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April, 2015

Dear Friends,

Our Lenten journey is near an end, and we have come to the Holiest of weeks. This is the time of year that we recall Jesus' last few days before His suffering and death. While the events of Holy Week can be disturbing, it is important that we remember what He was willing to do for us.

The Triduum Sacrum (sacred three days) of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday provide us with the most wonderful opportunity to experience in worship the dramatic events through which our salvation was won. We live the events with Jesus of the Last Supper on Thursday, the Garden of Gethsemane in the all night vigil, Calvary on Good Friday, and finally the moving from darkness to light in the Great Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday. I believe the best way to have an end to a Holy Lent and to have a Holy and meaningful Easter is to take advantage of and attend these great services.

Then on Easter Sunday, we arise to celebrate the discovery of the empty tomb and

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rejoice gladly the reality of the Resurrection of Jesus. This is the moment that defines us as Christians, that is, the promised coming back of Christ in a resurrection which we all share with Him.

This year, we will celebrate Easter Day in one combined service at 9:15. This is something I have prayed about over many years. I believe it will be wonderful for our entire community of faith to be together to celebrate the most important event in our lives as Christians. I look forward to us all shouting Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!!!

In Christ,

Fr. Steve +

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Holy Wednesday

April 1st : Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 9:00AM

Maundy Thursday

April 2nd: Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 7:00PM
(This service is followed by the stripping of the Altar and all night vigil.)

Good Friday

April 3rd: Good Friday Liturgy, Noon
Stations of the Cross, 6:00PM

Holy Saturday

April 4th: Great Easter Vigil 7:00PM
(This service is followed by an Agape meal.)

Easter Sunday

April 5th: Feast of the Resurrection, 9:15AM
with flowering of the cross. (This service will be followed by the Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt)



The Vestry and Vestry Notes

The Rev. Stephen Craft, Susette Bradley, Bobbie Durkovich, Martin Lowe, Frances Webb, Mark Bullard, Norma Gatlin, Susan Smith and Kayce Stackel.

Vestry Notes:

1. Ideas were discussed concerning using the various projects as well as activities available at St. Philip's to interest new members.
2. Holy Week Services were discussed and it was decided that there be one Easter Sunday service at 9:15AM followed by our traditional Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt for the kids.
3. A decision was made to make provisions for the church to accept credit card donations.
4. The Crawfish Boil will be on May 24th at which time we will additionally be celebrating St. Philip's 60 years as a congregation.

February Financial Statement

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| Income: | \$ 11,893.00 |
| Expenses: | -\$ 13,529.00 |
| YTD Projected Net Income: | \$ 696.00 |
| YTD Actual: | -\$ 4,806.00 |

Regular Worship Schedule

Weekend Services

Sunday:

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00 AM Coffee and Fellowship
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:40 AM Coffee and Fellowship

Saturday:

5:00 PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Weekday Services

Monday:

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
2:00 PM The Landing

Tuesday:

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
6:30 PM Adult Bible Study

Wednesday:

9:00AM Holy Eucharist followed by Bible Study

Thursday:

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

Office Hours:

Secretary: 9AM - Noon, Mon.-Fri.
Bookstore Hours: 9:00AM - Noon, Sunday
Office & Bookstore: 394-2408; Fax: 394-2450
Email: stphilipsno@msn.com
Website: stphilipsno.org

Good Friday Fundraiser

(to help fund children's attendance at church events)

Adults \$12.00, Children \$8.00
Stuffed Crabs, Fried Fish or Gumbo
Chicken Nuggets for Children
and extras!

Call church office for advance tickets: 394-2408

First Fridays:

April First Friday is at the home of Pat Blackman on April 10th.

May First Friday will be May 1st at the church sponsored by Jamie Camardelle.



If you wish to host a First Friday in 2015, please contact the office to reserve your requested month!

April Church Opening

Joy Kaler, Grace Benson

Are you on "Facebook"?

You can help your church grow in two easy steps! Search St. Philip's New Orleans and become a friend! Then invite your friends to become friends too! We need to let our community know what is happening at St. Philip's!



Free Tutoring Sessions for all age groups, grade school through college are being offered at the church Monday through Friday, 3:00PM to 6:00PM. Anyone who needs or knows someone who needs help, contact the church office at 504-394-2408 or Jamie Camardelle 504-208-0054.

Sanctuary Farm and Wellness News.....

Hello Wellness Fans!

Wellness Wednesday returns **Wednesday, April 15th, 6:30pm** in the Parish Hall! **Prep and Prepare** for this meal will be **Tuesday, April 14th from 9:00AM to Noon** in the Parish Hall. We are working on the menu and I am trying to narrow down about 5 topics I want to talk about...it's been a while!

The federal grant application I spoke of last month was electronically submitted at 3pm on Monday, March 16th, the day before the deadline! I have the ability to check on it's status periodically and will keep you posted on our progress. If we are approved for funding, we will know and begin to receive funds in September. Thanks again to all of you who generously gave of your time, money and services to support this effort.

The grant process required that we write a clear, detailed, 4 year business plan which spoke of not only what we planned to build and do, but how we planned to keep it all going once the grant money stopped. This process was a challenge, but in the end, proved to be a useful tool to help us more clearly define our goals and dreams for the many people we speak with every day.

While we wait on the federal government, we have been researching other opportunities for grant funds and in-kind contributions from other sources. There are many opportunities out there and we aim to tackle every one that fits our model. This takes time, research and application production and submission. We already have a fantastic base to draw from with the federal application under our belt. If you would like to help with this process, give me a call and we will talk about what you can do. As most of you know, the federal grant requires a dollar for dollar match. The reviewers may love what we plan to do with the federal money, but not be satisfied with our provided matching which includes services and in-kind contributions. If we are able to secure other grant funds by September, we may have the opportunity to use them for matching federal funds if

April Readings

- 5th Easter Day**
Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
I Corinthians 15:1-11
John 20:1-18
- 12th Second Sunday of Easter**
Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31
- 19th Third Sunday of Easter**
Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48
- 26th Fourth Sunday of Easter**
Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

Pentecost Sunday and Annual Crawfish Boil St. Philip's 60th Anniversary! May 24th

Bishop Brown will be celebrating at the 10:30 service. Anyone interested in confirmation or being formally received into the Episcopal Church please see Fr. Steve.

April Acolytes

Volunteer acolytes requested for Maundy Thursday, April 2nd, 7:00PM and the Easter Vigil April 4th, 7:00 PM.

- 5th Sophia Lucurto (Easter Morning, 9:15AM one service)
- 12th Douglas Stinson
- 19th Jamie Camardelle
- 26th Deanna Lowe

April Ushers

- 2nd Frances Webb (Maundy Thursday, 7:00PM)
- 3rd Frances Webb (Good Friday, Noon)
- 4th Mary Ann Bass, Casey Bass (Easter Vigil, 7:00PM)
- 5th Melissa Zrabkowski, Brett Heintz (Easter, 9:15AM)
- 12th Jim Lyon, Jim Olsen
- 19th Mary Ann Bass, Casey Bass
- 26th Pamala Judd, Morris Judd

April Church Closing

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| 5th Frances Webb | 19th Kayce Stackel |
| Mark Bullard | Susette Bradley |
| 12th Norma Gatlin | 26th Bobbie Durkovich |
| Martin Lowe | Susan Smith |

Altar Guild for April

Team II: Maundy Thursday, 4/2, 7:00PM; **All Teams:** Stripping the Altar, 4/2; **Team IV:** Easter Vigil, 4/4, 7:00PM; **Teams I and III:** Easter Sunday, 4/5, 9:15AM.

- 12th Joy Kaler, Connie Brechtel, Anne Cain
- 19th Mary Ann Bass, Grace Benson, Anne Lewis, Pamala Judd
- 26th Pat Blackman, Martine Lowe, Joy Miller

needed. Please feel free to call me if you would like more information or would like to get involved in this great ministry. Please continue to consciously and daily pray for this ministry. I have genuine “Hope” for Sanctuary Farms and “Faith” that God will provide, as I pray you do too. To me, hope is not a wishy, washy “thinking” maybe something good will happen. Hope is a confident and satisfied firestorm of “knowing” that God has put us here and **will** bless this ministry so we can better serve Him. I pray you all are called to this journey.

Hope to see you on the 15th! Lots of love, Mimi

To Serve your Church is to Serve God
 Volunteers are needed in all areas of church service!
Ushers, Hospitality, Altar Guild, Choir, LEMs, Lectors, Acolytes, General Maintenance, etc.

These groups are all very important and in need of new members. To sign up, contact the office or Melissa Zrabkowski at 504-952-8180.

History of Church and State !

Rob Zrabkowski will continue the fascinating study of the history of church and state on April 15th at 9:15AM. Discussing The French Wars of Religion.

April Hospitality Guild

St. Mary Team:
Team Captain : Pat Blackman

Joy Kaler, Frances Webb, Jean Heintz, Sylvia Schwarzenbach, Elena White, Vicki Korosi

Serving Our Worship in April

8:00AM Eucharist

Lectors

- 2nd Martin Lowe (Maundy Thursday, 7:00PM)
- 3rd Frances Webb (Good Friday, Noon)
Don Schwarzenbach, Crucifer (Good Friday, 6:00PM Stations of the Cross)
- 4th Mark Bullard, Pat Blackman, Allen Hero, Martin Lowe
Brett Heintz, Crucifer, Rob Zrabkowski, Thurifer
(Easter Vigil 7:00PM)
- 5th Susan Smith, Frances Webb
(Easter Morning, 9:15AM; one service only)
- 12th Allen Hero
- 19th Rob Zrabkowski
- 26th Mark Bullard

Lay Eucharistic Ministers:

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- 26th Norma Gatlin



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