



Saturday, March 7 (Saints Perpetua and Felicity)

9:00 am John Wright | Clotilda M. Crawley

5:00 pm Allen Swenton + | Ruth Griffin

Sunday, March 8 (Second Sunday in Lent)

9:00 am For the Parish

11:30 am Roberta Murray + | Bob Murray

Monday, March 9 (Saint Frances of Rome, Religious)

8:30 am Bill Hardy | Lina Maralit

Tuesday, March 10

8:30 am Nora Granados | Lina Maralit

Wednesday, March 11

8:30 am Luna Family | Lina Maralit

Thursday, March 12

8:30 am Joe Corpus | Lina Maralit

Friday, March 13

8:30 am Baby McGinnis + | Mary Hager

Saturday, March 14

9:00 am Baby McGinnis + | Mary Hager

5:00 pm Dominic Lozupone + | Mary Lozupone

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John. Why did he choose this moment to give them this wondrous gift? We're at a pivotal moment in the Gospel.

Jesus is about to enter into his passion. He speaks to Moses and Elijah about the "exodus" he is about to undergo, the "exodus" of his death and resurrection. Here he is – shown in glory and light – before Peter, James, and John. Jesus consoles Peter, James, and John with a vision of his glory in the hope that they might be able to keep faith as he undergoes the desolation of the Cross.

Sadly, this consolation will be short-lived. They'll have to descend from the mountain. The Transfiguration moment was brief. Why did Jesus allow them this brief moment, and why did it have to end so quickly? Jesus gave these three this consolation to pour grace into their lives – that they might avoid despairing as Jesus suffered his passion.

In his rules of discernment, Ignatius of Loyola instructs us that we should make all decisions during times of consolation. He describes consolation as a feeling of deep peace, closeness to the Lord, or spiritual gifts and awareness. We should use these moments of grace and clarity to put our lives in order and hear what God's will is for us. We should also use moments of consolation to prepare for moments of desolation, which are bound to come.

Lent can be a great moment for many consolations. The Lord's closeness is felt in the liturgy, prayer, and our experience of sacrifice. In moments of consolation, we should praise the Lord as Peter did. "Lord, it is good that we are here." These moments of consolation prepare us to carry our crosses and are reminders that the Cross of Jesus leads to eternal life.

Upcoming Events at St. Philips

March 11 - Confession from 6 - 7 PM

March 13 - Lenten Fish Fry | 3 - 7 PM

March 13 - Stations of the Cross | 7 PM

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

March 17 - Healing Mass | 7 PM

Check the lost & found drawer in the vestibule for your missing gloves, glasses, prayer books and more.

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 Ihrie, 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

Father Jeffrey Samaha

Funeral Service for Leyla Sheahin Samaha Lynn will take place on Monday, April 27 at 10:30 am at St. Bede’s Catholic Church in Williamsburg, VA.

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.

Loyola on the Potomac

Ignatian Weekend Retreats *Lord teach us to Pray* March 13-15

Women | March 20-22 Men | April 3-5
Women | April 17-19 Men & Women | April 24-26

(Spanish) Men and Women Fee: \$245,
 First-time retreatants and Young adults (under 30) \$195

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

Remembering St. Philip’s School’s early years, part X In 1983, Fr. Oliver Mahedy transferred and Fr. Bernard Ihrie was appointed pastor. Associate pastors during the '80s were Fathers Klaus Sirianni, Michael Quill, Joseph Sileo and Matthew Thompson. Father Jeffrey Samaha was in residence while serving as Southern Maryland Hospital Chaplain. However, he found time to visit the school daily.

Our principal, Lawrence Colabucci, resigned in 1989 and Brenda Cooley became principal, followed in 1991 by Xaverian Brother William Marinan. He served until 1997 when Linda Cullinan came aboard for what was to be the longest tenure of any of our principals.

In the early 1990s the school uniforms changed from yellow & brown to red & blue jumpers or skirts and white blouses for girls; navy pants and white shirts for boys.

At noon on Easter Sunday 1996, ground was broken for the new Junior High Wing. The Wing, accessible from the Social Hall, has three classrooms, bathrooms and storeroom.

Do you remember that groundbreaking? If so, you're probably an alumnus or alumna. Email stpoffice@gmail.com to help us celebrate the school's 60th anniversary.

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.

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 29 & Mar 1
 Parishioner Contributions: \$7,282.94