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

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April 30, 2017  Third Sunday of Easter

“Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing 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

725 Diamond Street, San Francisco, CA 94114  Phone 415-282-0141  Fax: 415-282-8962
Dear Parishioners and Guests,

It takes a lifetime of doing to learn that perseverance pays off. When a task taxes our energy, takes too long, becomes more burden than joy, our human tendency is to stop doing it. We look to do something else that brings more immediate satisfaction and delight. The two disciples on the road to Emmaus had given up on “Jesus the Nazarene” as the “one to redeem Israel.” They did not persevere in looking for Jesus, although they “were [still] conversing about all the tings that had occurred.” They hadn’t quite given up, but their hope was not strong enough to bring them to stay in Jerusalem to determine if Jesus truly “was alive.”

Perseverance easily wavers when we are challenged beyond our capacity. The two disciples allowed their perseverance to waver; belief in a dead-but-now-alive Jesus was beyond their experience, beyond their capacity. But the risen Jesus searched them out, walked with them, broke bread with them. Their encounter led to an overwhelming transformation moving them from unbelief to belief. Further, after returning to Jerusalem, their newfound belief was confirmed by a community who attested that “The Lord has truly been raised.” We must choose this same journey today, over and over again: encounter the risen Jesus, come to deeper belief, witness to others his risen Presence. Our perseverance in proclaiming Easter Joy must grow as our belief in the risen One grows. It takes a lifetime of doing to learn that perseverance pays off.

The two disciples on the road to Emmaus experience an overwhelming transformation in moving from unbelief to belief—not because of any new facts or hearsay, but because of personal encounter with the risen Jesus in this breaking open the Scriptures and the bread with them. Further, after returning to Jerusalem, their newfound belief is confirmed by a community of eyewitnesses who had seen the risen Jesus, too: “The Lord has truly been raised.” The same is true for us today: we are transformed by encountering the risen Christ in word and sacrament, and by the testimony of the community of believers. Word and sacrament and community have the power to restore our perseverance at times of discouragement because they enable us to see for ourselves the new Life that is being offered us.

Though we cannot see Jesus now in the same way as the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we do encounter him. We must choose to persevere in looking for him, in seeking the kind of new experiences that shake us out of our unbelief into grasping the new insight and new Life that the risen One offers. Perseverance matters!

**PRAYER**

*Walk with us along the journey of life, Lord, not as a stranger but as the one who makes our hearts burn with love for you and a desire to be your messengers to all the world. Amen*
Tuesday’s Choir Practice
Adults       7:30PM in the Church
Children’s Choir  - 4:00PM in Parish Hall!

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            Mow, Kain Chiu          Mary Crowley
Patricia Crowley         Mary Dekle            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

Those Who Have Died, 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.

April 30, 2017

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)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

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
5/02 Baptismal Prep Class by appointment, 7:00 PM.
5/03 Feast of St. Philip School Mass, 8:45 AM
5/03 Boy Scouts Mtg, 6-8PM Parish Hall
5/12 School May Crowning Mass, 11:00 AM

First Saturday Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery
A monthly First Saturday Mass is offered at Holy Cross Cemetery for all the souls of the faithful departed interred in our Catholic Cemeteries. All are welcome to join us in prayer.

Next Mass is Saturday, May 6th at 11:00 a.m.
Holy Cross Cemetery, All Saints Chapel, 1500 Mission Rd., Colma

The Scholastic Book Fair Returns to Saint Philip!
All are invited to come visit, browse and purchase a vast new selection of books and reading related gifts at our annual book fair.

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.

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

April 30, 2017 Sunday Collection
Second Collection Black & Indian Mission—$802.00

$2,207.00

Online Giving
Our parish provides online giving for your convenience. Visit: www.osvonlinegiving.com/4254 to create an account.

You can also download the app from

St. Philip the Apostle CATHOLIC CHURCH ACCOUNT CODE IS 4254

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.
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.

COMMUNION BOW

“When receiving Holy Communion, the communicant bows his or her head before the Sacrament as a gesture of reverence and receives the Body of the Lord from the minister. . . .When Holy Communion is received under both kinds, the sign of reverence is also made before receiving the Precious Blood” (General Instruction of the Roman Missal 160).

Communion is the climax of the Mass. The Eucharist is the summit, the greatest experience of our life, and it is the source, the origin of all we do and are. It calls forth our belief in God and our service to the world. As Catholics, we believe that the communion we share is the sacramental presence of Jesus and that Christ remains with us as we go forth to love our neighbor. At God’s invitation we come to this table with joy, faith and reverence. As a sign of the reverence we owe this sacrament, each of us bows our head before we receive. This sign of reverence is similar to the bow of the head made at Mass whenever we say the name of the Trinity, Jesus, Mary or the saint being honored. It differs from the profound bow. We make a profound bow from the waist when passing by the altar. We also make a profound bow during the credal prayer of the Mass “by the power of the Holy Spirit.” In the past, when approaching communion, some have made a profound bow, a head bow or a genuflection. Others have made the sign of the cross after communion. For the sake of uniformity, the custom in the United States is now a bow of the head before receiving communion.

We offer our Prayers and Congratulations to the following Communicants who are receiving the Sacrament of First Communion this Sunday, April 30, 2017 at Saint Philip the Apostle Church

Alyssa Belogorsky Laura Theresa McLaughlin
Malachi Aidan Brennan Brandon Meis
Quincy Brewer-Hay Desmond William O’Callaghan
Jared Joseph Camara Winifred Rose O’Callaghan
Margot Josephine Deloche William O’Connor
Evelyn Louise Dickerson Guinevere Marie O’Rourke
Dimitri James Dimitrov Nia Cara O’Shea
Sean Philip Dowd Natalia Ava Perry
Anneliese Fisher Lola Pizzato-Smith
Augustine Freundlich Micaela Marie Powell
Brandon Tyler Gresham Teagan Mary Powell
Amelia Anne Kearney Brigid Kenna Proctor
Madison Isabella Keenan Mason Carlos Ramirez
Finley Noelle Leibnitz Alessandra Gloria Remedios
Skye Raine Leibnitz Conor Malachy Rogers
Charlie Joseph Lyons Kira Shea Schoen
Evan James Major Juliette Mathilde Spanier
Margaret Josephine Manuel Raphael Erwin Spanier
Leah Marie McGarr Charlie Sullivan
Cliona McKenna Levi James Ventura
Alan Martin McLaughlin Ellen Maxine Walczak

2017-2018 Faith Formation Classes

First Communion, Confirmation and Rite of Christian Initiation FOR ADULTS (R.C.I.A)

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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 regarding this program at 415.282.0141.
Let your light shine before all people...and glorify your Father in heaven.” - Matthew 5:16

We have two months to go to try and finish meeting our Annual Appeal obligation. We continue to strive for 100% participation from our St. Philip community. $39,879.00. is a large sum to attain by only a few. With many chipping in, the load is much easier. No support is too small and any less appreciated. Please prayerfully consider making a contribution so we can focus on other needs of the parish.

If you did not receive a brochure, we have some available at the back of the church and pews for your convenience.

We express our thanks to the following supporters.

Kim Anderson  Dolores Martin
Paula Bisson    Hudson & Lisa Martin
Louis & Margene Brignetti    Dan & Margaret McAuliffe
Linda Buckley Dowler    Mary McFadden
Richard & Aileen Carell  John & Nicole McGrath
Frank & Hilda Carron    Helen McGuigan
David Castellanos    Shaun & Melanie Morrison
Eric & Eunice Chan    Michael O’Neill
Ana Maria Chavez    Felim & Valerie O’Reilly
Steven & Sheila Cibotti    Ed Pascucci
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Chris & Kara Cronk  Edward & Jane Perry
Mary Dekle    Agnes Piva
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Pura Lippi    Carmen Vargas
Dorien Lopez    Rebeca Yanes
Joy MacIntyre

As of April 25, our current balance due is: $12,734.00

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.

Our Parish School is pleased to announce the offering of Transitional Kindergarten beginning with the 2017-2018 school term!

This two-year program is designed for students who will turn five years of age between September 2nd and December 2nd.

The registration and testing process is the same as for any other kindergarten applicant, with the exception that if a student is not accepted in Kindergarten, the Transitional Kindergarten (TK) program is now available.

For complete details of this new program, please visit the school website at: www.sainthelphilschool.org or call the office at: 415.824.8467

We are pleased to offer this new program as an added convenience to interested families. Spread the word!

MARIAN RETREAT in preparation for the CONSECRATION of the Archdiocese of San Francisco to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

May 6
8:15a-2:30p
St. Mary’s Cathedral
1111 Gough St, SF

To register contact: Karen Guglielmoni GuglielmoniK@sfarch.org
$20 donation is suggested.
8:15-9:00 Check in & Hospitality

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL FAITH
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.

TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery is currently seeking applications for Temporary Cemetery Caretakers to assist in providing seasonal work during spring and summer. The job requires manual skills and physical strength, performing tasks such as cleaning and clearing cemetery grounds of debris, weeding, using power trimmers, shovels, rakes, blowers, etc.

For inquiries, please contact: kbonillas@holycrosscemeteries.com

Applications are available at: Holy Cross Cemetery
1500 Mission Road, Colma, CA 94014
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

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

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP
MONTHLY: FIRST & THIRD WEDNESDAYS, 7:30-9:00 PM
ST. STEPHEN CHURCH, O’REILLY PARISH CENTER
451 EUCALYPTUS DRIVE, SAN FRANCISCO
Fr. Al Grosskopf, S.J. 415-422-6698

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.

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

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

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.