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 21, 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter

“...and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always.”

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

www.saintphilipparish.org
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Dear Parishioners & Guests,

Self-will is mighty strong. Some children learn to say “No!” even before they say “Mama” or “Dada.” Self-will is a form of self-assertion whereby we establish boundaries around ourselves, determine our own destiny, protect ourselves from doing what we don’t want to do. When our self-will is overly strong and selfish, we rail against any rules and laws and commandments. We want to do this, not that. If we were the only person in the world, this behavior might be OK. But we’re not the only person in the world. So from early on in our lives we learn the value of curbing our own selfish wills and choosing to behave in a manner that enhances the quality of life for all. In this gospel Jesus is telling his disciples to “keep my commandments.” He is shaping our self-will in a way well beyond choosing simple actions. He is drawing us out of ourselves and our self-will into him and his self-giving.

There is more to what Jesus is saying than meets the eye. When Jesus says to keep his commandments as a sign of our love for him, he is not only speaking about simple laws or commands. He is saying that if we love him, we will believe as he believed, live as he lived. Loving Jesus as he asks requires us to believe and live in such a way that others know the resurrection is real, that Jesus is really present, that Jesus still cares for us deeply (“I will not leave you orphans”).

Our love for Jesus is shown in the same way as the early disciples showed their love—by practical doing in our everyday living. Like Philip and Peter and John we are to proclaim the living Christ by the way we heal hurts in others; bring a caring touch to those who are ailing in any way; strengthen those who are weak or paralyzed by fear, doubt, or selfishness; encourage those weighed down with too much stress, work, or indecision. All this is keeping Jesus’ commandments by living his way of life—a life characterized by deep care for others. The most encouraging aspect of this gospel is that Jesus even sends up the help we need to love, believe, and live in his way.

Jesus’ commandments entail much more than doing this or avoiding that. His commandments are to love as he loved, believe as he believed, live as he lived. His commandments are the most self-engaging and challenging of all! How comforting, then, when Jesus says “I will not leave you orphans.” No, we are not orphans: the risen Jesus comes to us. How? In the Spirit of truth.”
**Masses for the Week May 21, 2017**

- **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 De Martini)
  10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

- **5/22 Monday**
  Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious
  8:00 a.m. Kathleen O’Keefe (Spl.Int.) (by: The McAuliffe Family)

- **5/23 Tuesday**
  8:00 a.m.
  (by: )

- **5/24 Wednesday**
  8:00 a.m.
  (by: )

- **5/25 Thursday**
  8:00 a.m. † Peter & Celine Cassidy (by: IIPC)

- **5/26 Friday**
  Saint Philip Neri, Priest
  8:00 a.m. † Katie Murphy (by: IIPC)

- **5/27 Saturday**
  Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
  8:00 a.m. † Kitty Dillon (by: Celine Kennelly)
  5:00 p.m. † John & Elizabeth Ahern (by: Mary Schroer)

- **5/28 Sunday**
  The Ascension of the Lord
  8:00 a.m. † Thomas P. DiSerio (by: Tom DiSerio)
  10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

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

**May 14, 2017 Sunday Collection**
Second Collection Catholic Charities
$1,595.00
Second Collection Catholic Charities
$3,568.00

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**Online Giving**

Our parish provides online giving for your convenience. Visit: [www.osvonlinegiving.com/4254](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4254) to create an account.

You can also download the app from

![Apple Store](app_store.png)
![Google Play](google_play.png)

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.

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**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

Archbishop Emeritus John R. Quinn

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.

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**Tuesday’s Choir Practice**

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

5/21 School Sports Program Second Collection
5/25 School Spring Concert, 6:30 PM, Church
5/28 Catholic Communication Campaign Collection
5/29 Memorial Day Holiday, Parish Office closed
6/01 8th Grade Graduation Mass 9:00AM
6/01 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony, 6:00PM, Church
6/04 Annual Appeal Second Collection

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**Are You Making Summer Vacation Plans?**

- Stay connected with your local church by visiting our website at [www.saintphilipparish.org](http://www.saintphilipparish.org) on your mobile phones and view the bulletins to stay current with parish news.
- Find a local Catholic church for Sunday services anywhere in the world at [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)
- Continue your stewardship support by using the online offertory giving platform. Sign up at [www.osvonlinegiving.com/4254](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4254)

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**Thank you!**

Thank you dear friends for responding to the Catholic Charities Appeal this past weekend. No question that your support will certainly be put to good use in helping those families and individuals struggling in our local communities. Actions do speak louder than words.
Catholic Cemeteries Offer Memorial Day Masses

Monday, May 29

Monica J. Williams
650-757-0752
holycrosscemeteries.com

Memorial Day Masses will be celebrated at the Catholic Cemeteries of the archdiocese, offered for all those who have given their lives in service to our country and for the souls of all the faithful departed.

Colma:
Most Rev. William Justice celebrates
Mass at 11:00 am in Holy Cross Mausoleum, 1500 Mission Rd, Colma, CA

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Daily Prayer This Week

We sometimes keep the idea of the Trinity firmly in our heads, rather than move it to our hearts. Our logical, practical minds cannot make sense out of three persons in one God.

But clearly this week Jesus wants us to have some sense of what the Trinity is - a continuation of the seamless love and identity between him and the Father. It is the Spirit of that love between them that lives on in us today, guiding us and helping us to follow the message of Jesus' life. It is that Spirit of Jesus that is with us in each of the difficult and joyous moments of our days.

Jesus invites us to discover the power of the Spirit in our lives through an awareness of “the Advocate” supporting us each day. Jesus encourages us in the same kind of intimate relationship he has with the Father. The startling idea of this close, personal conversation one might have with a parent models for us how we can speak to him.

If we feel tongue-tied or don't know where to begin, that is exactly the place to start. Each morning as we awaken, we can speak from our hearts.

Loving Jesus, I’m not sure how to do this. I can feel in my heart an emptiness or longing for something deeper in my relationship, but I don't always know where to begin. Help me to open my heart to you this day, and to carry with me the sense of how much you love me and how much you want this kind of personal relationship with me.

Let me feel your Spirit present with me as I face the challenges of the day and let me live my life this day as your follower, in the peace of your love.

It is a simple prayer and one that we can remember as we go about our day, head to a meeting, stand in the kitchen or fold laundry. It is not complicated to have a closer relationship with God but it takes focus. And always, we can end our day with a simple prayer of thanks for the many blessings of the day.

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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.

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Mosaic Show on the Blessed Virgin Mary on TV and Internet

Sunday, May 28, 5:00-5:30 am
KPIX television
Channel 5, CBS Bay Area
sfarch.org/mosaictv

The latest episode of Mosaic airs on KPIX Channel 5 on Sunday, May 28 (5:00–5:30 am). The show will also be posted for viewing anytime on the archdiocesan website.

On Mosaic, Fr. Kevin Kennedy, pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Russian Byzantine Catholic Church, discusses who Mary of Nazareth is: How does she lead us to her Son? What is the meaning of her apparitions at Fatima? And what will it mean for us as an archdiocese to consecrate ourselves to her Immaculate Heart? For complete information on the archdiocesan consecration, visit the website at sfarchdiocese.org/IHM.
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)

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 16, our current balance due is: $10,004.00

We have six weeks to try and finish meeting our Annual Appeal by the end of the fiscal year. $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  Dan & Margaret McAuliffe
Paula Bisson  Mary McFadden
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Linda Buckley Dowler  Helen McGuigan
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Hudson & Lisa Martin  Rebeca Yanes

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.

TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN

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.saintphilipsschool.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!

SAINT PHILIP THE APOSTLE
PRE-SCHOOL HAPPENINGS!

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

2017-2018 Faith Formation Classes
First Communion, Confirmation and Rite of Christian Initiation FOR ADULTS (R.C.I.A)
Celebrating our Saints

Saint Rita of Cascia, May 22 (1381 – May 22, 1457)

Like Elizabeth Ann Seton, Rita of Cascia was a wife, mother, widow, and member of a religious community. Her holiness was reflected in each phase of her life.

Born at Roccaporena in central Italy, Rita wanted to become a nun but was pressured at a young age into marrying a harsh and cruel man. During her 18-year marriage, she bore and raised two sons. After her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons had died, Rita tried to join the Augustinian nuns in Cascia.

Over the years, her austerity, prayerfulness, and charity became legendary. When she developed wounds on her forehead, people quickly associated them with the wounds from Christ’s crown of thorns. She meditated frequently on Christ’s passion. Her care for the sick nuns was especially loving. She also counseled lay people who came to her monastery.

Beatified in 1626, Rita was not canonized until 1900. She has acquired the reputation, together with Saint Jude, as a saint of impossible cases. Many people visit her tomb each year.

St. Philip of Neri—(July 21, 1515 – May 26, 1595)

Philip Neri was a sign of contradiction, combining popularity with piety against the background of a corrupt Rome and a disinterested clergy: the whole post-Renaissance malaise. At an early age, Philip abandoned the chance to become a businessman, moved to Rome from Florence, and devoted his life and individuality to God. After three years of philosophy and theology studies, he gave up any thought of ordination. The next 13 years were spent in a vocation unusual at the time—of a layperson actively engaged in prayer and the apostolate.

As the Council of Trent (1545-63) was reforming the Church on a doctrinal level, Philip’s appealing personality was winning him friends from all levels of society, from beggars to cardinals. He rapidly gathered around himself a group of laypersons won over by his audacious spirituality.

At the urging of his confessor, Philip was ordained a priest and soon became an outstanding confessor himself, gifted with the knack of piercing the pretenses and illusions of others, though always in a charitable manner and often with a joke.

Some of Philip’s followers became priests and lived together in community. This was the beginning of the Oratory, the religious institute he founded. A feature of their life was a daily afternoon service of four informal talks, with vernacular hymns and prayers. The Oratory was finally approved after suffering through a period of accusations of being an assembly of heretics, where laypersons preached and sang vernacular hymns.

Philip’s advice was sought by many of the prominent figures of his day. He is one of the influential figures of the Counter-Reformation, mainly for converting to personal holiness many of the influential people within the Church itself. After spending a day hearing confessions and receiving visitors, Philip Neri suffered a hemorrhage and died on the feast of Corpus Christi in 1595. He was beatified in 1615 and canonized in 1622.

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

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
**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
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.

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**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

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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 RESOURCES**

**PARISH OFFICE**
Rio Stefanus, Financial/Business Manager
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**MUSIC MINISTRY**
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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**PRE-SCHOOL**
(415) 282-0143 www.saintphilippreschool.org
Ms. Rachel Williams, Director
Email: Rachel.williams@saintphilipparish.org

**PARISH OUTREACH**
Belfry 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