March 12, 2017  Second Sunday of Lent

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

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
Stations of the Cross
After 8:00 a.m. Mass on Fridays during Lent

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Genesis 12:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9

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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,

Last week, temptations; this week, transfiguration. Such contrasts these first two Sundays of Lent offer us! Indeed, more than “the sun” and “white as light” marks the transfiguration of Jesus. This gospel is filled with pairs of words and phrases pointing to the life-giving tension that marks the mystery of Jesus’ saving mission. Even the transfiguration account is not only about glory, but includes what Jesus embraced during his ministry on his journey to glory. The gospel captures the life-giving tension of Jesus’ life and our salvation in these ways: cast a shadow/shown like the sun; much afraid/touched them; fell prostrate/rise, coming down the mountain/up a high mountain; Do not tell/until. . . Raised from the dead. The promise of the gospel—and of Jesus’ life—is that we never stop with the first, but always pass over to the second. Dying to self always begets Life.

The radiance of the transfiguration of Jesus overwhelms the disciples and even makes the greatness of Moses and Elijah—symbols for the law and prophets—pale in comparison. It is far easier to embrace glory than take upon ourselves the yoke of discipleship, the demands of faithfully following the Good News Jesus came to reveal.

The call of God to us is the same as that to Peter, James and John: we must be willing to leave everything to go where God will, to accept the self-emptying as a necessary part of being given a share in Jesus’ glory, to open ourselves to Jesus’ touch of word and care that transforms us into faithful disciples. We must be willing to listen to Jesus, learn of his ways, and embrace his paschal journey. Our journey as disciples leads us to eternal glory—foreshadowed by Jesus’ transfiguration. This is worth any cost.

“Lord, it is good that we are here.” In both temptation and transfiguration we are with Jesus. The promise of the gospel—and of Jesus’ life—is that resisting temptation to be other than who we are leads us to a glory that is far greater than the false promise temptation sets before us. Resisting temptation is our journey to transfiguration, our participation in Jesus’ own glory. It is our journey into the fullness of Life that conforms us more perfectly to Christ. And, Lord, how good it is that we are here!

Living Liturgy

Jesus Commands the disciples to “Rise, and do not be afraid.” The journey of discipleship has its dangers (temptations), but we still venture forth on the journey to eternal glory. We trust in God’s guidance (given through law, prophets, teachings of Jesus, Gospel living modeled by others) and surrender ourselves into God’s hands. All we need to do is exclaim with Peter, “Lord, it is good that we are here.”

We are with Jesus through our own practice of taking some time every day to read God’s word in Scripture, through the good modeling of discipleship by another, through the guidance we seek in spiritual direction, through the disciplines we choose for Lent. There are many ways we share in Jesus’ glorified Presence. Being here with Jesus means that we keep our eyes focused on the vision of Jesus transfigured and know that God, in great love and divine mercy, intends that we share in that same glory. We cannot lose sight of Jesus himself. “Lord, it is good that we are here.”
MASSES FOR THE WEEK
March 12, 2017
03/11 Saturday 8:00 a.m. † Patricia Del Carlo
(by: The Del Carlo Family)
5:00 p.m. † Patricia Del Carlo
(by: The Del Carlo Family)
03/12 Sunday Second Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. † Msgr. Joseph Sullivan
(by: Pura Lippi)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish
03/13 Monday 8:00 a.m. † Cornelia Rodriguez
(by: Mila Schneider)
03/14 Tuesday 8:00 a.m. † Dina Cervetto
(by: Corrado DeMartini)
03/15 Wednesday 8:00 a.m. Tommy Walsh (Birthday)
(by: Kim Anderson & Family)
03/16 Thursday 8:00 a.m. † Denis T. Murphy
(by: Rita Murphy)
03/17 Friday Saint Patrick, Bishop Principal co-patron of the Archdiocese of San Francisco
8:00 a.m.
(by: )
03/18 Saturday Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
8:00 a.m. † Jose & Maria Gonzalez
(by: Maria DeMartini)
5:00 p.m. † Denis T. Murphy
(by: Rita Murphy)
03/19 Sunday Third Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. † Francisco Tamparong
(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
March 1, 2017 - Ash Wednesday
March 5, 2017 Sunday Collection
School Second Collection - $619.00
$ 527.00
$2,575.00

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER FOR MARCH

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for this new day, and another opportunity to give the traditions of Lent genuine meaning in my life. Help me to be a good steward of this day; to use it wisely to reflect on my words and deeds, review my habits, and correct my faults.
Inspire me to live as Jesus did, to embrace his cross, and live the great paschal mystery in a way that gives hope to others. Be merciful to me this day. Forgive me my failings and weaknesses. Cultivate in me a humble and repentant heart. Prepare me for the renewal of my baptismal vows, today and throughout the season of Lent; so that at Easter I may truly rejoice in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever.
Amen.

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 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 Danica Linnemann Tom Welch
Archbishop Emeritus John R. Quinn
Archbishop Emeritus George H. Niederauer

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED.
SARAH KEANE
May the Perpetual Light Shine upon them.

Tuesday’s Choir Practice
Adults Tuesdays, 7:30PM in the Church Hall
Children’s Choir - Tuesdays 4PM in the Parish Hall
03/12 Daylight Savings Time Begins
03/12 Hospitality following the 10:30 a.m. Mass
03/15 Girl Scouts Meeting 3-4PM, Hall 1
03/15 Boy Scouts, Den #17, 6:00-7:30 PM
03/16 Lenten 7 Sins Series, 7-8:30, Parish Hall
(Sloth/Zeal; Avarice/Generosity Session)
03/22 Boy Scouts, Pack Meeting #10 First Aid, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Hall #3
03/23 Lenten 7 Sins Series Ends 7-8:30, Parish Hall
(Gluttony/Asceticism; Lust/Chastity)

Stewards Prayer for March
March 12, 2017

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Listen to him.
It is wonderful to begin this week acknowledging that we need God's help in listening and hearing.
It is so powerful to ask for the "gift of integrity" - to express our desire for wholeness.
And, we humbly ask for light in the midst of whatever might "shadow our vision."
This is the God who allows Jesus to be transfigured before his disciples, to prepare them for what they were about to face.
This is our God, who can give each of us the change of heart we ask for.

O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant;
To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the LORD.
Psalm 116
**SAINT PHILIP’S LENTEN ACTIVITIES**
**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

*Lent calls us to return to the image of God that we were fashioned to reflect. In other words, to be Holy People.*

**During the Lenten Season, feel free to make use of the pamphlets and resources, which will be available to you in the church at a table by the St. Joseph statue area. May these Lenten activities and others be of assistance to you as you embark on your Lenten Journey.**

**Lenten Fridays—Stations of the Cross after the 8:00 a.m. Mass—Led by the laity**

| Thursday, March 2, 9, 16, & 23 | Lenten 4-week series on The Seven Deadly Sins and Seven Lively Virtues
| Community Almsgiving of Time at the SF-Marin Food Bank, Ages 8+ invited 12:30 to 3:30, 900 Pennsylvania Avenue, San Francisco. Contact Parish office at 415-282-0141 to register
| Thursday, March 30 | Communal Penance service with opportunity for individual confession, 7:00 p.m.
| Wednesday, April 5 | Sacred Space, Parish Hall 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Confessions at 1PM in the Sacred Space Closing Prayer service at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall
| Sunday, April 9 | Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion Saturday, April 8 Vigil Mass, 5:00 p.m. Sunday, April 9, Masses at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

**Meatless Fridays**
Struggling to find quick and tasty, meat-free meals for family (or just yourself) this Lent? How about this one.

**Tuna Stuffed Peppers**
Serves 4
1. You’ll need: 4 green peppers, 1 egg (slightly beaten), 1/3 cup heavy cream, 6 oz canned tuna fish (flaked), 1/2 cup bread crumbs, 1 onion (chopped), 1/2 cup parsley (chopped & minced), 1 tbsp mustard, salt & pepper to taste, grated cheese of your choice.
2. Preheat oven to 350°
3. Choose large, fresh peppers & boil them whole for about 5 mins. Drain and allow to cool. Cut the peppers in half & remove the seeds.
4. In a deep bowl, beat the egg & cream together. Add the remaining ingredients, except the grated cheese, & mix thoroughly.
5. Butter a baking dish & fill the pepper halves with the tuna mixture. Bake for about 20 minutes. Sprinkle the tops with grated cheese & bake for another 5 mins until cheese melts. Serve hot.

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**SEVEN DEADLY SINS, SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES**

**Remaining Schedule**
- March 16—Sloth & Zeal; Avarice & Generosity
- March 23—Gluttony & Asceticism; Lust & Chastity

**LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES SATURDAYS AT CATHEDRAL**

Saturdays, March 11 -April 8, 10:30 am -12:00 noon St. Mary’s Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco 415-567-2020 stmarycathedralsf.org

The Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption offers six noted speakers in a series of reflections during Lent 2017. The presentations are each Saturday morning at 10:30, from March 4 through April 8. Admission is free, and all are welcome. For more information, see above.

**March 18:** “Grace and the Lenten Season.” Fr. Robert Christian, OP, Master of Students, Western Dominican Province and adjunct professor at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, Berkeley.

**April 1:** “Meditations on the Seven Last Words,” a guided meditation by Fr. Victor Szczurek, O.Praem., Headmaster, Saint Michael’s Abbey Preparatory School, Silverado

**April 8:** “Penance: Its virtue, practice and role in the spiritual life.” Fr. James Garcia, Archdiocese of San Francisco.

*Once again during Lent as part of our Community-wide Almsgiving, we will be collecting personal toiletries that can be shared with our brother and sisters in the Tenderloin District and St. John’s the Evangelist location. Bin is available in the Church on the Mary Side and school foyer. Socks, toothpaste, shampoo, disposable razors, cough drops, lotion, deodorant, etc. The simple things in life are sometimes the greatest!*
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. 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

**ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2017 LIVING FAITH**

*Let your light shine before all people...and glorify your Father in heaven.*

Matthew 5:16

It is with sincere gratitude to see the list of donors continue to increase in support of the 2017 annual appeal. **We are not that far from reaching our half-way point!** We are striving for 100% participation in order to ensure we meet our obligation 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! Prayerfully consider making a contribution.

We express our thanks to the following supporters thus far:

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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. Your understanding is appreciated.

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**SAINT PHILIP’S LENTEN ALMSGIVING OF TIME COMMUNITY EVENT**

**Saturday, March 25, 2017 - 12:30pm - 3:30pm**

**Minimum age to participate: 8 years**

**29 volunteer slots remain to be filled**

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.
Legends about Patrick abound; but truth is best served by our seeing two solid qualities in him: He was humble and he was courageous. The determination to accept suffering and success with equal indifference guided the life of God’s instrument for winning most of Ireland for Christ.

Details of his life are uncertain. Current research places his dates of birth and death a little later than earlier accounts. Patrick may have been born in Dunbarton, Scotland, Cumberland, England, or in northern Wales. He called himself both a Roman and a Briton. At 16, he and a large number of his father’s slaves and vassals were captured by Irish raiders and sold as slaves in Ireland. Forced to work as a shepherd, he suffered greatly from hunger and cold.

After six years Patrick escaped, probably to France, and later returned to Britain at the age of 22. His captivity had meant spiritual conversion. He may have studied at Lerins, off the French coast; he spent years at Auxerre, France, and was consecrated bishop at the age of 43. His great desire was to proclaim the good news to the Irish.

In a dream vision it seemed “all the children of Ireland from their mothers’ wombs were stretching out their hands” to him. He understood the vision to be a call to do mission work in pagan Ireland. Despite opposition from those who felt his education had been defective, he was sent to carry out the task. He went to the west and north—where the faith had never been preached—obtained the protection of local kings, and made numerous converts.

Because of the island’s pagan background, Patrick was emphatic in encouraging widows to remain chaste and young women to consecrate their virginity to Christ. He ordained many priests, divided the country into dioceses, held Church councils, founded several monasteries and continually urged his people to greater holiness in Christ.

He suffered much opposition from pagan druids and was criticized in both England and Ireland for the way he conducted his mission.

In a relatively short time, the island had experienced deeply the Christian spirit, and was prepared to send out missionaries whose efforts were greatly responsible for Christianizing Europe.

Patrick was a man of action, with little inclination toward learning. He had a rocklike belief in his vocation, in the cause he had espoused.

One of the few certainly authentic writings is his Confessio, above all an act of homage to God for having called Patrick, an unworthy sinner, to the apostolate.

There is hope rather than irony in the fact that his burial place is said to be in County Down in Northern Ireland, long the scene of strife and violence.
**Retrouvaille Marriage Weekend in San Francisco**  
Friday-Sunday, April 28-30  
Retrouvaille is a weekend program that helps couples heal and renew their marriages. Retrouvaille is a French word meaning rediscovery. The program offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marital relationship. Thousands of couples headed for cold, unloving relationships or divorce have successfully overcome their marriage problems by attending the program. The next weekend program coming up in San Francisco is April 28-30. For information contact: retrouveille.org or 800-470-2230

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**Parish Resources**

**Parish Office**  
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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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www.saintphilippreschool.org  
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**Parish Outreach**

- **Baptismal Classes**  
  First Tuesday of the Month  
  7:00 p.m. (Rectory by appt.)
- **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,  
  11:30 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. Meeting (Men's)  
  7:00 p.m. Hall 3
- **Wednesday**  
  A.A. Meeting (Mixed)  
  7:30 p.m. Hall
- **Saturday**  
  A.A. Meeting (Mixed)  
  7:30 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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**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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**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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**Wedding Anniversary Blessings**

Did you know you can have your wedding blessed and renew your vows in a celebration of a milestone anniversary?  
It is a lovely gift you can bestow on your Sacrament of Marriage as you renew your vows of love and faith with each other. Call the rectory office for more information at 415-282-0141

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**Parish Anniversary**

Anna Villaflor DeLuca  
(Parents: Frank DeLuca & Jennifer Villaflor)  
"...for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ." ~ Galatians 3:27

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**Retrouvaille**

It is with great joy that we welcome into our Catholic Community as she received the Sacrament of Baptism during February, 2017.

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