

Church of St. Philip the Apostle

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Diocese of Charlotte

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First Sunday of Advent

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 May 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...

Next Saturday (Dec. 8th) is **The Feast of the Immaculate Conception** and a **Holy Day of Obligation**. There will be a Vigil Mass at 6 p.m. this Friday (Dec. 7th) at 6 p.m. and a Mass on Saturday morning at 9 a.m. The Readings as Mass will be taken from Genesis 3: 9-15, 20; Ephesians 1: 3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38.

Next Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent. The readings at Mass will be taken from Baruch 5:1-9; Philipians 1: 4-6, 8-11; Luke 3: 1-6. Come prepared.

The Angel Tree Program – The gifts for the Angel Tree will be due next weekend, December 8th & 9th.

The First Friday of the month is this week - December 7th. Mass will be offered at 9 a.m. followed by Exposition and Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament until 5 p.m. Come and make your holy hour with the Lord.

A DOZEN PRIESTS will be here this Monday at 7 p.m., **December 3** to hear confessions and to help us to spiritually prepare for Christmas. Please mark your calendars and take advantage of this grace filled opportunity. These priests have committed to be here: Fr. Paul Asoh - Mooresville, Fr. Camilo Cárdenas Bonilla - Taylorsville, Fr. John Eckert - Salisbury, Fr. Paul Q. Gary - Mint Hill, Fr. Stephen Hoyt – Lenoir, Fr. José Juya – Gastonia, Fr. Eric L. Kowalski – Mocksville, Fr. Larry M. LoMonaco – Hickory, Fr. Paul McNulty, Mooresville, Fr. Fidel Melo – Charlotte, Fr. Alvaro A. Riquelme – Kannapolis, and Fr. Nohe Torres – Hickory.

Advent devotions with daily meditations to enrich your spiritual life during this holy season can be found on line: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever> We thank Dynamic Catholic for this service and Heather Bradford for the tip.

Thank You Fred Blake for coming to our rescue once again. Recently, our heating unit and fan in the Parish Office and Social Hall burned up and Mr. Blake took care of us right away. Fred is a parishioner and a Proprietor of B&I Heating, AC & Electrical, LLC. They have a nice advertisement on the back page of this bulletin and you are also invited to call for Employment Opportunities.

Again this year, **Christmas Flowers can be donated in memory or in honor of someone**. Just use the envelope in your bi-monthly packet and note the individual names on the back side of the envelope. The names will be posted at Christmas time, on the bulletin board off the Gathering Space and at the entrance to the Social Hall. The envelopes can be dropped in any collection basket between now and Dec. 23rd.

Thank You to the Knights of Columbus who took care of the leaves and yard work at the rectory this Saturday. Your kindness and thoughtfulness are much appreciated.

The monthly meeting of Knights of Columbus will be **this Thurs., Dec. 6th** at 7 p.m.

The Forward With Christ Building Campaign – So far we have raised \$2,484,259 of our 2.5 million dollar goal. We are only \$15,741.00 short of our goal of paying cash for our new Social Hall. Thanks for your continuous generosity.

Saturday, Dec 1st

9:00 a.m. Edgar & Angela Merrifield † by Gary & Mary Cannady
5:00 p.m. Carol Fennel † by Jim & Mitzie Kermes

Sunday, Dec 2nd

8:00 a.m. Jody Harris † by Ann Simons
10:30 a.m. Ann Nagl by Carol Micalizzi
12:30 p.m. Gonzalo Echevarria † by Echevarria Family

Monday, Dec 3rd

9:00 a.m. Leonardo & Aurelina Porru † by Rita & Roberta Tondo

Wednesday, Dec 5th

6:00 p.m. Josefina Curiel † by Swierczewski Family

Thursday, Dec 6th

9:00 a.m. Billy McEvilly † by M/M Bill McEvilly

Friday, Dec 7th

9:00 a.m. Jason DiStefano † by Rosemary & Tom Wright
6:00 p.m. Pro Populo

Saturday, Dec 8th

9:00 a.m. Antonio Caballero Jr. † by Paula Castillo
5:00 p.m. George Johnson † by Ed & Pat Johnson

Sunday, Dec 9th

8:00 a.m. Edgar & Angela Merrifield † by Gary & Mary Cannady
10:30 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving for Dr. Robert Wodecki by
Tatiana & The Wodecki Family
12:30 p.m.

READERS

Dec 7 6:00 p.m. Linda Ortiz
Dec 8 9:00 a.m. Pat Petrozza
5:00 p.m. Mary Brown
Dec 9 8:00 a.m. Michele Woldman
10:30 a.m. Pam Klaene

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Dec 7 6:00 p.m. B. Scales (H), B. McGinn. R. Swierczewski
Dec 8 9:00 a.m. M. Rhodes (H), P. Klvana, J. Danckert
5:00 p.m. C. Ries (H), A. Eisele, B. Myers, I. Poston,
P. Coleman
Dec 9 8:00 a.m. S. Staples (H), J. Archibald, B. Papandrea
10:30 a.m. T. Douglas (HM), S. McMurry (HA),
K. Parker (HC), P. Eavenson, T. Eavenson
L. Hardig, J. Sadowski

ALTAR SERVER

Dec 8 5:00 p.m. Alayna F., Reagan L.
Dec 9 8:00 a.m. Evie S., Jasmine D.
10:30 a.m. Paul C., Daniel G.

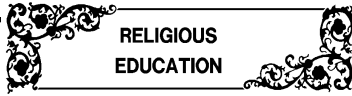
Happy Birthday 12/1/2018-12/8/2018

12/1 Angel Campos, Daniel Chambers, Jr., Maria Cox, Lisa Curley, Angela Johnson, Stephanie Marino 12/2 Valerie Ferguson, Caroline McMurry, Maritza Morales, Thomas Parr, Tuan Anh Ho Pettit, Charles Rohda 12/3 Efigenia Gaspar, Grecia Mendez Salazar, Megan Rupp 12/4 Sean Goodman, James Masquef III, Wilson Mejia, Jr., Barbara Papandrea. Crystal Titus 12/5 Fran Baker, Timothy Barba, Mavis Calabrese, Stephen Gay, Marlene Stone, Jean Watkins 12/6 Patrick Ferguson, Sue Hollingsworth, Travis Scott, Carole Stewart 12/7 Anne Powers, Judith Rudisill, Arthur Weber, Robert Wodecki 12/8 Justin Bennett, Maria Salud Cuanas, Zoe Kilmer, Gisel Lopez, Renhard McLaurin, Samuel Williams

Happy Anniversary 12/1/2018-12/8/2018

12/6 Leonardo & Crescenciana
12/8 Wade & Ligaya Kates





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.

All sacramental year students must have a copy of their Baptismal Certificates. All Confirmation students should also have a copy of their First Communion Certificates in their file. Please see Mary or Norma with any questions.

All sacramental year students must attend Mass and see the table in the gathering space after Mass to get checked off. Please see Mary or Norma with questions.

The St. Philip's Christmas Pageant will be on Sunday, December 16th at 3:00. All are invited to attend! Please send in or bring a dessert for the end of the performance.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, Dec 2nd

- 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation/ Coffee and Donut social
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee & Donut social
- 11:00 a.m. Spanish Faith Formation

Monday, Dec 3rd

- 9:30 a.m. Holy Rosary
- 7:00 p.m. Penance Service

Wednesday, Dec 5th

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

Friday, Dec 7th

- 7:00 p.m. Platica

Saturday, Dec 8th

Angel Tree Gifts due

- 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Christmas Party

Sunday, Dec 9th

Angel Tree Gifts due

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

Please plan to return your Angel's **WRAPPED** gifts next weekend December 8th & 9th, please be sure to see a member of the Angel Tree committee. Thank you for your kindness and generosity, it is deeply appreciated.

The Catholic Daughters have some **extra Butter Braids** for sale. Please call Regina in the office if you are interested, they are \$14 each. Thank you.

PARISH SUPPORT
CHURCH YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019

Collections last week

Regular

5:00 p.m.....	\$1,716.00
8:00 a.m.....	971.00
10:30 a.m.....	1,903.00
12:30 p.m.....	1,017.56
Total.....	\$5,607.56

Food Closet

Total.....	\$62.00
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Forward With Christ

Total.....	\$511.00
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Christmas Flowers..... \$646.00

Spanish Food Fundraiser FWC

Total to date.....	\$21,509.06
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Collections Year to Date

	Last year	This Year
Regular	\$162,996.17.....	\$157,220.89
Forward With Christ	1,484,259.42
Food Closet	7,233.00.....	8,096.00

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

Collections from 11/18/2018

Regular.....	\$8,315.09
Forward With Christ.....	4,647.96
Craft Fair.....	1,192.00
Spanish Food.....	742.46
Christmas Flowers.....	496.00
Food Closet.....	1,400.00

On behalf of the Food Closet, we want to thank all the parishioners for their support and generosity over the years. Also, a special thanks to our dedicated volunteers. Without you all, we couldn't have served our community as well as we did. Mitzie and Jim Kermes



At home.. Richard Homola, 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, Joan Chiodo, Nelson La-Clair. **Iredell Skilled Nursing**-Frank Bollero, **Bryan Center**...Marion Kelly Culler.. **Autumn Care**-Bettye Byers.. **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:grammad1229@gmail.com**