Beloved of St. Philip, Grace and peace in the Lord’s name! In this difficult time when violence, drugs and civil disobedience are deeply entrenched in our nation, our loving heavenly Father calls us to “think again” about our own actions. Nothing of value comes without hard work. Nothing meaningful is won or achieved without a proportional measure of suffering.

Another way of speaking about the good -- that which is meaningful or has value -- is holiness. You pray. You pray again. You learn to pray without ceasing through every activity, every experience. You listen to our Lord whose voice is most clearly heard in quietness and reflection. God shows you how to give, what to give up and what to hold onto. God’s Spirit is your teacher in holiness. You learn to defend the ideas of God wherever you are, whatever you’re doing.

For a human being to be good, he or she must be civilized. A civilized person is aware, sensitive to others and committed to action. The chief work of God in our time is the sanctification of his human creatures who are so vulnerable, so tempted and so selfish. To bear abundant fruit in the Lord’s vineyard, therefore, is to be strong in Christ, rock solid in personal holiness, and generous in ways that make godless people astonished.

God’s word calls us to a sacrificial way of life. The sacrificial way is our vocation. Ours is not a vocation to religiosity, but rather a call to be like Christ himself, a servant disciple in his household. Assuredly, Our Lord does not intend his followers to be trampled on the world’s footpath, broken on the rocks, or impaled by thorns of evil. To the contrary, sacrifice for the sake of God’s Kingdom preserves one’s life to eternity. [cf. Jn 12:25]

How dear is confidence to the one who loses it! ...(cont. on page 8)
Welcome to our Visitors

We welcome you to our parish. If you would like to become a member please fill out a registration form located on the counter or visit our website: www.stphiliphuffmantx.org.

Celebrating Parish Life

We welcome our newest family to St. Philip

Tony & Rita Gil

We pray for God’s blessings in your lives!

Donations

Sunday Collection (10/8) $6,158.00
Children’s Collection 22.20
Mary’s Blessings 1,161.00
Debt Retirement 180.00

Please do not bring bottled water, soda, food, candy or gum into Mass.

Please honor the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and wear modest clothing.

Sunday Mass at The Overlook

We are grateful to The Overlook and Kevin Kilgore for allowing us to have Sunday Mass at their beautiful facility. It has allowed us to gather as one family in Christ every Sunday morning.

Please note that on Sunday, November 19th, we will have Mass at 8:00 am due to another event scheduled at the Overlook.

When scheduling events we encourage our parishioners to use The Overlook and refer others to this wonderful facility.

Parish Rosary

What a blessing it has been to gather and recite the rosary with our fellow parishioners and friends. The journey of praying the rosary in a group setting began in July 2015 in the home of some of our parishioners. Now more than ever, we need to pray for one another!

Please join us on Monday, October 16th, at 7:00 p.m., as we continue this spiritual walk. We will meet at the home of Deb & Ray Kessler, 8014 Figg Lane, Houston, 77044.

If you have any questions please call Kathy O’Donnell at 832-276-3830 or Janie Jaramillo at 713-480-2060.
The men’s retreat will be October 27th-29th at Holy Name Retreat Center. The theme for this year is Ave Crux, Spec Unica: Hail to the Cross, Our Only Hope?

A question mark was added to the ancient verse: “Hail to the Cross Our Only Hope?” The question is directed to each of us. As Christians of the 21st century living in the “developed world” do we really perceive and embrace the Cross as our only hope?

Please bring your favorite Crucifix, ideally one you can hold in your hand. If you don’t have one, the Center will have some available. Your Crucifix will not only serve as a ‘souvenir’ of the retreat but – according to an age-old privilege granted to Passionist retreats and missions – after it is blessed at the conclusion of the retreat, a Plenary Indulgence is granted to those who reverence the Crucifix on their death bed.

Register at www.holynameretreatcenter.com. The cost is $220 per person; $205 for seniors. Call Kevin McMahon for more information at 713-449-1411.

Unanimously, we miss our chapel at St. Philip’s during mass time at The Overlook!

As we bring our “little ones” from our domestic church to join the Body of Christ in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, this year will certainly challenge us. While Sweet Cecilia swings herself around the column at The Overlook and Babbling Benedict makes everyone aware of his presence in all the quiet moments of the Mass, this year, there’s no chapel to escape to.

Bring them anyway! How blessed we are at St. Philip’s that there are little voices and noises in the background of our meditation. While many are comfortable sitting in the congregation or even up front so our “littles” can see all the action, there is plenty of wiggle room in the back too. Chairs line the back wall in case parents or grandparents need to step to the back. There is space for crawling, picture books, and easy access to the door in case a little walk outside will settle distractions. A box of religious children’s books will be on the bar in the back of the ballroom each Sunday for all to share.

Sometimes Baby Rose will be under the chairs, or in the aisle, but she is welcome and expected to celebrate the Mass in her own, beautiful way.


How blessed we are to have the Chapel Children among us!
Mark your calendars - Student retreat and parent meeting is **Sunday, November 5th at 4:00pm** in the Life Center at Atascocita United Methodist Church (AUMC).

**Sacramental program** - Our first sacraments program is well underway with 13 students and their families. Like their academic education, these children have been attending CCE classes since kindergarten in preparation for their sacramental year and will continue attending faith formation classes through high school.

The program entails preparation for two sacraments, First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, involving St Philip Mass attendance; home study projects; student retreats; parent meetings; prayer assessments; and student interview conversations with Ms. Cupples, Lead Elementary Coordinator, prior to each sacrament.

**Class progress** - The children are learning about the Gospel, the Holy Trinity, St Peter and Mass manners. Since elementary CCE classes are dismissed at 10:30 am, families are able to drive one mile up the road to Mass at the Overlook.

Our first student retreat and parent meeting is **Sunday, November 5th at 4:00pm** in the **Life Center** at AUMC. Students and parent(s) are required to attend. Parents please refer to your child’s communication folder with lesson outlines and important dates.

Thank you, parents, for your dedication to your child’s Catholic faith formation. Peace be with you.

Lupe Cupples,
Elementary Lead/First Sacraments Coordinator
Hey everyone, my name is Thomas Hill the son of Troy and Diane Hill. I am a student at the Lone Star Community College in Kingwood. I am currently working towards an Associates degree before I transfer to a university. My plan, God willing, is to major in education and become an elementary teacher, but this is a segment on me as a catechist not as a student so let's look at my journey as a catechist.

I first got involved in the CCE program four years ago while I was going through Confirmation. I started off as an aide in the third grade and through a strange, but what turned out to be fortunate, turn of events I found myself teaching one of the classes. As soon as I got over the initial nerves, I found myself enjoying the whole experience. This was really a profound experience for me but, unfortunately, I was a little slow on seeing it as a calling from God. Two weeks into the new school year, our lead catechist and his family found themselves in a position where they needed to move to a different parish, so I spent the rest of the year as a lead catechist. The rest is history, I've been in a lead catechist position for the fourth grade for three years.

Teaching CCE on Sunday has really become a highlight of my week. I love the energy of the classroom, and asking a question and seeing the "light bulb" moment in the kids’ faces as they realize the answer. When I first entered the CCE program I had no idea that I would come this far, but I thank God and St. Philip for giving me this opportunity.

Meet Our Catechists

Thomas Hill is the lead catechist for our 4th grade students. In addition to teaching CCE, Thomas has been an acolyte, served on our Confirmation retreat team and volunteered for VBS. He is fun, out-going and deeply devout in his faith.

Our students are blessed to have Thomas as an example of how to live as a young-adult Catholic.

Confirmation Journey

Dear St. Philip’s family,

We have a lot to share with you about our Confirmation class! First: we have our Sacrament of Confirmation Mass date: Sunday, September 16, 2018. This Mass will be presided over by Bishop George Sheltz. We are looking forward to sharing this important Sacramental Mass with all of you.

Second: Our class is getting used to our new surroundings at Atascocita United Methodist Church. There are 38 of us crammed into a small classroom but we are learning and sharing and having a great time! Jacob and Christine Kasper and the Confirmandi are getting to know each other through the lessons they have taught. Using games and interactive methods to engage everyone in the lessons, the Kasper’s keep the class involved and participating.

Third: Emily Fikac is sharing her time between being a youth mentor and babysitter for the Kasper’s three little men. As a senior at Hargrave High School, Emily is a busy young woman. Emily enjoys playing sports, babysitting, doing homework and hanging out with friends. Well, she doesn’t really enjoy the homework, but she does it anyway. Emily is a welcome addition to our Confirmation teaching team!

Please continue to pray for the Confirmandi, teaching team and youth mentors as we journey to the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Sincerely in the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Lynette Zaunbrecher
Confirmation Coordinator

Have you looked at our website lately?

www.stphiliphuffmantx.org.
Harvey Relief Special Event at the Houston Food Bank. Our high school youth will be volunteering at the Food Bank on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 8:00am – 12:00pm. We will meet at the Shipley’s Donuts, 7211 Atascocita Road, Humble, TX 77346 at 7:00am. After our shift, we will stop for lunch at Whataburger on the way home. Bring about $10 for your lunch. Proper attire must be worn: appropriate t-shirts, jeans or other pants and closed toe shoes are required.

What is a food bank? A food bank is a non-profit organization that collects and distributes food to hunger relief charities. Food usually comes from various sources in the food industry, like grocery stores and wholesalers that have thousands of pounds of food to give away - food that could otherwise be thrown away. The food bank warehouses the food, and with help from volunteers, sort, pack and redistribute it to the community.

Last year, the Houston Food Bank supplied over 83 million meals to feed the hungry in our area. After Hurricane Harvey, the need is even greater. While at the food bank, we could be repackaging large bags of food into family-sized containers, packing food backpacks for school children in need to take home on the weekends so they have something to eat while the school cafeteria is closed, helping to load distribution trucks, sorting donations and more.

Please sign up for this event by emailing Ms. Becky at bpursell@stphilip.cc or putting your name on the sign-up sheet at CCE. **We need one or two Virtus-trained adults to come as chaperones/drivers.**
The Prime Timers is a group for all St. Philip parishioners who are age 50 and older. This group began during the summer of 2010 under the direction of Claudia Herron and still continues under her leadership. For the past 7 years, the Prime Timers have gathered for games, luncheons, parties, and day trips.

We invite all parishioners age 50+ to join us. We are a group of cheerful, fun-loving people and our meetings and trips are a great way to meet other parishioners, make new friends, and learn new things!

Below is a tentative schedule of Prime Timer events for the upcoming months:

- Nov 15—Bus trip to be announced
- Dec 13—Christmas Party, location TBA

If you’d like more info about the Prime Timers, contact Sammy Dennard at (432) 267-5459 or dennardsammy@comcast.net. If you’d like to be added to the Prime Timers email list to receive news about upcoming events, please email Regina Dennis at reginabdennis@gmail.com

St. Michael the Archangel, Defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do thou, O Prince, of the heavenly host, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.
Disciples of Jesus and Mary (DJM)
Fr. Santan Pinto SOLT
Disciples of Jesus and Mary Founder

He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said, Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven” - Mt 18:2-3

Steps in Littleness

“There are 50 simple steps in littleness. Try them one step at a time. Look at your struggles and temptations. You will find one step that will suit you the most at that stage in your life. Do not hurry – remember you’re little!”

- Fr. Santan Pinto SOLT

Step 28

BE HONEST AND SINCERE

Honesty and sincerity are the basis of responsibility and accountability.

- Little ones fear no lies.
- Abiding in the truth gives little ones a longing for the beloved.
- Dishonesty comes from greed; honesty from selflessness.
- Little ones are real and refrain from making an impression on anyone.
- With little ones, what you see is what you get!

“May the little child Jesus bless you and accompany you on your journey”

- Fr. Santan Pinto SOLT (+2011+)

For more information about DJM Spiritual Form-ation:

Contact Jan Williams at ronjanwilliams@msn.com
Web: www.disciplesofjesusandmary.org

Corporal Works of Mercy

1. Feed the hungry
2. Give drink to the thirsty
3. Clothe the naked
4. Shelter the homeless
5. Visit the sick
6. Visit the imprisoned
7. Bury the dead

‘I tell you solemnly in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me’
When you receive Communion during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, it is the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ that you are receiving. Holy Communion, in the Catholic Church, is reserved for those who have received the sacrament of First Holy Communion, have been catechized (taught) in our Catholic faith and have made a profession of faith. One should abstain from Holy Communion if they are in mortal sin and have not received the sacrament of reconciliation. If you are not Roman Catholic or are in need of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we ask that you refrain from receiving Holy Communion in the Mass. However, you may go up to one of the ministers for a blessing when Holy Communion is being offered. By crossing your hands over your heart, the Priest or Eucharistic minister will know to give you the blessing.

Also, if you choose to receive only the Blessed Sacrament and not from the Chalice, it is fitting nevertheless to pause for a moment to honor Christ’s presence in the Precious Blood—with an appropriate sign of devotion. We would not think to pass a friend on the street without some acknowledgement. Our Lord Jesus Christ deserves no less, and most assuredly, a great deal more.

Please pray for:
Those affected by the flood: Claudia & Buddy Herron, Geralyn & Tony Moulds, Mike & Mary Fontenot, Lynette & John Martinez, Diana & Frank Campisi, Ron Calabrese, Lisa Harbin, Country Glenn, Roy Ayala, Carrie & Larry LeBlanc, Heather & Tom Madigan, Ann & Bruce Meyer, Maureen & Ronnie Rode, Bill Simko, Monte & Yvonne Storrers, Dianne & Allen Truitt, Mary Alice Westhoff, Mary Elizabeth Westhoff, Mary & Don Williams, Lynette & David Zaunbrecher, Heidi Koch, and more.

If you are a parishioner who was affected by the flood and would like your name listed please contact our office. Our prayers are with you!

For Illness: Orlando Vasquez, Diana Espinoza, Brittany Vasquez, Liduvina Scott, Windy McMichael, Charles Gardner, Dennis Biddleaux, Lillie Navarre, Thelma Carrier, Mary Fontenot, Dorothy Becker, Rosalee Frantz, Roy Lovely, Larry Keller, Larry Williams, Rose Bradley, Robert Murray, Rita Long, Mary Zycha, Jeanette Malburg, Shirley Sims, Preston Fann

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:
+Dr. Walter Corrigan, Elvira De Pieri, Jim Brown, Fritz Kemper, Faye Normand, Gretchen King, Martha Garcia, Rosie Collette, L. F. Davidson, Jackie Clark, Glenn Crabtree+

Sacraments

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY
If you have been participating actively at least six months after registration in the parish, you may ask for an appointment with the pastor to begin marriage preparation. Marriage preparation requires six months.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
If you have been participating actively at least six months after registration in the parish, you may call the parish office to begin baptismal preparation. Children age 6 or younger; documents are required before baptism date may be scheduled: parish & baptismal registrations, birth certificate, and baptism class certifications.

FUNERAL SERVICES
To ensure that parish ministers can assist you, please call the parish office before setting dates and times for funeral services. Regarding personal spoken remembrances at funeral liturgies, St. Philip parish adheres to the policies of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

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By appointment. Please call our office to make arrangements.
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**Liturgical**
- **Altar Servers**
  - Father Barker (281) 324-1478

- **Sacramental Ministry Director**
  - Lynette Zaunbrecher (281) 386-9783

- **Home Bound**
  - Parish Office (281) 324-1478

- **Adornment of the Sanctuary**
  - Altar Guild (Ordinary Time) (281) 386-9783
  - DJM’s (Feast Seasons) (281) 324-1478

- **Music Core Team**
  - Director: Geralyn Moulds (281) 540-4682
  - Jan Williams (281) 852-4389
  - Valerie Sivil (713) 202-1310

- **Usher Ministry**
  - Gary Aldrich (832) 586-6430

### Continuing Christian Education (CCE)
- **CCE Office** (281) 324-1934, E-Mail: cceoffice@stphilip.cc
- **CCE Core Team Chairperson**
- **Middle School/High School Coordinator**
  - Becky Pursell (713) 516-7376
- **Elementary/First Sacrament Coordinator**
  - Lupe Cupples (281) 414-3705
- **Confirmation Coordinator**
  - Lynette Zaunbrecher (281) 386-9783
- **Core Team Members At Large**
  - Monica Humphrey (281) 455-3110
  - André Taylor (832) 233-0829

- **Core Team Help**
  - Sonia Chapa (832) 233-3572 (Spanish bilingual)
  - André Taylor (832) 233-0829

- **Parish Nursery**
  - Monica Humphrey (281) 455-3110

### Social Outreach / Concern
- **Mary’s Blessings Ministry**
  - For financial assistance please call 832-764-9814
  - Marie Hohmann (281) 360-9032

- **Prime Timers (50+)**
  - Claudia Herron (281) 324-1101

- **Pro-Life**
  - Christine Kasper (713) 416-5233

- **Rosemont Assisted Living**
  - Judy Abdelnoor (281) 360-9728

- **Prison Ministry**
  - Deacon John Sarabia (281) 923-9659

- **Transitions Grief Ministry**
  - Lane Coco (281) 324-2163

### Spiritual Development
- **Disciples of Jesus and Mary - Laity Spiritual Formation**
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- **Eucharistic Adoration/Holy Face Prayer Group**
  - Janet Hays (281) 852-3444

- **Knights of Columbus**
  - Gary Aldrich (Grand Knight) (832) 586-6430

- **Prayer Chain**
  - Parish Office (281) 324-1478

- **Women’s Guild**
  - Dianne Truitt (713) 823-4948

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**We Welcome You to St. Philip the Apostle Parish Community!**

- Our parish motto is “Actively striving to be a holy and loving Family of Faith, serving God and neighbor.”
- If you wish to be a part of our parish community, please fill this form out and drop it in the collection basket. This will get you on our mailing list. To register please fill out our form either on our website or by picking a form up on the counter after Mass.

Name: ___________________________________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________________________

Email: _______________________________________________  Phone: ______________________________

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