

St Philip Parish & St Clare Mission

Roman Catholic Parish, Richmond, Ontario

January 21, 2024—3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

Pastor: Father Bob Poole

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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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Fr Bob writes:

Last Sunday we heard about the call of Peter from the gospel of John. This week we read the better-known account from Mark.

Herod Antipas had been tetrarch of Galilee since shortly after the death of his father, King Herod the Great, in 4 B.C. Building the city of Tiberias, his jewel on the Sea of Galilee, and maintaining a full retinue of government officials, soldiers and construction workers required a substantial income. Herod's government licensed fishing rights on the Sea of Galilee to fishermen who partnered together to form a syndicate large enough to make purchase of the license feasible. I have read that, for the best fishing techniques, two boats were needed for stretching the nets. Such boats were expensive, but business loans could be arranged with Herod's government (a second source of income). Each day's catch was also taxed according to the take (a third source of

income). They would need a minimum of eight workers to help with fishing each night and hire others for during the day when the boats were used to transport cargo and passengers around the lake. By keeping the boats busy all the time, they could make ends meet.

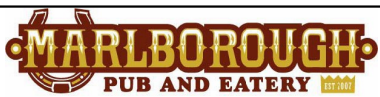
It is possible that Peter was head of the syndicate and title holder of at least one of the boats. If that were the case, leaving the nets behind was more complex than pulling a little runabout up on the shore. Peter would have had to figure out how to keep the business going, pay expenses, take care of his workers, and delegate out responsibilities while he, his brother Andrew and friends James and John dedicated their lives and much of their time to becoming disciples of Jesus. The reality of how Peter would have had to organize his responsibilities with priority to following Jesus is a good example for us today who must learn to do the same, given the various responsibilities of our lives.

(with thanks to Fr Denny Dempsey)

Ottawa Cursillo Movement Announces the Next Men's Cursillo Weekend

The Ottawa Cursillo Movement is holding a Men's Weekend from February 1-4 at Centre de L'Amour in Plantagenet. The weekend is called a Cursillo. Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning "little" or "short" course. The Cursillo begins on Thursday evening with a short introduction and orientation and then the retreat phase begins. The weekend also includes a daily celebration of the Mass and times of prayer. A good part of each day is spent listening to talks given by a priest and Catholic lay men followed by group discussion. There are three meals provided each day. The weekend ends late Sunday afternoon. No one is too well informed or too spiritual to make a Cursillo. Cursillo could be for you. The Cursillo Movement is a powerful instrument of renewal in the Catholic Church. Its aim is to concentrate closely on the Person and teachings of Jesus Christ. The Cursillo gives those who attend it a living understanding of basic Christian truths and the desire to serve the Church. If you feel such a weekend may be good for you, please contact Sylva or John Sheridan: sylva.sheridan@gmail.com or johnvs Sheridan@gmail.com or visit the website at: <https://ottawacursillo.ca/>. “





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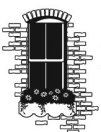
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Parish Life—Regular Activities

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: Jan 10 & 24

First Friday Mass: Feb 2 & Mar 1. 6:30pm. Adoration follows.

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

Ladies Auxiliary: Wednesday Feb 28, 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 (Rectory)

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

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

For the gift of diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

Announced Masses—December

Saturday, 4:30 at St. Philip

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

Sunday, 9 am at St. Clares Mission

Jan 28—In memory of David Hamilton requested by Reta Hamilton

Sunday, 10:30 am at St. Philip Parish

Catechism Corner

Must Christians be pacifists?

The Church strives for peace but does not preach radical pacifism. Indeed, no one can deny either the individual citizen or particular governments and alliances the fundamental right of armed self-defense. War is morally justifiable only as a last resort. The Church unmistakably says No to war. Christians should do everything possible to avoid war before it starts: They oppose the stockpiling of arms and trafficking in weapons; they fight against racial, ethnic, and religious discrimination; they work to put an end to economic and social injustice and thus promote peace. (YOUCAT questions 397-398)

Dig Deeper: CCC section (2311) and other references [here](#).

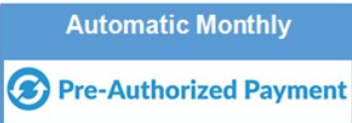
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Please Consider Donating



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 of 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:

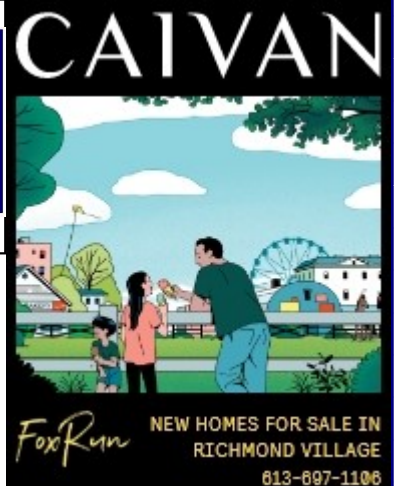
- Paying for the parish priest, the parish office administrator, replacement priests to say Mass and the parish bookkeeper;
- Diocesan tax on parish revenues (donations);
- Utilities (heat, hydro, water, sewer, utilities, etc.)
- Repairs and maintenance on St. Philip Church, the Parish Hall, and other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

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).

FAMILY FUN BINGO NIGHT

Thanks to all who participated! It was a great evening! Mark your calendars for our next: April 20, 2024.

MONDAYS & TUESDAY EVENING 7PM MASSES

... have resumed. All welcome!

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES MONDAY JANUARY 22

after 7pm Mass. In person or by ZOOM. Call the office to have the ZOOM link sent to you.

2024 NUMBERED DONATION BOXES

Please pick up your 2024 box at the entry of the church.

LIVE-STREAMING MASSES CONTINUES

Watch at www.stphilips-church.com, or go to https://www.youtube.com/@stphilipparish_stclaremission/streams or click [this link](#). Many thanks to our faithful volunteers!

HEART OF WORSHIP

Heart of Worship Adoration Evening – Tuesday, January 30th at Holy Redeemer Parish (44 Rothesay Dr.) @7:00pm - 8:30pm – Spiritual talk by Ian Anderson– Praise and Worship music – Confessions – Silent prayer time – Fellowship – Livestream link: www.YouTube.com/HolyRedeemerParishKanata

THE OFFICE IS OPEN—JANUARY SCHEDULE

The office continues to be open on a hybrid work model.
Tuesday & Thursday 9am-1:30pm—open virtually: phone or email the office at welcomhome1819@gmail.com
Wednesdays 9am-1:30pm—office is open for in-person service.

OFFICE HOLIDAYS / FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

The office will be closed for holidays the first two weeks of February, and will be open virtually the last two weeks of February. Email us at: welcomhome1819@gmail.com or phone 613-838-2314.

VIDEOGRAPHY / PHOTOGRAPHY

A volunteer has generously offered to do videography and photography for Baptisms, Weddings, Receptions, Funerals etc. Those who use this service are asked to make a freewill donation to St Philip Parish. Contact Stan Pioro: Phone/Text: 613-277-0513 or email: stanpioro@gmail.com

OPEN DOORS CANADA

a longstanding organization dedicated to strengthening Christians under persecution. Over the past three decades, the Open Doors' World Watch List (<https://www.opendoorscanada.org/worldwatchlist/>) has become a critical, credible resource that illustrates the reality of Christians enduring extreme persecution worldwide. This annually distributed list ranks the 50 countries where faith costs the most. The World Watch List is your source for current information and prayer points about the 50 countries where faith costs the most.

Parish Directory :

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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

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, 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.

‘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.

RICHMOND NURSERIES BEAUTIFIES ALTAR

We would like to send out a HUGE thank you to Richmond Nurseries Peter Rofner and Claudia Rofner who donated beautiful poinsettias for the Christmas altar at St. Philips. We cannot thank you enough!

ROAD CLOSURES SUNDAY JANUARY 28

...due to the Richmond Road Races. More info by contacting Alistair at 613-234-2221 or questions@runottawa.ca.

UPCOMING EUCHRE NIGHTS

Jan 24, Feb 7, 21 and March 6 - 7pm in the parish hall.

PUT YOUR PRAYERS IN THE PRAYER BOX

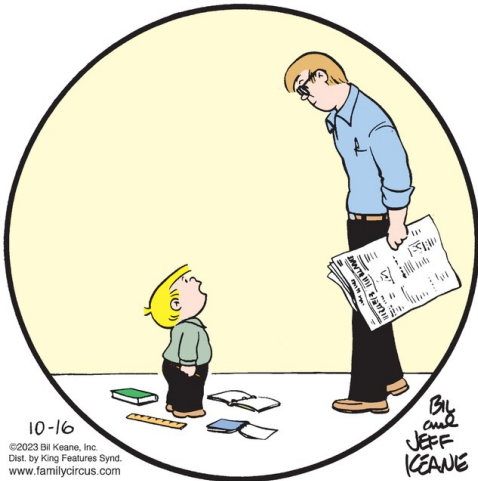
Beginning this Sunday, we are re-starting our practice of placing prayers in the prayer box. The gifts and prayer box at the back of the church will be brought forward at Offertory. All written prayer requests will be disposed of in a confidential manner.

RCIA (Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults)

Contact Dcn Louis for more details at 444-1228.

ASH WEDNESDAY—MASS AT 7PM

Lent will begin this year on Ash Wednesday, Feb 14. Mass will be held at 7pm.



Ministries:

St Philip Ministries:

Pastoral Council-Fr Bob Poole	838-2314
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Ladies Auxiliary – Sharon Crossan	790-7720
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
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