

St. Philip Church

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Mission Statement

St. Philip Parish, a welcoming Catholic community, strives to love, honor, know, and serve God. As a family, we gather to celebrate liturgy, perform good deeds, share our faith, and bring all to Christ. St. Philip, lead us to Jesus.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 5, 2010

9th ANNIVERSARY

2001 - SEPTEMBER 11 - 2010

Come, Holy Spirit of Love and Peace,
We long for Your healing touch.

On September 11, 2001,
our country was scarred by hatred and revenge . . .
We long for Your healing touch.

Hearts were broken and lives were lost,
and fear and anger prevailed . . .
We long for Your healing touch.

Awaken in us, Holy Spirit,
a deep and respectful remembrance . . .
that You are a God of love, not hatred,
that You are a God of forgiveness, not revenge,
that You are a God of peace, not war.

Remembering these things, we ask You
to bless our country and all those
defending its ideals of freedom and liberty
and bring them safely home.

May Your gifts of peace, love, and forgiveness
transform our hatred, anger, and fear,
so that peace on earth will be possible once again.

Come, Holy Spirit of Love and Peace,
We long for Your healing touch.

Amen.

LABOR DAY



The Parish Office will be closed Monday, September 6 in observance of Labor Day. The office will reopen Tuesday, September 7, when we will begin our new office hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday - Thursday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday.

SAVE THE DATE!

On September 12 at 3 p.m., Frank Runyeon will make a return appearance at St. Philip. Frank has appeared on national television and on the Hollywood screen.

For many years he has performed several "one man" shows based on scripture. On September 12, he will perform **The Sermon on the Mount** and **Hollywood vs. Faith**.

We are excited to welcome Frank back to our church. Following the performance, there will be a pot luck supper for those who are interested in participating.

There will be a free will offering of \$5.00 per person, \$20.00 for a family of five or more.

. . . AND A "POT LUCK" DINNER!

What a great way to celebrate after the show - a pot luck dinner in the School Hall. We will need many different parts of the meal - please call Angie at 203-847-8405 and let her know what your family would like to bring . . . yum!

Salad - green, pasta, macaroni, etc.

Main Course - pasta, meat, chicken, casserole, etc.

Side Dish - vegetables, potatoes, etc.

Desserts

Beverages - soda, water, ice tea

This should be a fun and inexpensive way to see a show and share dinner out with friends. All are invited, all are welcome!

STEWARDSHIP

Share God's blessings! God has given us so many blessings, and as Christian stewards we have a responsibility to use and share those blessings with others.

Over the next few weeks we will be hearing from members of our Parish Council and our Finance and Property Committee share the status of our parish finances. Pray all will enter into the spirit of stewardship when we renew our faith commitment this fall.

Reflection: In today's Gospel Jesus taught His followers the hard lesson of the cross - good accounting, careful planning, anticipating changes, decision making and finishing the job.

FAITH FORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Regular Class Schedule:

Tuesday, September 14 4:00 to 5:15 p.m.
 Wednesday, September 15 4:00 to 5:15 p.m.

Classes begin in Church this week only - dismissal is in the School Hall.

If we have not received your registration, your child(ren) will not begin class on September 14/15. If your child(ren) will not be returning this year, please give a courtesy call to the Faith Formation Office at 203-847-4286.

Any new families registering should call the Faith Formation Office at 203-847-4286 to pick up a registration form.

Please consider becoming a Catechist. It is a wonderful way to give of your time and talent to the children of St. Philip Parish. Parents of children in the Religious Education program receive free tuition for their children if they are a Catechist. If you would like to talk about this possibility, please call the Faith Formation Office at 203-847-4286.

We also need Hall Monitors on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Thank you to the many parents who have already volunteered to help in this capacity and other ways.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA is a process of conversion and entry into the fullness of the Catholic Church. In September, RCIA meetings will start at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the School Board Room, unless otherwise noted. For more information, contact Ellen Mahon at 203-322-5349 or ellendw2008@yahoo.com.



TOTAL YOUTH MINISTRY

SUMMER YOUTH GROUP

St. Philip Youth Group (SPY G) meets on Wednesday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. All high school students are invited, including those who will be entering high school in the Fall. Friends are always welcome!

BOYS NIGHT OUT/GIRLS NIGHT IN

We will be having separate overnights for high school girls and high school boys on Friday, September 10. Both groups will begin with dinner on Friday and end in a special prayer service on Saturday morning.

The girls' night will be like an old-fashioned slumber party focusing on self-esteem, taking care of ourselves, dating and plain old girl-chat!

The boys' night will focus on respect, relationships, responsibility, and just a chance for guys to get together and talk.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES EMAILS

If you would like to receive emails about high school and/or middle school social gatherings, service opportunities, events and news, please email Kali at kali1@optonline.net. Please specify middle school or high school.

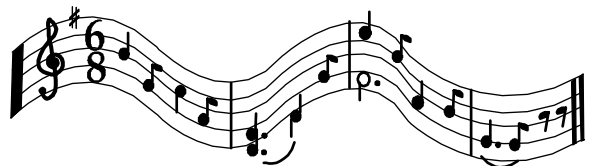
MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Week of September 5, 2010

Monday		NO 7:30AM MASS
Tuesday	7:30am	Raffaella Spagnuolo
Wednesday	7:30am	Rose & Laurence McPartland
Thursday	7:30am	Carolyn Hensey
Friday	7:30am	James & Marie Marino
		COMMUNION SERVICE
Saturday	5:30pm	Victims of 9-11-01 Tragedy
Sunday	8:00am	Frank & Mildred Santorella
	10:00am	Madelyn & Vincent Coviello
	12:00pm	For The Parishioners

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS & PARISH EVENTS

Wed., Sept. 8	- MOMS Group	
	- School Board Room	11:30 a.m.
	- Art & Environment Committee	
	- Church	7 p.m.
	- Youth Group	
	- YAC	7 - 9 p.m.
	- Choir	
	- Music Room	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 9	- Prayer Group	
	- YAC	7:45 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 10	- Prayer Shawl Ministry	
	- School Board Room	10 a.m.
	- YAC (Middle School)	7 - 9 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 11	- Men's Ministry	
	- School Board Room	8 a.m.
Sun., Sept. 12	- Frank Runyeon Performance	
	- Church	3 p.m.
	- Pot Luck Dinner	
	- School Hall	5 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 13	- Liturgy Committee	
	- School Board Room	7:30 p.m.



COME JOIN THE MUSIC MINISTRY

Three good reasons for you to join:

- #1 You love to sing and wish to make a joyful noise unto the Lord!
- #2 You want to contribute to the life of the parish.
- #3 You want to have a rewarding, social, musical and spiritual experience.

If you fit into any of these categories, come join us at a rehearsal!

The St. Philip Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Room, September through June and sings every Sunday morning at the 10 a.m. Liturgy. Come to our first rehearsal/kick-off party on Wednesday, September 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Room to see what we're about - no obligation!

The St. Philip Junior Choir invites children in grades 3 and up to sing at our "Children Are Special" liturgies. Rehearsals are on Saturdays from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Music Room. Come check it out on Saturday, September 18 at 4 p.m. in the Music Room. Save the date and bring a friend!

For questions about the St. Philip Music Ministry, please contact Maria O'Kelly at 203-846-8054.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH

Our second collection next weekend will be gathered for the St. Philip Capital Improvement Fund.

VIRTUS: PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

By Diocesan mandate, everyone volunteering for ministry must attend a Protecting God's Children Session in order to be involved in any capacity.


A training session is available at St. Thomas the Apostle in Norwalk on Thursday, September 30 at 6 p.m.

Mrs. Doris Chiappetta will conduct a session at St. Thomas More in Darien on Monday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m.

If you need any further information, please call the Faith Formation Office at 203-847-4286.

EDUCATION FOR PARISH SERVICE

FALL 2010 EPS SCHEDULE



Search for Communion with God - a 4-week conversation on the natural yearning within our souls to be ever closer to God and better understand the covenant God makes with each of us. Taught by Fr. Peter Lynch on Wednesdays in September.

Foundations of Moral Theology - Six weeks of lively discussion with renowned Catholic scholar Fr. Joe Loterski on natural law, good and evil, human freedom and conscience on Tuesdays, September to mid-October.

Reading the Old Testament - An 8-week survey from the Catholic perspective of the Old Testament as foundation for, and parallel to, the New Testament. Dr. Thomas Hicks makes this all readily understandable on Wednesdays, October to Advent.

The Gospel of John - Six weeks of the Gospel according to St. John and his unique perspective on Jesus Christ and the sacraments instituted by Him. Dr. Thomas Hicks shows us the similarities and differences with Matthew, Mark and Luke. Classes will be on Tuesdays, October and November.

Contact Priscilla Toumey at EPSCTprogram@trinitydc.edu or call 203-847-2363 or see <http://eps.trinitydc.edu>. EPS is an independent non-profit organization and relies solely on tax deductible donations from its students, graduates, friends and the parishes and dioceses it serves.

ST. PHILIP BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Thursday, September 23, the Bible Study group will meet every Thursday from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the School Board Room. This year the group will reflect on St. Matthew's Gospel, preparing ahead of time for the readings that will be heard starting in Advent.

A set of text, commentary and Study Guide may be purchased for \$14. For more information, call Ellen Mahon at 203-322-5349 or email: ellendw2008@yahoo.com.

NOVENA

The Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be prayed on Wednesday, September 15 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Philip Church. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend and please feel free to bring a friend!



CHRISTMAS FAIR 2010

The St. Philip Parish Annual Christmas Fair will be held on Friday, December 3 and Saturday, December 4; Breakfast with Santa will be on Sunday, December 5.

Vendor spaces are still available. Call Debbie at 203-515-8015 to reserve a table.

"White Elephant" items will be collected through November 15. Items should be left near the **MIDDLE** garage door of the YAC building, Monday thru Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Look for the sign. All items must be clean and in working order. The items needed are as follows:

BOOKS - new & used, in good condition, for children and adults

CDs, DVDs AND VIDEO TAPES

FURNITURE - This year we will accept couches, but not beds. We are also looking for smaller pieces like night tables, chairs, small dressers and desks. Please call 203-515-8015 to check with Debbie if you are unsure.

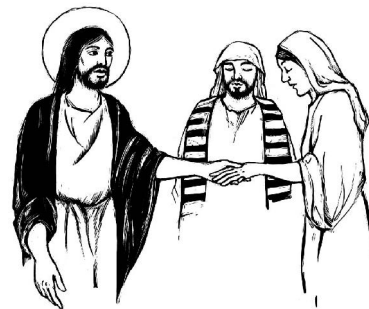
PLEASE NOTE: THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED - CLOTHING, HAIR CARE ITEMS AND RECORDS. ALSO, NO LARGE APPLIANCES OR COMPUTERS. THE CHRISTMAS FAIR COMMITTEE GREATLY APPRECIATES YOUR COOPERATION IN FOLLOWING THESE GUIDELINES.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

We begin this season's "during Mass" collections next weekend with "Clean Scene: Health & Home," a collection of personal and home care products that will be distributed to those in need. The slips listing the requested items will be distributed next weekend. These donations will be collected during all Masses the following weekend, September 18 & 19. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 12, 2010
Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32



"The Golden Calf" is a strong image, from the Bible to the Faustian legends, for rejecting God. But God is faithful and patient in allowing the prodigal to come back home. When we do, Jesus says all creation rejoices because the lost is found. We have sacramental healing of the sinner and the sick, through penance and anointing of the sick, to lead us back to the "Great Feast of Heaven." You are invited to share in the wedding banquet of God. Are you coming back to where you should be?

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