's letter to the Romans will be discussed. All are welcome!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The next class for grades 1 and 3 – 6 is **October 22nd**.

The next class for grades 2 and 7 – 10 is **October 15th**.

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 **Wednesday, October 18th** 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

Primary School News

Our 2nd Grade students are learning about "Our Forgiving Father" in preparation for their First Reconciliation which they'll celebrate in early December.

In Intermediate School Science class, the 4th Graders are researching various scientists and making a replica of the scientist from a bottle. Their "**Bottle Buddies**" will then be displayed. Grade 5 students are learning about special religious objects which are found in church. Father Julio will meet with the students in church to show and speak more about these articles.

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

MONDAY NIGHT WIDOW & WIDOWERS GROUP:

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

SPOUSE BEREAVEMENT GROUP:

A support group for people grieving the death of their spouse. Next meeting **October 24th** 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 15th** at 9:00 AM in the Russo Room.

ROSARY SOCIETY

Our next Rosary Society meeting is **Monday, October 16** beginning with the Rosary in Marian Hall at 6:30 PM followed by Mass. We have invited Jessica Mickley, a speaker from CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), who is an advocate for children in foster care in Passaic County."

COLUMBIETTE BLANKET MINISTRY

The Blanket Ministry will meet Thursday, **October 19, 2017** at 9:45 AM in the Molloy Center. All crafters are welcome! For fabric or yarn donations, call Cathie at 973-471-1265.

DIOCESAN NEWS

PIZZA NIGHT WITH BISHOP 2017-18

Monday, October 30th from 7-9 PM DePaul High School, Wayne
If you are a young man in high school, college or even older, come join Bishop Serratelli and priests of the Diocese of Paterson for adoration, reflection, fellowship and of course, pizza. For more information call the Vocation Office at 973-777-818 ex. 711.

MUSICAL: CURTAINS

St. Joseph Regional HS is calling all girls grades 9-12 for musical auditions on **October 17th & 18th** at 7 PM and **19th** at 6:00 & 7:30 PM. For more information: www.sjrtheater.com or [email: sjrtheater@gmail.com](mailto:sjrtheater@gmail.com).

SAVE THE DATE:

80th Anniversary Communion Breakfast of actual date of the Creation of the Diocese of Paterson – 9:30 AM Solemn Mass with Bishop Serratelli followed by breakfast at the Brownstone at 11 AM. Tickets are 40 p.p. available online at www.rcdop.org/breakfast.

PRAY FOR

THE NEWLY BAPTIZED:

Avery Grace deJesus, child of Justin and Anna
Gianna James Goscienski, child of Joseph and Jenna
Charles Tabin, child of Pawel and Joanna
Byron William Makarewicz, child of Nicholas and Gina

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 Duynes, 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, Katie Gerber, Jim Cupo, Theresa Buhler

THE DECEASED: Anita Grabarits, Janet Palloud, Theresa Goodwin

PARISH GIVING

TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION: OCTOBER 9, 2016	\$16,813.00
OCTOBER 8, 2017	
Envelopes	\$ 13,097.00
Cash	\$ 1,501.00
Online Giving Donations	\$ 4,486.00
Total	\$19,084.00
2 nd Collection: World Mission	\$ 2,783.00

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017

- 8:00** Maria Luisa Cantanero
Kathleen Criscuolo
10:00 Deceased members of the Adams Family
John Strangeway – 1st Anniversary
Joanna & Fred Cheon
Marie Marucci
12:00 Arthur & Ann Biesaida
Claire Chidiac

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017

- 7:00** Anna May Wozny
9:00 Andrea Michaud

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2017

- 7:00** The Shamp Family
9:00 John Strangeway – 1st Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2017

- 7:00** Claire Chidiac – 1st Anniversary
9:00 Alfredo Marquez Cantanero

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017

- 7:00** Stella Kaczmarczyk
9:00 Eugene Paradiso

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2017

- 7:00** Mary Cricco
9:00 Dolores Dubravsky

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017

- 9:00** Joseph & Ceil Hopper
5:30 Hedy Schimpf
Rose Bezares
Lillian Durso

SUNDAY, October 22, 2017

- 8:00** All the People of the Parish
10:00 Joseph Coglitore
Donald Muller
Mary Pat Paris
Anna May Wozny
12:00 Victor Shami – 11th Anniversary
John Hayes

The Offertory Candle In Memory of
Deceased Members of
The McNamara Family

The Offertory Gifts In Loving Memory of
Claire Chidiac – 1st Anniversary

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: OCTOBER 21/22, 2017

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