“Do not think I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill [FILL FULL] them.”
~Matt. 5:17

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

February 12, 2017
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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,

Oh, how we covet our personal freedom! From the “terrible twos” to the self assertiveness of adolescence to the libertarian idealism of many adults, we prefer making our own free choices about the things of daily living rather than being told what to do. In ages past with fewer people on the planet and living farther apart, governing communities was much simpler and required fewer laws and regulations. But healthy communities have never been lawless. Being together implies a kind of give-and-take that is necessary for the common good. Asserting self at the expense of another is never seen as promoting the good life. Thomas Aquinas defined human law as an ordinance of reason promulgated by the proper authority for the common good. We might define God’s law as the ordinance of God’s wisdom, promulgated by Jesus who is the fulfillment of all law, for the righteousness that brings us to be the “greatest in the kingdom, but about freeing us to become who God intends us to be.

We need God’s law to guide us because we are imperfect, coming only slowly to the fulfillment that Jesus promises. However, Jesus makes clear that simply keeping the law—as the scribes and Pharisees were so careful about doing—is not enough. The gospel is a lengthy comparison between the law of the old covenant (especially as the scribes and Pharisees to whom Jesus refers in the gospel interpreted and lived it) and a new law—a new covenant—Jesus offers. The point of Jesus’ lengthy discourse is clear: he is challenging us to a whole new covenantal relationship as the basis for interpreting and choosing to keep God’s law. Jesus’ new covenant is built on the right relationships that extend beyond the mandate of the law.

In all examples in this gospel that Jesus gives about the law (“You have heard”), he urges his hearers to live the law to God’s intended fulfillment of it (“But I say”). The intended fulfillment of the law is the “righteousness” (right relationship with God and others) which identifies those who are the “greatest in the kingdom of heaven” The “greatest in the kingdom of heaven” is Jesus himself who is the fulfillment of the law in his very Person. If we are to be “greatest in the kingdom of heaven,” we must encounter Jesus himself, the Righteous One, the fulfillment of the law.

No law—whether divine or human—can cover all the right choices we are to make as we journey through life in community. Both the gospel and first reading point to what more is needed: “trust in God,” right choices that bring life to ourselves and others, relying on the wisdom and understanding of God who knows us better than we know ourselves. Our own choices for good—for life—can only come when we open ourselves to God’s guidance and wisdom. In this is the promise of fullness of Life. In this is our life in Christ.

FOR REFLECTION & PRAYER

♦ Which of Jesus’ teachings in today’s Gospel do you find to be most challenging?
♦ Which of them do you find most affirming?

Instruct me, O Lord, in your ways. Free me to seek you, even when you ask more of me than I think I am able to give. Help me be an example that invites others to you rather than lead them away. Amen
**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**February 12, 2017**

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

Sunday Collection  
School Collection—$695.00  
$2,614.00

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**Remember the Sick 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  
Mary Mow, Kain Chiu  
Mary Crowley  
Patricia Crowley  
Mary Dekle  
David Dickey  
Laura Garcia  
Dolores Martin  
Douglas Martin  
Agnes Piva  
Bill Matthews  
Mary Leung  
John Bamber  
Leo Juarez  
Gina Wood  
Fred Jungmann  
Tom Welch  
Archbishop Emeritus John R. Quinn

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED.**

Edgar Jose Calléjas - Father to our Kindergarten Teacher’s Aide  
Annabelle Garcia

May the Perpetual Light Shine upon them.

For those preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage

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**Tuesday’s Choir Practice**

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

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<td>Jambalaya Dinner</td>
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<td>Ash Wednesday Day of Fasting &amp; Abstinence, (Ashes will be distributed at Masses: 8:00, 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.)</td>
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**ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2017—LIVING FAITH**

*Let your light shine before all people...and glorify your Father in heaven.*  
Matthew 5:16

We offer our sincerest appreciation to the following parishioners who have helped in contributing to this years’ annual appeal. We are targeting 100% participation in order to ensure we meet our assessment of **$39,879.00**.

Anne Auren-Grey  
Harold C. Coffee, Jr  
Johanna & Scott Hirota  
Brian & Sandra Kearney  
Michael O’Neill  
Felim & Valerie  
Rosa Pavone  
Arturo & Ana Maria Pena  
Charles & Nora Robinson  
Michael & Mary Stasko

This Appeal helps support, Social Ministries, Parish & Schools, Clergy and the Universal Church. The Appeal also helps our parish directly since all overage beyond our parish goal will be returned to us.

If you did not receive a brochure, we have some available at the back of the church and pews for your convenience. We have been successful previously, and we remain confident we can do it again. Can we reach our target by the end of June?  
**Our current balance due is: $35,719.00**
UPCOMING ACTIVITIES
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

SEVEN DEADLY SINS,
SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES

BEGINS THURSDAY, MARCH 2ND, 7PM IN THE PARISH HALL

Pride, envy, anger, sloth, greed, gluttony and lust: these “seven deadly sins” are patterns of dysfunction that keep us separated from God and ultimately lead to unhappiness. Join us as we embark on Bishop Robert Barron’s exploration of these seven sinful patterns and also learn how practicing countervailing virtues can break the cycle of sin.

On Thursday, March 2 our parish will begin the Seven Deadly Sins and Seven Lively Virtues program. We will meet for the next three following Thursdays as well from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. to hear Bishop Robert Barron via his DVD program and join with fellow parishioner’s in roundtable discussions.

This Lenten event is free as you embark in your Lenten Journey preparing to celebrate the Paschal Mystery at Easter.

Please call the parish office at 415-282-0141 to register.
Our Online Giving system now is also an App for Apple and Android products! You can download it for free in the App Store, Google Play Store or go to OLGapp.com.

If you are new to Online Giving, register by entering our church ID of (4254)

Of course if you wish to continue to use your paper envelopes, you are most welcomed to do so. We are offering this option for your convenience.

Soon we will also be able to offer Online Giving via Texting, again for your convenience.

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is a program that St. Philip's offers for young families and children at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Children, preschool through first grade, are invited to step into the chapel before the first reading, where they read and reflect on the daily readings in a way that is relevant to them, and work together on an art project, play, or other type of interactive activity that is related to the day's gospel.

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is facilitated by parent volunteers. All children in preschool through 1st grade are invited. Parents do not need to come, but you are welcome if you'd like.

If you are interested in learning more or volunteering to teach the Children's Liturgy please contact Nicole McGrath at nicolemgrath72@gmail.com

We currently have an opening for a catechist!
Because their father was an officer in a part of Greece inhabited by many Slavs, these two Greek brothers ultimately became missionaries, teachers, and patrons of the Slavic peoples.

After a brilliant course of studies, Cyril (called Constantine until he became a monk shortly before his death) refused the governorship of a district such as his brother had accepted among the Slavic-speaking population. Cyril withdrew to a monastery where his brother Methodius had become a monk after some years in a governmental post.

A decisive change in their lives occurred when the Duke of Moravia asked the Eastern Emperor Michael for political independence from German rule and ecclesiastical autonomy (having their own clergy and liturgy). Cyril and Methodius undertook the missionary task.

Cyril’s first work was to invent an alphabet, still used in some Eastern liturgies. His followers probably formed the Cyrillic alphabet. Together they translated the Gospels, the psalter, Paul’s letters and the liturgical books into Slavonic, and composed a Slavonic liturgy, highly irregular then.

That and their free use of the vernacular in preaching led to opposition from the German clergy. The bishop refused to consecrate Slavic bishops and priests, and Cyril was forced to appeal to Rome. On the visit to Rome, he and Methodius had the joy of seeing their new liturgy approved by Pope Adrian II. Cyril, long an invalid, died in Rome 50 days after taking the monastic habit.

Methodius continued mission work for 16 more years. He was papal legate for all the Slavic peoples, consecrated a bishop and then given an ancient see (now in the Czech Republic). When much of their former territory was removed from their jurisdiction, the Bavarian bishops retaliated with a violent storm of accusation against Methodius. As a result, Emperor Louis the German exiled Methodius for three years. Pope John VIII secured his release.

Because the Frankish clergy, still smarting, continued their accusations, Methodius had to go to Rome to defend himself against charges of heresy and uphold his use of the Slavonic liturgy. He was again vindicated.

Legend has it that in a feverish period of activity, Methodius translated the whole Bible into Slavonic in eight months. He died on Tuesday of Holy Week, surrounded by his disciples, in his cathedral church.

Opposition continued after his death, and the work of the brothers in Moravia was brought to an end and their disciples scattered. But the expulsions had the beneficial effect of spreading the spiritual, liturgical, and cultural work of the brothers to Bulgaria, Bohemia and southern Poland. Patrons of Moravia, and specially venerated by Catholic Czechs, Slovaks, Croats, Orthodox Serbians and Bulgarians, Cyril and Methodius are eminently fitted to guard the long-desired unity of East and West. In 1980, Pope John Paul II named them additional co-patrons of Europe (with Benedict).

San Francisco Grief Support Group
Meets the second & Fourth Wednesday each month
7:00—8:30 p.m. at St. Gabriel Church
2559 40th Avenue, San Francisco 415-731-6161
St. Gabriel parish in San Francisco has a grief support group as noted above from now through June. All are welcome

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
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.

Saint Philip Lenten Community Event
Saturday, March 25, 2017
12:30pm - 3:30pm
Minimum age to participate: 8 years
Once again dear friends Saint Philip is returning to the San Francisco Marin Food Bank as part of our Lenten community almsgiving. We have appreciated your time and talent in the past, and look forward to sharing time again together.
Your participation makes a definite impact toward the efforts in fighting hunger in our local communities. If you wish to participate, please email: sandy.kearney@saintphilipparish.org or call the parish office at 415-282-0141.

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.saintphilipsschool.org
**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

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**PARISH RESOURCES**

**PARISH OFFICE**

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

Carol Cagalingan, Parish Administrative Assistant  
Email: carol.cagalingan@saintphilipparish.org

Sandy Kearney, Parish Pastoral/School Administrative Assistant  
Email: sandy.kearney@saintphilipparish.org

**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**

665 Elizabeth Street, San Francisco, CA 94114  
Phone: (415) - 824-8467 • Fax: (415) 282-0121  
Tony LesCallett, Principal  
www.saintphilipsschool.org  
Email: info@saintphilipsschool.org

**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 • 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,  
  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 • Al anon • 7:30 p.m. Hall 1
- Saturday • A.A. Meeting (Mixed) • 8:30 p.m. Hall

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**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

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**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Are you interested in having 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.

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**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.

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**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.