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Dear Friends,

THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED! With these words, we began our Easter celebration. Both The Saturday night Vigil and Sunday morning services were wonderful, and the Easter egg hunt and brunch went on even with the heavy rain. One thing I like most about Easter morning is the flowering of the Cross by the children. That is a moving celebration of Christ's Resurrection.

While Easter day was wonderful, our celebration does not end there. In the church, we celebrate Easter for fifty days. After the resurrection, Jesus was with His disciples for forty days then went to His Father in heaven. Ten days later, the promised Holy Spirit came on Pentecost giving rise to the Church and giving us what we need to spread the Gospel of Christ. During this time, we will hear each week from the Acts of the Apostles in which Luke tells us of the strength and struggles of the very early Church. The spiritual growth of those first followers of Christ can be an example to us all.

The Resurrection and the fact that by the grace of God we share in the Resurrection with Christ should be to us a great source of joy and peace. As with Peter and all the others, we, too, can use the celebration of Jesus' rising again to build up our spiritual

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lives. The fifty day celebration is not just a chance to justify the continued eating of our Easter candy. These days serve to remind us of the mystery and glory of God and the love God has for us and God's desire for us to receive and be thankful for that love.

I pray we all have a festive fifty days of Easter, and may God continue to bless us and our community of faith as we go about living our lives in the knowledge of the reality that Christ is risen!

In Christ,

Fr. Steve +

End of Life Planning

End of life planning is not something most of us want to deal with, but making wishes known for you and those you love is important and can relieve much stress when our earthly life ends. Information on end of life advanced planning and the things we all need to know when someone in our family dies is now available. Please contact Fr. Steve to make an appointment to receive this information and to make certain your wishes are known.

History of Church and State



Rob Zrabkowski continues his teachings on the "New England Colonies" on Sunday, April 17th, 9:15 AM, between services. Come join us.



The Vestry and Vestry Notes

1. It has been noticed that the electric bill has been too high. Susan Smith will be contacting Entergy to discuss this.
2. The organist who had been called to replace Lisa had to step back from the position do to medical reasons. A new search will begin after Easter.
3. Callie requested a temporary Sunday School person be found.
4. The Bishop's visitation on May 1st was discussed.
5. Plans were begun for the crawfish boil which is May 15 this year.
6. A six week feeding/cooking program sponsored by Second Harvest will begin on April 7th.
7. Fr. Steve will be on holiday during Easter week.

The next Vestry meeting will be Monday April 11 at 7PM.



Jamie Camardelle is still collecting aluminum soda cans which she turns in for cash for the church! Please help her by bringing in your cans to be recycled to the Parish Hall!

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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
Sunday School up to 12 yrs old
 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 Adult Bible Study

Thursday:

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

February Financial Statement

Income:	\$13,256.00
Expenses:	-\$13,233.00
YTD Projected Net Income:	-\$ 729.00
YTD Actual:	\$ 948.00

April Hospitality Guild

St. Mary's Team

Team Captain: Pat Blackman

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



Second Harvest

"Cooking Matters for Adults"

Classes will begin on Thursday, April 7th
 at from 6-8PM in the Parish Hall and continue
 weekly through May 12th.

Scouts Corner

Troop 60 meets on Thursdays from 7-8PM. They are a
 very active troop that offers great experiences to the members. If
 you are interested in joining please call Danny Baldassaro at 638-
 3441



Bishop's Visit May 1st

Bishop Thompson will be with us on
 May 1st during the 10:30 service. In
 preparation for his visit, classes for those wishing
 to be confirmed or received will begin April 13th.
 Contact Fr. Steve for more information.

Book Club

*The St. Philips Book Club will meet on April 20 at
 6:30PM in the Ministries Center.*

The book is..

*The City
 by Dean Koontz*

We hope you can join us.



Sanctuary Farm and Wellness News.....

Hello Wellness Fans:

It's an exciting time as spring is here and we are surrounded by plants bursting to life with the promise (or hope at least) of food for nourishment to our bodies. Good nourishment to our bodies is deeply connected to mind and spirit health as well. And, by the way, if you do not feel "surrounded", call me and maybe we can do something about that!

I feel I am always lead by a powerful force who guides me. I believe this is God. In my research for the digestive health studies we have been working on, I attended a 10 day wellness summit, which, for me, broke the doors wide open to the wellness information that is out there and available to us. I can't wait to share this information with you.

Through a grant given to us by **Second Harvest**, we will be hosting their "**Cooking for Adults**" series. The class had limited seating and we were able to easily fill it. If you were interested and couldn't get a spot, let me know and I will put you on a wait list, as it is my prayer that this will be a great experience for **Second Harvest** and they will want to keep coming back.

Since **Second Harvest** will run through May 12th and **Wellness** takes a break in the summer, the next **Wellness Program** will be **August 10th**. I will send out more details when it gets closer. In the meantime, our focus will be on those gardens in the back and growing our **ProFoodi** project which just may provide the funding we need to make those gardens grow. If you are interested in learning more about this project and how it can benefit you, please contact me and I will be happy to introduce you.

Sanctuary Farms, it's **Wellness Program** and the **ProFoodi** project are all great ministries of this church. If you want to be involved, please contact me. I pray in the weeks to come there will be so much for us to do!

Lots of love, Mimi

April Readings

3rd Second Sunday of Easter

Acts: 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

10th Third Sunday of Easter

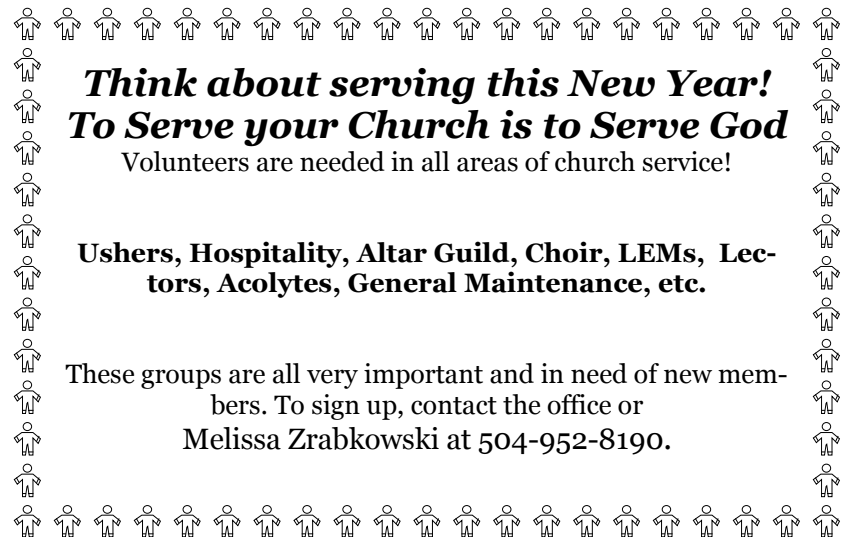
Acts:9: 1-20
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

17th Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

24th Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35



Think about serving this New Year!
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 504-952-8190.

April Flowers

3rd Norma Gatlin/Brett & Jean Heintz
10th Joy Kaler
17th Melissa & Rob Zrabkowski
24th

From the Parish Register...

Rite of Christian Burial:

Kevin Douglas Camardelle 3/14
Barbara Marguerite Adams 3/26

First Fridays

Consider signing up to host a First Friday. It's a wonderful opportunity to share time with your church family and have lots of fun too! If you wish to host a First Friday Please contact the office at 394-2408 to schedule your month.



ECW NEWS

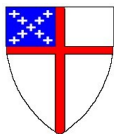


Church Periodical Club will collect donations May 1st. The money collected goes to grants for worship materials and textbooks for Seminarians.

Deanery Meeting will be April 9th from 9AM- 1PM at St. Augustine Church in Metairie.

and

The ECW Annual Gathering will be April 22-23 at St. James Church in Baton Rouge.



Outreach and Evangelism Committee (O&E)

The newly formed civic association of our neighborhood, Aurora Gardens Neighborhood Association (AGNA), continues to grow and has made their home here at St. Philip's. It was so exciting to hear these folks talk about this house as their own as they excitedly planned their future and the events they would like to have here. Please continue to be mindful of the new faces that you see around church and welcome them with the awesome St. Philip's spirit we all know.

The next O& E meeting will be April 13th in the Ministries Center. We will be discussing plans for next quarter from the Bishop's visit on May 1st through the summer. We need your input. Bring us your ideas about what we can do to build on the great things happening here at St. Philip's!

We Can Help!



St. Philip's is offering tutoring!

Tutoring sessions are being offered here 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 394-2408 or Jamie Camardelle 208-0054.

Donate with PayPal!

Supporting our church home is easy!

Mail-in, place in plate, or pay online with one-time or monthly automatic payments. To set up your donation, just log onto the website at **stphilipsno.org** and click on **Donate by PayPal**. Fill out the form to set your offering. We also have a device on site allowing us to accept credit or debit card donations of any kind! If you need help with this process, please contact Mimi or Dagny at the office!

Serving Our Worship in April

8:00AM Eucharist

Lectors

3rd Allen Hero
10th Mark Bullard
17th Allen Hero
24th Frances Webb



Lay Eucharistic Ministers

3rd Allen Hero
10th Mark Bullard
17th Norma Gatlin
24th Frances Webb

April Ushers

3rd Melissa Zrabkowski & Brett Heintz
10th Jim Lyon & Jim Olsen
17th Mary Ann & Casey Bass
24th Pamala & Morris Judd

April Church Opening

Joy Kaler, Grace Benson

April Church Closing

3rd Frances Webb **17th** Kayce Stackel
Callie Fitzgerald
10th Norma Gatlin **24th** Bobbie Durkovich
Martin Lowe Susan Smith

Serving Our Worship in April

10:30 AM Eucharist

Lectors

3rd Don Schwarzenbach
10th Tiffanie Stinson
17th Susan Smith
24th Susette Bradley



Lay Eucharistic Ministers

3rd Don Schwarzenbach
10th Brett Heintz
17th Sherri Hammatt
24th Ken Bradley

Altar Guild for April

3rd Betty Gaudet, Mary Olsen, Don Schwarzenbach,
Frances Webb
10th Joy Kaler, Connie Brechtel, Anne Cain
17th Mary Ann Bass, Grace Benson, Anne Lewis,
Pamala Judd
24th Pat Blackman, Martine Lowe, Joy Miller

April Acolytes

3rd Sophia Lucurto
10th Douglas Stinson
17th Jamie Camardelle
24th Sarah Hargrave