

Church of St. Philip the Apostle

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The Ascension of the Lord

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Mrs. Glenda Ulloa, *Faith Formation Co-Director*
Mr. Edgar Noveron, *Faith Formation Co-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 RCIA
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's Desk

The Ascension Of The Lord – is the commemoration of our Lord's rising into heaven 40 days after His resurrection. The feast falls on a Thursday, but in many dioceses in the USA, the feast is transferred to the following Sunday. "They worshiped but they doubted." These words from today's Gospel passage encapsulate the experience of many people of faith. We know who God is supposed to be in our lives, but we often have difficulty grasping what that really means for us. Jesus' response seems to be put right to work, carrying out his mission in the world. As we listen to God's holy word today, perhaps we will find that the best way to overcome our doubts is to look for encounters with Jesus in our daily lives as we go about doing His work.

Next Sunday we will celebrated the Feast of Pentecost. The Readings will be the same at the Vigil Mass and on Sunday, May 28th - Acts 2:1-11, 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13, John 20:19-23

Congratulations to all our Graduates this year. A special blessing will be imparted at the Masses this weekend for those who are present. May you always be appreciative to God and your family, and use your gifts in the service of God, His Church and our community.

Thanks to all who worked and participated in the *Forward With Christ Bingo* this weekend (Sat. May 20th). Since this fundraiser also always exceeds \$250, it also qualifies for the matching contribution during the month of May.

Faith Formation meetings – in planning for the next academic year are being held this Sunday and Wednesday. Our Faith Formation Directors have been working hard in light of the flexibility needed during this year of construction. Keep informed by reading the updates in the Faith Formation Column.

The Book Club will meet this Monday, 5/22 at 7 p.m.

The Family Life Committee will meet this Thursday, May 25.

Availability for the Social Hall and regular meetings at the church will be limited during construction of our *Activity & Education* Center. For example, when Faith Formation Classes resume at the end of summer, donuts and coffee won't be available on the First Sunday of the Month, because we'll need the social hall for classes. In the past, the Catholic Daughters and the Knights of Columbus met on the 2nd Thursday of the month, but we'll no longer have two places for them to meet. The Spanish Choir & Family Life Committee has also been meeting on Thursdays, and the Book Club has been meeting on Monday's, etc. Since the social hall will need to be available for larger groups and unforeseen and necessary meetings like RCIA, etc., groups may need to temporarily find another place to meet. "**A temporary inconvenience for a permanent improvement**". When the new center is completed, we will have lots of room for all of our meetings in this vibrant parish. Your patience and understanding will be much appreciated.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 20

5:00 pm Mother's of the Church by Our CDA

Sunday, May 21

8:00 am Andrea Watson † by Sadowski Family

10:30 am Andrea Watson † by The FerguStein Families

12:30 pm Souls of Guerrero & Montenegro Families † by
Mary Guerrero & Family

Monday, May 22

9:00 am Carlo Lorenzetti † by Andrea Napoli

Wednesday, May 24

6:00 pm Andrea Watson † by Herman Pekarek

Thursday, May 25

9:00 am Robert & Maxine VanSice †† by Andrea Napoli

Friday, May 26

9:00 am Loretta Aveni † by Carol Micalizzi

Saturday, May 27

5:00 pm Julio Moreno † by Nidia Alva

Sunday, May 28

8:00 am Andrea Watson † by Herman Pekarek

10:30 am John & Josephine Ortiz †† by Linda Ortiz

12:30 pm Susan Hackney † by Carol Micalizzi

READERS

May 27 5:00 pm Kailey Lund

May 28 8:00 am Joseph Chulick

10:30 am Veronica Williams

12:30 pm Mary Guerrero

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

May 27 5:00 pm A. Eisele (HM), L. Hardig (HA),
B. McGinn (HC)

May 28 8:00 am P. Lyons (HM), V. Storey (HA),
M. Swierczewski (HC)

10:30 am S. McMurry (HM), L. Ortiz (HA)

J. Sadowski (HC)

12:30 pm José Luis T. (H), Cristina G., Delia L.

ALTAR SERVERS

May 27 5:00 pm Bret L., Jackie D.

May 28 8:00 am Emily S., Caden C.

10:30 am Enrique C., Raoul E.

12:30 pm Yarely y David

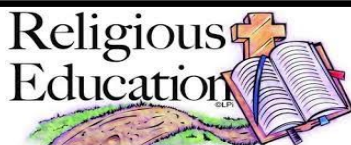
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The Forward With Christ Building Campaign update –

We are so grateful to the donor who recently contributed \$100,000 and guaranteed to match any donations made of \$250 or more up to \$300,000 and made during this month of May. We are so grateful to those who are able and have responded with sacrificial donations. This challenge includes any outstanding pledges. As a result we currently have \$3,270,205.48 in the bank with \$109,005.16 in pledges. This is just great, but of course, we have a little way to go. With God and you, all things are possible. We are also grateful for the "widow's mite" donations. As with our social hall, there will be a Wall Of Acknowledgement.

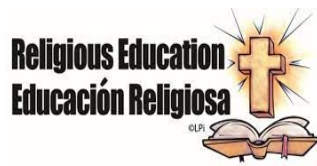
We thank Mr. Phil Arrington – for arranging the \$12,000 and extensive tree trimming that is presently being completed behind the church and where the new building will be constructed.

Mrs. Glenda Ulloa : If you need to contact Faith Formation, please call the office at 704-872-2579 or email Glenda at stphilipfaith@gmail.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. Glenda Ulloa: Si desea comunicarse con Glenda de la Formación Fe, por favor llame a la oficina al 704-872-2579 y deje su mensaje o envíe un correo electrónico a Glenda a stphilipfaith@gmail.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

May 21, 2023

Collection totals from May 14

5:00 pm.....	\$2,684.00
8:00 am.....	\$1,130.00
10:30 am.....	\$1,998.00
12:30 pm.....	\$944.02
Regular Total	\$6,756.02
Food Closet	\$100.00
Forward with Christ	\$72,880.00

Forward With Christ as of May 15

Total Funds in bank.....	\$3,270,205.48
Remaining Pledges.....	\$109,005.16
Total Cash & Pledges.....	\$3,379,210.64

The FWC amount to be matched is \$163,780.00
Total as of May 15, 2023

Accumulative Fiscal Year Collections As of May 14

Last Fiscal Year	This Fiscal Year
Regular \$322,128.02.....	\$329,126.85
Food Closet \$22,154.85.....	\$22,299.00

The Week Ahead

Saturday May 20

Graduation Mass
6pm Food sale
7pm BINGO

Monday May 22

7pm Book Club

Thursday May 27

7pm Family Life meeting

Sunday May 21

Graduation Mass

Monday May 29

Memorial Day-Office Closed



BOOK CLUB—Monday, May 22nd in the New Social Hall at 7pm. The book is Tobacco Wives by Adele Myers. Copies can be found at Statesville library. Contact Jeanne Klauss, 216.235.3240



Prayer for the Sick



At home... Lillian Alvey, Anna Eisele Singleton, Jessica Allison, Jessica Crosso, Andrew Gulley, Jackie Mejia, Angela Moreno, Alan Eisele, Marion Weber, Joan Chiodo, Jack Kelley, Ligaya Kates, Janet Morrison & healing for all ill. **Autumn Care...** Brenda Kelley. **Spring Arbor** Pat Reilly. **Abernathy Laurels** Jeannine Dessert **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.**

The last registration meeting for the 2023-2024 faith formation year. Parents that want to enroll their children for the next year must attend this meeting.

First Communion Candidates.

Wednesday, May 24th at 6:30pm.

Confirmation Candidates.

Sunday May 21st At 9:15am.

La ultima junta y registraci3n para el nuevo a1o de formaci3n de fe 2023-2024. Los padres que quieren registrar a sus ni1os para el pr3ximo a1o deben asistir a una de estas reuniones.

Candidatos para la primera comuni3n.

Mi3rcoles, 24 de Mayo a las 6:30 p.m.

Candidatos de Confirmaci3n.

Domingo, 21 de Mayo a las 9:15 a.m.



Happy Birthday 5/22/2023 to 5/28/2023

5/22 Celestino Martinez, Joan Zeller **5/23** Cheryl Hanna, Diana Kindred, Maria Concepcion Ortiz **5/24** Ashley Hanna **5/25** Phyllis Bohn, Susan Garbato, Brandon Quinn, Steven Vera **5/26** Enrique Arreola, Carson Jones, Yeshua Medina Ferrer **5/27** Jonathan Humes, Gustavo Juarez, Dan Mottl Jr. , Rose Oreka, Ana Rojas **5/28** Kathleen Little, Margaret Pendergrass

Happy Anniversary 5/22/2023 to 5/28/2023

5/23 Mr. & Mrs. Fred Myers, Mr. & Mrs. Roberto Gonzalez **5/25** Mr. & Mrs. Jack Kelley, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmie Combs, Mr. & Mrs. John Hanna, Mr. & Mrs. Rockne Burns **5/26** Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Jashinski **5/28** Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Bakowski

