

Church of St. Philip the Apostle

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First Sunday in Lent

Rev. Fr. Thomas J. Kessler, *Pastor*

Rev. Mr. Charles Brantley, *Deacon*
Ms. Regina McCollum, *Secretary*
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Kermes, *Food Closet*

Mrs. Mary Brown, *Faith Formation Director*
Mrs. Norma Echevarria, *Faith Formation*
Mrs. Raquel Swierczewski, *R.C.I.A*
Mrs. Anita Lund, *Youth Director*

Marriage - Baptism

Call the church office. Marriages, call at least 6 months in advance.

Reconciliation

3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. on Saturday or by appointment.

Pastoral Council

Meetings are 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. September thru June except National Holidays.

Religious Education

Children, grades 1-Confirmation, are required to attend religious education classes. Call the office to register your children. Adult classes also available.

Parish Registration

We welcome new parishioners to the parish and we ask them to register as soon as possible. Parish registration is important and necessary. Also, if you move away from the Parish please notify the office. Thank you.

Mass Intentions

From the pastor...

The First Sunday in Lent –

Some ideas to make Lent and then Easter a more meaningful and grace filled spiritual experience. Pray more! Get up 15 minutes earlier to spiritually prepare yourself for the day. Do something especially nice for someone you'll see during the day – even if it's only a special greeting or to lend them an ear. Go to daily Mass when possible, perhaps Wednesday evenings. Pray the Stations of the Cross with us on Fridays. Use the readings listed below to prepare for next Sunday's Mass. Treat yourself to a walk outside – leave your cell phone at home and pray pray the rosary as you go. Turn off the radio or music, and pray on the way to work (at least one day a week). Give up something you like to eat, drink or do on a regular basis. Go to confession.

Recommended Reading – “*Strangers In A Strange Land – Living the Catholic Faith in a Post-Christian World*” by Charles J. Chaput, Archbishop of Philadelphia

The readings at Mass next weekend—Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18; Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10.

Edgar Noveron has decided to take a leave from the Seminary. Almost 5 years ago, Edgar was very faithful at Sunday's Mass. Then Edgar asked to receive his 1st Holy Communion and to be confirmed. While Edgar had a good job which required frequent traveling, he was faithful at the weekly RCIA meetings. After receiving the Sacraments, I asked Edgar if he thought that God might be calling him to the priesthood. He took a year to think about it, a year in which he also served as a great member on the RCIA Team. Now after prayerful consideration and two years in the seminary, Edgar has decided to take a leave. We are proud of Edgar for giving the seminary a shot. The seminary experience is like dating. When you go out with a girl or a guy, it doesn't mean that you are going to marry them. First you have to spend some time with them to get to know them. Likewise, entering the seminary doesn't mean that you'll be ordained a priest. If there are doubts, it's important to leave the seminary before ordination rather than after being ordained a priest. We are very proud of Edgar and thank him for his sacrifice.

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed during the Fridays of Lent – 6 p.m. in English and 7 p.m. in Spanish. Soup and sandwiches or a light meal will be served in the Parish Center after the 6 p.m. Stations in English and prior to the 7 p.m. Stations in Spanish. **We thank** the different groups in the parish for preparing and serving the food. Please have the food and soup in the kitchen by 6 p.m. **Next Friday evening (Feb. 23) the Knights of Columbus will be doing the food – and it will be a Fish Fry. The cost is \$5 per person. There is plenty of fish – please plan on joining us.**

Our Lenten Penance Service is scheduled for Monday, February 26, at 7 p.m.

Thanks to all who helped with the Confirmation retreat this weekend.

The Planning & Building Committee will meet with the Architect in the K of C Meeting room this Monday, February 19th at 6:30 p.m.

The Family Life Committee will meet this Thursday evening, Feb. 22nd at 7 p.m.

The annual Diocesan Support Appeal - “*We Are Called*” is in full swing. Our assessment for 2018 is \$45,951. Please be extra generous with this appeal. Please give at least what you gave last year. Thank you so much. Envelopes can be found on the tables at the exits of the church. You can also make a contribution on line at www.charlottdiocese.org/dsa. Please be sure to indicate the name of our parish in the comments section of the online form.

Forward With Christ Bowling—from 3-5 p.m. -Sunday, March 4th at Pla-Mor Lanes. 2 hours of bowling + shoes - \$13 for adults & \$10 for children 10 yrs. old & younger. This **fun**draiser will benefit our building program. There will be a pre-sale of tickets after Mass this weekend & next.

Saturday, Feb 17th

5:00 p.m. John Ortiz † by Linda Ortiz

Sunday, Feb 18th

8:00 a.m. Joseph Dul † by Mark Dul & Family

10:30 a.m. James Sadowski † by Sadowski Family

12:30 p.m. Israel Aquilar † by Marcos Aquilar Basilio

Monday, Feb 19th

9:00 a.m. Ron Homola † by Fran & Dick Stoup

Wednesday, Feb 21st

6:00 p.m. William Harris † by Liz Bennett & Maggie Pendergrass

Thursday, Feb 22nd

9:00 a.m. Donald Fitzgerald † & Family by Linda Fitzgerald

Friday, Feb 23rd

9:00 a.m. Pro Populo

Saturday, Feb 24th

5:00 p.m. Frank Puzio † M/M Jam & Krystyna Klecha

Sunday, Feb 25th

8:00 a.m. Philip Vaglica † by M/M Mark Vaglica

10:30 a.m. John & Josephine Ortiz † by Linda Ortiz

12:30 p.m. Gregorio Roza † by Isabel Guerrero

READERS

Feb 24 5:00 p.m. Jim Kermes

Feb 25 8:00 a.m. Pat Petrozza

10:30 a.m. Ken Byers

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Feb 24 5:00 p.m. B. Myers (H), A. Simons, C. Ries

Feb 25 8:00 a.m. R Swierczewski (H), J. Archibald,
P. Klvana

10:30 a.m. A. Sadowski (HM), L. Hardig,
S. McMurry (HC)

ALTAR SERVER

Feb 24 5:00 p.m. Kailey L., Reagan L.

Feb 25 8:00 a.m. Jasmin D., Joe M.

10:30 a.m. Jacob F., Brianna F.



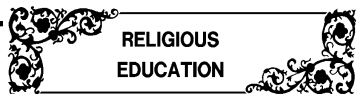
Happy Birthday 2/11/2018—2/24/2018

2/11 Jacob Barreras, Dan Czupryna, Marc Davis 2/12 Robert Bailey, Carmen Ballestros, Gabriella Valdez 2/13 Phyllis Carbone, Phil Klvana, Brissa Vargas, Martha Wall 2/14 Amber Kenyon 2/15 Kathleen Sparks, Lauralee Wodecki 2/16 Sean Coffey, Rlizabeth Degraff, Mabel Feijoo, Ellie Joensen, Nancy Lepiarz, Minerva Rosas Vazquez, Carl Scatena 2/17 Paula Coleman, Javier Cuanas, Kelly Long, Miguel Lopez, Matthew Meluch, Alejandro Rodriguez, Ramiro Sanchez Rosas, Christina Varela 2/18 Patty Bodes, Edith Diaz, Michelle Hanna, Judith Kelley, Pam Klaene, Alfredo Maulini, Guadalupe Avellanedo, Thomas Williams 2/19 Monica Charles, Oscar Guadarrama, Alvaro Perez Ramos, Luis Torres Gomez 2/20 Michele Adams, Jazqui Ford, Karissa Hayes, Linda Thi Ho Pettit, Leah Webber 2/21 Jazmine Barreras, Norma Gasset, Josie Perez Hernandez, Amy Portillo, Mindy Rinehimer, Melda Showfety 2/22 Claudia Moreno, James Robinette, Randy Ruggles 2/23 Willow Adams, Elizabeth Brooks, Madeline Keckeisen, Brillit Solis, Sharon Stahlschmidt 2/24 Mareli Garcia, Beth Heldelein, Terru Stone, Elaine Walle

Happy Anniversary 2/11/2018-2/24/2018

2/14 Scott & Angela Johnson, Robert & Sue Grajewski, David & Caroline Boris 2/15 Cuitlahuac & Amie Gregorio 2/17 William & Toni McEvely, Ruperto & Socorro Santibanez, Carl & Cecelia DiFulvio 2/18 Faustino & Maria Vargas 2/19 Israel & Catalina Aguilera Alvarado 2/23 Mario & Maria Cuanas

The First Sunday of Lent



Mrs. Mary Brown: If you need to contact Mrs. Brown, Faith Formation Director, please call or text 704-929-0152 or email her at faithformationdir@att.net or if you need to contact **Mrs. Norma Echevarria** please call the office at 704-872-2579 or email her at echevarria_norma@yahoo.com.

All students in 1st & 2nd First Communion classes and in 8th & 9th grade Confirmation classes must see Mrs. Brown after attending Saturday or Sunday mass to get their names checked off for mass attendance. Students without the necessary number of masses attended will not be able to make their First Communion or Confirmation.

First Reconciliation for First Communion students will be **Saturday, March 10th at 10 a.m.** This is **mandatory** for all children making their First Communion on Sunday, May 6th.

Confirmation students and parents: Confirmation will take place on Wednesday, May 16th at 6 p.m.

February 18, 2018

PARISH SUPPORT CHURCH YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018

Collections last week

Regular	
5:00 p.m.....	\$2,759.00
8:00 a.m.....	2,532.00
10:30 a.m.....	2,189.00
12:30 p.m.....	962.09
Total.....	\$8,442.09

DSA	
Goal.....	\$45,951.00
Total to date.....	902.18

Food Closet	
Total.....	\$398.00

Forward With Christ	
Total.....	\$6,502.00

Spanish Food Fundraiser	
Total.....	\$.00
Total to date.....	\$15,283.75

Collections Year to Date

	Last year	This Year
Regular	\$254,725.86.....	\$257,540.36
Forward With Christ	1,304,972.61
Food Closet	12,828 .12.....	12,981.00

Thank you for returning some of God's gift to you to His Church.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, Feb 18th

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation
11:00 a.m. Spanish Faith Formation

Monday, Feb 19th

9:30 a.m. Holy Rosary
6:30 p.m. Bible Study
Planning & Building Committee mtg

Tuesday, Feb 20th

6:30 p.m. Book Group

Wednesday, Feb 21st

11:15 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Faith Formation
6:45 p.m. RCIA

Thursday, Feb 22nd

7:00 p.m. Family Life Committee meeting

Friday, Feb 23rd

5:00 p.m. Soup & Substance/ Fish Fry

Saturday, Feb 24th

Food Closet Distribution

Sunday, Feb 25th

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation
11:00 a.m. Spanish Faith Formation
5:00 p.m. Adult Dinner Group

St. Philip's Adult Dinner Group: Sunday, February 25 at 5:00 p.m. The February theme will be "Chick-N-Pork-N-Pasta." This will be a pot luck and BYOB. **All adult parishioners welcomed!** Call Annie McGuire to RSVP at 980-829-3620.

Forward With Christ Bowling Fundraiser: Sunday, March 4th from 3-5 p.m. at Pla-Mor Lanes -2505 Davie Ave, Statesville, NC 28625. Tickets are \$13 /adult, \$10/child 10 & under, this includes 2 hrs of bowling & shoes. Pre-sell tickets will be available after Mass Feb 17/18th and Feb 24/25th. Contact Ann McGuire for more details at 980-829-3620.

St. Philip's Book Group— Will meet this Tuesday, February 20th at 6:30 p.m.. The February book selection is "Before We Were Yours" by Leslie Wingate. Bring a snack to share. **ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOMED!!** Call Pat Petrozza at 704-872-8046 or Norma Gasset at 704-380-4125.

First Friday needs you. If you can spare one hour to be with the Blessed Sacrament please contact Amanda Freese at 704-500-7539 or 704-876-2212. We need people from 10-11 a.m., 11-12 p.m., 12—1 p.m. and 1—2 p.m. We can always use a substitute if that fits your schedule. Thank you.



At home. Lillian Alvey, Paul Summerville, Anna Eisele Shingleton, David Eisele, Jessica Allison, Jessica Crosso, Andrew Gulley, Jackie Mejia, Angela Moreno, Howard Stewart, Rick Stoup, Robinette Tilley, Alan Eisele, Joe Stallings, Arthur & Marion Weber, Martha Wall, Frank Boltero, Joan Chiodo, Nelson LaClair. **Statesville Manor** - Brenda Kelley. **Maple Leaf** - Joseph Hughes **Please pray for the intentions on Our Prayer Tree. To place a name on the Prayer Tree, please sign the Prayer Book in the Lobby or e-mail; Jean Danckert-danckert5851@roadrunner.com.**

Stewardship thought of the week:

Lent is a time to reflect on our relationship with God. We are called to focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in our Lenten stewardship.