“I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.’”


March 27, 2022

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH
1233 W. Holtz Avenue in Addison, IL 60101
Phone #: 630-628-0900 Website: www.st-phil.org
**THE MISSION OF OUR PARISH**
As members of the Diocese of Joliet, we are a faith community united in Christ by a common bond to the universal Catholic Church. Our words and actions are a reflection of Christ’s presence among us. We manifest God’s Word through active participation in spiritual, liturgical, educational, service, and social ministries directed at bringing all people to Christ.

**Please join us for:**
- Masses at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
- Communion Service at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday
- Rosary at 8:30 a.m. on Monday-Friday
- Individual Rite of Penance at 4:00 p.m. & Mass at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday
- Sunday Masses at 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

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**PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS & BULLETIN DEADLINES**
Parish staff reserves the right to accept/decline/edit pulpit announcements and bulletin submissions. Please submit pulpit announcements to Carol Schubert (cschubert@st-phil.org; 630-628-0900 x104) no later than the Wednesday preceding the desired weekend. Please send bulletin submissions to Barb Nicolai (bnicolai@st-phil.org; 630-543-1754) a week prior to desired publication date.

**WELCOME**
WE’RE GLAD YOU’RE HERE!
If you are a new visitor to our church today, welcome!
If you would like more information about our church or would like to register in the parish, please contact any of the staff members listed above or fill out a simple on-line registration form at st-phil.org.
LENTEN REGULATIONS
Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.
March 27, 2022

Dear Friends,

With the onset of the coronavirus pandemic more than two years ago, our goal in the Diocese of Joliet has been to ensure the safety and well-being of all clergy, religious, lay ministers, parishioners, employees and volunteers while providing access to worship and the Eucharist. We have adjusted our safety protocols as COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations increased and then decreased. I want to personally thank you for your diligence in safeguarding the health of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

When the state of Illinois lifted its mask mandate for indoor public places on February 28, we followed suit for all church and office activities. We also removed practically all other precautions, but left in place the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

The time has come to remove that final provision, and we will do so on Palm Sunday. What better time for us all to come together again than Palm Sunday, which marks the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and the beginning of Holy Week.

Of course, if individuals are ill or contagious to others, Canon law allows them to decide for themselves if they should attend Mass.

I am excited the Diocese of Joliet will fully reunite as one body in Christ for the liturgies leading up to Easter and beyond.

I am reminded of the words Pope Francis wrote in *Fratelli Tutti* during the initial months of the pandemic: “Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travelers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all.” (Paragraph 8)

Let us welcome home our family with joy and continue to pray for each other.

Paz y bien,

- +Ronald A. Hicks

**Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks**
Bishop of Joliet
Many thanks to the parishioners who contributed so generously to the RE Program’s St. Joseph Drive for the needy in our area. The many donations of nonperishable items such as paper towels, toilet paper, diapers, toothbrushes/toothpaste, shampoo, soap, laundry detergent, etc. were blessed by Fr. Binu during the St. Joseph Liturgy on Saturday, March 19. Those items were then sent to Addison Township for distribution to the needy in the Addison area.

Thank you also to the RE students who participated in the Living Stations of the Cross experiences on March 12 & 16. Pictures from these events may be seen in the What’s New section of the parish website st-phil.org.

Since Jesus is the light of the world (look to the Easter candle), there is no room for darkness in this Reign of God. The healing of the man blind from birth clearly illustrates this for, while sightless, he does as he is told and has insight into God’s activity in life. He “sees” even before he sees.

◆ What darkness is in need of Christ’s light?
◆ What will I do, at Jesus’ request, to see and live the Christian life more clearly?
◆ How will my Lenten activity give light and insight to the elect preparing for Baptism-Confirmation-Eucharist this Easter?

Applications Open for CEF Grants and Scholarships on 1/1/2022

Apply for a grant for the 2022-23 School Year now until April 1, 2022 at:

https://online.factsmgt.com

40 DAYS FOR LIFE (MARCH 2 to APRIL 10) Please join us to pray for moms and their babies during a 40 day prayer vigil now in progress until April 10. 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily
Location: Access Health Center at 1700 75th Street in Downers Grove
For more information, please email Mary Stuhr at mes102238@sbcglobal.net.

SCRIP gift cards are available to order throughout the year. Visit shop.shopwithscrip.com to see brands/denominations. Contact Lizzy Roberson at 224-287-5278 or email lizzywroberson@gmail.com for more information. All proceeds are earmarked for the school. Thank you for your support in keeping the St. Philip the Apostle School tuition low.
How often have we heard this parable and tried to place ourselves in the position of one of the two brothers? So often we can be quick to recognize our own sinfulness and shortcomings and take the position of the younger brother. Likewise, there are probably times when we have acted more like the older brother, quick to condemn someone and point out that person’s flaws and shortcomings. Like all of Jesus’ parables, however, the story is not about us. Instead, this story reveals something spectacular about the nature of God. The father in today’s story would be well within his authority to ignore the return of his younger son. Why shouldn’t he? The son asked for his share of inheritance, basically telling his father, “I wish you were dead.” It would be perfectly understandable for the father to resist the son’s vain and self-concerned apology. Even so, the father patiently kept watch for the return of his son, ready to welcome him back. Luke writes, “While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion.” In sharing this parable, Jesus tells us about the incredible nature of the God who loves us beyond any of our faults and shortcomings. Even when we are a long way off from who we are called to be, God waits for us to return.

Source: Living Liturgy 2022, Liturgical Press

Bishop Hicks has appointed Fr. Jerry Rogers to guide the community of St. Philip the Apostle Parish in Addison. Fr. Jerry was originally a seminarian of our diocese many, many years ago. He was ordained for the Crookston Diocese in Minnesota and recently retired from service at an Indian reservation in that diocese. There are a couple of impressive articles on his work there on the internet. The date of the start of the appointment will need to be nailed down, but looks like sometime after Easter. Fr. Rogers will be introducing himself in your bulletin and ultimately in person.

Sincerely,
Fr. John Balluff, Episcopal Vicar of Clergy

We will be celebrating Easter at our next Senior Socialite gathering on Thursday, April 21, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 1. Look forward to seeing you all there dressed in your pastel colors and ready for spring. Please let Carol Schubert know if this will be your first time joining us for lunch, games, and fun.

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<td>Pat Corcione, Dave Marshall, Trinh Tran (one needed)</td>
<td>Jennifer Calabrese, Lilly Katavic, Patti Sue Stolfe (one needed)</td>
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Do you hear God calling you to ministry in the church? We need men, women and children to become Lectors, Communion Ministers, Ushers, Altar Servers, and volunteers to help sanitize the church after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and the 10:00 a.m. Mass on the weekends. Please call Carol Schubert at 630-628-0900 x104 if you want to answer the call...
Every year around this time the RCIA team introduces those who will be fully initiated into our faith during the Easter Vigil. This year Duy Khan Do will be receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Duy has been attending formation sessions since last September in order to discern and come to know what it means to become a member of our family of faith. We also ask you to keep Duy in your prayers as he approaches this special moment in his life. Duy has requested two particular prayers: for help in his journey with an open heart and mind as he continues forward in faith; and that his upcoming marriage to Giselle will strengthen their faith and love of each other and God.

God’s grace within me and God’s strength behind me can overcome any hurdle ahead of me.

(Anonymous)

Job Opening in Joliet Diocese

Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Naperville is seeking a part-time custodian to work afternoons and evenings, 29 hours per week; and days and weekends on an “as needed” basis. To see a complete job description, please visit https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/jobdetail.php?id=772 Interested candidates should send a résumé to LPozek@sspeterandpaul.net

Collection for March 19/20, 2022

Collection: $10,469
Budget: $13,115
Difference: ($2,647)

Cumulative for Year to Date ending 06/30/22
Collection: $467,946
Budget: $498,385
Difference: ($30,438)

Thank you for your generosity!

Happiness will never be ours if we do not recognize to some degree that God's blessings were given us for the well-being of all. (Anonymous)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday**: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday**: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday**: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday**: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

**Friday**: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday**: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday**: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11; Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]
MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 28
8:00 AM Margaret Loftus

TUESDAY, MARCH 29
8:00 AM Cathy Stokes

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30
8:00 AM (Communion Service)

THURSDAY, MARCH 31
8:00 AM Genevieve Stefanik

FRIDAY, APRIL 1
8:00 AM
7:00 PM (Stations of the Cross)

SATURDAY, APRIL 2
3:30 PM INDIVIDUAL RITE OF PENANCE
5:00 PM Anticipated Mass for Sunday
People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 3
Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:00 AM Mary Schubert / Robert McCann
Lou Dilacova / Roi Lombardi / Pete Vito
Zofia & Stanislaw Pucek / William Smith
10:00 AM Dick, Lori, & Michael Truppa
James Maher / Dylan Domek / Mary Bellavia
John & Catherine Ardito / Agatha Abbinanti
Mary & Giuseppe Giuliani / Anna Serpico
Marie DiFazio / Jack Glogowski
Jean Troksa / Carol P. Baran

Let us remember in prayer our deceased relatives, friends, and parishioners, especially:
Antonia Scarimbolo
Our sympathy to her friends and family.

Thank you to everyone who has already shown their devotion to the works of the Lord with a gift to the 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Every gift, large or small, is appreciated! If we all contribute as generously as our circumstances allow, we can meet our parish’s CMAA goal of $62,500. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support the CMAA. If we raise more than our goal, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish. You can return the pledge card you received in the mail from the diocese or make a gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org.

Please pray for our sick & shut-in and those who are healing & convalescing...


Please get permission from family members or the person who is ill before requesting that his/her name be added to the prayer list. To add names to the list, please call 630-543-1754 or email bnicolai@st-phil.org. Names are deleted from the list after six months unless a request is made for a perpetual listing.

Richard Avila, Marines
Salvador Bonilla, Jr., Air Force
Elijah Burgins, Marines
Emiliano Carrasco, Marines
Kevin Catano, Marines
Steven J. DeMarco, Army
Matthew Deimling, Army
Jack Domek, Marines
Adam Dorney, Army
Samantha Fallon, Navy
Diego Feros, Army
Blaze Galardy, Air Force
Martin Garcia, Army
Mark Jastowski, Marines
Dylan Johnson, Army
José Juarez, Navy
Paul Keppler, Navy
Ben Krause, Marines
C. J. Loveland, Air Force
Drew Loveday, Marines
Kristofferson Marzo, Army
Andrew Maslanka, Army
Matthew Maslanka, Army
Bradley Melson, Marines
Anthony Milazzo, Navy
Ryan Mills, Air Force
Billy Moncatch, Marines
Jason Okara, Army
Enrique Ospina, Marines
Adam Ostrander, Navy
Cole Parent, Marines
Randall Petrbok, Air Force
James Roman, Marines
Ryan Ruizol, Navy
Andrew Tarchinski, Army
Patrick Tobias, Air Force
Isaiah Wuich, Marines

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ABORTION ALTERNATIVES: Waterleaf (630-701-6270), Post Abortion Healing (877-467-3463), Birthright (800-550-4900, 24 hours)
**Baptism Information:** Baptisms are celebrated on the second & fourth Sunday of each month. A pre-Baptism program must be attended by the parents. Please call the rectory to register for a program.

**Marriage Information:** Please call the rectory to make arrangements at least six months (a year is preferred) in advance of the wedding date. It is recommended you do not rent reception facilities until your wedding date is confirmed with the pastor. Your preferred wedding date may be unavailable, and we do not want you to lose your deposit with the reception venue.

**Parish Registration:** New families are welcome and are asked to register at the rectory. Also, previously registered parishioners are asked to notify us of any address changes.

**Emergency Sick or Anointing Calls:** Please notify us immediately of any serious illness in your family. If you have a hospitalized loved one who would like a visit, please call the rectory with contact information since the hospitals and hospices no longer notify parishes. Please do not wait until the last minute to have someone anointed. There are always accidents/emergencies, but sometimes there is less panic when the anointing can be done prior to someone passing.

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We now have available low-gluten hosts which make it possible for people who have celiac disease or allergies to wheat or gluten to be able to receive communion. If you have celiac disease or an allergy to wheat or gluten, please let us know before Mass so that arrangements can be made for you to be able to receive communion at Mass.