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 29, 2017 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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,

Before his baptism by St. Ambrose at Easter in AD 387, St. Augustine went to northern Italy near Milan on a kind of retreat. While there he wrote a small work entitled *The Happy Life* in the form of a dialogue with various family members, a typical rhetorical style of the time. With his “dialogue partners” he establishes that all people wish to be happy but that happiness will not be found in material things one desires. Satisfying one desire, another simply emerges. Happiness is not fleeting but is permanent and, therefore, it can only be found in God who is everlasting. Augustine concludes the happy person is one who possesses God. Possessing God is a matter of living a good life, doing God’s will and having a clean spirit. No doubt St. Augustine would have been familiar with the Beatitudes. He knew Scripture well. His conclusions about happiness square up well with the Beatitudes, which lead us away from ourselves and our own desires and toward God. The Beatitudes point to permanency; ultimately, “they will” lead to heaven, to everlasting Life to seeing God. The “kingdom of heaven” is promised to those who seek the happiness, the blessedness that comes from possessing God.

Jesus announces the blessings for those who live in “the Kingdom of heaven.” In this he describes the qualities that mark true discipleship: poor in spirit, mourning loss, meek, seekers of justice, merciful, clean of heart, peacemakers, bearers of insults and persecution. To be so blessed, so happy, so fortunate requires letting go of self. All these qualities exhibit the self-emptying of Jesus himself. Blessedness is of, in, and with Jesus—and his followers. Our blessedness is both a quality of who we are and a blueprint for how we are to be and live as followers of Jesus.

Happiness is a factor of how we relate to others—we are to be Jesus’ blessed Presence for others. Gospel living—taking seriously the Beatitudes—turns upside down the relationships people have with each other and invites a new world order that is the presence of God’s “kingdom of heaven.” And this presence of God’s kingdom is not so much our own doing, as what God is accomplishing in us. Happiness—blessedness—is God’s gift to those who seek God and do God’s will.

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**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”
MASSES FOR THE WEEK
January 29, 2017

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

01/30 Monday  8:00 a.m. † Mary Rielly
(by: William Rielly)

01/31 Tuesday  St. John Bosco, Priest
8:00 a.m. † Cassie O'Donnell
(by: The McLaughlin Family)
Michelle Schneider (Spl. Int.)
(by: Mila Schneider)

02/01 Wednesday  8:00 a.m. † Mickey Hagan
(by: The McLaughlin Family)

02/02 Thursday  The Presentation of the Lord
8:00 a.m. † Ernie & Gina Blehuer
(by: Corrado DeMartini)

02/03 Friday  Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr
Saint Ansgar, Bishop
8:00 a.m. † Michael Murphy
(by: Sheila Corry)

02/04 Saturday  8:00 a.m. † Maryann “Cece” Firenzi
(by: Sheila Corry)
5:00 p.m. Jose Tiburcio (B-day)
(by: Maureen Dineen)

02/05 Sunday  8:00 a.m. Pura Lippi (Spl. Intention)
(by: Mila Schneider)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

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

Sunday Collection
St. Patrick Seminary—$941.00  $2,867.00

Stewardship Prayer for January

Good and gracious God,
a new year of grace is upon us,
giving us impressions of crisp beginnings
new goals, a fresh sense of hope.

Though we cling to our own expectations for the year ahead,
we know you alone are the sovereign of our future,
Lord of our lives,
and the source of whatever good we may do.

We thank you, O Lord,
for the gift of the days and weeks you have entrusted to us.
Teach us to be good stewards of our time ahead,
that we go about our days keeping you at the center of our lives.

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

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED.
Megan Shenon Powers (School parent of Sadie, 4th grade & Grace, 5th grade)
Brother John Haster, S.M., a Marianist Brother & Former Principal of Archbishop Riordan High School
Father Efrem Trettel, OFM, a Franciscan Friar who in his 64 years as a priest in San Francisco assisted in a number of local parishes and in providing the Mass on radio through the Apostolato Radio Christiana (ARC)

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

01/29 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
02/08 Boy Scouts Den Mtg #13, 6-7:30 p.m., Hall 3

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
Support groups are part of the Separated and Divorced Catholic Ministry in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. This group meets the first and third Wednesday of the month. Gatherings begin with prayer, introductions, sharing around what is going on in everyone’s lives, and closing with prayer. It is a drop-in support group. If you have any questions, contact number shown above.

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2017 is January 29 - February 4. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2017 is “Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.”

Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

You are cordially invited to tour our Saint Philip the Apostle school this Sunday, January 29th after our 10:30 a.m. Mass and get a glimpse of some the students work and meet our devoted faculty.

Our Saint Philip the Apostle Preschool will also be hosting their Open House from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All are welcome

Did you know that during our Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass we have volunteer catechists who present the Liturgy of the Word in a format with activity geared for younger children in our chapel? If you have a child in Kindergarten or First Grade they are welcome to attend. A catechist will be present right before the Liturgy of the Word to escort the children into the chapel.

The Saint Philip Community offer its sincerest condolences and prayers to the Powers Family for the sudden loss of Megan Shenon Powers. Mother to Sadie, Grade 4 & Grace, Grade 5

Carmel Kavanagh has kindly set up a GoFundme link for the family if you wish to assist during this difficult time. https://www.gofundme.com/meals-for-the-powers-family

RELIGIOUS VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Have you ever thought about becoming a Sister? Single Catholic women ages 18 - 40 are invited to a Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul March 10-12, 2017 in Los Altos Hills, California (Bay Area). If you would like to know more about attending this prayerful and reflective discernment retreat, contact Sister Lisa Laguna, D.C. at 650/949-8890, 213-210-9903, or email us at Srllaguna@doc1633.org. Find us on Facebook at: Daughters of Charity Vocations U.S., follow us at Twitter.com/DofCharity or read about us on www.DaughtersOfCharity.com. Register for the retreat at www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/.

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

MONTHLY: FIRST & THIRD WEDNESDAYS, 7:30-9:00 PM
ST. STEPHEN CHURCH, O’REILLY PARISH CENTER
451 EUCALYPTUS DRIVE, SAN FRANCISCO
FR. AL GROSSKOPF, S.J. 415-422-6698

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Time to tidy up our Parish Hall. On Saturday, February 11 beginning at 1:00 p.m. we are rolling up our sleeves and exercising a little elbow grease in our Parish Hall.

All are welcome to lend a hand. Many hands will make light work for all. Soon we will be hosting our Confirmation with Bishop Justice as the celebrant and we wish to present our best foot forward.

All cleaning materials will be provided, just bring your willing hands and smiling faces and a bucket if you have one.!

If you are able to help or have any questions, please call the parish office at 415-282-0141. Service hours will be earned for those needing them.
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.

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.

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.

Archbishop to Celebrate World Day of the Sick Mass

Saturday, February 11, 11:00 am
St. Mary’s Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco

Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone is principal celebrant at a special 11:00 am Mass for World Day of the Sick on February 11, at which the Anointing of the Sick will take place. All are invited. The event is sponsored by the Order of Malta, which will arrange rides for people if they need them. The Knights of Malta say: “Bring a friend who is sick and experience a ‘special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one’s suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding everyone to see in his sick brother or sister the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying, and rising, achieved the salvation of mankind’ (from Pope John Paul II’s 1992 Letter Instituting the World Day of the Sick).” This year’s theme as declared by Pope Francis in his 2017 letter is Amazement at What God Has Accomplished. The pope’s letter is here. For information or assistance, please contact Kenneth Ryan, KM 415-613-0395 kenmryan@aol.com

Columban Fathers Annual Lunch and Raffle

Sunday, February 12, 2017
No Host Cocktails 12 PM, Lunch 1:00 PM
Baked Ham or Breast of Chicken with Lemon and Caper Sauce
$40 per person

United Irish Cultural Center
2700-45th Avenue, San Francisco
For Reservations Call: Peggy Cooney 650-878-8260
January 31—Saint John Bosco (August 16, 1815 – January 31, 1888)

John Bosco’s theory of education could well be used in today’s schools. It was a preventive system, rejecting corporal punishment and placing students in surroundings removed from the likelihood of committing sin. He advocated frequent reception of the sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion. He combined catechetical training and fatherly guidance, seeking to unite the spiritual life with one’s work, study and play.

Encouraged during his youth to become a priest so he could work with young boys, John was ordained in 1841. His service to young people started when he met a poor orphan and instructed him in preparation for receiving Holy Communion. He then gathered young apprentices and taught them catechism.

After serving as chaplain in a hospice for working girls, John opened the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales for boys. Several wealthy and powerful patrons contributed money, enabling him to provide two workshops for the boys, shoemaking and tailoring.

By 1856, the institution had grown to 150 boys and had added a printing press for publication of religious and catechetical pamphlets. His interest in vocational education and publishing justify him as patron of young apprentices and Catholic publishers.

John’s preaching fame spread and by 1850 he had trained his own helpers because of difficulties in retaining young priests. In 1854, he and his followers informally banded together, inspired by Saint Francis de Sales.

With Pope Pius IX’s encouragement, John gathered 17 men and founded the Salesians in 1859. Their activity concentrated on education and mission work. Later, he organized a group of Salesian Sisters to assist girls.

February 1—Saint Ansgar (801 – February 3, 865)

The “apostle of the north” (Scandinavia) had enough frustrations to become a saint—and he did. He became a Benedictine at Corbie, France, where he had been educated. Three years later, when the king of Denmark became a convert, Ansgar went to that country for three years of missionary work, without noticeable success. Sweden asked for Christian missionaries, and he went there, suffering capture by pirates and other hardships on the way. Fewer than two years later, he was recalled, to become abbot of New Corbie (Corvey) and bishop of Hamburg. The pope made him legate for the Scandinavian missions. Funds for the northern apostolate stopped with Emperor Louis’s death. After 13 years’ work in Hamburg, Ansgar saw it burned to the ground by invading Northmen; Sweden and Denmark returned to paganism.

He directed new apostolic activities in the North, traveling to Denmark and being instrumental in the conversion of another king. By the strange device of casting lots, the king of Sweden allowed the Christian missionaries to return.

Ansgar’s biographers remark that he was an extraordinary preacher, a humble and ascetical priest. He was devoted to the poor and the sick, imitating the Lord in washing their feet and waiting on them at table. He died peacefully at Bremen, Germany, without achieving his wish to be a martyr.

Sweden became pagan again after his death, and remained so until the coming of missionaries two centuries later.

February 4-5—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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 Permanent 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.
PARISH RESOURCES

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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

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PARISH OUTREACH
Baptismal Classes First Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
( Rectory)
Belfry Society Tuesday 7:00 p.m. (Church)
Adult Choir Tuesday 4:00 p.m. (Hall 1)
Children Choir
First Communion Instruction
Confirmation Instruction
Liturgy Committee
Men's Club
Parish Council
Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
RCIA (Adult Faith Instruction) Second & Third Thursday,
Rosary Makers 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.

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.

Marriage Preparation
Online marriage Prep can be found at: http://www.catholicmarriageprep.com. The cost is $175.00 and is available in both English and Spanish.

Contact: Ed Hopfner with questions at: hopfnerE@sfarchdiocese.org

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

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.