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Dear Friends,

We are in the midst of the great fifty days of Easter. The Resurrection of Jesus is the defining moment of Christianity, but our celebration only begins on Easter day. This season honors the forty days Jesus walked on Earth after the resurrection until His ascension into heaven. Then, ten days later, Eastertide ends with The Feast of Pentecost.

Pentecost is a major Holy Day in the Church ranking with Christmas and Easter. However, its importance is often overlooked. Before Jesus was arrested and again before he ascended, He promised the apostles that the Father would send them a counselor, the Holy Spirit. In the second chapter of Acts, we read that this promise was fulfilled and “they were all filled with the Holy Spirit...” This is Pentecost, the coming of the power of the Holy Spirit. On that day, the Church was born and filled with the Spirit creating a community of love and faithful servanthood.

Each of the last several years, we have held our annual crawfish boil on Pentecost, and this year is no exception. What is different about this year is that while we honor the birthday of the Church, we will be celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of our church parish.

# The Philippian

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St. Philip's Episcopal Church  
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The community of St. Philip's is a direct descendent of that first Pentecost, and the same Holy Spirit continues to fill and fuel our congregation. The power of the Spirit can be seen when folk kneel at the altar rail in that most intimate moment of receiving Christ in the sacrament. The power can be seen in all of the people who do so much during the week to be good stewards of our church and in the various education programs and in the pastoral work of the parish. All of the ministries in and through our community of faith are directed by the Spirit.

Come on May 24<sup>th</sup>, Pentecost, and let us all celebrate the gift of the Spirit and the birthday of both the Church and our church. Invite your friends to join us, and if anyone ever asks if we are a Spirit filled church, use the words of our own St. Philip and tell them "come and see."

In Christ,

*Fr. Steve +*



**Pentecost Sunday, May 24th  
Annual Crawfish Boil  
St. Philip's 60th Anniversary!**

- What a day for St. Philip's parishioners!
- This year, not only will we celebrate our much beloved **Annual Crawfish Boil**, but this year also marks the celebration of **St. Philip's 60th year as a congregation!** That is certainly something to celebrate!
- Bishop Brown will be celebrating at the 10:30 service.
- Anyone interested in confirmation or being formally received into the Episcopal Church please see Fr. Steve.



**The Vestry and Vestry Notes**

The Rev. Stephen Craft, Susette Bradley, Mark Bullard  
Bobbie Durkovich, Norma Gatlin, Martin Lowe, Susan  
Smith, Kayce Stackel, and Frances Webb

Vestry Notes:

1. The Sr. Warden has procured a handheld device that will allow donations to the church to be made by debit or credit card using the existing Paypal account on our website. We are currently working on getting that device connected to the Paypal account.
2. We are currently getting quotes to replace the ice machine that ceased to work.
3. A discussion was held about the possibility of having only one Sunday service for part of summer sometime in the future.
4. Konica Minolta is trying to collect late fees accrued due to an error they made on our billing. We are not paying the late fees.
5. The crawfish boil was discussed.
6. The rector reported that Lent, Holy Week, and the one service on Easter morning went very well.

**March Financial Statement**

<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$ 17,753.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>-\$ 21,718.00</b>
<b>YTD Projected Net Income:</b>	<b>-\$ 4,779.00</b>
<b>YTD Actual:</b>	<b>-\$ 8,771.00</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

### Office Hours:

Secretary: 9AM - Noon, Mon.-Fri.  
Bookstore Hours: 9:00AM - Noon, Sunday  
Office & Bookstore: 394-2408; Fax: 394-2450  
Email: stphilipsno@msn.com  
Website: stphilipsno.org

## First Fridays:

Our **May First Friday** will be this Friday, May 1st at the church sponsored by Jamie Camardelle. Bring a dish and/or beverage of your choice to share along with some great fun with your church family.

If you wish to host a First Friday in 2015, please contact the office to reserve your requested month!



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!



### Free Tutoring Sessions for all ages!

Tutoring session for grade school through college are being offered 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.

## History of Church and State !

**Rob Zrabkowski** will continue the fascinating study of the history of church and state on **May 17th at 9:15AM**. He will discuss The French Wars of Religion.

### May Church Opening

Joy Kaler, Grace Benson

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

Hello Wellness Fans!

Mark your calendars, as **Wellness Wednesday** will return **Wednesday, August 12th, 6:30pm** in the Parish Hall after the summer break! **Prep and Prepare** for this meal will be on **Tuesday, August 11th from 9:00AM to Noon** in the Parish Hall. Please note that this is the **2nd Wednesday of August**. We made this change to accommodate some folks who have a standing engagement on the 3rd Wednesday. Hope to see you all there. In the meantime watch for other classes and offerings of Sanctuary Farms, Inc. as we have been working with some new partners to develop some fun and educational projects for the Spring and Summer.

I would like to announce that the renovation of the office of Sanctuary Farms, Inc., located in the Ministries Center, is complete! It was a lot of work, but certainly a labor of love for me. It has been such a joy to have a nice new place to focus and do God's work. I invite you all to **come and see our new place**. This month, we will begin **regular office hours from 9AM to Noon on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday and Wednesday 1pm to 4pm**. You can also visit at other times by appointment. Just call the office at 504-392-2386. We will soon have seedlings available for your garden and hope to have a health screening tool to offer visitors within the month. There is no word yet on the progress of the federal grant. I periodically check the website, although I don't expect to hear anything until much later in the year. Until then, Dagny and I have been on the hunt for all forms of funding to keep our ministry alive. We are working to fill the financial pipeline with funding opportunities in faith, hoping soon our prayers will be answered. By the way, if you haven't met Dagny, she is your fellow congregation member who I have been referring to as my "Administrative Assistant". She has voluntarily taken upon herself many tasks to assist me in every aspect of running this ministry. With her help, and the help of other dedicated volunteers, I have been able to put our very clear, detailed, 4 year business plan into action. If you would like to help with this process, please give us a call. Join us. We are doing God's work and having fun in the process!

## May Readings

- 3rd Fifth Sunday after Easter**  
Acts 8:26-40  
Psalm 22:24-30  
I John 4:7-21  
John 15:1-8
- 10th Sixth Sunday after Easter**  
Acts 10:44-48  
Psalm 98  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 15:9-17
- 17th Seventh Sunday after Easter**  
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
Psalm 1  
1 John 5:9-13  
John 17:6-19
- 24th Day of Pentecost**  
Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:25-35, 37  
Romans 8:22-27  
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
- 31st Trinity Sunday**  
Isaiah 6:1-8  
Canticle 2 (Rite I) Canticle 13 (Rite II)  
Romans 8:12-17  
John 3:1-17



**May Acolytes**

- 3rd Sophia Lucurto
- 10th Jamie Camardelle
- 17th Douglas Stinson
- 24th Tyler Hargrave
- 31st Jamie Camardelle

**May Ushers**

- 3rd Pat Blackman, Volunteer
- 10th Melissa Zrabkowski, Brett Heintz
- 17th Mary Ann Bass, Casey Bass
- 24th Jim Lyon, Jim Olsen
- 31st Pamala Judd, Morris Judd

**May Church Closing**

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|------|----------------------------------|------|----------------------------------|
| 3rd  | Frances Webb<br>Mark Bullard     | 17th | Kayce Stackel<br>Susette Bradley |
| 10th | Norma Gatlin<br>Martin Lowe      | 24th | Bobbie Durkovich<br>Susan Smith  |
|      | 31st Norma Gatlin<br>Martin Lowe |      |                                  |

**Altar Guild for May**

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

We use funds to buy gardening supplies, seeds and food, beverages and research materials for the Wellness Program and other classes and offerings. We also purchase supplies needed when we go out into the world representing St. Philip’s at events and exhibitions. If you would like to partner with this ministry, you can sign up to have a monthly donation of any amount conveniently charged to your Visa, Mastercard, American Express or Discover account. Visit our website at **sanctuaryfarmspc.org**. On the first page, click the “DONATE” button. Fill out the information on the Paypal page and at the top, fill in your donation amount and check the “Make recurring” box. It’s that simple!

Come visit us! Hope to see you soon...

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.**

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

**May Hospitality Guild**

**St. Ruth Team:**

**Team Captain :** Trudy Bourgeois

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

**Serving Our Worship in May**

**8:00AM Eucharist**

**Lectors**

- 3rd Frances Webb
- 10th Allen Hero
- 17th Mark Bullard
- 24th Allen Hero
- 31st Rob Zrabkowski

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:**

- 3rd Frances Webb
- 10th Allen Hero
- 17th Mark Bullard
- 24th Allen Hero
- 31st Rob Zrabkowski



**Serving Our Worship in May**

**10:30 AM Eucharist**

**Lectors**

- 3rd Alicia Schwarzenbach
- 10th Tiffany Stinson
- 17th Martin Lowe
- 24th Susan Smith
- 31st Jamie Camardelle

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers**

- 3rd Don Schwarzenbach
- 10th Brett Heintz
- 17th Sherri Hammatt
- 24th Pat Blackman
- 31st Ken Bradley



**The Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Fr. Richard Easterling, Conveynor**

Is hosting an **Evensong and Benediction**

**Thursday, May 7th, 7pm**

At **The Church of the Annunciation**

Our own Fr. Stephen Craft will be the preacher at this service. The Confraternity's mission is to bring back and develop a renewed appreciation for forms of worship that are a part of our Episcopal heritage that have been lost and neglected over time.

These various services are an opportunity to enrich your prayer life and deepen your relationship with God.

**From the parish register:**

The Sacrament of Baptism:

**Zachary James Conner April 5**

The Rite of Christian Burial:

**Nell Craft Hardage April 18**

