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!

November 11, 2018—Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.
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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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, “Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury.” - Mk 12:43

Two widows figure prominently in today’s readings. The first offers her last bit of sustenance to a foreigner, a stranger; the second offers an enormous portion of her small worldly wealth to God.

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

Who are the four people you would like to have dinner with in heaven? Many of us might choose famous personalities from history. Others might choose long-lost relatives. Whomever we choose, these are people we really want to be with. We’d want to spend time with them and learn from their experiences. On the flip side, there are those who love going to dinner parties, being seen at dinner parties. They love to rub shoulders with the powerful, the movers, and the shakers. They like their tickets to the cultural events, the opera, the symphony, baseball and football games. This type of person who loves to be seen is a well-known character in literature. It seems even in Jesus’ time these people were readily spotted. For Jesus, they become a target. Jesus is especially critical of this character type who also happens to be a religious leader (!) who “devour[s] the houses of widows.” They pray for show, and enjoy the privileges that come with their office. Their condemnation will be severe. In many respects Jesus’ critique of the religious authorities is echoed by Pope Francis’s critique of religious authorities. Even though we may not be religious authorities, the critique certainly applies to us as well. Is our going to church for show? Is it more cultural and societal than religious and spiritual?

In the second vignette in today’s gospel Jesus criticizes the rich, who give large sums to make a show, and to attract attention to their giving. Even though their gifts were large, and undoubtedly made a difference, these people gave from their excess. It was pocket change, not the milk money. The poor widow, she whose house is being devoured by the religious authorities, gives everything she has. In other words, they who had much gave little of what they had. She who had little gave everything she had. What kind of givers are we? Do we give of ourselves or from our excess? Jesus’ message is to give everything we have, without holding anything back. It’s too easy to game the system, to make a show out of giving, to have our names on plaques or printed in newsletters. Today many charitable organizations and parishes even have giving clubs with various levels. And, of course, there is an entire industry today that has been developed around giving and fundraising.

But Jesus is speaking of something more profound. Rather than the annual fundraising appeal that each of us participate in, or charitable contributions that are a hallmark of Christianity, we are summoned by Jesus to give our entire selves. Rather than write a check equivalent to a family dinner at a restaurant, Jesus wants us entirely, without reservation.
**Masses for the Week November 11, 2018**

**11/10 Saturday**

Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church  
8:00 a.m. Sandra Kearney  
(by: Carolee Lubin)  
5:00 p.m. † Helen Morales  
(by: Julia Trepanier)

**11/11 Sunday**

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Veterans Day  
8:00 a.m. † Berty, Hildi & Pauli Schneider  
(by: Mila Schneider)  
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

**11/12 Monday**

Saint Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr  
8:00 a.m. † Patrick & Grace Maughan  
(by: Maughan Family Trust)

**11/13 Tuesday**

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin  
8:00 a.m. † Concepcion Madrinan  
(by: Mila Schneider)

**11/14 Wednesday**

8:00 am † Lola Karels Family, Spl. Intention  
(by: )

**11/15 Thursday**

Saint Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church  
8:00 a.m. † Rita Bernell  
(by: Mary Ann DeSouza)

**11/16 Friday**

Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin  
8:00 a.m. Seniors & Rosary Group  
(by: Carolee Lubin)

**11/17 Saturday**

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious  
8:00 a.m. Special Intention  
(by: Anonymous)  
5:00 p.m. † The Bisson Family  
(by: Paula Bisson)

**11/18 Sunday**

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00 a.m. Ryan Schneider, B-Day Blessings  
(by: Mila Schneider)  
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish
May the Perpetual Light Shine upon them

All Souls offering envelopes can be found in the pews and back of the church. These will be placed on the Sanctuary and remembrances offered during all the Masses in November.

PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Good and faithful God, you have given us so many people in our lives that have given us joy and solace. We ask you to remember our dearly departed. Keep them close to you as we all wait for that day when we all will come and worship in your presence.

We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Charles Matthews

Thomas Burke          Mary Crowley
Juana Gomez          Catherine Mayer
AnnMarie Ravara-Naidus  Kimberly O’Kane Ingram
“Gene” Hance         Patricia Crowley
Shirley Casteneda     Kathleen O’Donnell
Maureen Dineen        George Wheatley
David Dickey          Ava Powell

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We are all generous, at least to some degree. Most of us when asked for something -- whether it be our time, our talent, or our treasure -- assess whether we can "afford" to fulfill the request and still preserve our own needs. Have we ever given the last bit of what we had knowing that we will have to do without so that someone else can benefit? We all tend to be a little covetous of our time, talent, and treasure. There are people throughout history who have given everything away only to find that they have received much more in return. St. Francis of Assisi is a prime witness. The Scriptures today bring us two widows who do the same. Do we see in people such as this examples of foolishness or wisdom, inspiration, and hope?
JOIN US THIS ADVENT SEASON!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS?

What is Lectio Divina?
Lectio Divina is a method of praying with the Scriptures that dates back to early monastic days. It is a form of meditation to find deeper meaning from the Word, thus growing more intimate with God.

We will host an introductory session on Saturday, November 17th in the Parish Hall, 4:00 p.m. Beginning with the First Saturday of Advent, join us prior to the Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. as we encounter the Word by practicing Lectio Divina as a group. We will meet for the four Saturdays of Advent December 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2018.

As St. Augustine noted, when we pray, we speak to God; when we read Scripture, God speaks to us.

A PRAYER FOR VETERANS DAY

God of mercy we ask for blessings on all those who have served their country in the armed forces.
We ask for healing for the veterans who have been wounded, in body and soul, in conflicts around the globe.

We pray especially for the young men and women, in the thousands, who are coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan with injured bodies and traumatized spirits. Bring solace to them, O Lord. May we pray for them when they cannot pray.
Have mercy on all our veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Bring peace to their hearts and peace to the regions they fought in.

Bless all the soldiers who served in noncombatative posts. May their calling to serve continue in their lives in many positive ways.

Give us all here present today creative vision to see a world that, growing weary with fighting, moves to affirming the life of every human being and so moves beyond war.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We offer our Best Wishes and Congratulations to Bryant Alan Gomer & Lauren Delamere Dansey who celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony on Saturday, November 4, 2018 at Saint Philip the Apostle Church.

Are you planning a spring 2019 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.

CELEBRATING A FIRST RECONCILIATION

Please remember in your prayers our second grade students from St. Philips School along with our public and private schools who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Thursday, November 15 at 4:00 p.m. here in our Church.
This is in preparation for receiving their First Communion on May 5, 2019. Our students have been working hard on their prayers and learning about God’s unending love and forgiveness for them.

We are remembering our students and their families in our prayers this week.

A prayer for our second grade students.

Please remember in your prayers our veterans who have served our country.

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Thank you for your sacrifice.

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**WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

**Question:** What is the Christian attitude towards violent conflicts?

**Answer:**
In the Beatitudes, Jesus teaches us "Blessed are the peacemakers" and to "love your enemies." All human beings are made in God's image and likeness. We are one human family -- brothers and sisters despite what divides us. Christians have the obligation to prioritize peaceful means to resolve conflicts. War wrecks a toll on a nation. Civilians bear a disproportionate burden of this cost during the war itself and as the nation rebuilds. However, those in authority have the obligation to protect the innocent.

During the gradual fall of the Roman Empire, theologians began to theorize that war could be just if it was a defensive measure of last resort. The "Just War Theory" was later expanded by St. Thomas Aquinas, who also included moral obligations during the war itself, including the protection of civilians. Those in public authority have the obligation to carefully examine their motives, agendas, and rationale for violent force. Should a cause be just, those who fight and defend under such circumstances must be valued and honored. They deserve our support both during and after the war.

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**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Our young faithful, ages 4-6 are invited to participate in Children’s Liturgy during the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the side chapel.

Our leader’s role is to open the hearts of the children to the word of God and allow them to respond. Parents are welcome to sit with their children if this is a new experience for them.

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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.

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**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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We encourage you to enroll in our online giving Program

- It’s easy to set up
- Gives you real-time access of your charitable donations

We invite you to visit our website at

www.saintphilipparish.org and select the online giving tab on the homepage. Alternatively, you can download the mobile app from Googleplay or the Apple App Store. Register by entering our church ID of (4254)

Of course if you wish to continue to use your paper envelopes, you are most welcomed to do so. We are offering this option for your convenience.

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**Attention Boys in 3rd-8th Grade:**

It's time to sign up for CYO Boys Basketball Season!

Come join the St. Philip Bruins for the basketball season (baseball sign ups to follow soon)

Please sign up before Friday Nov 16th so we can see how many players we have and how many teams we will need to register with CYO.

**CYO Boys Basketball Sign Up**


Or feel free to email bruis@saintphilipschool.org if you have any questions.
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

RCIA.—Adults wishing to explore the Catholic faith are welcome to attend an Inquiry Session 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

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Music Ministry
Carlton White, Music Director

Devotions
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Our Lady of Perpetual Help • Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass

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Parish Outreach
Baptismal Classes First Tuesday of the Month
7:00 p.m. (Rectory by appt.)
Belfry Society
Adult Choir Tuesday 7:00 p.m. (Church)
Children Choir Tuesday 4:00 p.m. (Hall 1)
First Communion Instruction Sundays 9:15 a.m. (chapel)
CCD Confirmation Instruction Sundays 9:15 a.m. (Lyons Rm)
Liturgy Committee
Parish Council
Parent Teacher Group (PTG)
RCIA (Adult Faith Instruction) Second & Third Thursday, 11:30 a.m., (Hall 3)
Rosary Makers
School Consultative Board
Young at Heart (Senior Club 50+) Second & Third Thursday, 11:30 a.m., (Hall 3)

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 Alanon 7:00 p.m. Lyons
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