

St. Philip Church

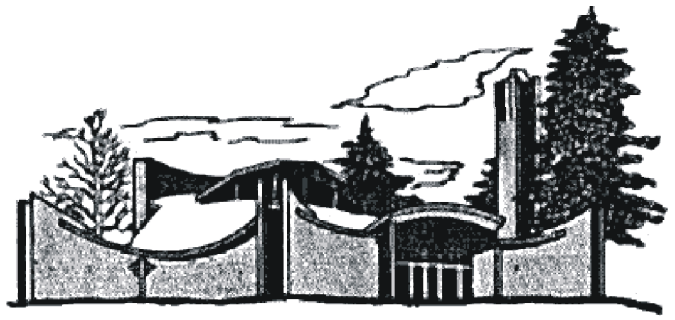
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Mission Statement

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 7, 2008

7th ANNIVERSARY

2001 - SEPTEMBER 11 - 2008

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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Have you ever noticed that, every weekend during the Prayer of the Faithful, we pray for all those involved in the RCIA? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of conversion and entry into the fullness of faith in the Catholic Church. As part of our parish commitment to be a welcoming community, RCIA welcomes anyone interested in the faith, especially those who have never been baptized or those adults from other denominations who wish to learn more about the Catholic Church. The RCIA process is also an opportunity for those Catholics who have not completed the sacraments of initiation to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.

What better way to follow Jesus than to involve yourself in the RCIA process, as a candidate for the sacraments, as a catechist, or perhaps as someone willing to share his/her faith journey? In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus tells us He is present in a special way when two or three gather to pray together. In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul tells us to love one another. What better way to love others and to pray as a community than to involve yourself in RCIA, especially this year, when the Church asks us to consider the life of Saint Paul, particularly his conversion.

RCIA will meet on Wednesday, September 10 at 7:15 p.m. in the Boardroom of St. Philip School. Please alert neighbors and friends who might be interested in our Faith. We welcome all. Join us for coffee and light refreshments. Chat with friendly parishioners - no strings attached! Come see what RCIA is all about: experience the faith on a more personal, deeper level. JOIN US! For more information, contact Deacon Frank Chiappetta or Deacon Jack Mahon at 847-4549.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH

Sunday Offertory 8/24/08	\$6,102
Sunday Offertory 8/31/08	\$6,922
Total 7/1/07 to 8/31/08	\$51,963
Sunday Offertory same period last year	\$58,031
Sunday Offertory amount UNDER last year	\$6,068

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

BANNS

Elizabeth A. Jopling and Sean T. Busch

HAVE MADE A PROMISE TO MARRY

FAITH FORMATION

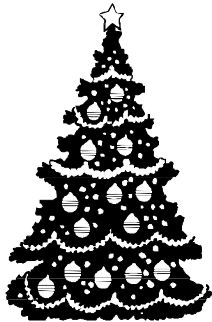
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our classes begin on Tuesday, September 9 in the Church at 4 p.m./7 p.m. for all children who are registered on Tuesday afternoon/evening. All children registered on Wednesday, September 10 will meet in the Church at 4 p.m. If you attended one of the parent meetings, you should have received a class calendar.

If you did not attend one of the parent meetings either on August 7 or August 28, your child cannot be placed in a class even if you have already registered, until you make an appointment to meet with Doris S. Chiappetta, Director of Faith Formation.

If you are a new family to St. Philip Parish and wish to register your child(ren) for Religious Education, grades 1-8, please call the Faith Formation Office at 847-4286.

CHRISTMAS FAIR 2008



The St. Philip Parish Annual Christmas Fair will be held on Friday, December 5 and Saturday, December 6; Breakfast with Santa will be on Sunday, December 7.

"White Elephant" items will be collected through November 7. Items may be left at the front entrance of the MANSION, Monday thru Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please do not leave items on the weekend.

Look for the signs. 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

SMALL FURNITURE - emphasis on **SMALL**. No couches or beds. We are looking for smaller pieces like night tables, chairs, small dressers and desks. Please call the Christmas Fair Info Line (229-0138) to check with Theresa Presser if you are unsure.

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

BREAKING BREAD HYMNALS

The Breaking Bread Hymnal envelopes will be collected until the end of October. There will not be a special collection. Please place your envelope in the collection basket at any Mass. Donations are \$10 and the names of those memorialized will be displayed in the vestibule of the Church. For those who do not use envelopes, you may pick one up at any doorway of the Church if you would like to dedicate a hymnal in someone's memory. A list of those who are memorialized will be published in a future bulletin.

WE PRAY THAT CHRIST'S HEALING BE GIVEN TO:

Irene Campbell
Peter Charoglu
Catherine Hrozenchik
Pat Nachajski
Lorita Patchell
Ed Watts

MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Week of September 7, 2008

Monday	7:30am	Rose & Laurence McPartland
Tuesday	7:30am	Patricia Rooney
Wednesday	7:30am	O'Connor & Farrell Families
Thursday	7:30am	Victims of 9/11 Tragedy
Friday	7:30am	Francesco & Carmella Quagliano
COMMUNION SERVICE		
Saturday	5:30pm	For The Parishioners
Sunday	8:00am	Grace Van Sickle
	10:00am	Elisa Denaro
	12 Noon	Harry Aurisy

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR. ALL REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS ARE STARTING UP AGAIN VERY SOON!

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS & PARISH EVENTS

Mon., September 8	Liturgy Committee	
	School Board Room	7:30 p.m.
Tues., September 9	Religious Education	
	Church/School	4 & 7 p.m.
Wed., September 10	Religious Education	
	Church/School	4 p.m.
	Youth Group	
	YAC	7 - 9 p.m.
	RCIA	
	School Board Room	7:15 p.m.
	Choir	
	Music Room	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., September 11	Knitters	
	School Board Room	10 a.m.
	Prayer Group	
	YAC	7:45 p.m.
Fri., September 12	YAC - Middle School	7 - 9 p.m.
Sun., September 14	Confirmation Session #1	
	School Hall	6 - 8:30 p.m.
Mon., September 15	Music Committee	
	Music Room	7:30 p.m.
	Parish Council	
	School Board Room	7:30 p.m.

ST. PAUL - REASONS FOR HOPE AND JOY

Please join the St. Philip Bible Study Group during this Year of Paul, proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI. Learn more about this fearless and dedicated apostle through his letters of encouragement, correction and instruction. Ponder the opportunity St. Paul offers to deepen our faith through the free gift of God's love.

Starting September 18, meetings are planned for Thursday evenings from 7:15 to 9 p.m. in the School Board Room. For more information or to sign up, please call Ellen Mahon at 322-5349 or Ann McGuire at 846-0647.

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCES TO THE FAMILIES OF:

Lawrence J. Anastasia Jr.
Edwin J. Cichowicz
Irene Kertesz Kyllingstad
Father Joseph C. Linck



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 next rehearsal on Wednesday, September 10 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 20 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 846-8054.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exaltation of the Holy Cross - September 14, 2008
 Numbers 21:4b-9
 Philippians 2:6-11
 John 3:13-17

EDUCATION + PARISH + SERVICE

How do Catholics use the Psalms in prayer and worship? Find out in "Psalms: God's People at Worship," a course offered by EPS, running Wednesdays, September 10 thru October 1 from 7:15 to 9:20 p.m. at St. Philip Parish, 25 France St., Norwalk.

The instructor is Dr. Harry Nasuti, Professor of Theology at Fordham University. For more information or to register, email EPSCTProgram@trinitydc.edu or call Priscilla Toumey at 203-354-8672.



TOTAL YOUTH MINISTRY YOUTH GROUP



Our weekly Youth Group meetings will resume on Wednesday, September 10. We will begin the evening with a special blessing for the new school year. All high school students are welcome to attend and may bring their friends. We meet most Wednesdays in the YAC from 7 to 9 p.m. Check the meeting schedule in the bulletin.

YOUTH GROUP BOARD

Congratulations to the members of our new Youth Group Board. They are: Seniors, Sara LeDuc and Joe Marotta; Juniors, Teresa Falbo and Stephen Kurtessis; and Sophomores, Katie Pachkovsky and Alex Godeski. The Board will be responsible for planning, calendar and special events during the year.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YAC

All students who are in 6th, 7th and 8th grade are invited to attend our YAC nights. They are held on Friday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. This is a safe, supervised center where you can meet new friends and have fun on a Friday night. Come and enjoy smoothies at our new tikki bar. There will be a charge of \$1.00 each time you attend. Friends are welcome. We are always in need of adult chaperones. Please contact Kali (845-2385) if you are interested. YAC dates for 2008/2009 are:

September 12 & 26	February 6 & 13
October 3 & 10	March 6 & 20
November 7 & 21	April 3 & 24
December 5 & 19	May 1, 15 & 29
January 9 & 23	June 5 & 19

SAVE THE DATE!

Our annual 30-Hour Famine will be held Saturday, February 28 - Sunday, March 1.

DIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES

Bishop William E. Lori, S.T.D., will celebrate a Mass, in which the commemoration of significant marriage anniversaries will occur, at Saint Theresa Church, Trumbull, on Sunday, October 26, 2008 at 3 p.m. Bishop Lori will be the homilist and will administer both the renewal of marriage vows and the presentation of commemorative certificates.

Couples who have or will be celebrating (during the months of July - December) one of the following wedding anniversaries - 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th and 50 plus years - are invited to participate with family and friends. Interested couples should register with one's own Parish Office as soon as possible. Please call Pat O'Toole at 847-4549 to register. The deadline for registration is October 10, 2008.

IN MEMORIAM

A special Mass commemorating those who have died since November 1, 2007 will be celebrated on ALL SOULS DAY, Sunday, November 2, 2008 at 12 Noon. If during the past year, any parishioner has had the sad experience of a family member dying, no matter where, please complete and return this form by October 13.

Your Name _____

Name of Deceased _____

Address _____

Relation _____

Phone _____

Date of Death _____