

Church of St. Philip the Apostle

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Diocese of Charlotte

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Forward with Christ Activity & Education Center Capital Campaign



Wave 1

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...

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Tuesday, September 11th, 2001 was a day of horror, as four passenger jets were commandeered by terrorists. Two were flown into the World Trade Center buildings in New York, one crashed in a field in Pennsylvania and another was flown into the Pentagon building, near Washington, D.C. Thousands of people were killed that day.

Those acts of terrorism were so evil, as people were burned or crushed to death or forced to leap from buildings. Many families were never to see their loved ones again. At the same time, there were many acts of heroism, selflessness and generosity, a sense of unity and patriotism. That is a day of history, not to be forgotten.

On Sunday, following that horrific Tuesday, people were challenged to turn off their televisions and radios and to focus on the Lord and then to spend time with their families and friends. Today's readings are the same that were proclaimed on that Sunday, 18 years ago.

In the first reading from Exodus, God is divorcing himself from the sinful people. God tells Moses *"to go down to your people"* not my people, *"for they have become depraved. They have soon turned aside from the way I pointed out to them. I see how stiff-necked this people is"*. Eighteen years ago, the history of our salvation – the Bible and the history of current events called us back to God's way.

In today's Gospel, tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus. Our Lord is once again challenged by the stiff-necked Pharisees and scribes. The Lord tells them the parables of the Lost Sheep and the Prodigal Son. In these stories of the lost and found, Jesus says, *"There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."* May we be that one who has a change of heart and is found. Let us learn a lesson from a page in history – the history of our salvation.

Next weekend we will celebrate the **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**. The readings at Mass will be taken from – Amos 8: 4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13 (short form 16: 10-13).

Walking with Christ for Life - The **2019 Priest's Retirement Collection** – will be taken up at all the Masses this weekend. Our assessment this year is \$14,226. Priests of the Diocese of Charlotte are permitted to retire when they reach the age of 70 years old. Presently, they receive a check of a little more than \$2000 a month. With this, they are to find their own housing and pay for car expenses, insurance, food, etc. That is about \$500 a week and it ain't a lot. When a nursing home is necessary, the Diocese pays that expense and then the monthly payments are discontinued. On behalf of the priests, thank you very much for your generosity. God bless you.

Progress with the new social hall – we regret that we were required to remove the five trees in the parking lot, immediately in front of the new social hall. The City Arborist will see to it that the trees are replaced at different locations. At the same time, we had two other trees trimmed. They were blocking the light from a pole in the parking lot, located near the Food Closet. This work was to be completed this past week at a price of \$1800 (including the stump grinding). The brick laying was supposed to have begun this last week. Lots is being accomplished inside the new building. The new windows are supposed to be installed at the end of this month.

The Forward with Christ Capital Campaign for the Activity & Educations Center – *"With God all things are possible."* Wave 1 is well under way. There are lots of volunteers who have begun the tedious task of visiting our parishioners in their homes. Nobody likes to beg for the sacrificial contributions necessary to make this much needed building a reality. Your pledge will be important for the future of our parish, as we continue to build the Kingdom of God in our presence. So far, we have acquired the land to provide the 100 new parking spaces. The funds are already in the bank for the new and large Social Hall with a kitchen to match, which will be completed around Thanksgiving. Now we are counting on God and you to help us make the \$4.3 million **Activity & Educational Center** a reality.

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, September 16th

9:00 a.m. Alice Burns† by Sally Ferguson

Wednesday, September 18th

6:00 p.m. Lourdes Sanchez† by Swierczewski Family

Thursday, September 19th

9:00 a.m. Ellen Upton by MaryAnn Rhodes

Friday, September 20th

9:00 a.m. Jackie Bain† by Sally Ferguson

Saturday, September 21st

5:00 p.m. The intentions of our Pastor

By Mr. & Mrs. Jack Kelley

Sunday, September 22nd

8:00 a.m. Roman Targia† by MaryAnn Rhodes

10:30 a.m. Anne & Larry Martini†† by Stickle Family

12:30 p.m. Souls in Purgatory† by Maria Rojas

READERS

September 21st 5:00 p.m. Dawn McGinn

September 22nd 8:00 a.m. Pat Petrozza

10:30 a.m. Jason Wodecki

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

September 21st 5:00 p.m. A. Simons (H), C. Ries, B. Bailey, J. Danckert, B. Scales

September 22nd 8:00 a.m. S. Staples (H), R. Swierczewski, C. Difulvio

10:30 a.m. C. Bennett (HM), S. McMurry (HA), L. Ortiz (HC), T. Viehland, T. Bradford, T. Douglas, L. Hardig

12:30 p.m. Manuel C. (H), Estela G., Martha R., Raúl E., Bertha V.

ALTAR SERVERS

September 21st 5:00 p.m. Regan L., Corey H.

September 22nd 8:00 a.m. Emily S., BreAnna K.

10:30 a.m. June A., Analiese P.

Happy Birthday 9/16/2019 to 9/22/2019



9/16 Amanda Brooks, Joe Stallings, **9/17** Jacob Carlin, Jonathan Posso Carmen, Maria Rojas, Michelle Rosenblum, **9/18** Loreen Altavilla, Jesse Grubbs, Lisa Hardig, Eliette Seme, **9/19** Jacqueline Brown, Andrea Faw, Carlos Gaspar, Maria Guerrero, **9/20** Anaberica Estrada, Filipinas

Halford, Louise Klvana, Judith Ruiz Hernandez, Felix Wilfredo Suclupe, Leonardo Suclupe, Cynthia Vanderveer, **9/21** Anthony Meluch, Donovan Ramirez Peralta, Jocelyn Rivera Hernandez, **9/22** Heather Bradford, Luis Castillo Jimenez, Philip Helderlein, Ken Onley, Francisco Vargas-Estrada

Happy Anniversary 9/16/2019 to 9/22/2019

9/16 Mr. & Mrs. Howard Stewart, Mr. & Mrs. Jose Limon, **9/17** Mr. & Mrs. Paul Cotton, Mr. & Mrs. Wilson Mejia, **9/21** Mr. & Mrs. William Stanley, **9/22** Mr. & Mrs. Fabio Feijoo

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.

Mass ID Card Turn In:
Sat. 5:00 - before Mass
Sun. 8:00 - before Mass
Sun. 10:30 - after Mass
Sun. 12:30 - after Mass

Students who do not have their Mass ID cards but do attend Mass will need to wait after Mass to speak to Father Kessler.

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 are 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 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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday, September 14th

2nd Collection Priests' Retirement

Sunday, September 15th

2nd Collection Priests' Retirement

Monday, September 16th

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

Tuesday, September 17th

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. CDA Sewing

Wednesday, September 18th

11:15 Bible Study
6:30—7:45 p.m. Faith Formation
6:45 p.m. RCIA

Thursday, September 19th

Friday, September 20th

Saturday, September 21st

Sunday, September 22nd

9:00—10:15 a.m. Faith Formation
11:00—1:30 a.m. Faith Formation

PARISH SUPPORT CHURCH YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

Collections Last Week

Regular

5:00 p.m.....	\$3,577.00
8:00 a.m.....	\$1,579.00
10:30 a.m.....	\$2,569.00
12:30 p.m.....	\$1,279.37
Total.....	\$9,004.37

Priests Retirement

Total.....	\$729.00
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Food Closet

Total.....	\$10.00
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Forward With Christ

Total	\$15,665.00
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Collections Year to Date

	Last year	This Year
Regular	\$80,280.58.....	\$76,800.84
Forward With Christ Phase 2.....		\$263,645.45
Food Closet	\$3,027.00.....	\$2,428.00

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 Gulley, Jackie Mejia, Angela Moreno, Howard Stewart, Robinette Tilley, Alan Eisele, Joe Stallings, Marion Weber, Joan Chiodo, Nelson La-Clair, 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.**



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 Confirmation classroom.

St. Philip Adult Dinner night will be held on Sunday, September 29, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Bring your favorite foods to share as we celebrate the beginning of fall. **ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME!** Call Norma Gassett at 843-339-1956 to RSVP.

St. Philip Book Group will meet on Monday, September 30, 2019. Our Sept. book will be "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens. **ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME!** Call Norma Gassett at 843-339-1956 for location and book availability.