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

St. Philip the Apostle Church

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August 27, 2017

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church

JESUS SAID

I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH
MATTHEW 16:18

“This And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church.”

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Stephen Howell, Pastor
Rev. Brendan McBride, In residence
Irish Immigration Pastoral Center
Rio Stefanus, Finance/Business Manager
Carol Cagalingan, Bookkeeper
Sandra Kearney, Pastoral Associate
Tony LesCallet, School Principal
Rachel Williams, Pre-School Director

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

August 27, 2017—Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time

We live in a world filled with locks and keys, with all kinds of devise meant to keep others out. But prayer is a key we are given to open up our lives to God and to others.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

It’s such a seemingly simple question by Jesus: “But who do you say that I am?” The disciples still had so much to learn! So do we!

At first, in their response to Jesus’ questions about who he is, the disciples mention only prophets. This ought to be no surprise. This is how their contemporaries would interpret this itinerant Rabbi. Throughout their history prophets had guided the Jewish people in the ways of God. Prophets had called them back to covenantal fidelity. Prophets had warned the Jewish people about impending punishment when they strayed from God through being stiff-necked, elf-reliant, and unfaithful. How much more did the disciples have to learn about who Jesus is! They could not be prepared for the wholly new that Jesus is—the new Adam, the new Moses. They could not be prepared for the wholly new covenant Jesus was offering through who he was. They could not be prepared for the new church, the new beloved people they themselves would become.

Indeed, Jesus is a prophet, but so much more: he is “the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Nothing short of a revelation by the “heavenly Father” could make this known to Peter. Nothing short of a revelation by the community of believers who acknowledge Jesus as “the Christ” and remain ever faithful to his saving mission could continue to make this known even to our day. The church is a fluidity of persons cemented together by the common bond of faithfully living the mystery of who Christ is. And who we are in him.

This gospel challenges us to keep before our eyes an understanding of church as the community of believers who constantly make present the risen Christ. Jesus makes a vital connection between his self-identity and the reality of the church. The church rests in Jesus, derives from who he is and his ministry, and is built up only by our own participation in the identity of Jesus. The church is the Body of Christ made visible in the community of believers who carry forward Jesus’ saving mission. The church will prevail because Jesus’ saving mission will prevail to the end of time when all will be gathered back to the Father.

Jesus is doing a wonderful thing in this gospel—he is telling us that by being church we participate in his identity (as children of God) and his saving mission. Nothing will prevail against this church so long as we keep ourselves turned toward Jesus and remember that our own identity as members of the Body of Christ is bound up in who Jesus is: “The Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Living the Paschal Mystery

Church isn’t something we go to once a week, but it is an identity we share as members of the Body of Christ into which we were initiated at baptism. The disciples were “ordered” by Jesus to “tell no one that he was the Christ.” No, we are not to talk about the Christ, we are to be the Presence of Christ living as he did. We build up this Body, the church, any time we reach out to another in need and respond as Christ would. We build up this Body, the church, every time we gather as a liturgical assembly to give God praise and thanks. We build up the Body, the church, any time we forgive, offer an encouraging word, show mercy and compassion. In all these and many other ways we are not only building up the church, we are also witnessing to our identity as church—as the Presence of the risen Christ made visible in and through us. Such an identity we share!

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK
August 27, 2017

8/26 Saturday 8:00 a.m. † Ray Churton
(by: Candy Ashe)
5:00 p.m. Our Lady of Knock
(by: Margaret McAuliffe)

8/27 Sunday 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. † Robert Goodwin
(by: Bill & Steve Welch)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

8/28 Monday Saint Augustine of Hippo, Bishop & Doctor
of the Church
8:00 a.m. † Guy Salmas
(by: )

8/29 Tuesday The Passion of John the Baptist
8:00 a.m. † Kathleen Casement
(by: Mal & Mary Rogers)

8/30 Wednesday 8:00 a.m. † Timothy Goe
(by: Cynthia Torres)

8/31 Thursday 8:00 a.m. † Phyllis Fawsitt
(by: IIPC)

9/01 Friday 8:00 a.m. † Fred Cogley
(by: IIPC)

9/02 Saturday 8:00 a.m. † Mary Santana
(by: Rosa Pavone)
5:00 p.m. † Ann O’Donnell
(by: Wesley)

9/03 Sunday 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. † Giovanni & Eugenia DeMartini
(by: Corrado DeMartini)
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.

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

Those who have died, Mary Santana, 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.

For those preparing to receive the Sacrament of Marriage
Bryan Patrick Lynch & Megan Monica Tobin
May God’s prudence guide their lives and love for each other.

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.
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2017-2018 Faith Formation Classes
First Communion, Confirmation

**FIRST COMMUNION—REGISTRATION**

We are currently accepting applications for the 2017-2018 First Communion (2nd graders) for those who are not enrolled in our Parish School and wish to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion.

Classes will commence on Sunday, September 10th at 9:15 a.m. in the Church Chapel. Parents are required to attend an orientation meeting in the Parish Hall that morning 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

**CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION**

We are pleased to offer Confirmation Preparation Sessions for those students who attend the Public Unified School System.

Sessions will commence on Sunday, October 1 at 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. in the Lyons Room on campus. Students and parents are asked to attend the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday September 17, followed by a brief welcome meeting. Please contact the Parish office at 415-282-0141 for Registration and more detailed information. Baptismal certificate is required.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**Sept. 23 & 24, 2017**

**Dinner on Friday**

**Sept. 22, 2017**

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**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.
Seventh Annual Saint John Vianney Luncheon
Friday, September 29, 11:30 am
Saint Mary’s Cathedral, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco
sfarch.org/prflunch

This luncheon benefits the Priests Retirement Fund, which covers additional medical expenses not covered by insurance, assisted living, and nursing care for our retired priests. Since the first Luncheon in 2011, more than $1.5 million has been raised, providing critical financial assistance to our retired Priests. The Luncheon also provides all of us with the unique opportunity to come together and demonstrate our gratitude to these men for their life’s work and their unyielding devotion to all whom they serve. Attend the Luncheon, or donate directly to the Priests Retirement Fund. Information and registration are at the website, above.

AUGUST—MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART

Continued

Prayer of the Archdiocese of San Francisco to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, when you appeared in Fatima 100 years ago, you desired that the Church should take refuge in your Immaculate Heart as a means that leads to Jesus, who is the way to the Father. Heeding your call, we entrust ourselves, our families, and our Archdiocese to the care and protection of your Immaculate Heart.

As we prepare ourselves, through humble expressions of devotion, for the Consecration of our Archdiocese to your Immaculate Heart, inspire in us the longing to know, love, and follow your beloved son Jesus Christ.

We seek that you help us imitate your spirit of generosity in doing God’s will and your example of serving others selflessly so that, having found God’s abundant grace here on earth, we may one day be led to the everlasting joys in Heaven. Amen

We extend a warm and genuine “Welcome Back to School” and “Welcome new Students” for the 2017-2018 academic year.

We ask everyone to be extra cautious driving around the surrounding campus for our students safety. Thank you

Prayer of Blessing for our Students & Faculty

Eternal God, your wisdom is beyond our understanding. Yet it is revealed to us in the life and love of Jesus, your Son. Bless our students and teachers as they begin anew.

May they, like Jesus, grow in wisdom, age, and grace. Enlighten them with your Word and fill them with your Spirit that they may follow the path that leads to your wisdom.

Bless our teachers with compassion and patience, joy and peace, and bless, too, all who assist them. May students and teachers alike be charged with curiosity and courage to make this world a home where hope endures. Open their eyes that they may see your presence each day, open their ears that they may hear your voice in unexpected places, open their minds that they may understand the mystery of your love, and open their hearts that they may grow in likeness to the mind and heart of Christ.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Seek Comfort in Prayer Together

At the Rachel Mourning Shrine.
Remembering our babies who died before, at, or after birth.
We hold these children gently in our hearts
and pray for all those who mourn for them.
“For I will turn their mourning into joy.”
Jeremiah 31:13

Mass and Healing Liturgy
in memory of our Little Ones

Sponsored by The Archdiocesan Project Rachel Ministry and Holy Cross Cemetery

Saturday, September 16, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.
Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, principal celebrant
Holy Cross Old Mausoleum, Holy Cross Cemetery ca 1500 Mission Road ca Colma, CA
Parents, family and the community are welcome to a gathering and light luncheon.
For further information, please contact the Respect Life Program at 650-641-3370
or Project Rachel Ministry at 650-777-6428
To reach the Old Mausoleum, please enter by the Main Gate at Holy Cross Cemetery,
1500 Mission Road, Colma. Signs will be posted to direct you.
A Christian at 33, a priest at 36, a bishop at 41: Many people are familiar with the biographical sketch of Augustine of Hippo, sinner turned saint. But really to get to know the man is a rewarding experience.

There quickly surfaces the intensity with which he lived his life, whether his path led away from or toward God. The tears of his mother, the instructions of Ambrose and, most of all, God himself speaking to him in the Scriptures, redirected Augustine’s love of life to a life of love.

Having been so deeply immersed in creature-pride of life in his early days and having drunk deeply of its bitter dregs, it is not surprising that Augustine should have turned, with a holy fierceness, against the many demon-thrusts rampant in his day. His times were truly decadent: politically, socially, morally. He was both feared and loved, like the Master. The perennial criticism leveled against him: a fundamental rigorism.

In his day, Augustine providentially fulfilled the office of prophet. Like Jeremiah and other greats, he was hard-pressed but could not keep quiet. “I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it” (Jeremiah 20:9).

Jeanne Jugan

Born in northern France during the French Revolution—a time when congregations of women and men religious were being suppressed by the national government, Jeanne would eventually be highly praised in the French academy for her community’s compassionate care of elderly poor people.

When Jeanne was three and a half years old, her father, a fisherman, was lost at sea. Her widowed mother was hard pressed to raise her eight children alone; four died young. At the age of 15 or 16, Jeanne became a kitchen maid for a family that not only cared for its own members, but also served poor, elderly people nearby. Ten years later, Jeanne became a nurse at the hospital in Le Rosais. Soon thereafter, she joined a third order group founded by Saint John Eudes.

After six years she became a servant and friend of a woman she met through the third order. They prayed, visited the poor, and taught catechism to children. After her friend’s death, Jeanne and two other women continued a similar life in the city of Saint-Sevran. In 1839, they brought in their first permanent guest. They began an association, received more members, and more guests. Mère Marie of the Cross, as Jeanne was now known, founded six more houses for the elderly by the end of 1849, all staffed by members of her association—the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Abbé Le Pailleur, a chaplain, had prevented Jeanne’s reelection as superior in 1843; nine years later, he had her assigned to duties within the congregation, but would not allow her to be recognized as its founder. In 1890, the Holy See removed him from office.

By the time Pope Leo XIII gave her final approval to the community’s constitutions in 1879, there were 2,400 Little Sisters of the Poor. Jeanne died later that same year, on August 30. Her cause was introduced in Rome in 1970. She was beatified in 1982, and canonized in 2009.

In San Francisco, the Little Sisters of the Poor operate St. Anne’s Home for the aged on Lake Street.
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 Archdiocesan 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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**PARISH RESOURCES**

**PARISH OFFICE**
- Rio Stefanus, Financial/Business Manager
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- Carol Cagalingan, Bookkeeper
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- Sandy Kearney, Pastoral Associate
  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 LesCallet, Principal
- www.saintphilipschool.org
- Email: info@saintphilipschool.org

**PRE-SCHOOL**
- (415) 282-0143
- www.saintphilippreschool.org
- Ms. Rachel Williams, Director
- Email: preschoolinfo@saintphilipparish.org

**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, 11:30a.m., (Hall 3)

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Please contact the rectory at (415) 282-0141

As a service to the community, we sponsor the following:

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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.