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

info@saintphilipparish.org

February 19, 2017
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

“... and pray for those who persecute you.”

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,

He would give someone the shirt off his back. She would go the extra mile for anyone. They are off-the-wall generous. We often hear stories of people who give of themselves way beyond expectation, who help another at personal expense, who spend holidays feeding the hungry. We have so many ways of saying and doing this gospel. Although we all know people who are takers rather than givers, who are stingy and selfish, who are minimalists when it comes to relating to others, our first impulse is to believe in the goodness and generosity of people. Although we don’t always do what Jesus says in this gospel—turn from retaliation, give more than is asked, love beyond what is easy—we do have a sense that what Jesus is asking of us is how we would want the community in which we live to be characterized.

In our treatment of one another—even those who are our enemies—Jesus (as Moses in the first reading) challenges us to go beyond what is expected, beyond what we might think is reasonable or even achievable. We are to go beyond what is human to what is divine: “Be holy” as God is holy (first reading), “be perfect” as God is perfect (gospel). On our own, this is impossible! Only because of God’s love for us expressed in the life of Jesus who teaches us rightly, is this possible. Only when we experience God’s love for us first, is this possible.

Jesus commands us to keep the law in a radically different way. We are duty-bound as “children of {the} heavenly Father” to do more than simply what is mandated. We are to go beyond our natural expectation about keeping laws to embrace the divine excess with which God treats us. Acting toward others as God acts toward us transforms us to “be perfect” as God. This radical living of the law makes divine blessings, grace, and holiness to be real, visible, and at hand for us.

Living the Paschal Mystery

Acting toward others as God acts toward us takes quite a bit of readjusting in our thinking and doing. We must squelch our first impulses to strike out with hand and word. Rather than negatively judging another who doesn’t do as we think he or she should, we must look beyond our narrow perception of things and give the other the benefit of the doubt. However, just as with the early disciples, this readjustment does not happen overnight, nor does it happen automatically.

“Well, that will have to do for now.” How often in daily tasks isn’t this our cry? We have only a little bit of time to clean the house, so what we do will just have to do. We must write a sympathy card and can’t seem to find the right words for a young widow with children, and so we do our best and say that will just have to do. A “that will just have to do” attitude is hardly the way of living to which this gospel challenges us! On the other hand, the gospel examples seem way out of proportion to our ordinary responses, and to the ordinary demands daily living places upon us. Jesus is not asking us, however, to go looking for folks without coats (although there are plenty in our neighborhoods and cities), or for those who need us to go the extra mile for them (there are plenty who need such help), or to give our money away willy-nilly. What Jesus is asking us to do is look upon every other person, whether friend or foe, family member or stranger, as the beloved of God. Acting in this manner is being holy and perfect as God, and is done not in dramatic ways but in simple everyday gestures of love, respect, and care for others.
**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

*February 19, 2017*

02/18 Saturday  
8:00 a.m. Dave Aliventi (B-day)  
(by: Kim Anderson)  
5:00 p.m. † Bruno Piva  
(by: Agnes Piva)

02/19 Sunday  
8:00 a.m. † Pilar Tamparong  
(by: Para Lippi)  
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

02/20 Monday  
8:00 a.m. † John “Jack” Hart  
(by: Heather Hart)

02/21 Tuesday  
Saint Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church  
8:00 a.m. † Patrick & Grace Maughan  
(by: Maughan Family Trust)

02/22 Wednesday  
The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle  
8:00 a.m. † Mike Ashe  
(by: Candy Ashe)

02/23 Thursday  
Saint Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr  
8:00 a.m. † Jose & Celia Gonzales  
(by: Maria DeMartini)

02/24 Friday  
8:00 a.m. † Dympna Favier  
(by: Roslynn Barrett)

02/25 Saturday  
8:00 a.m. † Michael McGrath  
(by: Joan & Peter Cuddily)  
5:00 p.m. † Derek & Marueen Stace  
(by: The Robinson Family)

02/26 Sunday  
8:00 a.m. Dean & Tommy Walsh (Spl. Int)  
(by: Kim Anderson & Family)  
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

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

Sunday Collection  
$3,382.00

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**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER FOR FEBRUARY**

Gracious God,  
You sent us Your Son to show us the way to you.  
Grant us the wisdom to live out his Beatitudes according to the gifts we have been given.

Give us the courage to be good stewards of the Gospel and fervent disciples.

And show us how to recognize that through his gift of the Eucharist there is one bread, and we are one body; that we live no longer for ourselves, but in Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.  
Amen.

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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, 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  
Archbishop Emeritus George H. Niederauer

**For Those Who Have Died.**  
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

02/19 Confirmation Celebration, 10:30 a.m. Bishop William Justice presiding

02/20 President’s Day Holiday, Parish Office closed

02/25 Jambalaya Dinner, Parish Hall, 6PM no host refreshments, 6:30PM Dinner

03/01 Ash Wednesday Day of Fasting & Abstinence,  
(Ashes will be distributed at Masses: 8:00, 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.)

03/02 Seven Deadly Sins Series beings, 7PM Parish Hall, call Parish Hall to reserve your space

03/01 Boy Scout Den Meeting #15, 6PM, Parish Hall

03/03 First Friday of Lent—Stations of the Cross following the 8AM Mass

03/05 St. Philip’s School Collection (Second Collection)

03/08 Boy Scouts Den Meeting #16, 6PM, Parish Hall

03/09 Rosary Ministry/Senior Mtg, 11:30AM, Hall #3

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**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.
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 participate 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.
We offer our prayers and Congratulations to the following Confirmandi who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday, February 19, 2017

Marco “Albino” Aguirre-Celi
Lauryn “Veronica” Breiten
Rachel “Maria” Carrasco
Grace “Catherine” Casserly
Maria Luisa “Maria” Cevallos
Fiona “Bernadette” Clayton
Noah “Augustine of Hippo” Cross
Shane “Patrick” Duffy
Jacob “Sebastian” Gresham
Gavin “Benedict” Howarth
Sally “Veronica” McCarthy
Liam “Christopher” McGrath
Kaden “Januarius” Medina
Rochelle “Francis” Mercurio
Alyssa “Elizabeth” O’Dea
Gisselle “Veronica” Orantes
Grace “Kathryn” O’Reilly
Alejandro “Benedict” Ovando
Mayabella “Mary” Ratto
Oscar “Anthony” Ratto
Ricardo “Miguel Angel” Sundrland
Matteo “Ignatius” Tevarotto
Dylan “Matthew” Timboe
Naia “Cecilia” Urruty
Marc “John” Vasquez
Alexander “Thomas” Wavro

Please join in extending our sincerest thanks to:
Cameren Gonzales, Kaori Tomihisa, Cristina Magro, Arturo, Ana Maria & Andres Pena for their stewardship of time and talent toward the cleaning of our Parish Hall. Tremendous elbow grease and energy was used in scrubbing the walls, woodwork and doors to get rid of the grease, grime, pencil marks and fingerprints. This space is used by this community for fellowship, events, dinners, gatherings, school lunch and meetings. Let’s all pitch in going forward in making sure it continues to remain clean and presentable for everyone to enjoy. A million thanks for the hard work to our volunteers!
Lenten Information 2017
Saint Philip the Apostle Church, San Francisco, California

The Lenten Season is a preparation for the celebration of the great Solemnity of the Resurrection on Easter, the “Feast of Feasts.” This annual reflection is in fact a mini-retreat. Lent has a double character, to prepare both catechumens and faithful to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. Catechumens, by continued study, the Rite of Election and the Scrutinies are prepared for the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation; the faithful, ever more attentive to the Word of God and prayer, prepare themselves by penance for the renewal of their Baptismal Promises. We focus on Prayer: through the Eucharist, Penance, and traditional devotions; Fasting: communal and individual, through simple meals; and Almsgiving: through works of charity and offerings for those in need. Hopefully, you will find the information offered on both sides of this page helpful for your Lenten Journey.

Ash Wednesday - Wednesday, March 1, 2017
We encourage you to begin Lent by attending Mass on Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed at the 8:00, 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses.

Lenten Regulations

Abstinence
Everyone (14) fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

Fasting
Everyone (18) eighteen years of age and older, but under the age of (60) sixty is also bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days, the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a priest assigned to pastoral ministry or confessor should be consulted. In the spirit of penance, the faithful should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

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 donors 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.

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: $31,619.00

Please keep in mind we receive the donors report from the Archdiocese Development Office on Tuesday evenings after our bulletin is sent to the printer. If you have kindly supported this appeal, your name will appear on a following bulletin.
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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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Baptismal Classes First Tuesday of the Month 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) 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
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Monday A.A. Meeting (Men's) 7:00 p.m. Hall 3
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Wednesday Alanon 7:00 p.m. Lyons
Saturday A.A. Meeting (Mixed) 7:30 p.m. Hall

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.

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hopfenrE@sfarchdiocese.org

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