

# 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.

# PASTOR'S NOTES

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**The Baptism of the Lord** – Uniquely, Luke focuses not on Jesus being baptized, but on Jesus praying after his baptism. Luke repeatedly depicts Jesus at prayer: before preaching, teaching, healing, helping, before being tested and suffering. Luke's Jesus is always at prayer. Today, while Jesus prays, "*heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended ... And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased'*". As practical Christians, we are predisposed to focus on "doing". Many indeed are the practical, challenging consequences of our Baptism. But Luke focuses us instead on being who we are called to be, precisely so that the Spirit can empower us for doing what disciples are called to do. Only such persevering, prayerful openness to the Spirit, modeled for us by Jesus, will enable us to cooperate with the grace that transforms us into "*beloved sons and daughters with whom the Father is well pleased,*" to live out the extraordinary potential of our Baptism. **Today marks the end of the Christmas Season.** Again, we are so grateful to the **Altar Guild and their friends** for the beautiful Christmas decorations and for taking them down and storing them for next year.

**Next Sunday** we'll celebrate the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings at Mass will be taken from Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11; John 2: 1-11.

**The Parish Council** will meet this Monday evening, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

**Donations to the Food Closet** during the month of December amounted to \$2,776 and were donated in their entirety to **Matthew 25 Ministries in Harmony**. **During the year 2021** our parish donated a total of **\$24,230.51 to three different local Christian Ministries**. They are Iredell Christian Ministries, Yokefellow of Greater Statesville and Matthew 25 Ministries in Harmony. These funds are always specially designated to be used to feed the poor. **Every month these three Christian Ministries send a nice letter of appreciation to thank you for your generosity in helping those less fortunate than ourselves. God bless you in your charity.**

**The Gordon Hospice House** also recently sent us a letter of gratitude for our support of this important ministry.. In December, the Catholic Daughters contributed \$250 and we added another \$250 from our parish funds towards the Gordon House **Wall of Faith Program**. With this donation of \$500, a picture of our church is included on the wall at the entrance to this fine facility. The Gordon Hospice House is really wonderful, competent and compassionate.

**The Family Life Committee** will host a **Bingo fundraiser** next Saturday evening, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Food and drinks will be available beginning at 6 p.m. All the proceeds will go towards our **Forward With Christ Building Campaign**. We thank you for your support as well as all the volunteers for their donations of time and talent. We hope to see you there.

## Mass Intentions

### **Saturday, January 8**

5:00 pm Thomas Klacik † by Stan & Diana Jashinski

### **Sunday, January 9**

8:00 am Maria Lucas Juarez † by The Zepeta Family  
10:30 am Deceased Members of our Parish † by Our Catholic Daughters of America  
12:30 pm Jose Domingo Carbajal †† by The Carbajal Family

### **Monday, January 10**

9:00 am Ryan Stammersky † by Andrea Napoli

### **Wednesday, January 12**

6:00 pm Bill Koczan † by The Echevarria Family

### **Thursday, January 13**

9:00 am Al & Winfred Hufner †† by Maryann Rhodes

### **Friday, January 14**

9:00 am Carter Purcell † by Mathew & Lori Carbone

### **Saturday, January 15**

5:00 pm David Tharpe † by Stan & Diana Jashinski

### **Sunday, January 16**

8:00 am Souls of Purgatory † by The Zepeta Family  
10:30 am Solis Family † by Maryann Rhodes  
12:30 pm Frumencio Castillo † by The Castillo Family

### **READERS**

Jan 15 5:00 pm Ellen Upton  
Jan 16 8:00 am Michele Woldman  
10:30 am Jeanne Klaus  
12:30 pm Cristina Guerrero

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Jan 15 5:00 pm C. Ries (HM), B. Scales (HA), M. Rhodes (HC)  
Jan 16 8:00 am C. Difulvio (HM)  
10:30 am C. Bennett (HM), J. Bennett (HA), T. Douglas (HC)  
12:30 pm José Luis T. (H.), Manuel C., Angelica G.

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

Jan 15 5:00 pm Reagan L., Bret L.  
Jan 16 8:00 am Rhett C., Brock C.  
10:30 am Mary K., Alyssa J.

**A Forward With Christ Building Campaign Update-** With last week's contributions, we begin this new year with \$1,991,720.93 in the bank with a remaining \$282,831.88 in pledges. We are so very grateful for your continued support. **"With God (and you), all things are possible.**

**For your convenience** and as with last year, a **list of your financial contributions** to our parish during 2021 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.



**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  
Inclement weather- check WSOCTV for Faith Formation class cancellations and/or changes in the Mass schedule for that specific day. This information will also be available on the Philip Camden Facebook page. You may also call the office for further information, please listen to the entire message when you call. 704-872-2579



**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

**Inclemencias del tiempo:** consulte WSOCTV para ver si hay cancelaciones de clases de Formación en la Fe y / o cambios en el horario de la Misa para ese día específico. Esta información también estará disponible en la página de Facebook de Philip Camden. También puede llamar a la oficina para obtener más información, es muy importante escuchar el mensaje completo cuando llame. 704-872-2579

The January Book Club will be meeting on Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the New Church Hall. Our book selection is The Midnight Library by Matt Haig. Please reach out to Jeanne Klaus at [jklaus@live.com](mailto:jklaus@live.com) or phone 216.235.3240 to RSVP. Please bring a snack to share.

## The Week Ahead

### Monday Jan. 10

7pm Parish council meeting

### Thursday Jan 13

7pm CDA meeting  
7pm K of C meeting

### Wednesday Jan 12

11:15am Bible study

### Saturday Jan 15

6pm Bingo food  
7pm Bingo



**At home...** Lillian Alvey, Anna Eisele Singleton, Jessica Allison, Jessica Crosso, Andrew Gulley, Jackie Mejia, Angela Moreno, Howard Stewart, Alan Eisele, Marion Weber, Joan Chiodo, Jack Kelley, Ligaya Kates, Mary Rutten, Jeannine Dessert, Gerry Yannarella, Healing for all ill with Coronavirus **Autumn Care...** Brenda Kelley. **Brookdale Peachtree Alzheimer's Care.** Richard Homola, **Spring Arbor** Pat Reilly 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.

Congratulations to Veronica Stein Book #79, Game 16, \$50 winner of the Monday Night NFL Football Pool. Thank you for supporting the Knights of Columbus.

# January 9, 2022

## \*\*\*Collection totals from holiday week\*\*\*

### Collection totals from Sunday December 26

Christmas.....	\$7,732.00
8:00 am.....	\$2,134.00
10:30 am.....	\$2,027.00
12:30 pm.....	\$767.65
<b>Regular Total</b> .....	<b>\$12,660.65</b>

<b>Food Closet</b> .....	\$20.00
<b>Forward with Christ</b> .....	\$8,711.00

### \*\*Forward With Christ as of December 27\*\*

Total Funds in bank.....	\$1,971,509.93
Remaining Pledges.....	\$282,831.88

Total Cash & Pledges.....\$2,254,341.81

## \*\*Accumulative Fiscal Year Collections\*\*

### As of December 26

Last Fiscal Year	This Fiscal Year
<b>Regular</b> \$151,782.75 .....	\$178,790.59
<b>Food Closet</b> \$10,077.00.....	\$12,543.17

## Collection totals from Sunday January 2

5:00 pm.....	\$1,950.00
8:00 am.....	\$2,345.00
10:30 am.....	\$1,969.00
12:30 pm.....	\$660.00
<b>Regular Total</b> .....	<b>\$6,924.00</b>

<b>Food Closet</b> .....	\$80.00
<b>Forward with Christ</b> .....	\$20,211.00

## Accumulative Fiscal Year Collections

### As of January 2

Last Fiscal Year	This Fiscal Year
<b>Regular</b> \$157,204.78 .....	\$185,714.59
<b>Food Closet</b> \$10,222.00.....	\$12,623.17



## Happy Birthday 1/10/2022 to 1/16/2022

**1/10** Ronald Bakowski, Marta Gould, James Kelley, Jose Moreno **1/11** Ralph Altavilla, Crystal Rogers **1/12** Rashell Alarcon Manzano, Edy Camacho Vargas, Joselyn Santibanez Cruz **1/13** Margaret Hoffman, Roger Kilmer, Patrick Lyon, Uriel Rodriguez **1/14** Amy Corrales-Santivanez, Nicolas La Morte **1/15** Charleine Holder, Tom Koster, Shondell La-Clair **1/16** Angel Mejia, Mary Rutten, Emily Swierczewski

## Happy Anniversary 1/10/2022 to 1/16/2022

**1/11** Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Overcash  
**1/14** Mr. & Mrs. Enrique Arreola

