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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November 5, 2017       31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Being a Humble Servant

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Sandra Kearney, Pastoral Associate
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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
Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

This Sunday’s gospel is the source for the familiar adage, “practice what you preach.” Over the centuries since Matthew’s gospel recorded these words of Jesus who is berating the scribes and Pharisees because “they preach but they do not practice,” other sayings have crept into our language that address the same issue. For example, we might be admonished to walk the talk; or we might hear it spoken that actions speak louder than words; or we might recall the words attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, preach the gospel but use words only when needed; or we might quote another passage from Scripture capturing the same idea, “by their fruits you will know them.” No doubt a web search would produce other similar and very familiar sayings. The sheer number of them suggests that maybe we have a bit of a problem with our words and actions being consistent with each other. Like the scribes and Pharisees we too sometimes say things but do the opposite. The real issue here is integrity. Honesty in living and relating to others means that our whole selves—words and actions, body and soul—are united by hearts turned toward God.

This gospel is saying that turning our hearts toward God who is to be central in our lives is a matter of doing works out of love for God and others, and acting with the integrity of Jesus. Our words and deeds—our word-behaviors—must reveal our ultimate word-behavior: that we are disciples of Jesus, the servant of others. To be humble servant is simply living in right relationship with God and others. This means that we never forget our first and most important title, which is not to be teacher or master, but to be humble servant. This means that we practice what we preach. And what we preach is Jesus, who is humble servant now exalted.

In very clear terms Jesus condemns the scribes and Pharisees for the way they act. They don’t practice what they preach and they relish titles but do not live up to the demands these titles place upon them. Both these ways of acting reveal a corrupted disposition toward God and God’s people. Then Jesus admonishes the crowd and the disciples to focus on him and him alone as the true teacher and master. He is true Teacher and Master in showing us how to be servant of all: he humbled himself. For this, he is exalted by his Father. How he is truly reveals who he is. How we are reveals us to be…

FOR REFLECTION:

♦ How do your deeds match your words of faith?
♦ To whom do you easily offer service and to whom to you begrudge it?

LIVING THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

All our lives we grapple with lining up words with deeds. Gradually on our life journey we discover that our proper “seat” is in the place of the servant and our true “place of honor” is at God’s table where all are equals. When we have this clear in our own minds, then words and deeds are not in opposition, but witness to integrity of self consistent with being followers of Jesus.

The new life we might experience by such servant-living takes the form of others respecting us not because of a title or words we speak, but because of the genuine goodness of who we are and what we do. Rather than lay heavy burdens on others, we reach out to help them carry their life load. Rather than putting symbols of prestige or taking places of honor, we spend ourselves for the least fortunate among us. Being humble servant means we place ourselves at the service of others, recognizing all as our brothers and sisters in Christ.
**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.

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Those who have died, the deceased of our parish and especially those who have no one to pray for them.

**John Dwyer**

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**

**November 5, 2017**

11/04 Saturday  
Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop  
8:00 a.m. † Bob Crowley  
(by: Sandy Crowley)  
5:00 p.m. † Bob Schroer  
(by: Mary Schroer)

11/05 Sunday  
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00 a.m. The People of the Parish  
10:30 a.m. For the Deceased Pastors of St. Philip the Apostle Parish  

11/06 Monday  
8:00 a.m. † Rosalba DeMartini  
(by: Corrado DeMartini)

11/07 Tuesday  
8:00 a.m. † Patrick & Grace Maughan  
(by: The Maughan Family Trust)

11/08 Wednesday  
8:00 a.m. † Peter & Joan Griffin  
(by: The Pederson Family)

11/09 Thursday  
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
8:00 a.m. † Nora & Jeremiah Crowley  
(by: Sandy Crowley)

11/10 Friday  
Saint Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church  
8:00 a.m. † Mary Leung  
(by: Mary Tom)

11/11 Saturday  
Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop  
8:00 a.m. † Berthy, Hildi & Paul Schneider  
(by: Mila Schneider)  
5:00 p.m. † Eddie, John & Ellen McSweeney  
(by: The Hunt Family)

11/12 Sunday  
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00 a.m. † Mary Leung  
(by: Mary Tom)  
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

**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 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 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.  
415-282-0141  Fax: 415-282-8962  
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**2018 Mass Intentions**

Our 2018 Mass Book has arrived and open for taking Mass intentions. Please drop by the Parish office to reserve your desired Masses between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
We are sincerely grateful for your financial stewardship supporting our various parish needs.

October 29, 2017 Collection

- **Online giving**: $2,400.00
- **Total Collection**: $2,995.00
- **Second Collection Fire Relief**: $2,604.00

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 welcome for this time slot. We have 40 slots to fill.

This will be St. Philip’s third year returning to the food bank. Call the Parish office to sign up. 415-282-0141 or send an email to: sandy.kearney@saintphilipparish.org

UPDATE: Sock Drive for the Needy

*For those on the street, feet matter.*

THANK YOU!!

As many of you know, the socks that we originally collected in church were stolen. Despite suffering this loss, we were able to exceed our targeted goal of 1,050 pairs of socks due to your great generosity.

We offer our sincere thanks to our parish and school community for joining forces in supporting this social out-reach event. Thank you Isabel Erskine for all our hard work and for bringing this need to our attention.

Tuesday’s Choir Practice

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

11/05 Hospitality following the 10:30 a.m. Mass
11/07 Liturgy Committee Mtg, 6:30 p.m., Rectory
11/07 Baptismal Prep Session, 7:00 p.m., Rectory
11/08 School Consultative Board Mtg, 6:30 p.m.
11/08 Cub Scout Meeting, Parish Hall, 6:00 p.m.
11/09 Rosary Makers Mtg, 11:30 a.m., Hall #3, All are welcome
11/10 Friday School Veteran's Day Observed—Closed

We extend our Congratulations and blessings to **Brian Alan Polk & Shauna Danielle Leaf-Markham** (St. Philip Alum) for receiving the Sacrament of Marriage on October 18, 2017.

*“Through water and the word you have become a child of God and sealed as Christ’s own forever.”*

We welcome **Roxanne Rouge** into our Catholic Faith Community as she received the Sacrament of Baptism on September 30, 2017.

CELEBRATING OUR SACRAMENTS
PTA EVENT- Save The Date!

Mom’s Night Out
Sip, Shop, and Socialize!

This is a great way for our moms to come together, meet those that are outside your own grade(s) and build community. The timing is just right to get some holiday shopping done from our “maker” moms (jewelry, lipsticks, aprons, handbags, beauty services, etc).

Date: Thursday, November 16th
Time: 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Location: Parish Hall

On-site drawings will include delicious wines, hand selected by our PTA Co-chair, Tony Connell.

What to Bring?
Food to share ~ If your last name begins with A-P, please bring an hors d’ourves.
If your last name begins with Q-Z, please bring a dessert.
Beverage ~ BYOB
**PTA will provide non-alcoholic beverages.

RSVP: Please RSVP and you’ll be automatically entered into a drawing for a Jo Malone gift set (Nectarine Blossom & Honey Body Gel and Creme)!

St. Mary’s Medical Center Auxiliary
Annual Holiday Boutique
November 7 & 8, 2017

St. Mary’s Medical Center Auxiliary will be holding its annual (and FINAL) Holiday Boutique in the main lobby of St. Mary’s Hospital, San Francisco, Tuesday, November 7 and Wednesday, November 8.

Tuesday hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A raffle and silent auction will be held with many lovely prizes.

Start your Christmas shopping early by joining us for this event. All proceeds will go to upgrade the Emergency Department Waiting Room to enable visibility by Medical and Security Staff. This project will provide a safer environment with more privacy and comfortable space for all physically and emotionally distressed patients.

Further information can be obtained from the Volunteer Office (415-750-5646).

“National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country November 5-11, 2017.

Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God’s gift of a vocation.”

St. Patrick’s Seminary & University
Second Collection
November 4 & 5, 2017

Our second collection this weekend benefits St. Patrick’s Seminary located in Menlo Park, CA. Your funds will go toward the formation of future priests who are responding to their call from God to enter religious life and become effective pastors to lead parishes in the future and proclaim the Word of God.
**GETTING TO KNOW OUR SAINTS**

**NOVEMBER 11—SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP**

A conscientious objector who wanted to be a monk; a monk who was maneuvered into being a bishop; a bishop who fought paganism as well as pleaded for mercy to heretics—such was Martin of Tours, one of the most popular of saints and one of the first not to be a martyr.

Born of pagan parents in what is now Hungary, and raised in Italy, this son of a veteran was forced at the age of 15 to serve in the army. Martin became a Christian catechumen and was baptized when he was 18. It was said that he lived more like a monk than a soldier. At 23, he refused a war bonus and told his commander: “I have served you as a soldier; now let me serve Christ. Give the bounty to those who are going to fight. But I am a soldier of Christ and it is not lawful for me to fight.” After great difficulties, he was discharged and went to be a disciple of Hilary of Poitiers.

He was ordained an exorcist and worked with great zeal against the Arians. Martin became a monk, living first at Milan and later on a small island. When Hilary was restored to his see following his exile, Martin returned to France and established what may have been the first French monastery near Poitiers. He lived there for 10 years, forming his disciples and preaching throughout the countryside.

The people of Tours demanded that he become their bishop. Martin was drawn to that city by a ruse—the need of a sick person—and was brought to the church, where he reluctantly allowed himself to be consecrated bishop. Some of the consecrating bishops thought his rumpled appearance and unkept hair indicated that he was not dignified enough for the office.

Along with Saint Ambrose, Martin rejected Bishop Ithacius’s principle of putting heretics to death—as well as the intrusion of the emperor into such matters. He prevailed upon the emperor to spare the life of the heretic Priscillian. For his efforts, Martin was accused of the same heresy, and Priscillian was executed after all. Martin then pleaded for a cessation of the persecution of Priscillian’s followers in Spain. He still felt he could cooperate with Ithacius in other areas, but afterwards his conscience troubled him about this decision.

As death approached, Martin’s followers begged him not to leave them. He prayed, “Lord, if your people still need me, I do not refuse the work. Your will be done.”

**Reflection**

Martin’s worry about cooperation with evil reminds us that almost nothing is either all black or all white. The saints are not creatures of another world: They face the same perplexing decisions that we do. Any decision of conscience always involves some risk. If we choose to go north, we may never know what would have happened had we gone east, west, or south. A hyper-cautious withdrawal from all perplexing situations is not the virtue of prudence; it is in fact, a bad decision, for “not to decide is to decide.”

**ICA Cristo Rey Academy**

ICA Cristo Rey Academy, a Cristo Rey School in the Dominican Tradition, is an all-girls, college-preparatory Catholic High School located at 24th and Guerrero Streets in San Francisco.

- Our family contribution request is $2,900 a year! (for a quality college prep education) thanks to our unique work-study program.
- 100% of our students are accepted into college (82% to 4-year Universities).

All interested 7th & 8th grade girls and their parents are asked to call ICA at 415-963-3202 for more information or visit our website at: www.icacademy.org.

**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!

**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.

**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.
**PARISH RESOURCES**

**PARISH OFFICE**
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**MUSIC MINISTRY**
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 Sundays 9:15 a.m. (Lyons Rm)  
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)
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**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

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**FOR YOUR MARRIAGE**

Archdioceses Approved Marriage Preparation Programs

Online Marriage Prep  
http://www.catholicmarriageprep.com
Engaged Encounter: www.sfcee.org  
Marriage for Life: www.marriageforlifesf.com  
Engaging the Heart www.vallombrosa.org

Saturday For Engaged Couples: 415-288-3866

Interested in having your child Baptized at Saint Philip the Apostle Church?
Please call the parish office at 415.282.0141 to reserve your spot for any upcoming Tuesday evening preparation session and schedule a date for the baptism.

**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.

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**Are you planning a 2018 spring wedding?**
If so, now is the time to contact the church’s rectory office and discuss your plans with our pastoral staff 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

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