We are a welcoming inter-generational community bonded together through our faith in Jesus Christ, demonstrating our love to others through service and charity.

St. Philip the Apostle Church

May 14, 2017  Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

Dear Parishioners & Guests,

No GPS or road map can show us the way to the Father, the truth of all that is, the Life that is offered. Only Jesus can. He is our “GPS”: God’s Presence through the Spirit. Thomas and Philip completely miss Jesus’ point. They are looking for a road map—they ask Jesus to show them the way. They haven’t grasped what they have encountered all along: Jesus is “the way and the truth and the life.” When asked “how can we know the way?” to the Father’s house, Jesus does not provide us a road map. Instead Jesus’ answer is a surprisingly personal one: “I am the way and the truth and the life.” Here Jesus himself is equated with risen Life. Believing in Jesus and doing his works is the way to the Father. We today must encounter and come to know Jesus in our daily living, and by so identifying with him become for others “the way and the truth and the life.”

Jesus’ claim to be “the way and the truth and the life” lays claims on us: to have faith in him, to follow him to the Father, to do the works he does, to be who he is—”the way and the truth and the life.” With the first disciples we, too, struggle to understand these claims and the implications they have for changing the way we live. Jesus makes clear that the only way to eternal Life is through belief in him. It seems like such simple, clear directions. Yet we spend our whole lives coming to the kind of believing that truthfully shows us the way.

Jesus’ disclosure about himself requires, in turn, an equally personal response from us: “have faith... in me.” Easter faith is more than creed; it is expressed in a relationship with the risen One. The ongoing struggle to believe more deeply is the ongoing struggle to come to know Jesus and become more like him. This risen Jesus is not elusive; he is encountered in the “ministry of the word,” in the breaking of the bread, in taking care of the needs of others, in allowing God to act in us to build us into a “chosen and precious” Body of Christ, in our announcing God’s praises. The real challenge of this gospel, then, is to expand our seeing and believing to recognize the many, varied, and surprising ways Jesus comes to us. And to become for others those ways.

Jesus says to Thomas, “I am the way and the truth and the life.” Jesus is the way: he is the path to the Father. Jesus is the truth: he is the revelation of who God is. Jesus is the life: he is risen Life for all those who believe in him. Believing is “be-living”—surrendering ourselves to him in all we are and in all we do. Through him and with him and in him we become “the way and the truth and the life.”
MASSES FOR THE WEEK
May 14, 2017
5/13 Saturday  Our Lady of Fatima
8:00 a.m. † Felice & Maria DeMartini
(by: Corrado DeMartini)
5:00 p.m. † Pavone Family & Lloyd Miller
(by: Rosa Pavone)
5/14 Sunday  Mother’s Day
8:00 a.m. † Conrad Quianio
(by: Pura Lippi)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish
5/15 Monday  Saint Isidore
8:00 a.m. † Mary Molloy
(by: Celine Kennelly)
5/16 Tuesday  8:00 a.m. † Patrick & Grace Maughan
(by: Maughan Family Trust)
5/17 Wednesday  8:00 a.m. † Mary Coakley
(by: IIPC)
5/18 Thursday  Saint John I, Pope & Martyr
8:00 a.m. † Oliver & John Macken
(by: Anonymous)
5/19 Friday  8:00 a.m. † Bernard Smith
(by: IIPC)
5/20 Saturday  Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest
8:00 a.m. † Mary Coakley
(by: Celine Kennelly)
5:00 p.m. † Celestina Denegri
(by: Agnes Piva)
5/21 Sunday  8:00 a.m. † Mother Angelica
(by: Corrado DeMartini)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

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

May 7, 2017 Sunday Collection
Second Collection School - $552 $3,112.00

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 Delke  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

Those Who Have Died, Emeritus Archbishop George H. Niederauer, Father John K. Ring, retired pastor of St. Vincent de Paul, 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.

Tuesday’s Choir Practice
Adults 7:30PM in the Church
Children’s Choir - 4:00PM in Parish Hall!

5/14 Mother’s Day
Catholic Charities Second Collection
5/17 Girls Scouts Mtg, 3-4PM, Hall#1
5/21 School Sports Program Second Collection
5/25 School Sport Concert, 6:30 PM, Church
5/29 Memorial Day Holiday, Parish Office closed
6/01 8th Grade Graduation Mass 9:00AM

Catholic Charities Second Collection, May 13-14, 2017
“BELIEVE” Catholic Charities believes in strengthening families and reducing poverty. Catholic Charities helps families struggling with homelessness; cares for aging adults and adults with disabilities; welcomes immigrants and refugees with love and compassion; and offers youth a safe place to learn and grow.

They can’t do this work without you. Please donate during the second collection. Thank you for your support.

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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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.

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 9:00 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.m.
EXTENDED DATE: OPEN SATURDAY, MAY 13TH AFTER 5PM MASS
All children and parents are welcome to attend.
This Sunday, May 14, 2017, is the secular observance of Mother’s Day. Let us give thanks and pray for our Mothers, living and deceased, since it is through them and in their households that we learn the ideals of our Christian Faith.

A Prayer for all Mothers,

Thank you, Lord, that you fill a mother’s heart with love, 
That you have instilled in her very being the need to protect her children if at all possible, 
Thank you for giving her the gift of nurturing her children, of teaching them, 
of comforting them, 
for feeding them and making a safe place for them. 
For guiding them to be all that God has created them to be. 
Fill every mother with love, wisdom and endurance, 
with strength and patience and joy. 
Give them ability to forgive again and again. 
Enable her to rely on You and call upon You, because You will give her all she needs. 
In Your precious and all powerful name, Amen

Pius X Award
Congratulations Linda Buckley Dowler!
Celebrating 20 years of Faith Formation

On Thursday, May 4, we had the pleasure of honoring Linda Buckley Dowler for her 20 years of service to St. Philip’s Parish Community as a Catechist at the annual Archdiocese Office of Religious Education St. Pius X Awards and Dinner.

Please join us with grateful hearts for her loyalty, dedication, and service in preparing our parish children to receive the sacrament of First Communion for so many years.

Pictured above: Rev. Ray Reyes, Linda Buckley Dowler & Sr. Celeste Arbuckle as Linda receives her award.

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

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)
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.saintphilipschool.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!

**Scientific exposure:** Recently, the children enjoyed a hands-on presentation from the Lawrence Hall of Science on Gravity. The entire classroom was set up with a variety of materials relating to gravity for the children to explore and utilize.

**Celebrating Diversity!** The children celebrated Cinco de Mayo with a preschool wide field trip to Douglass Park. Oscar Quinonez (a parent) discussed Cinco de Mayo, and the children made homemade agua fresca and guacamole. Of course there was a piñata too! Fun was had by all.

**Thank you Mom!** The Mother's Day Breakfast was celebrated, May 11th. The children tested their baking skills by baking muffins and crafting flowerpot picture frames as gifts.

**Scaly Creatures Oh my!**: On May 18th, we will have Ashley Williams (Reese's Prock's mom) come in to discuss alligators, snakes and growing up in Florida.

Wait, there’s more! The Preschool Graduation will be on Friday, May 26th at 3pm.

For more information on our Preschool contact: Rachel Williams, Director at 415-282-0143

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**Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2017 Living Faith**

_Let your light shine before all people...and glorify your Father in heaven._” - Matthew 5:16

**As of May 8, our current balance due is: $10,004.00**

We have two months to try and finish meeting our Annual Appeal obligation. $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.

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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.

Catholic San Francisco Newspaper Has a New Website!

The official newspaper of the archdiocese, has rolled out a new and improved website. Catholic San Francisco is published 26 times a year; and the Spanish-language San Francisco Catolico is published 20 times a year. The upgraded website contains news, opinion, events, calendars, and social media to make it easier to keep up with developments in the Church, the world and activities throughout the archdiocese.

Visit the new site at: catholic-sf.org

Saturday, May 13—Our Lady of Fatima

The Story of Our Lady of Fatima

Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese children—Francisco and Jacinta Marto and their cousin Lucia dos Santos—received apparitions of Our Lady at Cova da Iria near Fatima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon. Mary asked the children to pray the rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia.

Mary gave the children three secrets. Following the deaths of Francisco and Jacinta in 1919 and 1920 respectively, Lucia revealed the first secret in 1927. It concerned devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The second secret was a vision of hell. When Lucia grew up she became a Carmelite nun and died in 2005 at the age of 97.

Pope John Paul II directed the Holy See’s Secretary of State to reveal the third secret in 2000; it spoke of a “bishop in white” who was shot by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows into him. Many people linked this vision to the assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II in St. Peter’s Square on May 13, 1981.

The feast of Our Lady of Fatima was approved by the local bishop in 1930; it was added to the Church’s worldwide calendar in 2002.

Archbishop Cordileone Announces Fatima Centenary Events and Consecration of the Archdiocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions, in which Our Lady appeared to Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta, - three children living near Fatima, Portugal from May 13 to October 13, 1917.

To commemorate this event, Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone has formally launched preparations which will culminate in the Consecration of the Archdiocese of San Francisco to the Immaculate Heart of Mary during the annual Rosary Rally on October 7, 2017. The official launch occurred March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation.

To best prepare for the Consecration visit https://sfarchdiocese.org/ and select the Consecration of the Archdiocese tab.

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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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.