



FROM THE DESK OF FATHER LEWIS

Saturday, December 12 (Our Lady of Guadalupe)

9:00 am Jerzy Karłowicz + | DiSalvo Family

5:00 pm Dave Olson + | Margaret Hunt

Sunday, December 13 (3rd Sunday of Advent)

9:00 am For the Parish

11:30 am Roberta Murray + | Bob Murray

Monday, December 14 (St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church)

8:30 am Patrick A. Donoghue | Yates Family

Tuesday, December 15

8:30 am Mai Xuan Nguyen + | Nguyen Family

Wednesday, December 16

8:30 am Carmina Young + | Alberta Magnani

Thursday, December 17

8:30 am Monsignor Thomas Kane +

Friday, December 18

8:30 am Luis Martinez + | Young Family

Saturday, December 19

9:00 am Carmina Young + | Young Family

5:00 pm Monsignor Thomas Kane +

This Sunday is Gaudete Sunday. The word Gaudete means “Rejoice!” At this point in the Advent season, a time of hope, we are instructed to rejoice. When I was in school, we had a teacher who gave what he called “The Happiness Lecture.” One thing he would say was, “Don’t play the ‘I’ll be happy when’ game.” In other words, choose to be happy now – stop waiting for something or someone else before you can be happy. The rose candle and rose vestments combine two colors: Purple and White. The purple symbolizes waiting, and the white symbolizes rejoicing. The rose symbolizes the combination of both waiting and rejoicing. In a way, our whole lives should be both a time of waiting and rejoicing. Things aren’t perfect now, but in Christ they will be. We can rejoice while we wait. “Rejoice always.”

In January, St. Philip’s will be adding a monthly collection for Parish Maintenance. As our buildings and property age, they require repairs and updates. An additional envelope and monthly second collection will set aside specifically for Parish Maintenance. Thank you for your generosity to St. Philip’s.

School News

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Go to www.stpamd.org

SCROLL DOWN AND CLICK THE OPEN HOUSE IMAGE AND MEET MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY AND SEE THE MAGIC FOR YOURSELF! WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU.

St. Philip the Apostle Holiday Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24, 2020

Mass | 8:30 AM, 5:00 PM

Christmas Day

Friday, December 25, 2020

Mass | 10:00 AM

Saturday, December 26, 2020

Mass | 9:00 AM; 5:00 PM (Vigil)

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

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

2020 Christmas Flowers

Please use the Christmas Flower envelope in your monthly packet to make donations in memory or in honor of your loved ones. Please print clearly. As always, thank you for your support!

**2020 Retirement Fund for Religious**

Make a difference. "Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses," says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

RCIA

RCIA classes are being held on Sunday's in the rectory or via Zoom from 10:15am – 11:15am. If you know someone who may be interested, contact Deacon Kelley at deacon@stphiliptheapostlechurch.org

Evangelization Team

Are you interested in evangelization? Do you have a heart for reaching out to others? If so, please contact Deacon Kelley at deacon@stphiliptheapostlechurch.org

Archdiocesan News

On December 1st, Pope Francis announced that he appointed Bishop Michael Fisher to be the new Bishop of Buffalo, New York. Please keep Bishop Fisher in your prayers. If you would like to send him a note, you can write to him at the Archdiocese of Washington Pastoral Center, PO Box 29260, Washington DC 2017 -0260.

Remembering St. Philip's School's early years, part XVIII

The night the 21th Century arrived, St. Philip's held Solemn Exposition and Adoration at 8 p.m., followed by Benediction at 11 and the Millennium Mass at 11:30. A Champagne Breakfast welcomed in the 21st Century.

On Good Friday 2000 the Living Stations of the Cross were presented for the first time by Teens in His Image (TiHi). Several school children participated.

In January 2001 the Sunday Bulletin announced the parish had e-mail. And soon we were on the Web. Ange Meoli was Webmaster. Also in 2001 the Branch Avenue Metro opened, half-a-mile up the road.

School staff for the year 2000-01 were: Linda Cullinan, principal; Jeanette Zak, Assistant principal/computer/math; Cindy Mansfield, secretary; Nina Fisher, bookkeeper; Delores Steinhilber, religion; Christine Lalli, librarian; Carol Mangold, art; Ronald Covell, P.E.; Michelle Simpson, band; Connie Sorensen, music; Richard Robinson and Duc Nguyen, maintenance; Allen Niblock, math resource; Anthony Mazzucco, reading resource; Teachers: Mrs. Roe (PreK). Ms. Bell (Kindergarten), Mrs. Kelly (1), Ms. Hardy (2), Mrs. Shumard (3), Mr. Reed (4), Mrs. Elborne (5), Mrs. Holsonbake (6), Mrs. Funke (7), Mrs. Wallace (8); Jennifer Vilky and Vivian Perez, teacher aides.

The garden memorial to St. Philip was completed in 2000. It features a statue designed and sculpted by Rocco Tenaglia, four granite benches, patio and garden. There's a plaque reminding us that the memorial marks the site of the Soper Family cemetery.

On December 8, 2000, Bishop Leonard Olivier celebrated Mass at the site, unveiled the statue, blessed and dedicated the garden memorial.

Offertory Summary for December 5 & 6
Parishioner Offertory: \$6,136.00