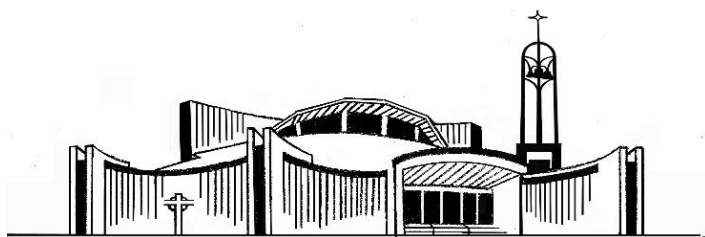


# St. Philip Church

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.

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**Solemnity of the Holy Family**

**December 26, 2021**

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### Wishes For A Happy And Blessed New Year

*Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence every single day.*

*We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year.*

*We ask that you would keep our footsteps firm, on solid ground, helping us to be consistent and faithful.*

*We pray for your protection over our families and friends.*

*We ask for your wisdom, for your strength and power to be constantly present within us.*

### A Lessons & Carols Thank You



Many thanks to all who participated in Lessons and Carols this year—our Adult and Jr. Choirs, Frank Matto and members of the Assumption Choir in Westport, Members of the St Luke Choir in Westport, Instrumentalists, Scripture Readers, and Prayer Leaders. Your hard work and dedication made for a beautiful evening of joyful music and prayer! And special thanks also to those who worked behind the scenes to provide publicity, refreshments and a welcoming presence at the doors! To all who came to sing and pray with us and who gave so generously to our good-will collection, our most sincere thanks—we raised over \$1,200 to support the work of the Music Ministry through your generosity. Thank you so very much!



### SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASSES

#### New Year's Eve

Friday, December 31, 2021

5:00 pm (Vigil)

#### New Year's Day

Saturday, January 1, 2022

10:00 am

### THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Saturday, January 1 – 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 2 – 8:00 am

10:00 am - and 12:00 Noon

### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 9 – 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 13 – 8:00 am

10:00 am - Celebrating the Baptisms of 2021  
and 12:00 Noon

### **Celebration of Baptisms**

Our annual Baptism Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 10:00 am. All parishioners who celebrated a Baptism in 2021 at St. Philip or in any other Parish, are invited to make a special effort to attend this Mass.



**First Friday Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament will be on January 7 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Day Chapel. Sign up on the Parish [website](http://www.stphilipnorwalk.org).

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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 December 27, 2021**

Monday	7:30 am	Elvira Ferreira
Tuesday	7:30 am	Etelvina de Almeida
Wednesday	7:30 am	Leo DSouza
Thursday	7:30 am	Rina Solano
Friday	7:30 am	Bp. Patrick DSouza
Saturday	10:00 am	For the Parishioners
	5:00 pm	Nancee Gell
Sunday	8:00 am	Serotina Dias George
	10:00 am	Jennie Di Berardino
	12:00 pm	For the Parishioners

**We Pray That Christ's Healing  
Be Given To:**

Frank Faustine Janet Gaynor  
Mario Gutierrez

**Sympathy and Prayerful Remembrances  
to**

**The Families of:**

Sue Denney Baby Jack Quell

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**The Epiphany of the Lord  
January 2, 2022**

Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Gospel of Matthew 2:1-12



The Magi from the East followed the star until it stopped still over the house. They entered, found the child with Mary, prostrated themselves, and did Him homage.

**News From**



**Faith Formation**

The next **Faith Formation** classes are Sunday, January 9 and Tuesday January 11. The next **Confirmation Class** is January 9.

**Schedule of Meetings and Parish Events**

Tues., Dec 28 ● Blood Drive  
School Hall 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm



**Parish Office Holiday Schedule**

The Parish Office is closed this week and will reopen Monday, January 3 at 9:00 am. As always, the phones will be monitored for emergency situations. All non-emergency issues will be addressed when the office reopens.

**INFORMATION CHANGES**



If you have moved or changed your phone or email, please contact **tsargent@stphilipnorwalk.org** at the office so we can update our records.

**PLEASE NOTE: Wearing Masks inside the Church**

While face masks are not mandated, we **strongly encourage** everyone to **wear a mask while inside the Church beginning Wednesday**. We understand that some of us may feel uncomfortable, but we are doing it with an abundance of caution and for the safety of our children and the vulnerable elderly population.

**Beholding Your King!**

We are so happy to report that we plan to begin a **SPECIAL LENTEN Walking with Purpose Study** beginning the end of January 2022, continuing for 9 weeks (with some weeks off, schedule hasn't been finalized yet). Set aside some time with the Lord and your faith community for this wonderful lesson.

**LET US KNOW IF YOU WILL BE JOINING US.** We will have Monday daytime ZOOM sessions and Wednesday Night sessions.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Broncati or Denise Imbrogno or go to the website for more information AND to order the book

"**BEHOLDING YOUR KING**" (\$20)

<https://walkingwithpurpose.com/bible-study/?id=adult-women>



A significant financial donation was given to the **St. Matthew Food Pantry** by **the Donna & Michael DiScala Foundation** to assist the poor and the needy of Norwalk. St. Matthew Parish chose to **share this donation with our Parish Food Pantry**, since we too minister to the needs of those who are less fortunate. We are so grateful to the Donna & Michael DiScala Foundation for their generous gift, and to St. Matthew Parish for sharing it with us. Together we can bring more awareness to the challenges of the homeless and hungry in our Norwalk community.



The garment of life, be it tattered and torn  
 the cloak of the soldier is withered and worn  
 But what child is this that was poverty-born  
 The peace of Christmas Day



The hope that has slumbered for 2000 years  
 A promise that silenced a thousand fears  
 A faith that can hobble an ocean of tears  
 The peace of Christmas Day

Add all the grief that people may bear  
 Total the strife and the troubles and care  
 Put them in columns and leave them right there  
 The peace of Christmas Day

The branch that bears the bright holly  
 The dove that rests in yonder tree  
 The light that shines for all to see  
 The peace of Christmas Day

*This song, made popular by John Denver and the Muppets during their Christmas special many years ago, still challenges us today. May the peace of Christmas day fill your heart, warm your soul, surround your family, and bring you Joy.*

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