Saint Philip Church 622 Putnam Pike Greenville, RI 02828 December 5, 2021

622 Putnam Pike



Call: 401.949.1500 FAX: 401.949.3504 www.saintphilip.com email: office@saintphilip.com

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturday 8:30-9:00 AM 3:00-3:45 PM First Friday of the Month 6:00-7:00 PM

Please notify us if anyone is ill, in the hospital or at home, who wishes to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick or Holy Communion.

Nursing Homes

Holy Mass is offered monthly and Holy Communion is served weekly at the following health-care facilities: Greenville Center, Hebert's, Stillwater Assisted Living (formally Cortland Place) and Village at Waterman Lake.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please speak with one of the priests about dates for the celebration of Baptism and the Baptism Preparation class.

Sacrament of Marriage

Consult one of the priests to secure a date and begin the Marriage Preparation Program.

Priestly and Religious Vocations

Telephone the Diocesan Office of Vocations at 401.331.1316.

> **A Roman Catholic Faith Community Since 1852**

All-Day Confession

Saturday - December 18 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

It is a mark of greatness to be able to say: "I have made a mistake; I have sinned, Father; I have offended you, my God; I am sorry; I ask for pardon; I will try again because I rely on your strength and I believe in your love. And I know that the power of your Son's paschal mystery—the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is greater than my weaknesses and all the sins of the world. I will come and confess my sins and be healed, and I will live in your love!"

(Saint John Paul II, Homily in San Antonio, 1987).



(Please read the notice inside this bulletin for details about making a reservation for *Confession*)

Mass Schedule

Saturday:	4 PM
Sunday:	8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 6 PM
Weekdays:	Monday thru Saturday at 8 AM

Parish Clergy

Pastor	Very Reverend Francis C. Santilli
	pastor@saintphilip.com
Assistant Pastor	Reverend Phillip J. Dufour
	assistantpastor@saintphilip.com
Permanent Deacon	Deacon Joseph Day
Pastor Emeritus	Reverend Gerald E. Beirne

Franciscan Apostolic Sisters

Saint Philip Convent	Sister Nemesia Licayu, F.A.S.
*	Sister Marizza Manicap, F.A.S.
	Sister Flora Tanarte, F.A.S.

Parish Office Staff

Mrs. Brandy Narducci
office@saintphilip.com
Mrs. Loren Calabro
cretary@saintphilip.com

Saint Philip Religious Education

Director of Religious	Education	Mr. Dennis Sousa
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Assistant Director		Mrs. Veronica Plante
Secretary	Mrs	s. Dorothy Bertherman
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Saint Philip School

Principal	Mr. Keith Kline
401.949.1130	or principal@stphilipschool.com
	Mrs. Mary-Regina Bennett
Secretary	Mrs. Monica Daigle
	Mrs. Brandy Narducci

Parish Ministries

Organist / Choir Director	Mr. Kenneth Camara
	401.808.9409
Youth Minister	Mrs. Melissa Roberts
401.349.0785	or youth@saintphilip.com
Children & Family Ministry	
<i>v v</i>	dziegler1026@yahoo.com
Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantr	
	nnysangels@saintphilip.com

Parish Corporation

Trustees	Mr. Antonio Fonseca
	Mrs. Elizabeth Santucci
Auditors	Mr. John DelPadre
	Mr. Gregory Barishian

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

We encourage new parishioners to introduce yourselves to the parish priests so that we can meet and welcome you to our Parish Family. Please contact one of our priests to officially register at 401.949.1500.

All-Day Confessions -Saturday, December 18 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Time slots for Confession are every half hour (example, 8:30 AM to 9 AM, 9 AM to 9:30 AM and all the way to 3 PM to 3:30 PM). Please go online at saintphilip.com to reserve a time slot for Confession or telephone the Parish Office at 401.949.1500 for

assistance. You do not have to give your name or any other information online or on the telephone ... just the reservation for the half-hour period you would like to reserve. Please note that our 2 priests

will be hearing Confessions throughout the day and we are reserving spots for 12 penitents each half-hour period.



Save the Date!

Thursday, December 30th, at 7:00 PM

Join us to celebrate the Christmas Season with a

Service of Lessons and Carols

Featuring the Adult and Teen Choirs of Saint Philip Parish



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Friday, December 24 4 PM 5:30 PM 10 PM

Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25 8 AM 9:30 AM 11 AM

(No evening Mass on Christmas Day – Saturday, December 25)

Please place your Christmas Offering Envelopes

in the offering boxes found in each Church lobby. This is the annual Christmas Collection for our Parish. Thank you for your customary generosity!

Gaudete Sunday ...

is the Latin title of the 3rd Sunday of Advent (next weekend - December 11 and 12). The word "gaudete" means "rejoice" and comes from the old "Introit" ("entrance") antiphon for Sunday's Mass: *Gaudete in Domino* semper (Rejoice in the Lord always). The rose vestments worn by the

priests and the rose candle of our Advent wreath remind us that Christmas is near, that Advent is half over, and that "rejoicing in the Lord" must be our strength and our hope each and every day.



Wednesday - December 8 The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



is a holyday of obligation and a major celebration of our liturgical year when we honor our belief that Mary, our Blessed Mother, was conceived without the stain of original sin in the womb of her mother, Saint Ann. This feast celebrates the dogma of Mary's own conception, not the conception of Jesus within her womb ... that feast is observed on March 25, 9 months before December 25, Christmas Day. Masses will be offered on Tuesday - December 7 at 5:30 PM and on Wednesday - December 8 at 8 AM and 7 PM.

The Symbolism of the Advent Wreath ...

Whether displayed in our homes or in our Church, the Advent Wreath is a visible reminder of the 4-week season of waiting and preparing for the celebration of the Lord's Birth at Christmas. Advent is also a time of watching, listening, and waiting for the 2nd coming of Jesus in glory at the end of time.

The 4 candles, 3 violet and 1 rose, symbolize the 4 weeks of Advent preparation. The rose candle is the signal that Advent is about half over; the rose color stands for "rejoicing" because the Lord is near! As Christmas Day draws nearer, the flames of the candles increase and grow



brighter, for the Lord's coming brings light to any and every darkness.

The wreath is a reminder of eternity ... a circle having no beginning and no end and the greens symbolize new life, new

growth, new hope. May your Advent be happy, holy, and truly blessed! PRAYER LINE Please call with your intentions Alexis Heller: 568-3752 Joe & Maureen Habershaw: 568-4740 Marcelle Boyes : 949-2912

Counting our Blessings

November 20 / November 21 Budget: \$16,839.25

Envelopes: \$8,975.00 ~ Loose: \$1,352.25



E-Giving: \$6,512.00

Respect Life Ministry's Spiritual Adoption Program Monthly Update

Month 3: I am quite active. Even though my mother cannot feel me yet, I can kick and flip around in my safe little world. I can move my eyes but my eyelids are closed. My cartilage is changing to bone. I can suck my thumb and I hiccup when I swallow amniotic fluid. I am now three inches long and can hear outside noises. I can close my fingers around an object and I can squint, frown and smile. I am starting to react to my environment and I can already feel sensations like pain. I really hope things stay the same--quiet, peaceful, and

warm. "His mother Mary... was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit... [the angel said] 'what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit" Matthew 1:18-20



New Parishioners

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members of our parish family:

- + Daniel, Alicia, Liviana & Aria Lorraine
- + Brian McGuckin & Mary Ann Gingras
 - Christopher, Claudia, Eleanor & Francesco Cox



November Baptisms Welcome, precious little child. So divine from God above. Christened today in Jesus' name, Held in His arms of love. May angels guide your tiny feet and bring you smiles to wear and may our Heavenly Father always keep you in His care.

- + Luna Patricia Wagner
- + Francesco Carone Cox
- + Elenora Vera Cox

Music Books Are Back In Our Pews ...

and back in their vinyl covers. Music Books remain in Church and should not be taken home ... they are placed in the racks to be used at every Mass by everyone. Thank

you for handling these books/ covers with care!



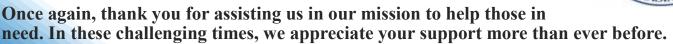
Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP)



To our parishioners and the following vendors, for their continued generosity and assistance. Stop and Shop, Jaswell's Farm, Scituate IGA, Target, BJ's Wholesale Club, Rhode Island Community Foodbank, Panera, NACEPF Community Garden and God's Little Acre.

Your support during the Thanksgiving season helped us to:

- Provide Stop and Shop and Dave's Marketplace gift cards to our friends in need totaling over \$5,000.
- Make Thanksgiving extra special for our guests by offering a wide variety of holiday fixings. In November 2021, we helped over 300 families.
- Help people stay in their homes. Your donations help with rent payments, gas and electric, oil deliveries and other life necessities. Additionally, we provided sleeping bag coats for the unhoused in partnership with McAuley House.

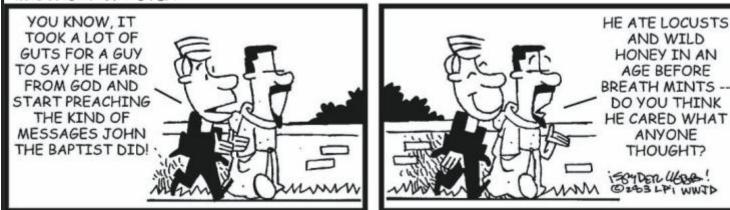


Annual Rose Sale

for the *Mother of Life Center* on Atwells Avenue in Providence brought in \$1,895.00! The folks there sent a letter of profound appreciation to us for our outstanding generosity in their annual appeal. Thank you to our *Respect Life Ministry* for coordinating this event and to all our donors!



2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT





Saint Philip School Students ...

will celebrate the Sacrament of Confession on Monday - December 13 at 1 PM in our Church. Several priests will be joining our own priests to hear Confessions for our students in Grades 3 thru 8. Please keep them in your



prayers as they prepare their young hearts to receive Jesus this Christmas! Adorers in Our Lady's Chapel on Monday - December 13 from 1 PM to 2 PM: Please excuse any upset to your "peace and quiet" as we will be using the Confessionals in Our Lady's Chapel for that one hour!



Grant A Wish 2021

Last year, due to the Covid restrictions, we requested gift cards instead of wrapped gifts for the children of SVdP pantry clients. We were delighted with the response from our parishioners, we will conduct this year's Grant A Wish program in the same way. If you would like to participate,

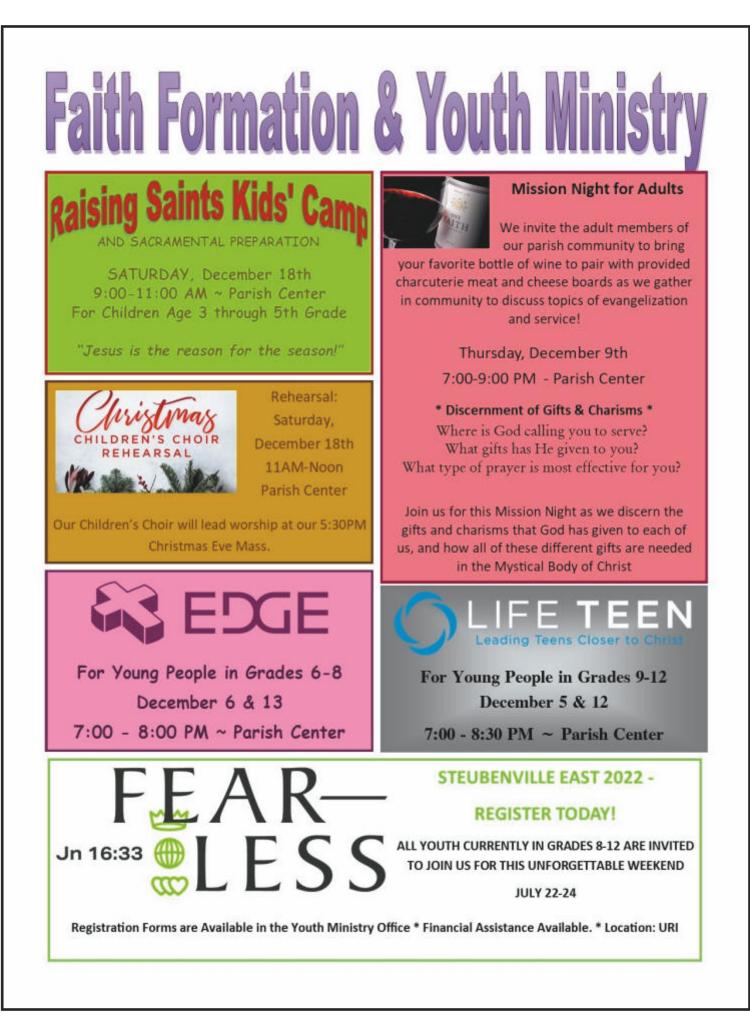
please purchase your gift card(s), place in an envelope with "Grant A Wish" written on it, and put them in the collection boxes at the doors of the church. We suggest cards in the amount of \$25 (or whatever you can afford) and favorite stores seem to be Walmart, Target, Michael's, and Kohl's. We look forward to your usual generous response! Thank you.



Saint Philip's Ladies Guild

Becomes Saint Philip's Golden Guild ... and now will include men! Men in their "golden years" are now invited to join the "golden girls" to form Saint Philip's Golden Guild. The group will gather for a Christmas luncheon and meeting at Parma Restaurant at 266 Putnam Pike on Thursday - December 16 at 12 Noon. The Christmas Luncheon includes: soup, salad, chicken, pasta, French fries, dessert for \$20 per person. If you plan to attend, please telephone Dianna Marrone at 401.231.2136. All senior citizens are welcome ... bring a friend as a guest!







PRAY FOR SAINT PHILIP SCHOOL ... because Catholic education matters!

Please continue to pray with us for Saint Philip School, the students, and the staff as we seek to do God's will in all things. Trusting in the Lord's great abundance, and mindful of the power of prayer, we beseech our Blessed Mother and our patron saint to intercede for the continued growth and prosperity of SPS and for our mission of educating children to be disciples of Christ.

Our Lady of Good Success, pray for us! Saint Philip, pray for us!

... WHERE WE'VE MADE A DIFFERENCE FOR MORE THAN 60 YEARS!

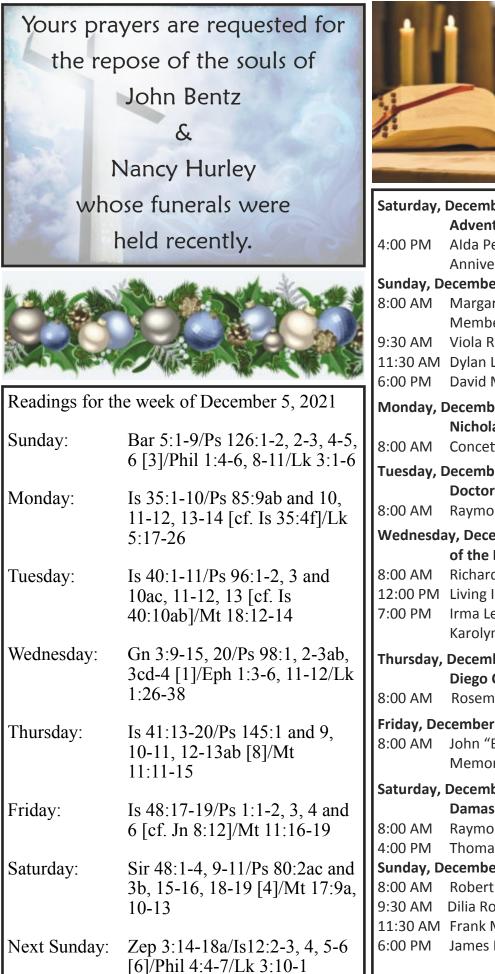
We invite you to visit Saint Philip School to see how our nurturing, caring, and safe environment can truly make a difference in your child's life! If you are considering Saint Philip School as an educational option for your child, please feel free to sign up for a Snapshot Tour on the home page of our school website, or sign up to attend our upcoming Open House! (See details below.)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saint Philip School will host its annual Catholic Schools Week Open House on Sunday, January 30th. The festivities begin with the celebration of Mass at 11:30 AM, followed by Open House in the school from 12:30 to 2:30 PM.

Come celebrate with us and find out why we love our school! <u>Appointments are</u> <u>strongly encouraged</u>. To schedule yours, visit <u>www.stphilipschool.com</u>! December 8 – Report Cards Issued December 9 – Parent-Teacher Conferences *No School* December 17 – Santa's Secret Shoppe December 23-January 2 *No School – Christmas Vacation* January 3 – School Resumes January 5 – Cardinals Club Meeting January 10 – Snapshot Tour *Registration Required* January 14 – Re-Registration Begins January 17 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day *No School* January 24 – Professional Day ~ *No School*





Saturday,	December 4, Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent
4:00 PM	
	Anniversary
Sunday, D	ecember 5, Second Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM	Margaret A. Fogarty & the Deceased
	Members of the Fogarty Family - Memorial
9:30 AM	Viola Ronci - Memorial
	Dylan Laurenzo - 5th Anniversary
6:00 PM	David McAuliffe - Memorial
Monday, I	December 6, Advent Weekday, Saint Nicholas, Bishop
8:00 AM	Concetta Caraccia - Memorial
Tuesday, I	December 7, Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
8:00 AM	Raymond & Patricia Laffey - Memorial
Wednesda	ay, December 8, The Immaculate Conception
	of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 AM	Richard Boyes - Memorial
12:00 PM	Living Intention for Jarret & Monica Daniels
7:00 PM	Irma LeBoeuf, Gary Bergevine &
	Karolyn Levesque - Month's Mind
Thursday,	December 9, Advent Weekday, Saint Juan
	Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
8:00 AM	Rosemary Scholz - 12th Anniversary
	cember 10, Advent Weekday
8:00 AM	John "Bud" Strain & John "Jake" Gibbons -
	Memorial
Saturday,	December 11, Advent Weekday, Saint
	Damasus I, Pope
8:00 AM	Raymond & Patricia Laffey - Memorial
4:00 PM	Thomas Petronio, Sr Memorial
	ecember 12, Third Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM	Robert Reall - 1st Anniversary
9:30 AM	Dilia Rodrigues - Birthday Remembrance Frank Masiello - 20th Anniversary
6:00 PM	James Dooley, Jr 10th Anniversary
	James Dooley, JL - Toth Anniversally



