

# Church of St. Philip the Apostle

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## The Baptism of the Lord

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

**Mrs. Carissa M Bennett, *Parish Secretary***  
**Mrs. Raquel Swierczewski, *R.C.I.A***

**Mrs. Norma Echevarria, *Faith Formation Director***  
**Mr. Edgar Noveron, *Faith Formation Director***  
**& *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.

**The Baptism of the Lord** – marks the end of the Christmas Season

**The Bridge Builder** –

*An old man, going a lone highway,  
Came at the evening, cold and gray  
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide  
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.  
The old man crossed in the twilight dim...  
That sullen stream had no fears for him:  
But he turned, when he  
reached the other side,  
And built a bridge to span the tide.*

*Old man, said a pilgrim near  
You are wasting strength in building here.  
Your journey will end with the ending day;  
You never again must pass this way.  
You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide,  
Why build you the bridge at eventide?*

*The builder lifted his old gray head  
Good friend, in the path I have come, he said  
There followeth after me today  
A youth whose feet must pass this way.  
This chasm that has been as naught to me  
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.  
He too, must cross in the twilight dim;  
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him.*

Everything Jesus did, was for you and me. Jesus didn't need to be baptized for his own sake. But He did it for us. Jesus was born and died for you and me. He is the greatest bridge builder.

**Next weekend** we will observe the **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**. The readings at Mass will be taken from 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20; John 1:35-42.

**THANKS TO ALL** – who decorated the church in such a beautiful way for Christmas and for those who will take them down and store them this week.

**The Parish Pastoral Council** will meet in the new social hall this Monday evening (1/11/21) at 7 p.m.

**The Knights of Columbus** will meet this Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the new social hall.

**The Catholic Daughters** will meet in the old Social Hall this Thursday at 7 p.m. The rosary will be prayed in church at 6:30 p.m.

**December's Food Closet Contributions** amounted to \$2,069 and were shared with Matthew 25 Ministries in Harmony. Your care for the needy is an inspiration, especially at Christmas Time with the pandemic and all. Thank You.

**For your convenience** and as with last year, **a list of your financial contributions** to our parish during 2020 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.

As is our custom on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, we will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this weekend for the **Forward With Christ Building Campaign** for the much needed **Activity & Education Center**. Last week we received a generous \$15,000 contribution. **The pastor will donate any Stimulus Check he receives from the Government**. We'd be most grateful if you could do the same. God bless you in your generosity.

**Saturday, January 9th**

5:00 pm Bruce Gilbert † by Carol Micalizzi

**Sunday, January 10th**

8:00 am Bill Palmer † by Dan & Lori Czupryna  
10:30 am John Marquez † by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Kelley  
12:30 pm Amadeo † & Jose Angel Miranda by Miranda Family

**Monday, January 11th**

9:00 am Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Ferguson †† by Ferguson Family

**Wednesday, January 13th**

6:00 pm John Fagula † by Carol Micalizzi

**Thursday, January 14th**

9:00 am Jean Danckert by Altar Guild

**Friday, January 15th**

9:00 am Vincent Liberto † by Mary Hedrick & Family

**Saturday, January 16th**

5:00 pm Deacon Chuck Brantley † by Johnson Family

**Sunday January 17th**

8:00 am Joseph Chulick † by Dan & Lori Czupryna  
10:30 am John & Josephine Ortiz †† by Linda Ortiz  
12:30 pm Heimark Carbajal Santana † by Santana Family

**READERS**

January 16th 5:00 pm Dawn McGinn  
January 17th 8:00 am Rockne Burns  
10:30 am Jim Eisele  
12:30 pm Lupe Vargas

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

January 16th 5:00 pm B. McGinn (HM), M. Rhodes (HA),  
C. Ries (HC)  
January 17th 8:00 am C. DiFulvio  
10:30 am T. Eaverson (HM), S. McMurry (HA),  
L. Ortiz (HC)  
12:30 pm José Luis T. (H), Manuel C., Angelica G.

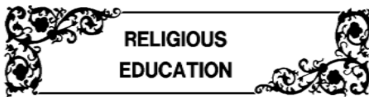
**ALTAR SERVERS**

January 16th 5:00 pm Alayna F., Corey H.  
January 17th 8:00 am Emily S., Caden C.  
10:30 am Mary K., Jackie D.  
12:30 pm TBD

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**At home**...Lillian Alvey, Anna Eisele Singleton, Jessica Allison, Jessica Crosso, Andrew Gulley, Jackie Mejia, Angela Moreno, Howard Stewart, Alan Eisele, Joe Stallings, Marion Weber, Joan Chiodo, Nelson & Dottie LaClair, Jack Kelley, Ligaya Kates, Healing for all ill with Coronavirus **Autumn Care**... Brenda Kelley, **Brookdale E. Broad**. Dianne Robinson. **Brookdale Peachtree Alzheimer's Care**. Richard Homola, **Brian Center** ...**Journey's Assisted Living** ...Eleanor Byrnes, **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.**



**RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION**

**Mrs. Norma Echevarria:** If you need to contact Faith Formation, please call the office at 704-872-2579 or email Norma at echevarria\_norma@yahoo.com

**Mr. Edgar Noveron:** If you need to contact Edgar please call the office at 704-872-2579 or email Edgar at stphilipfaith@gmail.com

**Bad Weather:**

Watch WSOC TV for information about any Faith Formation class cancellation on Saint Philip Church.



**Formación de Fe**

**Mrs. Norma Echevarria:** Si desea comunicarse con Norma de la Formación Fe, por favor llame a la oficina al 704-872-2579 y deje su mensaje o envíe un correo electrónico a Norma a echevarria\_norma@yahoo.com

**Mr. Edgar Noveron:** Si desea comunicarse con Edgar de la Formación Fe, por favor llame a la oficina al 704-872-2579 y deje su mensaje o envíe un correo electrónico a Edgar a stphilipfaith@gmail.com

**Mal tiempo:**

Por favor de ver el canal de WSOC TV para obtener información sobre cualquier cancelación de las clases de Formación de Fe en nuestra parroquia San Felipe.



**Lectors**— the newest reader schedule is in the Ushers room for you to pick up.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Sunday, January 10th**

K of C Bake Sale after Masses  
5-7 pm Youth Group (new social hall)

**Monday, January 11th**

7 pm Parish Council meeting (new social hall)

**Wednesday, January 13th**

11:15 am Bible Study  
6:30 pm Faith Formation  
6:45 pm RCIA

**Thursday, January 14th**

6:30 pm CDA Rosary  
7 pm CDA Meeting (old social hall)  
7 pm K of C officers Meeting (new social hall)

**Saturday, January 16th**

**Sunday, January 17th**

9 am Faith Formation  
11 am Spanish Faith Formation

**January 10th, 2021**

**PARISH SUPPORT  
CHURCH YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021**

**Collections Sunday January 3rd**

5:00 p.m.....	\$2,435.00
8:00 a.m.....	\$1,875.00
10:30 a.m.....	\$639.53
12:30 p.m.....	\$472.50
<b>Regular Total</b> .....	<b>\$5,422.03</b>

**Food Closet** .....\$145.00

**DSA**.....\$2,133.00

**Forward With Christ\***

Total (includes pledged funds received).....\$30,014.00

*Due to the need of early transmission the latest collection info is not yet available.*

	<b>Last calendar Year</b>	<b>This calendar Year</b>
<b>Regular</b>	\$7,940.58.....	\$5,422.03
<b>Food Closet</b>	\$115.00.....	\$145.00

**\*Forward With Christ Phase 2 as of Sunday December 28**

Phase 2 Funds Received .....\$1,424,470.26

Phase 2 Remaining Pledges.....\$541,647.50

Total.....\$1,966,117.76

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



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The Knights of Columbus will host a Bake Sale after the Masses this weekend, Saturday January 9th & Sunday January 10th.

**Happy**



**Birthday**

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**Happy Birthday 1/11/2021 to 1/17/2021**

1/11 Ralph Altavilla, Herbert Marino, Crystal Rogers  
1/12 Rashell Alarcon Manzano, Edy Camacho Vargas, Robert Grajewski, Joselyn Santibanez Cruz  
1/13 Margaret Hoffman, Colleen Hoops, Roger Kilmer, Patrick Lyon.  
Uriel Rodriguez  
1/14 Amy Corrales-Santivanez, Cody Millsaps  
1/15 Charleine Holder, Tom Koster, Shondell LaClair, Sarah Nortz

1/16 Angel Mejia, Emanuel Plato Flores, Mary Rutten, Emily Swierczewski  
1/17 Elizabeth Bennett, Diana Felicione, Mauricio Marin-Arango, Shelly McElwee, Michael Neader, Eduardo Reyes, Glen Trinkka, Maria Wodecki Hencins

**Happy Anniversary 1/11/2021 to 1/17/2021**

1/11 Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Overcash  
1/18 Mr. & Mrs. James Kermes,  
Mr. & Mrs. America Vallejo Gregorio  
1/19 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Neader  
1/21 Mr. & Mrs. Jose Cuanas



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