

Church of St. Philip the Apostle

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Pentecost Sunday

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.

From the pastor...

Mass Intentions

Pentecost Sunday – FROM THE WORD – In the Acts account of Pentecost (2:1-11), the Spirit bestows twin gifts of community and communications, not reversing Babel’s language confusion by re-imposing uniformity, but creating a unity-in-diversity in which God is expressed in all human languages. Galatians 5:16-25 contrasts “flesh”, Paul’s term for the living death of a life devoid of God or spirit, with “life in the Spirit”, producing “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” These are known as the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel (right judgment), fortitude (courage), knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

The Gospel of John (15: 26-27, 16:12-15) emphasizes that, in virtue of Jesus’ promise “the Spirit of truth will guide you to all truth.

Today marks the end of the Easter Season and on Monday begins Ordinary Time.

Next weekend we will celebrate Trinity Sunday. The readings at Mass will be taken from Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; Romans 8:14-17; and Matthew 28: 16-20. Come prepared.

Thank you Ken & Donna Parker and Samantha Parker Millsaps- Who have retired from heading up our 2nd year of Confirmation Formation, and taught those classes both on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings for a good number of years. It is said that the three most difficult adjustments in life are the loss of a loved one, a change in employment and a change of address (to move). In the last year, Ken’s brother Bill, passed away from cancer, and Ken also got a new job, which involves more hours and a lot more traveling. Thank goodness the Parker Family is not moving. However the new job also necessitates Ken’s stepping down as President of our Parish Pastoral Council. Thanks for sharing your God given talents with us and the youth of our parish.

This weekend we are recognizing those **graduating** with Post Graduate and College degrees, as well as the recipients of High School and Middle School diplomas. Good luck with your new beginnings. Congratulations also to your loved ones, who no doubt sacrificed to assist you in developing your God given gifts. The Latin word “*gradior*” means “walk”, “go” or “step”. May you always walk, go, and step in the presence of the Lord.

Sorrento Pizzeria & Italian Restaurant is the site of this Tuesday’s (5/22) **Forward With Christ** fundraiser. From 4 p.m. until closing the restaurant will donate 10% of our receipts to our building initiative. The restaurant is located at 1004 Crossroads Drive (in the shopping center across from McDonald’s). Their food is plentiful and delicious.

The **Faith Formation Teacher Appreciation Dinner** will take place this Wednesday (5/23) in our Social Hall at 6:30 p.m.

There will be a **Forward With Christ** auction meeting this Wednesday (5/23), at 6:30 p.m., following the evening Mass.

The **Planning & Building Committee** will meet this Thursday (5/24), at 7 p.m..

Saturday, May 19th

5:00 p.m. Fr. Benedict Groeschel † by Carol Micalizzi

Sunday, May 20th

8:00 a.m. All Souls of Purgatory by Zepeta Family

10:30 a.m. For peace in homes & the world

12:30 p.m. Julio Landeo † by Echevarria Family

Monday, May 21st

9:00 a.m. Becky Eisele † by Jim Eisele

Wednesday, May 23rd

6:00 p.m. Al & Winifred Hufner † by Maryann Rhodes

Thursday, May 24th

9:00 a.m. Jim Ries † by Jean Danckert

Friday, May 25th

9:00 a.m. Glenn Summerville † by Maryann Rhodes

Saturday, May 26th

5:00 p.m. Fred Snook † by Valeries Ferguson

Sunday, May 27th

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m. John & Josephine Ortiz †

12:30 p.m. Elbia Rodriguez †Mejia Monsalve Family

READERS

May 26 5:00 p.m. Mickey Brantley

May 27 8:00 a.m. Pat Petrozza

10:30 a.m. Linda Fitzgerald

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

May 26 5:00 p.m. B. Scales (H), A. Simons, P. Daly,
A. Eisele, K. Sparks

May 27 8:00 a.m. N. Echevarria (H), R. Echevarria,
P. Klvana

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

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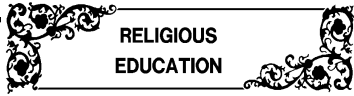
May 26 5:00 p.m. Patrick F., Reagan L.

May 27 8:00 a.m. Joseph M., Evie S.

10:30 a.m. Hunter J., Alyssa J.

Congratulations to the Class of 2018 Graduates of Saint Philip the Apostle Church! We also commend your families that helped you along the way obtain this goal. With this diploma you have another tool to further your education or enter your chosen field and serve the Lord. Peace be with you on this new journey. The graduates are: Mark McCollum, South Iredell High School Diploma Cailan Bennett, North Iredell, High School Diploma. Jack Archibald, Appalachian State University, MS in Accounting. Tyler Lipski, Crossroads Arts and Sciences/Mitchell CC, High School Diploma and AD. Kevin Arrington, Virginia Tech University, BS in Electrical Engineering. Alexander Stevens, Western Carolina University, Bachelor in Finance. Michael Meyers, Appalachian State University, BS in Anthropology. Gerard Herbosa, West Iredell, High School Diploma. Emily Magnus, UNC-Chapel Hill, BAs in Journalism-PR and Religious Studies. Maggie Smith, UNC-Chapel Hill, BS in Sociology. Julian Eldridge, Statesville, High School Diploma. Hunter Jones, Alexander Central, High School Diploma. Patrick Ferguson, Statesville Christian, High School Diploma. Natalie Stein, UNC-Chapel Hill, Doctorate in Physical Therapy. Christina Russo, North Iredell, High School Diploma. Stephanie Hardig, Pfeiffer University, Masters in Curriculum and Instruction. Danielle Papandrea, UNC-Charlotte, BA in Psychology and BS in Business Management. Ashley Wodecki Tipper, Gardner-Webb University, Masters in Physician Assistant. Lauralee Ann Wodecki, South Iredell, High School Diploma. John Hanna, North Iredell, High School Diploma. Philip John Helderlein, UNC-Chapel Hill, BS in Biology and Isaac Webber, East Middle, Eighth Grade Diploma.

May 20, 2018



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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 this Wednesday, May 16th at 6 p.m. Practice will be on Tuesday, May 15th from 7-8 p.m.

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 Monday, June 4th at 7 p.m. This year's VBS theme is The Parables of Jesus. Children will learn about the Mustard Seed, the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son and the Seed. We will need lots of support for VBS. If you can help with food preparation, music, teaching, crafts, etc., please contact Mary Brown by email, text or call or call the parish office. No experience is required! VBS is a great way for Confirmation candidates to get service hours. Supper and snacks are provided.

Faith Formation teachers will be needed for the 2018-2019 school year. Please text or call Mary Brown if you can volunteer. Lesson plans and materials are provided. Please prayerfully consider if you are called to this critical Catholic Ministry.

2018-2019 Faith Formation registration forms are being sent home with students. Please turn them back in as soon as possible. Faith Formation registration forms are available outside the Faith Formation office as well. All Faith Formation students must be registered by August 1st, 2018. A late registration fee of \$10 applies after August 1, 2018. All students in First Communion must have two years of Faith Formation before making their First Communion. All students in Confirmation must have 2 years of Faith Formation before making their Confirmation.

The Faith Formation volunteer appreciation dinner will be Wednesday, May 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in the social hall. Please call or text Mary Brown, call the parish office or Norma Echevarria to RSVP. Thanks to all of our Faith Formation volunteers! You are truly appreciated!!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, May 20th

- 8:00 a.m. Graduation Recognition Mass
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1:30 p.m. Spanish Food Sale

Monday, May 21st

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

Tuesday, May 22nd

- 5:00 p.m. Sorrento's Restaurant fundraiser

Wednesday, May 23rd

- 6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Appreciation Dinner

Thursday, May 24th

- 7:00 p.m. Family Life Meeting
Planning & Building Committee meeting

Saturday, May 26th

- 6:00 p.m. Food Closet Distribution

Sunday, May 27th

- 5:00 p.m. Adult Dinner Group

PARISH SUPPORT CHURCH YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018

Collections last week

Table with 2 columns: Time, Amount. Rows include Regular (5:00 p.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m.) and Total (\$6,024.10).

Ascension \$472.00

Food Closet

Total \$29.00

Forward With Christ

Total \$1,089.00
Bingo \$1,178.50
TShirts \$68.00

Spanish Food Fundraiser

Total \$0.00
Total to date \$16,577.00

Collections Year to Date

Table with 3 columns: Category, Last year, This Year. Rows include Regular, Forward With Christ, and Food Closet.

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

The Sunday 10:30 a.m. choir is looking for new voices to help lead the congregation in singing praise to our Lord. Practice is after Mass if we need to review hymn (s) or learn something new. Please see any choir member or call Ann McGuire at 980-829-3620 if you are interested.

There is a scam going around to some of the churches in our Diocese regarding requests for gift cards and the emails look like they are coming from the Priests/Parishes. This is a scam and need to be reported to the Parish Office if you receive any email soliciting any such items. Please call the parish office with any questions between 8:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.



At home.. Lillian Alvey, 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 Bollero, Joan Chiodo, Nelson LaClair.. Statesville Manor - Brenda Kelley. The Gardens - 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.

The Adult Dinner Group will meet on may 27th at 5:00 p.m. ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOMED!! The Mat theme will be "Burgers & Franks" with everyone bringing something to share. Please RSVP to Norma Gassett at 704-380-4125 or 843-339-1956.