



St. Philip the Apostle Parish

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24th, 2017

2111 Millersville Pike
Lancaster, PA 17603-6216

Phone: 717-872-2166 Fax: 717-872-2587

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm
Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am
Daily Mass (Tuesday-Friday) 9:00am
Holy Days of Obligation: 9:00am & 7:00pm
Vigil 5:00pm

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday: 3:45-4:30pm

Religious Ed Classes

September until May for all children four years old through 12th grade. Classes are held on Sunday. Religious Education Office: 717-872-5653 (Sundays), 717-872-2166 (Monday– Friday).

Baptism

Baptisms are normally held on the third Sunday of the month following the 11:30am Mass. Please call the parish office to register and to attend the mandatory baptism class.

Marriage

Couples must contact the parish office nine months prior to the intended date. Participation in an Engaged Encounter or Pre-Cana program is required.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an adult catechistic class. Contact the parish office 717-872-2166.

Parish Membership

Please call the parish office if you wish to join our parish family, move out of the parish, change your address or phone number. All who are over 18 years of age should be registered as adults in the church even if you are still living with your parents!

Website: www.stphilipmillersville.org

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 9:00am-4:30pm

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**Lower Lot - Reserved for Elderly,
Handicapped and Wheelchair Accessible**

Stewardship Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray for your blessing and wisdom so that we might recognize the gifts and graces given to us by the power of your Holy Spirit. Please help us to use these gifts to foster stewardship in our parish. We give our utmost gratitude to you and ask this in your precious name, Amen.

Parish Mission Statement

Jesus Christ said to St. Philip the Apostle, "Come follow Me." The parish community of St. Philip's seeks to live as disciples of the Lord by living our faith through service to others. Based on a strong faith, a guided hope and a well rooted love, we encourage all to walk that journey with Christ with humility and courage.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 23rd

5:00pm Parishioners of St. Philip's

Sunday, December 24th

9:30am Paul D. Sonny Hirsch

11:30am Leo Walsh

6:00pm Mr. & Mrs. Harold Pillion

10:00pm Dorothy Rup

Monday, December 25th

9:30am Joseph Elias

11:30am Colleen Lorelli & Jim Ehret

Tuesday, December 26th

9:00am Paul Miller

Wednesday, December 27th

9:00am Bill & Gloria Cunningham

Thursday, December 28th

9:00am Donald Mangold

Friday, December 29th

9:00am Mike & Camilla Faccone

Saturday, December 30th

5:00pm Winnie & Bobbie Moser

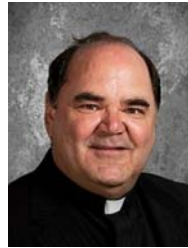
Sunday, December 31st

9:30am George Klett

11:30am Pedro Perez

5:00pm Tom Nicklaus

Remember in your prayers those whom are sick and homebound especially: Florence Haertter, Artie Chodkowski, Johanna Chodkowski, Diane Spano, Michael J. Spano, Mary Warnell, James O'Halloran, Sally Messina, Bill Henry, Melissa Sherlock, Carlene Axe, Alexander DiGuiseppe, Debbie Joline, Tom Schaller, Angelica Zander, Richard Mercandetti, Samantha Payne, Jeff Tracy, John Mikita, Celi Shaeffer, Rosemary Harney, Joe Fliss, Maria Wendt, Rose Turnowchyk, Dottie Moser, Felecia Campbell, Nancy Straw, Linda Losito, Gloria Schnee, Sue Bleacher, Rudy Oleksa, Bruce Wendt, Dale Goodman, Jerry Buchko, Tom Malloy, Rebecca Davenport, Rosemary Matyi, Drew & Emily Sahd, Georgia Ransom, Paul Derr, Kerlee Fox, Charles Fowler, Minda Phillips, Barbara Dochat, Patricia Shoemaker, Caroline Shoemaker, James Anderson, Catherine Mills, Philip & Nancy Fisher, Maryann B. & Thomas Griffin, John & Barbara Hackash, Barbara & Michael Horvath, Florence King. For all our parishioners who are hospitalized, in hospice centers or in nursing care facilities not listed above. May God's healing touch be upon them and all in need of His healing for this we pray, Amen.



Dear Parishioners:

Once December 25th arrives, we find that we are able to think about the beautiful message of love that God has sent us in His son. Now we have time to share that love with people God has placed in our lives. Christmas music has ceased and it is quiet enough for us to meditate on the mystery of the incarnation. Everything that needed to be done has been accomplished. It is relatively calm now and we can enter into the silent night of Bethlehem. Our appetites have been satisfied and our stomachs are full. We are more than just content; we are at peace.

Enjoy the peace of the Christmas season whether you are alone or with family or friends. Jesus has come from among us-now He is Emmanuel, God with us!

Merry Christmas!

Fr. Sherdel



Parish Information

Rosary: The rosary is prayed every Tuesday through Friday at 8:35am and Saturday evening at 4:40pm.

Communion to the homebound: Eucharistic Ministers visit every Sunday except the Sunday following the first Friday of the month; the Priest visits on first Fridays. Please call the parish office if you or a family member are homebound, have been admitted to the hospital nursing facility.

Sponsor Certificates: Sponsors of the Sacraments can be issued to registered members of the parish who are receiving the Sacraments on a regular basis. Please stop by the office to complete sponsor forms.

Guidelines for the prayer list: Your family member's name will remain on the list for 4 weeks. Please call the parish office to have it continue on the list.

Bulletin Deadline: Information for the Bulletin is due 9am on Thursday the previous week. Announcements are due by 5pm on Wednesday. Send to:

KAnspach@hbgdiocese.org

Today's Readings

First Reading -- I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Psalm -- Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading -- To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel -- Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] During the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5 -- 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Tuesday: St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins

Wednesday: St. John

Thursday: The Holy Innocents

Friday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket

Saturday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord



Divine Mercy... The Friends of Divine Mercy pray the chaplet, most frequently, for the SICK and the DYING, and the SOULS IN PURGATORY...their "normal prayer schedule" is to gather following the regular 9am Wednesday Mass, to pray the chaplet and meditate on Jesus Intention for the day in church in front of the Divine Mercy picture portrait, all within approx. 20 minutes. **All are welcome, bring a friend!**



Receiving Communion I

Who can receive Communion in a Catholic Church? Let's talk about Catholics. In order to properly receive Communion, a Catholic must be in a state of grace. This means that the person receiving Communion should not be conscious of any grave, or mortal sin and have fasted for one hour. If the recipient has committed a mortal sin, they should refrain from receiving the Eucharist until after they have gone to the Sacrament of Confession, also called Penance or Reconciliation. If for some grave reason there is no opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession, then the faithful should make a perfect act of contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible. If one has committed venial sins, then confession is not required. The Church teaches that reception of the Eucharist, along with true repentance, wipes away venial sins. The Church encourages frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance. If a Catholic has committed mortal sin, he or she is required to go to Confession at least once per year. This helps us to get back into a state of grace so that we can once again receive our Blessed Lord in the Holy Eucharist.



Ministries

Parish Ministries... The Gift Card committee is responsible for the sale and accounting of the gift cards and money after Mass. This group helps provide an income source for the church as a percentage of the sale returns to the parish. Cheerful, people-oriented personalities able to pay attention to details while conversing is desirable. If you are interested in helping with this ministry please contact Linda in the parish office.

Save the Date



First Penance Retreat is scheduled for Sunday, January 7th at 9:15am-12pm in the Gym.

First Penance is scheduled for Saturday, January 20th at 10:00am in the Church.

Collections December 10th, 2017

Last Year: \$ 11,736

This Year: \$ 9,890

On Line Giving \$ 905

Budgeted weekly: \$ 12,304

Budget Shortfall **1,509 Thank you!**



Year to Date Budget Detail

YTD Budget \$ 284,774

YTD Actual \$ 263,481

YTD Shortfall \$ (21,293)

Please remember St. Philip's in Your Will!

St. Philip's is a Tithing Parish

10% of this Sundays Collection goes to:

December 24th Catholic Worker House

December 31st Millersville University Newman Catholic Ministry

January 7th St. Anne's School

January 14th To Be Decided



This Week...

Sunday, December 24th

9:30am Sunday Mass

11:30am Sunday Mass

6:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

10:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

Monday, December 25th

9:30am Christmas Day Mass

11:30am Christmas Day Mass

Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26th

Office Closed

Wednesday, December 27th

9:30am Divine Mercy-Church

8:00pm Youth Ministry Lock In-all rooms

Thursday, December 28th

9:00am Pick-Up Youth Ministry Lock-In

7:00pm Choir-Church

Friday, December 29th

9:45am Lectio Divina- MPR1

4:30pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, December 30th

1:00pm Wedding

3:45pm Confession

5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 31st

9:30am Sunday Mass

11:30am Sunday Mass

5:00pm Vigil Mass Solemnity of Mary

The Parish Office will be **closed** on Monday and Tuesday, December 25th & 26th and Monday January 1st.

Have a very Merry Christmas!

Fr. Sherdel & the Parish Office Staff



The Men's Club will be holding their second **Train Show** of the season on Saturday, January 6, beginning at 9:00 AM. Vendors will be on hand to buy and sell toy trains and other railroad items. There is a \$4 admission fee to attend. If anyone has any questions on the show or would like to know more about their trains, please call Charlie Sauer at 717-872-8481.



Youth Ministry Lock-In

**Wednesday, December 27th 8:00 pm -
Thursday, December 28th 8:00 am**

St. Philip's Annual Lock-In. Group games, prayer and worship, movies, food and more! Cost is \$5. St. Philip's will cover midnight pizza and breakfast. Please RSVP today
JMaloney@hbgiocese.org !



A Special **Thank you** to all our parishioners who donated gifts to 165 local children in our community. Because of you and the love of Jesus Christ, our Savior, they will have a blessed Christmas Day! God Bless You and your family. May you have a season filled with His love and miracles!

The child to be born will be called
holy, the Son of God. --Luke 1:35

The **St. Philip's Events Committee** will be having "Movie Night" once again! **Save the Date:** Saturday, January 20th at 6pm in the Parish gym. Movie to be announced soon!

Solemnity of Mary

Holy Day of Obligation Dec.31/Jan.1

Sunday, 5pm Vigil Mass

Monday, 9:30am and 11:30am Mass



Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!

In the event of inclement weather, please check the following resources for information about class cancellations. Thank you!

Parish Office Answering Machine: #872-2166, Extension #103. RE Office: #872-5653.

WGAL Channel 8. Online only. WGAL limits on-air notifications. **St. Philip the Apostle Church website**

<http://www.stphilipmillersville.org> St. Philip's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StPhilipMillersville>

We may not always cancel the PM class when we cancel the AM Class and visa versa. If there is ever a time when you do not feel safe driving but RE Classes are being held, use your own discretion about attending class. Please let your child's teacher know at the next class that you missed due to bad weather. **Christine Miller, DRE**

Christmas Schedule 2017

Sunday Mass

December 24th

9:30am and 11:30am

Christmas Eve Masses

Sunday, December 24th

6:00pm and 10:00pm

Christmas Day Masses

Monday, December 25th

9:30am and 11:30am

Sunday Mass

Sunday, December 31st

9:30am and 11:30am

New Year's Eve

Sunday, December 31st

Solemnity of Mary-Vigil

5:00pm

Monday, January 1st

Solemnity of Mary Mass

9:30am and 11:30am



Lancaster Catholic will be hosting an Activities Fair on Saturday, January 27th from 1-3 PM. All aspects of Lancaster Catholic's culture will be highlighted, from the Fine and Performing Arts department to the vast options of clubs including Mini-Thon and Respect Life to Athletics and Campus Ministry. One lucky family that is looking to join the Lancaster Catholic community for the 2018-2019 school year, by attending the Activities Fair, will be awarded one year's paid tuition upon completion of their application. For more information about the day or the admissions process, please contact Kyla Hockey at khockley@lchsyes.org Catholic Schools week is the week of January 29th and with all of the festivities around that week, Lancaster Catholic would like to announce that we are having a One Day of Giving on Tuesday, January 30th. This day will be filled with friendly competitions and dedicated to continuing Catholic education.



A Pilgrimage for Young Adults

Join Pope Francis and young adult Catholics from around the world for an experience of the Universal Church. Post high school young adults (ages 18-35) will gather January 21-28, 2019 for World Youth Day 2019 in Panama. This promises to be a week of engaging prayer, vibrant liturgy, powerful catechesis provided by Cardinals and Bishops, concerts by Catholic artists, and an unforgettable vigil and Mass with the Holy Father. For information visit www.hbgdiocese.org/youngchurch or contact Rob Williams at 717-657-4804.

St. Joseph's Church in Lancaster-Perpetual Adoration will be suspended from 7:45am on Sunday December 24, 2017 until after the 6:30 Mass on Tuesday, December 26, 2017 and again from 7:45am on Sunday, December 31, 2017 until after the 6:30 Mass on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

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Friday Night Specials are back-

12/29/17- Ham or turkey club sandwich with French fries \$8.95. **1/5/18-** Chicken with homemade waffles \$8.95. All specials include soup and salad bar, coffee and dessert. With the increase of popularity in our Friday Night specials, we recommend parties of 6 or more people make reservations. **Banquet Room Rental-** our newly renovated banquet room has one of the lowest rental rates in the area. Holiday parties are beginning to book up. Please also consider us for your class reunion. Call Paul Kephart for info. 717-490-4085. Bingo every Monday and Thursday 6:30 multiple jackpots. Interested in becoming a new member? Call Ed Krause (717)490-9066.



The **Respect Life Mass** will take place on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at Good Shepherd Church, 3435 Trindle Road in Camp Hill. This Mass is celebrated every year to commemorate the lives lost to abortion since 1973 and to pray for the building of a culture of life in our nation from conception to natural death. Those who are not able to attend the annual March for Life in Washington are especially encouraged to attend. Mass begins at 11:30 a.m. Reverend Paul Schenck will be the celebrant and homilist. All are welcome! For additional information contact the Respect Life Ministry at (717) 657-4804 ext 317 or email KNeri@hbgdiocese.org.



Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse? **Retrouvaille** provides marriage help! The next Retrouvaille weekend is scheduled for January 12-14, 2018. For more information and to register, please visit retrouvaille.org or email retrouvaillehbg@gmail.com.