

Church of St. Philip the Apostle

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The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -

Some observations on today's Word – In (1 Sam. 3:3-10,19) the first reading Eli winds up as Samuel's hearing aide. Eli knew the call of the Lord and Samuel did not know that call as of yet. It's Eli's direction that gets Samuel to proclaim "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening". Just as Eli shared the Lord with Samuel, in today's Gospel (Jn. 1:35-42), after discovering the Lord Jesus for himself – Andrew goes and tells his brother Simon Peter "We have found the Messiah... then he brought him to Jesus" Following the example of Eli and Andrew – shouldn't we also share the Lord?

In today's second reading (1 Cor. 6:13-15, 17-20) we are reminded that "the body is not for immorality, but for the Lord...Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit?" Christian Morality is defined as – to judge certain attitudes and actions (not people) to be right or wrong for a follower of Christ. Chastity is defined as – a virtue (a good habit) that enables us to act morally in sexual matters according to our station in life – sexual purity.

Pornography, self abuse, fornication, adultery, homosexuality and same sex marriage are all immoral. The magnificent God given gift of human sexuality corresponds to the sacrament of matrimony which has a two fold purpose – the mutual love of the couple and the procreation of children. You are referred to "Sexuality" as found in the index of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, available at most Catholic Bookshops and we have some copies in our church office.

On one occasion when an assistant pastor complained about the roach infested rectory, the pastor told the younger priest – they are not roaches but water bugs. In that case, ineffective denial replaced the needed and effective exterminator. Of course, the problem remained. **When it comes to Christian morality – don't succumb to Denial, but rather get the much needed Exterminator.**

Next weekend we will observe the **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.** The readings at Mass will be taken from Jonah 3:1-5,10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20 Come Prepared.

Thanks to those who, this past week, took down and stored our **Christmas Decorations** for another year. As volunteers, you are so very much appreciated.

The Coronavirus – use your best judgment in protecting yourself and others from contracting this disease. We will continue to be on guard and will react accordingly. If there are any changes to the availability of the Sacraments to God's faithful, we will immediately post the changes on the answering machine in the parish office and as soon as possible on our web page.

The Forward With Christ Building Campaign update – As of January 6th, 2021 we have \$1,519,515.09 in the bank and another \$534,988.50 in outstanding pledges which takes us to \$2,054,503.50. Seven and a half years ago we had 1 million dollars in the bank. Since then we were able to install 2 new heating & air conditioner units in the church. For \$11,000 we repaired a serious lighting problem in the church. We acquired the land and constructed a new parking lot. We were able to raze the old rectory and built the new social hall which is nicely furnished and complete with a commercial kitchen. We are presently debt free and working on providing a much needed Activity & Education Center. The Diocese has said that our old facilities are not in the condition to be renovated but that they need to be razed. We will build what we need and can afford. Your sacrificial generosity it needed and very much appreciated.

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.

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, January 18th

9:00 am Ferguson & Stein Families † by Ferguson Family

Wednesday, January 20th

6:00 pm Micalizzi Family by Carol Micalizzi

Thursday, January 21st

9:00 am Vince Gurley † by Mary Ann & Noreen

Friday, January 22nd

9:00 am Frank Bollero † by Audrey Bollero

Saturday, January 23rd

5:00 pm Deceased members of the Knight of Columbus†
By the Knights of Columbus

Sunday, January 24th

8:00 am Patricia Diebold † by Helen Kovacs

10:30 am John Marquez † by Mr. & Mrs. John & Carol Massey

12:30 pm Marlyn DeBlasio by Tony & Marie Gomez

READERS

January 23rd 5:00 pm Ellen Upton

January 24th 8:00 am Daniel Chambers

10:30 am Jeanne Klauss

12:30 pm Delia Loyola

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

January 23rd 5:00 pm B. Scales (HM), A. Simons (HA),
K. Sparks (HC)

January 24th 8:00 am N. Echevarria

10:30 am J. Sadowski (HM), J. Eisele (HA),

B. Stickle (HC)

12:30 pm Eduardo G. (H), Norma E., Mary G.

ALTAR SERVERS

January 23rd 5:00 pm Reagan L., Bret L.

January 24th 8:00 am Rhett C., Troy C.

10:30 am Paul C., Jergin H.

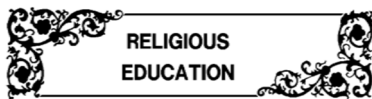
12:30 pm TBD

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PLEASE PRAY *for*

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 WSOCTV para obtener información sobre cualquier cancelación de las clases de Formación de Fe en nuestra parroquia San Felipe.

January 17th, 2021

PARISH SUPPORT CHURCH YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

Collections Sunday January 10th

5:00 p.m.....	\$2250.00
8:00 a.m.....	\$1314.00
10:30 a.m.....	\$967.00
12:30 p.m.....	\$721.55
Regular Total	\$5,252.55

Food Closet\$201.00

DSA.....\$319.00

Forward With Christ*

Total (includes pledged funds received).....\$4,568.00

	Last calendar Year	This calendar Year
Regular	\$201,623.05.....	\$10,674.58
Food Closet	\$8,312.50.....	\$346.00

***Forward With Christ Phase 2 as of January 10th**

Phase 2 Funds Received\$1,524,083.09

Phase 2 Remaining Pledges.....\$534,988.50

Total.....\$2,059,071.59

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

The Knights of Columbus wants to thank our parish for making our first bake sale in 2021 a great success. We are so blessed to have such a great parish that really supports our council.

Also, we want to thank your wives for all of their help and support throughout the year. They are so very vital and make us better Knights.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, January 17th

9 am Faith Formation
11 am Spanish Faith Formation

Monday, January 18th

Tuesday, 19th

9 am CDA Quilting

Wednesday, January 20th

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

Thursday, January 21st

Saturday, January 23rd

Sunday, January 24th

9 am Faith Formation
11 am Spanish Faith Formation
5-7pm Youth Group



Happy



Birthday

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Happy Birthday 1/18/2021 to 1/24/2021

1/18 Kayla Felicione, Martha Maya, Nicholas Neader, Griselda Rebollar, Aurora Vicidomini 1/19 Christina Bursal, Norma Echevarria, Jenny Hinsey, Brandon David Pope, Nathan Rigsbee 1/20 Michael McManus, Lori Meluch, Katie Rupp, Lisa Strafford, John Walsh 1/21 Erika Gomez, Agnes Jakubowski 1/22 Giovanni Baitin, Mark Stone 1/23 Sabrina Fredo, Benita Trejo Hernandez, Ligaya Kates, Michael Myers 1/24 Matthew Johnson, Ryan Johnson, Krystyna Klecha, Dianne Robinson

Happy Anniversary 1/18/2021 to 1/24/2021

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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