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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October 15, 2017   Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Invitation

“Many are invited, but few are chosen.”

PASTORAL STAFF
Rev. Stephen Howell, Pastor
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   Irish Immigration Pastoral Center
Rio Stefanus, Finance/Business Manager
Mary Dante, 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
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Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

What child can refuse a dare? Maybe a few. A double-dare? Even fewer. A triple-dog-dare? None. Often a great deal of bravado accompanies a dare, but by the time the goading gets to a triple-dog-dare, there can be no backing down. For the third Sunday in a row Jesus seems to be purposely goading “the chief priests and elders of the people” into angry retaliation for his words of judgment. Jesus is relentless in the message of these parables because of what is at stake: living in the “kingdom of heaven,” receiving a judgment for fullness of Life, sharing in the divine wedding feast. Actually, Jesus is purposely goading all of us—not to angry retaliation in response to his judgment, but to change our lives so that we might embrace Life itself. “Many are invited.” Only those who respond appropriately “are chosen.” Our very Life depends on it.

Jesus issues each of us a triple-dog-dare. This dare we cannot refuse. We are to embrace conversion of life and choose to believe in him and come to his wedding feast. We are all invited guests. Sometimes, though, we do refuse the invitation like those in the parable invited to the wedding feast of the King’s son. Despite Jesus’ goading, we sometime refuse the dare and say no to the invitation.

The scandal of the refusal of our King’s invitation indicates why sin (the refused invitation is a metaphor for sin) is so damaging (both the sin of those to whom Jesus is speaking in the gospel and our own sin). We, too, are invited to God’s feast because we share a special, loving, covenantal relationship with God. Sin is our refusal to share in God’s feast and Life, and this refusal damages our own relationship with God as well as each other. A refused invitation is not simply a missed opportunity for a fine banquet. A refused invitation is a weakening in the relationship between host and guest. Like the wedding feast the king puts on for his son, God’s banquet will be served, too, and places are reserved for us. Will we come? Will we accept the divine triple-dog-dare to live in such a way that one day we will share in the fullness of Life God offers and sit forever at the eternal wedding banquet of love?

**Praying with the Word**

Provident God, you set a feast rich in love, mercy, and presence every day. Open my eyes to your feast. Help me clothe myself with gratitude and generosity as I come to your table. Teach me how to feed others with your healing balm.
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 Crowley
Agnes Piva Marian Dickey Dolores Martin
John Bamber Bill Matthews Michael Brust
Fred Jungmann Leo Juarez Geneva Kissane
Jean Ramirez Chloe Smith 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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK
October 15, 2017

10/14 Saturday  Saint Callistus I, Pope & Martyr
8:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m. † Giuseppe Augustine & Adile DeMartini
(by: Corrado DeMartini)

10/15 Sunday  28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Evelyn Morris
(by: Candy Ashe)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

10/16 Monday  Saint Hedwig, Religious,
Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
8:00 a.m. † Bernard Murphy
(by: Phyllis Murphy)

10/17 Tuesday  Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr
8:00 a.m. † Patrick & Grace Maughan
(by: Maughan Family Trust)

10/18 Wednesday  Saint Luke, Evangelist
8:00 a.m. † Domingo Quiambao
(by: Milla Schneider)

10/19 Thursday  Saints John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests
8:00 a.m. † William Peter Griffin
(by: Conal Pederson)

10/20 Friday  Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest
8:00 a.m. † Pat McCaffrey
(by: Candy Ashe)

10/21 Saturday  8:00 a.m.  Communion Service
5:00 p.m. † Seamus Robinson
(by: The Robinson Family)

10/22 Sunday  29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. † Billy Mummert
(by: Kim Anderson & Family)
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 baptism 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.

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

10/14 Sock Drive for those in need begins!
10/19 Senior/Rosary Makers Mtg., 11:30 a.m., Hall #3
10/22 10:30 a.m., 4th Grade 1 Mass, Hospitality following the Mass
10/22 World Mission Sunday Collection
10/28 Ministry Training for Eucharistic Ministers 9:00 a.m. & Lectors 10:15 a.m., Church
10/29 Parish Hospitality following the 10:30 a.m. Mass
11/01 All Saints Day, Holy Day of Obligation, Masses at 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. (School Mass at 9:00 a.m.)
11/02 All Souls Day, Masses at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Once again we will be offering training for Lectors and Extra-Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers at St. Philip’s Church

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 include having an opportunity to practice at the ambo with the microphone.

What: Partake in stimulating conversations, delectable food and refreshments with new and familiar friends at a Dine with Me Dinner this October.

Why: Proceeds to benefit our parish school’s fiber optic cable installation, targeting December timeframe, while protecting the school’s reserves which paid for the recent mandated seismic upgrade.

How: Decide if you wish to be a **host or guest**.

**Hosts sign-up** to provide a meal at home for their invited guests (friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers, alumni) any convenient date between October 14 and 28. Guests come with an appetite and a $50 donation in hand.

**Sign up at:**
http://www.saintphilipschool.org/dine-with-me.html

**Saint Philip the Apostle**

**TK & Kindergarten Open House**
Tuesday, October 10th or Tuesday, November 14th at 6:30 pm

**Now Accepting Applications for TK thru 8th Grade**
All Families Welcome!
Call 415-824-8467 for tour info

- 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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The Mother-Daughter Programs are designed to help you and your daughter explore God’s special gift of human fertility together. Help her see the beauty and wonder of God’s plan for growing up as a young girl or teenager and becoming a woman.

The 2 Programs cover similar subject matter while differing in depth and scope. All presentations are pure, light-hearted and affirming!

For more details: sfarch.org/MD or email: HopfnerE@SFArch.org

Saturday, November 4, 2017
Tweens (10*-12) 9am-12:30pm | Teens (13-16) 1pm-5:00pm
St Bartholomew Church, 600 Columbia Dr, San Mateo

* Girls younger than 10 who are already developing and showing signs of puberty are also welcome to attend.

Register today at: sfarch.org/MD
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!

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.

Luke wrote one of the major portions of the New Testament, a two-volume work comprising the third Gospel and Acts of the Apostles. In the two books he shows the parallel between the life of Christ and that of the Church. He is the only Gentile Christian among the Gospel writers. Tradition holds him to be a native of Antioch, and Paul calls him “our beloved physician.” His Gospel was probably written between 70 and 85 A.D.

Luke appears in Acts during Paul’s second journey, remains at Philippi for several years until Paul returns from his third journey, accompanies Paul to Jerusalem, and remains near him when he is imprisoned in Caesarea. During these two years, Luke had time to seek information and interview persons who had known Jesus. He accompanied Paul on the dangerous journey to Rome where he was a faithful companion.

Luke’s unique character may best be seen by the emphases of his Gospel, which has been given a number of subtitles:

1) The Gospel of Mercy
2) The Gospel of Universal Salvation
3) The Gospel of the Poor
4) The Gospel of Absolute Renunciation
5) The Gospel of Prayer and the Holy Spirit
6) The Gospel of Joy

Born in northern Italy in 1694, Paul Daneo lived at a time when many regarded Jesus as a great moral teacher but no more. After a brief time as a soldier, he turned to solitary prayer, developing a devotion to Christ’s passion. Paul saw in the Lord’s passion a demonstration of God’s love for all people. In turn that devotion nurtured his compassion and supported a preaching ministry that touched the hearts of many listeners. He was known as one of the most popular preachers of his day, both for his words and for his generous acts of mercy.

In 1720, Paul founded the Congregation of the Passion, whose members combined devotion to Christ’s passion with preaching to the poor, and rigorous penances. Known as the Passionists, they add a fourth vow to the traditional three of poverty, chastity, and obedience, to spread the memory of Christ’s passion among the faithful. Paul was elected superior general of the Congregation in 1747, spending the remainder of his life in Rome.

Paul of the Cross died in 1775, and was canonized in 1867. Over 2000 of his letters and several of his short writings have survived.
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

It’s Time for the Annual October Census Count
As in previous years our ushers will discreetly work their 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!

GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION
Did you know that our parish school can earn cash by collecting General Mills Box Tops for Education?

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 or rectory office. It’s that easy.

Watch for those logos on various baking item goods as you start your holiday baking goodies!

PARISH RESOURCES

PARISH OFFICE
Rio Stefanus, Financial/Business Manager
Email: rio.stefanus@saintphilipparish.org
Mary Dante, Bookkeeper
Email: mary.dante@saintphilipparish.org
Sandy Kearney, Pastoral Associate
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MUSIC MINISTRY
Carlton White, Music Director

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Ms. Rachel Williams, 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)
RCIA (Adult Faith Instruction) Sunday 9:15 (Resource Center)
Rosary Makers Second & Third Thursday,
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 Al anon 7:00 p.m. Lyons