



# St. Philip the Apostle Parish

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 11th, 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

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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, March 10th**

5:00pm John and Mary

**Sunday, March 11th**

7:30am Parishioner of St. Philips

9:30am Ron Smith

11:30am Robert Phillips

**Monday, March 12th No Mass**

**Tuesday, March 13th**

9:00am Julia McClusky

**Wednesday, March 14th**

9:00am Tom Daly

**Thursday, March 15th**

9:00am Clayton Bennett

**Friday, March 16th**

9:00am Diane Ostapuck

**Saturday, March 17th**

5:00pm Richard Graver

**Sunday, March 18th**

7:30am Nicholas Potente

9:30am Parishioners of St. Philip's

11:30am Emil Mitman

**Remember in your prayers** those whom are sick and homebound especially: Donna Robinson, Jeff Reese, Jean Trotter, Margaret (Peggy) Braun, 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 DiGuiseppa, 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 Sahn, Georgia Ransom, Paul Derr, Kerlee Fox, Charles Fowler, Minda Phillips, Barbara Dochat, Patricia 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.

## By Grace We Are Saved

What a precious gift we have as Christians. We have a free ticket to heaven because of the grace given to us in Jesus. God, who was rich in mercy, brought us to life with Christ. This is the gift of God. We were dead in sin but now, because we believe, we are alive in Christ. There is nothing we can do to earn our way into heaven. Jesus paid it all. We do good works because we believe and we show our love for God our Father and Jesus by spreading the Good News of the Gospel so that others may also have a chance to believe. Jesus paid the price not us. We claim the ticket to heaven simply through our faith. Our faith opens our eyes to the love that God has for us. So great a love that He sent His only Son to die in our place. But His death not only bought our life in eternity, it also brought us peace, joy, and happiness in this world because in the Father's great love for us He recognized the need for the Spirit. This Spirit of God comes to comfort, to guide and to light the way. It is hard to live in the world of darkness so God gave us first His Son and then His Spirit. The Son paved the way for eternity, then the Spirit paved the way for us in this world. No matter how dark the darkness gets, the Spirit will light the way. That Spirit in us is the Holy Spirit, Third Person in the Holy Trinity. The Holy Spirit brings us great joy in the knowledge of the Father's love for us and great love and appreciation for the Passion and Death of Jesus. Without the Holy Spirit we would be blind to the many gifts and graces that are sent our way. The Spirit opens our eyes to the blessings and graces poured out upon mankind by a loving Father and an obedient Son. Our response to this is the work we do. Our works won't get us to heaven but because we love the Father and the Son and because we are led by the Spirit, we are called to do the work to advance the kingdom. In doing the work we can take no credit on our own because God has given us all the gifts that we have so all that we do in His name is truly by His Spirit in us and not by any of our own doing. Humility is the ability to see that everything we have, and everything we do is only done by the grace of God and not by our own doing. So, it is easy to say, "to God be the Glory!" God Bless you!



### 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@hbgiocese.org](mailto:KAnspach@hbgiocese.org)

### Today's Readings

**First Reading** -- The wrath and the mercy of the LORD are revealed in the exile and liberation of the Chosen People (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

**Psalm** -- Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) or Psalm 23.

**Second Reading** -- God, who is rich in mercy, brought us to life with Christ (Ephesians 2:4-10) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

**Gospel** -- The Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life (John 3:14-21) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

### Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33 Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

### Saints and Special Observances

**Sunday:** Second Scrutiny; Daylight Saving Time begins; Girl Scouting Sunday

**Friday:** Abstinence

**Saturday:** Saint Patrick



**Divine Mercy...** As unpleasant or out-of-place people may consider the thought of "end times" to be, there is no way of avoiding that fact today. Jesus is calling on mankind to turn, with devotion to His Divine Mercy, as preparation for His return to glory. Jesus said, "Tell souls, who spread the honor of My mercy, I will shield them through their entire life and at the hour of death. I will not be a judge for them, but the Merciful Savior." **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!**



### Annulment II

There are many myths and misconceptions about annulment. Let's take a moment to bust some of those myths. First, annulment is simply "Catholic divorce," Wrong. The Church's teachings on marriage and annulment are Christ's teachings, based on Matthew 19:1-9 and Matthew 5:31-32. Another misconception is that divorced people cannot receive Communion. False. Now, those who are divorced and remarried without an annulment must refrain from receiving Holy Communion. But divorced Catholics who have not remarried remain in good standing with the Church. Next, annulments are just a way for the Church to make money. False. As with anything involving paperwork and people, there are administrative cost involved. But money should never be an obstacle, and dioceses offer many ways to help those who may need financial assistance. Next up, an annulment makes children of the marriage illegitimate. Wrong. An annulment has no bearing on the legitimacy of children. Finally, a former spouse has to agree before getting an annulment. False. The proceedings can be initiated by one party.



### BISHOPS ANNUAL LENTEN APPEAL AS OF 2-25-18

**Goal: \$89,200**

**PLEDGES: 705**

**RECEIPTS: 4,150**

**BALANCE: 84,344**

Percent Of Goal: .06%      30 Contributions

### Collections March 4th, 2018

Last Year: \$ 13,350

This Year: \$ 12,787

On Line Giving \$ 4,420

Budgeted weekly: \$ 12,304

Budget **Surplus** 4,900 **Thank you!**

### Year to Date Budget Detail

YTD Budget \$ 420,118

YTD Actual \$ 431,245

**YTD Surplus \$ 11,127**

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



Our **Parish Penance Service** is Sunday, March 18th at 3pm. We will have priests from various parishes to help hear confessions. Please use this opportunity to bring the whole family out to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. Have a blessed lent!

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

10% of this Sundays Collection goes to:

March 11th Bishops Annual Lenten Appeal

March 18th Friendship Community

March 25th Catholic Relief Services



# This Week...

Sunday, March 11th

Food Collection

3pm Vendor Bingo, doors open 1:30pm setup 10am

Monday, March 12th

6:30pm Boy Scouts-PAC

Tuesday, March 13th

2:00pm SHARE-PAC

6:30pm Cub Scouts-PAC

7:00pm Women's Auxiliary Board Mtg-MPR1

7:00pm Bible Study- 2nd Greatest Story-Gym

Wednesday, March 14th

9:30am Divine Mercy-Church

10:00am Prison Ministry-PAC

6:00pm Leadership Formation-PAC

6:30pm Events Committee- MPR3

7:00pm RCIA-YL

Thursday, March 15th

6:45pm Men's Club-PAC

7:00pm Choir-Church

Friday, March 16th

9:45am Lectio Divina-MPR1

4:00pm Lenten Meal- Gym/Kitchen

St. Mary's Meal-Knight of Columbus

Train Show Set Up

Saturday, March 17th

9:00am Train Show-Gym/Kitchen

3:45pm Confession

Sunday, March 18th

RE am/pm

12:45pm Baptisms

1:00pm Catholic Daughters of Am.- PAC

3pm Penance Service-Church



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 be 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.

**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



## Washing of the Feet...

**WE ARE IN NEED OF 12 PEOPLE TO VOLUNTEER ON HOLY THURSDAY AT MASS FOR THE WASHING OF FEET AFTER THE HOMILY. IF YOU WOULD BE SO KIND AS TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AND TALK TO LINDA.**

### Director of Religious Education Position



St. Philip the Apostle Parish is seeking a Parish DRE. This position requires a Bachelor's or Master's in Theology, Catechetical, 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@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:shavey@hbgdiocese.org). Job description is available at [www.stphilipmillersville.com](http://www.stphilipmillersville.com)



**Parish Manager Position...** St. Philip the Apostle Parish is seeking a Parish Manager. The ideal candidate will have in-depth Administrative, Financial and Buildings and Grounds experience. This full time position requires a 4 year degree in Accounting, or Business Administration and 8-10 years' experience in a similar position. The salary is commensurate with experience. Benefit Package is included. Send your cover letter and resume to: Executive Search Committee, St. Philip's Parish 2111 Millersville Pike, Lancaster PA 17603 or email [shavey@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:shavey@hbgdiocese.org). Job description is available at [stphilipmillersville.com](http://stphilipmillersville.com)

**Early Bulletin Submissions... Due to the Easter Holiday, we must have all Palm Sunday and Easter Bulletin submissions from your organization early. Please get all bulletin information into the office by Thursday of this week!**



### First Holy Communion

The First Holy Communion parent meeting will be held on Sunday, March 18th at 8:15am during the regular RE class. All First Communicants are asked to attend class on March 18th and March 25th at 8:15am. The Retreat will be held on April 29th at 9:15 in the gym. No class this date. Information about blessing cups will be here soon. Watch for details!



### "THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST"

There will be a showing of the movie **"THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST"** on Wednesday evening March 28th at 7pm in the parish gym. This is a free viewing of the video by Mel Gibson and starring Jim Caviezel as Jesus in His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. **This video is rated "R" due to the graphic depiction of the violence endured by Christ. Not suitable for children.** Please join us and prayerfully consider what Our Lord suffered for us, as we enter the Easter Triduum. There will be a sign-up sheet in the lobby.



**Donations Needed for Lourdeshouse Maternity Home...** a Catholic Charities residential program located in suburban Harrisburg is in need of the following donations: napkins, deodorant, paper plates, paper towels, plastic cups, body lotion, hair conditioner, toilet paper, and ladies razors. Donations can be dropped off at Lourdeshouse (120 Willow Road in Harrisburg) or at the Diocesan Center (4800 Union Deposit Road in Harrisburg). Please call (717) 412-4865 before delivering items to Lourdeshouse. Thank you!

Flowers on the Altar this weekend are in memory of the Ostapuck Family from your friends.



When judging Reiki according to Christian or Catholic standards, one seriously must question the "source" attributed to the healing. For the Reiki practitioner, he or she is either the conduit for healing from the "divine consciousness" or the source of healing. In contrast, for the Christian, **the source of divine healing is God in Christ Jesus.** The American bishops warn against Reiki as being a possible form of superstition. They conclude "Since Reiki therapy is not compatible with either Christian teaching or scientific evidence, it would be inappropriate for Catholic institutions, such as Catholic health care facilities and retreat centers, or persons representing the Church, such as Catholic chaplains, to promote or to provide support for Reiki therapy." From "A Question of Faith" By Father Earl Fernandes the catholictelegraph.com



### Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Catholic Daughters Court Queen of Peace #1023 of Lancaster (founded by KofC Council #867) generally meets the third Sunday of the month at St. Philip the Apostle Church Parish Activity Center (PAC) from 1-3PM. All Catholic women ages 18 and up are invited to come and see what we are about - spirituality and service to church and community! See our local March calendar below: Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 2-3PM - Volunteer at Bingo at Conestoga View (Café 900). Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 1-4PM - Meeting/Women's Retreat (St. Philip's PAC). The retreat is open to all women, and there is no charge, but please call [717-390-9035](tel:717-390-9035) or email [mgiordano.sultzbach@gmail.com](mailto:mgiordano.sultzbach@gmail.com) to register, so we have enough materials. Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 5:00PM - 8:00PM- Friendly's Fundraiser for the CDA Education Contest - Centerville Restaurant - **All are welcome.** **Thank you for supporting this project for our youth!**



This is to request your help in spreading the word about a **Winner's Choice Designer Bag Bingo April 8** at Resurrection Catholic School in the school cafeteria at 521 E. Orange St. Doors open at noon with an early-bird game at 1:45 p.m. and official start at 2 p.m. Designer bags are Coach, Dooney & Bourke, Michael Kors and Kate Spade. Twenty games plus three specials will be featured along with 50/50 and basket raffles. Great food, prizes and snacks available. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Contact or 717-464-9302.

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