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.”

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Rev. Patrick Summerhayes, In residence
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Church Hours
7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays
7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturdays
7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon Sundays

MASS TIMES
Sunday: 8:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. & Vigil 5:00 p.m.
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m. - Chapel
Holy Days: 8:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS
4:00-4:45p.m. (Saturday) or by appointment

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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August 18, 2019

08/17 Saturday   Blessed Virgin Mary  
8:00 a.m. † Bridget “Brigie” Reilly  
(by: The McAuliffe Family)
5:00 p.m. † Spillane & McAuliffe Families  
(by: The McAuliffe Family)

08/18 Sunday   20th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00 a.m. † Carole Viegas  
(by: The Remedios Family)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

08/19 Monday   Saint John Eudes, Priest  
8:00 a.m. † John Casserly  
(by: The Del Carlo Family)

08/20 Tuesday   Saint Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church  
8:00 a.m. † James Reitmeyer  
(by: Gerry Reitmeyer & Family)

08/21 Wednesday   Saint Pius X, Pope  
8:00 a.m. † Patricia Crowley  
(by: Patricia Crowley Estate)

08/22 Thursday   The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
8:00 a.m. † Jerome O’Leary  
(by: The O’Leary Family)

08/23 Friday   Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin  
8:00 a.m. Celebrant’s Intention  
(by:)

08/24 Saturday   Saint Bartholomew, Apostle  
8:00 a.m. Celebrant’s Intention  
(by: )
5:00 p.m. † Robert Doonan  
(by: The O’Leary Family)

08/25 Sunday   21st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00 a.m. † Roy Lippi  
(by: Pura Lippi)
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 homebound 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  Corrado DeMartini  Laura Garcia  Fred Jungmann  Bill Matthews
Michael Brust  Marrian Dickey  Denyse Hale  Mow, Kain Chiu  Agnes Piva
Mary Dekle  Danny Forchione  Dolores Martin  Ron Ramirez  Crystal Zapata
Cody Bordelon

Those who have died, the deceased of our parish, and especially those who have no one to pray for them.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. May the Perpetual Light shine upon them.

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

August 11, 2019—First Collection

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Second Collection - Archdiocese for Military Services  
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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Our baptismal rite instructs the parents and godparents of the newly baptized children, “May they keep the flame of faith alive in their hearts.” Faith has often been associated with fire. While fire can be useful and welcomed as a source of light and warmth, it can also be devastating and destructive. The Gospel is very much like this. On the one hand, Jesus speaks of healing, liberty, mercy, and forgiveness. On the other, he challenges the secular mindset and ideology, risks opposition, and pushes people out of their comfort zones. We are more attracted to things that make us feel better about ourselves. Equipped with the flame of faith, are we willing to see the bigger picture and risk popularity and self-preservation in favor of the kingdom of God?

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading - Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
We hear how Jeremiah was persecuted for his prophetic message. Why do you think the prophets suffered so much?

Second Reading—Hebrew 12:1-4
How is Jesus’ suffering on the cross a source of inspiration for you?

Why do you think Jesus’ words cause so much division, even within families?
Though Pentecost was months ago, Jesus reminds us today that he came to set the world afire. As member of the church born at Pentecost, that is our work today.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

Christians are so familiar with “peace on earth” as a tagline of Christianity that today’s gospel can be something of a shock to the system. The angels sang, “Peace to those on whom his favor rests” (Luke 2:14), and the cry of the crowds upon Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem will be “Blessed is the king who come in the name of the Lord. / Peace in heaven and glory in the highest” (Luke 19:38). So it sounds strange today to hear Jesus saying that he is not bringing peace but division.

But then, upon a closer reading of the Gospel of Luke we do hear inklings of this theme. As an infant, Jesus is said by Simeon to be “destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel” (Luke 2:34). Simeon continues by saying that Mary will be pierced with a sword (Luke 2:35). Moreover, early Christianity was perceived by the Romans and others as we would consider a cult today. No self-respecting Roman wanted their children to be caught up in this Judean “superstition” as they called it. And those who became Christian often pulled away from their families, forming new bonds with other Christians, whom they considered a new family. So given that background, the idea that Jesus brought division might be seen in a different light. The peace that the Christians experienced was with one another, not the peace the world gives. And that peace might have come at the price of family divisions who did not understand this new way of life.

Of course Christianity has been so domesticated today, with the culture empowering it and supporting it, that we have little experiential sense of what the early Christians encountered simply to be Christian. Any perceived impingement of religious freedom in the Western world today can scarcely be compared to what the first generations of Christians experienced, or Christians in the Middle East or Africa today, when some were and are being executed for their faith.

Though we share many common elements of our faith with those who have gone before us, the divisions they experienced in the early years seem distant. Still, when we take seriously the gospel message and live it boldly, we may be shunned or avoided by those we considered friends or family.

LIVING THE PASchal MYSTERY

Paradoxically, the peace that Jesus brings comes served with division. It’s as though the poison is within the antidote. Living as a disciple of Jesus means that we will lose company with some, perhaps even family and friends. Disciples are no mere “go along to get along” kind of people. Faith in Christ, service of the poor, and working for justice are essential elements of discipleship. Others may have a vested interest in the status quo, and do not want things overturned or upended. But for a serious follower of Christ, for a disciple who follows in the footsteps of Jesus, opposition can be expected. Jesus himself lost his life in a confrontation with evil. Many of his followers down to the present day have lost their lives as well, or faced imprisonment, persecution, and hostility. “Good news” preached to the poor, the outcast, and the downtrodden, can sound eerily like sedition or revolution. When we stand on the side of the persecuted and marginalized, we should not be surprised to face persecution and marginalization ourselves.
Next Week’s Readings (8-25-2019)

Prepare Your Heart & Mind for Next Week’s Encounter

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Thus says the Lord: I know their works and their thoughts, and I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory.

Psalm: 117:1-2

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30 - "For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

WHY DO WE DO THAT?
CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: If we are all meant to be united in Christ, why is there so much division in the Church?

Answer: Each Sunday, we profess that we believe in "one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church." The Church is indeed one because her source is the Trinity, and she is founded by Christ. The Church also exists in the fallen world and is made up of fallen people. Sometimes, there are tensions over what we believe as Catholics. Who is Jesus really? Are we affected by original sin? How do our sexual ethics play out amidst medical and technological developments?

Tensions are also influenced by various social and political factors of the time period. For example, Martin Luther's attempts at reform gained followers, in part, as a reaction against poor moral practices within the Catholic Church. When the schism between the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Catholic Church occurred in 1054, tensions between the two culturally different regions had been brewing for centuries.

Division still occurs within the bounds of the Church today. Oftentimes, this is about pastoral or practical matters. These questions can vary. Some involve cultural customs. What is the best way to reach the youth in our parish? These may not be articles of faith, but some people have strong opinions about what ought to be done. We can remember the prayer of Christ - "that all might be one" - and do what we can to grow in understanding and respectful dialogue, not losing unity.

“WHY SHOULD I GO TO MASS EVERY SUNDAY?”

St. Padre Pio, the stigmatic priest, said, “Every holy Mass, heard with devotion, produces in our souls marvelous effects, abundant spiritual and material graces which we, ourselves, do not know. It is easier for the Earth to exist without the sun than without the holy Sacrifice of the Mass.”

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.

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?

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, 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
Daily Prayer This Week

Lord God, As we prepare for the transitions of August; of routines becoming regular, signs of schools beginning to emerge, and traffic patterns getting heavier, help us to appreciate your presence in our lives. Give us the wisdom to make our hearts be still, much as the August wind is still, so that we may listen to the gentle words you speak to us. Help us understand that you alone are the source of every good gift, of the vast array of our universe, and the mystery of each human life. And help us see that we are called to be good stewards of all that you have entrusted to us; tending them faithfully and responsibly so they may ultimately be returned to you with increase. In this month of August while a measure of summer’s stillness remains, speak to our hearts, guide us in your Son’s ways, and through your Spirit, give us the strength to proclaim your gospel in our every day words and deeds. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Save the Dates!

Festival Dinner - Friday—Sept 27
Festival Dates - Sept 28 & 29, 2019

Join the fun by lending a hand as a volunteer or donor.

1) Be A Donor. What a better way to support this event. You’ll be recognized on the Donor Wall.
2) Sell raffle tickets after Mass. Contact Monica Healy at monicahealy@gmail.com to volunteer.
3) Donate booth or bingo items. Contact Kim Anderson at knranderson@gmail.com
4) Volunteer to help during the festival for kitchen prep and clean up, calling Bingo or staffing the Carnival-style games. Contact Eunice Chan at Eunice.lim@gmail.com

Get Ready for another fun-filled weekend!

Mental Health Professionals: Join Our Network

Are you a Licensed Mental Health Professional? Join the San Francisco Archdiocese Mental Health Referral Network. The Archdiocese has partnered with eTherapyFinder.com to create an easy way for those seeking help to find mental health professionals who are affiliated with the Archdiocese. Affiliated therapists are defined as those that have taken the Archdiocesan pledge to "understand and respect the religious beliefs and values of Catholic clients,” and are recognized with the Archdiocese Group logo on their Profile. If you are interested in joining our mental health referral network, it’s easy to do. For more information, contact: Ed Hopfner, Director of Marriage & Family Life hopfner@sfarch.org 415-614-5547
Are you planning a winter 2019 wedding? If so, now is the time to contact the church's rectory office and discuss your plans with our Administrator 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.

Interested in having your child Baptized at Saint Philip the Apostle Church? Parents are required to meet with Father John Mary Chung prior to attending a preparation session.

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.

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Call our parish office to schedule your
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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday—Friday
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
415-282-0141 Fax: 415-282-8962
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PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN
If you believe you are a victim of sexual abuse, please call our secure and confidential hotline of the Archdiocese of San Francisco at 415.614.5506

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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 Third Monday of the month
Parent Teacher Group (PTG)
RCIA (Adult Faith Instruction) Sunday 9:15 (Resource Center)
Rosary Makers Third Thursday, 11:30a.m., (Hall 3)
School Consultative Board
Young at Heart (Senior Club 50+) Third Thursday, 11:30 a.m., (Hall 3)
Young Adults Ministry Thursdays 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Hall 1

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