



St. Philip the Apostle Parish

Diving Mercy Sunday

April 8th, 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 catechetical 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, April 7th

5:00pm Peter Sahd

Sunday, April 8th

7:30am Parishioners of St. Philip's

9:30am Clayton Bennett

11:30am Douglas LaPierre, Sr.

Monday, April 9th

9:00am Theresa Witkowski

Tuesday, April 10th

9:00am Theodore James Webster

Wednesday, April 11th

9:00am John Marquette

Thursday, April 12th

9:00am Joanne Helmus

Friday, April 13th

9:00am Joseph & Marguerite Schmalhofer

Saturday, April 14th

5:00pm Peter Sahd

Sunday, April 15th

7:30am Our St. Philip's Parish Family

9:30am Carol Specht

11:30am George Klett

Divine Mercy Sunday... The message of Divine Mercy is that God loves us and wants us to realize that His mercy is greater than our sins. We can call upon Him with trust to receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. The ABC's of Divine Mercy are:

A-Ask for Mercy. Go to Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour out his mercy upon us and on the whole world....No sin is too great. No matter how deep, dark and awful, His Mercy can fill that hole. Imagine a hole in the sand on the shore and then a big wave comes in and fills the hole with water...that's how it works. His wave of Mercy fills the hole in our heart created by our sin and fills us with his joy!

B- Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. We need to forgive as He forgives us. We need to love as he loves us. When we become offended or annoyed at others we should first remember our own sins and God's Mercy to us and then respond with the same mercy and love shown to us. Luke 6:37-38 "Forgive and you will be forgiven"... "For the measure which you measure will in return be measured out to you." The more we are forgiven the greater our need to forgive others.

C-Completely Trust in Jesus. The graces of His mercy are dependent on our trust in Him. The more we trust in Jesus the more we will receive. Trusting in Jesus means letting and not trying to control and manipulate the situation, giving up our own ideas on how to fix it, and completely trusting in Jesus to do it His way and in His time. Many things are out of our control, so, in the words of St. Pio, "Pray, Hope, and don't worry." You can do this because Jesus loves you and wants you to be totally at peace trusting in His graces and mercy. He never lets us down, He does things His way, which is the best way, and in His time so go ahead and trust in Him. God Bless you!

God, of your goodness give me yourself, for you are enough for me. And only in you do I have everything.

-St. Julian of Norwich

Remember in your prayers those whom are sick and homebound especially: Ralph Schnee, 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, 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.

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 two weeks prior to the Sunday needed. Announcements are due by 5pm on Wednesday. Send to:

KAnsapach@hbgiocese.org

Today's Readings

First Reading -- The community of believers was of one heart and mind (Acts 4:32-35).

Psalms -- Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading -- Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God (1 John 5:1-6).

Gospel -- The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. (John 20:19-31).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Sunday of Divine Mercy

Monday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Wednesday: St. Stanislaus

Thursday: Yom Ha-Shoa (Holocaust Remembrance Day)

Friday: St. Martin I

Around St. Philip's

Gym Roof Project approved \$72,000

Gym Panels Project approved \$100,000

Lobby Electronic Signage/Monitor \$1,500

Lower Parking Lot Lights (in progress)



Thank you to all who served, decorated, played music, or helped with the Easter preparations in any capacity. Because of your dedication to our parish and your faith, we were able to give our parish family a beautiful Easter celebration. Thank you once again for all your help! Jesus is Risen! Alleluia!

Collections March 25th- April 1st + Easter, 2018

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| Last Year: | \$ 9,062 | \$ 12,361 |
| This Year: | \$ 11,655 | \$ 26,468 |
| On Line Giving | \$ 1,170 | \$ 4,705 |
| Budgeted weekly: | \$ 12,304 | \$ 27,304 |
| Weekly Surplus | 521 | \$ 3,869 |

Year to Date Budget Detail

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| YTD Budget | \$ 457,030 | \$ 484,334 |
| YTD Actual | \$ 467,879 | \$ 499,052 |
| YTD Surplus | \$ 10,849 | \$ 14,718 |

Remember St. Philip's in Your Will! Thank You!



Divine Mercy... Trust in Jesus is the essence of the message of mercy that Saint Faustina received. When we go to a public fountain, we have a vessel or container of some kind for water. If our vessel is small, we can only bring back a little water, if it's large, we can bring back a lot of water. The water is there and no one is excluded. All we need is a vessel. So it is with God's mercy. The fountain is His Heart, the water His Mercy, and the vessel is His Trust! **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!**



The Date of Easter

Everyone knows that December 25th is Christmas. But why is Easter on a different date each year, and how is that determined? And have you ever noticed that some other Christians celebrate Easter on a different date? What's up with that? The Catechism of the Catholic Church in paragraph 1170 tells the story. "At the Council of Nicaea in 325, all the Churches agreed that Easter, the Christian Passover, should be celebrated on the Sunday following the first full moon (14Nisan) after the vernal equinox. Because of different methods of calculating the 14th day of the month of Nisan, the date of Easter in the Western and Eastern Churches is not always the same. For this reason, the Churches are currently seeking an agreement in order once again to celebrate the day of the Lord's Resurrection on a common date." The earliest date that Easter can fall in on March 22. That hasn't happened since 1818, and won't happen again until 2285. The latest possible date for Easter in April 25. The last time that happened was 1943, and will happen again in 2038.

St. Philip's is a Tithing Parish

10% of this Sundays Collection goes to:

April 8th Our Lady of Angels School

April 15th Arch of Lancaster

April 22nd SHARE of Lancaster

April 29th Catholic Home Mission Appeal (Dio)



Bishops Annual Lenten Appeal

as of April 1, 2018

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| Goal: | \$89,200 |
| Pledges: | 12,915 |
| Receipts: | <u>52,540</u> |
| Total: | 65,455 |
| Bal to Goal: | \$ 23,745 |

Percent Of Goal: 73% 235 Contributions

Thank you and God Bless YOU!



This Week...

Sunday, April 8th

RE am

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

Monday, April 9th

6:30pm Boy Scout-PAC

Tuesday, April 10th

6:30pm Cub Scout-PAC

7:00pm Bible Study

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

Wednesday, April 11th

9:30am Divine Mercy-Church

10:00am Prison Ministry-PAC

6:00pm Leadership Formation-PAC

6:30pm Events Committee-MPR1

Thursday, April 12th

7:00pm Men's Club Board Mtg-PAC

7:00pm Choir-Church

Friday, April 13th

9:45am Lectio Divina-MPR1

Saturday, April 14th

Food Collection

3:45pm Confession

Sunday, April 15th

RE am/pm

Food Collection

1:00pm Catholic Daughters of America-PAC

God, of your goodness give me yourself,
for you are enough for me.
And only in you do I have everything.
--St. Julian of Norwich



Hershey Park Discount Tickets! For your 2018 summer tickets at a substantial discount order through St. Philip's. The tickets are valid for any public day during the regular 2018 season. Take advantage of these early bird saving! Order forms are in the office and church lobby. There is a slight price difference for this years tickets. All ages 3+ are \$34.85, prepaid meal tickets \$11.99, snack voucher \$3.25, prepaid parking passes \$7.50 order by April 30th. Checks payable to St. Philip the Apostle Parish. Hershey Park has two new water attractions this year...Breakers Edge and Whitecap Racer!

Food Collection for April 14th & 15th~



Peanut butter

Canned Meats, any type (tuna, chicken, spam, etc.)

Shelf Stable Meals (dinner helpers, canned soups & pastas, beef stews, etc.)

dry cat food

The list is short because they are in **great** need of these items! Please be generous!

The Deadline for submitting The St. Philip's Women's Auxiliary Scholarship Applications is April 17th.

The **Boy Scouts** of St. Philip's Parish are revving up for another **Chicken BBQ** event on April 21st in the Upper Parking Lot of St. Philip's Church, Lancaster, from 10am-2pm. Ask one of our scouts how to get tickets or watch the vestibule after Masses for ticket opportunities.

The St. Philip's Event Committee is asking for donations of gift cards for this year's bingo, which is free to all parishioners. We need cards from local eateries, grocery stores or shopping plazas from \$5-\$25 to be used as prizes. Please have it in an envelope marked "bingo" and drop them off at the office or the collection basket at Mass. We also could use a few volunteers to set up on Saturday, April 28th at 10am. Thank you for all your help!

St. Philip Event Committee presents

B I N G O

Game Night

GAMES. FUN. PRIZES.

APRIL 28TH / 6PM
FREE EVENT

NEW Theme and Mystery Basket Giveaway
Dinner and Drinks on us!

RSVP by April 22nd
via Sign-up Genius on our website
www.stphilipmillersville.com
or in the Lobby via the Sign-up Sheet



Please join us for our first annual St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church Community **Yard Sale Fundraiser** on June 2nd from 8am to 1pm. Come SELL or SHOP. We will have the entire rear parking lot full of yard sale spaces. 2 Parking Spaces - \$20 to rent. Deadline to register May 26th. Vendor set up 7am to 8am. For more info or to register for a Vendor spot call Kim at 717-872-2166 ext. 100 or email at KANspach@hbgdiocese.org. All proceeds will go towards St. Philip's Parish, who provides free events for the church community year around.

Let your religion so be less of a theory and more of a love affair.
--G. K. Chesterton

Classical Home School Co-op Informational meeting



Catholic Schoolhouse... Monday, April 9th, 6:30 meet & greet, 7pm meeting starts at St Leo the Greats' Weber Activities Center (rancher building to the right of the Church) Questions call or txt Lisa 856-630-3634, smilegodlovesu81@gmail.com Come and Learn about a Catholic schoolhouse Chapter in Lancaster. **What is it?** www.catholicsschoolhouse.com Schoolhouse is a structured program meeting weekly for homeschoolers. Mission: Striving to lay a foundation for learning in elementary age children and provide additional opportunities for older children. For more information see the website above.

BREAKING BREAD - a Young Adult Activity



Join other young adults for Sunday Mass followed by brunch at a nearby restaurant. Meet in the narthex of the church with Brunch following at a nearby restaurant to be announced at that time. On **Sunday, April 29th**, the group will meet for **10:30 a.m. Mass** at Holy Trinity Catholic Church 409 Cherry St., Columbia, PA. All are welcome to attend and connect with other young adults in the area. For more information contact: kelsichuprinski@gmail.com

Lancaster Theology on Tap



Lancaster Theology on Tap will be held on **THURSDAY, May 10th, 2018** at Annie Bailey's Irish Pub, Lancaster beginning at 7:00 p.m. **Matt Ritter**, former WGAL broadcaster, and current multimedia meteorologist in the DC area, will speak on the topic: **LEAPS OF FAITH**. For additional details: check out the website at www.totlancaster.com or the Facebook page. All young adults (20's and 30's) are welcome. Theology on Tap is an outreach ministry of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas Catholic Daughters Court Queen of Peace #1023 of Lancaster (founded by KofC Council #867) 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 April calendar below: Wednesday, April 4th 5-8PM – Friendly's Family Fun Night, Centerville Restaurant – All are welcome. Thank you for supporting the CDA Education Contest for our youth grades 4-12. Sunday, April 15th 1-3PM – Meeting/Book Club **In His Eyes: Becoming the Woman God Made You to Be** - Bring your bible. (St. Philip's PAC).



Forgiveness After Abortion... All mothers of conscience will suffer feelings of guilt and remorse. There is only one permanent solution for a grieving mother - a solution based on reality, not on denial or pretense. This solution is **FORGIVENESS**. Our merciful God loves us and wants to forgive us and help us find peace. However, forgiveness is a gift that must be received to take effect. Just like any other gift, we do not receive forgiveness until we choose to receive it. God does not want anyone going through life punishing themselves for having an abortion or being part of an abortion. Women who have had an abortion can accept God's gift of forgiveness and if more help is needed, seek professional help. Attending a retreat like Rachel's Vineyard and Project Rachel (which are very active in our nation) can be very helpful. Many women who have had abortions carry understandable bitterness toward men who used or abused them, toward parents and friends who were insensitive to their predicament, and towards those who misled or pressured them to abort. God wants women to take the forgiveness He has given them and extend it to others. This frees them from the awful burden of resentment and bitterness. After accepting God's forgiveness, a wonderful way to heal and give something back (for a woman who has had an abortion) is to commit herself to the pro-life movement in defending life and reach out to other prospective mothers in crisis pregnancy situations. In this way, God uses us to help others and share with them His love and guidance.



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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. **Friday Night Specials are back- 4/13/18**- Honey roasted chicken with mashed potatoes and veg. \$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.