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# The Philippian

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St. Philip's Episcopal Church  
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Dear Friends,

We are halfway through Lent. This coming Sunday, March 6, is rose Sunday. The rose (or faded violet) vestments and altar hangings are a sign that our Lenten sacrifice and discipline will soon be over, and there is light at the end of the spiritual journey tunnel. That end, of course, is the Feast of the Resurrection-Easter Day.

Easter is one of the greatest days in the Church. It is the day that we celebrate the mystery of the resurrection and how we share in that resurrection to eternal life through our baptism. However, before we get to Easter, we have the rest of Lent especially Holy Week. One of the most meaningful times in our Church year, Holy Week is when we walk with Christ through the events of His last week before the crucifixion.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday. After His long journey to Jerusalem, Jesus entered the city as the people gathered shouting "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!!" We will on Palm Sunday gather outside with our branches of Palm and sing "Blest be the King whose coming!" joining Jesus on His triumphant entry!

While each day of Holy Week represents to us events during Jesus' last week, special attention is paid to the sacred three days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

Maundy Thursday is the evening where Jesus is betrayed by Judas, and it is the remembrance of Jesus' Last Supper. As this service comes to an end, the altar is stripped and the church is prepared for the all night vigil as we join Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. People come for an hour at a time to respond YES to Jesus' question to His disciples "can you not stay awake with me one hour?"

Good Friday we share with Christ the suffering of the Cross through prayer and scripture. On Holy Saturday night, we celebrate the Great Vigil of Easter. In this holy and moving service, we celebrate the victory of the Light over darkness, and there is the first communion of Easter. Following this service, there is a festive agape meal (reception).

I encourage everyone to end their Lenten journey by taking advantage of Holy Week and especially the sacred three days. By walking with Jesus during His last hours, we can more fully experience the blessed joy of the discovery of that empty tomb on Easter morning.

In Christ,

### **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.

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

1. Keith Herron and Callie Fitzgerald were introduced and welcomed as the newly elected members of the vestry.
2. Frances Webb was approved as Senior Warden. The Junior Warden's spot remains vacant.
3. Cleaning of the playground equipment will be done soon. More and more children are wanting to use the playground.
4. Issues concerning church closing and scheduling for Sunday mornings was discussed.
5. It was reported that the new civic association for the church's neighborhood has been formed and is using the parish hall for its meetings. This is a positive sign that we are getting people to use our facility and that they are learning more about us as a church.
6. Callie reported on the success of the new Mothers' Day Out program for mothers of children with autism.
7. Preparations for the Lenten fish fry on Good Friday are gearing up.
8. The vestry was reminded that Lisa Cairns will be retiring on February 28. The search for a new organist is underway.



Bring in your aluminum soda cans and Jamie Camardelle will turn them in for recycling and cash for our church !

### **March Church Opening**

Joy Kaler, Grace Benson

## 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 Financial Statement

<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$16,637.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>\$15,731.00</b>
<b>YTD Projected Net Income:</b>	<b>\$- 1,832.00</b>
<b>YTD Actual:</b>	<b>\$ 906 .00</b>

## *March Hospitality Guild*

### **St. Joan Team**

#### **Team Captain: Anne Cain**

Mildred Smith, Janet West, Connie Brechtel  
 Martine Lowe, Noretta Stackel, Kate Kelsay

### Office Hours:

9:00 AM - Noon, Mon.-Fri.  
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## Holy Week Service Schedule

Sunday, March 20th: **Palm Sunday**, Rite I, 8AM and Rite II, 10:30AM

Monday, March 21st: **Chrism Mass**, at St. Georges, 11:00AM

Wednesday, March 23rd: Rite I, 9:00AM

**Maundy Thursday**, March 24th, Rite II, 7:00PM  
 followed by the stripping of the altar and all night vigil

**Good Friday**, March 25th, 12:00PM Good Friday Liturgy, 6:00PM, Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday**, March 26th, **Great Easter Vigil**, 7:00PM, with incense, followed by Agape meal

**Easter Sunday**, March 27th, Rite II 9:30AM,  
**One service only with flowering of the Cross, followed by Brunch and Egg Hunt**

## Book Club

*The St. Philips Book Club will meet March 31st at 6:30PM in the Ministries Center .*

*We are currently reading...  
**The Girl on the Train**  
 by Paula Hawkins*

*We hope you can join us.*



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

Hello Wellness Fans!

At the last two Wellness Wednesday sessions, we focused on digestive system health, why it is so important for all body systems to operate effectively and those things we can do to improve our digestive system from the inside. Our **Probiotic Foods Production and Distribution Initiative**, or “**ProFoodi**” is now in full swing. If you are interested in learning about these beneficial foods and how to make them for yourself and your family, or you would like to have access to the prepared products, please contact me and I will be happy to introduce you.

The next **Wellness Wednesday** will be **Wednesday, March 16th, 6:30pm in the Parish Hall**. Daylight savings time will have begun and I for one will happily welcome the extended sunshine. We will be changing gears and once again returning to gardening and growing some food of your own. We will have seedlings for your garden to give you a head start. There will be a participatory dinner at this session, so once again, there will be no Prep and Prepare on Tuesday. We hope you can join us.

**Second Harvest** will be hosting their “**Cooking Matters**” series here at St. Philip’s **Thursdays, April 7th-May 12th**. If you’d like to participate, contact me. There is more information on this program at the church.

Keep in mind that as an outreach ministry of our church, Sanctuary Farms is supported by us. 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).

**Lots of love, Mimi**



**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.

## March Readings

### **6th** *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

Joshua 5:9-12  
Psalm 32  
2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

### **13th** *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

Isaiah 43:16-21  
Psalm 126  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
John 12:1-8

### **20th** *Palm Sunday*

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Luke 22:14-23:56

### **24th** *Maundy Thursday*

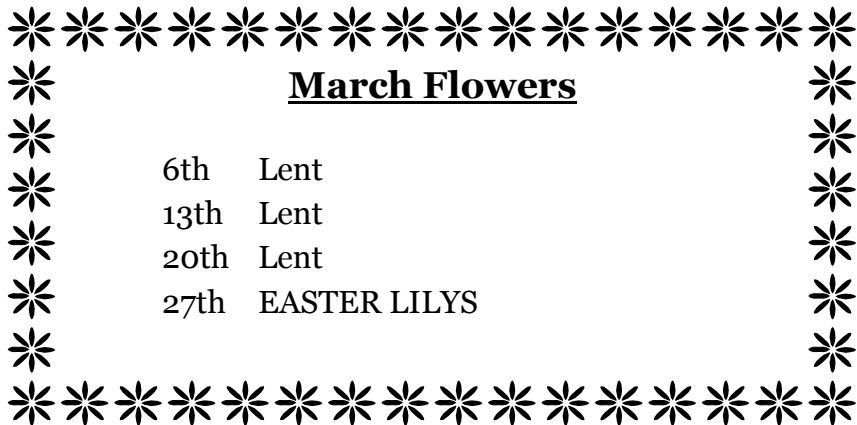
Exodus 12:1-14  
Psalm 116:1, 10-17  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

### **25th** *Good Friday*

Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
Psalm 22:1-11  
Hebrews 10:16-25  
John 18:1-19:42

### **27th** *Easter Sunday*

Acts 10:34-43  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Corinthians 15:19-26  
John 20:1-18



### March Flowers

6th Lent  
 13th Lent  
 20th Lent  
 27th EASTER LILYS

### From the Parish Register...

The Rite of Christian Burial:

Betty Shofner Cecil - 2/13/16

Brian Allen Shepler - 2/16/16

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

It's official! **Aurora Gardens Neighborhood Association** has come together, elected officers, approved a constitution and at least for now, has made St. Philip's their home. This is important for us as it means this neighborhood is organizing and the excitement is building towards its improvement. With every meeting, this association grows and more people discover St. Philip's and walk through our doors. Please be mindful of welcoming people you don't recognize in church. They could be our neighbors.

The next **O&E Meeting** will be **Wednesday, April 20th at 6:30pm** in the **Ministries Center**. Join us. We need your input!

### **5th Annual Good Friday Fish Fry**

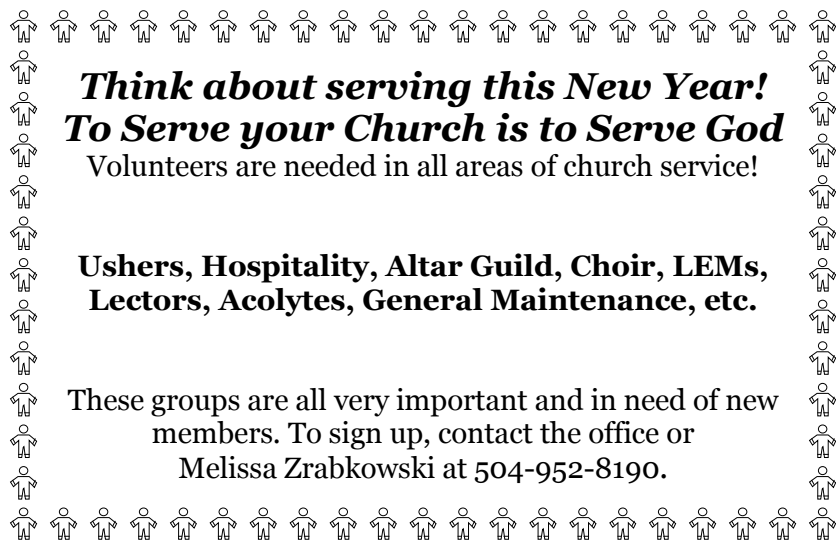


March 25th from 11AM-2PM

In the Parish Hall

Adults \$12.00 Children \$ 8.00

includes Fish and choice of Potato Salad, Cole Slaw or Mac & Cheese, Corn, Bread and Dessert. Call Church at **394-2408** or Debra Bullard **912-3214** for tickets.



**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.



### **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 **stphilisno.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 March**

**8:00AM Eucharist**

**Lectors**

**6th** Frances Webb  
**13th** Allen Hero  
**20th** Mark Bullard  
**24th Maundy Thursday 7PM** Susette Bradley  
**25th Good Friday NOON** Jamie Camardelle  
**26th Easter Vigil 7PM** Allen Hero, Martin Lowe  
 Don Schwarzenbach,  
 Susan Smith  
  
**27th 9:30 AM** Martin Lowe



**Lay Eucharistic Ministers**

**6th** Frances Webb  
**13th** Allen Hero  
**20th** Mark Bullard  
**24th Maundy Thursday 7PM** Brett Heintz  
**25th Good Friday NOON** Norma Gatlin  
**26th Easter Vigil 7PM** Don Schwarzenbach  
 Rob Zrabkowski, Thurifer  
  
**27th 9:30AM** Sherri Hammatt

**March Acolytes**

**6th** Sophia Lucurto  
**13th** Douglas Stinson  
**20th Palm Sunday** Jamie Camardelle  
**24th Maundy Thursday** Volunteers  
**25th Good Friday** Volunteers  
**26th Easter Vigil** Volunteers  
**27th** Sarah Hargrave

**Serving Our Worship in March**

**10:30 AM Eucharist**

**Lectors**

**6th** Don Schwarzenbach  
**13th** Tiffanie Stinson  
**20th** Susan Smith  
**27th** Martin Lowe



**Lay Eucharistic Ministers**

**6th** Don Schwarzenbach  
**13th** Jean Heintz  
**20th** Pat Blackman  
**27th** Sherri Hammatt

**Altar Guild for March**

**6th** Betty Gaudet, Mary Olsen, Don Schwarzenbach,  
 Frances Webb  
**13th** Joy Kaler, Connie Brechtel, Anne Cain  
**20th** Mary Ann Bass, Grace Benson, Anne Lewis,  
 Pamala Judd  
**27th** Pat Blackman, Martine Lowe, Joy Miller

**March Ushers**

**6th** Melissa Zrabkowski & Brett Heintz  
**13th** Jim Lyon & Jim Olsen  
**20th** Mary Ann & Casey Bass  
**27th** Pamala & Morris Judd

**March Church Closing**

**6th** Frances Webb Callie Fitzgerald  
**13th** Norma Gatlin Martin Lowe  
**20th** Kayce Stackel  
**27th** Bobbie Durkovich Susan Smith