



St. Philip the Apostle Parish

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 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

Parish Staff

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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, March 17th

5:00pm Richard Graver

Sunday, March 18th

7:30am Nicholas Potente

9:30am Parishioners of St. Philip's

11:30am Emil Mitman

Monday, March 19th No Mass

Tuesday, March 20th

9:00am Ralph Faccione

Wednesday, March 21st

9:00am Jon McDonald

Thursday, March 22nd

9:00am Clayton Bennett

Friday, March 23rd

9:00am George Klett

Saturday, March 24th

5:00pm Parishioners of St. Philip's

Sunday, March 25th

7:30am Ron Smith

9:30am Charles Shirey

11:30am Shirley Baltrus

Remember in your prayers those whom are sick and homebound especially: Ellen Mattis, Jean Petersen, 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 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, 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.

"Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord"

JN12 ... In today's responsorial Psalm, the psalmist is begging God to have mercy on him to wipe out his sins and offense. He prays for a clean heart and a steadfast Spirit as he begs God not to take the Holy Spirit from him. He values God's salvation so much that he promises to teach transgressors God's ways so that sinners return. This contrite and humble man recognizes that he is a sinner and his salvation comes from God. He also knows that he needs the Holy Spirit to obtain the joy in salvation. The Gospel reading tells us that unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it is just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. We are like that grain of wheat. We must die to self to produce the fruits of the Spirit. Jesus says whoever serves him, must follow him. Through Jesus' passion, death and resurrection the way is paved for eternal life. First we must live for Jesus. Living for Jesus means doing everything with love and in service to others. It means putting our own needs behind those of family, neighbors and church. Living for Jesus means dying to self. It means giving our thoughts, words and actions to Jesus and allowing him to direct our path. It means no longer being self-serving but being a servant for Jesus. We have to speak up and not be afraid of ridicule. We have to give our time, talents and treasures, our first fruits for the advancement of the kingdom. We have to pray for the grace to endure with patience and perseverance, trusting in the path He chose for us without bitterness and anger. If our walk is easy and our burdens light, then the greater the need to share with our brothers and sisters. If Jesus is drawing us to him and if we are to be like him, then we need to be drawing others to him as well. The only way to draw others to Jesus is by letting him direct our path, loving as he loves. Begin where the Psalmist did, pray for the clean heart, ask for forgiveness and then God will use you as you submit to his will in your life. It might take some practice and courage, but you will obtain much joy as you live for Jesus for it is in dying (to self) that we are born to eternal life. 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@hbgdiocese.org

Today's Readings

First Reading -- I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. (Jeremiah 31:31-34) or Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalm -- Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) or Psalm 130.

Second Reading -- Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Hebrews 5:7-9) or Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel -- If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession) Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 -- 15:47 [15:1-39]

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Third Scrutiny

Monday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday: Abstinence; St. Turibius of Mogrovejo



Divine Mercy... Saint Faustina was a mystic, in that she had a "spiritual" meaning or reality in her life that was neither apparent to the senses nor obvious to intelligence. Her "spiritual" life was beyond human understanding, and was centered in the belief that her personal union/communication with God was achieved through intuition, faith, ecstasy, or sudden insight rather than through rational thought. **Remember...** following the regular 9am Wednesday Mass the Friends of Divine Mercy pray the chaplet and meditate on Jesus Intentions for the day, (all within approx. 20 minutes) in church in front of the Divine Mercy picture portrait. **All are welcome, bring a friend!**



Apostolic Succession... In the Creed, we profess belief in the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. Let's talk about that notion of an Apostolic Church. For many, one of the strongest arguments for Catholicism is Apostolic Succession. Isn't it amazing to think that every Catholic priest could trace his ministerial lineage back to one of the Apostles? You see, every priest was ordained by a bishop, who was ordained by a bishop and so on in an unbroken line back to one of the Twelve. We see Apostolic Succession clearly in Acts 1:15-26. After the death of Judas, the remaining Apostles knew that the office given to Judas by Christ had to be filled. So Matthias was chosen to succeed Judas. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 862 says this: "Just as the office which the Lord confided to Peter alone, as first of the apostles, destined to be transmitted to his successors, is a permanent one, so also endure the office, which the apostles received, of shepherding the Church, a charge destined to be exercised without interruption by the sacred order of bishops. Hence the Church teaches that "the bishops have by divine institution taken the place of the apostles as pastors of the Church, in such wise thought that whoever listens to them is listening to Christ and whoever despises them despises Christ and him who sent Christ."



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!

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.-- Jeremiah 31:33

St. Philip's is a Tithing Parish

10% of this Sundays Collection goes to:

March 18th Friendship Community

March 25th Catholic Relief Services (Dio)

April 1st St. Philip's Poor & Needy Fund

April 8th Our Lady of Angels School

April 15th Holy Land (Dio)

April 22nd SHARE of Lancaster

April 29th Catholic Home Mission Appeal (Dio)



Collections March 11th, 2018

Last Year: \$ 10,151

This Year: \$ 10,419

On Line Giving \$ 1,070

Budgeted weekly: \$ 12,304

Weekly **Shortfall** (815)



Thank you!

Year to Date Budget Detail

YTD Budget \$ 432,422

YTD Actual \$ 442,734

YTD **Surplus** \$ 10,312

Please remember St. Philip's in Your Will!

This Week...

Sunday, March 18th

RE am/pm

12:45pm Baptism

1:00pm Catholic Daughters of America-PAC

3:00pm Penance Service

Monday, March 19th

6:30pm Boy Scout-PAC

Tuesday, March 20th

5:45pm Girl Scout-PS

6:30pm Cub Scout-PAC

7:00pm Bible Study-Gym

7:00pm Women's Auxiliary-MPR₁

Wednesday, March 21st

9:30am Divine Mercy- Church

5:00pm Girl Scout

6:00pm Finance- PO

7:00pm RCIA-YL

Thursday, March 22nd

6:30pm Boy Scout Eagle Board of Review-PAC

7:00pm Choir-Church

Friday, March 23rd

9:45am Lection Divina-MPR₁

4:00- 6:30pm Lenten Meal-Gym/Kitchen

5:00pm Confirmation Retreat-PAC

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 24th

10:00am Confirmation Retreat-Gym/Kitchen

3:00pm Confession

Sunday, March 25th

RE am/pm

Palm Sunday

Bishops Annual Lenten Appeal

as of 3-5-18

Goal:	\$89, 200
Pledges:	6,115
Receipts:	15,951
Balance:	67,134

Percent Of Goal: 25% 113 Contributions



Were you married in 1968? In honor of your 50th Wedding Anniversary there will be a special Mass and reception on Sunday, July 8th, 2018 at 2pm at Good Shepherd Parish in Camp Hill. Bishop Ronald W. Gainer will be the celebrant. To receive an invitation, please contact the parish office.



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.



One of our **daily lectors** is not able to read any longer so we are searching for someone who would be interested helping. Each lector reads Tuesday- Friday and is scheduled about 1 week out of every five weeks, If you come to daily Mass and would be interested in proclaiming the daily reading and the responsorial psalm please contact Annette Schnee 717-397-1482 for more details, Thank You!

The Holy Week Ministry Schedules are in the sacristy. Please sign up to serve your parish and assist your Pastor. Thank You!

Holy Thursday, March 29th

9am~ Morning Prayer/Confession

7pm ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, March 30th

9am ~ Morning Prayer/Confession

2pm ~ Good Friday Reading of the Passion

Veneration of the Cross/

Holy Communion/Confession

7pm~ Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, March 31st

9am~Morning Prayer & Blessing of Food

Baskets/Confession

8:00 pm~ Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 1st

7:30 am, 9:30 am & 11:30 am

~ Easter Masses



Director of Religious Ed Needed... St. Philip the Apostle Parish is seeking a Catholic 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. Job description is available at www.stphilipmillersville.com



Knights of Columbus Council 867

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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. **Knight at the Races-** April 14th 5:00, doors open at 4:00. \$20 per person. Admission ticket includes food and beverages, and \$1 race voucher. Call Bill Davenport (717)392-8479 or Bill Valenzo (717)569-9798 for tickets and details. **Designer Bag Bingo-** May 6th at 1:00. Admission includes 3 cards for 20 regular games. All bags will be filled with various items of gift cards. Grand prize is the blackout special for a Michael Kors bag valued at \$1000, bingo strips for this item will be sold at \$5 each. Call Sue Fawber for tickets (717)872-4254 **Friday Night Specials are back- 3/23/18-** Baked fish with baked potato and veg. \$9.95. **3/30/18-** Good Friday. **4/6/18-** Club sandwich with French fries \$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. Please also consider us for your class reunion. Call Paul Kephart for info. 717-490-4085.



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. Job description is available at stphilipmillersville.com



Please join us for the St. Anthony of Padua's Annual **Spaghetti Dinner** on Saturday, March 24th from 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm in the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. We have a family rate of \$25 this year including adults with 2 or more children. Please call Livia Riley 717-299-6617 for tickets. Gluten free pasta is also available.

Save the Date... The Advocates for People with Disabilities in the Lancaster Deaneries will be hosting The Sixth Annual Prayer and Care Day. Our event has a new name and a new venue. We are now called Caring for Caregivers and will be held at **Saint Anne's Retirement Community on April 7, 2018.** We continue to provide an opportunity for men and women caregivers of our parishes to refresh body, mind and spirit through prayer and fellowship. It is a day of prayer and pampering!! If you would like to register please email mdiffendall@stannesrc.org or phone 717-285-6539. **Registration is limited to 100 guests.**



TEACHING POSITION ~ OMPH SCHOOL

Our Mother of Perpetual Help School in Ephrata, PA is seeking a **fifth grade** teacher for the **2018-19** school year. Interested candidates must be a **practicing Catholic** holding a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree and PA Instructional I teaching certificate. Applicants **must** complete the online **Youth Protection Program of the Harrisburg Diocese** and **provide current** clearances along with employment information compliant with **Pennsylvania Act 168 Regulations**. Benefits include medical coverage, dental plan, life insurance policy and 401K plan. For more information please contact Rev. John McLoughlin, C.Ss.R. (Pastor) at (717) 733-9641 or e-mail: johnmack57@hotmail.com



Save the Date... The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be hosting the 8th Annual Weekend Retreat, June 8 -10, 2018 (Friday evening until Sunday Noon), at Mount St. Mary's University Emmitsburg, MD. The Retreat Master is Very Reverend Neil Sullivan, Pastor of St. Catherine Laboure Parish, Harrisburg, PA. More details will be coming soon!

A Prayer for Lenten Simplicity

Free me, Lord Jesus, from anything that obstructs my way to you. Clear away the clutter of petty grudges. Remove smudges of resentment and bitterness. Cleanse me of thoughts filled with anger, envy, or self-pity. Create space in my life for more kindness and less spitefulness, greater generosity and stronger compassion. Enlarge my heart with a spirit of gratitude this Lent, so that I recognize the simple gifts that lay in abundance all around me. In your sacred name, I pray. Amen.