Weekly Parish Newsletter

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 27, 2022

Scriptures:

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

LENT
Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Note:

All updated protocols of our worship service, including Holy Communion at the altar, will be observed. We will continue to provide a live podcast of our 10:30 am Sunday Service and a follow-up podcast that will be available each Sunday. The Sunday Podcast bulletin is available as an attachment to this email.

Updated Guidelines

* **Masks are now recommended but optional for all services and inside activities. At this point, all other protocols will continue to be in place until further notice. We continue to encourage vaccinations in our parish and in the community.**
- There will be disposable face masks available for those who wish to wear them and hand sanitizer at each entry/exit location.
- Available seating will continue to be strategically marked to safeguard social distancing in the church.
- Readers will be able to return to their Sunday assignments.
- Service bulletins will continue to be published for congregational use.
- Congregational singing will now resume.
- Offering plates will now be circulated during offertory.
- Use of Holy Oil and personalized blessings will resume.
- Communion at the Altar will resume with the offering of the Host and/or the Host tinctured (dipped) in the Wine.
- There will continue to be no Coffee Hour at this time.
- There will be no nursery at this time.

Important Announcement!

Beginning Easter Sunday, all Covid protocols and guidelines will be discontinued, and all activities and liturgical observances will return to a "normal" status as approved by our St. Philip Vestry. The exception will be a continuation of tincture only with the Common Cup of Communion wine until further notice. We will continue to monitor any new or changing health concerns and will adapt accordingly. Until then, celebrate and enjoy this current reprieve! Finally! It may have felt like one long Good Friday but … Easter is coming! Thanks be to God!

2022 LENTEN PROGRAM

SEVEN WORDS
Listening to Christ from the Cross
By Susan G. Robb
Lenten — Adult Formation Class

In "Seven Words", Susan Robb looks at the seven last words of Christ on the cross through a lens that finds life and hope in his final sayings, while exploring each from a biblical and historical perspective. On the cross, His most vulnerable moment, reveals Jesus' deepest love for us, his fullest humanity and his surest trust in the Father. This book brings a hopeful and contemplative take on the cross during the weeks of Lent.

Come join us during our Lenten Study Series as we journey together in a 6 session, DVD guided study that will begin March 6, the first Sunday of Lent, at 9:15am in the Parish Life Center. The books cost $12.00 and can be picked up on Sundays in the classroom or at the office before March 6. Please come!

Wednesday Night Lenten Program

Each week, you are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings as we journey together through the Stations of the Cross during the season of Lent.

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross, *Nave*

March 9
Traditional Stations of the Cross
March 16
Stations from the Perspective of the Blessed Virgin Mary
March 23
Meditation on the Heart of the Father
March 30
Stations from a Youth Perspective
April 6
A special presentation of the Stations of the Cross

ECW
Slicing & Dicing Pickle Party!
The first step in the Famous St. Philip pickle-making process will take place on Friday, April 1st at 10 am in the PLC.
We need all the pickle making people we can get! (no experience necessary)
Please join Us!
It helps if we know you will join us - call Margaret 901-755-4426
Bring your favorite knife!
PLAN AHEAD: ECW—Spring Goodie Sale will be May 1st!

HOLY WEEK SERVICES
April 10 - April 17

Palm/Passion Sunday
Sunday, April 10
8:00 am and 10:30 am
(Services begin under the oak tree.)

Maundy Thursday Liturgy
Thursday, April 14
6:30 pm
Prayer Vigil, 8pm - 11am
(Bring you own meditations)

Good Friday Liturgy
Friday, April 2
12:10 pm

The Great Vigil of Easter
Saturday, April 16
7:30 pm
(Services begin at the cemetery.)

Easter Day
Sunday, April 17
8:00 am and 10:30 am

Our Holy Week Prayer Vigil Sign-Up

It has been a tradition in many churches to observe a perpetual prayer vigil from the close of the Maundy Thursday service until the noonday Good Friday service. Thankfully, St. Philip has honored this sacred tradition of the church by parishioners signing up for each hour during this time frame on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Knock on the East Parish Hall door next to the Hearth Room for a prayer partner to let you in the locked door.

Easter Flowers

Don't forget to sign up if you'd like an Easter Flower dedicated to a loved one. They are $24 this year. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board!

HELP UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

Episcopal Relief & Development is working closely with Anglican agencies and ecumenical partners to meet the urgent humanitarian needs of Ukrainian refugees in Europe. People quickly packed up and fled Ukraine to safety and are now in need of basic supplies and will need long-term support. Your contribution to the Episcopal Relief & Development International Disaster Response Fund will help provide clothing, food, water and other items.

To make an online donation, to the International Disaster Response Fund

CLICK HERE: episcopalrelief.org/ ukraine-crisis.

Thank you for your compassion and prayers. With your partnership, we are working together for lasting change.

Episcopal Relief & Development
Working Together for Lasting Change

Thistle & Bee Ministry: Learn How Love Heals

Thistle & Bee offers women hope and healing through a holistic residential and therapeutic clinical program and employment in their social enterprise paving the future for the next generation. The women in the Thistle & Bee program are breaking the cycle of poverty and multi-system failure that has brought us to a place where sex trafficking and prostitution are at an unprecedented high. Thistle & Bee provides each woman services based on her needs. The clinical program is two years and the social enterprise offers up to 18 months of employment in a supportive environment, with the potential for employment and mentoring roles beyond that. The model works!

CLICK Here to see the Fall 2021 Honey Harvest.

Our ECW group is proud to host Rev. Eyleen Farmer, Founder and President Emeritus of Thistle & Bee on Sunday, March 20th at both services. She and ladies from the program will be at St. Philip to share information and to sell some of the products they produce while participating in the program. ECW will also collect personal items for the ladies at Thistle & Bee for our Lenten/Spring Outreach. The collection box is in the Parish Hall.

The "Hive" needs the following items:

Kitchen
Trash Bags
Cleaning Supplies
Paper Towels
Aluminum Foil
Paper Plates
Plastic Eating Utensils
Zip Lock Bags
Laundry/Bathroom
White Bath Towels/Washcloths
Tide Laundry Pods
Toilet Paper
Kleenex
Dial Bar Soap
So the ladies can keep in touch with family:
Books of Stamps for 11 ladies
Stationary/Notecards for 11 ladies

The ladies from Thistle & Bee were very grateful for our generosity this past Sunday during their Honey & More Sale. They were even more moved by the immense donations in the collection box! Please continue to fill the box!

Prescription Bottle Ministry
(Sponsored by Men's Club)

Free clinics through out the world distribute medications from bulk containers and not in the amber / blue bottles we are used to. More often than not medications are distributed to patient in a folded tissue or envelope with dosage and other information written on the envelope or on an accompanying piece of paper. The patient then puts the tissue in their pocket for the trip home. The medicine may be lost or deteriorate on the way home. Working to end that situation is Matthew25ministries.com working with Morning Sun Cumberland Presbyterian Church and now St. Philip Episcopal Church by recycling the empty pharmaceutical bottles we usually discard.

Thanks for all the Pill Bottles! Keep them Coming!

Acceptable collection items include:
- Prescription pill bottles (Large & Small)
- Pill Bottles with and without secure caps (child-resistant)
- *Pill bottles* that are not appropriate for medical supplies are recycled and will generate revenue that supports Matthew 25: Ministries' programs. If you wish to prepare bottles for medical use rather than recycling, please adhere to the following guidelines:

Prep Instructions:
- Bottles included in shipments of medical supplies must have an all plastic lid.
- Remove labels, leaving no glue or residue.
- Wash bottles in very hot water and dish soap.
- Rinse and dry thoroughly.
- Replace lids on clean, dried bottles.
- Place clean, recapped bottles in large ziplock bags marked "Clean Bottles." These will be blended with medical supplies.
- Any member may give the empty bottles to David Delich of the Men's Club or place in a basket located in the Parish Hall with a " Pill Bottle Ministry" sign.

We hope we can collect enough bottles to make monthly shipments to Matthew25 Ministries.
St. Philip Men's Club

Inclement Weather Policy

Unless there are some rare, unusual circumstances, all services will be held at the normal times regardless of weather conditions. It is so difficult, if not impossible, for everyone to get the message of a last minute cancellation, so I will be present for those who may come to these services. Having said that, please make your own decision of safety and well being (You will be forgiven!) about attending services during inclement weather.
Fr. Terry +

Sunday podcast Update

We are pleased to announce we now have a more streamlined process to engage in our online Sunday morning service. Not only has it made the job behind the scenes much easier, the viewer gets a few perks, too! You no longer need to search for the Sunday email with the new link. Now there is one link good for EVERY Sunday. Save this link https://www.stphilipecmemphis.org/live-streaming or click on **"Worship"**, then **"Worship – Live Streaming"** from the church main page. We are currently keeping about four live streaming service videos at a time. Click the three lines below the video to pick which Sunday service you want to view. For more history on the recorded services click on the link: https://www.stphilipecmemphis.org/podcasts-of-recent-sermons. This can also be accessed by clicking **"Worship"** then **"Recent Sermons Archive"** from the main church page. Not only can you save these links in your favs or bookmarks, but you can rewind and fast forward during the service. Better yet, it will be there in full no matter what time you link up! So, you don't have to be "present" exactly at 10:30 to get the full service. Actually, you may use these links to enjoy the service any time.

Communication *Please!*

More than ever, it is important for our Parishioners to faithfully read all emails from St. Philip in a timely manner in order to receive the latest announcements, information and updates during this time. It also is a means by which we can stay and feel connected to our parish and Diocesan family during these turbulent times and period of isolation. You can find Bishop Phoebe's latest message at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe7_imu1HDcxaRW18g4ahuA/featured

E-mail!

To Receive the *Diocesan E-Communicator*
If you would like to receive the weekly Diocesan newsletter, *The Communicator* and Diocesan updates, you can subscribe by going to: http://bit.ly/3bzJwiL

Jonathan Bennett's Weekly Blog

For those of you who may not know, Jonathan Bennett has a weekly blog that is interesting and inspirational. We give thanks for the Bennett Family that continues to bless us with their gifts of Christian education, formation, and inspiration. You can follow Jonathan's weekly blog on:
publishedwiththanksgiving.com

Wednesday Healing Service

AND BY HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED

We will continue our weekly Wednesday Healing Service with Holy Communion at 12:10 pm. All previous and current protocols of a worship service, including Holy Eucharist, will be observed. We welcome anyone who would like to attend.

HELP FEED THE NEED

MID-SOUTH FOOD BANK — FEEDING THE NEED

Food Drive to Support Mid-South Food Bank

30% of children in the Mid-South don't know when they'll eat next because of Covid-19

1 in 4 Mid-southerners are living food insecure.

300+ food pantries, soup kitchens & shelters rely on the Food Bank.

24.5% of Mid-Southerners are living with hunger. Over 133,000 are Seniors.

136,382 children are food insecure and hungry on a regular basis.

EVERY $1.00 DONATED PROVIDES 3 MEALS!

Most Needed Items: (NO GLASS CONTAINERS)

Canned meats	Canned Fruit (especially no-sugar)	Dried Beans
Soup	Canned Veggies (especially no-salt)	Rice
Chili	Canned 100% Fruit Juice	Macaroni & Cheese
Peanut Butter		ANY Non-Perishable

Non-Food Items:

Paper towels, plates, napkins	Toilet paper Personal care items	Laundry & Dish Detergent Other cleaning products

Food donations can be made at St. Philip in the Blue Container in the Parish Hall. Checks can be made out to St. Philip with "Food Bank" in the memo line.

Our Daily Bread

Be sure to pick up ***Our Daily Bread*** for March, April and May. They are in the hall and the narthex for your convenience.

If you are unable to pick up a copy of *Our Daily Bread* from the church, you may order your **free copy** online at: www.odb.org/signup
(Control + Click opens link)

Pick Up Your New Spring Issue!

The Anglican Digest — SPRING A.D. 2022 — VOL. 64 NO. 1 — St. John's Church Tampa, Florida

I have personally read The Anglican Digest since my first gift subscription given to all senior seminarians upon graduation at The School of Theology at Sewanee. Year after year, I have greatly benefited from the many inspirational writings and authors. Over the years, the Digest has transitioned from a more scholarly, academic reader to a more congregational reader of Christian education and inspiration. (It even has recipes and cartoons making it a very friendly read!) It seems to bend toward the traditional but it is refreshingly non-political. Thanks to the publisher, we have worked out a discounted subscription for 50 copies for our Parish at St. Philip. On a first come, first serve basis, please pick up a complimentary copy for your own devotions. The Anglican Digest is published quarterly by seasons. It has become a part of my once-a-week, weekend devotions.
Pick up a copy and tell me what you think!

What About Our Pledges?

Now You Can Pledge Online!

We now have the Pledge Card in a "Smart Form" on our Website: https://www.stphilipecmemphis.org/pledge-cards-for-budget .

Members and non-members can fill out the form online and submit to our treasurer, Jessica Heckle. This will assist our congregation especially those who might be absent, during our pledge campaign.

Credit Card Giving

We are excited to now offer online payments for offerings through *Square*. Click on these secure links* for pledges or discretionary fund offerings. It will open up a secure checkout page on *Square*. Enter the amount of your offering, your email address, full name and credit card information. A confirmation email receipt will be sent to you confirming your payment. We hope this might be useful, particularly during this time. Please note that there will be a 3.5% charge to St. Philip for the use of this service.

Here It Is!

**These links will only work with Google Chrome and Firefox browsers for computers and Android and Apple phones and tablets. They will not work with Microsoft Internet Explorer or Edge.*

PLEDGES:
https://checkout.square.site/pay/8748c1661da34d02b334cbe105fd9a5b

DISCRETIONARY FUND:
https://checkout.square.site/pay/00af8470743449b99cd72cd360a01d5d

Kroger — FRESH FOR EVERYONE

Dear St. Philip Episcopal Chruch-Mphs (EA218),

The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to not just part of, but to help create a stronger community. We recognize that every community has unique causes that need support. Thank you for being such an important organization in our community.

We encourage you to ask your supporters to link their rewards card to your organization. Community Rewards is easy to use, The more your supporters shop with us, the more money your organization will earn!

We are committed to carefully protecting our customer's personal information. In order to meet their expectation of privacy, we have adopted a simple policy to never share a customer's personal information. Our privacy policy applies to Community Rewards participation as well.

Thank you for being such an important organization in our community,

Community Rewards Staff

01-Nov-2021 to 31-Jan-2022

45
Households

$ 150.39
Total Donations

Attention Parishioners and Friends!

Kroger

The church earns 5% of the purchases when your Kroger Card or account is paired with this special donation account. How great is that? We have previously earned hundreds of dollars donated to the church for this simple effort. Please take a minute to re-enroll or enroll for the first time so that St. Philip can continue to benefit from this generous free offer.

The instructions to re-enroll or set up a new account are as follows:
- Go to Kroger.com website.
- Login to your Kroger account; if you do not have a Kroger account, you will need to set one up.
- Once logged in, go to My Account by going to the top right corner where there is a drop-down menu by your login name — you may have to login in again with the same user name and password for your account.
- On the left side of the dashboard page, there is a link for Community Rewards.
- If you do not have a St. Philip Episcopal Chruch-Mphs (YES, church is spelled wrong!) set up, you can search for it by entering EA218, our organization number, and when it comes up, select Enroll. You should then see that enrollment status.

Thank you for your support!

Are you self-quarantined and needing help with something?

If so, St. Philip has several volunteers who have offered to help getting groceries, medications or transportation for you. Please let us know:
email *office@stphilipmemphis.org*, or call the office at (901)388-9830 or Father Terry at 901-896-5106. We'll do our best to get help for you!

A L T A R G U I L D

Would you like to help set the Lord's Table? The Altar Guild invites women and men to join us in this vital church ministry. Reasons to serve are: easy to learn to set up and clean up; once a month commitment; part of an assigned team each month so you don't have to be on your own; other special set ups/clean ups (Holy Week, etc) are on a volunteer basis. The satisfaction that comes from honoring Christ in this special way and from playing a part in helping to provide hospitality to other parishioners and visitors is a blessing! We need and would appreciate volunteers for both service times. Please prayerfully consider helping us because help is needed! (Some of our members have devoted many years to this ministry.) If you have questions or better yet, to volunteer, please contact Elizabeth Domico (299-5913; domicofam@aol.com).

Remember . . . As Christians we are all Evangelists!

Invite someone to St. Philip this year so they may hear the Good News and enjoy our Christian fellowship.

Fr. Terry✝

Service Schedule Changes & Updates:

If you are a volunteer who serves on Sunday mornings, please notify Liz Stephens (860-501-5536 OR *the4stephens@gmail.com*) if there are last minute changes to our Schedule of Servers published monthly in the EVANGEL. If your change is received prior to Wednesday mornings, the changes can be updated in the weekly email and bulletins.

Also, it would be so helpful if all Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Acolytes would check in with the Verger once you arrive at church letting them know you are present to serve.

Thank you very much for your consideration in this matter.

PLEASE Update our Prayer List!
PLEASE be sure to complete a prayer request form from the box on the hall bulletin board. **After 30 days, please update** the office on the status of your person and let's consider moving them to the DOK prayer list if they are still in need of our prayers. Thank you for your cooperation.

Remember the St. Philip's Discretionary Fund

The First Sunday of the Month is St. Philip's Discretionary Fund Sunday. The loose offering and other gifts so designated are given to St. Philip's Discretionary Fund for the purpose of helping parish members and others in the community in times of serious need. If you wish to contribute by check, please make it out to St. Philip and designate it "St. Philip's Discretionary Fund." Of course, you may contribute to this fund at any time. Your funds are especially needed during this time of crisis and great need. Your checks may be mailed to the church office at this time, or you can pay online through SQUARE.

The Order of the Daughters of the King

With heart, mind, and spirit uphold and bear the cross. For His Sake.

St. Mary - St. Martha Chapter
St. Philip Episcopal Church

If you or someone you know needs confidential, long-term, or immediate prayers, please contact one of the St. Philip Daughters of the King, you'll know us by our cross, or fill out a card in the pew to give to a daughter or place in the DOK prayer box found on the bench in the foyer.

You may also contact the office at anytime.

Are you seeking a deeper way to pray? See any DOK member to learn more about joining.

St. Philip's Prayer List

Geske Family (Fr. Terry Street)	Sue Morrison (Parishioner)
Jessica Heckle (Parishioner)	Willa Oliver (Barry Oliver - mother)
Tom Hutcheson (Elizabeth Domico - brother)	Jacob Wagner (Dwight Wagner - nephew)
Thomas Malone (Wilburn Family)	Weatherly Family (Linda Bellis)
Pam Malone (Parishioner)	Jason Webb (Judyth Wilson)
Larry Mooney (Mary Ely - cousin)	Holly Whitsett (Vicki Rogers)

Pray Please

Just a Reminder!
March 27, 2022

8:00 AM		10:30 AM	
Verger	Judyth Wilson	**Verger**	David Delich
LEM	Michael Armour	**LEM**	Liz Stephens
Lay Reader	Michael Armour	**Lay Reader**	Liz Stephens
Usher	Dwight Wagner	**Usher**	Robert Poore

Offering Counter	Elizabeth Domico
Coffee Hour	NONE
Altar Guild	TBD
Flower Guild	Tracy Dain

Reminder!

CONTACT US

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