

Church of St. Philip the Apostle

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Come and See

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...

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Wow, today's Gospel contains some tough and challenging words from our Lord Jesus. The message is all about the demands of discipleship. We are to *"love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind"*.

Who is Onesimus in today's 2nd reading? – He was a slave who ran away from Philemon; met Paul at Rome and was converted to Christianity. Slavery in those days came from peoples that Rome had conquered. Many slaves would have been educated and could have been skilled musicians, scribes, craftsmen, teachers and even doctors. Paul sent Onesimus back to Philemon with a letter of recommendation - "You slave owners, deal justly and fairly with your slaves, realizing that you too have a master in heaven." Onesimus appears in Colossians 4:9 as *"Paul's dear faithful brother"*. It will be worth your while to reread the first reading – Wisdom 9:13-18.

Next weekend we will celebrate the **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**. The readings at Mass will be taken from – Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32 (short form 15: 1-10).

The Parish Council will meet this Monday, September 9th at 7 p.m.

On the temporal side of things (please note that the spiritual is first and foremost)

The Annual **Priest Retirement** 2nd collection will be taken up next weekend, September 14th & 15th. Unlike many Dioceses in the United States, our Diocese of Charlotte has no retirement home for the priests; therefore the priests are on their own to find housing. Because of the shortage of priests, any retired priests (70 yrs. old +) who are able, continue to fill-in and serve at various churches. They deserve an adequate place to live. Our assessment this year is a couple dollars different than last year - \$14,226. Please be generous in your support of our retired priests.

On September 6th, **Registered Parishioners** were sent a letter about the **Priests Retirement Collection**. On the reverse side of the letter is the **annual financial report** to the parishioners. We thank the Finance Council Members and Paula Coleman for assistance with this report.

August's **Food Closet Contributions amounted to \$1256** and were donated to Matthew 25 Ministries in Harmony. During the construction of our social hall, our Food Closet has been closed and so far we have sent a total of \$10,769.85 to food closets at five different local Christian Ministry organizations. Thanks for your charity to assist the poor.

The Forward With Christ Capital Campaign will be kicked off this week and throughout the month of September. This campaign is to finance a much needed, two story **Activity & Education Center**. So far, without a Capital Campaign, we have been able to acquire and clear land to provide an 100 additional parking spaces, and to build and furnish the new social hall and kitchen. The parking lot has been paid for and the money is in the bank for the social hall and kitchen. We have a **conceptual design** for the **Activity & Education Center** that has **conceptual price tag** of \$4.3 million dollars. The Diocese will allow us to begin construction when we have 50% of the funds in the bank, 30% in pledges over a 3 year period or so, and they will lend us 20% - \$800,000+ to be paid over a 10 year period. Presently, we have \$233,000.+ in the bank. The Diocese recommends that we contact our parishioners in two waves. So, **Wave 1 parishioners will be contacted this week** by a St. Philip The Apostle Catholic Church Ambassador to arrange a visit to solicit your generous pledge. **Wave 1 parishioners were sent a letter on September 3rd**. Please be kind and respectful to your volunteer Ambassador and sacrificially generous in your pledge. **We need you. Do it for the greater honor and glory of God and for the children of all ages who will benefit from our facilities for years to come.** Thanks so much to the many volunteers who are making this campaign possible.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 7th

9:00 a.m. Joseph Tilloston by Carol Micalizzi
5:00 p.m. Virginia Brostowski† by Ferguson & Stein Families

Sunday, September 8th

8:00 a.m. Priest Appreciation by Catholic Daughters
10:30 a.m. Seamus Lawless by Carol Micalizzi
12:30 p.m. Elvia Aguirre† by Noverón Family

Monday, September 9th

9:00 a.m. Connie Newman by MaryAnn Rhodes

Wednesday, September 11th

6:00 p.m. John & Josephine Ortiz† by Linda Ortiz

Thursday, September 12th

9:00 a.m. For the intentions of our Pastor
by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Kelley

Friday, September 13th

9:00 a.m. Billie McEvelly† by Mr. & Mrs. Bill McEvelly

Saturday, September 14th

5:00 p.m. Souls in Purgatory†

Sunday, September 15th

8:00 a.m. The intentions of our Pastor
by Mr. Mrs. Jack Kelley
10:30 a.m. Stanley & Caroline Wienckowski††
by the Sadowski Family
12:30 p.m. Sergio Noverón† by Noverón Family

READERS

September 14th 5:00 p.m. Jim Kermes
September 15th 8:00 a.m. Joe Archibald
10:30 a.m. Veronica Williams

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

September 14th 5:00 p.m. M. Rhodes (H), P. Coleman,
C. Chambers, B. McGinn, B. Myers
September 15th 8:00 a.m. J. Archibald, C. Difulvio,
B. Papandrea
10:30 a.m. J. Bennett (HM), T. Bradford (HA),
P. Eaverson (HC), T. Eaverson,
J. Eisele, B. Stickle, J. Watkins
12:30 p.m. Norma E. (H), Manuel C., Mary G.
Martha R. Raúl E.

ALTAR SERVERS

September 14th 5:00 p.m. Alayna F., Cory H.
September 15th 8:00 a.m. Troy C., Brock C.
10:30 a.m. Mary K., Alyssa J.

Happy Birthday 9/9/2019 to 9/15/2019



9/9 Frances Kelly, Darren McCarthy, Robert Moleta, Melissa Neader, Maria Pena Cristobal, Betsey Velazquez, **9/10** Michael Cartella-Ramirez, Hellen Ferron, Jason Moreno, Dylan Stanley, Tony Trifaro, Gus Varoli, **9/11** Aaron Fierros, Deborah Folliard, Nathan McElwee, Vance Robinette, **9/12** Katherine Klaene, Emily Magnus, **9/13** Chelsea Burns, Nicole Feijoo, Elizabeth Garcia, Elisea Malpica-Zaragoza, Brandon Mejia Clontz, Dilma Moreno, **9/14** James Hayes, BreAnna Kenny, James Kovacs, Armando Medellin, Travis Millsaps, **9/15** Marfelia Solis, Glenda Ulloa, Greg Watson

Happy Anniversary 9/9/2019 to 9/15/2019

9/9 Mr. & Mrs. Terry Harwell, Mr. & Mrs. David Papandrea, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Reber, **9/10** Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Kershner, **9/11** Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Ferguson, **9/12** Mr. & Mrs. Brian Jones, **9/13** Mr. & Mrs. Michael McManus, **9/15** Mrs. & Mrs. Peter Smith

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.

First Communion and Confirmation parents must attend a required meeting at the start of the Faith Formation 2019-2020 year. The meeting will explain the new mass attendance program.

All parents in with students in sacramental classes, first and second year First Communion and first and second year Confirmation, received a letter about mass attendance. Parents are to bring these letters with them to the beginning of year parent meetings: Confirmation parent meetings will be Sept. 4th @ 6:45 for Wednesday classes and Sept. 8th @ 9:15 for Sunday classes. First Communion parent meetings will be Sept. 11 @ 6:45 for Wednesday classes and Sept. 15 @ 9:15 for Sunday classes.

Todos los padres que tengan hijos en el año sacramental, deben recibir una carta sobre la asistencia de la misa. Los padres deben traer estas cartas con ellos a la reunión de padres en las fechas indicadas anteriormente.

Los padres de la Primera Comunión y Confirmación deben asistir a una reunión requerida al comienzo del año 2019-2020 de la Formación de Fe. La reunión explicará el nuevo programa de asistencia para la misa.

Primera Comunión 1 y 2 año Los padres de la clase del Miércoles se reunirán el 11 de Septiembre a las 6:30 pm en el salón parroquial. Primera Comunión 1 y 2 año Los padres de la clase del Domingo se reunirán el 15 de Septiembre a las 9:15 am en el salón parroquial. Primera Comunión 1 y 2 año Los padres de las clases de las 11am se reunirán el 15 de Septiembre a las 11:30 am en el salón parroquial.

Confirmación 1 y 2 año Los padres del Miércoles se reunirán el 4 de Septiembre a las 6:30 pm en el salón parroquial. Confirmación 1 y 2 año Los padres del Domingo se reunirán el 8 de Septiembre a las 9:15 am en el salón parroquial.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday, September 7th

Eucharistic Congress

Sunday, September 8th

9:00—10:15 a.m. Faith Formation

11:00—1:30 a.m. Faith Formation

Monday, September 9th

9:30 a.m. Rosary

7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 10th

Wednesday, September 11th

11:15 Bible Study

6:30—7:45 p.m. Faith Formation

6:45 p.m. RCIA

Thursday, September 12th

2:00 p.m. OAC Meeting

Friday, September 13th

Saturday, September 14th

2nd Collection Priests' Retirement

Sunday, September 15th

2nd Collection Priests' Retirement

PARISH SUPPORT CHURCH YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

Collections Week of August 26th, 2019

Regular

5:00 p.m.....	\$2,121.00
8:00 a.m.....	\$1,607.50
10:30 a.m.....	\$2,601.51
12:30 p.m.....	\$786.90
Total.....	\$7,116.91

The Assumption

Total.....\$17.00

Food Closet

Total.....\$105.00

Forward With Christ

Total\$265.00

Collections Year to Date as of August 26th, 2019

	Last year	This Year
Regular	\$64,754.97.....	\$59,804.47
Forward With Christ Phase 2		\$228,744.41
Food Closet	\$2,942.00.....	\$2,418.00

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



At home.. Richard Homola, Lillian Alvey, Anna Eisele Shingleton, Jessica Allison, Jessica Crosso, Andrew Gully, Jackie Mejia, Angela Moreno, Howard Stewart, Robinette Tilley, Alan Eisele, Joe Stallings, Marion Weber, Joan Chiodo, Nelson LaClair, Jim Reilly, Jim Carbone **Brookdale E. Broad...**Dianne Robinson., **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.**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will start on September 6th. Volunteers are needed to sit with the consecrated host displayed in the monstrance upon the altar for one hour. **Adoration is on the first Friday of each month from 9:00am to 5:00pm** (September - May). You may contact Randy Frantz to volunteer at (828) 632-1976 (home), (828) 244-4032 (cell), or by text at rytyz2@gmail.com. You may also fill out a volunteer form in the lobby and place in the white envelope or take to church office. Jesus only ask one hour of your time, one day per month. Spend time with our Lord!!



St. Philip's weekly Bible Study

resumes Wednesday, September 4th at 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. This year the class will discuss the books of St. John and Revelations.

St. Philip's Evening Bible Study resumes Monday, September 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the classroom at the opposite end of the hall way from the church office.