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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St. Philip the Apostle Church
October 8, 2017  Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

‘I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.’

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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
Phone: 415.824.8467  Fax: 415.282.0121
Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

We expect promises to be kept. We expect contracts to be fulfilled. We expect directions to be followed. Despite our expectations, however; deep down we know there is not guarantee that our expectations of integrity, doing what is right, being reliable will be met. How true this was for the landowner in this Sunday’s gospel parable who leases his vineyard to tenants. He presumed that the tenants would fulfill their half of the agreement. How wrong he was! The landowner carefully planned for his vineyard; the tenants carefully planned how they could seize what did not belong to them. Oh, how misguided some planning can be! How misguided and deadly some decisions and actions can be!

Jesus tells a parable about a landowner who carefully plants, protects and equips his vineyard, and about tenants who take progressively more violent steps to usurp what is not theirs. With these words Jesus issues judgment against the chief priests and elders to whom he directs the parable in no uncertain terms: “the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.” Indeed, the kingdom of god will be taken from anyone who acts egregiously against the norms of righteousness. The chief priests and elders. Even us. It will be given to those who remain faithful to the Son, the Cornerstone. Anyone.

As a metaphor for the kingdom of heaven, it is obvious that the vineyard belongs solely and exclusively to God: God owns it, builds it, does all that is necessary to protect it. We are the laborers invited into the kingdom to tend the divine vineyard, to produce an abundance of fruit. Ironically, the vineyard which the wicked tenants attempt to gain by violence is freely given to those of us who will work faithfully to produce its fruit. We are those new tenants who produce fruit because we surrender our self-will to God and accept Jesus as the One who shows the way. By so doing we gain everything. Apart from Jesus we tenants can do nothing on our own, but with Jesus as our Cornerstone we can do anything that is expected of us.

Reflection Prayer

Generous God,

You have gifted us in many ways. How can we thank You?

When envy, jealousy, or the wish for more blinds us to the gifts we have, heal us. Help us appreciate what you have given to us and affirm the gifts that you give to our sisters and brothers.

Amen

Have you ever felt entitled? How did that affect you?

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Reflection Prayer

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There are two possible outlooks on most things in life: gratitude or entitlement. Viewing life gratefully helps us to live thankful lives, and avoid greed or jealousy.

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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 Michael Brust
Jean Ramirez Chloe Smith Geneva Kissane
Father Paul Rossi

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.

CLASSIFIED 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 or already in high school. 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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We are sincerely grateful for your financial stewardship supporting our various parish needs.

| October 1, 2017 Collection | $2,615.00
| Online giving              | 755.00
| Total Collection           | $3,370.00
| Second Collection          | $614.00

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

10/8 Parish Hospitality following the 10:30 a.m. Mass
10/8 School Second Collection
10/9 Parish Office Closed—Columbus Day Holiday
10/10 Transitional Kindergarten & Kindergarten Open House, 6:30 p.m., School
10/12 Seniors Gathering & Movie—11:30 a.m., Parish Hall
10/14 Sock Drive for those in need begins!
10/22 World Mission Sunday Collection
10/28 Ministry Training for Eucharistic Ministers 9:00 a.m. & Lectors 10:15 a.m., Church

Called to Serve

Once again we will be offering training for Lectors and Extra-Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers.

If you are interested in any of these two ministries, join us on:

Saturday - October 28, 2017
Location: Church
- 9:00-10:00 a.m.—Eucharistic Ministers
- 10:15—11:15—Lectors

Please call: 415-282-0141 to reserve your spot so we can have adequate materials on hand. Lector training will having an opportunity to practice at the ambo.

Respect Life: St. Francis and St. Claire
Together they changed the world!
Parish School News

Saint Philip the Apostle

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE & FAITH

Please join us for

TK & Kindergarten Open House

Tuesday, October 10th or
Tuesday, November 14th at 6:30pm

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All Families Welcome!

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- School Hours: 7:50 am - 3:00 pm
- Drop-in Extended Care
- After-School Enrichment Programs
- TK-8 Curriculum: Spanish, Technology, Sports, Music & Art
- Preschool Conveniently Located On-Campus

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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!

Why is October the Month of the Rosary?

October 7th is the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, sometimes referred to as the Feast of the Holy Rosary. The day was dedicated by St. Pius V who credited a victory over the invading Turks to the intercession of Mary through the rosary. Pope Benedict XVI described the image of Our Lady of the Rosary in a 2007 Angelus: Following is an excerpt of his Angelus talk.

BENEDICT XVI
ANGELUS
St. Peter's Square
Sunday, 7 October 2007

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

“...The traditional image of Our Lady of the Rosary portrays Mary who with one arm supports the Child Jesus and with the other is offering the rosary beads to St Dominic. This important iconography shows that the Rosary is a means given by the Virgin to contemplate Jesus and, in meditating on his life, to love him and follow him ever more faithfully. It is this message that Our Lady has also bequeathed to us in her various apparitions. I am thinking in particular of the apparition in Fatima that occurred 90 years ago. Presenting herself as "Our Lady of the Rosary", she insistently recommended the daily recitation of the Rosary to the three little shepherd children, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco, in order to obtain the end of the war. Let us also accept the Virgin's motherly request, pledging to recite the Rosary with faith for peace in families, nations and throughout world.”

As Archbishop Cordileone announced previously, 2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions and this weekend the Archdiocese of San Francisco will be consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in conjunction with the Annual Rosary Rally.

We understand that not all will be attending the rally, however, know that we have placed rosaries and pamphlets on a table by the Mary Statue on the left side of the sanctuary for your use during the October month of the Rosary. Also, you are welcome to join in reciting the rosary as a group following the 8AM Mass on Sunday or on Tuesday mornings following the 8AM Mass as well. We offer our thanks to our own Rosary Making Ministry in providing these handmade rosaries for your use.

The Pope Asks Young People to Take a Survey

The Pope is requesting your feedback. A survey for young people 16 to 29 years old is online on a special website. The Synod of Bishops that will meet in October 2018 has this for its theme: “Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment.” Young people from around the world are urged to help the Church prepare for the Synod by taking this survey. Pope Francis says, “The Church also wishes to listen to your voice, your sensitivities and your faith; even your doubts and your criticism… Make your voice heard.” The survey is online at: https://survey-synod2018.glauco.it/limesurvey/index.php/147718

Surveys should be completed by November 30, 2017.
Sock Drive for the Needy
For those on the street, feet matter.

Isabel Erskine, one of our students from our parish school has brought to our attention the need for socks among those on the street and shelters.

St. Anthony’s Foundation is seeking 10,000 pairs of socks yearly for those on the street. Access to shoes and socks is often limited for homeless men and women living in shelters and on the street. Blisters and infections are common conditions that can lead to more severe health issues.

Isabel is asking for our help with this plight. Here’s something we can do to show we care.

Donate new socks through our sock drive starting October 16 through October 29. Collection bins will be available at the school foyer and church. New, white athletic socks or outdoor socks are in great demand.

Let’s see just how many pairs we can gather for our brothers and sisters on the streets of San Francisco.

St. Philip’s Social Out Reach Ministry

SF-Marin Food Bank needs our help again as volunteers. Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Anyone aged 9+ is welcomed for this time slot.

This will be St. Philip’s third year returning to the food bank. Call the Parish office to sign up. 415-282-0141

Parish Census

As in previous years our ushers will discreetly work they way up and down the church aisles at all the weekend Vigil and Sunday Masses during the month of October taking a census count.

These statistics are used to help the Church strategize how best we can use our resources to ensure the faithfully are properly served. Come and be counted!

Come browse & shop the fall Scholastic Book Fair in the Parish Hall Sunday, October 8th

This Sunday is the last day of the book Fair. Come and browse your last minute picks during hospitality following the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Hope to see you there!

It’s Time for the Annual October Census Count

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)
CCD Confirmation Instruction
Liturgy Committee
Parish Council
Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Sunday 9:15 (Resource Center)
RCIA (Adult Faith Instruction) Second & Third Thursday, 11:30 a.m., (Hall 3)
Rosary Makers
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 5
Wednesday Alanon 7:00 p.m. Lyons
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