

St Philip Parish & St Clare Mission

Roman Catholic Parish, Richmond, Ontario

May 12, 2024—Ascension of the Lord

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

Weekday Masses: Mondays 7pm (St Philip) & Tuesdays 7pm (St Clares) What's On Weekly—See Page 2

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

Register as a Parishioner: Fill out the form found at the church entrance and drop in collection basket.

Donation Envelopes & Pre-Authorized Payment Plan Forms: Help yourself - at the entrance of church

Fr Bob Writes:

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ. The ascension brings the saving mission of Jesus to a close here on earth, and shows him in his "exaltation", seated at the right hand of his Father in heaven, and given the title "Lord" to whom "every knee shall bow" (cf Philippians 2:11). This feast gives us a bit of respite, the chance to look back and reflect before moving ahead.

How often, after the death of someone loved and admired, we are renewed in reviewing his or her life. So too the disciples in prayer had their moment of silent reflection. But Jesus, true to form, moves our attention forward as well. We are not to spend excessive time gazing heavenward. He will not leave us orphans. And so he reminds us as we reflect on his life and teaching, to prepare ourselves for the next exciting phase of God's interaction with the world. Pentecost is on the horizon. Memory and hope are two vital features of the religious experience - a leave-taking with a promise.

A Prayer for my mother

Lord,

*I thank you for my mother.
Thank you for placing her in
my life, and for the blessings
she is to me and my family.*

*Thank you for the godly
wisdom that she has instilled in
me. Words cannot express the
gratefulness I have in my heart
for her beauty and spiritual
influence in my life. Please
continue to bless her and
surround her with your grace
and favor. Amen.*

Happy Mother's Day!
Many Blessings on You!

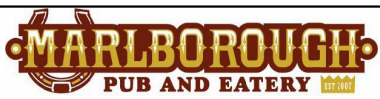


HUGE Parish Garage Sale!

DEALS GALORE AT THE KNIGHTS CHARITY GARAGE SALE & BBQ!

The Knights of Columbus will again be participating in the Richmond Village Garage Sale on Sat. May 11. There is something for everyone! Household items, children's toys, tools, clothing, books and more! All funds generated will go to support community initiatives. A cash BBQ will also be available during the Garage Sale. Come have some fun, meet some friends and find some great treasures!





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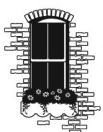
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Parish Life—Regular Activities

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 (444-01228)

Bible Study: After 7pm Mass on Mondays

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

Euchre: Every 2nd Wed, 7pm in Hall: May 15 & 29

First Friday Mass: Next: June 5, 7pm.

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

Ladies Auxiliary: Wed May 8, 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

Announced Masses—April

Saturday, 4:30 at St. Philip

Sunday, 9 am at St. Clares Mission

May 5—In memory of David Hamilton by Reta Hamilton

May 12—In memory of Shawn Moore by Bob & Colleen Moore

May 19—In mem of Kristen O'Connor by Jerome & Shirley O'Connor

Sunday, 10:30 am at St. Philip Parish

May 5—For members of the Ladies' Auxiliary and their families

May 12—In memory of Pat Monuk by Joanne Denis

May 19—In mem of Ken & Joan Crowder by Michelle & Mike Lotan

May 26—In memory of Stanley Goldstein by Betty Dolan

Monday, 7pm at St. Philip Parish

Tuesday, 7pm at St. Clares Mission

Catechism Corner

How should we treat animals? Animals are our fellow creatures, which we should care for and in which we should delight, just as God delights in their existence. Animals, too, are sentient creatures of God. It is a sin to torture them, to allow them to suffer, or to kill them uselessly. Nevertheless, man may not place love of animals above love of man.

Why does the Catholic Church have her own social teaching? Because all men, as children of God, possess a unique dignity, the Church with her social teaching is committed to defending and promoting this human dignity for all men in the social sphere. She is not trying to preempt the legitimate freedom of politics or of the economy. When human dignity is violated in politics or economic practices, however, the Church must intervene. "The joy and hope, the grief and anguish of the men of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted in any way, are the joy and hope, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well" (Second Vatican Council, GS). In her social teaching, the Church makes this statement specific. And she asks: How can we take responsibility for the well-being and the just treatment of all, even of non-Christians? What is a just organization of human society, of political, economic, and social institutions supposed to look like? In her commitment to justice, the Church is guided by a love that emulates Christ's love for mankind. (YOUCAT questions 437-438). **Dig Deeper:** CCC section (2416-2420) and other references [here](#)

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For the formation of religious and seminarians

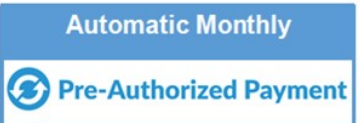
We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

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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

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The Knights of Columbus are pleased to announce a Spaghetti dinner will be held on May 31st from 5-7 pm. Tickets are only \$20 per person (\$50 max per family). Please purchase your ticket in advance by calling or emailing Peter at 613-762-5060 or pdmooore3@gmail.com. You can also e-transfer directly to the Knights at kofc11825-fs@proton.me. Take-out available on request. Thank you for your support!



PENTECOST RETREATS

Pentecost is coming soon: Sunday May 19.

Retreats in Ottawa, put on by the Servants of the Cross:

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<https://servantsofthecross.ca/empower/road-to-pentecost/>

No cost-Free will offering

Saturday, May 11th - 10:00am -3:45pm (Lunch incl)

Sunday May 12th - 12:00pm - 4:45pm

St. Augustine's Parish

Pentecost Retreat—May 17 & 18. *Let's come together for the birthday of our Church - Pentecost!* Archbishop Marcel Damphousse will celebrate our Vigil Mass. Among the many speakers, Bishop Yvan Matthieu will bless us with a talk on the scriptural basis for evangelization. Filled afresh with the Spirit, we will go out on mission from the retreat. Registration: \$35 dollars per person OR \$60 per couple. Blessed Sacrament Parish. To register, click here: <https://servantsofthecross.regfox.com/pentecost-retreat-2024>

Friday, May 17th (6:30 - 9:00pm)

Saturday, May 18th, (9:45am - 9:30pm)

Meals: Lunch and Supper are provided.

UPCOMING EUCHRE NIGHTS— May 15th and 29th



COME SHOP AT THE KNIGHTS GARAGE SALE – DEALS GALORE! CASH BBQ!

The Knights of Columbus will again be participating in the Richmond Village Garage Sale on Sat. May 11. The Knights are asking parishioners to donate any gently used household items, children's toys, tools, or clothing etc, that are in good repair that can be sold at the sale in order to generate funds to support community initiatives. We ask that items are serviceable and cleaned prior to drop off. You may drop off your items to the parish hall before the weekend masses (No collection May 4). A cash BBQ will also be available during the Garage Sale.

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Mavis Lewis, Anthony Fitzpatrick, Mary Fitzpatrick, Jean Robert Séguin, Gerry van Gaal, Fr Bob Poole, Cecilia, Rosie, Sheldon Seward, Kathleen Crozier, Glenna Leighton, Melissa Doyle, Mary Fitzpatrick, 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, Lorraine Wannamaker, Amber Williamson, healthcare workers, those affected by COVID & other illnesses, 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.

THE OFFICE IS OPEN

The office continues to be open on a hybrid work model.

Tuesday 9am-1:30pm—email or phone us

Wednesday 9am-1:30pm—drop in, phone or email us

Thursday 9am-1:30pm—email or phone us

Contact: welcomhome1819@gmail.com / 613-838-2314

LIVE-STREAMING OF MASSES CONTINUES

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

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

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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:

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Finance Chair – Anastasia Bowles 257-8249

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