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St. Philip the Apostle Church

A refuge to renew your spirit and heal your brokenness

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April 2, 2017  Fifth Sunday of Lent

“...he cried out in a loud voice, Lazarus, come out!

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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Reflecting on the Gospel

Dear Parishioners and Guests,

Both Martha and Mary say to Jesus, Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” How disappointed they must have been with Jesus! Only good friends can chide one another in such a way! They had high expectations of their Friend: he could heal others, he certainly would heal Lazarus whom he loved so much that when he went to the tomb where Lazarus had been laid, Jesus wept. However, Martha and Mary’s expectation, hope, desire that their brother would be healed by their Friend was actually too shortsighted. Jesus intended something way beyond their experience, their imagination, their limited understanding of him and his power. Jesus intended a new revelation about himself. And a new revelation about themselves.

Jesus purposely had delayed for two days coming to Bethany. Arriving after Lazarus was dead four days (yes, Lazarus was really dead: “there will be a stench”), Jesus could then reveal that death is necessary, but not the end. Death is necessary not so much because of the sin of Adman and Eve that brought mortality to the human race, but because of what is beyond death: eternal Life. Out of death Jesus gives Life. Out of death Jesus reveals the deeper mystery of his own Person: “I am the resurrection and the life.” Jesus’ power over death to give Life is a whole new revelation that asks of us nothing less than the kind of believing in Jesus that means giving our whole lives over to him. Martha and Mary came “to believe.” Have we?

The raising of Lazarus has more to do with Jesus, us, and believing than it has to do with Lazarus. Jesus works an even greater miracle than healing Lazarus. By raising him from the dead he gave a clear sign that he has power over death and life. The raising of Lazarus is a new kind of statement about life. “Do you believe this?” Jesus asks Martha. He asks the same question of us. We spend our whole lives grappling with the mystery of Jesus’ bringing Life out of death. Jesus come to us like he came to Martha and Mary with an invitation to believe that Jesus’ own death and resurrection have meaning for us in the messiness of our daily living. This gospel challenges us not so much with respect to our belief in Jesus’ resurrection, as in believing that our own daily dying to self is already a sign of Life we are given and a sign of the fullness of Life we will receive at our resurrection.

Mary and Martha’s long relationship with Jesus had brought them to believe in him. It must be comforting for us to know that their belief was still less than perfect. So is ours. And, like Mary and Martha, our belief is strengthened by encounters with Jesus. One obvious way we encounter Jesus is at Mass when we expressly take time out of our busy schedules to be present. Other prayer times during the day and week are also times when we consciously strive to encounter Jesus. Perhaps less evident as encounters with Jesus would be all those times when we meet him through faith-strengthening and hope-giving encounters with other people. When our discouragement is lessened by a kind remark or when our sinfulness is forgiven by a smile and welcome, we encounter Jesus in the other and are brought to new Life. Jesus loves each of us as deeply as he loved Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, and gives each of us new Life, too.

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45
April 2, 2017

Jesus is warned today that the tomb of Lazarus will have a stench. But Jesus has faced the stench of evil, sin, and death before—and has overcome it..
MASSES FOR THE WEEK
April 2, 2017

04/01 Saturday
8:00 a.m. † Breda Gaines
(by: Danielle Donelly)
5:00 p.m. † Mike Shanahan
(by: Robinson Family)

04/02 Sunday
Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. Mila Schneider (Spl. Intention)
(by: Maureen Dineen)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

04/03 Monday
8:00 a.m. † Rosa Candida DeMartini
(by: Corrado DeMartini)

04/04 Tuesday
Saint Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
8:00 a.m. † Patrick & Grace Maughan
(by: Maughan Family Trust)

04/05 Wednesday
Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest
8:00 a.m. † Amalia Gumbel
(by: Karl & Blanche Greutert)

04/06 Thursday
8:00 a.m. † Mary Hollenkamp
(by: Mary Ann DeSouza)

04/07 Friday
Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest
8:00 a.m. † Douglas Martin
(by: Marian Dickey)

04/08 Saturday
8:00 a.m. † Adela B. Ericastilla
(by: Karl & Blanche Greutert)
5:00 p.m. † Bruno Piva
(by: Agnes Piva)

04/09 Sunday
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
8:00 a.m.
(by: Maureen Dineen)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

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

March 25, 2017 Sunday Collection
Catholic Relief Services—$884.00 $3,584.00

Have you signed up for on-line giving, but miss putting something in the collection basket when it comes around? Worry no more, we have “I’ve given on-line” cards in the back of the church, which you can use as an active gesture of your stewardship. Thank You!

Archbishop Announces
Consecration of the Archdiocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
www.sfarch.org/ihm

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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  Mow, Kain Chiu  Mary Crowley
Patricia Crowley  Mary Deke  David Dickey
Laura Garcia  Danica Linnemann  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
Jason Cannata & Rochelle Mercurio

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

04/05 Saint Philip’s Lenten Sacred Space, Parish Hall
open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., with Prayer service the last hour.
04/06 Chrism Mass, 5:30 p.m. at the Cathedral
04/08 School Spring Gala & Auction (see page 6)
04/09 Palm Sunday & Hospitality after 10:30 a.m. Mass
04/12 Boy Scouts 6-7:30 p.m.
04/13 Soup Supper, 6:00 p.m., Parish Hall
04/13 Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 7:00 p.m.
04/14 Good Friday Services starting at 12:00 noon with private meditation
04/14 Tenebrae Service “Liturgy of Shadows”, 7:00 p.m., Church
04/19 Girl Scout Mtg, 3-4:00 p.m., Parish Hall

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SAINT PHILIP’S LENTEN ACTIVITIES

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 your embark on your Lenten Journey.

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

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 Vigil Mass, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 9, Masses at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Our Community-wide Lenten Almsgiving Project will come to a conclusion soon. The last day for collecting personal toiletries that can be shared with our brothers and sisters in the Tenderloin District and St. John’s the Evangelist location. Will be Sunday April 9th. If you have not had a chance to share your blessings, please do so before then as we need time to sort and deliver the items.

A bin is available in the Church on the Mary statue side and school foyer. Socks, toothpaste, shampoo, disposable razors, cough drops, lotion, deodorant, etc. The simple things in life are sometimes the greatest!

NEW LITURGICAL SERVICE AT SAINT PHILIPS - GOOD FRIDAY EVENING!

As your Lenten Journey comes to a close, join us for
Tenebrae—the Liturgy of Shadows

Good Friday, April 14, 2017
7:00 P.M., Church

Tenebrae is a meditation on Christ’s suffering. Readings trace the story of Christ’s passion, and the power of silence and darkness suggests the drama of this momentous day. We ponder the depth of Christ’s suffering through mounting darkness; through the return of the small but persistent flame of the Christ candle at the conclusion of the service, we anticipate the joy of ultimate victory. Resurrection Sunday, Easter!
Once again, we are offering you an additional sacred space other than our church setting for reflection, prayer & activity.

Lent is a season to consciously allow time to encounter God. It is a time for our relationship with God to grow. It’s no secret to our heavenly Father that our lives are busy, and we feel we don’t have enough hours in the day just to get through our day-to-day living; yet, our gracious God will patiently wait for us.

Do consider visiting our Sacred Space this year at a time that is convenient for you. Stay as long as you wish and engage at the various prayer/reflection stations. We will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5th in the Parish Hall. We will also conclude the day with a simple prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

In addition, we will be offering private reconciliation at 1:00 p.m.

All ages are welcome. The only pre-requisite is attending in silence so you and others can lend their ears and hearts to hear God’s voice.

“Create in me a clean heart O Lord”

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 have reached our half-way point! Let’s keep the momentum up and finish it off by end of June. 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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Our current balance due is: $19,349.00

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. Your understanding is appreciated.

COMPLETE LENTEN FAST & ABSTINENCE INFORMATION

♦ ABSTINENCE: Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on ASH WEDNESDAY, the FRIDAYS of Lent, and GOOD FRIDAY.

♦ FAST: Everyone eighteen years of age and older but under the age of 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.
Please Join us for the...

SPRING GALA 2017 & Auction

There will be amazing silent and live auction items available throughout the evening. The best part is that all proceeds directly benefit the programs here at St. Philips.

WHEN
Saturday April 8, 2017
6:00 pm - Cocktails & Silent Auction on the Loge
7:30 pm - Seated Catered Dinner, Raffle, Live Auction & Dancing

WHERE
The Green Room in the War Memorial Building
401 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco

ATTIRE
Formal to Semi-Formal

To Donate Auction Items:
https://stphilipschool.schoolauction.net/springgala2017/donate_items/new

Tickets to the April 8th Gala Auction 2017:
https://stphilipschool.schoolauction.net/springgala2017/tickets/ticket_sales
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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 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. Kitchen • 6:00 p.m. Hall 3
Wednesday Alanon • 7:00 p.m. Lyons
Saturday A.A. Meeting (Mixed) • 7:30 p.m. Hall

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.

LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES SATURDAYS AT CATHEDRAL
Saturdays, April 8, 10:30 am - 12:00 noon
St. Mary’s Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco -415-567-2020
stmarycathedralsf.org

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