

Church of St. Philip the Apostle

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Pentecost

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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 Solemnity of Pentecost – is the feast commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, fifty days after Easter. Pentecost is traditionally celebrated as “the birthday of the Church”. In today’s Gospel, Jesus breathes his re-creating Spirit on the disciples, shows them his wounds, then sends them forth to love as he loved, to forgive and reconcile.

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. **The fruits of the Spirit** are perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the first fruits of eternal glory. The tradition of the Church lists twelve of them: “charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self control, and chastity.” (#s 1831 & 1832 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Just as our Lord sends the Disciples in today’s Gospel, so too, we are sent. The word “Mass” comes from the closing words of the Latin Liturgy “Ete Missa Est” = “Go, you are sent.” God knows well that in the world in which we live, we will need the gifts and the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Would there be any evidence to others that we have received the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation? A little exercise with the aforementioned gifts and fruits would help to develop our spiritual strength.

Next Sunday is the **Feast of The Most Holy Trinity**. The Readings at Mass will be Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9, 2Corinthians 13:11-13, Gospel John 3:16-18.

Have a Reverential Memorial Day! Memorial Day is a legal holiday in the USA, and observed annually on the last Monday of May. The holiday is in honor of the nation’s armed services personnel killed in wartime. The holiday originally called Decoration Day, is traditionally marked by parades, memorial speeches and ceremonies, along with the decoration of graves with flowers and flags, hence the original name. Memorial Day was first observed on May 30, 1886 on the order of General John Alexander Logan for the purpose of decorating the graves of the American Civil War dead. It was observed on May 30th until 1971, when most States changed to a newly established Federal schedule of holiday observances. **May they rest in peace** – those who made the ultimate sacrifice for us and our freedom. In observance of Memorial Day, our parish office will be closed this Monday, May 29th. **There will be Mass at 9 a.m.**

We thank the Knights of Columbus who have displayed flags in front of the church from May 26th until May 30th in loving remembrance of our departed veterans.

We welcome Mr. Gabriel Guy who became Catholic at the Easter Vigil several weeks ago and **who is replacing Mr. Sterling Watts, our maintenance man**, who served our parish for the last 46 years. **We welcome Gabriel and wish Sterling all the best in his well deserved retirement. We thank you Sterling and thank God for you.**

We thank those who participated in our yard sale last weekend. There may still be some things available and remaining in our social hall.

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, May 29

9:00 am Doug VanEffen† by Andrea Napoli

Wednesday, May 31

6:00 pm Mary Perry † by Fran & Dick Stoup

Thursday, June 1

9:00 am Tim McEvelly † by Toni McEvelly & Family

Friday, June 2

9:00 am Cyril Stoup † by Fran & Dick Stoup

Saturday, June 3

9:00 am Bob Scales † by Becky Scales

5:00 pm Virginia Brostowski † by The FerguStein Families

Sunday, June 4

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

June 3 5:00 pm Mike Hoffman

June 4 8:00 am Michele Woldman

10:30 am Linda Ortiz

12:30 pm Lupe Vargas

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION 27

June 3 5:00 pm R. Reed (HM), T. Reed (HA),

M. Rhodes (HC)

June 4 8:00 am R. Swierczewski (HM), C. Difulvio (HA),

W. Dulin (HC)

10:30 am B. Stickle (HM), J. Watkins (HA)

C. Bennett (HC)

12:30 pm Eduardo G. (H), Mary G., Braulio P.

ALTAR SERVERS

June 3 5:00 pm Cory H., Bret L.

June 4 8:00 am Brock C., Rhett C.

10:30 am Anneliese P., Alyssa J.

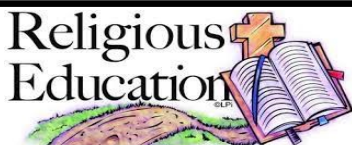
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There are some shelves in our offices and made of beautiful wood by the late Raul Echevarria and other valuables.

Thanks to all who generously donated to our **Forward With Christ Building Campaign** during this month of May, when a generous donor contributed \$100,000 and guaranteed to match any donations \$250 and above, during this month of May. As of last weekend, \$???? has been donated and has qualified for the matching funds. On April 10th we had \$2,990,228 in the bank and pledges of \$129,965. As of May 22nd, we had \$3,???,??? in the bank and \$??? in pledges, including the matching funds to be donated. To date, the **FWC** to be matched is \$??????. This all has been a tremendous shot in the arm. Thanks again, to one and all.

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 28, 2023

Collection totals from May 21

5:00 pm.....	\$1,416.00
8:00 am.....	\$1,859.00
10:30 am.....	\$1,868.00
12:30 pm.....	\$939.50
Regular Total	\$6,052.50
Food Closet	\$2,235.00
Forward with Christ	\$47,939.79

Forward With Christ as of May 22

Total Funds in bank.....	\$3,318,145.27
Remaining Pledges.....	\$104,574.16
Total Cash & Pledges.....	\$3,422,719.43

The FWC amount to be matched is \$206,755.00
Total as of May 21, 2023

Accumulative Fiscal Year Collections
As of May 21

Last Fiscal Year		This Fiscal Year	
Regular	\$327,915.63.....		\$335,179.35
Food Closet	\$22,369.85.....		\$24,534.00

June 11th from 8am-noon is the last faith formation registration.

Junio 11 de 8am-12pm sera la ultima registracion de formacion de fe.

June 18th, 8am-noon - registrations received on this day will incur a \$10.00 late fee.

Classes will be limited in size, and will be filled on a first come first serve basis. Make sure you register your child as soon as possible.

Junio 18, 8am-noon – las registraciones recibidas en este día tendrán un cargo adicional de \$10.00 por tardanza.

Las clases serán limitadas este año, y se llenarán rápido. Asegúrese de registrar a su hijo/a en las fechas disponibles lo más antes posible.

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 Week Ahead

Monday May 29

Memorial Day-Office Closed

Sunday June 4

Spanish food Sale



Happy Birthday 5/29/2023 to 6/4/2023
5/30 Jacob Camacho, Mariana Castillo, Adam Jakubowski 5/31 Isabel Chavez, James Hicks 6/1 James Lacy 6/2 John Dulin III, John Gecek Jr. 6/4 Brandon Fierros, Aaron Sadowski

Happy Anniversary 5/29/2023 to 6/4/2023

5/29 Mr. & Mrs. Al Brown
5/31 Mr. & Mrs. Neil Rosenblum
6/1 Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Parker, Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Corrales
6/3 Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Sinclair
6/4 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kos