

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.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2012

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Faith. Academics. Service.

Why Choose All Saints Catholic School?

"My granddaughter is in her fourth year at All Saints Catholic School, two years in pre-k, kindergarten and now first grade. We could not be more pleased with the school and her development. The teachers have been excellent, very caring and attuned to the specific needs of each child. The school is well run with many opportunities for each child to develop strong leadership and academic skills." Joanne Sumner-Obst

Today marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week, the national celebration of what makes Catholic education exceptional and what we offer the families in our community. Come see what makes All Saints Catholic School exceptional at one of our open houses: Today, Sunday, January 29, 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.; or Monday and Tuesday, January 30 and 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. www.ascs.net 139 West Rocks Road, Norwalk. 203-847-3881

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR ELECTRONIC GIVING YET?

Are you a trend setter who began electronically giving before last summer? If so, have you canceled your Vanco account, changing over to the new OSV system? If not, we ask you to do so at once. We have already given notice to Vanco to shut down our account and if you do not switch to the new service we will no longer receive your offertory contributions.

If you have not yet made use of electronic giving, now is a great time to consider it. Please go to our website www.stphilipnorwalk.org and sign up. In addition to the recurring weekly and monthly contributions, other offerings, such as the diocesan collections, Easter and Christmas flowers, etc. will be available at appropriate times. Doing so is a win-win situation, saving your contributions from being forgotten and saving the Parish a lot of paperwork.

TIME AND TALENT

Are you handy and able to work with tools? We have several small projects that need to be done around the Campus, from building new shelving for the food pantry, to fixing the floor and cabinets in the YAC. If you are looking for a way to support your parish but can't do it financially at this time, maybe you could help out with your talents. Please contact Alan Yoder in the Parish Office at 203-847-4549.

HAVING FUN WHILE PRAISING the LORD!

Did you enjoy the music presented by our Choirs over the Christmas Season? How about joining in! Both the Junior and Adult Choirs are looking for singers in all parts, and you don't need to read music. Both choirs are starting to prepare for the 30 Hour Famine Mass followed by music for the Triduum. Stop and see Music Director, Maria O'Kelly, on the Music Island after any Mass, or come to a rehearsal. The Junior Choir rehearses Saturdays from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. and the Adult Choir rehearses Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the music room in the school. It's a great way to praise the Lord and have fun at the same time.

WE PRAY THAT CHRIST'S HEALING BE GIVEN TO:

Michael Broncati	Shirley Catugno
Otto "Skip" de Pierne	Joanne Hughes
John Jopling	Kristen Leclercq
Sharon McGarry	Jim Urkavich

MEET US ON BOURBON STREET

MARDI GRAS 2012

This year's Mardi Gras Party is only three weeks away! It will be held on Saturday, February 18 after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. **MANY VOLUNTEERS** are still needed to help set up and work in the kitchen. Please call Patsy Porco at 203-642-4333 if you would like to help with this fun event.



Faith Formation RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Regular Class Schedule: Tuesday, January 31, and Wednesday, February 1, 4:00 to 5:15 p.m.

SPYCE

Session 6 – Grades 6-8
Sunday, February 12,
4:00-6:00 p.m.

The SPYCE Retreats for grades 6 & 8 has been postponed. The new date will be sent to you shortly.



CHILDREN ARE SPECIAL

Our next Children Are Special Mass will be February 18 at 5:30 p.m. with the St. Philip Children in Grade Three celebrating Mardi Gras.

FIRST EUCHARIST

For parents of children receiving First Eucharist, there was a meeting last week on January 19 and January 20. If you did not attend on one of the meeting days, please call the Faith Formation office at 203-847-4286 for a private meeting

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

VIRTUS TRAINING

VIRTUS is a child abuse awareness and prevention program for all adults who work or volunteer in our schools, parishes and programs. Adults learn to recognize early warning signs in offenders of child sexual abuse to keep children safe from harm. This training meets the highest standards required by the U.S.C.C.B. Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and is necessary to work or volunteer in any capacity within the Diocese of Bridgeport. Parents and grandparents are strongly encouraged to attend even if you do not plan to volunteer.

Doris Chiappetta will be conducting a class here at St Philip on Wednesday, February 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the school hall. There are also other classes in the area that are listed on the Virtus web site.

Please register in advance by going to the website www.virtusonline.org (there is also a link on the parish web site). Select the Word Registration and Select Bridgeport Diocese as your organization. Proceed through the menu creating a user account and sign-up for a class. If you do not have internet access, please call Erin Neil (203) 416-1406. If you have problems registering while you are online you can contact the help-desk at 1-888-847-8870. Pre-registration is required so that we can reduce the registration time at the door and so that you are notified in the event of a change or cancellation.

Attend a live VIRTUS Protecting God's Children for Adults class (Approximately 3 hours).

You will also need to:

Complete an authorization for a criminal background check. Additional information about background checks may be found at www.bridgeportdiocese.com under Human Resources.

Read the Diocese of Bridgeport Code of Conduct and Sexual Misconduct Policy.

If you take your class at another location, please return a copy of your training certificate, background check authorization and signed acknowledgement of policy receipts to the Parish Office for our records.

MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Week of January 29, 2012

Monday	7:30 am	James S. Belta
Tuesday	7:30 am	Roy Costa
Wednesday	7:30 am	Jerry McShane
Thursday	7:30 am	Anna Santry
Friday	7:30 am	Karen Abigail Drap
Saturday	5:30 pm	Cynthia E. Walling
Sunday	8:00 am	Rosy Lazar
	10:00 am	For The Parishioners
		Confirmation Rite of Covenant
		Mass for Catechists
	12:00 pm	Louise Ann Dominick

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS & PARISH EVENTS

Sun., Jan. 29	● Confirmation #9	
	School Hall	6:00 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 30	● Music Committee	
	Music Room	7:30 p.m.
Tues., Jan. 31	● Religious Ed	
	School Hall	4:00 p.m.
	● RCIA	
	School Board Room	7:30 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 1	● MOMS Group	
	School Board Room	11:00 a.m.
	● Religious Ed	
	School Hall	4:00 p.m.
	● Virtus Training	
	School Hall	7:00 p.m.
	● Youth Group	
	YAC	7 – 9 p.m.
	● Choir Rehearsal	
	Music Room	7:30 p.m.
Thur., Feb. 2	● Bible Study	
	School Board Room	7:30 p.m.
	● Prayer Group	
	YAC	7:45 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 3	● Prayer Shawl Ministry	
	School Board Room	10:00 a.m.
	● Confirmation Retreat	
	School Hall	6:00 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 4	● Men's Ministry	
	School Board Room	8:00 a.m.
	● Jr. Choir Rehearsal	
	Music Room	4:00 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 5	● Confirmation Rite of Covenant	
	Church	10:00 a.m. Mass
	● Finance and Property Committee	
	School Board Room	4:00 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 6	● Liturgy Committee	
	School Board Room	7:30 p.m.

TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

926 Newfield Ave., Stamford, CT 06905

www.trinitycatholic.org

Parents are welcome to visit Trinity Catholic High School during Catholic Schools Week. Stop by any time Tuesday morning, January 31st from 8:30 to 10:30. COME TAKE A LOOK TUESDAY. Come see Trinity in action...observe classes in session. Trinity welcomes freshmen as well as transfer students. For information, call 203-322-3401 x 16, or email: admissions@trinitycatholic.org.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 5, 2012

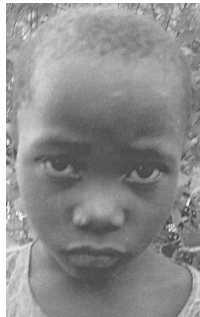
Job 7:1-4, 6-7 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Mark 1:29-39

30 Hour Famine – 2012

OVERCOME HUNGER March 3-4.

Registration is now open for middle and high school students. Go to www.stphilipnorwalk.org and click on the link that says 30 Hour Famine.



People ask us all the time why we do the Famine. Why we would want to go without food for people who live in other countries, people who we will never meet and will never know us. They question how the little that we are able to do will really help.

This is Abel. Abel is now 9 years old and is in the 4th grade. He lives in Malawi, Africa with his mother. In 2008 he was a 5 year old boy who did not go to school and was in poor health. He had rickets and his legs were very weak.

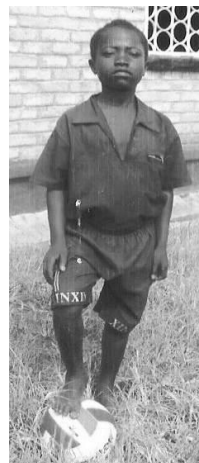
Then something amazing happened – to Abel *and to us*.

The teens of St. Philip decided to sponsor Abel. This meant that they needed to send \$35.00 per month to World Vision. They made a box and every Wednesday night as they came into the YAC for youth group, they literally dropped their spare change in the box. It is that simple.

And here is what happened. Abel got the chance to go to school. He received proper nutrition, his rickets went away and his legs grew stronger. Abel is a healthy boy who loves to play soccer, owns a goat, helps his mom and struggles in math (like many of us!) Abel writes us letters and we receive photos and updates from World Vision - they make us proud. All because of spare change.

This is a simple solution for one child. Hunger and Famine are complex challenges that may seem insurmountable. But we need to start somewhere.

Just ask Abel.



Hunger Fact: There is enough food to provide every person in the world with at least 2,720 calories per day. No one needs to starve.

\$25,000 TUITION RAFFLE FOR ANY SCHOOL

Fairfield College Preparatory School announces a \$25,000 Tuition Raffle. The prize can be used for any K-12 school, college or university, located and accredited in the U.S. Only 1,000 tickets are available for sale at \$100 per ticket. (500 tickets must be sold, or buyers will receive a full refund.) Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Scholarship Fund at Fairfield Prep. The drawing will be held at the Spring Event on Saturday, May 5th promptly at 10:30 p.m. at the Marriott Stamford Hotel & Spa, 243 Tresser Blvd, Stamford, CT. Winning ticket holder does not need to be present to win. For more information please contact the Development Office at (203) 254-4237 or development@fairfieldprep.org.

COME CELEBRATE!!

Saturday, February, 11, 3:00 p.m.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and
World Day of Prayer for the Sick

All are welcome

Especially the sick and handicapped

Mass will be celebrated

And the Sacrament of the Sick will be offered

Refreshments will follow

Welcome begins at 2:30 p.m.; Mass celebrated at 3:00 p.m.

St Aloysius Church, Cherry Street, New Canaan

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT - MARCH 23-25, 2012

"Becoming Women of Courage, Conviction and Compassion" *Embracing the Dignity of Womanhood*. This retreat directed by Mrs. Fran Karpiej, SFO, of Sharing Christ Ministry.

"The Spirit God has given us is no cowardly spirit, but rather one that makes us strong, loving and wise." 2 Timothy 1:7

A (semi-silent) Lenten Women's Retreat offering inspiring presentations, personal quiet time and creative prayer services. considering the question: "How can I become a graceful and grace-filled Christian Woman, empowered with courage, conviction and compassion in these often difficult days?" Held at: **St. Edmund's Retreat Center**, Enders Island, Mystic, CT. **Registration & Info:** Contact **Janet Virmalo**, 860-536-0565, ext. 110, Email: jvirmalo@endersisland.com. Visit their website and register online: www.endersisland.com.

SHARE for the DIOCESE of BRIDGEPORT

SHARE (Sacred Heart Adult Religious Education) for the Diocese of Bridgeport is a theology program for adults conducted right here at St Philip, which will help Catholics understand our faith and empower them to put it into action. High level instruction includes courses in Scripture, Theology, Church History and Pastoral Theology. A pastoral certificate is awarded after the 20 courses are completed. For more information contact Gina Donnarummo at SHARE@diobpt.org or visit www.sacredheart.edu/share.cfm or call (203) 416-1446.

Classes for the winter-spring are:

Church History: From Pentecost to the 21st Century! 8-week course: February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17; Instructor: Joan Kelly, D.Min.; \$280

Church Law: 4-week course: April 24, May 1, 8, 15; Instructor: Sr. Elizabeth McDonough, OP; \$140

Reading the Old Testament: 6-week course: April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Instructor: Fr. Peter Lynch; \$210

Ski Trip / Family Getaway Weekend February 24 – 26, 2012.



Every year our youth group goes on a winter ski trip to the Mellos Retreat Center in Jacksonville, Vermont. Many families have inquired about joining in the fun. So this year, we have arranged a special **Family Getaway Weekend!!** This is a very affordable way to go north with your family for a relaxing weekend in

Vermont. The cost is \$300 per family and includes lodging for a family of 5, breakfast and dinner on Saturday, and a breakfast on Sunday. The house is 20 minutes from Mount Snow if your family enjoys skiing or snowmobiling. There are many other things to do in the area, including sledding, shopping, reconnecting with your family by the fire... or simply catching up on your sleep! Join in the fun as St. Philip Parish heads to Vermont! Contact Kali at kali1@optonline.net or 203 845-2385 for more information or to secure a room. To see the retreat house, go to mellosretreatcenter.com. Don't delay!