

# Church of St. Philip the Apostle

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## Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

**Rev. Mr. Charles Brantley, *Deacon***  
**Mrs. Paula Coleman, *Secretary***  
**Mrs. Anita Lund, *Youth Director***

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

### **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.

## From the pastor...

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter** – *“The one who holds out to the end, is the one who will see salvation.” (Mt.24:13) “It is your faith that saved you, Now go in peace.” (Luke 8:48)* A look at today’s readings - From the Acts of the Apostles, the early Christians recognize *“It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.”* The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading from the Book of Revelations says *“I John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem. Behold God’s dwelling is with the human race. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away.”* As we face the reality of our own mortality in this world, and for those whose transition is imminent, because of our faith, we should continually reassure our loved ones and ourselves – You’ll be just fine; I’ll be just fine. You’ll always be in my prayers. Meanwhile in today’s Gospel, as Jesus prepares to leave the apostles he gives us a rule of thumb to live by – *“As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”* **The one who holds out to the end, is the one who will see salvation. It is your faith that has saved you. Now go in peace.**

**Next weekend** we will celebrate the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter. The readings at Mass will be taken from Acts 15:1-2, 22-29, Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23, John 14:23-29.

**St. Philip’s Graduates** – St. Philip’s Family Life Committee and Parish congratulates our graduates this weekend. As with your family, we are very proud of your achievements. We pray that you will always recognize the beauty of your God given gifts and use them in service of others. May God continue to bless you and God’s people through you.

**Taccontento** West Broad Street in downtown Statesville will be the location of our next **Forward With Christ** eat-out. It will be this Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 3 p.m. till closing. Our Parish will receive 15% of your bill. Hope to see you there. We thank Carol Micalizzi for organizing these fun gatherings.

**The Family Life Committee** will meet this Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m.

**Thanks to the Knights of Columbus**, who spent Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> staining the fence around our new heating and air conditioning unit in front of the church. Furthermore, they cleaned up the Prayer Garden behind the gathering space of the church, removed leaves from the gutters, etc. Also, someone, perhaps some of the Knights cleaned up the weeds around the new parking lot. May God reward your kindness and generosity.

**Thanks to all** who participated and/or played **Bingo** this Saturday night, May 18<sup>th</sup>. It’s fun and raises money for a great cause – Phase II of our **Forward With Christ** Building campaign. Phase II is new and larger classrooms for our children in Faith Formation, for meeting for the different groups of our parish. This phase also includes new and badly needed offices, storage, etc., etc.

**Please mark your calendar** for the **Spring Fling indoor Yard Sale**, on June 1<sup>st</sup>, to be held in the Social Hall. See this bulletin for further details.

**April’s Food Closet** donations amounted to **\$1,373.85** and were sent to feed the poor through Yokefellow Ministries of Greater Statesville. Thanks so much for your generosity and for putting your faith into action. We plan to re-open our own parish food closet when the construction is complete. Meanwhile, ever penny received will be sent to the local Ministries that also feed the poor of our community.

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, May 18th

5:00 p.m. Columba Ferguson† by Anthony & Valerie Ferguson

### Sunday, May 19th

8:00 a.m. Patty Bowles† by Liz Bennett  
10:30 a.m. John & Josephine Ortiz† by Linda Ortiz  
12:30 p.m. Felipa de Jesus Perez† by Amelia Vera

### Monday, May 20th

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

### Wednesday, May 22th

6:00 p.m. Julio Landeo† by Echevarria Family

### Thursday, May 23rd

9:00 a.m. June Gates† by Liz Bennett

### Friday, May 24th

9:00 a.m. Michael Danckert† by Jean Danckert

### Saturday, May 25th

5:00 p.m. Frank Bollero† by Greg & Kathy Watson

### Sunday, May 26th

8:00 a.m. Bill Harris† by Liz Bennett  
10:30 a.m. Ann Nagl† by Marius & Raquel Swierczewski  
12:30 p.m. Maximina Ancelmo† by Berta Vargas

### READERS

May 25th 5:00 p.m. Jim Kermes

May 26th 8:00 a.m. Rockne Burns

10:30 a.m. Jeanne Klauss

\*\*\*\*New Lector Schedules are available in the Usher’s Room for those who do not receive via email\*\*\*\*\*

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

May 25th 5:00 p.m. P. Coleman (H), B. McGinn, B. Myers, I. Poston, C. Ries

May 26th 8:00 a.m. R. Echevarria (H), N. Echevarria, L. Klvana

10:30 a.m. T. Bradford (HM), T. Douglas (HC), J. Eisele (HA), P. Eavenson, T. Eavenson, L. Hardig, S. McMurry

12:30 p.m. Raúl E. (H), Norma E., Manuel C., Cristina G., Raquel S.

### ALTAR SERVERS

May 25th 5:00 p.m. Kailey L., Beni J.

May 26th 8:00 a.m. Troy C., Brock C.

10:30 a.m. Mary K., Alyssa J.

### Happy Birthday 5/20/2019 to 5/26/2019

5/20 Lorraine Carbone, Mr. John Chambers Jr., Mrs. Jana Fetch, Steven Matta, Mrs. Annabelle Mawyn, Mrs. Mary Millsaps, Rose Robinson, Desiree Smith, 5/21 Virgilio Chavez, Maria de Jesus Corrales, Connie Gay, Guadalupe Hernandez, Mrs. Vicki Liberto, Mrs. Ann Lyon, Mr. John Rinehimer, 5/22 Ernesto Carlos, Constance Jewell, Mr. Celestino Martinez, Mrs. Joan Zeller, 5/23 Anagely Chavez, Mrs. Cheryl Hanna, Mrs. Maria Conception Ortiz, 5/24 Ms. Angelia Bianchino, Ashley Hanna, Bryan Salomon, 5/25 Phyllis Bohn, Susan Garbato, Mr. Urbano Santibanez, Steven Vera, 5/26 Leonardo Aguilera, Enrique Arreola, Carson Jones, Yeshua Medina Ferrer



### Happy Anniversary 5/20/2019—5/26/2019

5/20 Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Savage, 5/22 Mr. & Mrs. Raul Echevarria, 5/23 Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Myers, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Eldridge, Mr. & Mrs. Roberto Gonzalez, Mr. & 5/25 Mrs. Jimmie Combs, Mr. & Mrs. John Hanna, 5/26 Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Jashinski

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

**Collections Last Week**

<b>Regular</b>	
5:00 p.m.....	\$2,728.00
8:00 a.m.....	\$1,422.00
10:30 a.m.....	\$1,970.00
12:30 p.m.....	\$921.00
Total.....	\$7,041.00

<b>Food Closet</b>	
Total.....	\$170.00

<b>Forward With Christ</b>	
Total.....	\$1,507.00

<b>Spanish Food Fundraiser FWC</b>	
Total to date.....	\$25,458.06

**Collections Year to Date**

	Last year	This Year
<b>Regular</b>	\$365,493.04.....	\$358,869.09
<b>Forward With Christ Phase 2</b>	.....	\$111,219.57
<b>Food Closet</b>	\$19,279.00.....	\$15,522.35

**Congratulations Class of 2019!** Saint Philip the Apostle Church send best wishes and congratulations to both you and your loved ones. Each of you have a new gift with which you can now serve God in a bigger manner. Peace and love go with you from Saint Philip. The graduates are: Michelle Myers, Aarhus University in Denmark, Masters in Medical Anthropology. Jasmine Dessert, Alexander County Central, High School Diploma. Celeste Stevens, Gardner-Webb University, Masters of Science in Nursing. Sarah Kelley, UNC-Charlotte, Bachelors of Arts in Middle Grade Education. Abraham Medina, West Iredell, High School Diploma. Selena Solis, West Iredell, High School Diploma. Lily Mae Brown, South Iredell, High School Diploma. Cassandra Wodecki, High Point University, Masters in Teaching. Grant Cotton, South Iredell, High School Diploma. Rose Caroline Brown, John Hopkins University, Masters in Education. Beni Juris, South Iredell, High School Diploma. Noel Arteaga, Mitchell Community College, Associates Degree in Electrical Systems Technology. Max Velasco, North Iredell, High School Diploma. Kailey Lund, South Iredell, High School Diploma.



**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](mailto: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](mailto:echevarria_norma@yahoo.com).

**Faith Formation registration forms for 2019-2020**

Please let Ms. Brown or Ms. Echevarria know if you would like to volunteer for Faith Formation next year. Faith Formation registration forms are available in the Faith Formation office.



**Congratulations to St. Philip's Confirmation Recipients':**

Alarcon-Loyola, Rashel \* Alvarez, Aaron \* Andrade, Raul \* Arroyo, Edgar \* Benavides-Ugarte, Jimena \* Eno, Raoul \* Garcia, Lindsey \* Gaspar, Ashley \* Gonzalez, Melinda \* Hernandez, Brandon \* Hernandez, Jesenia \* Limon, Edward \* Lund, Reagan \* Luviano, Rosaisela \* Marino Zaragoza, Jonatan \* Marino Zaragoza, Stephanie \* Mata Osorio, Brenda \* Neader, Jennie \* Nuñez, Felipe de Jesus \* Passant, Isabel \* Peña-Zurita, Stephanie \* Solis Santibañez, Selena \* Swierczewski, Emily \* Tamayo, Alexis \* Trevino Rivas, Evelyn America \* Vargas, Luis Eduardo \* Vicidomini, Enzo \* Vicidomini, Vincenzo \* Webber, Isaac

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Saturday, May 18th**

5:00 p.m. Graduation Recognition Mass  
6:00 Bingo Food  
7:00 BINGO

**Sunday, May 19th**

8:00 a.m./10:30 a.m./12:30 p.m. Graduation Recognition at Masses

**Monday, May 20th**

9:30 a.m. Holy Rosary  
3:00 p.m. to closing -FWC Fundraiser at Tacontento West Broad Street.  
6:30 p.m. Bible Study

**Tuesday, May 21st**

**Wednesday, May 22nd**

**Thursday, May 23rd**

7:00 p.m. Family Life Committee

**Friday, May 24th**

**Saturday, May 25th**

**Sunday, May 26th**

5:00 p.m. Dinner Group is cancelled this month.



**At home..** Richard Homola, Lillian Alvey, Anna Eisele Shingleton, Jessica Allison, Jessica Crosso, Andrew Gulley, Jackie Mejia, Angela Moreno, Howard Stewart, Rick Stoup, Robinette Tilley, Alan Eisele, Joe Stallings, Marion Weber, Joan Chiodo, Nelson LaClair.. **Bryan Center...** Marion Kelly Culler.. **Autumn Care-** Monica Charles, Bettye Byers, Dianne Robinson.. **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.**

☞ **El grupo de la Renovación Carismática Católica** en en Espíritu Santo se reúne en oración semanalmente en las casas de la comunidad. Para más información llame o mande mensaje de texto a José Luis 704 929 4206, o Dora 704 929 8019. Bendiciones! ☞

**This year's Catholic Daughter's Yard Sale** is Saturday, June 1 from 7:00 a.m.-1:30p.m.. Spanish food will also be available. You can drop off your yard sale donations on Thursday May 30 or Friday May 31 between 3:00-7:00p.m. We will accept new or gently used items and clothes. No books, electronics or large furniture. Questions, please call Dawn McGinn 980-223-9400.