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December 18, 2016  Fourth Sunday of Advent

Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.”

PASTORAL STAFF
Rev. Stephen Howell, Pastor

Rev. Brendan McBride
In residence
Irish Pastoral Center

LITURGIES
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

We are a welcoming inter-generational community bonded together through our faith in Jesus Christ, striving to live by the Word, demonstrating our love to others through service and charity

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LIVING THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

Christmas—the mystery of Emmanuel, “God is with us”—can’t be simply a day or season on our calendars. It is the eternal mystery of making incarnate through the goodness of our own lives the God who loves us and saves us.

Emmanuel is given birth through our being obedient to God’s will and encountering the Presence of this Savior all year long. Each of us is God’s betrothed overshadowed with the grace of the Holy Spirit. Each of us carries within ourselves this “God is with us” who is Savior. Each of us has the capacity to embrace divine indwelling and to make that Presence known to all the world.

PRAYER FOR REFLECTION:

Emmanuel, you have come into our world through people like Mary, Joseph, and Paul, and have made God’s presence known through prophets like Isaiah. Make my life a sign of the power of your love that invites others to faith and trust that God is with us still.
Tuesday’s Choir Practice
Adults Tuesdays, 7:30PM in the Church
Children’s Choir - Tuesdays 4PM in the Parish Hall

Remember in your Prayers…
Let us remember the sick, homebound and elderly of our Parish that they may find comfort and healing in Christ.
Isabel Juarez Mow, Kain Chiu Mary Crowley
Patricia Crowley Mary Dekle David Dickey
Laura Garcia Douglas Martin Dolores Martin
Agnes Piva Bill Matthews Mary Leung
John Bamber Leo Juarez Gina Wood
Fred Jungmann Tom Welch

Those Who Have Entered Their Eternal Rest.
May the Perpetual Light Shine upon them.

For those preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage

December 18, 2016
12/17 Saturday 8:00 a.m. † Kee-Ho Lui
(by: Mary Tom & Family)
5:00 p.m. † Aida Carrillo
(by: Tom & Danny)
12/18 Sunday 8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. † Robert Smith
(by: Candice Smith)
12/19 Monday 8:00 a.m. † Kee-Ho Lui
(by: Mary Tom & Family)
12/20 Tuesday 8:00 a.m. † Kee-Ho Lui
(by: Mary Tom & Family)
12/21 Wednesday Saint Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church
8:00 a.m. † Theresa & Ernst Schneider
(by: Mila Schneider)
12/22 Thursday 8:00 a.m. † Shirly Policarpio
(by: Don & Carole Molloy)
12/23 Friday Saint John of Kanty, Priest
8:00 a.m. † Denis T. Murphy
(by: Rita Murphy)
12/24 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Intention of the Celebrant
8:30 p.m. For the People of the Parish
12/25 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant
10:30 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

MASSES FOR THE WEEK
December 18, 2016

We receive God’s gifts gratefully by giving thanks to God and we express that thanks through prayer and worship.
We are sincerely grateful for your supporting Saint Philip and its ministries.

December 11, 2016
Religious Retirement Fund—$1,494.00 $4,354.00

THE BELLS OF ST. MARY’S
MOVIE IN THE AFTERNOON
12:00 TO 2:00 P.M.
PARISH HALL
RSVP: 415-282-0141 FREE!
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

COMEBERL AND VISIT WITH FOLLOW PARISHONERS AND ENJOY A LIGHT APPETIZER FAIRE
PARKING WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE SCHOOL YARD

The Annual Walk for Life West Coast, which draws 50,000 participants each year, takes place on January 21, 2017. Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone begins the day with a special Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral at 9:30 am.

The Walk for Life Rally begins at 10:45 am at the starting point of the Walk, at Civic Center Plaza. There the archbishop will announce the recipient of this years Saint Gianna Molla Award for Prolife Heroism. The walk from Civic Center Plaza to Justin Herman Plaza at the foot of Market Street begins at 1:30 p.m.

Fellow parishioner Daniel Roddick is hoping to get a St. Philip's group to walk, as other parishes do. Please contact him at danielroddick@hotmail.com if you're interested in meeting there and walking as a group. Either way we hope you will attend. See the Walk For Life website for details, speakers, and event schedule.

www.walkforlifewc.com
For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, 
the infant in my womb leaped for joy.
Blessed are you who believed 
that what was spoken to you by the Lord 
would be fulfilled.” Luke 1

On this last Sunday of Advent, 
we quietly reflect on the mystery. 
We rest in awe, in wonder, 
at how our God entered our world and came to be with us. 
We pause to receive the gift offered us: 
that the Spirit of God will open up our lives and 
that Jesus will really come into our hearts.

May we have watchful hope today, 
believing what the Lord promises us. 
Let us pray today, that we might be God's servants, 
that we might be instruments of God's love 
for our families and all we serve this week.

...Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, 
cried out in a loud voice and said, 
“Blessed are you among women 
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” Luke 1

Lord, make us turn to you; 
let us see your face and be saved. Psalm 80

...from you shall come forth for me 
one who is to be ruler in Israel; 
whose origin is from ancient times. Micah 5

Shopping during Advent

Dear God, as I look through my gift shopping list, I hold up to you each person listed on it. Slowly, one by one, I ask that the fire of your abundant love burn within each of them. I pray that the gift I find for each person will bring joy into that life.

But, help me to keep a balance this season, Lord. Let me keep my buying in perspective, not to spend more than I need to or can afford. Let me not give in to the pressures of this world and not equate love with money spent. Let me always remember the many, many people who have so much less in material things. Help me to buy wisely, so that my choices will not burden those in other countries who are so deeply affected by this country's economy.

And finally, loving God, help me to find time in the frantic moments of each day to become centered on you. Walking through a store, riding on the bus, hurrying down a street: let each of these times be moments when I can remember your incredible love for me and rejoice in it.
Calling All Angels and Shepherds
For Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. Mass Procession

Another Successful Year!

We wish you a Happy and Holy Christmas!

Parish-Wide Sacrament of Reconciliation
December 17, Saturday, 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.
(Confessions are available every Saturday 4:15 p.m.)

Christmas Services
Christmas Eve - Saturday, December 24
Vigil of Christmas
Children’s/Family Mass: 5:00 p.m.
Christmas Carols: 8:00 p.m.
Evening Mass: 8:30 p.m.

Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25
Mass of the Lord’s Nativity - 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Dec. 26 - Monday 8:00 a.m.
Dec. 27 - Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
January 1, 2017– Sunday
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Masses: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Calling all Angels and Shepherds!
If you would like your children to take part in the Children’s Mass on Christmas Eve (5pm on the 24th), now is the time to sign up. The children will process with Father McBride to the altar, where they will place the infant Jesus in the crib. They will then sing two favorite carols - Silent Night and Away in a Manger to begin the celebration of the Christmas Eve Mass.

Children from grades K through 4th are invited to participate. We will supply the halos for the angels and head coverings for the shepherds. Please have your children in the Parish hall no later than 4:15pm on Saturday, Christmas Eve.

For more information, please contact either

Rhona O’Leary at: ericnrhona@sbcglobal.net or
Margaret Miller at: cammysgrammy2003@yahoo.com

Thank you one and all for once again participating in the Annual Giving Tree Program.

We were able to deliver your generous gifts including toys, gift cards, clothing, diapers, etc. in time to all the various celebrations at many centers and shelters. Know that your generous hearts brought comfort and joy to so many families and children at Riley Center Women’s Shelter, St. Vincent de Paul, Holy Family Day Home St. Joseph’s Family Shelter, SFPD and SFFD. All these organization work in tandem to help us share our blessings. Thank you all

We extend additional thanks to Marie McLaughlin & Nicole O’Conner, school parents, for helping to sort and box the items for delivery and Dave & Theresa Erkkila, parishioners for delivering to the various agencies. Amazing what we can accomplish when to pull together. God Bless!
The energetic life of Peter Canisius should demolish any stereotypes we may have of the life of a saint as dull or routine. Peter lived his 76 years at a pace which must be considered heroic, even in our time of rapid change. A man blessed with many talents, Peter is an excellent example of the scriptural man who develops his talents for the sake of the Lord’s work.

At this early age Peter had already taken up a practice he continued throughout his life—a process of study, reflection, prayer and writing. After his ordination in 1546, he became widely known for his editions of the writings of Saint Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great. Besides this reflective literary bent, Peter had a zeal for the apostolate. He could often be found visiting the sick or prisoners, even when his assigned duties in other areas were more than enough to keep most people fully occupied.

In 1547 Peter attended several sessions of the Council of Trent, whose decrees he was later assigned to implement. After a brief teaching assignment at the Jesuit college at Messina, Peter was entrusted with the mission to Germany—from that point on his life’s work. He taught in several universities and was instrumental in establishing many colleges and seminaries. He wrote a catechism that many could understand—a great need of that age.

Renowned as a popular preacher, Peter packed churches with those eager to hear his eloquent proclamation of the gospel. He had great diplomatic ability, often serving as a reconciler between disputing factions. In his letters (filling eight volumes) one finds words of wisdom and counsel to people in all walks of life. At times he wrote unprecedented letters of criticism to leaders of the Church—yet always in the context of a loving, sympathetic concern.

At 70, Peter suffered a paralytic seizure, but he continued to preach and write with the aid of a secretary until his death in his hometown (Nijmegen, Netherlands) on December 21, 1597.

Archdiocesan Television Show Features Catholic Historian Kevin Starr

Sunday, January 1, 2017, 5:00-5:30 a.m. KPIX television Channel 5, CBS Bay Area

The special guest on the January edition of the monthly archdiocesan television program MOSAIC is San Francisco native Kevin Starr, a prize-winning historian and a University Professor of History at USC. He will discuss his new book Continental Ambitions: Roman Catholics in North America: The Colonial Experience (from Ignatius Press).

The book tells the stories of three Roman Catholic civilizations—Spanish, French, and Recusant English—as they explored, evangelized, and settled the North American continent. This first volume in a projected series ends just as the American Revolution is about to begin. The book has been called “notable for its honesty and its synoptic success in comparing and contrasting three disparate civilizations, albeit each of them Catholic, with three similar and differing approaches to expansion in the New World.” The new show airs on KPIX Channel 5 at 5:00-5:30 am on Sunday, January 1. It will later be posted for viewing anytime on the KPIX YouTube and on archdiocesan social media.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Are you interested in have your son/daughter baptized at Saint Philip?

Please call the parish office at 415-282-0141 to reserve your spot for any upcoming Tuesday evening preparation session.

Feel free to call our parish office to schedule your initial meeting at 415-282-0141

2017 Mass Requests

Those who wish to have Masses offered during 2017 for your friends and family members our 2017 Mass Intention Book is now open for reservations.

Offering a Mass for a dearly departed one or special intention for a friend is a wonderful gift to present.

Masses can bring comfort for those physically or emotional ill in need of healing and prayers. Masses are also a thoughtful gift to celebrate a birthday or special milestone.

Drop by the rectory office between the hours of 9-5 on weekdays and we will be happy to assist with your request.
PARISH RESOURCES

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Rio Stefanus, Financial/Business Manager
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Carol Cagalingan, Parish Administrative Assistant
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Sandy Kearney, Parish Pastoral/School Administrative Assistant
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MUSIC MINISTRY
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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 7:00 p.m. (Rectory)
Belfry Society
Adult Choir           Tuesday 7:00 p.m. (Church)
Children Choir           Tuesday 4:00 p.m. (Hall 1)
First Communion Instruction
Confirmation Instruction
Liturgy Committee
Men's Club
Parish Council
Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
RCIA (Adult Faith Instruction)    Sunday 9:15 (Resource Center)
Rosary Makers           Second & Third Thursday, 11:30 a.m., (Hall 3)
School Board
St. Vincent de Paul Jr.
Young at Heart (Senior Club)    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        6:00 p.m. Hall 3
Wednesday  Alanon           7:30 p.m. Hall 1
Saturday A.A. Meeting (Mixed)     8:30 p.m. Hall

PARISH REGISTRATION

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

Our hope is that you will find our parish a supportive and healing place, a nurturing spiritual environment and a place to celebrate the sacraments as you and your families grow in your journey of faith.

Irish Immigration Pastoral Center Seeks Volunteers

Looking to make a difference? Become a volunteer with the Irish Immigration Pastoral Center (IIPC) in San Francisco. Through its range of programs and services, the IIPC is often the first port of call for advice for those who have just arrived from Ireland, as well as those who have been here for years but are seeking help in times of stress or difficulty. Being an IIPC volunteer is a rewarding experience. In particular, people are needed during business hours to help with office support on a regular or semi-regular basis. Please call or e-mail the office, 415-752-6006 or info@sfiipc.org

Project Gabriel Pregnancy Help Program Seeks Volunteers

The Gabriel Project of the Archdiocese of San Francisco is a parish-based ministry helping women who experience the difficulties of an unplanned pregnancy. Gabriel Project volunteers provide spiritual, emotional, and material support to women in crisis.

As Archbishop Cordileone says, “Knowing that others care can make the difference in a woman’s decision to choose life for her baby. We must help women to know that they do have a choice.” For information contact Janet Healy at 415-480-4017 or via email to sfGabrielproject@gmail.com

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, 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.

Year end Tax Contributions

This is the time of year when you may be reflecting on catching up on your charitable contributions for the 2016 tax year.

If you plan to add Saint Philip to your list, please make sure your donation is dated by December 31, 2016 in order to receive credit for 2016. As always, year-end tax contribution letters are available to you by request.
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