Pope’s Intention for August: Families, Schools of Human Growth. That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly “schools of true human growth.”

August 4, 2019 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong? Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.”

Luke 12:21
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
August 4, 2019

08/03 Saturday
Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
8:00 a.m. † Yau Chu Ki
(by: Mary Tom)
5:00 p.m. † Simon Corry
(by: Rita Murphy)

08/04 Sunday
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. † Jeremiah “Jerry” Keohane
(by: The McAuliffe Family)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

08/05 Monday
The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major
8:00 a.m. † Luigi & Nina DeMartini
(by: Corrado DeMartini)

08/06 Tuesday
The Transfiguration of the Lord
8:00 a.m. † Patrick & Grace Maughan
(by: Maughan Family Trust)

08/07 Wednesday
Saint Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest
8:00 a.m. † Joseph & Pamela Cervetto
(by: Corrado DeMartini)

08/08 Thursday
Saint Dominic, Priest
8:00 a.m. † Halina Hamerla
(by: Kevin Corscadden)

08/09 Friday
Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
8:00 a.m. † Dina Cevetto
(by: Corrado DeMartini)

08/10 Saturday
Saint Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr
8:00 a.m. † Bill Holden
(by: Candy Ashe)
5:00 p.m. † Peter McPolin
(by: The Parr Family)

08/11 Sunday
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Victoria Ortiz (Special Intention)
(by: The Ortiz Family)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

Let us remember in our Prayers…
Those who are sick or who suffer in any way, especially the home-bound and the elderly, that God will assist them in their time of need and that they may find comfort and healing in Christ.

John Bamber  Michael Brust  Mary Dekle
Corrado DeMartini  Marrian Dickey  Danny Forchione
Laura Garcia  Denyse Hale  Dolores Martin
Fred Jungmann  Mow, Kain Chiu  Ron Ramirez
Bill Matthews  Agnes Piva  Crystal Zapata
Cody Bordelon

We are sincerely grateful for your financial stewardship supporting our various parish needs.

July 28 2019—First Collection

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

How preoccupied and anxious are you over preserving and maintaining a particular standard of wealth? It is easy to develop an unhealthy relationship with our possessions and invest ourselves more in their protection and growth than in our relationship with God. Greed can overtake us, often without our immediate notice. Anxiety of heart can find us living more with sorrow and grief than with freedom and joy. We can never allow things to replace God, and we always have to keep our possessions and wealth in proper perspective. Once they begin to control us, we have a problem. Anxiety and worry can become our grievous sins. There is a joyful life to be discovered when we discover true faith!

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS (8-11-2019)
Prepare Your Heart & Mind for Next Week’s Encounter

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9 How is your faith in the Lord a source of courage for you in troubled times?
Psalm: 33:1, 12, 18-22
Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 The author of Hebrews defines faith as “the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen” and holds up Abraham as a model of faith. Who would you see as a model of faith in your faith community?
Gospel: Luke 12:32-48 Jesus warned Peter of the responsibilities entrusted to followers of Christ. How well do you think you are stewarding the gifts God has given you?
Gospel Reflection

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Many of us know and are familiar with Jesus’ teachings. But what would we consider to be among the most popular topics that Jesus addressed? Or another question we might ask is, what are the most popular topics we hear about today in churches? Are the two related? Do the priorities of Jesus and his preaching align with preaching we hear at the parish? Interestingly, some of the issues Jesus addressed more than others were about money and the right use of it. Rarely did he address issues concerning buildings of worship, parish schools, sexuality or even contraception. Jesus preached often about how people use their money. And today’s gospel is a case, or rather two cases, in point.

The first story is about someone who wants his share of the inheritance. Rather than get in the middle of that quagmire (Jesus seems to have been wise not to step into that battle!), he gives a quick aphorism that’s appropriate for Christian and non-Christian alike, “One’s life does not consist of possessions.” In fact, this teaching reflects certain schools of Greek philosophy, and even modern common sense.

The second story is called the parable of the rich fool. Indeed, God himself addresses the rich man as “You fool,” for he spent his time on earth acquiring a bountiful harvest, a “treasure for himself.” But that very night he will die, not “rich in what matters to God.” Here it is clear that bountiful harvests, storehouses, and great material blessings are not what matters to God. Other gospel passages from Luke will make clear what does matter to God. In this reading we learn via negative, by a negative way, what does not.

The parable calls us to reconsider our own harvests and storehouses. What are we acquiring and for what purpose? “One’s life does not consist of possessions.” It’s a lesson so clear and fundamental that we need to be reminded of it again and again.

Our values, priorities, and interests are all expressed by the way we spend money. When God calls us from this life, what will we have left? The old adage, “you can’t take it with you,” comes to mind. No matter what physical things or possessions we acquire here on earth we take nothing with us after we die. Put another way, our lives are not our possessions. A monthly checking account statement or credit card bill can become a moment of prayer.

It behooves us to step back from a desire to acquire and ask ourselves why. What is the purpose of our possessions? Rather than become rich in the eyes of the world, it is better to become rich in what matters to God. When we lift up the lowly, feed the hungry, and forgive sins of others we acquire riches in what matters to God. We have no ledger sheet or checking account to track this behavior. Instead, it flows from our identity as Christians, living a spirituality of the paschal mystery.
The Story of the Transfiguration of the Lord
August 6 Feast

All three Synoptic Gospels tell the story of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-9; Luke 9:28-36). With remarkable agreement, all three place the event shortly after Peter’s confession of faith that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus’ first prediction of his passion and death. According to Scripture scholars, in spite of the texts’ agreement it is difficult to reconstruct the disciples’ experience, because the Gospels draw heavily on Old Testament descriptions of the Sinai encounter with God, and prophetic visions of the Son of Man. Certainly Peter, James, and John had a glimpse of Jesus’ divinity strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. Such an experience defies description, so they drew on familiar religious language to describe it. And certainly Jesus warned them that his glory and his suffering were to be inextricably connected—a theme John highlights throughout his Gospel.

Tradition names Mount Tabor as the site of the revelation. A church first raised there in the fourth century was dedicated on August 6. A feast in honor of the Transfiguration was celebrated in the Eastern Church from about that time. Western observance began in some localities about the eighth century.

On July 22, 1456, Crusaders defeated the Turks at Belgrade. News of the victory reached Rome on August 6, and Pope Callistus III placed the feast on the Roman calendar the following year.
The Story of the Dedication of Saint Mary Major Basilica—Our Lady of the Snow

First raised at the order of Pope Liberius in the mid-fourth century, the Liberian basilica was rebuilt by Pope Sixtus III shortly after the Council of Ephesus affirmed Mary’s title as Mother of God in 431. Rededicated at that time to the Mother of God, St. Mary Major is the largest church in the world honoring God through Mary. Standing atop one of Rome’s seven hills, the Esquiline, it has survived many restorations without losing its character as an early Roman basilica. Its interior retains three naves divided by colonnades in the style of Constantine’s era. Fifth-century mosaics on its walls testify to its antiquity.

St. Mary Major is one of the four Roman basilicas known as patriarchal cathedrals in memory of the first centers of the Church. St. John Lateran represents Rome, the See of Peter; St. Paul Outside the Walls, the See of Alexandria, allegedly the see presided over by Mark; St. Peter’s, the See of Constantinople; and St. Mary’s, the See of Antioch.

One legend, unreported before the year 1000, gives another name to this feast: Our Lady of the Snows. According to that story, a wealthy Roman couple pledged their fortune to the Mother of God. In affirmation, she produced a miraculous summer snowfall and told them to build a church on the site. The legend was long celebrated by releasing a shower of white rose petals from the basilica’s dome every August 5.
Are you planning a fall 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.

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 Saturday, September 7, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Rectory. Call the Parish office to make your reservation.

ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR ANSWERS?

- Trying to make sense of events in your life? in the World?
- Looking for a deeper understanding of your current faith?
- Married a Catholic and trying to understand?
- 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, but looking for more?

If you identify with any of the above, or know of someone who does, come and explore the RCIA Program here at St. Philip’s. Call the Parish Office for more information and to register for the fall opening session. (415) 282-0141.

CELEBRATING OUR SAINTS

August 8
Saint Dominic

On August 8th, we celebrate a burning heart and a radical life! Dominic Guzman was born in 1170 to a Spanish noble family. From a young age, Dominic had a sense of Gospel values. A famine struck the country when Dominic was a university student. He sold his clothes, his furniture, and even his manuscripts to buy food for the poor. Dominic also attempted (twice!) to sell himself into slavery as barter for the freedom of others. He became a monk and was commissioned by the Pope to preach throughout southern France, where false Christian teachings, albigensianism, had taken root. He founded a house for authentic Catholic education, which would become the first location of his new order - the Order of Preachers, now known by the title Dominicans. Dominic and his followers traveled throughout Europe preaching, teaching, and calling people back to a life of conversion, prayer, and virtue. St. Dominic, pray for us!

PRAYER TO SAINT DOMINIC

O Glorious Saint Dominic, thou who wast a model of mortification and piety, by punishing thy innocent body with scourges, with fastings and with watchings, and by keeping inviolate the lily of thy virginity, obtain for us the grace to practice penance with a generous heart and to keep unspotted the purity of our bodies and our hearts. Amen

Faith Formation

2019-2020 First Communion and Confirmation Religious Education Classes

Saint Philip Parish is pleased to announce we are currently accepting applications for the 2019-2020 term for students enrolled in our public and private schools into our Faith Formation Programs. Sessions will commence in the fall during the September timeframe. 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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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. As of January, 2019, these sessions will take place the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.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. 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

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Monday—Friday
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PARISH RESOURCES

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Rio Stefanus, Financial/Business Manager
Email: rio.stefanus@saintphilipparish.org
Mary Dante, Bookkeeper
Email: mary.dante@saintphilipparish.org
Sandy Kearney, Pastoral Associate
Email: sandy.kearney@saintphilipparish.org
Brendan Scharetg, Parish Maintenance
Email: btscharetg@aol.com
Gilberto Mancia, School Maintenance
Mercedes Alvarez, Housekeeper

MUSIC MINISTRY
Carlton White, Music Director

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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PARISH OUTREACH
Baptismal Classes First Saturday of the Month 9:00 a.m. (Rectory by appt.)
Belfry Society
Adult Choir Tuesday 7:30 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) Sunday 9:15 (Resource Center)
Rosary Makers Second & Third Thursday, 11:30 a.m., (Hall 3)
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
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