

Church of St. Philip the Apostle

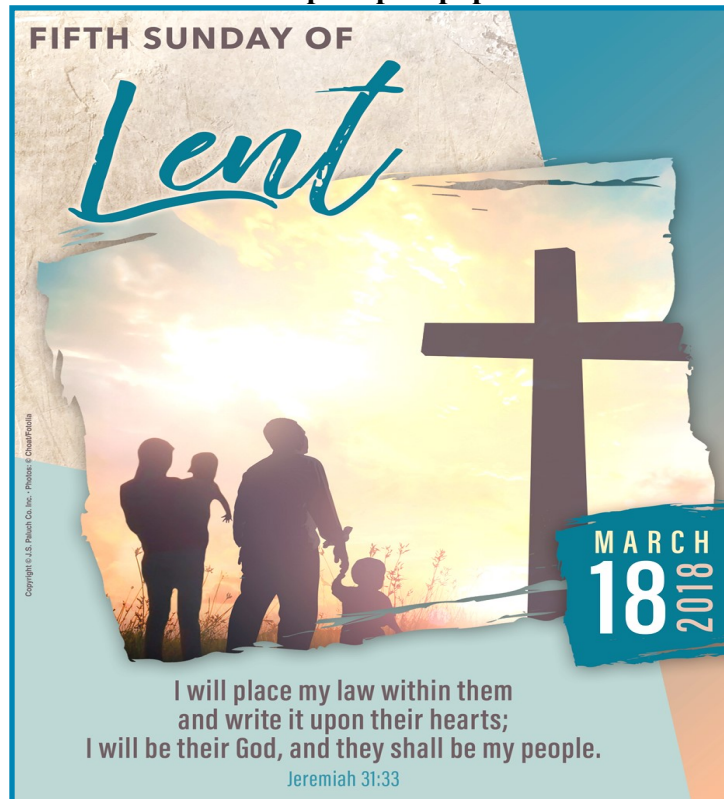
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Fifth Sunday in Lent

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 Fifth Sunday of Lent – The Prophet Jeremiah in today's first reading was often known as the prophet of gloom and doom. After all he did prophesy the Babylonian Exile and was forever warning the people. But today we see him or hear him as a prophet of **Hope and Consolation**. In their Sunday homilies pastors could rant and rage about sin and warn the folks that if we don't reform our lives, then we are all going to go to hell. Perhaps some of us would like to or need to hear a homily like that. You may feel that we don't hear enough about sin and hell. Frequently people who like homilies like that, really think that it is a message that needs to be heard ---- **by others**. It's definitely true that we need to reform our lives. Forgiveness is ours **for the asking**. However, more often than not, the message of condemnation needs to be heard by those who are not here. Let us look to God with **Hope and Consolation**. The opening prayer at Mass this weekend says *By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death.* Amen.

The readings on Palm Sunday will be taken from Mark 11:1-10 (Blessing of the Palms) and then Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11, the Passion of Our Lord – Mark 14:1 -- 15:47.

Dinner at Taqueria Tacontento - This Tuesday from 5 pm—9 p.m. Our parish will receive 10% of your check in support of our **Forward With Christ** building fund. Tacontento is located at **1525 Salisbury Rd (Hwy 70) in Statesville across from the Sheetz gas station**. Hope to see you there.

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

The Last Soup & Sustenance of Lent will be gratis and offered from 5:30 – 7 p.m. this Friday (3/23) prior to & following the 6 p.m. Stations of the Cross in English and prior to the 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross in Spanish. The Spanish Community will provide the food and they always do a great job. We thank the K of C for the delicious fish fries.

Next Sunday – March 25th – we will have our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** from 3:00-5:00 p.m. outside and inside the Social Hall. This event is always a big success and lots of fun – So please mark your calendar and bring the children. The Catholic Daughters will also have their Easter Baskets raffle after the Masses next weekend.

Easter Flower Donations – the envelopes from your packet can be dropped in any collection at Mass. You can memorialize you donations on the back of your envelope. Thank you.

Thank you TQM Roofing Inc. – This company **saved us a couple thousand dollars** by installing extensive scaffolding in the rear of our church for a two week period so that the exterminators could get to the peak of our church roof to address our infestation of bees. They also caulked where the bees were entering the church. Hopefully the exterminator resolved our problem. TQM Roofing Inc. is comprised of faithful and generous Hispanic parishioners. They do commercial roofing and are located at 3646 Taylorsville Hwy here in Statesville, 704-878-6007.

Please support the advertisers on the back page of this bulletin. They allow us to provide this weekly bulletin at no cost to the parish. Our **newest** advertisers are: **B & I Heating, AC & Electrical, LLC**. Fred Blake is a parishioner and takes great care of our church needs. **Carolina Landmark Realty** – Dawn McGinn is also an active very parishioner. **Cardinal Village Independent Living & The Gardens of Statesville Assisted Living** (Awarded the Best of Statesville) are also recent advertisers. Last but not least is **Destiny Coaching & Counseling** – **Gloria Boone** is also a new advertiser. More about our regular & local advertisers next weekend.

From the Pastor section will continue on the next column of this page.

Saturday, Mar 17th

5:00 p.m. Frank Walter Green † by M/M Stan Jashinski

Sunday, Mar 18th

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

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

12:30 p.m. Concepcion Ozaeta † by Ozaeta Family & Friends

Monday, Mar 19th

9:00 a.m. Gloria & Luis Arango by Pat Petrozza

Wednesday, Mar 21st

6:00 p.m. Margaret Lavoie † by Carol Micalizzi

Thursday, Mar 22nd

9:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving by Regina McCollum & Family

Friday, Mar 23rd

9:00 a.m. Glenn Summerfield by Maryann Rhodes

Saturday, Mar 24th

5:00 p.m. Peter Bertuccio † by M/M Mark Vaglia

Sunday, Mar 25th

8:00 a.m. For those entering the Church on Easter

10:30 a.m. Anne Martini † by Stickle Family

12:30 p.m. In Thanksgiving by Angela Osorio

READERS

Mar 24 5:00 p.m. Jim Kermes, Dawn McGinn

Mar 25 8:00 a.m. Rockne Burns, Joe Archibald

10:30 a.m. Ken Byers, Linda Fitzgerald

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Mar 24 5:00 p.m. A. Eisele (HM), P. Daly (HA),
B. McGinn (HC)

Mar 25 8:00 a.m. S. Staples (HM), B. Papandrea (HA),
R. Swierczewski (HC)

10:30 a.m. C. Bennett (HM), J. Bennett (HA),
T. Bradford (HC)

ALTAR SERVER

Mar 24 5:00 p.m. Kailey L, Beni J.

Mar 25 8:00 a.m. Jasmine D, Paul C.

10:30 a.m. Mary K., Brianna F.



Happy Birthday 3/18/2018—3/24/2018

3/18 Reggie Cowne, Amie Gregorio, Aslan

LaClair, Juan Carlos Torres **3/19** Charles Dessert, Fiona Healy,

Natalie Kenyon, Bryan Kos, Mathew Kos, Nicole McCoy,

Sandra Reyes Rojas **3/20** Scott Johnson **3/21** Matthew Flerra,

Michael Flerra, , Thomas McCoy, Garrison McGinn, James

Fierros, Elizabeth Hurtado, Elias McMurry, Michael Rash,

Emily Robinette **3/22** Joanne Kochaniec, Bret Lund, Patricia

Marcella, Regina McCollum, Rosa Noveron Rodriguez, Regina

Pellegrino **3/23** Monica Cook, Patricia Reilly **3/24** Luis Alva,

Barbara Bakowski, Charles Brantley, Humberto Canales, Cecilia

Cartella-Ramirez, Nichole Cartella Ramirez, Esther Moreno

Happy Anniversary 3/18/2018-3/24/2018

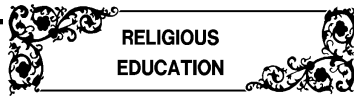
3/22 Genaro & Macia Santibanez

From the Pastor section cont...

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL, "We Are Called" – Update - So far we have received \$34,598 in both donations and pledges. We are \$11,353 short of our goal of \$45,951. Please be extra generous with this appeal. 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.charlottediocese.org/dsa. Please be sure to indicate the name of our parish in the comments section of the online form.

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 2018



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.

Confirmation will be Wednesday, May 16th at 6 p.m.

Holy Communion will be Sunday May 6th at 10:30 a.m. in English, 12:30 p.m. in Spanish

The Easter Egg Hunt will be next Sunday, March 25th from 3-5 p.m. We need donations of Easter Candy that will fit inside a plastic Easter egg and volunteers for this event. Please contact Mary Brown or Norma Echevarria if you can help. **This is one of our biggest events and we need help!**

Vacation Bible School will be June 18-21 from 6—8 p.m. each evening. Please contact Mary Brown and Norma Echevarria if you can help! There will be a planning meeting in April.

All parish groups are welcomed to use tables and chairs from classrooms for different events. Please put tables and chairs back when finished so the classrooms will be ready for students Sunday and Wednesdays. Thank you.

Students in First Communion and Confirmation may only miss 4 classes before they must repeat the year. Letters are sent home regularly to keep parents apprised of absences.

PARISH SUPPORT CHURCH YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018

Collections last week

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| Regular | |
| 5:00 p.m..... | \$3,006.00 |
| 8:00 a.m..... | 1,182.00 |
| 10:30 a.m..... | 5,034.00 |
| 12:30 p.m..... | 1,115.98 |
| Total..... | \$10,337.48 |

DSA

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| Goal..... | \$45,951.00 |
| Total to date in pledges & contributions..... | 34,598.00 |

Food Closet

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| Total..... | \$25.00 |
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Forward With Christ

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| Total..... | \$2,753.00 |
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Easter Flowers

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| Total..... | \$92.00 |
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Spanish Food Fundraiser

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| Total..... | \$890.00 |
| Total to date..... | \$16,577.00 |

Collections Year to Date

| | Last year | This Year |
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| Regular | \$287,149.32..... | \$293,496.97 |
| Forward With Christ | | 1,321,245.95 |
| Food Closet | 15,357.73..... | 15,712.00 |

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, Mar 18th

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

Monday, Mar 19th

9:30 a.m. Holy Rosary
6:30 p.m. Bible Study

Tuesday, Mar 20th

5:00 p.m. Tacontento Restaurant Fundraiser FWC

Wednesday, Mar 21st

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

Thursday, Mar 22nd

7:00 p.m. Family Life Committee Meeting

Friday, Mar 23rd

5:30 p.m. Soup & Substance /Family Life & Spanish Community

Saturday, Mar 24th

6:00 p.m. CDA Easter Basket Raffle

Sunday, Mar 25th- CDA Easter Basket Raffle after Mass

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation
11:00 a.m. Spanish Faith Formation
3:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt



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 Bolero, Joan Chiodo, Nelson LaClair.. **Statesville Manor -** Brenda Kelley. **Maple Leaf -** Joseph Hughes, **Bryan Center ...** Marion Kelly Culler **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.**

We have items in **the lost and found box in the Parish Office**, please contact the office between 8:30 am-1 p.m. -Monday through Friday at 704-872-2579, if you think you lost something at church. Thank you!