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

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July 16, 2017  Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

What kind of soil are you?

“But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”
Matthew 13:23

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MASS TIMES
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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Jesus taught in parables, often from the natural world. Our sacraments use things that come to us from the natural realm, too. All can lead us to imagine God’s reign among us.

Dear Parishioners and Guests,

We have all had the experience of talking about something important to someone and having the sense that our words are falling on deaf ears. We might even exclaim, “Will you please listen to me?” We are saying that physically hearing the sounds of words and sentences is not satisfying to us. When we are saying something important to others, we want them to listen to our hearts, listen to our lives, listen to us. We want them to take us into themselves. Listening is a relational activity. It is an exchange of person with person. This gospel is challenging us to listen to the words of Jesus. It is challenging us to an exchange of person with Person.

Jesus tells a parable about sowing the seed-word, receptivity to the seed-word, and fruitfulness of the seed-word. He even explains to his disciples what the parable means. Ultimately, to bear fruit the seed-word must take root in rich soil. And we can take the parable and its interpretation one step further. The sower and seed is Jesus himself, the Word. The rich soil is our own hearts open to hearing and understanding that Word. Are our hearts open? Are we willing to listen to Jesus as a relational activity, exchanging person with Person?

Because Jesus’ word challenges us to conform ourselves more perfectly to him, we tend to close our hearts to listening to it and limit our response to living it. Yes, there is resistance to Jesus’ word and only he can overcome it. Jesus sows the seed-word and desires that his word be heard with the heart and lived (bear fruit).

“Such large crowds gathered around” Jesus. He is scattering “the word of the kingdom” far and wide. Yet, many “look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand.” These look for the wrong seed and its fruit. Jesus is the Sower who is sowing the seed of himself, the Word of God. Leave the sowing of the seed to God—God does so with abandon and produces abundance. Leave the listening with our hearts to each of us—which we must also do with abandon to produce abundance.
**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**  
*July 16, 2017*

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**PARISH SERVICES**

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**  
This Sacrament is for those who are elderly, seriously ill, or scheduled for surgery. Contact the Parish Office to schedule the anointing in Church or at home. If in hospital, or care facility, please request the Catholic Chaplain or a priest from the Parish in which the hospital or care facility is located, through the nursing station.

**BAPTISM**  
Parents wishing to baptize children should call the parish office to schedule the baptism and to schedule participation in our baptismal preparation program. Please call two months before you wish the baptism. Parents must make an appointment to attend the preparation session. Godparents may attend if they wish. These sessions normally take place the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The preparation maybe done before the birth of the child. Please call the Parish office at 415-282-0141 for more information.

**FAITH FORMATION**  
Sacramental preparation is a one year program here at St. Philips. First Reconciliation and First Communion are celebrated in the 2nd grade. However, we offer accommodations for those older. Classes are held in the chapel on Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. A copy of the child’s baptismal certificate will be required upon registration. Please call the Parish office for complete details. 415-282-0141

Our Confirmation Program is designed for those youth entering the 8th grade. These sessions begin in the fall. You must provide baptismal and First Eucharist certificates. To register call the Parish Office 415-282-0141

**R.C.I.A.**—Adults wishing to explore the Catholic faith are welcome to attend an Inquiry Session in the fall. Classes are held on Sundays frim 9:15-10:15 a.m.in the Resource Center building (the old convent). Call the Parish Office at 415-282-0141 for a registration form.

**HOMEBOUND MINISTRY**  
Call the Parish Office to arrange for visitation and the gift of Holy Communion from one of our Extraordinary Ministers for your friends and family members who are unable to attend Mass due to illness or hospitalization. This is a beautiful ministry which allows for the Church to reach out to those who are homebound and share faith and friendship.

**MARRIAGE**  
Couples are asked to call the Parish Office at least six months prior to their intended wedding date to schedule an appointment with the Pastoral Staff to begin their marriage preparation journey.

**RECONCILIATION**  
Saturdays 4:15—4:45 p.m. or by appointment

**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.

Patricia Crowley, Mow, Kain Chiu, Mary Crowley  
Laura Garcia, Mary Dekle, David Dickey  
Agnes Piva, Danica Linnemann, Dolores Martin  
John Bamber, Bill Matthews, Mary Leung  
Fred Jungmann, Leo Juarez, Gina Wood  
Marian Dickey

Those who have died, (Jimmy Spillane), brother of Margaret McAuliffe, (Ethel Marie Lagger) 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.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday—Friday  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
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Tuesday’s Choir Practice
Adults on Break
Children’s Choir - on Break

7/16 Basilica of the National Shrine Second Collection
7/23 AAA 2017 Second Collection
8/03 Senior/Rosary Group, 11:30 a.m., Hall #3
8/10 Last Summer Movie—12:00 Parish Hall

**St. Philip Parish**
**Annual Festival**
*A Noe Valley Tradition*

SAVE THE DATE

Sept. 23 & 24, 2017

Dinner on Friday
Sept. 22, 2017

**JULY STEWARDSHIP PRAYER**

Dear Lord,

Thank You for teaching me to be generous as You have been generous with me.

Thank You for showing me that all I am and have are gifts from You and that these gifts from you, Lord, are meant to be shared.

Show me the joys of generosity.

Help me to understand that others, perhaps unknown to me, depend on me for help.

Remind me that my world, my parish, needs “Good Samaritans” to heal the wounds of our times.

Make me a gift to others in Your name.

Amen

**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.massstimes.org](http://www.massstimes.org)

- Continue your stewardship support by using the online offertory giving platform. Sign up at [www.osvonlinegiving.com/4254](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4254)

**Family Connection**

Today’s Gospel reminds us that in order for God’s Word to take root in us and produce abundant fruit, we must endeavor to be like good soil. Families, in particular, hold the responsibility for “preparing the soil” so that the seeds of God’s Word can grow strong. There are many ways in which families do this—family traditions in which faith is celebrated, prayer and reading of Scripture, and instruction on the faith. In these ways, parents fulfill the promises they made at their child’s Baptism.

Gather together as a family and reflect together on the Sacrament of Baptism. Tell the story of the Baptism of each child, showing any pictures that were taken. If you have your child’s Baptism candle or gown, share these as well. Recall together that one of the promises that parents make at their child’s Baptism is to bring them up in the practice of our faith. Talk together about the importance of this promise to your family. Reflect together on the ways in which your family practices your faith (daily prayer, Mass attendance, religious instruction, etc.). Remind one another that we do these things as a family so that God’s Word can take root in our lives and produce abundant fruit.

**A SINGLE ACT OF LOVE MAKES THE SOUL RETURN TO LIFE.**

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

As of July 2, our current balance due is: $3,794.00

We are almost there. Please use the AAA brochures in the pews to make your donation for this campaign. We offer our thanks to the following supporters:

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Are you searching for answers?
- Trying to make sense of events in your life in the world?
- Looking for a deeper understanding of your current faith?
- Married a Catholic and trying to understand?

On your faith journey, have you
- Never been baptized?
- Baptized in another Christian church?
- Baptized Catholic, never received Eucharist?
- Baptized, received Eucharist but have not been confirmed?
- Left the church, but want to come home?
- Cradle Catholic confirmed, engaged, but looking for more?

If you identify with any of the above, or know of someone who does, come and explore the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) here at Saint Philip.

Sessions are held on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in our Resource Center starting mid September.

Interested parties please call the parish office 415-282-0141 for more information and a registration form.

GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION
Did you know that our parish school can earn cash by collecting General Mills Box Tops for Education?

That’s right and you can help in this easy fundraising effort over the summer too.

You may recognize the logo noted above on several products you purchase throughout the year. All you need to do is clip that little logo, collect several and turn them in to the school in August/September when school resumes again. It’s that easy. Start collecting!
July 22—Saint Mary Magdalene

Saint Mary Magdalene’s Story

Except for the mother of Jesus, few women are more honored in the Bible than Mary Magdalene. Yet she could well be the patron of the slandered, since there has been a persistent legend in the Church that she is the unnamed sinful woman who anointed the feet of Jesus in Luke 7:36-50.

Most Scripture scholars today point out that there is no scriptural basis for confusing the two women. Mary Magdalene, that is, “of Magdala,” was the one from whom Christ cast out “seven demons” (Luke 8:2)—an indication at the worst, of extreme demonic possession or possibly, severe illness.

Writing in the New Catholic Commentary, Father Wilfrid J. Harrington, O.P., says that “seven demons” “does not mean that Mary had lived an immoral life—a conclusion reached only by means of a mistaken identification with the anonymous woman of Luke 7:36.” In the Jerome Biblical Commentary, Father Edward Mally, S.J., agrees that she “is not…the same as the sinner of Luke 7:37, despite the later Western romantic tradition about her.”

Mary Magdalene was one of the many “who were assisting them [Jesus and the Twelve] out of their means.” She was one of those who stood by the cross of Jesus with his mother. And, of all the “official” witnesses who might have been chosen for the first awareness of the Resurrection, she was the one to whom that privilege was given. She is known as the “Apostle to the Apostles.”

Reflection

Mary Magdalene has been a victim of mistaken identity for almost 20 centuries. Yet she would no doubt insist that it makes no difference. We are all sinners in need of the saving power of God, whether our sins have been lurid or not. More importantly, we are all with her “ unofficial” witnesses of the Resurrection.

Our Sunday Children’s Liturgy of the Word is taking a hiatus for the summer. We will return again in September.

If you have available time and would like to share it with our school and parish youngsters and grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus, we would love to hear from you. Call the parish office at 415-282-0141.

Time commitment is on Sundays at 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. for First Communion Prep and Children’s Liturgy during the 10:30 a.m. Mass after the welcome till the Offertory.

Top Reasons to Get Involved

1. Your Baptism calls you to share in Jesus’ ministry.
2. Children, teens, and adults in today’s world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus.
3. Children, teens, and adults in today’s world, more than ever, need to encounter good role models of faith.
4. You have much to share with those you’ll teach, and you’ll have opportunities to share faith with other catechists.
5. Today’s catechetical resources offer outstanding support.
6. You’ll be challenged, you’ll have fun, and you’ll make new friends.
7. You’ll be helping people deepen their relationship with Jesus. (You’ll be evangelizing!)
8. You’ll be handing on a 2000-year-old Tradition that changes lives.

It’s our job: Jesus sent us to “go and teach all nations.”

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!
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

Online Giving

Going on vacation? Please use Online Giving to catch up on offertory. Go to www.saintphilipparish.org and click on the Online Giving link—it’s quick and easy! Your support during summer months helps sustain our parish.

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.

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.

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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…Sundays 9:15 a.m. (chapel)
Confirmation Instruction
Liturgy Committee
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
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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