

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.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 25, 2010

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.



"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.

BANNS

Kellee Marie George & Osama Elsayed Abdelwahab
Ann Marie Mangano & Christopher Svogun

HAVE MADE A PROMISE TO MARRY

REMINDER

Next Sunday, August 1 at the 12 Noon Mass, there will be a Rite of Sending for Steve and Linda Bagnell as Steve retires from parish service. Refreshments will follow in the Mansion until 2 p.m. so parishioners may wish Steve and Linda well in their new life.

"SEEK TO BE, BY THE SEA"

A mini retreat for men will be offered on SATURDAY, JULY 31, at The Convent of St. Birgitta located on Darien's coastline. This 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. day of reflection is being organized by our parish's Saturday "St. Philip Men's Ministry."

Join with other men of the parish, as well as inviting friends, neighbors, etc., to a period of prayer, discussion and Eucharist centered on St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus, whose Feast Day is July 31. Fr. Michael Boccaccio will lead our day.

The cost per person is \$35 which includes 'coffee ands', snack breaks, materials, lunch and a time to rejoice and relax in this pristine piece of God's creation. Registration closes on Monday, July 26.

Share this unique day and journey with other men in Faith. For more information, contact Michael Marino at michaelmarino53@yahoo.com or 203-762-2919.

PERMANENT DIACONATE FORMATION PROGRAM

The Diocese is seeking men for a new class in preparation for the Permanent Diaconate. Men who are interested in applying for admission to the program must be between the ages of 30 and 59. Applicants should be men of faith and of good character, and they must be disposed and willing to give the required time and effort to the Diaconate Formation Program.

Men who are married and men who are not married may apply. A married man must be validly married and must have the approval of his wife for acceptance into the program. Applications are to be submitted now through July 31, 2011.

If you feel the Lord is calling you to the Diaconate, please discuss the matter with your pastor. Admittance into the Formation Program must be pursued through your pastor.

Anyone wishing to learn more about the Permanent Diaconate and our Diocesan Program of Formation may do so by calling Deacon Tony Detje, Director of the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program, at 203-748-5235 or 203-416-1451.

FAITH FORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

All returning families should have received their registration in the mail for the 2010-2011 Religious Education School Year. Registrations should be returned as soon as possible. If your child(ren) will not be returning this year, please give a courtesy call to the Faith Formation Office to let us know.

If your child(ren) is not registered by August 20, they will not be placed in a class at the start of Religious Education in September. 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.

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, please call Ellen Mahon at 203-921-7700.



TOTAL YOUTH MINISTRY

SUMMER YOUTH GROUP

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

July 28 - Water Games and Cookout
August 11, 18 & 25

YAC WISH LIST

We are in need of several supplies in our Youth Activity Center. Please see if you have any of these to donate:

- plastic patio chairs
- dodge balls & frisbees
- pool rack & pool sticks
- bases for whiffle ball
- games for PS1, Dreamcast or Super Nintendo
- stereo system (DVD, speakers)
- ping pong top for a pool table
- Guitar Hero
- Wii System

SUMMER LEADERSHIP RETREAT

There is still room on our August trip to the Mellos Retreat Center in Jacksonville, Vermont. Please contact Kali (203-845-2385 or kali1@optonline.net) ASAP if you or a friend are interested.

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.

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MASS INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Week of July 25, 2010

Monday	7:30am	Leo Toscano
Tuesday	7:30am	Katelynn Leach
Wednesday	7:30am	Michael Aulenti
Thursday	7:30am	Emil Fasoli
Friday	7:30am	Anthony Palazzo
COMMUNION SERVICE		
Saturday	5:30pm	Eleanor O'Toole and Mae Pietrafesa
Sunday	8:00am	James Choyce
	10:00am	Philip Lodato
	12:00pm	For The Parishioners

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS & PARISH EVENTS

Wed., July 28	MOMS Group	
	School Board Room	11:30 a.m.
	Youth Group	
	YAC	7 - 9 p.m.
Thurs., July 29	Prayer Group	
	YAC	7:45 p.m.
Sat., July 31	Men's Ministry	
	School Board Room	8 a.m.

EDUCATION + PARISH + SERVICE

Do you have questions about your faith, but not enough answers? Are you ready to grow spiritually? Learning the faith is a lifelong process and Education for Parish Service is ready to help.

EPS educates adult Catholics to understand, live and share their faith through courses in Scripture, theology and practical application of the faith. Evening courses are held at St. Philip Parish, 25 France St., Norwalk.

Learn about upcoming courses at <http://eps.trinitydc.edu> or contact Priscilla Toumey at EPSCProgram@trinitydc.edu or call 203-847-2363. EPS relies solely on donations from its students, graduates, friends and the parishes and dioceses it serves.

2010 SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE

No music is scheduled for the following Masses:

Sunday	August 1	8 a.m.
Saturday	August 7	5:30 p.m.
Sunday	August 15	12 Noon
Sunday	August 22	8 a.m.
Saturday	August 28	5:30 p.m.
Sunday	September 5	12 Noon

COMMUNION SERVICE REMINDER

A **COMMUNION SERVICE [CS]** is prayed instead of a Mass at 7:30 a.m. on each Friday except for the Fridays of Advent and Lent, First Fridays and special Fridays [i.e., a Holyday]. On those days a 7:30 a.m. Mass will be celebrated.

What is a **COMMUNION SERVICE ["CS"]**? Simply stated: a weekday "CS" consists of: [1] **Introductory Rites**; [2] **Celebration of the Word of God**; [3] **Communion Rite**; and [4] **Concluding Rite**. The Gloria and/or the Creed [Nicene/Apostle's] can be included. A "CS" can also incorporate Sacred music. Deacons and specially trained lay leaders are commissioned to lead a "CS". There are some differences when a lay person leads a "CS." A "CS" can last about 20 - 25 minutes.

An "Intention" can still be calendared for a Friday "CS" and will be highlighted in the Intercessions. While the Eucharist is not consecrated during a "CS," the Eucharist of the Tabernacle fully serves as our Heavenly Food - as is often the case, even when a Mass is celebrated.



TOTAL YOUTH MINISTRY

TRIP TO THE CLOISTERS

SPY-G will be visiting The Cloisters in Northern Manhattan on Thurs., Aug. 19.

The Cloisters is a branch of The Metropolitan Museum of Art and is devoted to the art and architecture of medieval Europe. It was assembled from architectural elements, both domestic and religious, that date from the twelfth through the fifteenth century.

The building and its cloistered gardens - located in Fort Tryon Park in Northern Manhattan - are treasures in themselves. The Cloisters collection comprises approximately 5,000 works of art from medieval Europe, dating from about the ninth to the fifteenth century. It is a beautiful and peaceful treasure.

We have arranged for a mid-morning tour. The cost will be \$12 per person. If you would be interested in joining this trip, please contact Kali (203-845-2385) or email (kali1@optonline.net). More details to come!

BOYS NIGHT OUT/GIRLS NIGHT IN

We will be having separate overnights for high school girls and high school boys. We are very excited about these mini-retreats which will be held September 10 & 11. Look for lots more information to come.

RISE AT ST. PHILIP

Our youth ministry is growing by leaps and bounds, for which we are so very grateful. Because we are ever-changing and evolving, our ministry needs to grow and change as well. You will be hearing about *RISE*, a new way to look at the many opportunities for our youth. Just what is *RISE*?

- Request** Liturgical Service: Altar Server, Eucharist Server, Greeter/Usher, Scripture Reader; Parish Council
- Instruction** Confirmation Team, SPYCE Team, Elementary Catechist Assistants, Training/Leadership
- Service** Midnight Run, Drive-By Raking, A & E decorating the Church, Mini-Service Projects organized by our youth with assistance from members of our community and a (proposed) Service Coordinator, the return of Secret Service (a way for parishioners to request a small service be performed for themselves or others)
- Energize** Attendance at Liturgy (including bi-monthly high school SPYG Masses), high school or middle school Youth Group and Faith Nights (held periodically to explore aspects of our Catholic faith); participation in the 30-Hour Famine, The Way of the Cross and outreach programs to other local parishes and faith communities

HOW RISE WORKS

The idea is to encourage our youth, including those in middle school, to become more active in the St. Philip community. It provides an equal opportunity for each youth to "*RISE!*" Many may perceive that their only chance to serve is within the Confirmation Team. This can result in a very large team and leaves out others who may not be able to devote their Sunday evenings, believe they are too young to serve, or would rather serve in a different capacity. While many opportunities would be offered, no one would be compelled into any role. The choice to "*RISE*" is entirely up to each of us.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURES AT HOME

Many people find it helpful to pray over the Sunday Scripture readings at home before going to church. The practice puts them in touch with the church's prayer, helps them listen as the readings are proclaimed at Mass, prepares them to hear the homily, and engages them personally in the word of God.

The Sunday readings are available in many publications and online at www.usccb.org. To prepare the readings at home, get a copy of them or of just the citations and look them up in a Bible.

Create some time and space for this prayer. If you do it alone, remove yourself from other activities. Choose a place where you can center yourself. Open the Scriptures and read over them. You might keep a journal and jot down some thoughts that come to you. Ask yourself some questions such as these: "What is going on in this reading? Is something similar happening in my life? What is God saying to me this week?"

If you pray with others, choose a time when everyone is together. You could pray in the living room at the end of the day or around the table before a meal. Someone reads the Scripture aloud. All think about it. Then each shares a few thoughts. Read the passage again. You may choose one or more readings at a time. The exercise can be repeated throughout the week. God's word is able to go as deep inside you as you give it time and room.

When you get to church, don't read along while the readings are proclaimed. Lift your head and open your ears and heart to the word of God.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

- 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 1, 2010
- Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
- Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
- Luke 12:13-21



ABUNDANCE IN CHRIST

"Keep your eye on the main chance" is advice for gamblers and followers of Jesus! The pessimists who say, "All is vanity," the rich man in today's Gospel, and we need to follow that simple rule. Living in the presence of God is truly the only security necessary; all the rest will be filled in later and better. Paul tells us to think about the life we have hidden with Christ and how we will be revealed in all our glory with Him. "There is only the Christ: He is everything and in all." He is our main chance of holiness!

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