

Saturday, February 29

9:00 am Dee Santimi | Anna Norris
 5:00 pm Richard Wagner + | Helen Codero

Sunday, March 1 (First Sunday in Lent)

9:00 am For the Parish
 11:30 am Paul Berard + | Young Family

Monday, March 2

8:30 am Norbert Valle + | Sally Tanedo

Tuesday, March 3

8:30 am Rosemary Roberts | Father Lewis

Wednesday, March 4 (Saint Casimir)

8:30 am Joseph Magnani + | Alberta Magnani

Thursday, March 5

8:30 am Jevon Holly + | Harriett L. Holly

Friday, March 6

8:30 am Regina Ryan + | Clotilda M. Crawley

Saturday, March 7 (Saints Perpetua and Felicity)

9:00 am John Wright | Clotilda M. Crawley
 5:00 pm Allen Swenton + | Ruth Griffin

Young Adult Meet Up and Bible Study

Join young adults (ages 20's through 40's) from St. Philip and the surrounding community for fellowship and bible study after the 11:30 mass on **Sunday, March 8**.

All are welcome! To RSVP or for more info on our young adult group, contact Liz Thomas at 952-836-5190 or lizminneman@gmail.com.

Interested In CYO Spring Track and Field?

The St. Philip the Apostle Track and Field Team will begin spring track practices in March 2020. To inquire more specifics contact Coach Lorne at Lorne.McLaughlin@gmail.com

Mass with Healing Prayers

Saint Philip's offers a monthly Mass with Healing Prayers on the third Tuesday of every month beginning at 7:00pm in the church.

The next mass with healing prayers will take place, Tuesday, March 17 at 7 PM

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER LEWIS

Jesus repeats words of Scripture that explicitly state what life is about: "The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." All the troubles, heartbreak, distress, and sadness in the world comes when we stray from following the Lord. We hear in our first reading today about the choice made by our first parents, Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve chose to follow their own plan and ignore God's commands. Through their sin – original sin – turmoil, trouble, and division entered the world. If only they had been faithful to their duty to worship and serve God!

In our own lives, we have been restored to grace by baptism. We are given aids to living a life of grace in the Mass, the sacraments, the Scriptures, and Church teaching. But we still know the pull of temptation. We still know the allure of sin. We still choose to follow our own way and neglect the way of God. Lent is a time to repent and work at living once more according to the words of Jesus: "The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve."

This Lent, let's spend time with Jesus who has made of himself a total offering to his Father. Jesus takes on all the sins of mankind, allowing himself to be the offering by which sin and death are destroyed. We pray that we never cease to offer thanks for our salvation, but that we are renewed in offering thanks for the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Upcoming Events at St. Philips

March 1 - Sodality Meeting | 8:30 am rosary in the church, the meeting will begin after the 9 am mass in the Social Hall

March 1 - 1st Penance Retreat | 1- 5 PM

March 1 - Altar Server Training | 10 AM

March 4 - Confession from 6 - 7 PM

March 6 - Teen Game Night | 7 - 10 PM

March 6 - Lenten Fish Fry | 3 - 7 PM

March 7 - Sacrament of 1st Penance | 10 AM

March 9 - Day of Recollection (Sponsored by Sodality) at the Loyola Retreat Center | 9 - 4 PM

March 17 - Healing Mass | 7 PM

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AND THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM:

Duffy Askin Family, Bradley Baker, Evan Beck, Pat Brooke, Counihan Family, Carol Cropper, Phil Eppard, Martin (Red) Fahey, Tim Gatta, Walter Harley, Lukas Hjort-Tyson, Hoehl Family, Father Ihrrie, Lillie Gerald, Art Grenier, Mary Gressett, Bert Latimer, Tonya Lee, Ralph Loveless, MacMannis Family, Lina Maralit, Jennifer Whipple-Marciano, Leondre Massey, Denise McHale, Marlyn Meoli, Grace Mueth, Nancy Palmedo, Deborah Pritts-Murray, Joe Norris, Shannon O’Connell, Matthew Pineda, Father Michael Quill, Barbara Ruf, Robert Wayne Saul III, Judge Tom Simpson, Dolores Steinhilber, John Tierney, Elijah & Marilyn Thorne, Eva Thorne, Nellie & Ruth Wade, Suzanne Walters, Shawn & Tommy Webb, Dineen Whipple, Bee Duncan, Alma Streicher, Shoko Ferguson, Ryan Murray, and Patrick Baggott

Archbishop Broglio

Please join us in welcoming the Archbishop of the Military Services, Archbishop Broglio, who will celebrate Mass on **Monday, March 2 at 8:30 am.**

Father Jeffrey Samaha

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Leyla Sheahin Linn, mother of Father Jeffrey Samaha, who passed away Sunday, February 16, 2020. Funeral arrangements are still pending.

All messages for Father Jeffrey can be sent to *Holy Spirit Church Rectory, 1717 Ritchie Rd, District Heights, MD 20747*

Pray for Our Seminarians

It’s not too late to choose an Archdiocesan seminarian and commit to praying for him each day during the remainder of Lent. Stop by the “Vocations Tree” in the foyer today and support the men called to serve our Church with your prayers. Don’t let any of them go without our prayers! You might be praying for someone who will someday serve you as a priest in our parish.

Community Sunday & Confirmation Weekend

Community Sunday has been moved to the weekend of March 21 & 22 to coincide with St. Philip’s Confirmation. Confirmation will take place on March 22 at the 9 AM mass with Bishop Fisher.

Day of Recollection

The St. Philip Sodality will be sponsoring a Day of Recollection at the Loyola Retreat House in Faulkner, MD on **March 9, 2020 from 9 - 4 PM.** Pricing is \$40 per person. For payment, please make the check out to Loyola Retreat House. Please contact Lorraine Wright (301) 423 - 0969 to reserve your spot. To carpool, please meet at 8 AM in the St. Philip’s parking lot. All are welcome!

Easter Flowers

Please use the flower envelope in your monthly packet to list the names of deceased loved ones and to make donations to the flower fund. Please PRINT the names clearly. These names will appear in the Easter bulletin. All names must be submitted by April 6, 2020. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Remembering St. Philip’s School’s early years -part IX

The school library began in the early 1960s in what is now the school office. The principal, Sr. Celeste, bought books and tapped volunteers to type catalog cards. In the mid-'60s the Federal Block Grant School Library Program was enacted and St. Philip’s began receiving annual funding for books, filmstrips and globes.

Sr. Rosealma was the first librarian, succeeded by Sr. Marlene, Mary Gerrity and, in 1971, by Mary McHale. She selected shelving for the new library (formerly the 1st grade), used Dewey Decimal to shelve the books, and started spending the Block Grant funds. She also opened the door to 1st graders who had been considered too young to use the library.

By the 1980s some of our people of longest tenure came on board: Dolores Steinhilber (8th grade and vice principal), Linda Holsonbake (6th), Kathy Elborne (5th), secretary Nina Fisher and custodian Richard Robinson. Remember them?

Perhaps most fondly remembered today are the soft pretzels sold every day at snack time.

We hope our school alumni, who once waited in line to buy those pretzels, will help celebrate St. Philip's School's upcoming 60th anniversary. Email stpoffice@gmail.com.

Lenten Reading

St. Philip’s adult library is in the hall between the church and the school. Some years ago a visiting seminarian found the book case, cleaned it up, and secured it to the wall. We filled it with an assortment of purchases and donations. Now you can check out some reading, or browsing, for Lent. Sign it out; cross it off when you return it.

Altar Server Training

Interested in becoming an altar server? Youth grades 4 - 12 are invited to train to become altar servers. The last training will be held **Sunday, March 1 at 10:00 AM** in the main church.

The Light is on for you

There will be reconciliation every Wednesday evening during Lent from 6 - 7 PM. Please use this opportunity to prepare for Easter.

Offertory Summary for Feb 22 & Feb 23
Parishioner Contributions: \$4,798.05