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Dear Friends,

The power of God is made manifest in many ways. In the month of August, there are at least two Holy Days that are magnificent examples of this. One is the Transfiguration on the 6th. This is where Peter, James, and John accompany Jesus up the mountain only to find Moses and Elijah standing with their Lord. They are so in awe of seeing Jesus transfigured they do not want to leave. Then the voice of God rings out "this is my beloved Son, listen to Him."

Another is the Feast of St. Mary on August 15th. Mary witnessed the power of God by the words of the angel that told her she was the one chosen to give birth to the Messiah. She exemplifies the power of God by being with her son through His life as a child and as one who stood at the foot of the cross. She showed faith in the power of God by being in the upper room with the apostles waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

These are great examples of God's power bursting through into God's creation. However, there are many manifestations of God's power in the world that may seem to be

more subtle. Every time we show pastoral concern for another in their time of need there is a bursting through of God's power in the world. It is the one who is the recipient of our concern and love that is the beneficiary of that power. When we offer our love reaching out to others, we are agents of God's grace, and the power that is felt by those who's need we address is no less than the power felt by Peter, James, John, and Mary.

We are all, at times, in need of pastoral care. The need to feel God's power in our lives can be profound, and the place to seek this care is the church. If anyone ever feels the need for prayer or other pastoral needs, please do not hesitate to call the church or call me directly. Never think anything is too small for prayer and care. The power of God can be made manifest in any and every situation of our lives.

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.



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.

August Church Opening

Joy Kaler, Grace Benson

August Church Closing

2nd Frances Webb
Mark Bullard

23rd Bobbie Durkovich
Susan Smith

9th Norma Gatlin
Martin Lowe

30th Kayce Stackel
Susette Bradley

16th Kayce Stackel
Susette Bradley



The Vestry and Vestry Notes

There was no vestry meeting in July

Office Hours:

Secretary: 9AM - Noon, Mon.-Fri.

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Office & Bookstore: 394-2408; Fax: 394-2450

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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
 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

Thursday:

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

*****Please note that there will be no Morning Prayer, Eucharist or Bible study, Monday, August 3rd through Wednesday, August 5th as Fr. Craft will be out of town.*****



We Can Help!

St. Philip's is offering free 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 504-394-2408 or Jamie Camardelle 504-208-0054.

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!



St. Philips' Second Annual Rummage Sale



The rummage sale was a great and successful community event and raised over \$1300.00 for our church. Thank you to Pat Blackman and the many volunteers who worked very hard to make it such a success!

History of Church and State by:

Rob Zrabkowski will return in September after this short summer break. Watch for more info. When he returns, he will be focusing on events of the 17th Century.

August Flowers

2nd	Jim & Sandra Lyon
9th	Brett & Jean Heintz
16th	Joy Miller
23rd	Pamala Judd
30th	Betty Hintz

Sanctuary Farm and Wellness News.....

Hello Wellness Fans!

Most of you know that Sophia and I have just returned from our summer vacation to visit my sister in the UK and primarily London. I can't begin to put into words how inspiring it is to be in a country so rich in history and traditions. In addition, the English people respect and honor their heritage, are so proud to be a part of it and want to tell you all about it. Most touching was being present in the part of the world where my own home church's roots lie. To be welcomed into the magnificent Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's cathedral as part of the family and to participate in St. Paul's most beautiful Sunday service is something I will not soon forget. The sudden knowledge of belonging to such a large family is a source of great strength and comfort. The experience has renewed my inspiration to continue and grow the great ministries I am blessed to serve in our very little part of the world.

So, we are finally back! **Wellness Wednesday** returns **Wednesday, August 12th, 6:30pm** in the Parish Hall. **Prep and Prepare** for this meal will be on **Tuesday, August 11th from 9:00AM to Noon**, also in the Parish Hall. Please note that this is the **2nd Wednesday of August**. This change was made to accommodate some folks who have a standing engagement on the 3rd Wednesday. Hope to see you all there.

Continuing our efforts to reach out to our neighbors and grow our church home, the next **Outreach and Evangelism (O&E) meeting** will be **August 19th at 6pm in the ministries center**. Everyone is welcome. Come see what we have done so far and bring your ideas for future efforts to share.

Feel free to visit the church veggie garden this month and cut some basil to use at home. The garden is there for you all to enjoy. When summer is done, it will be time to clean it out and get ready for Fall. Let me know if you'd like to work on that project with us.

August Readings

2nd Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Psalm 78:23-29

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

9th Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

1Kings 19: 4-8

Psalm 34:1-8

Ephesians 4:25—5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

16th Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalm 34:9-14

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6: 51-58

23rd Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Psalm 34:15-22

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

30th Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 4: 1-9

Psalm 15

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

August Hospitality Guild

St. Mary Team:

Team Captain : Pat Blackman

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

First Fridays

There will be no First Friday in August. Traditionally, this has been Fr. Steve's month. However, there is currently major city road construction being done in his neighborhood which makes access and parking very difficult. He has tentatively rescheduled for October, 2nd. The next First Friday will be:

September 4th, at the home of Sal & Mimi Lucurto

Please 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!

Call the office to reserve your month today!

504-394-2408



From the Parish Register...

Sacrament of Baptism:

Jennifer Kelsay	7/19
Les Kelsay	7/19
Kevin Sievers	7/19

Rite of Christian Burial:

James Randle Yates	7/10
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June Financial Statement

Income:	\$11,485.00
Expenses:	-\$16,239.00
YTD Projected Net Income:	-\$13,265.00
YTD Actual:	-\$10,926.00

The Camp Hardtner transportation project was a great success. The last coach ran while I was overseas, so we don't have the final tally in yet, but this project did earn money for Sanctuary Farms. Those funds will go to support the Wellness program and O&E efforts. In particular, we would like to purchase a nice projector that can be used with laptops and Ipads for educational presentations and entertainment events offered at St. Philip. Also, there are some bills due to the architect who drew the plans needed for our federal grant project.

Speaking of that project, please keep it in your daily prayers. We have waited a long time and to remind you, grant award recipients are to be notified in September. Very soon we will know if our project will be chosen for funding. If it is God's will for us to receive this grant, the money will provide a huge push forward for Sanctuary Farms and go a very long way to help us in the future.

There are exciting changes happening here at St. Philip. Come and see what we are doing and get involved! We all have something to offer. I hope to see you all at the events listed above. Please feel free to contact me for more information.

Lots of love, Mimi

Altar Guild for August

2nd Betty Gaudet, Mary Olsen, Don Schwarzenbach, Frances Webb

9th Joy Kaler, Connie Brechtel, Anne Cain

16th Mary Ann Bass, Grace Benson, Anne Lewis, Pamala Judd

23rd Pat Blackman, Martine Lowe, Joy Miller

30th Betty Gaudet, Mary Olsen, Don Schwarzenbach, Frances Webb

Serving Our Worship in August

8:00AM Eucharist

Lectors

- 2nd** Allen Hero
9th Mark Bullard
16th Frances Webb
23rd Rob Zrabkowski
30th Mark Bullard

Lay Eucharistic Ministers:

- 2nd** Allen Hero
9th Mark Bullard
16th Frances Webb
23rd Rob Zrabkowski
30th Norma Gatlin



Serving Our Worship in August

10:30 AM Eucharist

Lectors

- 2nd** Alicia Schwarzenbach
9th Tiffany Stinson
16th Martin Lowe
23rd Susan Smith
30th Jamie Camardelle

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

- 2nd** Don Schwarzenbach
9th Brett Heintz
16th Sherri Hammatt
23rd Pat Blackman
30th Ken Bradley

August Acolytes

- 2nd** Sophia Lucurto
9th Douglas Stinson
16th Jamie Camardelle
23rd Tyler Hargrave
30th Sophia Lucurto

August Ushers

- 2nd** Melissa Zrabkowski, Brett Heintz
9th Jim Lyon, Jim Olsen
16th Mary Ann Bass, Casey Bass
23rd Morris Judd, Pamala Judd
30th Pat Blackman, Volunteer

Please donate to the food bank!

Bring in just one item of non-perishable goods when even you come to church and the combined effort will go a long way to support the food bank at The United Churches of Algiers (UCA). For years St. Philips has been a major supporter of the food bank. UCA recently advised our liaison, Norma Gatlin, that their coffers were severely depleted. Please, at this time of great need, let us pull together to help feed the less fortunate in our community.

