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 24, 2017  Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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
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ST. PHILIP SCHOOL
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Fax: 415.282.0121
GOSPEL REFLECTION

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

We can’t buy our way into the kingdom of heaven—we must work our way into it! The “work” we must do is active waiting while we remain open to God’s call, and responding generously whenever and wherever that call comes. In this Sunday’s gospel a most generous landowner is sensitive to the plight of others as he hires day laborers for his vineyard. Presumably at dawn when he went out to hire laborers, he would have hired what he thought he needed for the day. But he goes out four other times of the day, and hires laborers because they were “standing idle.” In God’s kingdom there is no cause for idleness, no limit on “wages,” and no reason to regard waiting as an unproductive effort.

The workers, like the landowner, are persistent. Instead of giving up and going home, they remain in the marketplace seemingly “standing idle.” Actually their idleness was not simply doing nothing—theirs was an active waiting; these workers persistently remain ready and willing to work. Of such is the “kingdom of heaven.” The “Kingdom of heaven” consists of those who persist in awaiting God’s recurring call, and who respond willing no matter what hour the call comes. The last are first not because of the number of hours they work, but because of their openness to God’s call no matter when it comes and their faithful response. The “kingdom of heaven” subsists in persistent openness, active waiting, and faithful response. The laborers’ wage is beyond monetary expectation—it is salvation.

In this gospel parable the landowner’s behavior is remarkable in two ways: his care for idle workers not able to put their skills and energy to good use, and his manner of paying wages. His behavior describes aptly the kingdom of heaven: God calls each of us to use whatever our gifts are to advance the growth of the kingdom of God; God “pays” us not in dollars and cents, but with the free gift of salvation which is immeasurable, unlimited, endless, and overflowing. Yes, in God’s kingdom there is no cause for idleness, no limit on “wages,” and no reason to regard waiting as an unproductive effort.

Reflection Prayer

Your ways are not my ways, O God, although I must admit that at times I wish they were.

Help me seek to live your ways when I most resist them, so that entitlement can become gratitude and envy can be replaced with affirmation.

Amen

Have you ever felt entitled or envious? What has it gained you?

How have gratitude and seeking God’s ways transformed you?

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Sometimes God seems to act unfairly, but it is really God’s generous justice in action. Perhaps having a bit more of God’s generous nature would help us all be more just.
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 Crowley
Agnes Piva  Marian Dickey  Dolores Martin
John Bambrer  Bill Matthews  Mary Leung
Fred Jungmann  Leo Juarez  Gina Wood
Jean Ramirez  Chloe Smith  Michael Brust
Geneva Kissane

Those who have died, 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 24, 2017

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

9/25 Monday  8:00 a.m. † Mike Ashe
(by: Candy Ashe)

9/26 Tuesday  Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs
8:00 a.m. † Christine O’Hare Cunningham
(by: The Del Carlo Family)

9/27 Wednesday  Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest
8:00 a.m. † Christine O’Hare Cunningham
(by: The Parr Family)

9/28 Thursday  Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr;
Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
8:00 a.m. Pura Lippi (Special Intention)
(by: Aurora Mallari)

9/29 Friday  Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels
8:00 a.m. †
(by: )

9/30 Saturday  Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
8:00 a.m.
(by: )
5:00 p.m. † Mary Smith
(by: The Robinson Family)

10/01 Sunday  26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Albania Deon (B-day)
(by: Mama & Papa)
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. For 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 from 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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We are sincerely grateful for your financial stewardship supporting our various parish needs.

Thank you also for supporting the Priest’s Retirement Second Collection. Your generosity will assist our Senior Priests who have served so faithfully.

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Second Collection—Priest’s Retirement Fund $925.00

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**2017-2018 Faith Formation Classes**

**First Communion, Confirmation**

**FIRST COMMUNION**—Classes have begun

It’s not too late to join in!

Classes for 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 meet on Sundays, at 9:15 a.m. in the Church Chapel. **If you missed the early registration date Please contact the Parish office for assistance.**

**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.

Please contact the **Parish office at 415-282-0141** for Registration and more detailed information. Baptismal certificate is required.

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**Tuesday’s Choir Practice**

Adults: 7:30 p.m., Church  
Children’s Choir - 4:00 p.m., Parish Hall

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**Calendar of Events**

- **9/24** School Second Collection in lieu of AAA
- **9/25** No School—Festival Clean up Day
- **10/1** Sports Mass, 10:30 a.m. Hospital Follows the Mass
- **10/1** Faith Formation Confirmation Session 9:15 a.m., Lyons Room on Campus
- **10/4** 3rd Grade Class Mass, 8:45, Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi
- **10/8** Parish Hospitality following the 10:30 a.m. Mass
- **10/8** School Second Collection
- **10/9** Parish Office Closed—Columbus Day Holiday

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**It’s finally here!**

Be sure to visit the various booths and enjoy the games of chance, play bingo, and don’t forget to sample the variety of food and drink available during this fun-filled event.

**Hours: Saturday & Sunday 10AM to 6:00 PM!**

St. Philip Parish

Annual Festival

A Noe Valley Tradition

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It is with great joy that we welcome the following children into our Catholic Community as they received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during the month of August, 2017:

- Donnacha Anthony Grant
- Anthony Michael Sabella
- Ciaran Thomas McGarry
- Esme Arrieta Shih
- Michael Francis Duffy

For those who are newly baptized, may God always be present to them and may they continue to grow in “age, wisdom and grace.”
The Consecration of the Archdiocese of San Francisco to

The Immaculate Heart of Mary
at the San Francisco Rosary Rally

Saturday, October 7, 2017
Saint Mary’s Cathedral • San Francisco

9:00AM  Rosary – Gathering and Rosary (Joyful Mysteries)

10:00AM  Mass – Celebrated by Archbishop Cordileone
St. Mary’s Cathedral. 1111 Gough Street and Geary Blvd. in San Francisco

11:30AM  Procession and Consecration – Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Be a witness to this historic occasion during the Centennial Anniversary of Our Lady’s Apparition at Fatima. The procession will be followed by the Consecration of the Archdiocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Archbishop Cordileone and will end with Benediction.

SFArch.org/IHM      RosaryRallySF.com      (415) 272–5837
Mosaic TV Show on Fatima, Rosary, and Consecration

Sunday, October 1, 5:00-5:30 am
KPIX television Channel 5, CBS Bay Area
sfarch.org/mosaictv

The latest episode of Mosaic airs on KPIX Channel 5 on Sunday, October 1 (5:00–5:30 am).

The show will later be posted for viewing permanently on the archdiocesan website. On this Mosaic, two of the staff at Star of the Sea Parish, Fr. Joseph Illo, Parochial Administrator, and Claire Herrick, Director of Evangelization and Education, discuss the triple Marian event coming up on the morning of October 7: Our Rosary Rally, our celebration of the centenary of Our Lady of Fatima, and the consecration of the archdiocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

PREPARING FOR THE CONSECRATION OF THE ARCHDIOCESE TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Archbishop Cordileone on Catholic Radio

Part 1: September 23, 3:00 pm; & September 25, 9:00 pm
Part 2: September 30, 3:00 pm; & October 2, 9:00 pm
Immaculate Heart Radio, 1260 AM, San Francisco
ihradio.com/shows/bay-area-catholic

Archbishop Cordileone talks with Bay Area Catholic host Ed Horodko about the unique event for which the archdiocese has been preparing since March: a Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on October 7.

What is a consecration, why are we doing it, what is its lasting importance, how should people prepare, and how do we as Catholics live out this new relationship with Mary, the Mother of God? Bay Area Catholic is a long-running, weekly radio hour for Catholics and everyone curious about the Catholic perspective.

EWTN to Broadcast Sept. 23 Beatification of Fr. Stanley Rother, First American-Born Martyr

Comcast Channel 229
AT&T U-verse TV Channel 562

Father Rother is one of many priests, sisters and lay people from the then Diocese of Oklahoma City and Tulsa who responded to now Pope St. John XXIII’s call for missionaries in South and Central America. While his path to the priesthood wasn’t easy, he made it through Mount St. Mary’s and, after a few parish assignments, Father Rother signed himself up for a mission in southwest Guatemala.

Father Rother loved his work, however, during his 13 years at the mission, the political situation became more and more dire. A catechist he knew well was kidnapped, tortured and killed. Priests with whom he worked were assaulted and some were killed.

Father Rother eventually found himself on a death list. He returned home for a bit to visit his family and to pray about whether the Lord wanted him to remain in Guatemala.

Most Rev. Harry J. Flynn, D.D., Former Rector, Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, said Father Rother told him, “If I stay there and speak, I will be deported or killed.” However, after much prayer, Father Rother would tell the Rector: “I know what I must do.”

Father Rother returned to the mission where he was killed in the early morning hours of July 28, 1981 by two shots to the head.

In making his decision to return to Guatemala, Father Rother said: “A Shepherd should be with his people,” and “We are ordained not for ourselves. We are ordained for God’s people and we become the servants of God’s people.”

On the Horizon

St. Philip’s Social Outreach 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.

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.

Remembering the feast of our Archangels.

Michael Gabriel Raphael Sept 29
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 to 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.