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 22, 2017  Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men”

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

725 Diamond Street, San Francisco, CA 94114  Phone 415-282-0141  Fax: 415-282-8962
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 8:23—9:3; 1Corinthians 1:10-13,7; Matthew 4:12-23
January 22, 2017

The Word of God comes to us through the Scriptures. May the Holy Spirit enlighten our minds and hearts to respond to the gospel teachings.

Reflecting on the Gospel

Dear Parishioners and Guests,

In many northern states, the dead of winter brings gray, dreary day upon gray dreary day. When finally the clouds break and the sun shines forth in all its warmth and glory, people’s moods change. Cabin fever is dispelled by going out and enjoying the bright light and glistening freshness. Although the trees, grass, flower beds still seem dead, we ourselves feel we are at a turning point, even if for just one day. Sunlight encourages hope, anticipation, the end of seeming deadness. This gospel passage tells of a turning point in Jesus’ life, a turning point that lasts for longer than one day. “From that time on...the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” From that time one” the fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy that “light has arisen” to dispel darkness is coming to completion. “From that time on” Jesus’ public ministry is set in motion. “From that time on” disciples are called. “From that time on” encounters with Jesus lead to changed lives. Then and now. From this time on...invitations to turning points that lead from mundane tasks to announcing the Good News of salvation, from being dead-earth bound to “the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

As Jesus begins his public ministry, Jesus calls followers by issuing the command to “Come after me.” The gospel suggests that following Jesus is our way to walk in the light which reveals the kingdom of heaven at hand. The kingdom of heaven is neither earthly realm nor distant place. The kingdom of heaven is present in our response to Jesus. It is our willing obedience to hear him call us, to leave everything, to follow him without counting the cost. The “kingdom of heaven is at hand” when we turn from darkness and not only walk in the Light, but become that light ourselves. The “kingdom of heaven is at hand” when we are hearers of Jesus’ call, proclaimers of his Good News, healers of ills, guardians of God’s truth, builders of virtue, fishers of people, teachers of mercy and forgiveness, prophets of new life. In all these ways we are light that dispels the grayness and dreariness of lives dead to Jesus’ Presence, lives shadowed by the darkness of uncertainty, lives limited by the closed-ness of a world devoid of light.

We must be able to see the Light who is our Savior before we can be light for others. To see and embrace the Light is already following Jesus. So, one consequence of hearing Jesus’ call to leave all and follow him is the requirement to turn from darkness so we can see the Light. By changing the behaviors that bring darkness, we are able to focus on the Light that shines brightly enough for us to follow—becoming the light ourselves.

Called to Care and to Serve
February 5 is Appeal Sunday and everyone’s participation is essential to the success of the 2017 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. Each household is encouraged to make a sacrificial gift to support the mission of the Church.

Please join other Catholics in our Archdiocese by supporting this once-a-year Appeal for the ministries and services of our archdiocesan Church.

The Appeal also helps our parish since all overage beyond our parish goal will be returned to us. This year's assessment is: $39, 879.00

“When everyone gives, everyone receives”
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  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

01/22 Seminary Collection
01/23 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
01/25 Boy Scouts Pack Meeting #8 Engineering, 6-8PM. Hall 3
01/26 Thursday, School Mass, 8:45 a.m.
01/29 Celebrating Catholic Schools Week Begins!, Mass at 10:30 a.m. School-wide and Open House
01/29 St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection
01/30 Liturgy Committee Mtg, Parish Office, 6:00 p.m.
02/01 Boy Scouts Den Mtg#12, 6-7:30 p.m., Hall 3

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

Sunday Collection  $3,571.00

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

Jambalaya
Laissez les bon temps rouler!
Let the Good Times Roll!
Save the Date, February 25 for the Saint Philip Parish Council Jambalaya Dinner!

Celebrate an early Mardi Gras with the return of Chef Charles and his renowned Baton Rouge style jambalaya accompanied by live New Orleans music.

Watch for more details in an upcoming bulletin.

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK
January 22, 2017

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

01/23 Monday  Saint Vincent of Zaragossa, Deacon & Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin
8:00 a.m. † Mary Shields
(by: Helen Ripple)

01/24 Tuesday  Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
8:00 a.m. † Patrick & Grace Maughan
(by: Maughan Family Trust)

01/25 Wednesday  The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle
8:00 a.m. † William & Virginia Hudson
(by: Helen Ripple)

01/26 Thursday  Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops
8:00 a.m. Catholic School Week

01/27 Friday  Saint Angela Merici, Virgin
8:00 a.m. † Mary O’Leary
(by: Helen Ripple)

01/28 Saturday  Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
8:00 a.m. † Jan Kerpan
(Helen Ripple)
5:00 p.m. † Della Laidlaw (Spl. Int.)
(by: The McLaughlin Family)

01/29 Sunday  8:00 a.m. † Doreen Watters King
(by: Devin, Connor & Doreen)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish
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.

Chinese New Year Mass and Celebration

Saturday, February 4, 2:30 PM
St. Mary’s Cathedral
111 Gough Street, San Francisco
Fr. Peter Zhai, SVD 415-614-5575

The Chinese community in the Archdiocese of San Francisco will celebrate Chinese New Year 2017, the Year of the Rooster, as noted above. All are welcome to take part.

The event will include both a New Year Eucharistic celebration and a New Year Banquet at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus Ignatius Wang will preside at Mass at 2:30 p.m., with Bishop William J. Justice, Bishop Emeritus of Santa Rosa Daniel F. Walsh, and many priests concelebrating.

Mass will be followed at 4:45 PM by a no-host reception and banquet in Patrons’ Hall, catered by Hong Kong Flower Lounge. Tickets are required for the reception/banquet and are $50 per person. Please purchase in advance by contacting Fr. Peter Zhai as noted above.

Parish Merger in the Archdiocese

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. Both churches and schools will remain open, but will be part of a single parish entity.

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 Boulevard at 24th Ave) was founded in 1911; St. Thomas the Apostle Parish (a mile away, at Balboa Street at 40th Ave) was founded in 1922 from a division of the fast-growing St. Monica Parish.

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, OS-CO. 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.

Box Tops of Education Update

Thank you parishioners and families for your continued support in cutting and collecting the box tops for education labels from your purchased items.

The school recently received a check for $400 as a result of the box tops collected during the period from February 2 to November 1, 2016. We appreciate your continued effort in collecting these.

Thanks to Brenda Dowd, our parent volunteer coordinator, for making sure all the necessary paperwork is turned in and calculating the points to be redeemed. We know its tedious and time consuming, but know that your efforts are not taken for granted.
January 25 The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

Paul’s entire life can be explained in terms of one experience—his meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus. In an instant, he saw that all the zeal of his dynamic personality was being wasted, like the strength of a boxer swinging wildly. Perhaps he had never seen Jesus, who was only a few years older. But he had acquired a zealot’s hatred of all Jesus stood for, as he began to harass the Church: “...entering house after house and dragging out men and women, he handed them over for imprisonment” (Acts 8:3b). Now he himself was “entered,” possessed, all his energy harnessed to one goal—being a slave of Christ in the ministry of reconciliation, an instrument to help others experience the one Savior.

One sentence determined his theology: “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting” (Acts 9:5b). Jesus was mysteriously identified with people—the loving group of people Saul had been running down like criminals. Jesus, he saw, was the mysterious fulfillment of all he had been blindly pursuing.

From then on, his only work was to “present everyone perfect in Christ. For this I labor and struggle, in accord with the exercise of his power working within me” (Colossians 1:28b-29). “For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and [with] much conviction” (1 Thessalonians 1:5a).

Paul’s life became a tireless proclaiming and living out of the message of the cross: Christians die baptismally to sin and are buried with Christ; they are dead to all that is sinful and unredeemed in the world. They are made into a new creation, already sharing Christ’s victory and someday to rise from the dead like him. Through this risen Christ the Father pours out the Spirit on them, making them completely new.

So Paul’s great message to the world was: You are saved entirely by God, not by anything you can do. Saving faith is the gift of total, free, personal and loving commitment to Christ, a commitment that then bears fruit in more “works” than the Law could ever contemplate.

Saint Angela Merici (1470-1540)

Angela has the double distinction of founding the first teaching congregation of women in the Church and what is now called a “secular institute” of religious women.

As a young woman, she became a member of the Third Order of Saint Francis, and lived a life of great austerity, wishing, like Saint Francis, to own nothing, not even a bed. Early in life she was appalled at the ignorance among poorer children, whose parents could not or would not teach them the elements of religion. Angela’s charming manner and good looks complemented her natural qualities of leadership. Others joined her in giving regular instruction to the little girls of their neighborhood.

She was invited to live with a family in Brescia (where, she had been told in a vision, she would one day found a religious community). Her work continued and became well known. She became the center of a group of people with similar ideals.

She eagerly took the opportunity for a trip to the Holy Land. When they had gotten as far as Crete, she was struck with blindness. Her friends wanted to return home, but she insisted on going through with the pilgrimage, and visited the sacred shrines with as much devotion and enthusiasm as if she had had her sight. On the way back, while praying before a crucifix, her sight was restored at the same place where it had been lost.

At 57, she organized a group of 12 girls to help her in catechetical work. Four years later the group had increased to 28. She formed them into the Company of Saint Ursula (patroness of medieval universities and venerated as a leader of women) for the purpose of re-Christianizing family life through solid Christian education of future wives and mothers. The members continued to live at home, had no special habit and took no formal vows, though the early Rule prescribed the practice of virginity, poverty, and obedience. The idea of a teaching congregation of women was new and took time to develop. The community thus existed as a “secular institute” until some years after Angela’s death.

24 Hours of Prayer for Vocations

Saturday, February 4 & Sunday, February 5

Jesus Christ has told us that if we want more vocations, we need to pray for them. “The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.” (Luke 10:2)

On the weekend of February 4-5, four sites in the Archdiocese of San Francisco will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for vocations, with three of those sites open for 24 hours of prayer. We are inviting the faithful to come and pray in a particular way for vocations to Consecrated Religious Life, the Permanente Diaconate and the Priesthood.

You or a group may sign up for a particular time slot; or just stop in and say a prayer. Participating sites are: Corpus Christi Monastery in Menlo Park, Monastery of Sisters of Perpetual Adoration and Cristo Rey Monastery in San Francisco, and Mission San Rafael.

Visit: sfarch.org/PrayForVocations for more information.

Are you planning a spring or summer wedding?

If so, now is the time to contact the church’s rectory office and discuss your plans with our pastor 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.

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

**PARISH OFFICE**
Rio Stefanus, Financial/Business Manager  
Email: rio.stefanus@saintphilipparish.org  
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**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

**SCHOOL GRADES K-8**
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Tony LesCallett, Principal  
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**PRE-SCHOOL AND CHILDCARE**
(415) 282-0143  
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Ms. Rachel Williams, Director  
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**PARISH OUTREACH**
Baptismal Classes • First Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
(Rectory)  
Belfry Society • Adult Choir • Children Choir • First Communion Instruction • Confirmation Instruction • Liturgy Committee • Men’s Club • Parish Council • Parent Teacher Association (PTA) • RCIA (Adult Faith Instruction) • Rosary Makers • School Board • St. Vincent de Paul Jr. • Young at Heart (Senior Club)

**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