

St. Philip Church

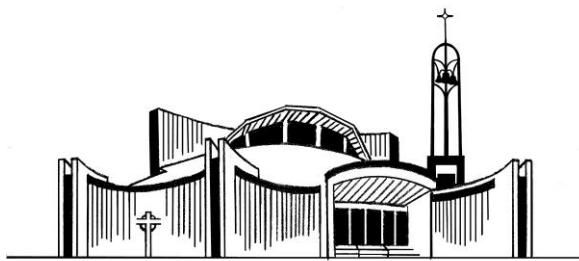
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Celebration of the Eucharist
Saturday: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 and 12 Noon
Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 4:30 - 5:00 p.m. or by appointment

Baptism and Marriage
Please call to schedule Pre-Baptism and
Baptism dates. Marriage dates are to
be scheduled one year prior.

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.

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 29, 2020

Dear St. Philip Family,

Greetings from Fr. Sudhir! I will keep this email short, hence the bullet points.

- **Live Streaming Schedule:**
 - Weekday Masses: Monday thru Friday 6:30 pm.
 - Morning Prayer: Monday thru Friday 8 am – 8:20 am.
 - Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 6 pm.
 - Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:30 pm, Sunday 10 am and 12 Noon.
 - Rosary: Monday thru Saturday at 12 Noon.
- **Confessions in the CHURCH** (near the ALTAR) from 4:30 pm to 5 pm on Saturdays.
- **Church will remain open** from 7 am to 6 pm, for anyone wants to make a private visit. Please note **THIS WEEK DUE TO WORK IN THE CHURCH ONLY THE CHAPEL IS ACCESIBLE.**
- **Parish office will remain closed** until further notice. Phones will be monitored for any emergencies.
- **Food Pantry will remain open** on Fridays from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Or if anyone is in need, call the parish office and we will make other arrangements. We also need food/monetary donations to keep our food pantry going. Please no clothing or household donations.
- Very uncomfortable doing this, BUT, if anyone wants to continue contributing toward the parish operations during these difficult times, you can use the "Quick Give" option for a one-time donation to the parish. Thanks to those who use online giving on a regular basis, and to those who have been mailing/dropping off their weekly envelopes! I am very touched by your kindness and generosity.
- **Bishop Caggiano's Mass** will be live streamed on the diocesan website every Sunday at 8 am.
- **UPDATE from the BISHOP:** Public celebration of **all masses, all parish activities are cancelled** through April 30th. I will celebrate the Triduum liturgy privately and it will be live streamed. Times will be published.
- Distribution of Palms will be at a later date (most likely on Pentecost)

Please continue to pray for all those affected, those who are furloughed or have lost their jobs, and for the medical personnel and civil authorities/employees.

Reply to this message if you have any questions/concerns.

Stay Safe, Stay Sanitized, Stay Blessed!

Fr. Sudhir

First Friday



First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on April 3, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Day Chapel. **Sign-up ahead of time is required** as only two people may be present at a time. Please use

the link on the main page of the website or call the Parish office for your time slot.

Social Concerns

While there will be no special collection of food or hams for The Easter Food Baskets we will continue to distribute what we have on hand from the pantry. If you are able to give a monetary donation so we can supplement what we have, that would be wonderful. Thank you for your continued generosity.



Scripture Readings

Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020

Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel of Matthew 26:14-27:66



The passion and death of Jesus includes, accounts of his betrayal, trial, condemnation, suffering, crucifixion, and burial.

Church Lights

The project to replace the Church lights with new LED's has begun and should be finished this week. We are also working on other low cost building maintenance projects while the buildings are closed so as not to disrupt normal Parish activities.

Fifth Week Of Lent

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

John 11:1-45

Jesus heard that his friend Lazarus was very sick and went to see him, but Lazarus died before Jesus got there. Lazarus's sister Martha went out to meet Jesus. She said, "Jesus, if you had been here, Lazarus would not be dead." Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha answered, "I believe that he will be raised up on the last day." Then Jesus said: "Even though people who believe in me die, I give them life forever. Do you believe in me?" Martha said, "Yes, I believe you are God's son." Martha went to get her sister, Mary. Martha said, "Jesus, if you had been here, Lazarus would not have died. Then Jesus started to cry. He said: "Show me where Lazarus is buried. If you have faith, you will see God's glory." They took Jesus to the tomb. He said, "Roll away the stone." Jesus prayed: "Father, thank you for answering my prayers. I want these people to believe that you sent me." When Jesus finished praying, he said in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" Lazarus walked out of the tomb. Many people began to believe in Jesus because he did this.

Both sisters cried out to Jesus, "If only You had been here!" This was their cry of great sadness. They loved Jesus, and they knew He loved them, but at this moment they were struggling to understand why He didn't come right away. We have all gone through difficult times when it felt like God came to our aid a little too late. Is it okay to talk to the Lord about how you feel, just as Mary and Martha did. Is it really hard to wait on the Lord when your need feels so urgent, but as we will see, He has a plan, and His timing is ALWAYS perfect.

