We are a welcoming inter-generational community united through our faith in Jesus Christ, demonstrating our love to others through service and charity. All are Welcome, All Belong!

September 2, 2018

PASTORAL STAFF

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Irish Immigration Pastoral Center
Rev. Patrick Summerhays, In residence
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Rio Stefanus, Finance/Business Manager
Mary Dante, Bookkeeper
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MASS TIMES

Sunday: 8:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
Saturday: Vigil 5:00 p.m.
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m. - Chapel
Holy Days: 8:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m.
Confessions: 4:15 p.m. (Saturday)

DEVOTIONS

Rosary - Monday - Saturday after 8:00 a.m. Mass
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass

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The Pharisees and scribes, concerned about Jewish purity laws, learn a lesson today from Jesus about where defilement resides — within people’s hearts. How do you work at being clean of heart?

Our Gospel Reflection

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Today we return to the Gospel of Mark after a five-week trip through John 6. In some ways Mark may seem to be familiar territory after the theological digression through the bread of life discourse and its antecedents. There are some explanatory notes in the gospel today that seem intended for a non-Jewish audience. Mark tells us about some Jewish practices of the time that would have been unfamiliar to the readers of his gospel. For this reason among others the audience would have been siza-bly, if not majority, Gentile. So quickly (a few decades) after Jesus’ death and resurrection the gospel message moved beyond the Jewish soil where it first took root, and grew among Gentiles. It’s almost like a cultivated ivy that leaped over a natural boundary to take root beyond the garden.

With this gospel reading it is as though we are listening in to one side of a family feud. We hear the early Christians’ take on their elder sibling’s faith. Not surprisingly, the Christians were critical of Jewish practices, claiming they missed the point. But it would be a misreading to see this only as a history lesson. The practices criticized in this gospel are perilously close to those of any religious person. There is a strong temptation to believe that we, by our actions and good deeds, make ourselves worthy of God. It can be easy to focus on the externals of religious practice and miss the point of religion. It can be easy to focus on ritual washing, or any ritual, and miss the deeper, more meaningful action that the ritual points to.

We can imagine attending a birthday party with the focus on what kind and flavor of cake and ice cream, when the “Happy Birthday” song is sung, how it is sung, who sings it, whether there is a birthday wish, whether the wish was “voiced” thereby nullifying it, or kept to the wisher thereby guaranteeing its fruition, and many other details of the event. All of the focus on the external ritual of the birthday can cause us to forget that this is a cele-bration of life for the one whose birthday it is. The party with its attendant rituals should not pull us away from the celebration of the individual.

The early Christians (like Isaiah who is quoted) criticized those who would misplace the emphasis on the externals. Their admonition is not for their theological opponents only. It’s also for us.

Pope Francis’ 2017 Palm Sunday homily called us to show Jesus through out deeds: “He is present in our many brothers and sisters who today endure sufferings like his own: they suffer from slave la-bor, from family tragedies, from diseases . . . From wars and terrorism, from interests that are armed and ready to strike. Women and men who are cheated, violated in their dignity, discarded . . . Je-sus is in them, in each of them, and, with marred features and broken voice, he asks to be looked in the eye, to be acknowledged, to be loved.” See Je-sus in our hurting sisters and brothers. Look him in the eye. Show Jesus through lived service, not lip service, and others will be able to look him in the eye too!

Lord, you teach us your ways in the commandments, in the Beatitudes, through Church teaching, and in those who make you known by doing justice. Give us your mind and heart to see you in all people we meet. Help them find Christ’s eyes in ours.

♦ How have God’s statutes and decrees helped you live God’s mind and heart?
♦ Name concrete ways that your life shows Jesus to others in words and in deeds.
We are sincerely grateful for your financial stewardship supporting our various parish needs.

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

In response to how the Pharisees and scribes lived their faith, Jesus said, “This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.”* Both good and evil impulses come from our hearts. Which one has the upper hand depends on how well a person has taken on the mind and heart of God. How well we live our faith is determined by the same. As Pope Francis tells us, Jesus is present in all of our brothers and sisters, especially those who endure suffering like his own. Our world is full of tragedy, conflict, and suffering: slave labor, diseases, wars, terrorism, exploitation, famine, human trafficking. We cannot simply pay lip service to the evils of the world … we must act!

*The text of IS 29:13 is quoted approximately according to the Septuagint.
CELEBRATING OUR 80TH FESTIVAL ANNIVERSARY

Save the Dates!
Festival Dinner Friday—Sept 28
Festival Dates Sept 29 & 30, 2018

If you would like to contribute new items to be used as prizes for the various booths, we are in need of any of the following prizes:

- Electronics - (please refrain from earbuds)
- Board Games, Sports related, Items for Teens, Candy,
- Tickets to sporting or theater events, toys,
- Gift cards to restaurants or retailers are welcomed too!
  Just to name a few suggestions.

If you are not a school parent, items may be dropped off at the Rectory. School families have a designated date for drop off.

This is always a fun and memorable St. Philip’s weekend and are extending this invitation for the full community’s participation.

More information will be provided as it becomes available. Remember to SAVE THE DATES!

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:
As we celebrate Labor Day, can you tell me about Catholic teaching regarding labor?

Answer: One of the most important principles of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Four encyclicals address this foundational social teaching: Rerum Novarum (1891) by Leo XIII, Quadragesimo Anno (1931) by Pius XI, Laborem Exercens (1981), and Centesimus Annus (1991) by John Paul II. They address both the theology and dignity of work. In Genesis, God takes the initiative in creating the world, calling forth human beings to be faithful stewards of creation. We are thus formed to share in God’s continuing creative activity by partnering with God in finishing the world and helping bring it to completion and fulfillment. From this perspective, work can be spiritually understood in terms of sharing in God’s ongoing activity to build, create, and transform the world. Human beings are co-creators with God. This vocation demands self-discipline.

Besides an exercise in self-discipline, work is also the means by which we develop and fulfill ourselves. In work, we shape the world and our environment. Through work, we also shape ourselves. Pope John Paul II summarized this point in Laborem Exercens #6, “the value of work is not primarily the kind of work being done, but the fact that the one who is doing it is a person.”

Labor Day offers an excellent opportunity to reflect on how we view work in light of our Catholic social teaching,
ST. PHILIPS 80TH ANNUAL
FESTIVAL
A NEIGHBORHOOD TRADITION SINCE 1938

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION EARLY

ST. PHILIP'S ANNUAL PARISH FESTIVAL DINNER – 80's Style!
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2018

Join us as we kick off the annual St. Philip’s Parish Festival with a yummy Italian dinner. Raise your glass in celebration of being part of the wonderful school and parish community that is St. Philip's!

Come ready for an evening of great food and fun! Food catered by Lucca Ravioli Co. Full no host bar. DJ Music with dancing!

The dinner is Friday, September 28, 6:30 p.m. no host cocktails, 7:00 p.m. dinner of pasta (with or without meatballs), antipasto, focaccia, salad and dessert!

Kids ONLY event (Dinner and a Movie) – featuring pizza, popcorn, and drinks. This event is geared towards 6th grade and younger. This is a great way for you to enjoy the Dinner in the Parish Hall while your child(ren) enjoy their own event!

Attire: Your best 80's attire! In honor of our 80th Anniversary, we would like to encourage everyone to dress in their favorite 80's wear! Leg warmers, huge earrings, parachute pants, stretch stirrup pants, shoulder pads, Members Only jackets, miniskirts, neon, neon, neon!

Fill out this reservation form and return it along with your payment to the school office or the rectory NO LATER THAN FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2018. Thank you.

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Please reserve for (name) _____________________________________________

* Seated Dinner Admission - $30 #____
* Children (Movie & Pizza Event) - $20 #____

Check enclosed in the amount of: _______

*All youth should be with adults in the Parish Hall, enjoying the kid’s event or fulfilling service hours. No children may be in the yard due to festival construction.

TRADITIONALLY THIS EVENT SELLS OUT UP TO A WEEK IN ADVANCE. YOUR RESERVATION IS ONLY GUARANTEED IF PAYMENT IS MADE IN ADVANCE.
On your faith journey, have you...

- Never been baptized?
- Baptized in another Christian church?
- Baptized Catholic, never received Eucharist?
- Baptized, received Eucharist but have not been confirmed?
- Left the church, but want to come home?
- Cradle Catholic confirmed, engaged, but looking for more?

If you identify with any of the above, or know of someone who does, come and explore the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) here at Saint Philip.

**Sessions are held on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in our Resource Center starting mid September.**

Interested parties please call the parish office 415-282-0141 for more information and a registration form.

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**2018-2019 First Communion and Confirmation Religious Education Classes**

We are currently accepting applications for the 2018-2019 term for students enrolled in our public and private schools into our Faith Formation Programs.

**Sessions will commence September 9, 2018.** If you are interested, please take an application from the vestibule bulletin board or visit our website at www.saintphilipparish.org for an online application.

You may also call the Parish Office for detailed information at 415-282-0141.

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**Are you planning a 2018 winter wedding?**

If so, now is the time to contact the church’s rectory office and discuss your plans with our pastoral staff and reserve the church.

Keep in mind Archdiocese guidelines require couples contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding date to begin the Pre-Cana preparation.

Call our parish office to schedule your initial meeting at 415-282-0141.

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**Interested in having your child Baptized at Saint Philip the Apostle Church?**

Please call the parish office at 415.282.0141 to reserve your spot for any upcoming preparation session and schedule a date for the baptism. Next Session will be held on Tuesday, October 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory.

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**PARISH REGISTRATION**

**ALL ARE WELCOME, ALL BELONG**

Our parish is blessed and enriched by the presence of new parishioners.

**We welcome all new families and individuals.** If you are interested in joining the Saint Philip’s parish community, feel free to call our office at 415-282-0141 for a registration form, or go online at www.saintphilipparish.org to complete the form online.

**Who is an Active Parishioner?**

- Regular attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- Registered in the Parish, receiving and using weekly envelopes or online platform supporting the Parish according to the best of one’s ability.
- Volunteers and participates in Parish activities with time, talent, and resources as means permit.
- Trying to live the Catholic Faith as best they can with God’s help and the support of family and friends at home and in the Parish.

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**FUTURE EVENT DATES TO NOTE more details COMING SOON**

- St. Philip Community returns to the SF-Marin Food bank, **Tuesday night October 16th on World Hunger Day!**
- St. Philip’s **Holy Grounds** informal faith sharing, **Sunday, Oct.21** following the 10:30 a.m. Mass during hospitality in **Extended Care Room**
PARISH SERVICES

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
This Sacrament is for those who are elderly, seriously ill, or scheduled for surgery. Contact the Parish Office to schedule the anointing in Church or at home. If in hospital, or care facility, please request the Catholic Chaplain or a priest from the Parish in which the hospital or care facility is located, through the nursing station.

BAPTISM
Parents wishing to baptize children should call the parish office to schedule the baptism and to schedule participation in our baptismal preparation program. Please call two months before you wish the baptism. Parents must make an appointment to attend the preparation session. Godparents may attend if they wish. These sessions normally take place the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The preparation maybe done before the birth of the child. Please call the Parish office at 415-282-0141 for more information.

FAITH FORMATION
Sacramental preparation is a one year program here at St. Philips. First Reconciliation and First Communion are celebrated in the 2nd grade. However, we offer accommodations for those older. Classes are held in the chapel on Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. A copy of the child’s baptismal certificate will be required upon registration. Please call the Parish office for complete details. 415-282-0141

Our Confirmation Program is designed for those youth entering the 8th grade or already in high school. These sessions begin in the fall. You must provide baptismal and First Eucharist certificates. To register call the Parish Office 415-282-0141

R.C.I.A.—Adults wishing to explore the Catholic faith are welcome to attend an Inquiry Session in the fall. These sessions begin in the fall. Classes are held on Sundays from 9:15-10:15 a.m.in the Resource Center building (the old convent). Call the Parish Office at 415-282-0141 for a registration form.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY
Call the Parish Office to arrange for visitation and the gift of Holy Communion from one of our Extraordinary Ministers for your friends and family members who are unable to attend Mass due to illness or hospitalization. This is a beautiful ministry which allows for the Church to reach out to those who are homebound and share faith and friendship.

MARRIAGE
Couples are asked to call the Parish Office at least six months prior to their intended wedding date to schedule an appointment with the Pastoral Staff to begin their marriage preparation journey.

RECONCILIATION
Saturdays 4:15—4:45 p.m. or by appointment

PARISH RESOURCES

PARISH OFFICE
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Mary Dante, Bookkeeper
Email: mary.dante@saintphilipparish.org
Sandy Kearney, Pastoral Associate
Email: sandy.kearney@saintphilipparish.org

MUSIC MINISTRY
Carlton White, Music Director

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday—Friday
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
415-282-0141 Fax: 415-282-8962
www.saintphilipparish.org — info@saintphilipparish.org

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Please contact the rectory at (415) 282-0141
As a service to the community, we sponsor the following:
Monday A.A. Meeting (Men's) 7:00 p.m. Hall 3
Tuesday A.A. Kitchen (Ladies) 6:00 p.m. Hall 3
Wednesday Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 p.m. Lyons
Duggan’s Funeral Service
The Duggan Welch Family
Same family ownership since our founding in 1918
Bill, Betty, Steve and Kristen Welch - parishioners
Largest Funeral Parking in the Mission
3434 17th Street
between Guerrero and Valencia
California Funeral Establishment licenses FD 44
California Funeral Directors licenses
FDR 394, 395 and 2055
415-431-4900