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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March 25, 2018     Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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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

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Dear Parishioners and Guests,

How quickly praise can turn to derision. We see it in business, politics, even with friends and family: One minute somebody is singing praises, the next it’s insults and scorn. The gospel readings display that very juxtaposition today. We come into church singing “Hosanna!” and fifteen minutes later we cry, “Crucify him!”

The people wanted an earthly king to shake off Roman occupation and achieve political independence. But how quickly they turned on Jesus when they realized that he would not fulfill their plans. God had something else in store.

As Jesus did not meet the expectations of the crowd, or even his disciples, they turned and fled. One disciple ran so fast he ran out of his clothes (Mark 14:51-52)! Peter, of course, denied he even knew Jesus. The crowd chose to have an insurrectionist released to them rather than Jesus. By the time Jesus was on the cross the only remaining friends were some women and Joseph of Arimathea, though it seems Jesus wouldn’t have known about Joseph’s act of courage. The women were said to have ministered to him and followed him when he was in Galilee. Though the women lacked the “disciple” title, they were clearly his followers, offering a ministry of presence up to and during his death and subsequent burial. They stand in contrast to the behavior of the “real” disciples (those who bear the name) who denied Jesus, or simply fled the scene.

The entire passion narrative in Mark shows the confusion, bewilderment, and misunderstanding that punctuated the horrific scene of Jesus’ crucifixion. The crowds believe Jesus is calling for Elijah, the chief priests and scribes mock Jesus as one who cannot save himself, Pilate acquiesces to the crowd’s demands and participates in a miscarriage of justice. The centurion alone (a Gentile) is the only one to face the crucified after death and proclaim faith in him. Peter (a Jew) confessed Jesus as Christ (Mark 8:29) and now the centurion (a Gentile) confesses Jesus as Son of God, only after his death. To be the Christ, the Son of God, necessarily means suffering and death. To have come down from the cross would have been to deny Jesus’ own identity as Christ and Son of God. Rather than a political military leader commanding armies in a revolution, Jesus is the crucified Son of God, Messiah. God’s plans are not our own.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Today some of the most poignant themes of human life come into clear central focus: the feeling of being praised and honored, fear, anxiety, betrayal, despair, doubt, uncertainty, trust, hope, sadness, separation, suffering, death, determination, and courage. These are the emotions and realities that every human being wrestles with often. Jesus, the Son of God, encounters them all. As we journey through life, we have to confront the existential meaning of each of these things. How do they fit into the bigger picture? Jesus shows us most clearly that even those things we fear the most lose their power when we discover that we are being led to new life. Suffering is redemptive. Sin and death give way to grace and life and God’s unconditional love conquers all. May we see in Jesus’ Way of the Cross the path of truth we all must follow.
MASSES FOR THE WEEK
March 25, 2018

3/24 Saturday 8:00 a.m. Special Intentions
(by: Anonymous)
5:00 p.m. † Regina DiSerio
(by: Tom DiSerio)

3/25 Sunday
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
8:00 a.m. Aurora Mallari (Spl Intention)
(by: The Hussey, Kern & Mallari families)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

3/26 Monday 8:00 a.m. † Bob Crowley
(by: Sandy Crowley)

3/27 Tuesday 8:00 a.m. † Grace & Patrick Maughan
(by: Maughan Family Trust)

3/28 Wednesday 8:00 a.m. Special Intention
(by: Mary Tom)

3/29 Thursday
Holy Thursday
No 8:00 a.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. - Mass of the Lord’s Supper

3/30 Friday
Friday of the Passion of the Lord
12:00 noon—Meditation
1:00 p.m. - Liturgy Service
7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

3/31 Saturday
Holy Saturday
There is no 8:00 a.m. Mass
Easter Vigil
8:00 p.m. Intention of the Celebrant

4/01 Sunday
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

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
Jana Atlas Monsignor Father Juan Manuel Lopez
James Tarantino

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.

Due to early Easter Season Printing schedules our offerings for March 18 will be reported in a future bulletin.

LENTEN FAST & ABSTINENCE REGULATIONS
Everyone 14 years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday, March 30

FAST: Everyone 18 years of age and older but under the age of 60 is also bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
On these two days, the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a priest assigned to pastoral ministry or confessor should be consulted. In the spirit of penance, the faithful should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.
Thank YOU

Once again dear friends we offer our sincere gratitude for supporting the Gubbio Project by your donating various toiletry items for our brothers and sisters who live in the streets of our City. While toothpaste, soap, combs etc., can appear to be insignificant items, they are hardly that. You have offered a sense of dignity and care to those who think they have been forgotten due to their life circumstances. With our help, the works of St. Boniface Church who partner with the Gubbio Project can continue to extend their services for those in great need.

Thank you again for participating in this Lenten Almsgiving Community Project.

If you would like to actively participate in the Holy Thursday feet washing ritual at the 7:00 p.m. Mass, on March 29th, please call the Parish Office at 415-282-0141 so we can add your name to the volunteer list. This is a beautiful ceremony depicting Christ’s love and humility calling us to do the same for each other.

“Love one another as I have loved you” John 15:12

Holy Week Services

Holy Thursday, March 29
Soup Supper - 6:00 p.m., Parish Hall
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.
Adoration to 9:00 p.m.

Good Friday, March 30
Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Noon - Private Meditation
1:00 p.m. - Liturgy of Good Friday
7:00 p.m. - Service of Tenebrae

Holy Saturday - March 31
(No 8:00 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. Mass)
Easter Vigil Mass - 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday - April 1
The Resurrection of the Lord
8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses
Christ is Risen!
Yes! Truly He is Risen!

GOOD FRIDAY EVENING TENEBRAE!
AS YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY COMES TO A CLOSE, JOIN US FOR
TENEBRAE—the LITURGY OF SHADOWS
GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2018
7:00 P.M., CHURCH

Tenebrae is a meditation on Christ’s suffering. Readings trace the story of Christ’s passion, and the power of silence and darkness suggests the drama of this momentous day. We ponder the depth of Christ’s suffering through mounting darkness; through the return of the small but persistent flame of the Christ candle at the conclusion of the service, we anticipate the joy of ultimate victory. Resurrection Sunday, Easter!

THIS WEEK’S ACTION ITEM
Growing Deeper in Faith with the Passion Narrative

This week, take up today’s Gospel again. Look carefully at the Passion narrative and sit with it in silence. Find yourself in the story and ponder its meaning for your own life. Journey with Jesus to the foot of the Cross so that you too may say, along with the faithful centurion, “truly this man was the Son of God!”
Reflecting on the Triduum

Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil

These three days are the backbone of our faith. We commemorate and celebrate the paschal mystery par excellence. Jesus’ Last Supper, betrayal, suffering, death, and ultimate resurrection are the featured acts in these most holy of days. Indeed there is so much to commemorate we cannot do it in only one day, or even two. This triad of days reaches into the depths of our existence with such elemental symbols as fire, water, light, darkness, and, of course, bread and wine.

We let these symbols speak to us on an existential level. As we stand outside the church building, gathered around a fire before the Easter Vigil, we are reminded of our ancestors in faith, and perhaps even the ancestors in the evolution of our species who gathered around fires for 700,000 years seeking warmth, light, companionship, safety, and food. These images and symbols have new meaning because of Christ, who becomes for us warmth, light, companionship, safety, and even food.

We begin our Triduum with the celebration of Holy Thursday, combining the Passover meal of the Synoptics with the washing of the feet in John’s gospel. Jesus gave us a prime example of service in washing the feet of his disciples, and in becoming the bread and wine shared by them. The master who serves is a radical departure from ancient or even modern models of power. This is not merely “servant-leadership” but a Master who literally serves, and not merely dinner, or serving at table, but much more than that. The Master is performing the menial task of washing another’s feet. What CEO today cleans up after a lowly subordinate? Or washes a subordinate’s dishes? But the example Jesus gives is much more profound than that. The act of washing another’s feet is personal, tactile, and lowly. If Jesus acts this way, how are we to act?

Then we learn this act of service is only a precursor to a paramount act of self-denial when Jesus is crucified. Liturgically, this is commemorated not with a Mass, but with readings from Scripture, veneration of the cross, and distribution of Communion. Not until the Easter Vigil will we truly celebrate the resurrection, scarcely forty-eight hours after we celebrated Holy Thursday; but in so doing, it’s as though the church cannot contain its joy. We must celebrate at the earliest possible moment, after sundown, thereby marking a new day. The vigil is marked by fire, candles, light in the darkness, singing, the Gloria and an Alleluia, and the celebration of the Eucharist.

These sacred rites mark us as Christian; they form our identity. They touch something deep within. We will never exhaust these rites. Let us return to them now, enter into them, and drink deeply from their well.
We encourage you to enroll in our online giving Program

- *It’s easy to set up*
- *Gives you real-time access of your charitable donations*

We invite you to visit our website at

www.saintphilipparish.org and select the online giving tab on the homepage. Alternatively, you can download the mobile app from Googleplay or the Apple App Store. Register by entering our church ID of (4254)

Of course if you wish to continue to use your paper envelopes, you are most welcomed to do so. We are offering this option for your convenience.

**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

**MARRIAGE SUPPORT**

You Can Help Your Marriage - Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10’s of 1000’s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the April program beginning with a weekend on April 13-15, call (415) 893-1005 or email: SF@RetroCA.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

**2018-2019 First Communion and Confirmation Religious Education Classes**

Saint Philip Parish is pleased to announce we are currently accepting applications for the 2018-2019 term for students enrolled in our public and private schools into our Faith Formation Programs.

Sessions will commence in the fall during the September timeframe. If you are interested, please take an application from the vestibule bulletin board or visit our website at www.saintphilipparish.org for an online application.

You may also call the Parish Office for detailed information at 415-282-0141.
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 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

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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) 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 3
Wednesday Alanon 7:00 p.m. Lyons

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