



# St. Philip the Apostle Parish

## Second Sunday of Lent

February 25th, 2018

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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](http://www.stphilipmillersville.org)

### Parish Office Hours

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

### Parish Staff

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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 24th

5:00pm Stephen Sohonyay

Sunday, February 25th

7:30am Carol Specht

9:30am Ron Smith

11:30am Parishioners of St. Philip's

Monday, February 26th No Mass

Tuesday, February 27th

9:00am Ed Bross

Wednesday, February 28th

9:00am Ron Smith

Thursday, March 1st

9:00am Clayton Bennett

Friday, March 2nd

9:00am Henry S. Shearman

Saturday, March 3rd

5:00pm Parishioners of St. Philip's

Sunday, March 4th

7:30am Bill, Marie & Kevin Pillion

9:30 Clayton Bennett

11:30am Edward Bross

## Abraham Did Not Withhold His Son

In Gn 22 God asks Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac to Him as a holocaust. Abraham went in obedience to the Lord but at the last minute the Lord's messenger cried out and told him not to harm the boy. Abraham was willing to give his only son to show his love for God. Because he was willing God blessed him abundantly. Many trials and burdens come in our lives, things that we can turn over to the Lord, trusting in his love and mercy for us. Are there loved ones suffering with terminal illnesses? We can trust them to the Lord. Do we have mounting debt and constant money pressures that we can turn them over to the Lord? Are their difficult people in our lives who challenge us and turn us away from the person we are called to be? Turn that situation over to the Lord. Addictions, depression, deception, emotional hurts, and loss of loved ones all take their toll on us but we can still be free to live a full life of abundance by giving it to the Lord. If Abraham was willing to sacrifice his son, surely we can sacrifice our trials. God gave His only Son so that we might live the abundant life. Jesus, paid the price. We just have to claim the victory. We need to be fully confident in the Lord's love for us and in His great desire to give us the abundant life so that we are able to let go of all those things that keep us from believing and experiencing the love He has for us. Once we acknowledge that we have no control over these things and acknowledge that Jesus does have power and does love us then we are free to receive the blessings. We only have to wait and trust in Him. Jesus reveals himself to us in little ways throughout the day. If we seek him in our daily life, we find reason to smile, to hope and to believe. In the quiet, stillness of our hearts he consoles us and moves us into the realm of patience and trust. After all, if there is nothing we can do, then giving it to Him is everything. Once we trust things to Jesus we should be confident and unafraid that He is doing it all, His best. God in His wisdom sacrificed His only Son, so that we could have eternal life but also so that our lives here on earth would be abundantly blessed by the knowledge of His love for us. He sent His Spirit to reveal that love to us and to show us how to live that abundant life while here on earth. ***"If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son...will he not also give us everything else?"*** (Rom 8) 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 DiGiuseppe, 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: [KAnsapach@hbgsdiocese.org](mailto:KAnsapach@hbgsdiocese.org)

### Today's Reading

**First Reading** -- The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

**Psalms** -- I walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

**Second Reading** -- God did not spare his own Son (Romans 8:31b-34).

**Gospel** -- This is my beloved Son (Mark 9:2-10).

### Readings of the Week

**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Sunday:** Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25 Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

### Saints and Special Observances

**Sunday:** Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full Communion

**Wednesday:** Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset

**Friday:** Abstinence; World Day of Prayer

**Saturday:** St. Katharine Drexel; First Saturday

### Donut Social for Christine Miller

On Sunday, March 4th at 10:30am St. Philip's is honoring Christine Miller for her 18 years of service as Director of Religious Education. Come, show your appreciation and celebrate with her as she enters a new phase of her life. We will serve coffee and donuts after the 9:30am Mass.

*If God is for us,  
who can be against us?  
- Romans 8:31b*

### Collections February 18th, 2018

Last Year:	\$	8,648	
This Year:	\$	8,664	
On Line Giving	\$	2,129	Weekly Offering
Budgeted weekly:	\$	12,304	<small>© J.S. Palach Co., Inc.</small>
Budget <b>Shortfall</b>		<b>(1,511)</b>	<b>Thank you!</b>

### Year to Date Budget Detail

YTD Budget	\$	407,814
YTD Actual	\$	414,041
YTD <b>Surplus</b>	\$	<b>6,227</b>

**Please remember St. Philip's in Your Will!**



### Angels

Everyone loves angels, right? The Catechism of the Catholic Church in paragraph 328 says that the existence of angels is "a truth of faith." So let's learn a little more about angels. In paragraph 329, the Catechism tells us that "With their whole beings the angels are servants and messengers of God." Angels are "purely spiritual creatures" that have intelligence and will; they are personal and immortal creatures... As purely spiritual creatures, angels are not people, though they may sometimes appear in the form of a person. One common misconception is that when people die, they become angels. Though this is a nice thought, it technically isn't right. Angels and humans are different creations of Almighty God. Finally, the Church teaches that everyone has their very own angel...a guardian angel. The Catechism in paragraph 336 says of guardian angels, "From its beginning until death human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession. "Beside each believer, stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life."



**Divine Mercy...** In the New Testament, Jesus exhorts us: "Be merciful even as your heavenly Father is merciful." He sets the highest goal for us and expects us to obtain it by His merciful love: "Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy" (MT 5:7) ....He will judge us on our mercy toward one another: Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of My brethren, you did it to Me (MT 25:40). **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!**



Today is **Commitment Weekend** for the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal. Hopefully everyone has taken time to reflect upon your gift for this year. We would like everyone to participate. This year our goal is **\$89,200**. Those who have given before know we are grateful for their contributions. We need your help again this year. Those who have not give before, please make this year your first gift to the Appeal. Everyone's help is needed. Any amount raised above our goal stays in our parish to help us. Thank you for your support!

### St. Philip's is a Tithing Parish

- 10% of this Sundays Collection goes to:
- 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 25th

## RE am/pm

Girl Scout Cookie Sales

Monday, February 26th

9:30am Guys & Dolls Board Meeting-MPR1

6:30pm Boy Scouts-PAC

Tuesday, February 27th

6:30pm Cub Scout-PAC

7:00pm First Communion Parent Mtg.-Gym

7:00pm CMG-Church

Wednesday, February 28th

9:30am Divine Mercy- Church

7:00pm RCIA-YL

Thursday, March 1st

7:00pm Baptism Class-PO

7:00pm Choir-Church

Friday, March 2nd

9:45am Lectio Divina-MPR1

Saturday, March 3rd

3:45pm Confession

Girl Scout Cookie Sales

Sunday, March 4th

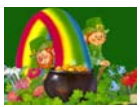
## RE am

Girl Scout Cookie Sales

10:30am Christine Miller's Donut Social

**Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;  
teach me your paths.  
-- Psalm 25:4**

**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 ware drinks and dessert. Come out for this Free event and bring your family or friends!



**Lenten Meal 4:00 – 6:30 PM**

**March 9, 16, 23**

## 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 St. Philip's Guys & Dolls senior citizen group will meet on Monday, March 5th at 1pm. Doors will open at 10am. The 2018 list of trips & flyers for each trip will be available. Members can pay their \$5 annual dues and sign up for new trips. New members are welcome!



**CHWC Vendor Bingo ...** Come join us for an afternoon of games and good company on Sunday, March 11th, 2018. 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. \$18 for 20 games. Extra game tickets and 50/50 tickets can be purchased. 717-872-2166



The Men's Club will be holding their final Train Show of the season on Saturday, March 17. The show runs from 9:00am to noon and will be held in the church gym. There will many tables of trains and train related items for sale. There is a \$4.00 fee to attend. If anyone needs information about the show or are interested in selling or knowing more about their trains, please call Charlie Sauer at 717-872-8481.



**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.



**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.

**Religious Education Sacramental Class Schedule**

The Religious Education class schedule for Confirmation and First Communion will remain as scheduled for meetings, practices, retreats and sacraments. While we are searching for a director all dates previously set on the calendar will remain in effect as will the requirements. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the parish office. Please know we are working to hire the position ASAP but in the mean time we will keep the same level of service and attention to all our Religious Education students. Thank you for your patience and understanding. God Bless you!



**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](mailto: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.sacredheartschlanc.org](http://www.sacredheartschlanc.org). We look forward to partnering with you to give your child an *education for life!*



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**Volunteers needed-** Bingo every Monday and Thursday night. This is where we get money to donate to charities. Lack of time is NOT an excuse, all of us are busy. One night every 6 months will help. Selfless, not selfish. **East-er Egg Hunt-** Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00. Open to children and grandchildren of Knights or Columbus Association members. Lunch will be served. Games, prizes, and special guest. Must register ahead of time. Call or visit the Home. Free. **Saturday Night Bingo-** March 10<sup>th</sup>, doors open at 4:00, Bingo begins at 6:00. \$1500 jackpot. **Knight at the Races-** April 14<sup>th</sup> 5:00, doors open at 4:00. \$20 per person. Call Bill Davenport (717)392-8479 or Bill Valenzo (717)569-9798 for tickets and details. **Designer Bag Bingo-** May 6<sup>th</sup>. Call Sue Fawber for tickets (717)872-4254. **Friday Night Specials are back-3/2/18-** Crab cake dinner \$12.95. **3/9/18-** Fish sandwich with French Fries and coleslaw \$8.95. **3/16/18-** Shrimp platter fried or steamed. \$9.95. 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. 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 Girl Scout troops that meet at St. Philip's will be selling Girl Scout Cookies after all Masses on February 24th & 25th, March 3rd & 4<sup>th</sup> and March 10th & 11<sup>th</sup>. 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.** Also, on Feb. 24 & 25th and March 3rd and 4th they will accept credit cards, checks or cash.



**St. Philip the Apostle Parish** is currently hiring the position of Director of Religious Education. This position requires a Bachelor's or Master's in Theology, Catechetics, Religious Education or related field in addition to 3 years experience and must have basic Catechetical certification and be in the process of attaining the advanced Catechetical Certificate. Candidates should e-mail their resume, cover letter, and Professional recommendations to: [shavey@hbgsdiocese.org](mailto:shavey@hbgsdiocese.org)