Pope’s Intention for September: The Protection of the Oceans. That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world’s seas and oceans.

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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
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September 8, 2019

“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” - Lk 14:27
Mass Intentions

September 8, 2019

09/07 Saturday  
Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday  
8:00 a.m. Celebrant’s Intention  
(by: )  
5:00 p.m. † Bisson Family  
(by: Paula Bisson & Ron Tsuchiya)

09/08 Sunday  
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00 a.m. Celebrant’s Intention  
(by: )  
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

09/09 Monday  
Saint Peter Claver, Priest  
8:00 a.m. Patrick Lynch & Megan Tobin Wedding Anniversary  
(by: Sandra V. Kearney)

09/10 Tuesday  
8:00 a.m.  
(by: )

09/11 Wednesday  
8:00 a.m.  
(by: )

09/12 Thursday  
The Most Holy Name of Mary  
8:00 a.m. † Patricia Crowley  
(by: Patricia Crowley Estate)

09/13 Friday  
Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church  
8:00 a.m.  
(by: )

09/14 Saturday  
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
8:00 a.m.  
(by: )  
5:00 p.m. The Schroer Family  
(by: Mary Schroer)

09/15 Sunday  
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00 a.m.† Spillane & McAuliffe Families  
(by: The McAuliffe 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  
Corrado DeMartini  
Laura Garcia  
Fred Jungmann  
Bill Matthews

Michael Brust  
Marian 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.

September 1, 2019—First Collection

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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 @ Eunice.lim@gmail.com

Get Ready for another fun-filled weekend!

Reflect and respond to Scripture

This Week

First Reading - Wisdom 9:13-18  
How does your prayer and faith life nurture wisdom?

Second Reading — Philippians 9:10, 12-17  
Paul advocates to Philemon for the runaway slave, Onesimus, who has now come to believe in Christ. How do you imagine Paul’s reaction to his request?

Gospel Reading - Luke 14:25-33  
Jesus taught the crowds that the renunciation of all possessions is required for true discipleship. How do you try to live out this command?
Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

Hyperbole and exaggeration can be effective rhetorical tools. They are used by almost everyone at some point. Even the fictional news announcer Kent Brockman from the Simpsons said, “Ladies and gentlemen, I’ve been to Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan, and I can say without hyperbole that this is a million times worse than all of them put together.”

Of course, it’s easy to spot hyperbole and we don’t take it literally. But sometimes it’s easy to miss this rhetorical tool when it’s on the lips of Jesus in the Scriptures. A good rule of thumb is to see how the early Christians understood a passage in question. For example, Jesus advises his listeners to another story that “if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out” (Matthew 18:9). But early, as well as later Christians, did not take that literally. The passage is rhetorical hyperbole. Something similar is at work in today’s gospel passage when Jesus says that no one coming to him “without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life” can be a disciple. Rather than try to twist ourselves into knots over that quote, it’s best to recognize it for what it is: rhetorical hyperbole. Even one of the concluding thoughts about renouncing all possessions is hyperbolic. Part of the reason we know this is by reading other passages in Luke in which Jesus’ women followers provide for Jesus and the disciples from their means (Luke 8:1-3). So even Jesus did not expect his own followers to take this advice about renouncing all possessions literally. If they had, he would not have had such a widespread support network in Judea and Galilee.

Jesus is an effective preacher: he used the rhetorical tools of hyperbole and exaggeration to make his point. This can be a challenge for us if we want to take literally each and every saying of his in the New Testament. But gratefully we are part of a long line of believers, a large family of faith. And we can look to ancient Christians to see that they recognized this as hyperbole too.

In the end, what Jesus demands is a wholehearted, complete commitment, without distraction. And that’s no exaggeration.

Living the Paschal Mystery

Discipleship is a lifelong process, often called a journey. We learn things along the way, likely starting out resolutely as Jesus does on his own journey to Jerusalem. During this lifelong process we encounter different ways of looking at reality, new insights, challenging statements, and more. The metaphor of a journey is especially apt as we never stay still, nor does our environment or the people around us. We are all growing in knowledge, understanding, and experience with former ways of understanding giving way to the new.

Developmentally, human beings tend to grow from a place of literalism to understanding the broader picture. Children can be told not to touch the stove, but as they mature they internalize the lesson and take care around a hot stove.

Discipleship follows a similar path. We tend to be more literal in the early stages of a relationship with Christ, but as we mature we see the deeper meaning of his injunctions and exhortations. Let us continue on this path to an adult relationship with Christ.
The cross was once the most horrible way to die, fit only for the lowest of criminals whose crimes were nailed above their heads as examples to those who would see them. Christ humbled himself, by being born in a cave, by living as a man, and by dying on a cross with the words "King of the Jews" written above his head for all to see. As Christ transformed himself through his death and resurrection, and changed death from something to be feared to the beginning of new life, he transformed the cross from an object of fear to a symbol of hope, and from a sign of death to the greatest symbol of love, and everlasting life.

Most Holy Name of Mary - Sept. 12

In accordance with Jewish custom our Lady's parents named her eight days after her birth, and were inspired to call her Mary. The feast of the Holy Name of Mary therefore follows that of her Birthday, as the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus follows Christmas. The feast originated in Spain and was approved by the Holy See in 1513; Innocent XI extended its observance to the whole Church in 1683 in thanksgiving to our Lady for the victory on September 12, 1683 by John Sobieski, king of Poland, over the Turks, who were besieging Vienna and threatening the West. This day was commemorated in Vienna by creating a new kind of pastry and shaping it in the form of the Turkish half-moon. It was eaten along with coffee which was part of the booty from the Turks.

The ancient Onomastica Sacra have preserved the meanings ascribed to Mary's name by the early Christian writers and perpetuated by the Greek Fathers. "Bitter Sea," "Myrrh of the Sea," "The Light Giver," "The Enlightened One," "Lady," "Seal of the Lord," and "Mother of the Lord" are the principal interpretations. These etymologies suppose that the Hebrew form of the name is Maryâm, not Miryâm. From the time of St. Jerome until the 16th century, preferred interpretations of Mary's name in the West were "Lady," "Bitter Sea," "The Light Giver," and especially "Star of the Sea." Stella Maris was by far the favored interpretation. The revival of Hebraic studies, which accompanied the Renaissance, led to a more critical appraisal of the meanings assigned to Our Lady's name. Miryâm has all the appearance of a genuine Hebrew name, and no solid reason has been discovered to warrant rejecting the Semitic origin of the word. The Hebrew name of Mary, Miryâm, (in Latin Domina) means lady or sovereign; this Mary is in virtue of her Son's sovereign authority as Lord of the World. We call Mary our Lady as we call Jesus our Lord, and when we pronounce her name we affirm her power, implore her aid and place ourselves under her protection.

Excerpted from Mariology, 3 volumes (1955-1961), edited by Juniper B. Carol, O.F.M.

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

September 14

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EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Prepare Your Heart & Mind for Next Week’s Encounter

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11,13-14 - So the Lord relented in the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people.

Psalm: 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 - I will rise and go to my father.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32 - "In just the same way, I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents."
WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

**Question:** As Catholics, we talk a lot about "redemptive suffering" and "carrying your cross." What does that mean practically in daily life?

**Answer:** When Jesus spoke these words, they would have sounded quite intense to his hearers. "Pick up your cross daily and follow me." At the time, Jesus hadn't yet been crucified. A cross was a Roman torture instrument and crucifixion was the most painful death sentence. "Pick up the thing that tortures you the most," Jesus seemed to say. Unfortunately, most of us have no real shortage of these in our life. To take up the cross isn't to seek out new sufferings in our life. It's to accept the sufferings, challenges and trials of life.

Of course, unjust or unhealthy circumstances should be rectified when possible. But there are always circumstances that remain out of our immediate control. It could be pain management, the defiance of our teenage child, or an unhealthy work environment. In difficult circumstances, it can be easier to blame, complain, or daydream our way out of it. None of these are real solutions, since none of them accept the reality of the situation at hand. Those options only add to our suffering, since they damage relationships, fixate on the problem, or set up unrealistic expectations.

Instead, Jesus invites us to take up our cross - to look at the uncomfortable situation square in the eyes, take a deep breath, and offer it to Him. To love those in our path. To take things one step at a time.

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Introducing Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration at St. Philip the Apostle Church

Beginning in October, 2019, we will be offering a Holy Hour following the weekday Masses including the Saturday 8:00 a.m. Mass as well as following the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

What is a Holy Hour? *Holy Hour* is the Roman Catholic devotional tradition of spending an *hour* in Eucharistic adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

“Christian life is expressed in the fulfilling of the greatest commandment, that is to say, in the love of God and neighbor, and this love finds its source in the Blessed Sacrament. . . Eucharistic worship is therefore precisely the expression of that love which is the authentic and deepest characteristic of the Christian vocation. This worship springs from the love and serves the love to which we all a called in Jesus Christ. A living fruit of this worship is the perfecting of the image of God that we bear within us. . . As we thus become adorers of the Father ‘in spirit and truth,’ we mature in an ever-fuller union with Christ, we are ever more united to him, and we are ever more in harmony with him. . . We must always have this reality before our eyes.”

*Saint John Paul II*

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THE REAL PRESENCE

At the Last Supper, Jesus invited his followers to continue to meet and celebrate the Eucharist “in memory of me”.

For us “memory” is a word that simply means calling something to mind, like remembering a special event. That’s a simple remembering, a passing recollection. It can stir deep feelings but it does nothing more.

The Hebrew concept out of which Jesus was speaking, memory, making ritual remembrance of something, implied much more than simply recalling something. To remember something was not simply to nostalgically recall it. Rather it meant to recall and ritually re-enact it so as to make it present again in a real way.

That’s how the Passover Supper is understood within Judaism. The Passover meal recalls the Exodus from Egypt and the miraculous passing through the Red Sea into freedom. The idea is that one generation, led by Moses, did this historically, but that by re-enacting that event ritually, in the Passover Meal, the event is made present again, in a real way, for those at table to experience.

The Eucharist is the same, except that the saving event we re-enact so as to remake it present through ritual is the death and resurrection of Jesus, the new Exodus. Our Christian belief here is exactly the same as that of our Jewish brothers and sisters, namely, that we are not just remembering an event, we are actually making it present to participate in.

The Eucharist, parallel to a Jewish Passover meal, remakes present the central saving event in Christian history, namely, Jesus’ Passover from death to life in the Paschal mystery. And just as the consecrated bread and wine give us the real presence of Christ, the Eucharist also gives us the real presence of the central saving event in our history, Jesus’ passage from death to life.
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/or 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.

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.

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.

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?

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 October 5, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon in the Rectory.

O God of selfless love, we are a blest people to have a God like you. You instill your love for us into the hearts of your human creatures. Even many human creatures do not acknowledge you, your love for us still shines through. We ask your blessing upon all first responders today and ask you to protect them and their families. Help us love people of all nations, races, and creeds, which will bring about the end to wars and terrorism. We ask all this in your peace.

Amen.
**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 4:00—4:45 p.m. or by appointment

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**
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**PARISH OUTREACH**
Baptismal Classes First Saturday of the Month 9:00 a.m. (Rectory by appt.)
Belfry Society Adult Choir Children Choir First Communion Instruction CCD Confirmation Instruction Liturgy Committee Parish Council Parent Teacher Group (PTG) RCIA (Adult Faith Instruction) Rosary Makers School Consultative Board Young at Heart (Senior Club 50+) 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
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Wednesday Alanon 7:00 p.m. Lyons
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