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Dear Friends,

“And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us...” (John 1:14). This passage from the Gospel of John sums up the miracle and mystery which is Christmas. The birth of Jesus is about God coming into creation as Savior and Redeemer to free us from sin and to give us a glance into the Kingdom of Heaven. As a baby, the Word was vulnerable to the sin of the world, but God loves His creatures so much that it was worth it so that we might experience salvation.

We are still in the midst of the 12 days of the Christmas season. That is why we sing Christmas songs in church while the commercial world has moved on to its next focus. We will celebrate until the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6 where we remember the manifestation of our Lord to the gentiles showing that the Christ comes for all people. During this time, we will also celebrate the Holy Name of Jesus on January 1. This comes 8 days after His birth. According to Jewish custom, after 8 days a boy receives the mark of the covenant and is given his name. The name

The Philippian

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given was Jesus which means “God is Salvation.”

January 1st is also known by some as New Years’ Day! This event involves much celebration and food and football. It is a symbol of renewal in a way. We start a new calendar year; so, let us put the previous year behind and start afresh. This is often done by resolutions. I am not big on New Years’ resolutions (probably because I don’t keep them well!), but I offer some for all of us. Let us resolve this year to become closer to God daily reminding ourselves of the miracle of Christmas and that we are saved. Let us give thanks for, pray for, and/or participate in the many ministries and outreach programs of our church—those in existence and those which are in the works for the future. Let us resolve to be more faithful in attending church.

I pray everyone continues to have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and thank you, God, for the greatest present of all—your Son Jesus.

In Christ,

Fr. Steve +

<p style="text-align: center;">Annual meeting Sunday, January 25th, 9:30 AM</p> <p>Mark your calendars to attend as Fr. Craft will give a brief talk on the state of the parish and vestry elections will take place.</p>



The Vestry and Vestry Notes

The Rev. Stephen Craft, Susette Bradley, Ken Bradley, Mark Bullard, Norma Gatlin, Geneva Landry, Gordon Stackel, Susan Smith and Kayce Stackel.

Vestry Notes:

1. The vestry approved a resolution for the rector’s housing for 2015 to be 2200.00 per month.
2. Approved our giving to the diocese for 2015 to be 10,331 for assessment (mandatory), and 10,553 for the program budget for a total of 20,884.00.
3. Approved 3000.00 for fencing and 600.00 for a security camera system. These two items have been suggested by our insurance company and by the police to help prevent future theft.
4. Approved plumbing repairs needed for the kitchen sink, the former water fountain site, and in two bathrooms.

November Financial Statement

Income:	\$ 11,122.00
Expenses:	-\$ 16,749.00
YTD Projected Net Income:	-\$ 23,754.00
YTD Actual:	-\$ 29,953.00

Office Hours:

Secretary: 9AM - Noon, Mon.-Fri.
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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 followed by Bible Study

Thursday:

- 8:30 AM Morning Prayer

From the Parish Register:

Sacrament of Baptism:

- Isabelle Avery Smith 12/7
- Eally L. Smith IV 12/7
- Adam James Dufrene 12/14

United in Holy Matrimony:

- Donald Gordon Fleury and Tiffany Jill Buller 12/28

 * **2015 Altar Flowers** *
 * **1-11-15 The Family of Mary Beth Craft** *
 * The flower chart for 2015 is now up in church at *
 * the front entrance. If you would like to make a flower *
 * dedication, please sign your name on your requested *
 * week. Flower dedications are \$25.00. *
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First Fridays

There is no First Friday in January due to the New Year's Holiday. If you wish to host a First Friday in 2015, starting in the month of February, please contact the office to reserve your requested month! Remember, the Parish Hall can be used to host. First Fridays are a great opportunity to serve and enjoy the fellowship of your church family.



Sanctuary Farm and Wellness News.....

Wellness returns!

Wellness returns in January on **Wednesday, January 21st, 6:30 pm** in the **Parish Hall**. We have an interesting program lined up and a planned guest speaker! (I love guest speakers..). Dinner will be served, as usual, so bring a friend and show your community members what's happening at St. Philip's. This program is free and open to the public although we do take donations to cover the cost of food and research materials. Childcare is provided. We hope to see you there.

Also, the **Prep and Prepare Program** will be **Tuesday, January 20th, 9am to Noon** in the **Parish Hall**. Bring your chopping knife and board and come give us a hand as we get ready for Wednesday night!

The **Sanctuary Farms Web Site** is now live and available for your use and the **Wellness-To-Go** program is up and running. Please take some time to check it out at sanctuaryfarmspc.org. Remember, all donations collected for food ordered through the web site benefits Sanctuary Farms and all of it's functions, including the Wellness Program. Look around and let me know what you think, check out the archives, sign up for our newsletter, volunteer your time and donate funds to support Sanctuary Farms.

Renovation of the office continues and I hope to be done this month. Then, we can get back to work on the gardens which I hope to have growing by the spring. Keep Sanctuary Farms in your daily prayers. As God has lead us here and shown us the good things we can accomplish, He shall guide us to our future.

January Readings

4th Second Sunday after Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalm 84

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19

Matthew 2:1-12

11th First Sunday after the Epiphany

Genesis 1:1-15

Psalm 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

18th Second Sunday after the Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-20

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

25th Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62:6-14

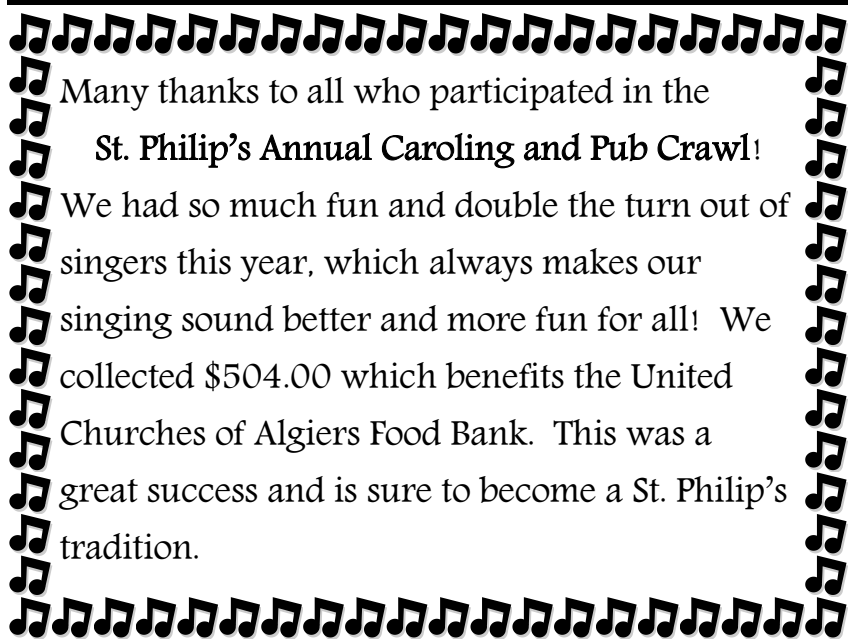
1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20



Altar Guild for January

- 4th Betty Gaudet, Mary Olsen, Don Schwarzenbach,
Frances Webb
- 11th Joy Kaler, Connie Brechtel, Anne Cain
- 18th Mary Ann Bass, Grace Benson, Anne Lewis
- 25th Pat Blackman, Martine Lowe, Joy Miller



Many thanks to all who participated in the
St. Philip's Annual Caroling and Pub Crawl!
We had so much fun and double the turn out of
singers this year, which always makes our
singing sound better and more fun for all! We
collected \$504.00 which benefits the United
Churches of Algiers Food Bank. This was a
great success and is sure to become a St. Philip's
tradition.

The Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament

A Solemn Mass will be celebrated on the Eve of the Epiphany

January 5th, 7.00 PM

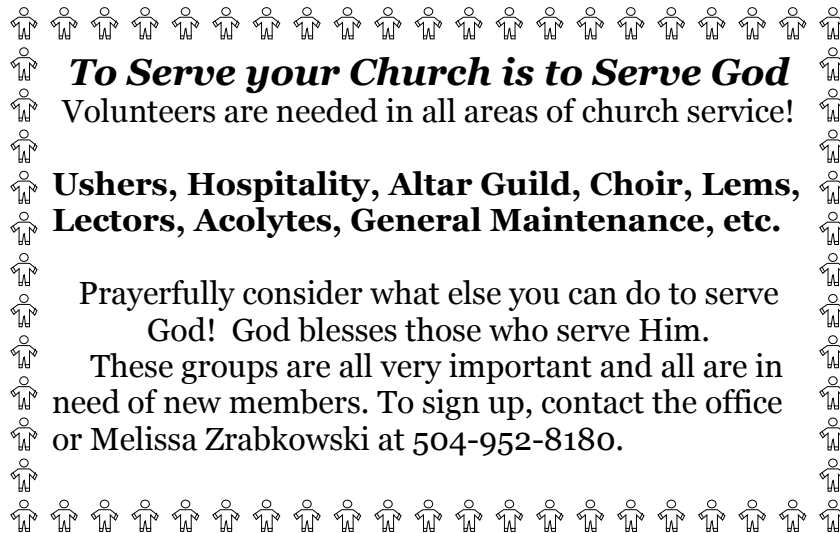
St. George's Church, 4600 St. Charles Avenue

The Confraternity's mission is to revive our rich
Episcopalian traditions. Come and See!

Blessings to you and your family in the New Year,

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.**

Prayerfully consider what else you can do to serve
God! God blesses those who serve Him.

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

January Church Opening

Joy Kaler, Grace Benson

January Hospitality Guild

St. Ruth Team:

Team Captain : Trudy Bourgeois

Anne Lewis, Debbie Yates, Kimbel Burt,
Karen Hargrave, Sandra Lyon, Joy Miller

Serving Our Worship in January

8:00AM Eucharist

Lectors:

- 4th Allen Hero
- 11th Frances webb
- 18th Mark Bullard
- 25th Allen Hero

Lay Eucharistic Ministers:

- 4th Allen Hero
- 11th Frances Webb
- 18th Mark Bullard
- 25th Norma Gatlin

January Church Closing

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| 4th | Susan Smith
Mark Bullard | 18th | Kayce Stackel
Susette Bradley |
| 11th | Norma Gatlin
Susan Smith | 25th | Ken Bradley
Gordon Stackel |

January Ushers

- 4th Mary Ann Bass, CaseyBass
- 11th Pamala Judd, Morris Judd
- 18th Pat Blackman, Volunteer
- 25th Melissa Zrabkowski, Brett Heintz

Serving Our Worship in January

10:30 AM Eucharist

Lectors

- 4th Alicia Schwarzenbach
- 11th Tiffanie Stinson
- 18th Martin Lowe
- 25th Susan Smith

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

- 4th Don Schwarzenbach
- 11th Brett Heintz
- 18th Sherri Hammatt
- 25th Pat Blackman

January Acolytes

- 4th Sophia Lucurto
- 11th Douglas Stinson
- 18th Jamie Camardelle
- 25th Tyler Hargrave



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!