

St Philip Parish & St Clare Mission

Roman Catholic Parish, Richmond, Ontario



ST. PHILIP PARISH
Pray - Love - Celebrate

Dec 17, 2023—Third Sunday of Advent

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Deacon Louis Seward

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Sunday Masses: St Philip: Saturday 4:30pm, Sunday 10:30am & 12:30 (Charismatic Mass) St Clare: Sunday 9am

Weekday Masses: Resume in the Fall

What's On Weekly—See Page 2

Fr Bob's Homilies: www.stphilips-church.com (right side of homepage under the 'Donate Now' button)

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Third Sunday of Advent

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! (Zephaniah 3:14)

Prayer for the Advent Wreath

Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people.

He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us.

He is the Savior of us all.

O Lord,

let your blessing come upon us as we light two (purple) candles and the third (pink) candle of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation.

May He come quickly and not delay.

We ask this in His holy name. Amen.

Rejoicing

"(The desert) will bloom with abundant flowers and rejoice with joyful song." "Rejoice in the Lord always!" "Shout for joy, O daughter Zion!"



The Scriptures for the Third Sunday of Advent proclaim their message in no uncertain terms: Rejoice! Joy is all around us and our celebration of Advent calls us to discover it. The joy that the Scripture passages speak about is not a joy that equates with hilarious laughter. It is a joy that comes from a security with our God, those around us, and our place in the world. It is the joy Isaiah describes when he writes, "I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul." It is a joy that cannot be bought or obtained from artificial highs. It is a joy that comes from our living faith in a living God.

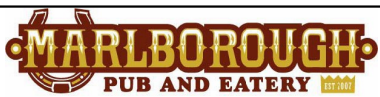
It is the joy we feel as we approach the birth of our Savior and remember the awesome beauty of what happened on that cold Bethlehem night.

Rejoice!

From EWTN: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/reflections/advent/third-sunday-of-advent-22638>

 <h3>Christmas Mass Schedule</h3>	Christmas Eve 4:30pm—St Philip 7pm—St Clare 9pm—St Philip*	Christmas Day 10:30am—St Philip New Years Day 10:30am—St Philip	Regular Weekend Masses Regular schedule December 23-24 and December 30-31 (Sat at 4:30pm at St Philip & Sun 9am St Clares / 10:30am St Philips)
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***Mass to be live-streamed.**



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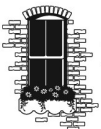


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Parish Life—Regular Activities

ST CLARES:

Pastoral Council—3rd Tuesday of month after 7pm Mass

Coffee Sunday—2nd Sunday of month.

CWL—every 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 pm

ST PHILIPS:

Adult Ed/RCIA: Dcn Louis—444-1228

Adoration o/t Blessed Sacrament: Mondays, 2-6:45pm and
Thursdays, 3-6:45pm

Apostles Div Mercy: 2nd & 3rd Tues, 7:45pm. For location,
Contact Janet (44401228)

Bible Study: Resumes in the New Year

Coffee Sunday: Sundays weekly after 10:30am Mass, Hall

Euchre: Every 2nd Wed, 7pm in Hall: Dec 27. Jan 10 & 24

First Friday Mass: Watch this space for date to resume

Knights of Columbus—2nd Tues of mo-7:30 in Hall

Ladies Auxiliary: Wednesday Jan 17, 7 pm in Hall

Pastoral Council: 1st Tues of month, 8pm, Hall

Prayer Meeting—Every Thurs, 7:30pm, St Philips Hall

Rosary: St Philips, 4:10pm (before 4:30pm Saturday mass)
& 10:10 (before 10:30am Sunday Mass)

St Vincent de Paul—3rd Wednesday of the Month (Rector's)

Temporal Affairs Cnc'l: 4th Tues of the month, 7pm, Hall

Announced Masses—December

Saturday, 4:30 at St. Philip

Dec 16-Mem of Robert & Lily Bradshaw by David & Elizabeth Vickers

Dec 23-Mem of Len & Marjory Vickers by David & Elizabeth Vickers

Dec 30-Mem of Diane MacKey & Anne Reilley by Rosemary Logan

Jan 6-In Memory of Diane MacKay by David & Elizabeth Vickers

Sunday, 9 am at St. Clares Mission

Dec 17-In memory of Bernie St John by Georgette & family

Dec 24-In memory of David Hamilton by Reta Hamilton

Sunday, 10:30 am at St. Philip Parish

Dec 17-In mem of Michael Evans by John & Birgit Evans

Dec 31-In mem of Frances Hughes by Desmond Kavanagh

Christmas Masses

Dec 24, 4:30-IMO Fr Michael Gillissie & Deceased family members

Dec 24, 7pm-IMO Marion & Jayden Dowdall & O'Connor family

Dec 24, 9pm-In memory of Stewart Logan by Rosemary Logan

Dec 25-For the intentions of parishioners

New Years Day

January 1-For the intentions of parishioners

Catechism Corner

How does a Christian deal with anger?

Paul says, "Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger" (Eph 4:26). Anger is initially a natural emotion, a reaction to perceived injustice. If anger becomes hatred, however, and someone has ill-will toward his neighbor, this normal feeling becomes a serious offense against charity. All uncontrolled anger, especially thoughts of revenge, are detrimental to peace and destroy "the tranquility of order". (YOUCAT questions 395-396)

Dig Deeper: CCC section (2302-2305) and other references [here](#)

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

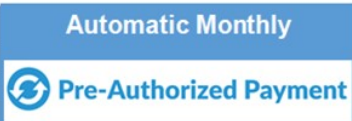


Please Consider Donating



Set up an E-Transfer from your bank and email to us at: WelcomeHome1819@gmail.com

Please ensure you include your full name and mailing address, and your parish 'Donation Box Number' (if you have one). You will receive a tax receipt from the parish in February next year.



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Click [HERE](#) to be sent to the CanadaHelps.org website to make your secure donation. CanadaHelps.org will send us your donation (less 4% service fee) and they will issue you an immediate tax receipt by email.



Donate by Cash or Cheque—donations in numbered envelopes (or in an envelope with your name & address) can be dropped in the collection plate. OR cheques can be mailed to the office.

Why is it important to support the parishes financially?

Just like any other charity or non-profit organization, it costs money to keep St. Philip Parish and St. Clare Mission afloat. For example, the annual operating expenditure budget of St. Philip Parish is approximately \$155,000, which goes towards paying for the following items:

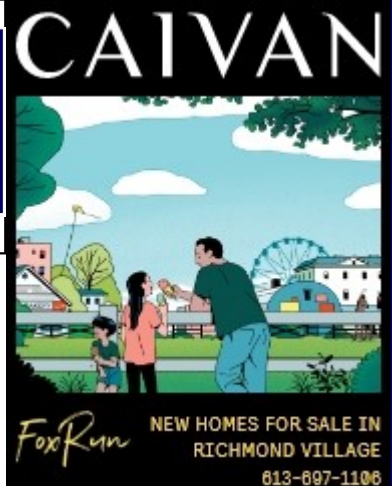
- Paying for the parish priest, the parish office administrator, replacement priests to say Mass and the parish bookkeeper;
- Diocesan tax on parish revenues (donations);
- Utilities (heat, hydro, water, sewer, utilities, etc.)
- Repairs and maintenance on St. Philip Church, the Parish Hall, and other buildings and grounds;
- Office expenses; and,
- Pastoral expenses.

In addition, St. Philip Parish also spends about \$10,000-\$20,000 per year on major projects and renovations to replace and/or renovate the parish buildings and other items within the parish.

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Parish News

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: - 4:30pm St Philips
- 7pm at St Clares
- 9pm at St Philips

Christmas Day: - 10:30am at St Philips

New Year's Day: - 10:30am at St Philips

Regular Weekend Masses will be held the weekends of December 23-24 and December 30-31
> Saturdays at 4:30pm at St Philips
> Sundays 9am St Clares
> Sundays 10:30am St Philips

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays Dec 16 & 23, 3:30pm to 4:15pm at St Philips with Fr Bill Penney

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY RAFFLE

Tickets are now available from Peter Moore (613-762-5060) or John Evans (613-558-9620). This Raffle is a major fundraiser in our parish community with all proceeds donated to the Richmond Food Bank (50%) and our two churches (St. Philip and St. Clare - 50% shared). This year's prizes are: First Prize: \$1500 Gift Certificate to Dala Décor; 2) 2-Night Stay at a Mont Tremblant Chalet; 3) Dewalt Leaf Blower/Weed Eater Combo package; 4) \$100 Gift Certificate to Danby's Roadhouse Restaurant. Tickets are \$10 each. The draw date is February 25, 2024. Thank you for your support.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The sacrament of Reconciliation will be available before Saturday evening Mass on Saturday Dec 16 and Sat Dec 23rd from 3:30 - 4:15pm with Fr Bill Penney.

FAMILY FUN BINGO NIGHT

Ladies Auxillary will be serving up Lasagna and Bingo in the Parish Hall. Cost is 10.00/person, maximum 30/family. Tickets available until January 10th, after masses on the last weekend of December and the first weekend of January. E-transfer payments can be made to stphilipslad-iesaux@gmail.com. For more information contact Veronica Gervais at 613- 791-2723.

NO EVENING MASSES MONDAYS OR TUESDAYS in December. We will resume again in the new year; watch the bulletin for the 'start date.'

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES IN THE NEW YEAR

Details will be announced at a future time.

2024 NUMBERED DONATION BOXES

You can pick up your 2024 box at the entry of the church.

LIVE-STREAMING MASSES CONTINUES

Watch at www.stphilips-church.com or click [this link](#). Many thanks to our faithful volunteers!

BRIDGE CLUB St Andrew's Presbyterian is interested in forming a bridge club. The club would start in the new year, on an afternoon in the hall at St Andrew's. There would be a minimal charge to play and refreshments could be arranged. If you are interested, please phone Sharon at 613-838-3723.

Parish Directory :

Pastor: Fr. Bob Poole - 613-838-2314

Deacon: Den Louis Seward- 444-1228

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Office Hours: Virtual Tues & Thurs - 9am-1:30pm. Wed: In Person 9-1

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesdays at 12 noon

Hall Rentals: Office (613-838-2314)

Parish Schools: St. Philips Catholic School - 613-838-2466
Sacred Heart High School (Stittsville) - 613-831-6643

Baptisms: Third Sunday of the month (3pm); Baptismal preparation required. Contact office 8 weeks in advance.

Marriages: Contact office at least 6 months in advance of desired date

Reconciliation: First Fridays 7-8pm; OR

By appointment - call the office (613-838-2314)

Confirmation/1st Communion - Next Enrollment is September 2024

Sacrament o/t Sick-on request,&after every Mass on last wkend of month

GIFT BASKET RAFFLE

The Ladies Auxiliary will be raffling several Christmas Gift Baskets, full of goodies for all. First prize is value \$300. Tickets can be bought at the back of church after each mass add or by contacting Mary roosenmb@xplornet.ca. Tickets: \$0.99 each or 6/\$5.00. The draw will take place Dec 17th at the Knights of Columbus luncheon with Santa.

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a food drive this Christmas season. Food collection bins will be placed at the entrances of each church. Non perishable food and hygiene products are welcome. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please mail your cheque directly to the Richmond food bank. Please do not put your monetary donations in with the weekly collections.

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Gerry vanGall, Fr Bob Poole, Cecilia, Rosie, Mavis Lewis, Sheldon Seward, Kathleen Crozier, Glenna Leighton, Melissa Doyle, Mary Fitzpatrick, Krista Van Gaal, Elizabeth Vickers, Heather Murphy, MJ Wilson, Tracy Haddad, Samson Purdy, Ray Lalonde, Theresa Slattery, Alfie Kavanagh, Robert Braund, John Pybus, Michael Lawless, Suzanne Denis, Joyce Cook, Elizabeth vanGalder, Karen McCarthy, Doris Calagoure, Lorraine Wannamaker, Amber Williamson, healthcare workers, those affected by COVID, those who are isolated and all who mourn. God bless them & families with peace, joy, strength. St Joseph, Hope of the Sick, Patron of the Dying, intercede for us.

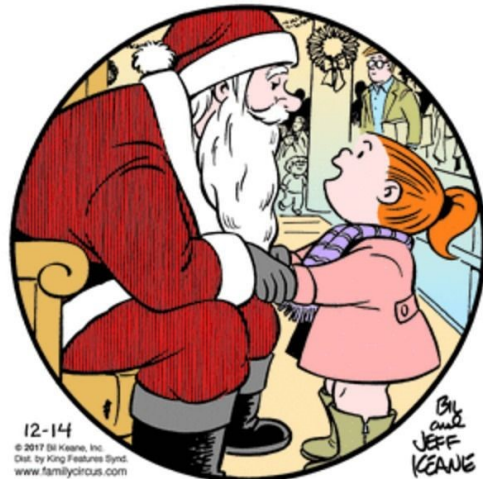
CHRISTMAS CAKES AND TREATS IN SUPPORT OF COALITION LIFE CAMPAIGN Last weekend! The cakes and treats from the Monks of l'Abbay Val Notre Dame. Please support us again this year.

'PARISH NEWS' EMAIL BULLETIN

Available each Thursday by email. Contains a link to the bulletin and breaking news. if you wish to receive this newsletter in the new year, email us at welcomhome1819@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will be closed Dec 21 to January 12 inclusive. Regular office hours are Tuesdays (virtual), Wednesday (in person) and Thursdays (virtual) from 9am to 1:30pm.



"I've been as good as I CAN be. I have three brothers, you know."

Ministries:

St Philip Ministries:

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Knights of Columbus - John Evans	jte65@outlook.com
Cemetery - Brian Goss	838-4269
St Vincent de Paul - David Vickers	838-2314
Coffee Sunday-Veronica Gervais	791-2723
Live-Stream-Patrick McIver	

St Clare Ministries:

Pastoral Council Ryan O'Connor	Ryan@unreserved.com
Finance Chair - Anastasia Bowles	257-8249
Lectors, Sacristans - Ada Gorrie	838-2490
Cemetery - Jerome O'Connor	838-2704
CWL-Ada Gorrie(838-2490) / Tilly O'Connor	838-5103