

Church of St. Philip the Apostle

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The Baptism of the Lord

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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...

The Baptism of the Lord – Uniquely, Luke focuses not on Jesus being baptized, but on Jesus praying after his baptism. Luke repeatedly depicts Jesus at prayer: before preaching, teaching, healing, helping, before being tested and suffering. Luke's Jesus is always at prayer. Today, while Jesus prays, "heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended ... And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased'".

As practical, efficient moderns, we are predisposed to focus on doing. Many indeed are the practical, challenging consequences of our Baptism. But Luke focuses us instead on being who we are called to be, precisely so that the Spirit can empower us for doing what disciples are called to do. Only such persevering, prayerful openness to the Spirit, modeled for us by Jesus, will enable us to cooperate with the grace that transforms us into "beloved sons and daughters with whom the Father is well pleased," to live out the extraordinary potential of our Baptism.

Today marks the end of the Christmas Season – the Christmas decorations will be taken down about 9:45 a.m. this Monday morning, January 14th, immediately following the Rosary, which follows the 9 a.m.

Next Sunday we'll celebrate the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings at Mass will be taken from Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11; John 2: 1-11.

The Parish Council will meet this Monday evening at 7 p.m.

The Planning and Building Committee – will meet this Monday afternoon (1/14) at 5 p.m.

For Your Information – Caller Id at the church and the rectory (which is also Fr.'s cell phone) We do not have Caller Id at our Parish Office phone, nor at the rectory. Therefore, if you call and get the voice mail, it is necessary to leave a message, with your name and phone number. Don't assume that we will see that you called, because that is not the case.

Forward With Christ Update – Yes at the end of 2018, we reached our goal of \$2.5 million. It is in the bank. The Planning & Building Committee is presently meeting with the Architect and General Contractor to finalize our plans, while working hard with determination to keep the expense of the new Social Hall at the goal we have raised. The Diocese of Charlotte is overseeing our project and provides us with the assistance of the Diocesan Director of Properties and the Diocesan Construction Manager. We are presently putting the finishing touches on the Parish Hall Construction Documents, and then will submit them to get the final Diocesan approval and Bishop Peter Jugis' signature on the necessary contracts.

At the same time, we have begun our fundraising for Phase II, which includes new and larger classrooms, offices, storage, and outdoor gathering space which is all included in the Conceptual Design Posters in the Gathering Space of the Church. We have already received a couple generous contributions. The proposed price for Phase II is \$3.7 million. Happily this time, we will be able to have a Capital Campaign. This means we need to raise 50% of the price in cash, and we can have 30% in pledges, to be paid over three years and then we will be able to borrow the remaining 20%. The Diocese of Charlotte sets this formula and will help us organize the Capital Campaign. Please recognize that these Conceptual Designs and the goal are only proposals at this time.

For your convenience and as with last year, a list of your financial contributions to our parish during 2018 will be sent to your homes to assist you with your charitable contributions as you complete your Income Tax Forms. As always, we are most grateful for your generous and sacrificial donations. If there are any discrepancies, please don't hesitate to call the office.

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Saturday, Jan 12th

5:00 p.m. Patricia Bennett Miller † by Milli Page & Anneliese Bennett

Sunday, Jan 13th

8:00 a.m. Ted Lamontang by Charles & Connie Ries

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

12:30 p.m. Felipa de Jesus Perez † by Amelia Vera

Monday, Jan 14th

9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, Jan 16th

6:00 p.m.

Thursday, Jan 17th

9:00 a.m. The Altar Guild by Claudia Blackstock

Friday, Jan 18th

9:00 a.m. Pro Populo

Saturday, Jan 19th

5:00 p.m. Edgar & Angela Merrifield † by Gary & Mary Cannady

Sunday, Jan 20th

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving for Dr. Robert Wodecki by

Tatiana & The Wodecki Family

12:30 p.m.

READERS

Jan 19 5:00 p.m. Dawn McGinn

Jan 20 8:00 a.m. Pat Petrozza

10:30 a.m. Ken Byers

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Jan 19 5:00 p.m. A. Simons (H), K. Sparks, B. Bailey, P. Daly, J. Dankert

Jan 20 8:00 a.m. R. Swierczewski (H), J. Archibald, C. DiFulvio

10:30 a.m. T. Bradford (HM), T. Douglas (HA), K. Parker (HC), C. Bennett, T. Bennett, P. Eaverson, T. Eaverson

ALTAR SERVER

Jan 19 5:00 p.m. Paul C., Alayna F.

Jan 20 8:00 a.m. Troy C., Brock C.

10:30 a.m. June A., Jergin H.

Happy Birthday 1/13/2018-1/19/2019

1/13 Margaret Hoffman, Colleen Hoops, Roger Jilmer, Patrick Lyon
1/14 Jennifer Martucci, Cody Millsaps, Eric Urbina 1/15 Charleeine Holder, Tom Koster, Shondell LaClair, Sarah Nortz 1/16 Angel Mejia, Joshua Morron, Emanuel Plato Flores, Mary Rutten, Emily Swierczewski 1/17 Liz Bennett, Diana Felicione, Mauricia Marin-Arango, Shelly McElwee, Michael Neder, Eduardo Reyes, Spencer Robbins, Maria Wodecki Hencinski 1/18 Aurora Vicidomini, Kayla Felicione, Martha Maya, Nicholas Neader, Griselda Rebollar 1/19 Norma Echevarria, Jenny Hinsey, Nathan Riggsbee

Happy Anniversary 1/13/2018—1/19/2019

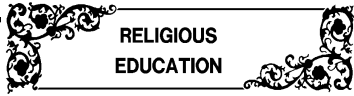
1/18 James & Mary Kermes, America & Ismael Vallejo Gregorio

From the pastor continues...

Mark your calendar

On Thursday, January 17th, we are invited to dine from 11 a.m.—10 p.m. for lunch or dinner at Vesuvio's Italian Restaurant located at 118 Venture Lane, Statesville 28625 in the Lowe's Shopping Center and to the right of Publix grocery store. Our Parish will receive 10% of your check for our **Forward With Christ** building campaign.

January 13, 2019



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 WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, Jan 13th

Knights of Columbus Bake Sale

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

Monday, Jan 14th

9:30 a.m. Holy Rosary
5:00 p.m. Planning & Building Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, Jan 15th

9:00 a.m. CDA Sewing Project

Wednesday, Jan 16th

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

Thursday, Jan 17th

11:00 a.m. Vesuvio's Restaurant FWC Fundraiser until 10 p.m.

Saturday, Jan 19th

6:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Raffle

Sunday, Jan 20th

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation
Knights of Columbus Raffle
11:00 a.m. Spanish Faith Formation
11:30 a.m. Knights of Columbus Raffle

BINGO NITE will be held on Saturday, Jan 26th at 7 p.m. Hotdogs, drinks and snacks will be available for purchase after the 5 p.m. Mass and Bingo will start promptly at 7 p.m. The cost for 10 games is \$20 and cash prizes of \$25, \$50, and \$100 will be awarded. Depending on attendance, prize money may be increased. The bigger the attendance, the bigger the prizes, so we urge everyone to turn out for this fundraiser for our *Forward With Christ* building project.

St. Philip Book Group will meet on January 28th at 7 p.m. The book selection is "Turning Angel" by Greg Iles. Bring a snack to share. **ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME!!** Call Norma Gassett at 704-380-4125 for location and book.

St. Philip Adult Dinner Group-Sunday, January 27th at 5 p.m. This will be a pot luck and BYOB. **ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOMED!!** Call Norma Gassett at 843-339-1956

**PARISH SUPPORT
CHURCH YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019**

Collections last week

Regular	
5:00 p.m.....	3,374.50
8:00 a.m.....	1,845.00
10:30 a.m.....	3,144.76
12:30 p.m.....	923.00
Total.....	\$9,287.26

Solemnity of Mary

Total.....\$2,631.00

Food Closet

Total.....\$0.00

Forward With Christ

Total.....\$10,855.35
t-shirts.....43.00

Spanish Food Fundraiser FWC

Total to date.....\$22,361.06
Total.....852.00

Collections Year to Date

	Last year	This Year
Regular	\$212,044.82.....	\$211,677.33
Forward With Christ	1,500,000.00
Phase 2.....	23,296.55
Food Closet	10,052.00.....	10,218.50

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

12/30/2018 Contribution totals

Regular.....	\$6,372.76
Forward With Christ.....	977.00
Food Closet.....	15.00

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Raffle tickets. The tickets will be available next weekend after Mass or call Ralph Altavilla at 704-699-6864. Tickets are \$5 each. Thank you for your support.



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 LaClair.. **Bryan Center**...Marion Kelly Culler, Frank Bollero.. **Autumn Care**-Monica Charles, 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**

Family Life Committee needs your help! We would like to grow in number. We could use your opinions, ideas and input. Please consider coming to our next meeting on Thursday, January 31st at 7 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus room. The meeting should last about an hour. Any questions or if you can't come to the meeting but would like to help-please call Bill McGinn 704-883-2585.