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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August 13, 2017

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Lord, save me!”... “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

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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

ST. PHILIP PRE-SCHOOL
Phone: 415.282.0143

ST. PHILIP SCHOOL
Phone: 415.824.8467
Fax: 415.282.0121
August 6, 2017 Sunday Collection

Online giving

Total Collection
$2,157.00
$850.00
$3,007.00

We are sinceregrateful for your financial stewardship supporting our various parish needs.

A WORD OF THANKS

Dear Friends,
We received the following from Genevieve Elizondo the Archdiocesan Mission Director in response to your stewardship.

“We recently received your check of $1,148.00 comprising of the offerings of your parishioners in response to our Missionary Cooperation Plan 2017. We will in turn forward a check in the name of St. Philip the Apostle Church to The Assumptionists.

Be assured of our gratitude to you and your people for making this help possible to a needy Missionary cause. I hope that your parishioners in turn received a good picture of the progress of our Church in the developing countries.”
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

Those who have died, Henry Dominic “Bud” Fields, Jr. 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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

August 13, 2017

8/12 Saturday  
Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious  
8:00 a.m. † Mary Gallagher  
(by: The McAuliffe)  
5:00 p.m. † Robert “Bob” Killian  
(by: Candy Ashe)

8/13 Sunday  
St. Emydius, Bishop & Martyr Secondary Patron of the Archdiocese of San Francisco  
8:00 a.m. † G. B. & Giovanna De Martini  
(by: Corrado De Martini)  
10:30 a.m.  For the People of the Parish

8/14 Monday  
Saint Maximillian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr  
8:00 a.m. † Jimmy Spillane  
(by: The McAuliffe Family)

8/15 Tuesday  
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation  
8:00 a.m.  For the People of the Parish  
7:00 p.m. Jerry Spillane (Spl. Int.)

8/16 Wednesday  
Saint Stephen of Hungary  
8:00 a.m. † Rich Hancock  
(by: William & Anne Gray)

8/17 Thursday  
8:00 a.m. Ron Ramirez (Spl. Int.)  
(by: Sandra Kearney)

8/18 Friday  
8:00 a.m. † Mary Deegan  
(by: Hugh Considine)

8/19 Saturday  
Saint John Eudes, Priest  
8:00 a.m. † James Spillane  
(by: Marian Dickey)  
5:00 p.m. † Jimmy Spillane  
(by: Danny & Tom)

8/20 Sunday  
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00 a.m.  Pura Lippi  
(by: Aurora Mallari)  
10:30 a.m.  For the People of the Parish

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
415-282-0141  Fax: 415-282-8962  
www.saintphilipparish.org  
info@saintphilipparish.org
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.

**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).

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: “We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory.” The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary’s Assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God’s people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her Assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman’s victory.

Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ’s resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus’ life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary’s share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

**Reflection**

In the light of the Assumption of Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat (Luke 1:46–55) with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her savior. God has done marvels to her and she leads others to recognize God’s holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply revered her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness.
Companions in Ignatian Service

Companions in Ignatian Service and Spirituality (aka Ignatian Companions) is a unique program that engages women and men who have a desire to serve the marginalized in our communities while deepening their spiritual foundations. Ignatian Companions integrate their personal journey of faith with their own conviction to act for justice within local nonprofits. As an endorsed work of the Western Province of the Society of Jesus, our 10-month program meets once a month from September-June at three locations: (East Bay) Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley; (South Bay) Santa Clara University; (San Francisco) Ignatian Spiritual Life Center, St. Agnes Church.

We are currently accepting applications for the 2017-2018 program which begins with an opening retreat on Saturday, August 26th from 9am – 4pm at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose (43326 Mission Circle, Fremont). We welcome you to consider being a part of our amazing program. Applications are available at: http://www.ignatianspirituallifecenter.org/companionsapply.html

For more information contact:

Marco Matute, Program Coordinator
Ignatian Companions
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ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL - UPDATE
Let your light shine before all people...and glorify your Father in heaven." - Matthew 5:16

As of August 6, our outstanding balance due is: $239.00

Almost done! Please use the AAA brochures in the pews to make your donation so we can complete this obligation. We offer our thanks to the following donors.

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August—Month of the Immaculate Heart

Honoring Mary's Immaculate Heart is really just another way of honoring Mary as the person who was chosen to be the Mother of God, recognizing her extraordinary holiness and the immense love she bestowed on Jesus as his mother, the person who was called to share in and co-operate in his redemptive sufferings.

The aim of the devotion is to unite mankind to God through Mary's heart, and this process involves the ideas of consecration and reparation. A person is consecrated to Mary's Immaculate Heart as a way of being completely devoted to God.

Prayer to Our Lady

Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, we believe in your triumphant assumption into heaven where the angels and saints acclaim you as Queen. We join them in praising you and bless the Lord who raised you above all creatures. With them we offer you our devotion and love. We are confident that you watch over our daily efforts and needs, and we take comfort from the faith in the coming resurrection. We look to you, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. After this earthly life, show us Jesus, the blest fruit of your womb, O kind, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary. Amen
“I don’t know what’s going to become of you!” How many parents have said that? Maximilian Mary Kolbe’s reaction was, “I prayed very hard to Our Lady to tell me what would happen to me. She appeared, holding in her hands two crowns, one white, one red. She asked if I would like to have them—one was for purity, the other for martyrdom. I said, ‘I choose both.’ She smiled and disappeared.” After that he was not the same. He entered the minor seminary of the Conventual Franciscans in Lviv—then Poland, now Ukraine—near his birthplace, and at 16 became a novice. Though Maximilian later achieved doctorates in philosophy and theology, he was deeply interested in science, even drawing plans for rocket ships.

Ordained at 24, Maximilian saw religious indifference as the deadliest poison of the day. His mission was to combat it. He had already founded the Militia of the Immaculata, whose aim was to fight evil with the witness of the good life, prayer, work, and suffering. He dreamed of and then founded Knight of the Immaculata, a religious magazine under Mary’s protection to preach the Good News to all nations. For the work of publication he established a “City of the Immaculata”—Niepokalanow—which housed 700 of his Franciscan brothers. He later founded another one in Nagasaki, Japan. Both the Militia and the magazine ultimately reached the one-million mark in members and subscribers. His love of God was daily filtered through devotion to Mary.

In 1939, the Nazi panzers overran Poland with deadly speed. Niepokalanow was severely bombed. Kolbe and his friars were arrested, then released in less than three months, on the feast of the Immaculate Conception. In 1941, Fr. Kolbe was arrested again. The Nazis’ purpose was to liquidate the select ones, the leaders. The end came quickly, three months later in Auschwitz, after terrible beatings and humiliations. A prisoner had escaped. The commandant announced that 10 men would die. He relished walking along the ranks. “This one. That one.”

As they were being marched away to the starvation bunkers, Number 16670 dared to step from the line. “I would like to take that man’s place. He has a wife and children.” “Who are you?” “A priest.”

No name, no mention of fame. Silence. The commandant, dumbfounded, perhaps with a fleeting thought of history, kicked Sergeant Francis Gajowniczek out of line and ordered Fr. Kolbe to go with the nine. In the “block of death” they were ordered to strip naked, and their slow starvation began in darkness. But there was no screaming—the prisoners sang. By the eve of the Assumption, four were left alive. The jailer came to finish Kolbe off as he sat in a corner praying. He lifted his fleshless arm to receive the bite of the hypodermic needle. It was filled with carbolic acid. They burned his body with all the others. Fr. Kolbe was beatified in 1971 and canonized in 1982. 

Our Sunday Children’s Liturgy of the Word will return 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.

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!

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!
Are you planning a 2017 winter or 2018 spring 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.

PARISH RESOURCES

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Carlton White, Music Director

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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…..Sundays 9:15 a.m. (Lyons Rm)
Liturgy Committee
Parish Council
Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
RCIA (Adult Faith Instruction) Second & Third Thursday,
Saturday For Engaged Couples: 415-288-3866
11:30a.m., (Hall 3)
Rosary Makers
School Board
Young at Heart (Senior Club) Second & Third Thursday,
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.

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 5
Wednesday Alanon 7:00 p.m. Lyons