



Saturday, December 26 (St. Stephen, First Martyr)

9:00 am Steve & Pat Lewis

5:00 pm Marlyn Meoli + | Young Family

Sunday, December 27 (Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph)

9:00 am For the Parish

11:30 am Tabitha Wilkinson + | Veronica Hunt

Monday, December 28 (Holy Innocents, Martyrs)

8:30 am Francis Yates | Sara Yates

Tuesday, December 29 (St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr)

8:30 am Timothy Davis + | Veronica Hunt

Wednesday, December 30

8:30 am John Lee + | Veronica Hunt

Thursday, December 31 (St. Sylvester I, Pope)

8:30 am Ayesha Johnson + | The Estacio Family

Friday, January 1 (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

8:30 am For the Parish

Saturday, January 2 (Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church)

9:00 am Carmina Young + | The Young Family

5:00 pm Marlyn Meoli + | Shirley & Phil Eppard

School News & Church News

School Office is closed December 21 - January 1

Church Office is closed December 24 - January 1

The staff at St. Philip the Apostle would like wish you a very Merry Christmas and happy New Year!

FROM THE DESK OF DEACON KELLEY

For almost a year, we have been closed in with our families or we have not been able to see our families because of the virus. Surely, this has caused us some anxiety and stress. But today, this first Sunday after Christmas, we are encouraged as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

Our sacred scriptures don't reveal to us a lot about the everyday life of the Holy Family, but still for us, they represent the model family. Our first reading in Sirach shows us the responsibility of a father within a household and describes the attitudes and dispositions that we should show them. Along with Pope Francis recently declaring this year in honor of St. Joseph, this reading should help us better understand the relationship that we should have with our fathers.

In our second reading from Colossians, St. Paul gives us direction on how each us should conduct ourselves that will make living and functioning within the family more amiable for one another. He points us to five characteristics that make living and interacting within the family, a pleasant experience. **First**, heartfelt compassion: this is a deep abiding sympathy and concern for others that some of us need. **Second**, kindness: who doesn't like a smile, a kind word of generosity, and consideration. **Third**, humility: Let's not think too highly of ourselves and think more highly of our family members – Jesus says, that he is meek and humble of heart – let's imitate our Lord. **Fourth**, gentleness: I think of the tender temperament of our Mother Mary. She has such a gentle heart and sweet spirit. And **lastly**, patience – Joseph shows fathers the strength of bearing with one another and how to forgive any transgressions that may occur. Today, let each of us begin to model the attitudes of the Holy Family and treat one another with love and forgiveness.

Sodality of St. Philip's Raffle

Winners:

Christine Mucker & Rit Taylor

Congratulations!

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, Bee Dunkin

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@stphilipthepostlechurch.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@stphilipthepostlechurch.org

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the all families how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

New Years Eve Mass
Thursday, December 31, 2020
Mass | 8:30 AM

New Years Day Mass
Friday, January 1, 2021
Mass | 9:00 AM

First Friday Holy Hour follows directly after mass
(9:45 AM - 10:45 AM)
no evening holy hour

Saturday, January 2, 2020
Mass | 9:00 AM; 5:00 PM (Vigil)

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

The first mother-Daughter Breakfast, chaired by Alma Broderick, was on April 3, 1960 at Wallace's Restaurant in Marlow Heights. The restaurant has long since closed, but the Breakfast continued—until Covid shut it down. Back then, the men and boys of the parish prepared and served the food, and Father (later, Monsignor) Teletchea would sing "Danny Boy" or "Mother Machree." In recent years the Breakfast has not been just for mothers and daughters but for fathers and sons as well.

In the early 2000s, the School offered peer mediation with mediators from 7th and 8th grades, a hot lunch program, two choirs, participation in the National Geographic Bee, Spelling Bee, talent show, books fairs, National Junior Honor Society, school band, CYO sports, yearbook, class trips, and a science fair which sends winners to the County Science Fair (usually for even more awards).

Over the years, the students have given back through service projects. One of these is Sandwich Day when they bring extra sandwiches to be delivered to SOME (So Others May Eat) in Washington. Others are Pennies for Missions, letters and goodies sent to military overseas, school supplies for students in Afghanistan, and gifts and cash for a Catholic school in Mississippi which had been hard hit by Hurricane Katrina. But the most successful charity has been St. Jude's Math-a-Thon, which has raised many thousands of dollars.

During the 2006-2007 school year St. Philip's had a near-capacity enrollment of 279 students.

On June 24, 2007 St. Philip's celebrated 50 years. Archbishop Donald Wuerl celebrated our anniversary Mass.

Offertory Summary for December 20, 2020
Parishioner Offertory: 3,623.00