

Church of St. Philip the Apostle

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

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.

Mass Intentions

The 6th Sunday of Easter – Jesus didn't run from controversy.

Last weekend we celebrated the reception of **First Holy Communion** by the children who, in spite of the pandemic and for the last two years, have been preparing for this special day. Also, we find ourselves in the **month of Mary**. Catholic adoration of our Lord's physical presence in the Blessed Sacrament and our veneration of Mary, the mother of Jesus, are both controversial **TRUTHS**, that are well founded in the Sacred Scriptures. For the Eucharist read in any Bible, Catholic or Protestant, **the Bread of Life Discourse found in chapter 6, verses 25-71 of the Gospel of John**. The controversy is addressed in verses 60 – 69. *"Many of his disciples broke away and would not remain in his company any longer. Jesus said to the Twelve, Do you want to leave me too? Simon Peter answered him, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe; we are convinced that you are God's holy one."* Regardless of life's controversies, may we have the same commitment to God as Peter did.

Mary's role in the Announcement of the Birth of Jesus can also be found in every Bible, in chapter 1 of the Gospel of Luke, verses 26 -56. Similar to Peter, Mary's response to God was *"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit finds joy in God my savior, for he has looked upon his servant in her lowliness; all ages to come shall call me blessed"* (verses 46-48).

Thus our veneration and not adoration of Mary is well founded. During this month of May, be sure to pray the rosary, thus meditating on the mysteries of the holy rosary, we may grow closer to Jesus through Mary.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY! – Today and everyday, we should express gratitude to our Mothers and to God for our Mothers. We thank them for our life, often times for our faith, and for all their love, etc., etc., etc. God bless you Mom, now and forever.

Next weekend we will celebrate the **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**. The readings at Mass will be taken from Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; and Mark 16: 15-20. Next weeks Lectors should especially note the second reading that will be proclaimed next week. We thank the Knights of Columbus for the Mother's Day breakfast.

The Parish Council will meet at 7 p.m. this Monday, May 10th for their last meeting prior to the summer break.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on our candidates by Bishop Peter Jugis, this Wednesday, May 12, at 6 p.m.. All are invited to attend.

There will be a special **appreciation dinner** for all the **volunteers** associated with the year's **Faith Formation Program** in our Social Hall on Wednesday, May 19th at 6:30 p.m. Volunteers should inform Norma Echevarria or Edgar Noveron if they can join us.

April's food closet donations amounted to \$1,984.47 which was forwarded to Iredell Christian Ministries. Thanks for putting your faith into action.

All for the Forward With Christ Building Campaign

-The Spanish Community will have **a food sale** after the 12:30 p.m. Mass next Sunday, May 16th. Last month this fundraiser brought in over \$1,000

- The Catholic Daughters will host **a yard sale** in the old social hall from 7 a.m. – 12 p.m. on **Saturday, May 22**. This fundraiser will depend heavily on the contributions of our parishioners. So please drop off the results of your Spring cleaning efforts on Thursday, May 20 or Friday, May 21 from 4-7 p.m. Thank you so much.

- as of Monday, May 3rd, **Forward With Christ Building Campaign** has \$1,631,530.25 in the bank.

Thanks for your sacrificial support.

Saturday, May 8

5:00 pm Mother's of the Parish by Our Catholic Daughters

Sunday, May 9

8:00 am Helena Swierczewski † by Swierczewski Family

10:30 am Josephine Ortiz † by Linda Ortiz

12:30 pm Elsa Romero † by Romero Family

Monday, May 10

9:00 am Dionicio Corcino † by Echevarria Family

Wednesday, May 12

6:00 pm Connie & Charles Ries by Carol Micalizzi

Thursday, May 13

9:00 am Christopher Napoli † by Andrea Napoli

Friday, May 14

9:00 am Joe Stallings † by Dottie, Dan & Shondell LaClair

Saturday, May 15

5:00 pm Columba Ferguson † by FerguStein Families

Sunday, May 16

8:00 am Lourdes Sanchez † by Swierczewski Family

10:30 am Ann DeRiso by Greg & Kathy Watson

12:30 pm Ron Stytzer † by Vera Family

READERS

May 15 5:00 pm Jim Kermes

May 16 8:00 am Michele Woldman

10:30 am Jim Eisele

12:30 pm Eduardo Guzmán

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

May 15 5:00 pm B. Scales (HM), M. Rhodes (HA),
B. McGinn (HC)

May 16 8:00 am P. Lyons (HM)

10:30 am T. Eaverson (HM), J. Eisele (HA),
P. Eaverson (HC)

12:30 pm José Luis T. (H), Norma E., Mary G.


ALTAR SERVERS

May 12 6:00 pm Junior C., Troy C., Stephany N., Michelle N.,
Mackenzie O.

May 15 5:00 pm Alayana F., Cory H.

May 16 8:00 am Rhett C., Brock C.

10:30 am Mary K., Alyssa J.




Happy Birthday *Happy Birthday 5/10/2021 to 5/16/2021*

5/10 Donald Armlin, Osvaldo Ibarra, Patricia Pekarek
5/12 Carissa Bennett, Susan Kos, Veronica Martinez,
 Arthur Robbins **5/13** Joyce Martucci, Carrie Moore, Kenneth Park **5/14** Thomas McCoy, Martha Mendoza, Donald Quinn, Matthew Rigsbee, Isaac Webber **5/15** Angela Humes, Emma Kate Johnson, Grace Johnson, Caitlin McGinn, Teresa Ruten, Kent Waugh **5/16** Kandy Aguayo, Jimena Cuanas, Michael Hoffman, Jeanne Klauss, Peter Powers, Savannah Warren

Happy Anniversary 5/10/2021 to 5/16/2021

5/11 Mr. & Mrs. Luis Vega **5/12** Mr. & Mrs. David Stevens, Mr. & Mrs. James Masquef **5/13** Mr. & Mrs. Nathan McElwee **5/14** Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Ferguson **5/15** Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hoop



If you, a parishioner, are inadvertently omitted from the **Birthdays or Anniversaries** listed in this bulletin, please call the office and speak with Carissa to bring our records up to date.

May 9, 2021

Collection totals from Sunday May 2

5:00 p.m.....	\$2,969.00
8:00 a.m.....	\$2,271.00
10:30 a.m.....	\$1,515.00
12:30 p.m.....	\$622.71
Regular Total	\$7,377.71
Food Closet	\$160.00
Forward with Christ	\$34,694.00

Forward With Christ as of April 27

Total Funds in bank.....	\$1,596,836.25
Remaining Pledges.....	\$442,825.23

Total Cash & Pledges.....\$2,039,661.48



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

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

The Faith Formation Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be Wednesday May 19th @ 6:30pm. Dinner will be catered by Sorrento's. Please let Norma or Edgar know if you are planning on attending. God Bless & thank you! Norma & Edgar

Estimados voluntarios de Formación de fe, la cena de agradecimiento voluntario de la Formación de Fe será el Miércoles 19 de Mayo a las 6:30 pm. La cena será atendida por Sorrento's. Por favor, hágale saber a Norma o Edgar si está planeando asistir.

!!!Dios te bendiga y gracias !!! Norma y Edgar

List for First Communion May 1, 2021

- Aniceto Rivera, Glenda
- Aniceto Rivera, Kevin
- Arce Rodríguez, Alyn
- Canchola Rodríguez, Diego
- Casas Maya, Nicolas
- Casas Maya, Santiago
- Castañeda, Brenda
- Enciso Aguilar, Abilene
- Enciso Aguilar, Yahir
- Lucena Mariano, Keiry
- Monzón-Mariano, Anthony
- Monzón-Mariano, Christofer
- Valdez, Stacey
- Vázquez Rodríguez, Fernanda
- Vázquez Rodríguez, Yahir



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English Mass

- Cuanas-Basilio, Jasmine
- Gaona-Romero, Marín
- López Cruz, Gisel
- Trifaro, Dan
- Varoli, Louis

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, May 9

♥MOTHERS DAY♥
9am-noon Mother's Day Breakfast

Monday, May 10

7 pm Parish Council meeting

Wednesday, May 12

11:15 am Bible Club
6 pm CONFIRMATION

Thursday, May 13

6:30 pm CDA Rosary
7 pm CDA meeting
7 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

Sunday, May 16

1:30 - 3 pm Spanish food sale

St.Philip's Graduates- -During the masses on May 22 and 23 St.Philip's Family Life Committee and the Parish will recognize this year's Post graduate degrees, College, High School and Middle School graduates. If your son or daughter are parishioners and graduating this year text or call Ann Simons A.S.A.P. AT 704-880-6974 with the graduate's name, phone number, graduate level and school name. Help us honor them on this great achievement.

St. Philip adult dinner evening will be held on Sunday evening, May 23, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the new social hall. The theme will be "Spring Pot Luck". Bring your favorite dish to share. **ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME!** Call Norma Gasset at 843-339-1956 or e-mail @ budgasset@aol.com to RSVP.



At home...Lillian Alvey, Anna Eisele Singleton, Jessica Allison, Jessica Crosso, Andrew Gully, Jackie Mejia, Angela Moreno, Howard Stewart, Alan Eisele, Marion Weber, Joan Chiodo, Dottie LaClair, Jack Kelley, Ligaya Kates, Mary Rutten, Jeannine Dessert, Healing for all ill with Coronavirus **Autumn Care...** Brenda Kelley, **The Citadel** Dianne Robinson. **Brookdale Peachtree Alzheimer's Care.** Richard Homola, **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.**