



St. Philip the Apostle Parish

First Sunday of Lent

February 18th, 2018

2111 Millersville Pike

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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. Letters of eligibility are due to the office before the baptism will be scheduled.

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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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, February 17th

5:00pm Joseph Franklin Helton

Sunday, February 18th

7:30am Parishioners of the Parish

9:30am Ron Smith

11:30am Alfredo & Trinidad Rodriguez

Monday, February 19th No Mass

Tuesday, February 20th

9:00am Clayton Bennett

Wednesday, February 21st

9:00am Anthony Witkowski

Thursday, February 22nd

9:00am James & Anna Bennacasa

Friday, February 23rd

9:00am Cecelia Myers

Saturday, February 24th

5:00pm Stephen Sohonyay

Sunday, February 25th

7:30am Carol Specht

9:30am Ron Smith

11:30am Our St. Philip's Parish Family

“Repent, And Believe In The Gospel.” ... These are Jesus’s words spoken in today’s gospel. Repentance is simply feeling a sincere regret or remorse about one’s own sin. Repentance cannot be separated from the teaching of salvation. In the first reading we have the new Covenant which means that God will not flood the earth again destroying all the living. The second reading explains how the water that saved Noah and his family prefigures our baptism. Christ suffered for the unrighteous so that we might be made righteous. His death brought our life. In Baptism we receive the Holy Spirit and through this Spirit we are guided in the truth, sinners are shown the way. The Spirit of God in us cannot tolerate our sin. Our conscience calls us to make it right with God. We are uncomfortable and sometimes even miserable until we are able to go before the Lord and confess our sins. In Jeremiah 31:31 The Lord say, **“I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. I will place my law within them, and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people..”** So through Jesus’s death and resurrection came the Spirit of Life. That Spirit, through our Baptism, was imparted to us and now the words are written on our hearts. When we sin we are separated from God but through repentance we are reunited in His love. God loves us even when we sin just like He loved Adam and Eve in the Garden, but their nature was to run from Him and hide so He wouldn’t see their sin. We do that also by not confessing or acknowledging our sin, or by hiding it or not admitting it to anyone. Did you ever break something as child and attempt to hide it from your parents? Then you lived in fear that they would find out. Eventually when the truth is revealed you were relieved even with the punishment that may have come. This is how we sometimes are with God. Yet if we believe that Jesus bore our sins then through our contrite and penitent hearts, we also believe that God will forgive us and remember our sins no more, if we first repent. Lent is the time to remember all that God promises us and to offer back to Him a little bit of gratitude through prayer, fasting and alms. But most importantly, Lent is the opportune time to get right with God and take advantage of the Penance services offered through our parish and neighboring ones. God bless you!

Remember in your prayers those whom are sick and homebound especially: Jean Trotter, Diane Heberlein, Armella Smith, John Leonard, Greg Hanson, Al Matyi, Keith Saylor, Florence Haertter, Artie Chodkowski, Johanna Chodkowski, Diane Spano, Michael J. Spano, Mary Warnell, Sally Messina, Bill Henry, Melissa Sherlock, Carlene Axe, Alexander DiGuiseppe, Debbie Joline, Tom Schaller, Angelica Zander, Richard Mercandetti, Jeff Tracy, John Mikita, Celi Shaeffer, Rosemary Harney, Joe Fliss, Maria Wendt, Rose Turnowchyk, Dottie Moser, Felecia Campbell, Nancy Straw, Linda Losito, 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, 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.

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 or nursing facility.

Sponsor Certificates: Sponsors of the Sacraments can be issued to practicing members of the parish. 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 -- God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood (Genesis 9:8-15).

Psalm -- Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading -- The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel -- This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:12-15).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending

Monday: Presidents' Day; Julian Calendar Lent

Wednesday: St. Peter Damian

Thursday: Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Friday: St. Polycarp; Abstinence



Divine Mercy... Our Lord not only taught Saint Faustina the fundamentals of His trust and mercy and of being merciful to others but He also revealed special ways to live out our response to His mercy. The word "devotion" means fulfilling our vows. It is a commitment of our lives to the Lord, (who is Mercy itself) in our actions, in our words, and in our prayers....day after day...throughout our lives. **Remember...** following the regular 9am Wednesday Mass, the Friends of Divine Mercy pray the chaplet and meditate on Jesus Intention for the day, (all within approx. 20 minutes) in church in front of the Divine Mercy picture portrait. **All are welcome, bring a friend!**



Who can be saved?

Will heaven be full of only Catholics? Or maybe just Christians? Can anyone else be saved? First, the Church has always taught that faith in Jesus Christ and in the One who sent Him is necessary for salvation. What about people who have never heard the Gospel? Or those who never understood it? Can they get into heaven? The answer is only God knows. Here's what the Catechism of the Catholic Church says in paragraph 1260: "Since Christ died for all, and since all men are in fact called to one and the same destiny, which is divine, we must hold that the Holy Spirit offers to all the possibility of being made partakers, in a way known to God, of the Paschal mystery. Every man who is ignorant of the Gospel of Christ and of his Church, but seeks the truth and does the will of God in accordance with his understanding of it, can be saved." So while the Church is tasked with spreading and teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ and salvation through Him, God alone is the judge of souls.



Dear Parishioners, I am leaving my position as Director of Religious Education after 18 ½ years serving St. Philip's, effective February 16th. I have been deeply blessed by all of you, and I thank you for the love and support I have experienced over the years. I will be focusing on my newly-established holistic spirituality practice. Along with doing spiritual direction, retreats, etc. I will also be acting as a substitute teacher in local school districts. I ask your prayerful remembrance as I move on to this next phase of my life. Know that I hold all of you in my heart and in my prayers. Please keep me in your prayers, too. With great gratitude, Christine M. Miller, MA.

Collections February 11th, 2018

Last Year: \$ 11,390

This Year: \$ 10,570

On Line Giving \$ 1,075

Budgeted weekly: \$ 12,304

Budget **Shortfall** (659) **Thank you!**



Year to Date Budget Detail

YTD Budget \$ 395,510

YTD Actual \$ 403,248

YTD Surplus \$ 7,738

Please remember St. Philip's in Your Will!



Diocesan News... This year we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of our Diocese. All are welcome to attend the events below which will open this very special year. Both events will be held

at Holy Name of Jesus Church, 6150 Allentown Blvd., Harrisburg, PA.

Prayer Vigil – March 2 at 7 p.m

Opening Mass for the Anniversary Year – March 3 at 10 a.m.

St. Philip's is a Tithing Parish

10% of this Sundays Collection goes to:



February 18th Poor Missions of the United State (Dio)

February 25th Occupational Development Center

March 4th Resurrection School

March 11th Bishops Annual Lenten Appeal

March 18th Friendship Community

March 25th Catholic Relief Services

This Week...

Sunday, February 18th

11:00am CMG Plays at Mass

12:45pm Baptisms

1:00pm Catholic Daughters of America-PAC

3:00pm Magic Show

6:00pm Youth Night-GR/YL/Gym/Kitchen

Monday, February 19th

6:30pm Boy Scout-PAC

Tuesday, February 20th

5:45pm Girl Scouts-PS

6:30pm Cub Scout-PAC

7:00pm Women's Auxiliary- MPR1

Wednesday, February 21st

9:30am Divine Mercy

5:00pm Girl Scout-PAC

6:00pm Finance-PO

6:30pm Events Committee-MPR3

7:00pm RCIA-YL

Thursday, February 22nd

2:30pm Rosary Guild-MPR1

7:00pm Choir- Church

Friday, February 23rd

9:45am Lectio Divina-MPR1

4:00-6:30pm Lenten Meal

Saturday, February 24th

3:45pm Confession

Sunday, February 25th

RE am/pm

Girl Scout Cookie Sale

**YOUR WAYS, O LORD, MAKE KNOWN TO ME;
TEACH ME YOUR PATHS.**

-- PSALM 25:4



CHWC Vendor Bingo ...Come join us for an afternoon of games and good company on Sunday, March 11th, 2017. Doors open at 1:30pm and games begin at 3:00pm. There will be 20 regular games of bingo. Prizes are valued over \$50 from various vendors. Additional specials will be played for great prizes. We will also have a variety of raffle baskets and a delicious food menu. Proceeds benefit the youth and adults traveling for a week of service at Catholic Heart Work Camp. Thank you for your support! Call the office for tickets or purchase them in the lobby after mass. 717-872-2166.

Lenten Meal 4:00 – 6:30 PM

Menu

Fish Fillet Sandwich \$3.50, 4 Fish Sticks \$3.00

2 Slices Pizza \$3.00

4- Mozzarella Sticks w/ Marinara Sauce \$3.50

Fried Cod Sandwich \$4.00, Crab Cake Sandwich \$6.00

Platters

(Platters Include: Mac & Cheese, French Fries, Vegetable, Coleslaw)

Baked / Fried Cod \$10.00, Fish Fillet \$7.50

1 Crab Cake \$8.00, 2 Crab cakes \$11.00

Side Orders

French Fries \$2.00, Mac & Cheese \$2.00

Stewed Tomatoes .50, Cole Slaw .75

Cold Drinks \$1.00



The Second Greatest Story Ever Told

You must be ready to get out of the house and leave winter behind by now! Our **Spring "Bible Study"** will begin on **Tuesday evening March 6th at 7pm**. The program will run for **10 weeks**. We will be doing the final study in the **Father Michael Gaitley's** series **Hearts Afire Divine Mercy in The Second Greatest Story Ever Told..** This is based on his book **The Second Greatest Story Ever Told.** Father Gaitley wraps up the story of Divine Mercy. "The panorama of Divine mercy is fully revealed as a transformative reality" in this amazing video series. Don't worry if you have not caught the whole series, this program can stand alone. For more info and to register please contact **Sue Rineer 717-940-9825.** Leave a message if I don't pick up and I will get back to you.



Mercy Committee Head still needed... Who will step UP? The Head person organizes the volunteers for the funeral lunches, calls in the food order, calls around for dessert donations and oversees the setting up, serving and clean-up after the meal. May require some Saturdays depending on when the funeral luncheons are scheduled. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested.



The Girl Scout troops that meet at St. Philip's will be selling Girl Scout Cookies after all Masses on February 24th & 25th, March 3rd & 4th and March 10th & 11th. Thank you for your support! **On Feb. 24 & 25th buy a box of cookies to be donated to Ronald McDonald house in honor of Angelica Zander.**



St. Philip's Event Committee presents...
 St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck Dinner on Saturday, March 10, 2018 from 6-9pm. Featuring the North American, Mid-Atlantic Champions, The Paloma School of Irish Dance & the talented violinist Alyson Thorp! Sign Up in the Church lobby or on our sign up genius page through our website. Bring a dish to share for 12 people. We will provide the paper wear, drinks and dessert. Come out for this Free event and bring your family or friends!



Knights of Columbus Council 867

1575 New Danville Pike Lanc.
 (717)397-0011, <http://867kofc.org>

Monthly Council Meeting- Feb. 21, 2018. **Knight at the Races-** Saturday April 14th from 4:00 to 8:00. Contact the Home for details. Must be at least 21 years old to attend. **Designer Bag Bingo-** Sunday May 6th at 1:00. Doors open at 11:00. \$20 in advance \$25 at the door. Contact Sue Fawber at (717)872-4254 for info and 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.



Sacred Heart School is open for enrollment in all grades (Preschool to 8th) for the 2018-2019 school year. Register now to reserve your child's place and apply for tuition assistance.

Space is limited. Please call the school at 717-393-8433 or email Mrs. Tuzzino at etuzzino@sacredheartsch.org to schedule a tour or start the registration process. Want to know more? Follow us on Facebook @ OfficialSacredHeartSchool and Twitter @SacredHeartLanc or visit our website www.sacredheartschanc.org. We look forward to partnering with you to give your child an *education for life!*



The Department of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Harrisburg is currently accepting Resumes and Letter of Interest for

the newly created position of **President** of Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg. Minimum Qualifications: Practicing, knowledgeable Catholic who is in good standing with the church and actively involved in the Catholic Community; Thorough understanding of Catholic School Philosophy; Commitment to modeling the values of Catholic Educational Leadership; Catechetical Certification (or in process); Bachelors Degree in Finance, Business or Education; 5 years of progressive leadership and managements in the field of education or an organization of equivalent complexity. Preferred Qualifications (in addition to the minimum qualifications listed above): Master's Degree in Finance, Business or Education; 5 years of Administrative experience. For more information <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/jobs> **Send resume and letter of interest by March 15th to:** Livia Riley, Superintendent of Schools, Diocese of Harrisburg, 4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111-3710, (717) 657-4804ext. 222 Email: lriley@hbgdiocese.org



Sanctity of Life Prayer Campaign!

Please join us for our interfaith prayer gatherings as we pray for the success of 40 Days for Life, and for all the Unborn babies & their Mothers.

Where: Public Sidewalk in from of Planned Parenthood, 31 S. Lime Street, Lancaster (Clinic hours: Mon. 10am-4pm, Wed. 10am-5pm, every other Thurs. 11am-4pm)

When: Mon. Feb. 19, 26, Mar. 5, 12, 19 10am to noon, Wed. Feb. 14, 21, 28 Mar. 7,14,21 10am-noon, Sat. Feb. 24 & Mar. 10 10am to noon.

For more information contact: Tom Ramsbottom 717-468-3822 or tramsbottom354@comcast.net



LCHS Updates... Purple & Gold Gala Save the Date: Lancaster Catholic's Purple & Gold Gala will take place on April 7th from 6:00 PM- 10:00 PM at the Lancaster Country Club. For more information about this event, go to lchsyes.org.

Admissions and Affordability Update... If you want a Catholic High education for your son or daughter, Lancaster Catholic will make it work for you. For more information about Affording Lancaster Catholic, go to www.lchsyes.org/affordability/.

Lent



Every year, in Her wisdom, the church provides a period of purification and sacrifice in preparation of the celebration of the Church's great High Feast, Easter. We call this period of preparation Lent. It is not only a time of sacrifice, to give something up; it is also a time of purification, of making right our relationship with God and deepening our faith in Jesus Christ through prayer, fasting and alms giving. In conjunction with Lent the Bishops Annual Lenten appeal gives us the opportunity for alms giving. Again this year we are providing In-Pew envelopes for donating. Our goal this year for Lenten Appeal is \$89,200. We ask you to prayerfully reflect on what God is asking of you this Lent and help the diocese with a pledge this year for the Lenten Appeal.