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I am the vine, you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.

April 29, 2018

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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
Phone: 415.282.0143

ST. PHILIP SCHOOL
Phone: 415.824.8467 Fax: 415.282.0121
Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

Grapes that are native to the United States are good for only one thing, grape juice. They do not produce good wine. On the other hand, many grapes native to Europe, Sangiovese, for example, one of the primary grapes that is used for Chianti, are excellent for producing wine. There are stories of nineteenth-century Italian immigrants coming to California with their grapevine cuttings, so they would be able to plant their own native grapes in this New World and have wine. They tended these cuttings onboard ships and then across the Appalachian range, the Great Plains, and the Rocky Mountains before finally settling on the West Coast. These grapevine cuttings were precious reminders of the land, culture, and people the immigrants left behind; and these same cuttings, properly transplanted, cared for, and pruned, would provide life and happiness in this, the New World. And it turned out that California’s climate, Napa Valley in particular, was ideal for growing grapes that would produce some of the world’s best wines.

We can imagine something of this when Jesus says that he is the Vine. In typical Johannine fashion, we have here no parable about the kingdom of God being like a vineyard. For the Fourth Gospel, Jesus is the Vine! He goes a step further to say that the Father is the vine grower. For us and our image above, perhaps the Father is the immigrant who brings the precious vine to the New World, ready to plant in fertile soil.

Jesus reminds us of the vine grower’s role. Not only does the vine grower ensure its viability, but he prunes branches to produce fruit, and cuts away those that do not produce any fruit. In a stark vision of the end time, Jesus takes yet another step to say that those branches that have been cut away will be thrown into the fire to be burned. Such apocalyptic images are rare in this gospel, though they appear more frequently in Matthew. As vine grower, the Father tends his precious vine much like the immigrant bringing native cuttings to the New World. Once transplanted, the real work begins.

Where are we in the metaphor? We are the branches, fully aware that no branch can produce fruit on its own. We must remain attached to the vine to bear fruit. So as not to be lopped off, we remain in Jesus.

This agrarian image is ancient, but easily applicable and comprehended. Anyone with experience in gardening or observing nature grasps the symbolism here. The metaphor is simple yet sublime, and seems to be evidence of a good Teacher.

For Reflection:

♦ When have you been "pruned" by your experiences in a way that led to greater abundance?
MASSES FOR THE WEEK  
April 29, 2018

4/28 Saturday  
Saint Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr; Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest  
8:00 a.m. † Nigel Tulloch  
(by: Mary Tom)  
5:00 p.m. † The Pavone Family and Lloyd Miller  
(by: Rosa Pavone)  

4/29 Sunday  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
8:00 a.m. † Sharon McCloskey  
(by: Katrina Marron)  
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish  

4/30 Monday  
Saint Pius V, Pope,  
8:00 a.m.  Connie Weber & Family (Spl. Int.)  
(by: Rev. Stephen H. Howell)  

5/01 Tuesday  
Saint Joseph the Worker  
8:00 a.m.  
(by:  

5/02 Wednesday  
Saint Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church  
8:00 a.m. † Jimmy & Jerry Spillane  
(by: Greg Nakamura & Family)  

5/03 Thursday  
Saints Philip & James, Apostles  
8:00 a.m.  
(by:  

5/04 Friday  
8:00 a.m. † Mrs. Shiels  
(by: Brid Coleman)  

5/05 Saturday  
8:00 a.m. † Rose & Candida DeMartini  
(by: Corrado DeMartini)  
5:00 p.m. † Celestina Denegri  
(by: Agnes Piva)  

5/06 Sunday  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
8:00 a.m. † The Bisson Family  
(by: Paula Bisson)  
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  
Mary Crowley  
Laura Garcia  
Mary Dekle  
Agnes Piva  
Marian Dekle  
John Bamber  
Bill Matthews  
Fred Jungmann  
Lea Juarez  
Ron Ramirez  
Chloe Smith  
Jana Atlas  
Monsignor  
James Tarantino  

Those who have died, Elizabeth Aguilar, Former teacher at St. Philip’s School, 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.

PARISH REGISTRATION  
ALL ARE WELCOME, ALL BELONG  
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  

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL  
Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40 percent of diocese in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds programs, such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training, to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.  

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

April 22, 2018 Sunday Collection  
Online giving  
Total Collection  
Second Collection—St. Vincent de Paul  

$2,277.00  
$510.00  
$2,787.00  
$576.00  

MEETINGS & EVENTS  
The Adult Choir Practice is held on Tuesday evenings in the church at 7:00PM  
4/29 First Communion at the 10:30 a.m. Mass  
4/29 Catholic Home Missions Appeal Collection  
5/01 Parish Office Closed  
5/03 School Mass Feast of St. Philip & St. James, 8:45 a.m.  
5/06 May Crowning at the 10:30 a.m. Mass  
5/08 Baptismal Prep Class, 7:00 p.m. Rectory by appt.  
5/09 Cub Scout Mtg, Parish Hall, 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
5/10 Rosary & Senior Mtg, 11:30 a.m., Hall #3  
5/13 Ascension of the Lord & Mother’s Day  
5/13 Annual Catholic Charities Second Collection  
5/20 Pentecost, Hospitality after 10:30 a.m. Mass  
5/21 Altar Server Appreciation Luncheon  
5/28 Memorial Day Holiday—Parish Office Closed  
5/31 Graduation Mass, 8:45 a.m.; Ceremony at 5:00 p.m.  

Children’s Choir Practice  
4:00PM, Parish Hall  
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Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
Our Lives can never be the same!
On this joyous occasion, we offer our congratulations to the following children who celebrated their First Communion on April 29, 2018 here at Saint Philip the Apostle Church.

May they continue to be nourished by the body of Jesus Christ throughout their lives and graced with His abundant love.

Desmond Bliss Dindinger Ach
Olivia Wonder Marie Ach
Seth John Arnold
Connor Richard Barton
Erwan Jen-Michel Alain Blanc-Paques
Jérémie Raphaël Felipe Calot
Connor Joseph Chan
Owen James Collins
William (Liam) Schiller Connell
Jackson Ever Dowdell
Lorenzo Londono Flores
Connor Joseph Finnerty
Christian Gabriel Garcia Madriz
Emma Rose Healty
Abigail Jean Imwalle

Leelah Elena Jaboneta
Noah Anthony Kirsch-Lopez
Sara Ruth Latterman
Isabelle Jane McEachron
Avery Hope McGrath
Miles Moon Medina
Sean Robert Mitchell
Daniela Mount
Jude Leo Aloysius O’Brien
Shane Denis O’Donoghue
Noa Elizabeth Panasik
Emilie Annette Samak
Christopher Elmer Sanchez
Amalia Rose Vitolo-Peralta
A Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.

We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to the priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen

LIVE THE LITURGY
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

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“Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.”

Real love, especially unconditional love, cannot exist apart from action. We are called to bear much fruit and become Jesus’ disciples. We live in a world that is suffering so badly. By our actions and the way we organize our lives, we can model the Gospel values that many no longer see as important. We can be healers who put mercy into action. We can choose to unconditionally respect human life and challenge those who do not. We can live nonviolent lives, resist the lust for power, and avoid greed in all its forms. It is difficult to live the Gospel message of love. We will often be met with rejection. We need to allow God to prune away everything that makes it difficult to love. Then we have to take the risk and call others to a higher standard, no matter the price.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT PRAYER

Lord, give us the wisdom and the courage to help our children as you would to develop in them a Christ-like love for all people …

To nurture in them a desire to give and not simply to take to teach them to be doers of Your Holy Word.

Guide us in our parental responsibilities strengthen our love as a family so that we may work together in coming closer to You. May we be the expression of Your love to our children so that each day will be as today … Your love received and shared … to help us be one in the Body of Christ.

Amen

2018 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL - UPDATE

“By One Spirit we are all baptized into one body.”

1 Corinthians 12:13

As of April 24, we have raised $26,045 in funds and pledges. We continue to make good progress. Thank YOU

Our list is growing and we are getting closer to meeting our annual assessment. Is your name missing from the list? If so, please consider helping this effort. We would like to complete as much of this assessment by the end of June, 2018 if possible.

No amount is too small. The key is to have each member participate in tending this vineyard. We are baptized into one body. We are all called to help one another, and as disciples we are called to carry the mission of building the Kingdom of God. This parish is part of that Kingdom and we need to do our part as living examples of our faith.

Please Prayerfully consider your participation. Brochures are available in the pews and back of the church for your convenience.

Anonymous
Joy MacIntyre
Rob & Kim Anderson
Dolores Martin
Frank & Lelani Avalos
Hudson & Lisa Martin
Paul Bisson
Daniel & Margaret McAuliffe
Lou & Margene Brignetti
John & Nicole McGrath
Richard Carell
Arthur & Helen McGuigan
Erie & Eunice Chan
Maria Mow
Ana Maria Chavez
Shaun & Melanie Morrison
Steven & Sheila Cibotti
Thomas & Anne Louise Nieto
Jeff Clayton & Margaret McNamara
Rhona O’Leary
Harold Coffee, Jr.
Pura Lippi
Richard & Elizabeth Collins
Luis & Lola Ortiz
Meghan Corcoran
Milena Pastori
Mary Deke
Rosa Pavone
Julia Dowd & Timothy Freundlich
Arturo & Ana Maria Peña
David & Theresa Erkkila
Ed & Jane Perry
Gerald Fennell
Bob & Karen Powell
Maureen Fitzpatrick
Bridget Procter
Daniel Forchione
Lisbeth Prudden
Marilyn Fri
Dale & Catherine Richardson
David & Sandy Goldfein
Bob & Karen Powell
Anne Auren-Gray & William Gray
Daniel Roddick
Rich Hammel
Charles & Nora Robinson
Heather Hart
Michael & Mary Stasko
Anne Holman
Vincent & Laetitia Tarazzi
Brian & Sandra Kearney
Evelyn Trauner
Doriene Lopez
Mary C. Vargas
Barry & Patti Wood

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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.

Saint Philip the Apostle, (born, Bethsaida of Galilee—died 1st century, Western feast day May 3, Eastern feast day November 14), one of the Twelve Apostles. Mentioned only by name in the Apostle lists of the Synoptic Gospels, he is a frequent character in the Gospel According to John, according to which (1:43–51) he came from Bethsaida, answered Jesus’ call (“Follow me”), and was instrumental in the call of St. Nathanael (probably St. Bartholomew the Apostle), whom he brought to Jesus.

At the time of his call, Philip seemingly belonged to a group influenced by St. John the Baptist. He participated in the miracle of the loaves and fishes (John 6:5–9), accounting for his symbol in medieval art of loaves. With St. Andrew the Apostle, he brought word to Jesus that certain Greeks had asked to see him (John 12:21–22). In John 14:8–9, Philip asked Jesus to reveal the Father, receiving the answer, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father.”

Nothing more is known about him from the New Testament. In later legends he was often confused with St. Philip the Evangelist (Philip the Deacon), one of the seven deacons of the early church (Acts 6:5). His apostolate was supposedly in the territory of Scythia, an ancient Eurasian area. He died of natural causes according to one tradition but, according to another, of crucifixion, accounting for his other medieval symbol of a tall cross. The Acts of Philip are apocryphal and probably date from the 3rd/4th century.

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 preparation session and schedule a date for the baptism. Next Session will be held on Tuesday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m.

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Are you planning a 2018 summer or fall 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.

Call our parish office to schedule your initial meeting at 415-282-0141

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.

Mosaic TV on Young Catholics and Digital Communication

Sunday, May 6, 5:30 am
KPIX television Channel 5, CBS Bay Area
sfarch.org/mosaic-tv

It is the age of digital communication. The devices that receive and send messages are powerful and portable; we have them in our hands, our pockets, our cars, and our homes; the messaging is ceaseless and seductive, and the flow of information (good and bad) is practically infinite. Young people especially seem to “live on their devices.”

On this episode of Mosaic, our guest expert is Samantha Yee, a young writer and editor, student and scholar, who is already a veteran professional, creating digital communications for Catholic groups. As she says, “If young people are living on the internet, that’s where we have to reach them.” Samantha discusses how she and associated networks of young Catholics live the faith and teach the faith online. Prior episodes of Mosaic are archived on the archdiocesan website (above).
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
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