



# 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.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 7, 2010

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent at 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, March 12

led by Josephine & Adrienne Cunningham  
and Mavis Mennino.

### SAINT PHILIP ARTISTS' GUILD

Invites you to experience

*The H2O Show*  
*Perceptions of Water*

a special art show presented in partnership with SPAG,  
local artists and the  
St. Philip Youth Group's 30-Hour Famine.

Sundays, March 7, 14, 21 & 28 and April 11, 18 & 25  
from 1 to 5 p.m.

23 France St., Norwalk, CT 06851  
(in the Mansion behind St. Philip Church)

Call Donna Davie at 203-246-8786 for more information.

### IT'S TAX TIME!

A national tax preparation service has offered to raise funds for St. Philip Church. For every paid tax return prepared for a member of the St. Philip Parish Family, St. Philip will receive a \$30 donation. St. Philip family members will receive a 30% preparation fee discount. Free returns will be done for families in need.

If you are interested in helping St. Philip while having your taxes done too, please contact Michael O'Leary, a St. Philip parishioner, at his office (203-487-3970) or on his cell phone (203-434-5626) or by email at [mikeo24@optonline.net](mailto:mikeo24@optonline.net) to schedule an appointment.

Thank you for supporting St. Philip fund raising programs.

### EXPLANATORY MASS

**PLEASE NOTE:** This notice should have been in last weekend's bulletin. Please forgive any inconvenience this may cause and make every effort to attend this inspirational workshop.

**TODAY,** Sunday, March 7 at 4 p.m., Fr. Michael A. Boccaccio assisted by Deacon Frank Chiappetta, who serves as spiritual Advisor to SPYCE, will celebrate an Explanatory Mass.

At the Mass, Fr. Boccaccio will explain the history of the parts of the Mass and the reasons for particular vestments and sacred vessels. Father will answer any questions the children or adult participants may have.

The purpose of this spiritual/teaching presentation is to encourage full participation in the sacrifice Jesus left for His people. This Mass will fulfill our Sunday obligation. All are welcome to attend.

### HOW CAN A THIEF BE GOOD?



On Monday, March 22, Fr. Boccaccio will lead a spiritual workshop in the Church from 7:30 to 9 p.m. investigating Luke 23:32-43. This passage, often referred to as "The Good Thief," records the conversation between him and Jesus, while both are dying on the cross.

All are welcome. Reading the passage beforehand would, of course, be to your benefit. Also, if able, bring any representation of Jesus crucified that can be easily and securely **placed** on a table, e.g., a sculpture, a framed piece, etc.

Keep Up With The Times

## Reset Your Clocks

Daylight Saving Time will begin on Sunday, March 14. Turn your clocks **AHEAD** one hour Saturday night, March 13.

# FAITH FORMATION

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Regular Class Schedule:

Tuesday, March 9 4:00 to 5:15 p.m.  
 Wednesday, March 10 4:00 to 5:15 p.m.

**FIRST EUCHARIST FAMILIES** - On the day your child attends Religious Education classes, Tuesday, March 23 or Wednesday, March 24, the First Eucharist students will have a singing practice and also watch a video on First Eucharist. One parent is encouraged to attend with their child. Your child's First Eucharist Banner is also due on or before March 24.

### SPYCE

Sunday, March 7 Session #7 4 - 6:30 p.m.  
 Sunday, April 18 Session #8 4 - 6:30 p.m.

### CONFIRMATION 2010

Sunday, March 14 Session #12 6 - 8:30 p.m.  
 Sunday, March 28 Session #13 6 - 8:30 p.m.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA is a process of conversion and entry into the fullness of the Catholic Church. From September through June all RCIA meetings start at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesdays in the School Board Room, unless otherwise noted. For more information, please call Ellen Mahon at 203-921-7700.



## TOTAL YOUTH MINISTRY

### HIP, HOP, HIPPIITY HOP

The Easter Bunny is coming for breakfast! Our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be on Sunday, March 21 after the 10 a.m. Mass. There is a small fee to cover the cost of food - \$3 per person, \$10 per family. Some helpers are needed to stuff eggs, set up the School Hall, cook and help with the crafts and games. Please call Kali 203-845-2385 to see where you can help. We also need candy! The Easter Bunny is looking for **SMALL** wrapped candy to fill his eggs. Please leave donations in the basket at Church or in the Religious Education office. Thank you!

### 30-HOUR FAMINE 2010

It is difficult to describe in words the feelings we have after an incredible Famine Weekend. Our stomachs may have been empty, but our hearts are full! Look for a full wrap-up, thank you and total raised in next week's bulletin.

Two things to note: We ran out of tee shirts this year! We will be putting in an order for more - anyone who would like to purchase a shirt, please contact Kali at [kali1@optonline.net](mailto:kali1@optonline.net) or 203-845-2385. Also, we are still collecting pledges for the next two weeks. You can still make a donation to either Manna House or World Vision. Donations can be sent to: St. Philip Church, 1 Father Conlon Pl., Norwalk, CT 06851. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

### I SQUARED

St. Ladislaus Church ( 25 Cliff St., Norwalk) extends an invitation to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual performance of "I Squared" - a delightful Sunday afternoon of Irish and Italian songs, sung by two professional opera singers fresh from the New York stage. The performance will take place on March 21 at 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25. Call 203-952-4993.

## MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Week of March 7, 2010

Monday	7:30am	Arturo Henao
Tuesday	7:30am	Nicholas Stadler Kritharakis
Wednesday	7:30am	James Marino
Thursday	7:30am	Giuseppina Tosti
Friday	7:30am	Amelia Henao
	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Saturday	<b>7:30am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer with Eucharist</b>
	5:30pm	Anthony DeBone
Sunday	8:00am	Victims of the Earthquake in Chile
	10:00am	For The Parishioners
	12 Noon	Yvonne Gardiner
		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny</b>

### LENT MORNING PRAYER

During Lent, Morning Prayer with Holy Communion will be celebrated in the Day Chapel on Saturday mornings at 7:30 a.m. On the remaining three Saturdays, March 13, 20 & 27, we will join with the universal Church in praying the Liturgy of the Hours. We will also celebrate a Communion Rite.

### SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS & PARISH EVENTS

Mon., March 8	- Children's Passion Play Rehearsal	Church	3:30 - 5 p.m.
	- Liturgy Committee	School Board Room	7:30 p.m.
Tues., March 9	- Religious Education	School	4 p.m.
	- RCIA	School Board Room	7:15 p.m.
Wed., March 10	- MOMS Group	School Board Room	11:30 a.m.
	- Religious Education	School	4 p.m.
	- Youth Group	YAC	7 - 9 p.m.
	- Choir	Music Room	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., March 11	- Children's Passion Play Rehearsal	Church	3:30 - 5 p.m.
	- Bible Study	School Board Room	7:15 p.m.
	- Prayer Group	YAC	7:45 p.m.
Fri., March 12	- Prayer Shawl Ministry	School Board Room	10 a.m.
Sat., March 13	- Men's Ministry	School Board Room	8 a.m.
	- SPYCE Retreat	YAC	9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
	- Junior Choir	Music Room	4 - 5 p.m.
	- St. Patrick's Day Dinner	School Hall	7 p.m.
Sun., March 14	- H2O Art Show	Mansion	1 - 5 p.m.
	- Confirmation Session #12	School Hall	6 - 8:30 p.m.
Mon., March 15	- Children's Passion Play Rehearsal	Church	3:30 - 5 p.m.
	- Social Concerns Committee	School Board Room	7 p.m.
	- Music Committee	Music Room	7:30 p.m.

# 2010 LENT AND EASTER SEASON CALENDAR

Everything listed will take place in the Church or Day Chapel unless otherwise noted.		± symbol: In keeping with the Diocesan Tuesday Celebration of Reconciliation, an appointment may be made for this Sacrament between 7-9pm.		p symbol: Prayer with Eucharist at 7:30am in the Day Chapel on Saturdays during Lent.	MM symbol: The Men's Ministry meets in the School Boardroom every Saturday at 8am.	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent  Mass: 8am, 10am: 1 <sup>st</sup> Scrutiny & 12 Noon  Art Show-Mansion: 1-5pm	8 Mass 7:30am	9 Mass 7:30am  RCIA - Boardroom 7:15pm  ± (See code above)	10 Mass 7:30am	11 Mass 7:30am	12 Mass 7:30am  Stations of the Cross 7:30pm	13 p (See code above) MM (See code above)  Reconciliation 4 to 5pm  Easter Food/Gift Slips  Mass 5:30pm  St. Patrick's Dinner 7pm
14 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  Easter Food/Gift Slips  Mass: 8 & 10am & 12 Noon: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny  Art Show-Mansion: 1-5pm	15 Mass 7:30am	16 Mass 7:30am  RCIA - Boardroom - 7:15pm  ± (See code above)	17 Mass 7:30am  Novena 7pm	18 Mass 7:30am	19 Mass 7:30am  Stations of the Cross 7:30pm	20 p (See code above) MM (See code above)  Reconciliation 4 to 5pm  Easter Food/Gift Collection  Mass 5:30pm

## NOVENA

Thank you to all who attended the novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help in January. Please plan to attend the next scheduled novena on Wednesday, March 17 at 7 p.m. and bring a friend. Grateful thanks to Ralph Dias, who provided the following information:

The devotion to "Holy Mary of Perpetual Succor" dates back to the 15<sup>th</sup> century. The painting was first venerated on the island of Crete near Greece and was later carried to Rome and placed in the church of St. Mathew the Apostle. In 1798 the church of St. Mathew was destroyed and the painting disappeared. It resurfaced in 1866 when it came into the hands of the Redemptorist Fathers at the command of Pope Pius IX. Since then, the Redemptorists have been the propagators of the devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Succor.

The devotion was brought to Goa, India in the 16<sup>th</sup> century and later to Mumbai, India. From India, the devotion has spread to the East, Middle East, Far East and as far as Africa.

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH

The second collection next weekend will be gathered for the St. Philip Capital Improvement fund.

## SCHEDULES

Next weekend, March 13 & 14, schedules for Altar Servers, Eucharist Servers, Greeter/Ushers and Scripture Readers will be available in the main vestibule of the Church. Adult schedules are also posted on the parish web site: [www.stphilipnorwalk.org](http://www.stphilipnorwalk.org).

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

Slips for the Easter Food/Gift Collection will be distributed at Mass next weekend, March 13 & 14. Donations will be collected the following weekend, March 20 & 21, during Mass. Please be as generous as possible by fulfilling the request on your slip.

## SYMPATHY AND PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCES TO THE FAMILIES OF:

Eleanor Devine McMahon  
 Millicent I. Smith  
 Terri Strileckis Wydan

## THANK YOU!

Grateful thanks to Fr. Gilbert D'Souza, the leader of our annual Parish Mission. Fr. D'Souza's presentation on *Liturgy is in the Detail, Hidden in Plain Sight* was an enlightening experience for all who attended.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent - March 14, 2010  
 Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

## COME HOME

We each hear this appeal differently, but we all recognize the call to reconciliation. We need to put things in proper order. When Joshua and God's people arrive in the promised land, when the prodigal son finally returns to the father's house, there is homecoming joy and a feast. This Lent we are called home, we are called to reconciliation with God, the community of faith, our own families, and one another. Come home! Come home!



4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, Year C. Illustration © 2000 S. Erspamer. Text, Philip J. Sandstrom, STD © 2000, OCP. All rights reserved.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Readings for the Noon Mass (2<sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny) will be: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Ephesians 5:8-14 and John 9:1-41