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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September 17, 2017 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“\textbf{The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.}”

\textbf{PASTORAL STAFF}

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

\textbf{MASS TIMES}

\begin{tabular}{ll}
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) \\
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\textbf{DEVOTIONS}

Rosary - Monday - Saturday after 8:00 a.m. Mass  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass

\textbf{ST. PHILIP PRE-SCHOOL}  
Phone: 415.282.0143

\textbf{ST. PHILIP SCHOOL}  
Phone: 415.824.8467  
Fax: 415.282.0121
September 17, 2017—Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

We think of extending forgiveness is an act of giving a gift to another person. But we also receive a gift when we forgive others.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

One of the first prayers many of us learn as small children is the Our Father. We pray it every time we participate at Mass. We pray it every time we say the rosary. But like so many things that are repetitious, we can recite this beautiful prayer taught us by Jesus himself by route, not really thinking about the words we pray and the relationships they imply. The gospel this Sunday is a kind of commentary on one part of the Our Father: “and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors (Matt 6:12), but it is a commentary with a twist. In the Our Father God’s forgiveness of us is contingent on our forgiving others. In the gospel parable, the servant has already been forgiven his debt to this mater, which makes his hard and unforgiving heart toward “one of his fellow servants who owed him a much small amount” even that much more reprehensible.

Life in the church demands that we forgive one another not only because it is the compassionate thing to do, but because this is how God acts and expects us to act. It belongs to the very “being” of God to forgive; if we are of God, then it is also of our very “being” to forgive. The key to understanding this is that we are in relationship both with God and with each other. By forgiving we choose not to let any offense that has happened between us control how we continue to relate to one another. By forgiving we repair the damage to the relationship and restore dignity both to the forgiver and to the forgiven. This is why counting how many times we forgive—even to the seven that Peter suggests at the beginning of the gospel—misses the point. Jesus’ response to Peter is a way of reminding us that God forgives us countless times, and this is the motivation for forgiving each other equally countless times. Our “heavenly Father” has shown us the way—forgive one another “from [the] heart.”

Jesus tells a striking parable in this gospel about two instances of forgiveness of debts—one lavishly given, the other miserly withheld. We can learn how to bring freshness to our praying of the Our Father from this parable. The implication made in the parable is that God acts like the extravagant king. But not so. God’s forgiveness of us is always even beyond extravagance, even beyond measure. We measure; God does not. As infinite as God’s forgiveness is, to receive it is not without a substantial condition. We are to forgive one another as God forgives—from the heart, “seventy-seven times.” Only forgiveness that comes from the heart is immeasurable. Let us pray the Our Father with great fervor!

FOR REFLECTION:

- What benefit has releasing hurt and pain given you?
- What has holding on to them done in the long run?

PRAYER

Loving God,
Your kindness and mercy are often beyond belief. Help me to remember them in ways that lead me to treat others the way you treat me, so that your forgiving touch might bring healing to me, and through me, to others.

Amen

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We are sincerely grateful for your financial stewardship supporting our various parish needs.
Thank you also for supporting the Gulf Coast Emergency Collection as the need is urgent.

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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.

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

Those who have died, Terrence Hanley, 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
September 17, 2017

9/16 Saturday  Saints Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
8:00 a.m.
(by:)
5:00 p.m. † Bruno Piva
(by: Agnes Piva)

9/17 Sunday  23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Aurora Mallari (Special Intention)
(by: The Hussey Family)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

9/18 Monday  8:00 a.m. † Jimmy Spillane
(by: The Del Carlo Family)

9/19 Tuesday  Saint Januarius, Bishop & Martyr
8:00 a.m. † Patrick & Grace Maughan
(by: Maughan Family Trust)

9/20 Wednesday  Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs
8:00 a.m. † Jerry Spillane
(by: The Del Carlo Family)

9/21 Thursday  Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
8:00 a.m. † Jimmy & Jerry Spillane
(by: The L.A.O.H. #3)

9/22 Friday  8:00 a.m. † Arthur McGuigan
(by: Helen McGuigan)

9/23 Saturday  Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (Padre Pio)
8:00 a.m. † Percival Scales
(by: Karl & Blanch Greutert)
5:00 p.m. † Antonio & Celestina DeNegri
(by: Agnes Piva)

9/24 Sunday  25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. † Robert Goodwin
(by: Bill & Steve Welch)
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 may be 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 PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUND SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This weekend, our parish is taking up a special collection to support our retired priests. It will help ensure the Priests Retirement Fund stays healthy and hearty and continues to provide minimal monthly pensions as well as health insurance to our retired priests.

Please show your gratitude to those priests who have cared for and ministered to you by prayerfully reflecting on how you can best help support our priests' retirement with a gift to the Priests Retirement fund special collection.

2017 PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUND SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Friends and neighbors of our Tri-City Parish are invited to participate in the 2017 Priests Retirement Fund Second Collection this weekend, September 17 and 18, during Mass.

We offer our Congratulations and abundant blessings to Bryan Patrick Lynch, (St. Philip Alum) and Megan Monica Tobin as they received the Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, September 9, 2017.

On the Horizon
St. Philip’s Social Out Reach Ministry

SF-Marin Food Bank needs our help again, Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. More details to follow at a later date. Call the Parish office if interested.
September 5, 2017

Most Rev. Salvatore J. Cordileone
Archbishop of San Francisco

Statement on the termination of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA)

For the last five years, nearly 800,000 people brought to this country as children and living, working and attending school here, but lacking proper documentation, have been able go about their lives feeling protected from deportation due to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival program (DACA). Now, with the rescinding of DACA, they once again have cause to fear being taken away from their families, their way of life, and, often, the only country they’ve ever known. President Trump had promised “to take care of everybody.” That is America at its best: a nation that welcomes immigrants, affording them the opportunity to attain the “American dream” while they in turn give back to the society that has welcomed them. Now these “Dreamers” face the risk of that dream being destroyed, with our country being deprived of their contributions.

Of course, while providing welcomed relief, DACA never was a permanent fix; that can only be accomplished by an act of Congress. The one silver lining in this very dark cloud, then, is the six-month window of opportunity for the Department of Homeland Security to work with Congress to pass federal legislation that will provide a permanent solution for those who are contributing to our country but forced to live in the shadows, including those affected by DACA. It is more urgent now than ever that Congress act on behalf of millions of our friends, neighbors, co-workers and relatives who find themselves in this situation, enabling them to keep their families together and to continue to build their lives as our fellow Americans, just as every generation of immigrants has before.

In the meantime, we in the Catholic community pledge to continue standing with our immigrant brothers and sisters, assisting them in exercising their rights and assuring them that they are not alone. I ask all people of good faith to join me keeping all vulnerable immigrants in our thoughts and prayers, extending to them our loving presence and visible solidarity.

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Tuesday, September 19—Saint Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

Little is known about the life of Januarius. He is believed to have been martyred in the Emperor Diocletian’s persecution of 305. Legend has it that Januarius and his companions were thrown to the bears in the amphitheater of Pozzuoli, but the animals failed to attack them. They were then beheaded, and Januarius’ blood ultimately brought to Naples.

“A dark mass that half fills a hermetically sealed four-inch glass container, and is preserved in a double reliquary in the Naples cathedral as the blood of St. Januarius, liquefies 18 times during the year…Various experiments have been applied, but the phenomenon eludes natural explanation…” [From the Catholic Encyclopedia]

Thursday, September 21—Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

Matthew was a Jew who worked for the occupying Roman forces, collecting taxes from other Jews. The Romans were not scrupulous about what the “tax farmers” got for themselves. Hence the latter, known as “publicans,” were generally hated as traitors by their fellow Jews. The Pharisees lumped them with “sinners” (see Matthew 9:11-13). So it was shocking to them to hear Jesus call such a man to be one of his intimate followers.

Matthew got Jesus in further trouble by having a sort of going-away party at his house. The Gospel tells us that many tax collectors and “those known as sinners” came to the dinner. The Pharisees were still more badly shocked. What business did the supposedly great teacher have associating with such immoral people? Jesus’ answer was, “Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ I did not come to call the righteous but sinners” (Matthew 9:12b-13). Jesus is not setting aside ritual and worship; he is saying that loving others is even more important.

No other particular incidents about Matthew are found in the New Testament.

Are you interested in donating items for our upcoming Festival?

Parishioners who don’t have children in our school can certainly join in the fun and donate items which will be eye-catching at the various booths.

Simply look over the list below and feel free to drop them off at the rectory office. We will make sure it gets to the proper booth chairs.

Thank you for your continued support and don’t forget to come and enjoy this fun-filled day!

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<td>Cosmetics, DVDs, purses, gift cards, jewelry, sunglasses, photo frames, photo albums, etc.</td>
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<td>Board games, puzzles, playing cards, mechanical puzzles, dice, travel size games, poker chips, etc.</td>
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<td>Lego, trucks, dolls, Soft toys, Superheros, Pokemon, Thomas the train, Racing cars, remote controlled vehicles, gift cards for toy stores such as Target or Walgreens</td>
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<td>Candy</td>
<td>M&amp;Ms, Snickers, Butterfingers, Hershey’s, Nestle Crunch, Skittles, Reesees, Twix, Push Pops, Ring Pops, Starburst, Fun Dip, Nerds, Pixie Sticks</td>
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Our Sunday Children’s Liturgy

Once again we are pleased to offer Sunday Children’s Liturgy for the youngsters in our community ages 4—6 during the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

The children are invited to step into the chapel before the first reading, where volunteer parents read and reflect on the daily readings in a way that is easy to understand for the children and work together on an interactive activity that is related to the day's gospel. The Children's Liturgy of the Word is facilitated by parent volunteers who have taken the Shield the Vulnerable compliance as well. Parents do not need to accompany their child/children, but are most welcomed!
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Carlton White, Music Director

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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.

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 RESOURCES

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 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)
CCD Confirmation Instruction
Liturgy Committee
Parish Council
Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
RCIA (Adult Faith Instruction) Second & Third Thursday,
Rosary Makers 11:30 a.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