

St. Philip Church

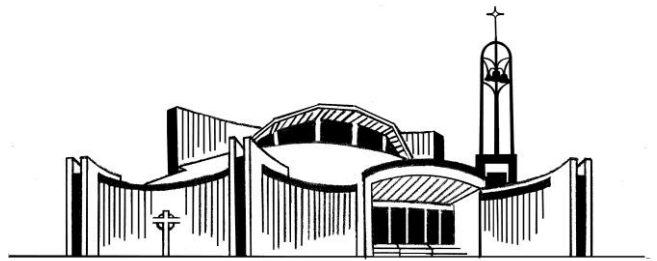
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Celebration of the Eucharist
Saturday: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 and 12 Noon
Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m.

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

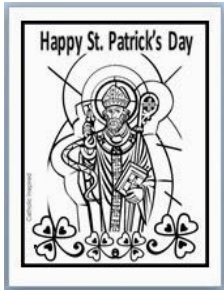
St. Philip Parish, a welcoming Catholic community, strives to love, honor, know, and serve God. As a family, we gather to celebrate liturgy, perform good deeds, share our faith, and bring all to Christ. St. Philip, lead us to Jesus.

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2020

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**As we celebrate Saint Patrick
On Tuesday, March 17, let us pray**



Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, You once brought the light of faith to the Irish people through your servant Saint Patrick; by the help of his prayers let that same light shine in the lives of Christians in our own day. Amen.

**As we celebrate Saint Joseph,
Spouse of The Virgin Mary,
on Thursday, March 19, let us pray**

Glorious Saint Joseph, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, obtain for me a pure, humble, charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the divine will. Be my guide, my father, and my model through life that I may merit to die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Amen.



Thank You!

Dear Fr D'Souza and all God's people at St Philip,
Thank you so much for your kind invitation to lead your parish mission. It is always a privilege for me to preach God's holy word, gather with God's people and explore how best we can live the Gospel. My time at St Philip Church, facilitated so well by Laraine Pascarella, was a delight. Joining you for last weekend's masses, so beautifully celebrated with Lenten music, was a rich experience of faith and a challenge to enter more deeply into the mysteries of our faith.

That so many of you were able to join us for our evening reflections was icing on the cake. Thank you to all who not only prayed quietly with us each night but listened with open hearts to God's challenge to be merciful disciples of Jesus as missionaries. Thanks, too, for your generosity to the Capuchins. Your goodness to us will help us care for our older brothers and properly educate our younger friars. God bless you.

May the remainder of Lent fill you with hope and the peace only Christ can give.

Gratefully,
Br Jack Rathschmidt, OFM Cap.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Friday, March 20, at 7:00 pm in the Church.



SOCIAL CONCERNS

The Easter Food/Gift Collection slips will be distributed at all Masses on the weekend of March 21 & 22. The Easter Food/Gift Collection items will be gathered at all Masses on the weekend of March 28 & 29.

Faith Formation 2019-2020

Faith Formation Classes Grades 1-5

St. Philip will be following the lead of the Norwalk Public School System. If Schools are closed, Faith Formation is cancelled. We will update parents via Flocknote.

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

We Pray That Christ's Healing Be Given To:

Patricia Olson Carlos Rodriguez
Robert Santella Ed Spires

Sympathy and Prayerful Remembrances to The Families of:

Janet Diane Cebula Kyle Anthony Chariott
John Cullen Connie Dabrowski
Robert A. Pratt Anthony Ruggiero
Gladys W. Russell John Farrell Sponza
Raymond Squires Marian Sutton

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2020

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel of John 9:1-41



Jesus cured a man born blind. The Pharisees became upset because he did this on the Sabbath. After the Pharisees rejected the man's story, he met Jesus again. Jesus, the Son of Man, explained how the blind will see, but those who hold on to sin will remain in darkness.

Daily Eucharistic Reflections

In commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the death of Saint Peter Julian Eymard (August 1, 1868), founder of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, a team of religious and lay associates began writing daily Eucharistic reflections based on the scriptures for daily Mass and the legacy of Father Eymard.

We are happy to announce that these daily reflections are now available on the St Philip website. If you want to access these reflections please go to www.stphilipnorwalk.org.

May these reflections be an inspiration to your own Eucharistic spirituality and deepen your understanding of the message of Saint Peter Julian Eymard whom Pope John Paul called an "outstanding Apostle of the Eucharist" when in 1995 he inserted Saint Eymard's feast into the liturgical calendar of the universal Church, to be observed on August 2.

REACHING OUT - If you have moved or changed your phone or email, please contact our office at tsargent@stphilipnorwalk.org, so we can update our records with your most current information!

Mass Intentions & Liturgical Schedule

Week of March 16, 2020

Monday	7:30 am	Edward Hughes
Tuesday	7:30 am	Kyle Chariott
	12:15 pm	Sylvia Vitti
Wednesday	7:30 am	John Sponza
	12:15 pm	Janet Cebula
Thursday	7:30 am	Raymond Squires
	12:15 pm	Joseph Forlano
Friday	7:30 am	Tim Burns
	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	5:30 pm	Rita Fazio
Sunday	8:00 am	For the Parishioners
	10:00 am	Dcn. Frank J. Chiappetta
	12:00 Noon	Deborah DeVarti Gilronan

The Second Collection

The Second Collection next Sunday, March 21 & 22 is being gathered for Easter Flowers and Decorations.

AVAILABLE MASSES



There are daily and weekend Mass openings for your intention requests throughout 2020. During the Lenten Season, additional weekday Masses have been added on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 12:15 pm. We have several weekday Masses available during Lent. The weekday Mass stipend is \$10.00. The Massbook is available during office hours, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Philip Easter Egg Hunt



At this time the Easter Egg Hunt will follow the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, March 29. This event will be outside and will be spread out in several different areas of the campus so that the different age groups of children will be separated.

THERE WILL BE NO BREAKFAST SERVED.

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED!

Donations of small wrapped candies are needed to fill eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. **[No loose candy and No candies with nuts!]**



Please bring any donations to the Main Office or leave in the food collection baskets at all Church doors no later than **Tuesday, March 24**. Thank you!!

St Philip Food Pantry

As it is the intent to keep the St Philip Food Pantry open through the COVID-19 outbreak, we will continue to need your donations of food. We do ask that you please refrain from leaving any clothing or household items as we will not be giving them out at this time and we have limited storage for them.

St Philip Parish response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

At the direction of Bishop Frank J. Caggiano, St Philip Church will be altering several practices at Mass (no shaking hands, no Holy Water at doors, no communion cup) to help protect all of us from possible spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Further, most St Philip non-liturgical activities are being temporarily cancelled (you will be notified via Flocknote of activities that are affected). The Bishop reminds all of us that if **you are exhibiting flu-like or cold symptoms**, you are not obliged to attend Sunday Mass. In fact, until there is more information about the Coronavirus and its spread, one should out of charity avoid public events if experiencing such symptoms. Also, the elderly and those with underlying physical conditions that would make them more susceptible to the Coronavirus are not obliged to attend Sunday Mass.

As of this writing, there is one family from St Philip who is quarantined due to an exposure. This family has not participated in any activities at St Philip following the exposure.

It cannot be stressed enough that we ask you to use common sense and follow the Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations for everyday preventative actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses such as Coronavirus:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow vs. your hand (you can spread germs when touching items after coughing or sneezing into your hand).
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Follow the CDC's recommendations for using a facemask. The CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases including Coronavirus. Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of Coronavirus to help prevent the spread of the disease to others.
- Wash your hands for a minimum of 20 seconds before eating, or after blowing your nose, coughing, and sneezing. If soap and water is not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

How to use hand sanitizer

- Apply the gel product to the palm of one hand (read the label to learn the correct amount).
- Rub your hands together.
- Rub the gel over all the surfaces of your hands and fingers until your hands are dry. This should take around 20 seconds.

St Philip will be disinfecting commonly touched surfaces in the Church following each Mass. Parishioners who would be willing to volunteer to help with this should contact Alan Yoder at ayoder@stphilipnorwalk.org or call him in the Parish Office at 203-847-4549 as all volunteers will need a quick briefing before they assist in cleaning.

For those looking for a complete list of postponed or cancelled diocesan events, please go to <https://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/coronavirus-resources-and-information/>.

As people of faith, we want to place this entire crisis into the hands of the Lord. It is fitting, therefore, to ask God's mercy for those who have died from the Coronavirus, His healing for those suffering from it and His protection for all.