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Dear Friends,

The First Letter of John 2:6 reads “...he who says he abides in him [Jesus] ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.” This season of Lent is our opportunity to do just that –walk as He walked. During these forty days, we are on a journey with Christ walking side by side with Him in the wilderness of our lives. We are tempted as He was tempted, and while He resisted the tempter, we do not always. However, through His mighty acts, we are saved and have the opportunity to repent and turn back to God.

A strong reminder of the obedience of Jesus and His mighty acts is the Stations of the Cross. This short service is a stark reminder of what Jesus went through for us. Fourteen events from when Jesus is handed over to die to when he was laid in the tomb are recounted including the indignant way He was treated and how His own mother had to see Him in such pain. Bringing to mind the suffering of Jesus is an excellent way to remind us that He did this to bring us forgiveness of our sins and that we

# The Philippian

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should repent and allow ourselves to be forgiven.

Not everyone can attend the weekly Stations in the church, but I encourage everyone to take a look at the stations on Sunday or anytime one might be at the church to see the sacred story of Jesus' day of Crucifixion. We profess Christ as our Savior. Let us all be willing to walk the way He walked—the Way of the Cross.

In Christ,

*Fr. Steve +*

**Fr. Steve's Lenten Education Series**

**"Our Hebrew Heritage"**

It's not too late to join Fr. Steve for the Lenten Education Series which studies our rich religious heritage and provides the tools needed to develop ones own personal spiritual discipline. Topics include everything from prayer to fasting to customs and holidays. See how those who came before us dedicated themselves to our Lord! Wednesdays at 6:30PM

**March 11th . Activities of Daily Living and Prayer**

**March 18th. The Law and Commandments**

**March Church Opening**

Joy Kaler, Grace Benson

**From the Parish Register:**

**The Rite of Christian Burial:**

**Matthew Albert Diecidue**



**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. It was reported that the lighting around the Ministries Building and fencing are finished. Research is being done to determine the best kind of lock to use.
2. Plans for a Lenten Series by Fr. Steve were announced. Wellness program will provide a light meal.
3. Sanctuary Farms was invited to have a table and provide some snacks at the Diocesan Convention on February 27 & 28. There was a lot of interest in this ministry.
4. Vestry officers were appointed. for 2015:  
Martin Lowe: Treasurer  
Mark Bullard: Senior Warden  
Frances Webb: Junior Warden

**January Financial Statement**

<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$ 17,140.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>-\$ 20,311.00</b>
<b>YTD Projected Net Income:</b>	<b>\$ 1,131.00</b>
<b>YTD Actual:</b>	<b>-\$ 3,171.00</b>

## 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

## May 24th is Pentecost Sunday and our annual Crawfish Boil. We will also celebrate our 60th anniversary as a congregation!

Bishop Brown will be with us. Anyone interested in confirmation or being formally received into the Episcopal Church please see Fr. Steve.

### First Fridays

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

**May First Friday** will be 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!



### PLEASE HELP WITH IMPORTANT WORK PARTY!

SATURDAY, MARCH 29 AT 9:00AM

PLEASE COME PREPARED TO TRIM BUSHES, CUT TREES,  
PUT UP CHURCH SIGNS AND MORE IN PREPARATION FOR  
EASTER

### Office Hours:

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



The Pancake Breakfast was a huge success! It was delicious, and the funds donated will help pay for some maintenance and repairs. Thanks to Gordon and Noretta Stackel for their hard work!

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

Hello Wellness Fans!

I cannot begin to tell you how busy we have been since we cut the Wellness Wednesday Program to quarterly!

For years, I have been following a federal grant program that fits perfectly with our ministry and mission. The request for applications or “RFA” comes out annually and was published at the end of February. This is a 33 page document which talks about eligibility and requirements. Now that we have our non-profit 501C3 status, we are in a good position to receive this award. It is an intense process. The registration to file grant applications alone took registering with 3 different government-related websites that speak to each other. The application is 13 pages long and requires multiple pages of attachments. The instruction booklet to fill out the application is 64 pages long. Statistics show that around 18% of applicants to this program are funded. **Application deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>!**

However, I believe that this is for us and our time has come! If we are funded we could do big things, including expanding our education programs to include the children at local schools and job training for low income youth and adults. We could finish our garden build and landscape plans and include additional interactive aspects like an edible arboretum and medicinal herb garden. The grant would also fund the remodeling of a part of the vacant ministries center to be a teaching kitchen and market which would assist in making our education programs sustainable.

I ask you to consciously and daily pray for this ministry. These are huge dreams that may seem impossible, but from where I am standing, I can see them all as reality! All things are possible with God. He will provide what we need. We have lots of support in the community with individuals, businesses and organizations. They know who we are and want us to succeed. Sanctuary Farms represented St. Philip’s at the Annual Diocese Convention and Bishop Thompson has offered his full support.

### March Readings

#### **1st Second Sunday In Lent**

Genesis 17:1-17, 15-16

Psalm 22:22-30

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38

#### **8th Third Sunday In Lent**

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

#### **15th Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Numbers 21:4—9

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

#### **22nd Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 51:1-13 (OR 119:9-16) ???

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

#### **28th Palm Sunday**

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm: 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to St. Mark

### St. Philip’s Walking Club moving for health!

Jean & Brett Heintz suggested that the members of the Walking Club might enjoy walking in the Crescent City Classic. It is fun to walk the neighborhoods of our city and what an accomplishment it would be! To participate as a group, call the church at 394-2408.

**March Acolytes**

- 1st Sophia Lucurto
- 8th Douglas Stinson
- 15th Jamie Camardelle
- 22nd Tyler Hargrave
- 29th Deanna Lowe

**March Ushers**

- 1st Pamala Judd, Morris Judd
- 8th Jim Lyon, Jim Olsen
- 15th Mary Ann Bass, Casey Bass
- 22nd Melissa Zrabkowski, Brett Heintz
- 29th Pat Blackman, Volunteer

**March Church Closing**

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|------|-----------------|------|------------------|
| 1st  | Frances Webb    | 22th | Bobbie Durkovich |
|      | Mark Bullard    |      | Susan Smith      |
| 8th  | Norma Gatlin    | 29th | Frances Webb     |
|      | Martin Lowe     |      | Mark Bullard     |
| 15th | Kayce Stackel   |      |                  |
|      | Susette Bradley |      |                  |

**Holy Week Schedule**

Maundy Thursday: Rite II 7:00PM Stripping of the Altar and All Night Vigil  
 Good Friday Liturgy: Noon; Stations of the Cross 6:00PM  
 Saturday: Great Easter Vigil 7:00pm and Agape Meal

This means a lot to the grant givers. **We have until March 15<sup>th</sup> to make this happen!**

In addition, I ask, if you are able, to prayerfully consider making a financial contribution to the project. For every dollar I ask for, I must provide a dollar for dollar match! You can donate by credit/debit card at [sanctuaryfarmspc.org](http://sanctuaryfarmspc.org) or just send in a check, made out to Sanctuary Farms, to the church. **Deadline March 15<sup>th</sup>!**

Thank you to all volunteers who have stepped up to help with gleaning the fields, prep for the Lenten Education suppers, the convention and grant writing and research. You are the best! Lots of love, Mimi



Be on the lookout for more information about a **Good Friday Fish Fry**, featuring stuffed crab. Talk to Debra Bullard if you have questions.

**March Hospitality Guild**  
**St. Joan Team:**  
**Team Captain :** Anne Cain

Mildred Smith, Janet West, Connie Brechtel, Martine Lowe, Noretta Stackel.

**Serving Our Worship in March**

**8:00AM Eucharist Lectors:**

- 1st Frances Webb
- 8th Allen Hero
- 15th Mark Bullard
- 22nd Frances Webb
- 29th Rob Zrabkowski (Palm Sunday)

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:**

- 1st Frances Webb
- 8th Allen Hero
- 15th Mark Bullard
- 22nd Norma Gatlin
- 29th Rob Zrabkowski (Palm Sunday)

**Serving Our Worship in March**

**10:30 AM Eucharist**

**Lectors**

- 1st Susan Smith
- 8th Tiffany Stinson
- 15th Sherri Hammatt
- 22nd Pat Blackman
- 29th Jean Heintz (Palm Sunday)

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers**

- 1st Don Schwarzenbach
- 8th Brett Heintz
- 15th Sherri Hammatt
- 22nd Pat Blackman
- 29th Jean Heintz (Palm Sunday)

**History of Church and State returns!**

**Rob Zrabkowski** will continue the study of the history of church and state on March 15th at 9:15AM. Discussing Philip II and the Spanish "World Monarchy". Don't miss it!

**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.

**Altar Guild for March**

- 1st Betty Gaudet, Mary Olsen, Don Schwarzenbach, Frances Webb
- 8th Joy Kaler, Connie Brechtel, Anne Cain
- 15th Mary Ann Bass, Grace Benson, Anne Lewis, Pamala Judd
- 22nd Pat Blackman, Martine Lowe, Joy Miller
- 29th Betty Gaudet, Mary Olsen, Don Schwarzenbach, Frances Webb

**Important Altar Guild meeting** on Saturday, March 21st at 9:00AM in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. There will be a small repast.