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.

St. Philip the Apostle Church

A refuge to renew your spirit and heal your brokenness

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January 15, 2017 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Behold, the Lamb of God”

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

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Reflecting on the Gospel

Dear Parishioners and Guests,

Spring, a time when life bursts forth in all its beauty, is a traditional time for lambing. Among some breeds lambing is seasonal: impregnation in the fall, birth in the spring. It is as though sheep instinctively respect spring’s need to be lavish with new life. Spring is the time when grass is plentiful, so feed is plentiful. Twins are the norm—lambs usually come in twos. In this Sunday’s gospel, John calls Jesus “the Lamb of God.” And twins/twos and the promise of new Life abound in this gospel.

John’s prophetic announcement, “Behold, the Lamb of God,” reveals two things about Jesus. He is “the Lamb” who will be sacrificed for the remission of “the sin of the world.” He is “of God” who will “baptize with the Holy Spirit.” This one, seemingly simple phrase “Lamb of God” metaphorically captures the whole saving mystery of Christ. He will be the Lamb who is sacrificed for our salvation. He is “the Son of God” in whom God’s glory shines (see first reading). This “Lamb of God” will give his life so that we might have Life. This “Lamb of God” seeks to twin with us so that we may share in his glory. This “Lamb of God” baptizes us with the Holy Spirit so that we might know him, walk in his ways, and have abundant Life.

Further, the gospel reveals two things about baptism. Baptism with water washes away our sin. The remission of our sin gives us holiness of life, and demands of us that we live according to the Life that we have been given. On our own, this would be more than a daunting task. But Jesus brought a baptism beyond that of water. He “will baptize with the Holy Spirit.” Through baptism we are “twinned” with the Holy Spirit. Baptism with the Holy Spirit empowers us to come to know who Jesus is. Without the Holy Spirit, we could not know Jesus. Like John, we do not know Jesus—until our baptism initiates us into a lifelong encounter with “the Lamb of God.”

Getting to know Jesus takes a lifetime, because knowing him is not simply an intellectual exercise, a social encounter, or a casual event. As “the Son of God,” Jesus is the very depth of Life itself. He wishes to be known so that we twins of his grow in his holiness, in his glory, in his grace and beauty. Knowing him is more even than lifelong encounter. Knowing and twinning with Jesus means sacrificing ourselves—giving ourselves over to him so that we grow more fully into the Life he offers us. Now and forever.

Living the Paschal Mystery

We live in a society and culture that values quick results. When it comes to what is most important to us—coming to know Jesus—we cannot expect quick results. Learning to know Jesus from the many ways he comes to us requires patient waiting that opens wide our eyes to new possibilities. Knowing Jesus is a lifelong process, and so being baptized into him demands lifelong living. We all probably take two steps forward in our self-giving and then a few steps backward and can get mightily discouraged along the way. We don’t always see Jesus in the person who annoys us or the mundane, everyday tasks that bore us. Yet his Holy Spirit is with us, teaching us how to sacrifice ourselves for the good of others. The Holy Spirit draws us to twin with him and “the Son of God” so that our holiness spills over into life for others. Living Jesus’ mystery of sacrifice and glory is our gift of the new life of spring for the world. There is abundance for all.

Later in the month our parish will be offering Online Giving, a web-based electronic contribution application. We are providing this convenient service so that you have the option to manage your contributions online or with your offering envelopes. This service is safe and secure and has been vetted by our Archdiocese. Of course the regular offertory envelopes will still be available for those wishing to use them. Stay tuned for actual launch date during January, 2017!
MASSES FOR THE WEEK
January 15, 2017

01/14 Saturday  8:00 a.m. † Regina DiSerio
(Tom DiSerio)
5:00 p.m. Dena Walsh. (B-day
(by: The Anderson Family)

01/15 Sunday  2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. † Roy Lippi
(by: Pura Lippi)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

01/16 Monday  Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
8:00 a.m. † Shauna Jolene Cronin
(by: Rosalynn Barnett)

01/17 Tuesday  Saint Anthony, Abbott
8:00 a.m. † Alec & Mary Ripple
(by: Helen Ripple)

01/18 Wednesday  8:00 a.m. † Jack & Patricia Ripple
(by: Helen Ripple)

01/19 Thursday  8:00 a.m. † Gordan & Doris Ripple
(by: Helen Ripple)

01/20 Friday  Saint Fabian, Pope & Martyr;
Saint Sebastian, Martyr
8:00 a.m. † Bernadette Meyler
(by: Joan Brady)

01/21 Saturday  Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
8:00 a.m. † Flora Soter Lazar
(Todd & Linda Siemers)
5:00 p.m. † Celestina DeNegri
(by: Agnes Piva)

01/22 Sunday  8:00 a.m. Maureen Dineen (Spl. Int.)
(by: Pura Lippi)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

We are sincerely grateful for your supporting Saint Philip
and its ministries

Sunday Collection
School Collection—$761.00

$2,227.00

Next weekend’s second collection will be for the benefit of St. Patrick’s Seminary in preparing our future priests. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT RETREAT

When:  Friday through Sunday, January 27-29
Where: St. Patrick’s Seminary, 320 Middlefield Road,
Menlo Park

St. Patrick’s Seminary is hosting its annual discernment retreat for men who are interested in exploring the vocation to the priesthood. The retreat includes time to meet men already studying to be priests, listen to the experience of this call to the priesthood, and see what life is like at the seminary.

The retreat is open to young men over 18 years of age, and is free. For more information or to register, please contact the Directory of Vocations, Fr. David Schunk at 415-614-5684 or email vocations@sfarch.org

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

Archbishop Emeritus John R. Quinn

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

For those preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage

Tuesday’s Choir Practice

Adults  Tuesdays, 7:30PM in the Church
Children’s Choir - Tuesdays 4PM in the Parish Hall

01/16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Observed
01/19 Rosary Ministry, 11:30, Parish Hall #3
01/22 Seminary Collection
01/29 Celebrating Catholic Schools Week Begins!, Mass
at 10:30 a.m. School-wide and Open House

On the Horizon:
Save the Date, February 25 for the Saint Philip Parish Council Jambalaya Dinner

Parish Office closed Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE ESSAY CONTEST AWARDS 2017

We are proud to offer our Congratulations to Jack Parr, student in our Saint Philip Pre-
school, for receiving an Honorable Mention in this year’s Respect for Life Contest. The fo-
cus of this year’s essays was on respect for the lives of the sick, the suffering, the elderly, and the dying.

Honorees and their families are invited to the Awards Liturgy on Sunday, February 12, at the
11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral.

Certificates will be awarded by Bishop William Justice after Mass at a reception in St. Francis Hall sponsored by the San Francisco Chapter of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women.
Saturday, January 28th 2017
Enjoy a delicious meal consisting of antipasti, salad, pasta, fresh Dungeness crab, grilled meats and dessert
St. Philip Parish Hall

No-Host Cocktails 6:00pm
Dinner 7:00pm
DJ Music 8 – 11:00pm

Reserve & Pay in Advance:
$65 per person, $45 for seniors
Reserve a table of 10 for $600
Or Pay at the Door: $80 per person
Corkage Fee: $20/bottle

RSVP & Payments: Rectory # 415-282-0141 or online at stphilip.wufoo.com/forms/2017-crab-feed/
Adults Only – All proceeds will benefit St. Philip Athletics Sports Program
Anniversary Mass at Cathedral for National Marriage Week

Saturday, February 4, 10:00 am
St Mary’s Cathedral, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco
Ed Hopfner HopfnerE@SFArch.org
415-614-5680anniversarymass.info

The Archdiocese of San Francisco will offer its annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on February 4, at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption, at 10:00 am. We will honor wedding anniversaries for those celebrating sacramental marriages reaching “5-year” milestones (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, or more) in 2017.

The principal celebrant will be the Most Reverend Carlos Sevilla, Bishop Emeritus of Yakima, Washington, and formerly a Bishop of San Francisco. Registration is required by January 27 at anniversarymass.info, and a donation of $20 is requested. For more information, use the email or phone above.

Reflections on the Unknowable: Talk at Old St. Mary’s

Saturday, January 28, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon;
Sunday, January 29, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass
Old St. Mary’s Paulist Center, 614 Grant, S.F.

“Reflections On The Unknowable: The Spiritual Journey” is the title of Fr. Terry Ryan, CSP’s talks, on the mornings of January 28 and 29. Fr. Ryan has lived for the past thirteen summers at Snowmass Trappist Monastery in Colorado, the abbey of 94-year-old spiritual writer Fr. Thomas Keating, OSCO. One of Fr. Keating’s latest books, Reflections on the Unknowable, will be part of Fr. Ryan’s presentation. The spiritual journey is an evolving relationship that never ends. The talk is intended for all who struggle with meditation, with a prayer of silence and listening, or who want to advance along the road to a deeper prayer life. There is no charge, but freewill offerings are welcome. Refreshments will be available.

Archdiocesan Update

The Archdiocese of San Francisco has announced that two parishes in San Francisco’s Richmond District are now merging into a single parish, effective January 1, 2017. Saint Monica Parish and Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish will now be Saint Monica-Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish.

The Decree effecting this merger cites a significant decline in number of parishioners, which calls into question the viability of two parishes. It is hoped that the merger will foster a viable and more vibrant Catholic presence in the area currently served by both parishes. St. Monica Parish (at Geary Avenue and 24th Street) was founded in 1911; St. Thomas the Apostle Parish (a mile away, at Balboa Avenue and 39th Street) was founded in 1922 from a division of the fast-growing St. Monica Parish.

Reflections On The Unknowable: The Spiritual Journey
The life of Anthony will remind many people of St. Francis of Assisi. At 20, Anthony was so moved by the Gospel message, “Go, sell what you have, and give to [the] poor” (Mark 10:21b), that he actually did just that with his large inheritance. He is different from Francis in that most of Anthony’s life was spent in solitude. He saw the world completely covered with snares, and gave the Church and the world the witness of solitary asceticism, great personal mortification and prayer. But no saint is antisocial, and Anthony drew many people to himself for spiritual healing and guidance.

At 54, he responded to many requests and founded a sort of monastery of scattered cells. Again like Francis, he had great fear of “stately buildings and well-laden tables.”

At 60, he hoped to be a martyr in the renewed Roman persecution of 311, fearlessly exposing himself to danger while giving moral and material support to those in prison. At 88, he was fighting the Arian heresy, that massive trauma from which it took the Church centuries to recover. “The mule kicking over the altar” denied the divinity of Christ.

Anthony is associated in art with a T-shaped cross, a pig and a book. The pig and the cross are symbols of his valiant warfare with the devil—the cross his constant means of power over evil spirits, the pig a symbol of the devil himself. The book recalls his preference for “the book of nature” over the printed word. Anthony died in solitude at age 105.

**January 20—Saint Fabian, Pope & Martyr**

Fabian was a Roman layman who came into the city from his farm one day as clergy and people were preparing to elect a new pope. Eusebius, a Church historian, says a dove flew in and settled on the head of Fabian. This sign united the votes of clergy and laity, and he was chosen unanimously.

He led the Church for 14 years and died a martyr’s death during the persecution of Decius in 250 A.D. Saint Cyprian wrote to his successor that Fabian was an “incomparable” man whose glory in death matched the holiness and purity of his life.

In the catacombs of Saint Callistus, the stone that covered Fabian’s grave may still be seen, broken into four pieces, bearing the Greek words, “Fabian, bishop, martyr.”

**Reflection**

We can go confidently into the future and accept the change that growth demands only if we have firm roots in the past, in a living tradition. A few pieces of stone in Rome are a reminder to us that we are bearers of more than 20 centuries of a living tradition of faith and courage in living the life of Christ and showing it to the world. We have brothers and sisters who have “gone before us with the sign of faith,” as the First Eucharistic Prayer puts it, to light the way for us.
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.

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.

Interested in our Parish School?

If you would like to arrange a school tour, please call our office at 415-824-8467.

Tours are conducted on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.

www.saintphilipschool.org

FAMILY IN NEED

As you may recall one of the non-profits we assist during the Christmas Season is the Saint Joseph House on Dolores, which offers temporary housing for families until they can get on their feet.

There is one family that is ready to transition out on their own and are asking if we could help with any of the following items:

Sofa, dinette and bed. If you have any of these items and wish to spring clean, please contact the parish office at 415-282-0141. Thank you for your consideration.

PARISH RESOURCES

PARISH OFFICE
Rio Stefanus, Financial/Business Manager
Email: rio.stefanus@saintphilipparish.org
Carol Cagalingan, Parish Administrative Assistant
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Sandy Kearney, Parish Pastoral/School Administrative Assistant
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MUSIC MINISTRY
Carlton White, Music Director

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PRE-SCHOOL AND CHILDCARE
(415) 282-0143 www.saintphilippreschool.org
Ms. Rachel Williams, Director
Email: Rachel.williams@saintphilipparish.org

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, 11:30a.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