



As Fr. Sudhir mentioned in his homily this past weekend, let today's **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi** remind us of our Ecological Stewardship - to take care of God's creation. To Respect life in all forms - from the womb to the tomb. To preserve, protect and safeguard the Earth. To work towards implementing common sense laws that will help the environment.

The month of October is celebrated in two ways - **Month of the Rosary** and **Respect Life Month**. During October, let us all make an honest attempt as families or individuals to pray at least one decade of the Rosary before dinner or bedtime.

Two organizations that have been working towards respecting and protecting human life are **Birthright** and **Malta House**. Both of these organizations are always looking for support and volunteers – please consider reaching out to them!



First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7** from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Church. Please sign up on the Parish [website](#).



A Word about Ed Spires

November 8, 1925 - January 10, 2022

On **Saturday, October 8, at 10:00 am**, we will be celebrating the life of long-time parishioner, Ed Spires, who passed away earlier this year.

Ed was the parish “artist-in-residence” for many years and served as the overall artistic supervisor and engineer of much of our current church design. Father Boccaccio, who had first met Ed and invited him to join our parish, credits his extensive professional background in theater, music and the decorative arts as the primary lay force behind our present church setting.

Ed’s eyes, hands and research are seen in everything from the hydrastone casts of a 13th century Spanish frame for the tiles around the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the design of St. Mary of the Way sculpture outside our main entrance, to the colorized Stations of the Cross and many other works. The setting for the Holy Family painting in the Holy Family Chapel can also be credited to him. Similarly, he designed the four-foot-high figure of our patron St. Philip in the church garden at the chapel entry and the outdoor altar that honors the donors in the 2008 “Lift High the Cross” campaign. More recently, he meticulously created the Altar of Repose each year for Holy Thursday and designed and supervised the installation of the relics of St. Kateri Tekakwitha and Saint Peter Julian Eymard.

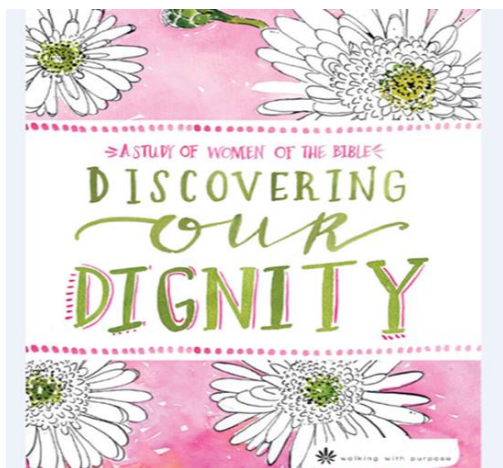
In recognition of all Ed’s contributions, he was the first parishioner to be awarded the Bridgeport Diocese’s St. Augustine Medal of Service. We will be forever grateful for all of his hard work that has enhanced the beauty of our St. Philip worship space.

May he Rest in Peace!

Outdoor Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima

Please join us on **Saturday, October 15 at 12:00 Noon** to pray the Rosary for our Nation. We ask God, through His Most Holy Mother, to help with the needs of our communities and our Country. Please park in the Saint Philip parking lot in back of the School Building.

For questions please call Mavis Mennino at
203-846-1089.



JOIN US FOR the 2022 - 2023 Walking With Purpose Bible Study

Walking with Purpose reflects on the Scripture and how God is reaching out to us in our own lives.

Mondays at 12:30 pm on ZOOM beginning **OCT 10**
Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the School Building
beginning **OCT 12**

Contact Elizabeth directly for more
info: broncati@aol.com



Faith Formation

Grade 1-5: Class Schedules for October 2022

Sunday Classes: 11 am - 12 pm
October 9 and 16

Tuesday Classes: 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
October 11 and 25

Middle School / Confirmation Classes 2023

Sunday October 9 from 10 am - 12 pm
Sunday October 23 at ASCS from 4 pm
- 7 pm

Hands of Love (3 - 6 years old)

Sunday October 16 at 10 am in the St. Joseph Room

Story Telling

Sunday October 9 and 23 during the 10 am Mass



Notes From the Diocese of Bridgeport

Sixth Convocation of Priests 2022: Bishop Caggiano is asking for prayers as he and all the priests throughout the Diocese of Bridgeport prepare to gather at the Sixth Convocation of Priests from Sunday, October 9, through Wednesday, October 12. The theme of the Convocation is “The Road to Emmaus: Reading Scripture from the Heart of the Church.”

Adult Confirmation Formation: If you are a practicing Catholic over the age of 18 and have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, you are invited to enter Adult Confirmation Formation on Saturday, October 15, 2022, at St. Thomas the Apostle in Norwalk. The session is from 9 am to noon and pre-registration is required. Visit www.formationreimagined.org for complete details

PRAYER FOR THE SIXTH CONVOCATION OF PRIESTS 2022

Gracious God and Father, we thank you for the ministry of our priests who strive to serve us faithfully and selflessly in your name. We ask your blessing upon them as they gather for their Convocation from October 9 to 12. May their time together in prayer and fraternity strengthen them and encourage them so that they may return rekindled in the faith and renewed in holiness. We also ask you to pour out the Holy Spirit upon all of us in the Diocese of Bridgeport so that we may all grow together in holiness:

- *Sustain and strengthen our Bishop, Frank, as our good and faithful shepherd*
- *Keep our priests faithful to your Son Jesus, the High Priest; inspire them to be brothers of one heart and mind, especially as they preach the Gospel and celebrate the sacraments*
- *Preserve our deacons in their ministry to your word and in charity to those who are in need*
- *Let our religious be compelling examples of the joy we can find in leaving behind all things to follow your Son*
- *Make every household to be a home where Christ-like love abounds and holiness is nurtured*
- *Open the hearts of our young people to hear your Son’s call and offer their lives in service to your Church, especially as priests, deacons and religious.*

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of all Christians and Mother of the Clergy, pray for us and lead us to a deeper love for her Son and our Savior, in whose name we pray, Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.



Blood Drive

Wednesday, October 12 from 11am - 4pm

Sign Up: redcrosssblood.org

Give the gift of life...

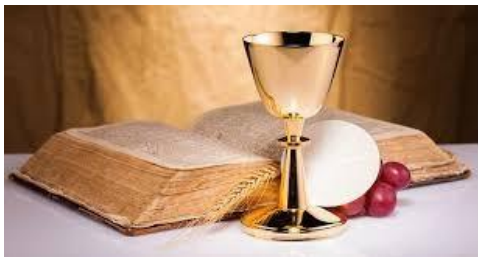
Please join us on **Saturday, October 29 at 6:00 pm**, following the 5:00 pm Mass. This is a **FREE** parish & neighborhood opportunity for kids to Trick or Treat in a safe environment. Kids come in costume and collect treats from the trunks of cars in the back-parking lot by the YAC.



If you are interested in decorating your vehicle's trunk for the event, please email us at YouthMinistryStPhilip@gmail.com, to reserve your spot. There is no fee to participate - however, we kindly ask that you provide your own decorations & candy.

Baked goods and food will be available for a small fee.

Look for sign up in next week's FlockNote!!!



MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 7:30 am (Zoom)

Wednesday 12:15 pm

Weekends

Confessions - 4 pm - every Saturday

Saturday Vigil 5 pm

Sunday 8 am, 10 am & 12 Noon

ONLY the 10 am Mass will be on ZOOM

Mass Celebrants for Weekend of 10/8 - 10/9

5 pm: Fr. Sudhir

8 am: Fr. Michael Boccaccio

10 am: Fr. Sudhir

12 pm: Fr. Sudhir

Please pray ...

- **For the sick:** Richard Gallichio and Iyrika D'Cruz
- **For the deceased:** Mark Blake and Frank Somma

Weekend of 10/8-10/9:
the 2nd Collection is for the Building Fund.

