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April 16, 2017

Easter

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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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Dear Parishioners and Guests,

At Easter time we are prepared to address some of the imaginative questions which usually only come to us at funerals.

What is the gift of everlasting life? How can we imagine it?

We only have a few images from Jesus about heaven. He tells us it is like a wedding banquet. He says that he goes to prepare a place for us - a place in his Father's house, which has many rooms.

One of the nicest things about going out of town for a wedding, or going on vacation and staying with friends or family, is to hear them say that they have a room ready for us. And, part of the fun is to look forward to the visit and the hospitality they prepared for us. Sometimes, it is wonderful to find a flower in a simple vase. Sometimes, there are special "guest towels" and a new bar of soup, and if the weather is cold, there is an extra blanket. When we see our room, we are likely to thank our host and to say, "You thought of everything. I feel so at home here."

Of course, at family and friends' weddings, there is great anticipation at seeing our loved ones and friends whom we hadn't seen in a while. It's the best part of the party. The bonds and connections that are renewed fill us with such joy. Often we have a sense that "We just picked up right where we left off." We discover how the relationships are still there. And, at the best weddings, we have such great fun telling stories and laughing and dancing. We can look across the room and the difficulties, anxieties and the troubles of our everyday life seem very far away.

Whatever we might imagine the Easter promise of eternal life, it seems that we can use images like these, of true human hospitality and joy, raised to the level of divine life. Because we can't know now what divine life is like, and we can't even get close to imagining a "place" or a "time" without space and time - in eternity - we use human images to comfort ourselves and to help us anticipate what is "more than we can ask or imagine." (Ephesians 3:20)

If the purpose of the funeral rites is to help us enter into a new relationship with those we have lost, then part of the purpose of the Easter season is to help us anticipate, even to long for, the realization of the promise of eternal life. We can reflect on all our efforts to get closer to our Lord in this life, but it is wondrous to imagine complete communion with Jesus. We can remember the best of times which we had with friends and loved ones, but it is a deep and powerful experience to let ourselves anticipate the joys of a renewal of the bonds and affection - without the barriers of divisions, worries, sin or death.

This week, let us give ourselves to the real joy of the promise, and to imagining its fulfillment, forever.

Our Hope for Everlasting Life!
Christ is Risen!

Dear Friends:
Today, we rejoice in the resurrected life of Jesus. We celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord. This is the event that gives meaning to our Faith. This is the event that gives meaning to our lives as Christians. This is the event that gives meaning to all of our other celebrations throughout the Christian year.

We congratulate and welcome all the new Catholics who were received into the Church on Holy Saturday night at the Easter Vigil service throughout our Archdiocese of San Francisco.

On behalf of our entire parish family, we thank everyone who helped to make the celebration of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter a holy and meaningful event. The efforts of many people are greatly appreciate.

We especially thank the Welch Family of Duggan’s Mortuary on Valencia Street for donating the beautiful flowers to decorate our Easter Altar.

Thank you and Happy Easter to all who make St. Philip the Apostle a unique and successful parish.

Yes! Truly He is Risen!

God Bless,
Fr. Stephen H. Howell, Pastor

MASSES FOR THE WEEK
April 16, 2017

04/15 Saturday  Holy Saturday
8:00 p.m. Vigil & Solemn Mass of the Resurrection

04/16 Sunday  Easter Sunday
8:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

04/17 Monday  8:00 a.m. Aikan Kyle (Birthday)
(by: Papa & Mama)

04/18 Tuesday  8:00 a.m. † Patrick & Grace Maughan
(by: Maughan Family Trust)

04/19 Wednesday  8:00 a.m. † Alice Aird
(by: James Jeong)

04/20 Thursday  8:00 a.m. † Mary Beth Palmer
(by: St. Philip 8th Grade Class)

04/21 Friday  8:00 a.m. † Lenore Joann Verducci
(by: St. Philip 8th Grade Class)

04/22 Saturday  8:00 a.m. † Ken Lyons
(by: Kenny & Jena Lyons)
5:00 p.m. † Terence Tougher
(by: The Robinson Family)

04/23 Sunday  Divine Mercy Sunday
8:00 a.m. Pura Lippi (Spl. Intention)
(by: )
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

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

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
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Laura Garcia  Danica Linnemann  Dolores Martin
Agnes Piva  Bill Matthews  Mary Leung
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FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED.

Tom Welch, Brother to Bill Welch
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 - on Easter Break!

4/15  Easter Sunday, Alleluia He is Risen!
4/16  Parish Office Closed
4/19  Girl Scout Meeting 3PM, Parish Hall
4/23  Second Collection for Black & Indian Missions
4/26  Girl Scout Meeting, 3PM, Parish Hall #1
4/27  Senior/Rosary Ministry 11:30AM, Parish Hall
4/28  First Communion Luncheon & Practice, 11AM, Parish Hall
4/30  First Communion, 10:30 AM, Church, Hospitality in the Parish Hall following the Mass
4/30  Second Collection for St. Vincent de Paul

April 2, 2017 Sunday Collection
School Second Collection -$896.00  $ 3,027.00
Reflecting on the Paschal Mystery

It is clear that during Easter we celebrate new Life, risen Life. But what is equally clear is that we cannot celebrate life without celebrating light and love. This is the Easter mystery: “he had to rise from the dead.” He had to so that in the Easter mystery darkness becomes light, death becomes life, sacrifice becomes love.

Mary of Magdala, Peter, and “the other disciple whom Jesus loved” are no better off than we are. They witnessed a “stone removed from the tomb” and “saw the burial cloths there,” but did not encounter Jesus in the empty tomb. They see, but not what they hope to see: Jesus alive. Neither do we see with our physical eyes this Jesus who “had to rise from the dead.” But, like the disciples of long ago, over time we encounter Jesus in various ways and our seeing becomes believing.

Here is the mystery of Easter: we want to see and believe, but since resurrection is so out of our human experience we simply can’t understand. Belief came gradually to those first witnesses, and then only when they had a personal encounter with Jesus (some disciples “ate and drank with him”; see first reading). Our own belief in the risen Jesus gradually grows throughout our life as we continually encounter him in our own eating and drinking. We encounter the risen Jesus in Eucharist when we eat and drink with him—when Jesus’ very Body and Blood become our nourishment. We also encounter the risen Jesus in each other when we witness by the goodness of our lives to Gospel values. We encounter the risen Jesus in the sure joy that comes from reconciled relationships with each other that witness to our reconciled relationship with God. We encounter the risen Jesus when we “clear out the old yeast” and “receive forgiveness of sins.” All of this assures us that we are a new creation formed in this resurrection Life—the source of our Easter Joy.

The Easter mystery is something we accept in faith. Jesus had raised people from the dead, for example, the son of the widow Nain and his own friend Lazarus. But they were only resuscitated and would face death again. Jesus is not merely resuscitated; he is raised up from the grave to new Life, never to die again. This is why we can say that Jesus conquered death. When we die, we live forever. Our belief enables us to share in this risen Life. Yes, our mortal bodies will die like Jesus’ and Lazarus’s. But this risen Life that is already within us through baptism is forever. We believe it, we live, we embrace it. The mystery: we share in eternal Life—risen Life with no end.

Easter Prayer of Thanksgiving

Good and gracious heavenly Father, we come before you on this Easter Sunday with full and grateful hearts for the gift of the Paschal Mystery that you showed us in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son, our brother by adoption, Jesus Christ.

Bless us and all those who profess belief in your saving love. Bless also those who have yet to profess belief in you. You are God for all. We ask all this in Christ's name. Amen.
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 passed 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.

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As of April 4, our current balance due is: $15,759.00

Please keep in mind we receive the donor 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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**2017-2018 FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

**FIRST COMMUNION CONFIRMATION AND RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (R.C.I.A)**

We are currently accepting applications for the 2017-2018 **First Communion** (2nd graders) and **Confirmation** (8th graders) classes for those who are not enrolled in our Parish School and wish to receive those Sacraments.

Classes will commence in the fall and meet on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. Copy of the student’s baptismal certificate will be required when submitting the registration so plan accordingly.

Please contact the Parish Office for more information at 415-282-0141

We look forward to accompany your children in their faith journey

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS**

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- Never been baptized?
- Baptized in another Christian church?
- Baptized, received Eucharist but have not been confirmed?
- Left the church, but want to come home?
- Cradle Catholic, but feeling you are missing understanding of your faith?

**If you can identify with any of the above, or know of someone who does, contact the parish office how best we can support your needs. (415.282.0141)**

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**Respect Life Program**

The Archdiocesan Respect Life Program is sponsoring a conference at St. Mary's Cathedral Saturday, April 29, on "Restoring Affordable Catholic Health Care in the San Francisco Bay Area." The seminar will introduce developments occurring at the grassroots level to allow Americans to find affordable and ethical health care solutions.

Conference begins at 8 AM with celebration of Mass at the Cathedral's Altar of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a Continental breakfast in St. Francis Hall, and opening prayer and welcome by Archbishop Cordileone at 9 AM. Adjournment is at noon. Cost is $20.

For additional information and to RSVP, contact Vicki Evans at **415-614-5533** or **evansv@sfarch.org**.
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.

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.

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

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

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

Online Giving

If you haven’t heard yet, our parish provides online giving for your convenience.

Visit: www.osvonlinegiving.com/4254 to create an account. You can also download the app from

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We also have “I gave online” cards at the back of the church if you wish to have a physical expression of your stewardship when the collection basket comes around.

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Are you planning a summer or fall 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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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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DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

MONTHLY: FIRST & THIRD WEDNESDAYS, 7:30-9:00 PM
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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.

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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: retrouvaille.org or 800-470-2230

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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 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.

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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, 11:30a.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
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. Hal 3
Tuesday A.A. Kitchen 6:00 p.m. Hall 3
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Saturday A.A. Meeting (Mixed) 7:30 p.m. Hall
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