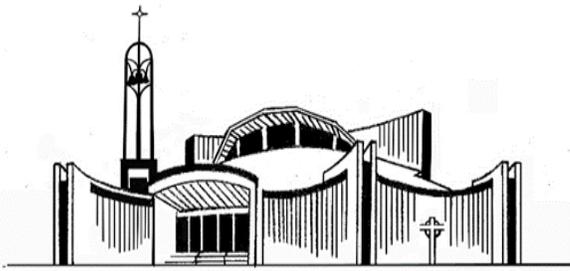


St. Philip Church

1 Father Conlon Place, Norwalk, CT 06851-3821



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.

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 21, 2021

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Heavenly Father, I am thankful for all the blessings You have given to me, my family and friends. These blessings include the wonderful opportunities that You have shared with me.

Lord, I am grateful for all the people that You have placed in my life that make my life joyful and meaningful. Allow me to show them how thankful I am to have them.

*Loving God, I am blessed for the constant love and care
You give to me and for the many graces You have bestowed upon me.*

*May I Spend this Thanksgiving Day and every day to follow, being thankful and
grateful for all that You have blessed me with.*

Amen

National Catholic Youth Conference

Our teens along with Fr. Sudhir and our Youth Minister, Jennifer Boccanfuso are returning from the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) today.

2021 Theme was: **Ablaze**. The second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles tells about the coming of the Holy Spirit. At NCYC 2021, we called upon the Holy Spirit to descend upon our young Church and set them Ablaze for the Lord!



Gratitude on the Green

Monday, November 22, 6:00 to 7:00 pm All are invited and encouraged to come out for a new event that is co-hosted with

area churches and civic organizations: **Gratitude on the Green** brings us together from across the Norwalk community, from many religious traditions or none, to celebrate through song, poetry, and spoken word our shared practice of grateful living. This event is meant for all ages and is fully accessible.

Mass on Thanksgiving Day

On this Thanksgiving Day, let us thank God for His goodness to us. We are truly blessed to be able to serve Him and His people through our various Parish ministries. Our brethren in Haiti have suffered much loss and destruction this year. Our offertory collection at the **9:00 am Thanksgiving Day Mass** will assist with its rebuilding and healing. Let us share our blessings with them, and continue to keep the people of Haiti in our prayers.



ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING



The Advent Season begins next weekend, November 27-28. Individuals, couples and families will be invited just prior to Mass to participate in our Advent Wreath lighting ceremony for each Mass on all Advent weekends.

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Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 am and 12:00 Noon

Monday - Friday: 7:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 pm or by appointment

Baptism and Marriage

Please call to schedule Pre-Baptism and

Baptism dates. Marriage dates are to

be scheduled one year prior.

Mass Intentions & Liturgical Schedule

Week of November 22, 2021

Monday	7:30 am	Jim Walsh
Tuesday	7:30 am	Ruth & Rocco Tripodi
Wednesday	7:30 am	Bob & Patrick McAndrew
Thursday	9:00 am	For the Parishioners
Friday	7:30 am	Lucille & Hubert Dahm
Saturday	5:00 pm	Falino Dias
Sunday	8:00 am	For the Parishioners
	10:00 am	Ted Kazmierski
	12:00 pm	Joseph Carelli

We Pray That Christ's Healing

Be Given To:

Steve Bagnell

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Sympathy and Prayerful Remembrances to

The Families of:

Consuelo Bedoya

Serotina Dias George

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Bernard Scalisi

Judy Sexton

Clarence Sikes

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

Jeremiah 33:14-16 1

Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel of Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



There will be great signs in the heavens and great distress on the earth when the Son of Man comes in glory. Therefore, "be vigilant at all times...to stand before the Son of Man."

Schedule of Meetings and Parish Events

- Mon., Nov 22
 - Walking With Purpose Board Room 12:30 pm
 - Adult Choir Rehearsal Church 7:00 pm
- Tues., Nov 23
 - Youth Group YAC 6:30 pm
 - Praise Choir Rehearsal Music Room 7:00 pm
- Wed., Nov 24
 - Walking with Purpose Board Room/RM 211 7:00 pm
- Sat., Nov 27
 - Breakfast Run School Hall 6:30 am
- Mon., Nov 29
 - Walking with Purpose Board Room 12:30 pm

News From



Faith Formation

We encourage all Parents to attend the 10:00 am Mass on Sundays along with their children. Attendance for the Faith Formation students will be taken in Church before heading to their classes. Please feel free to contact the Faith Formation office with any questions, either by email: faithformation@stphilipnorwalk.org or phone: (203) 847-4286.

The next Faith Formation classes are Tuesday, November 23 and Sunday December 12. The next Confirmation Class is the half day retreat on December 12.

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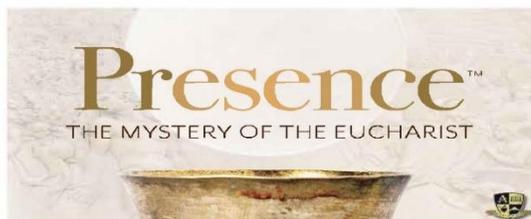
PICK OF THE WEEK

November 21, 2021

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PRESENCE

This week we celebrate Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Ring in this great feast by diving deeper into the mystery of Christ's greatest gift to His Church—the Holy Eucharist.



To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

The Men's Ministry will host a special session on Saturday, December 4, at 9:00 am in the Charleston Room. Former parishioner, **Mary Bauer**, will lead the session.

***Embracing Love in the Waiting Space
An Interactive Advent Reflection***

Advent recalls the many years our forebears waited for God to fulfill his promise to send the Messiah to reconcile us to Himself. Waiting – whether for something we anticipate with joy or something we dread – is painful. Yet, waiting is a time for growth. Take this opportunity to reflect on how we can use the waiting periods in our lives to grow our love for one another, which reflects God's immeasurable love for us.

All men **and women** of the Parish Community are invited to attend in person or on Zoom. Contact MensMinistry@stphilipnorwalk.org for Zoom info.



As we begin a new liturgical year on November 28, we will read from the Gospel of St Luke on most Sundays. Luke's account of the Good News focuses on the mercy of God; it is only in Luke's Gospel that we read the parables of the Good Samaritan and of the Prodigal Son, wonderful stories of generosity and forgiveness toward those in need.

St Philip Parish is a Parish that has Opened its Heart to the word of God and served those in need. We pray that this will continue whether through the Food Pantry, Midnight Runs or other acts that are less obvious as we serve those on the fringe of society. Let us continue to open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help!

In the hustle and bustle of the secular Christmas season, Advent is often-overlooked. Many of us live in cultures of instant gratification, but Advent is rich in spiritual truths. It can be difficult during this busy time of year to enter into Advent, but **a well-observed Advent will deepen our joy at Christmas.**

This powerful liturgical season, that we are beginning, invites us to pause in silence to understand that the individual events of the day are hints that God is giving us. Signs of the attention he has for each one of us. Let us ask God to guide us more deeply into the beauty of Advent. ***Have you prepared your heart and mind to enter into Advent?***

Readers and Eucharist Servers

Please send your "can't serve" dates for December, January and February to Connie Keavney as soon as you can. Her email is keavney@sbcglobal.net and her phone number is 203-847-9463. Active volunteers who have email should have received this request already; if you have not, please let her know! Thank you!



First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on December 3 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Day Chapel. Sign up on the Parish [website](#).



Saint Philip Parish Office

The office will close for the Thanksgiving Holiday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday November 24 through November 26.

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