

St. Philip Church

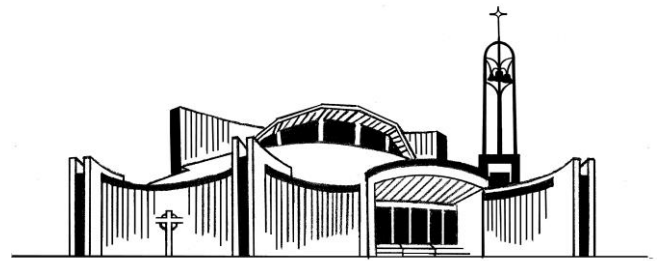
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Celebration of the Eucharist
Saturday: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 and 12 Noon
Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m.

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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2020



Our Lenten Sacrifice

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 26 is a **Day of Abstinence** and a **Day of Fast**. On **Days of Abstinence**, no meat may

be taken for all those who are 14 and older. On **Days of Fast**, all those between ages 18 and 59 are limited to one full, meatless meal.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 10, is also a **Day of Abstinence and Fast**. All Fridays in Lent are **Days of Abstinence**. During weekdays of Lent, there is no obligation to fast, but voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

Ash Wednesday Masses:
7:30 am, 12:15 pm & 5:30 pm
Liturgy of the Word Service:
7:00 pm

Ashes will be given during all Masses and the Service.

EASTER DUTY OBLIGATION OF RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST must be made from the First Sunday in Lent, which is March 1, through Trinity Sunday which is June 7. Those needing the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the celebration of the Eucharist are to do so during this same time period.

SELF DENIAL is encouraged on a voluntary basis. Acts may include daily Mass, spiritual study, Lenten Devotions, the Rosary, Stations of the Cross and deeds of mercy and kindness.

The EUCHARISTIC FAST is one hour from foods and liquids. Water and medicine never break the fast.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations will be prayed every Friday during Lent at **7:00 pm** in the Church. On Friday, February 28, Fr. Sudhir will lead the Stations of the Cross.



ST. PHILIP - PARISH MISSION 2020

We are pleased to welcome Rev. Jack Rathschmidt, OFM Cap, a Capuchin Franciscan Priest, as presenter of this year's Parish Mission. The theme of this Mission is "Becoming Merciful Servants of the New Evangelization". Father Rathschmidt will be our homilist at the weekend masses on February 29 and March 1. The Mission talks are on Sunday, March 1; Monday, March 2; and Tuesday, March 3 at 7:00 pm in Church.

Fr. Jack holds a M.Th. Degree with a major in Spiritual Direction from the Weston Jesuit School of Theology and a Ph.D. from Fordham University in Historical Theology. He has served as the Provincial of the Capuchins and helped form young Capuchins for more than 30 years. Fr. Jack has spoken in more than 60 dioceses in the U.S.A., Asia and Africa: and, has led dozens of retreats, parish missions and workshops.

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WEEKDAY MASSES

In addition to our daily Mass at 7:30 am, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during Lent, beginning February 27, there will be a Mass at 12:15 pm in the Church.



Faith Formation 2019-2020

Faith Formation Classes Grades 1-5

Tuesday class is on March 3 from 4:00–5:15 pm.

Sunday class is on March 8, beginning at the 10:00 am Mass.

SPYCE

Session is on Sunday, March 8, beginning at 10:00 am Mass; pickup is in the School Hall at 12:30 pm.

CONFIRMATION 2020

Session is on Sunday, March 8 at 10:00 am Mass; pickup is in the YAC at 12:30 pm.

Please contact Dora DeAndrade, Director of Faith Formation, at 203-847-4286, with any questions.

We Pray That Christ's Healing Be Given To:

Irene Brichaux Pauline McNulty
Kathleen Sheridan

Sympathy and Prayerful Remembrances to The Families of:

Rose D'Sa Alba Giraldo
Elizabeth Ann Smith

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The First Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2020

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19

Gospel of Matthew 4:1-11



After Jesus fasted for forty days and nights in the desert, the devil tempted him in three ways. Through all these, Jesus resisted temptation and remained faithful to the Lord God. When the devil left, angels came and ministered to Jesus.

STORYTELLING

Storytelling will be on Sunday, March 1 during the 10:00 am Mass in the Saint Joseph Room.



Hands of Love will be on Sunday, March 8 in the Mansion at 10:00 am. This program is geared towards 4 and 5 year olds, to help them understand God and faith through Hands-On activities. They meet two Sundays each month from 10:00 – 11:00 am.

FIRST FRIDAY

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on March 6 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Day Chapel. Signup sheets will be at the Church doors next weekend.



The Rosary will be prayed on Saturday, March 7 at 5:00 pm in the Day Chapel.

Mass Intentions & Liturgical Schedule

Week of February 24, 2020

Monday	7:30 am	Deacon Frank J. Chiappetta
Tuesday	7:30 am	Deacon Frank J. Chiappetta
Wednesday		ASH WEDNESDAY
	Masses: 7:30 am, 12:15 & 5:30 pm	For the Parishioners
	Service: 7:00 pm	
Thursday	7:30 am	Carmen Cadavid
	12:15 pm	Sean Sheridan
Friday	7:30 am	Padmini Rayan
	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	5:30 pm	Kathy E. Vingo
Sunday	8:00 am	For the Parishioners
	10:00 am	Louise DiGironimo
	12:00 Noon	John Bellantoni

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND PARISH EVENTS

Mon., Feb. 24	● Music Committee Meeting Music Room 11:00 am
	● Walking with Purpose School Board Room 12:00 Noon
Tues., Feb. 25	● Faith Formation School Board Room 4:00 pm
	● Youth Group YAC 6:00 pm
	● Walking with Purpose School Board Room 7:00 pm
Wed., Feb. 26	Ash Wednesday
	● Masses 7:30 am, 12:15 & 5:30 pm Word Service 7:00 pm Church
	● Choir Rehearsal Music Room 7:30 pm
Fri., Feb. 28	● Prayer Shawl Ministry Mansion 10:00 am
	● Stations of the Cross Church 7:00 pm
Sat., Feb. 29	● Men's Ministry School Board Room 8:00 am
	● Junior Choir Rehearsal Music Room 4:00 pm
	● Parish Mission Introduction Church 5:30 pm
Sun., Mar. 1	● Parish Mission Introduction Church All Masses
	● Storytelling St. Joseph Room 10:00 am
	● Parish Mission Church 7:00 pm

Interested in Learning More about the Bible?

Fr. Sudhir will be leading a five-Session Bible Study during Lent. Each session will be one hour and the topic for this year is "An Overview of the Old Testament". Bible Study will be offered on Wednesdays at 1 pm and Thursday evenings at 7 pm, beginning on March 4 & 5. Please email Fr. Sudhir to reserve your spot or to ask any questions: vnssudhir@gmail.com.





AVAILABLE MASSES

There are daily and weekend Masses for your intention requests throughout 2020. The Massbook is available during office hours, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

STORM POLICY

Weather and road conditions permitting, all Masses will be celebrated as scheduled. However, please do not endanger yourself or others in any way. Not being able to attend Mass because of weather is NOT a sin. Our greatest priority is that you remain safe and, with that in mind, if the road conditions are bad, please stay home. Please be safe and warm during any storm -- do not even think of being *courageous!!* Please check our **website**: www.stphilipnorwalk.org or our Facebook page for updated information, as it develops.



MUSIC MINISTRY

He/She Who Sings, Prays Twice!



Join us in our effort to serve the Lord through the ministry of music. Also, help to select music for our liturgies. Within the Music Ministry you can join: the Adult Choir, the Junior Choir (includes children and teens), become a Cantor (adults, teens and children) or an Instrumentalist. Please stop by the music island after any Mass to speak with Maria or you can call her at (203) 847-4549.

Diocesan Ministry Day 2020:

From Encounter to Accompaniment

Join us for the Diocesan Ministry Day, Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM at All Saints Catholic School, 139 West Rocks Road in Norwalk.

The day begins with check-in / registration at 8:30 am. Bishop Caggiano will celebrate Mass at 9 am. The rest of the day will be filled with a variety of workshops. Workshop presenters include Fr. Tom Lynch, Msgr. Chris Walsh, staff from the USCCB, Archdiocese of Hartford, Diocese of Bridgeport, Magnificat, Our Sunday Visitor and more. Our musical guest is Tony Melendez!

Spend the day learning more about your faith at one of our 20+ workshops. Lunch will be provided and the day will conclude at 4:00 pm. Registration is \$20 per person. You can pay when registering or pay later by sending a check or pay at the door. To register or for questions, please go to institute@diobpt.org and click on events, go to Diocesan Ministry Day 2020 or call (203) 416-1657.



**St. Patrick's Day Party
Saturday, March 14**

at 6:30 pm in the St. Philip School Hall

We will have a traditional Irish Dinner of Corned Beef and Cabbage. **BYOB**

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED
BY MARCH 6**

Open seating, individual reservations only. Table reservations must be for full tables of 10. (If booking a full table, please provide all names)

Name _____
Number of Adults @ \$20.00 per person _____
Number of Seniors (65 and over) @ \$15.00 _____
Number of Children (12 and under) @ \$10.00 _____
Family of 2 adults and 2 children @ \$50.00 _____
Total number attending ____ Amount Due _____
Phone number _____

Please put your reservation form in the collection basket, mark the outside of the envelope: St. Patrick's Day Dinner Reservation or drop it off in the Parish Office. Please include a check made payable to St. Philip Church. You may also make reservations by calling the Parish Office at 203-847-4549.

There will be a **Senior Meeting** on Thursday, March 12 at 11:15 am in the School Board Room.

FLOCKNOTE

FlockNote is a way of communicating with all of our Parishioners: Weekly Reminders, Meeting Reminders, Weather Cancellations, Special Events, etc. You can choose what you want to receive and you may choose either email or text. Just text to: 84576 message PHILIP or click on the link and enter your email & cell number - <https://app.flocknote.com/StPhilipChurch>.

SAINT PHILIP FOOD PANTRY

Please remember there is a constant need to fill the shelves of the St. Philip Food Pantry, on a weekly basis. You may leave donations in the basket at any Church door. Please be mindful of the expiration date on all food donations.



Clip and Save, Items Always Needed:

- Canned Vegetables and Soups
- Rice (small bags)
- Peanut Butter/Jelly
- Tuna Fish
- Vienna Sausage
- Pasta and Pasta Sauce
- Cereal
- Mac and Cheese
- Canned Fruit (small cans)

Thank you for your support of our Food Pantry.



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