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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December 17, 2017   “Gaudete” Third Sunday of Advent

Rejoice in the Lord always, again
I say Rejoice!

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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
Christmas is coming<
The Church is glad to sing
And let the Advent Candles
Brightly burn in a ring.

The third is for the Baptist,
who cried, 'Prepare the way.
Be ready for Jesus,
both this and every day.'

Herald of Light
O God of Justice,
you called the prophet John the Baptist,
to prepare the way for the coming of your Son.
John's message of repentance led others to
embrace you.
Grant your servants ears to hear his cry in
the desert of their hearts
so that, transformed by love,
we, too, may turn and embrace you.

Fill us, O God, with the Spirit of courage
and strengthen our will to be heralds
of the Light.
Make us fervent in our prayer
and direct us to bring glad tidings to the poor
so that, on that final day,
we may be found holy and blameless
in your sight
as we rejoice in the gift of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, December 17, 2017
Glad Tidings

turning point in the season of Advent. After two weeks of
contemplating the end-time and Christ's Second Coming, the
Church invites us to rejoice in Christ our Savior. We are filled
with joy because we know that the coming of Christ is the
coming of our salvation. Like Mary, we rejoice because God's
love overflows into the world and takes root in our hearts.

Today's response, taken from the Magnificat, is Mary's
great song of praise and puts her words of praise on our lips.
Imagine the joy she must have experienced. When has
Christ filled you with joy? When we ponder the Incarnation,
how can we not be filled with joy? Jesus is the Anointed One
who brings Good News to the poor and frees the enslaved.
Everything that God has promised to his people is revealed
in Jesus and continues today to be revealed in his Church.

Even though this Sunday is joy filled, we cannot forget
that many have lost hope and that they find themselves on the
margins. Jesus calls us to carry the cross and be heralds of the
Good News to the poor and brokenhearted. It is not always
easy, but this is the work of all the baptized.
MASSES FOR THE WEEK  
December 17, 2017

12/16 Saturday  
8:00 a.m. † Lucille Taft  
(by: Anne Holman)  
5:00 p.m. † Lisa Hyland  
(by: Kim Anderson and Family)

12/17 Sunday  
Third Sunday of Advent  
8:00 a.m. Mila Schneider (Special Intentions)  
(by: Erin Stroub)

12/18 Monday  
8:00 a.m. † Ida Carrillo  
(by: Tom & Danny)

12/19 Tuesday  
8:00 a.m. † Margaret Moloney  
(by: Mairead & Anthony Stack)

12/20 Wednesday  
8:00 a.m. † Margaret Moloney  
(by: Cal-Cade Construction)

12/21 Thursday  
Saint Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church  
8:00 a.m. † Theresa & Ernst Schneider  
(by: Mila Schneider)

12/22 Friday  
8:00 a.m. Marian Dickey (Special Intention)  
(by: Carolee Lubin)

12/23 Saturday  
Saint John of Kanty, Priest  
8:00 a.m. † Roger, Cecilia, Thomas, Michael, William and Margaret Furey  
(by: Helen Furey)  
5:00 p.m. † Nerio Plondaya, Jr.  
(by: Plondaya Family)

12/24 Sunday  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
8:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish  
Christmas  
4:00 p.m. Intentions of the Celebrant  
8:00 p.m. - Intentions of the Celebrant

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  
Michael Brust
Fred Jungmann  
Leo Juarez  
Corrado DeMartini
Ron 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.

We are sincerely grateful for your financial stewardship supporting our various parish needs.

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Rejoice in Christ…

Living the Paschal Mystery

When we see how John gave testimony to Jesus we recognize him as a model for ourselves. John is not the center of attention. When he receives attention he deflects it to Jesus. John will not even claim the title of prophet. He is merely a pointer to Jesus. After accomplishing his role John recedes into the background so that the one who is already in their midst might be made more fully known.

For Reflection:
Where do we find Jesus in our midst? Are we pointing to that reality, and testifying to it? Once having done so, do we then recede into the background?

Advent Challenge
Each night this week we want to pause in gratitude. Whatever the day has brought, no matter how busy it has been, we can stop, before we fall asleep, to give thanks for a little more light, a little more freedom to walk by that light, in joy.

Our celebration of the coming of our Savior in history, is opening us up to experience his coming to us this year, and preparing us to await his coming in Glory.

We await your coming. Come, O Lord.

Meeting & Events

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Parking will be available in the school parking lot.

Come and join in some fun, merriment, good cheer with old friends and new friends.

Popcorn and Refreshments will be made available too.

RSVP at 415-282-0141

Save the Date

Thursday, December 28th at 12:00 noon

Annual Christmas Movie! Parish Hall FREE
Our week begins with “Gaudete Sunday.” Gaudete means “rejoice” in Latin. It comes from the first word of the Entrance antiphon on Sunday. The spirit of joy that begins this week comes from the words of Paul, “The Lord is near.” This joyful spirit is marked by the third candle of our Advent wreath, which is rose colored, and the rose colored vestments often used at the Eucharist.

The second part of Advent begins on December 17th each year. For the last eight days before Christmas, the plan of the readings changes. The first readings are still from the prophecies, but now the gospels are from the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke. We read the stories of faithful women and men who prepared the way for our salvation. We enter into the story of how Jesus' life began. These stories are filled with hints of what his life will mean for us. Faith and generosity overcome impossibility. Poverty and persecution reveal glory.

We prepare this week by feeling the joy. We move through this week feeling a part of the waiting world that rejoices because our longing has prepared us to believe the reign of God is close at hand. And so we consciously ask:

Prepare our hearts
and remove the sadness
that hinders us from feeling
the joy and hope
which his presence
will bestow.

This is our last week for our Giving Tree.

If you haven’t had a chance to participate the last few weeks, you still have time. The tree is adorned with gift tags with gift items that will be delivered to The Riley Center Women's Shelter, St. Vincent de Paul, Holy Family Day Home, Casa de Las Madres and St. Joseph’s Family Center. Toys of course are always welcomed too!

You have been most generous in the past expressing your love of neighbor through your efforts and brought relief and smiles to many families.

We ask that you place your unwrapped gift under the “Giving Tree” located by the Mary Statue by Monday, December 18th to allow us time to deliver and sort the items.

If you would like to volunteer to sort and or deliver gifts, do call the Parish Office at 415-282-0141.

In general gifts for infants, toddlers, teens, adults & seniors are needed.

Sharing the Joy of Christmas
2017

Traveling during the Christmas Season?
Visit: www.masstimes.org to find a local catholic church near your travel destinations. It really works!
Year end Tax Contributions

This is the time of year when you may be reflecting on catching up on your charitable contributions for the 2017 tax year.

If you plan to add Saint Philip to your list, please make sure your donation is dated by December 31, 2017 in order to receive credit for 2017. As always, year-end tax contribution letters are available to you by request.

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.

You are Making a Difference!

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!

Request your Mass Intention

Those who wish to have Masses offered during 2018 for friends and family members, our 2018 Mass Intention Book is now open for reservations.

Offering a Mass for a dearly departed one or special intention for birthday/anniversary remembrance is a wonderful and thoughtful gift to present.

Masses can add comfort for those physically or emotionally ill and in need of healing prayers.

Stop by the parish office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to make your request.

A card will be printed at your request.

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 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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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 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,
11:30a.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

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

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◦ 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.
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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

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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