

**January, 2016**

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**Issue 1**

Dear Friends,

While we still are celebrating the 12 days of the Christmas season, most of us have already given and/or received gifts. Of course, we received the greatest gift of all in the coming of Christ into the world. Today, I am thankful for the gift of the church and the beautiful Christmas services we were able to have. Those three services, however, did not just happen. They were the result of many giving us all the special Christmas gift of time, love, and prayerful ministry.

Musicians, ushers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, people who made the altar shine and be set up orderly, those who greened the church, and especially the young folk who played music or read or acted in the pageant, along with many others offered their gifts to make celebrating Jesus' birthday very special for us. Thank you one and all.

Eight days into our Christmas season, on January first, is the Feast of The Holy Name. As was custom, Joseph and Mary followed the rites of the faith among which were naming the child eight days after birth. In obedience to God's will, the name given was Jesus which means "God is salvation." We celebrate His naming because as was true then, and really is now, there is power in a name. The Church today acknowledges this in Ralph Vaughan Williams great tune which quotes Philippians 2:10 "At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow". (Hymnal 435)

# The Philippian

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January first is also New Years' Day which is a time for many to think about fresh beginnings. We celebrate heartily out with the old and in with the new with resolutions for a better year and life (a social Lent, if you will!). Among the resolutions we make I pray will be to try to remember just how Holy is the Name of Jesus. The precious and tender gift of Christ among us is not something to remember only at Christmas, but we should also remember this on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, and every day of the year. Our thoughts and prayers may sometimes wax and wane, but the love, mercy, compassion, and sustaining Grace of God made manifest before us in Christ Jesus stands strong and never failing.

May God continue to bless us this Christmas season, and may we all have a wonderful and holy New Year!

In Christ,

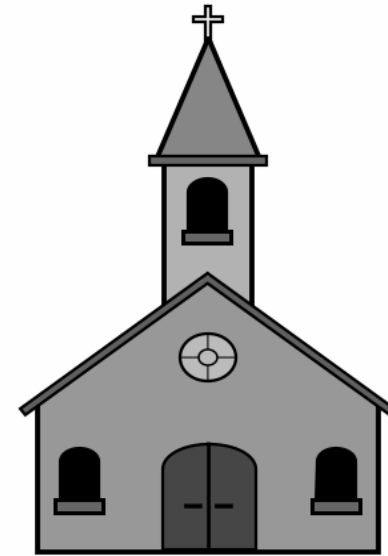
*Fr. Steve +*

### **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 Sunday, January 17th, 9:15 AM, between services. Come join us.



### **The Vestry and Vestry Notes**

There was no vestry meeting during December. However, a phone resolution was passed acknowledging the portion of the rector's salary dedicated for housing in 2016 is \$2,200.00 per month.

### **January Church Opening**

Joy Kaler, Grace Benson

### **Office Hours:**

9:00 AM - 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  
**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

### January Church Closing

<p><b>3rd</b> Frances Webb Mark Bullard</p> <p><b>10th</b> Norma Gatlin Martin Lowe</p> <p><b>17th</b> Kayce Stackel Susette Bradley</p>	<p><b>24th</b> Bobbie Durkovich Susan Smith</p> <p><b>31st</b> Frances Webb</p>
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### First Fridays

Due to the New Year's Day holiday, January First Friday will be on the second Friday, Jan 8th at 6:30 pm at the home of Bobbie Durkovich, 1318 Holiday Place.

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!



### 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

### *Angel Tree 2015*



We received an outstanding response to the Angel Tree Program this year. Thanks to all for your generosity and support and thanks to Callie Fitzgerald and Kayce Stackel for coordinating this great ministry.

### Book Club

*The First meeting of the St. Philips Book Club will be January 28th at 6:30PM At the Stackel House 373 Brookmeade Dr. in Gretna.*

*The book is..*

*Big Magic  
by Elizabeth Gilbert*

*We hope you can join us.*



## Sanctuary Farm and Wellness News.....

Hello Wellness Fans!

The next **Wellness Wednesday** will be **Wednesday, January 13th, 6:30pm in the Parish Hall**. Get ready and mark your calendars folks! This is an exciting one not to be missed!

Some dear friends of mine and I will be discussing and demonstrating the lost art of Homemade Kefir, Kombucha and Yogurt. We will briefly revisit the subject of digestive health, show you the benefits of fermented foods and demonstrate how you can make them right in your own home. Then you will have the opportunity to taste these versatile products and the recipes we have developed with them and think about how you can incorporate them into your daily routine. We can also help you get access to supplies of these homemade versions whose benefits far outweigh their commercially produced counterparts.

Since our November 2015 Wellness, there has been rapidly increasing interest in this topic. I learned that digestive health is a problem for many more folks than I originally thought and people are longing for a healthy alternative to pharmaceuticals. I began making kefir in large quantities. I also experimented with recipes from soups to soda and allowed folks to come to my home to taste. Now I can't make it fast enough!

I can't wait to share these recipes with you. Think about letting your friends in on this learning opportunity. As always, Wellness Wednesday is free and open to the public. We gladly accept donations to pay for food, research and materials. You can easily make a donation to support our efforts at [www.sanctuaryfarmspc.org](http://www.sanctuaryfarmspc.org).

There will be no Prep and Prepare for this program.

Hope to see you there!

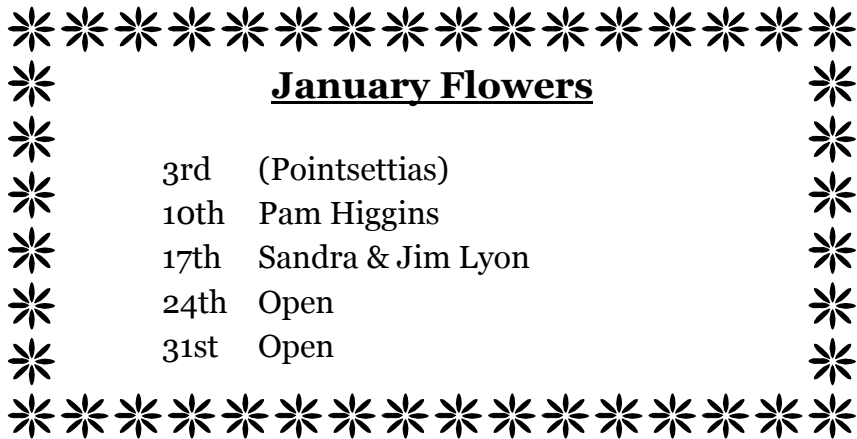
**Lots of love, Mimi**

### January Readings

- 3rd Second Sunday After Christmas**  
Jeremiah 31: 7-14  
Psalm 84  
Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a  
Matthew 2: 1-12
- 10th First Sunday After Epiphany -  
Baptism Of Our Lord**  
Isaiah 43:1-7  
Psalm 29  
Acts 8:14-17  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
- 17th Second Sunday After Epiphany**  
Isaiah 62:1-5  
Psalm 36:5-10  
1Corinthians 12:1-11  
John 2: 1-11
- 24th Third Sunday After Epiphany**  
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6,8-10  
Psalm 19  
1Corinthians 12:12-31a  
Luke 4:14-21
- 31st Forth Sunday After Epiphany**  
Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Psalm 71:1-6  
1Corinthians 13:1-13  
Luke 4:21-30

### November Financial Statement

<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$17,294.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>-\$11,668.00</b>
<b>YTD Projected Net Income:</b>	<b>-\$28,665.00</b>
<b>YTD Actual:</b>	<b>-\$8,269.00</b>



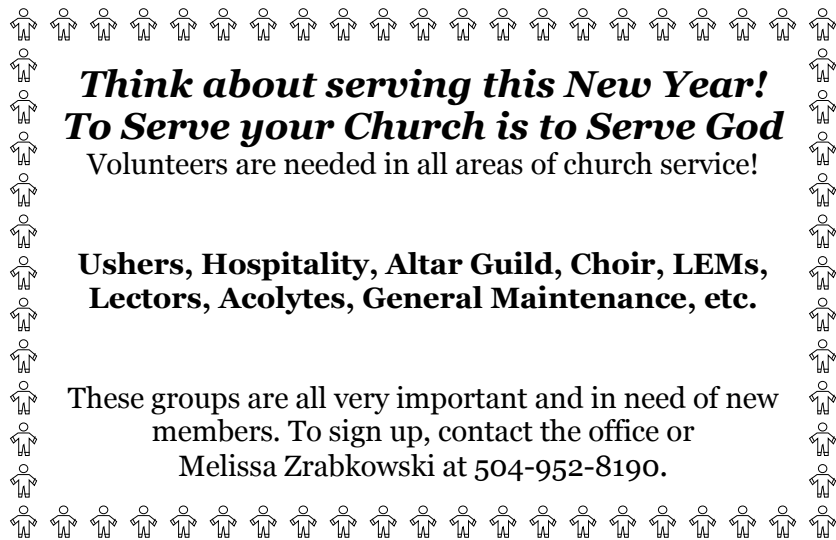
### January Flowers

- 3rd (Pointsettias)
- 10th Pam Higgins
- 17th Sandra & Jim Lyon
- 24th Open
- 31st Open

### From the Parish Register...

The Sacrament of Baptism:

<b>Sarah Christine Thrift</b>	<b>12/6</b>
<b>Catherine Yvonne Ritchie</b>	<b>12/6</b>
<b>Jude Anson Marshall</b>	<b>12/6</b>
<b>Joel Gabriel Villafranco</b>	<b>12/6</b>



### **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.

### Outreach and Evangelism Committee (O&E)

We have been working with our neighbors to develop a civic association in this area. We believe this is a great opportunity for us to get to know our neighbors and welcome them to our great church home. Please join us if you live in the neighborhood or would like to be involved. The next **Old Aurora Civic Association Meeting** will be **Thursday, January 7th, 7pm** in the **Parish Hall**. There will be a guest speaker, **Ms. Nora Ann Winbush, Senior Liaison for Neighborhood Engagement from the Office of Mayor Mitchell J. Landrieu**. Come see what she has to say and let her know your concerns.

The next **O&E meeting** will be **January 20th at 6:30pm** in the **Ministries Center**. Come see what our outreach plans are for the new year and give us your input.

### **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 January

### 8:00AM Eucharist

#### Lectors

<b>3rd</b>	Frances Webb
<b>10th</b>	Mark Bullard
<b>17th</b>	Mark Bullard
<b>24th</b>	Allen Hero
<b>31st</b>	Rob Zrabkowski



#### Lay Eucharistic Ministers

<b>3rd</b>	Frances Webb
<b>10th</b>	Mark Bullard
<b>17th</b>	Norma Gatlin
<b>24th</b>	Allen Hero
<b>31st</b>	Rob Zrabkowski

#### January Ushers

<b>3rd</b>	Pat Blackman & Volunteer
<b>10th</b>	Melissa Zrabkowski & Brett Heintz
<b>17th</b>	Mary Ann & Casey Bass
<b>24th</b>	Jim Lyon & Jim Olsen
<b>31st</b>	Pamala & Morris Judd

#### January Hospitality Guild

##### **St. Ruth Team**

##### **Team Captain: Trudy Bourgeois**

Ann Lewis, Debbie Yates, Kimbel Burt, Sandra Lyon,  
Joy Miller, Stephanie Palmisano

## Serving Our Worship in January

### 10:30 AM Eucharist

#### Lectors

<b>3rd</b>	Alicia Schwarzenbach
<b>10th</b>	Tiffanie Stinson
<b>17th</b>	Pat Blackman
<b>24th</b>	Susan Smith
<b>31st</b>	Susette Bradley



#### Lay Eucharistic Ministers

<b>3rd</b>	Don Schwarzenbach
<b>10th</b>	Brett Heintz
<b>17th</b>	Pat Blackman
<b>24th</b>	Rob Zrabkowski
<b>31st</b>	Jean Heintz

#### Altar Guild for January

<b>3rd</b>	Betty Gaudet, Mary Olsen, Don Schwarzenbach, Frances Webb
<b>10th</b>	Joy Kaler, Connie Brechtel, Anne Cain
<b>17th</b>	Mary Ann Bass, Grace Benson, Anne Lewis, Pamala Judd
<b>24th</b>	Pat Blackman, Martine Lowe, Joy Miller
<b>31st</b>	Betty Gaudet, Mary Olsen, Don Schwarzenbach, Frances Webb

#### January Acolytes

<b>3rd</b>	Sophia Lucurto
<b>10th</b>	Douglas Stinson
<b>17th</b>	Sarah Hargrave
<b>24th</b>	Sophia Lucurto
<b>31st</b>	Jamie Camardelle