May 28, 2017  The Ascension of the Lord

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 Stephen

Dear Friends:

Christ is Risen!

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, our readings today remind us that Jesus told His disciples to go and share the “Good News.” We, who follow “the way” of Jesus, are called to do the same. We do this by our words and by our deeds, i.e., by how we live and by how we treat others. Jesus tells us that He will always be with us to assist us through the presence of the Holy Spirit. Let us give thanks for this presence of Christ through the Holy Spirit in our lives, in our Church and in our community as we strive to follow and share the teaching of Jesus.

Yes! Truly He is Risen!

Peace,
Father Stephen

A Gospel Reflection

How do you know who you are and what you are to do with your life? For some of us it maybe the love of your mother or grandparents who root you in faith. Teachers can affirm your gifts and talents as well as ones strengths. Friends can also play a part in teaching us how to love and how not to love.

In both Ascension accounts Jesus invites the disciples to reflect on who they are and to act accordingly. In the Ascension mount Jesus gives them a pep talk and command: You are my disciples. All power has been given me. Know that I am with you always so trust yourselves. Make disciples of others as I made disciples of you. On Mt. Olivet Jesus invites trust and makes a promise. Wait. Pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit. You will receive power to be my witnesses to the ends of the earth. They need time in prayer to become confident of their discipleship through the power of the Holy Spirit.

At baptism we joined the Church, the body of which Christ is head. We belong to him. May the power of the Spirit enlighten our hearts to believe we are Christ’s and give us strength to act on that belief. The Ascension invites us to take time for prayer so that we can deepen our awareness that the Holy Spirit is within us. Rotted in this knowledge, believe more deeply. Then act on that faith. Live Jesus clearly to make disciples of those we meet.

Consider for Reflection:

♦ Do you simply stand around looking up to heaven or do you act on your faith? How?
♦ When have you been aware of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in your life?
MASSES FOR THE WEEK
May 28, 2017

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

5/29 Monday  
Memorial Day Holiday  
8:00 a.m. † Gene O’Rourke  
(by: Kim Anderson & Family)

5/30 Tuesday  
8:00 a.m. Jim Sweeney  
(by: IIPC)

5/31 Wednesday  
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
8:00 a.m. † Yau Kwok Fai  
(by: Mary Tom)

6/01 Thursday  
Saint Justin, Martyr  
8:00 a.m.  
(by:)

6/02 Friday  
Saints Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs  
8:00 a.m. † Karina Hanley  
(by: IIPC)

6/03 Saturday  
Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs  
8:00 a.m. † Lum Sung Jean  
(by: Mary Tom)  
5:00 p.m. † Douglas Martin  
(by: Dolores Martin)

6/04 Sunday  
Pentecost Sunday  
8:00 a.m. † Pura Lippi  
(by: Lina Henry)  
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  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

Those Who Have Died, Hugh O’Neill, James ‘Seamus’ Woods, 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!

5/28  
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

6/04  
Hospitality Sunday following the 10:30 AM Mass

6/04  
Pentecost Family Activity Event, Parish Hall following 10:30 Mass

6/06  
Baptismal Prep Class by appointment

6/07  
Last Day of classes for our Parish School!

6/11  
School Second Collection

6/15  
Summer Movie in the Afternoon 12:00 Parish Hall

Are You Making Summer Vacation Plans?

♦ Stay connected with your local church by visiting our website at 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

♦ Continue your stewardship support by using the online offertory giving platform. Sign up at www.osvonlinegiving.com/4254

We are sincerely grateful for your support
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Second Collection School Sports Program—$1,077.00  
$2,605.00

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

As of May 23, our current balance due is: $7,679.00

We are getting closer to meeting our Annual Appeal obligation before the end of the fiscal year. Thanks to those of you who have responded to the recent reminder.

If you did not receive a brochure, or time has gotten away from you, we have some available at the back of the church and pews for your convenience.

We offer our thanks to the following supporters.

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- Doriene Lopez           Bill & Betty Welch
- Joy MacIntyre           Barry & Patti Wood
- Dolores 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.

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)

Get Ready to Celebrate Pentecost, June 4, 2017

Join us in the Parish Hall, June 4, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass for another Family Intergenerational Craft Activity Event.

Spend a little uninterrupted family time celebrating the birth of the Church making some easy Pentecost related craft items or test your Pentecost knowledge!

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!

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2017 Living Faith

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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.

May 30 Saint Joan of Arc
January 6, 1412 – May 30, 1431

Burned at the stake as a heretic after a politically-motivated trial, Joan was beatified in 1909 and canonized in 1920.

Born of a fairly well-to-do peasant couple in Domremy-Greux southeast of Paris, Joan was only 12 when she experienced a vision and heard voices that she later identified as Saints Michael the Archangel, Catherine of Alexandria, and Margaret of Antioch.

During the Hundred Years War, Joan led French troops against the English and recaptured the cities of Orléans and Troyes. This enabled Charles VII to be crowned as king in Reims in 1429. Captured near Compiegne the following year, Joan was sold to the English and placed on trial for heresy and witchcraft. Professors at the University of Paris supported Bishop Pierre Cauchon of Beauvais, the judge at her trial; Cardinal Henry Beaufort of Winchester, England, participated in the questioning of Joan in prison. In the end, she was condemned for wearing men’s clothes. The English resented France’s military success—to which Joan contributed.

On this day in 1431, Joan was burned at the stake in Rouen, and her ashes were scattered in the Seine River. A second Church trial 25 years later nullified the earlier verdict, which was reached under political pressure. Remembered by most people for her military exploits, Joan had a great love for the sacraments, which strengthened her compassion toward the poor. Popular devotion to her increased greatly in 19th-century France and later among French soldiers during World War I. Theologian George Tavard writes that her life “offers a perfect example of the conjunction of contemplation and action” because her spiritual insight is that there should be a “unity of heaven and earth.”

Joan of Arc has been the subject of many books, plays, operas and movies.

PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION
June 10, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.
Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
1111 Gough Street (at Geary Blvd.)
San Francisco, CA 94109

All the faithful are invited to attend the Priesthood Ordination of Alvin Yu and Michael Liliedahl. There will be a reception to follow in Patron's Hall where people may greet the new priests.

COME AND WELCOME OUR NEWLY ORDAINED PRIESTS!
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 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.

**Parish Resources**

**Parish Office**
Rio Stefanus, Financial/Business Manager  
Email: rio.stefanus@saintphilipparish.org

Carol Cagalingan, Parish Administrative Assistant  
Email: carol.cagalingan@saintphilipparish.org

Sandy Kearney, Parish Pastoral/School Administrative Assistant  
Email: sandy.kearney@saintphilipparish.org

**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

**School Grades TK-8**
665 Elizabeth Street, San Francisco, CA 94114  
Phone: (415) - 824-8467 • Fax: (415) 282-0121  
Tony LesCallett, Principal  
www.saintphilipsschool.org  
Email: info@saintphilipsschool.org

**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) 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
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