April 23, 2017  Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

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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From the Desk of Father Howell

Dear Friends:

Christ is Risen!

Easter is The Great Feast of the Christian year. Everything else in our Holy Faith is built upon the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. For this reason, the Church does not celebrate the Resurrection for just one day, or for just one week, but rather, for full fifty (50) days until Pentecost. As St. Athanasius stated, these fifty days are celebrated as one “Great Sunday.” We renewed our Baptismal Promises on Easter. Now, throughout this entire Easter Season, let us continue to affirm our faith and pledge to grow as followers of Jesus in the light of His Holy Resurrection.

As we reflect on the Resurrection of Jesus, we also remember that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is a time to ensure the protection of children and youth today and a time to remember in prayers of reparation those who have suffered abuse in the past, especially from clergy, religious or personnel of the Catholic Church. We as a Catholic parish pray for those who have suffered, for those who continue to suffer and for those who are alienated from God and the Church due to abuse. May the Risen Jesus assist all who suffer from the effect of abuse to find some measure of healing and peace.

Yes! Truly He is Risen!

Peace,
Fr. Stephen H. Howell, Pastor

Sincere Thanks for Helping Others

Thank You for your generous Holy Thursday donation of $228.00. This will go to the Catholic Worker House on Potrero Street to help the poor.

Thank You for your generous Good Friday donation of $855.00. This will go to the upkeep of the Holy Places associated with the life of Jesus and to assist the Latin Patriarch provide schools, housing and orphanages for the Christians of the Holy Land.

Thank You for your donation of $720.00 for our local conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, in lieu of donating flowers for Easter. This will help to serve the poor.

Thank You to the Duggan Welch family of Duggan’s Funeral Service on 17th Street for the beautiful flowers to decorate our Easter Altar.
**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**
*April 23, 2017*

- **4/22 Saturday**
  - 8:00 a.m. † Ken Lyons  
    (by: Kenny & Jena Lyons)
  - 5:00 p.m. † Terence Tougher  
    (by: The Robinson Family)

- **4/23 Sunday**
  - Divine Mercy Sunday  
    - 8:00 a.m. Pura Lippi (Spl. Intention)  
      (by: )
    - 10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

- **4/24 Monday**
  - Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr  
    - 8:00 a.m. The O’Brien Family (Spl.Int.)  
      (by: The Molloy Family)

- **4/25 Tuesday**
  - Saint Mark, Evangelist  
    - 8:00 a.m. The O’Brien Family (Spl.Int.)  
      (by: The Molloy Family)

- **4/26 Wednesday**
  - 8:00 a.m. † Raquel Reyes & Maria  
    Refuge Flores  
    (by: Ana Maria Chavez)

- **4/27 Thursday**
  - 8:00 a.m. The O’Brien Family (Spl.Int.)  
    (by: The Molloy Family)

- **4/28 Friday**
  - Saint Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr;  
    Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest  
    - 8:00 a.m. The O’Brien Family (Spl.Int.)  
      (by: The Molloy Family)

- **4/29 Saturday**
  - Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin &  
    Doctor of the Church  
    - 8:00 a.m. † Maria Perez  
      (by: Maria & Eva Ferrey)
    - 5:00 p.m. † Emily Gardner  
      (by: Hudson & Lisa Martin)

- **4/30 Sunday**
  - 8:00 a.m. Mary Tom (Spl. Intention)  
    (by: Maureen Dineen)
  - 10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

**Let us remember in our Prayers...**

Those who are sick or who suffer in any way, especially  
the homebound and the elderly, that God will assist them in  
their time of need and that they may find comfort and healing  
in Christ.

**Isabel Juarez**  
**Mary Leung**
**Mow, Kain Chiu**  
**Agnes Piva**  
**Mary Crowley**
**Danica Linnemann**  
**Robert Denis O’Leary**
**David Dickey**  
**Mary Kelly**  
**Dolores Martin**  
**Mary Leung**  
**Fred Jungmann**  
**Gina Wood**

**Archbishop Emeritus John R. Quinn**
**Archbishop Emeritus George H. Niederauer**

Those Who Have Died, **Robert Denis O’Leary**,  
the deceased of our parish and especially those who have no  
one to pray for them.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed  
through the mercy of God rest in peace.  
May the Perpetual Light Shine upon them.

**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.

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

**April 9, 2017 Sunday Collection | $3,138.00**

**Tuesday’s Choir Practice**

- **Adults** 7:30PM in the Church
- **Children’s Choir** - on Easter Break!

- **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
- **5/02** Baptismal Prep Class by appointment, 7:00 PM.
- **5/03** Feast of St. Philip School Mass, 8:45 AM

This weekend’s second collection is for the support of The Black and Indian Mission Collection, which exists to help local African American and Native American Diocesan Communities throughout the United States.

Recognizing a need to call the faithful to support missionary work among African American and Native American Catholics, the U.S. Catholic bishops established this Catholic Church charity for the Catholic Missions in 1884 to administer a national collection—the first of its kind in the United States—to support missionary work.

Ever since the first Collection in 1884, the Commission has administered the yearly, national Black and Indian Mission Collection. The generosity of the good People of God allows the Commission to give helpful grants to dioceses across the country to operate schools, parishes, and other missionary services that build the Body of Christ in Native American, Alaska Native, and Black Catholic communities.

Your support is greatly appreciated.
Dear Parishioners and Guests,

The author of the Acts of the Apostles paints a utopian picture of the Resurrection community shortly after the experience of Pentecost. This “honeymoon” stage would not last long. Ananias and Sapphira skim profits from the sale of their property before giving it to the community and the Greek-speaking Jews complain that the Palestinian Jews are ignoring their widows. Throughout Luke-Acts, the Word is readily accepted but enthusiasm often wanes. The cycle of acceptance and rejection is repeated until the final scene in which Paul is proclaiming in Rome. “Let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen” (Acts 28:28).

Writing in the name of the Apostle Peter, the author of today’s second reading describes the benefits of belief in a series of metaphors. We have a “new birth” to “a living hope” through Jesus Christ’s resurrection (1 Peter 1:3). We are given an imperishable inheritance, stored in heaven and awaiting us. Our faith is “more precious than gold” that is tested by fire. The use of concrete metaphors tied to everyday life reaches its pinnacle when First Peter describes believers as a “spiritual household” and the “household of God”. Though utilizing a letter format, the work may actually have been a baptism sermon. The use of various metaphors would help the catechumen understand his or her new reality in Christ.

The Fourth Evangelist seems to have intentionally set up resonances with the creation stores of Genesis. Scholars have long noted the echo of Genesis 1:1 (“In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth”) found in John 1:1 (“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God”). In today’s reading, we find yet another allusion. “The Lord God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being” The resurrected Jesus appears to the disciples, announcing peace and commissioning them. “He breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit’” (John 20:22). The divine breath brings forth the new life of creation in Genesis. In John, Jesus’ divine breath shares his Spirit with the disciples, who are commissioned to continue Jesus’ mission on earth - Living the Word.
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 ask that you prayerfully consider making a contribution so we can focus on other needs of the parish.

We express our thanks to the following supporters.

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As of April 12, our current balance due is: $15,259.00

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
Have you...

- 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)

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2017 Living Faith

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What is Divine Mercy Sunday?
The Sunday of Divine Mercy is a day established by Pope John Paul II as “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face with confidence in divine benevolence the difficulties and trials that humankind will experience in the years to come” (Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, May 23, 2000).

This is not a new solemnity or feast, nor does it celebrate a new or separate mystery of redemption, but rather, it leads into the continuing celebration of God’s mercy during Easter Time. The reading highlights the mystery of diving compassion that underlies the Church’s Easter faith.

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.
B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.
C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God’s mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.
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 after the Opening Prayer to hear and discuss the Gospel in a way which is meaningful to them and work together on an art project, play, or other type of interactive activity. The children go back to Mass after the Prayers of the Faithful. 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.

Would you like to volunteer with the Children’s Liturgy of the Word Ministry? If so, please contact Nicole McGrath at nicolemgrath72@gmail.com

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The Book Fair will run from Sunday, May 7 through Sunday May 14. Sunday hours will be from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Monday, May 8 through Friday, May 12 the Fair will be open from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.

There will be story time on Tuesday, May 9 at 3:30 p.m. with guest reader, Catherine Brown, children’s librarian from Noe Valley library!

All children and parents are welcome to attend.

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PARISH RESOURCES

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Carol Cagalingan, Parish Administrative Assistant
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Assistant
Email: sandy.kearney@saintphilipparish.org

MUSIC MINISTRY
Carlton White, Music Director

DEVOTIONS
Rosary - Monday - Saturday • After 8:00 a.m. Mass
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SCHOOL GRADES K-8
665 Elizabeth Street, San Francisco, CA 94114
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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 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. 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

Wedding Anniversary Blessings
Did you know you can have your wedding blessed and renew your vows in a celebration of a milestone anniversary?

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

Marrage 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

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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