## St Philip Parish & St Clare Mission

Roman Catholic Parish, Richmond, Ontario



May 5, 2024—6th Sunday of Easter
Pastor: Father Bob Poole
Deacon: Dcn Louis Seward
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St Clares Mission Est 1840

### 'A welcoming Catholic community seeking holiness in the Body of Christ'

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: <a href="www.stphilips-church.com">www.stphilips-church.com</a> (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

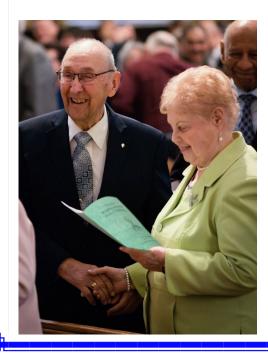
#### Fr Bob Writes:

Along with today's second reading from the first letter of John, and the gospel reading from John, we hear the word "love" eighteen times! Jesus "commands" us to love. You can't command emotions and attractions, but "agape" love is based not on emotions, but is rather a conscious willful choice to do good for God and others. In its perfection, it is selfless, yet it bears the fruit of joy for the one so loving. We often go after joy and happiness as our goal. Jesus would have us know that the greatest joy and happiness do not come from seeking them directly, but as byproducts of seeking to do good, to make a positive difference, to see others blessed as a result of our efforts.

In our gospel today, we hear Jesus call us "friends", rather than slaves or servants. In the Old Testament, Moses (Deuteronomy 34:5), Joshua (Joshuar 24:29), and David (Psalm 89:21) were called slaves or servants of God. Only Abraham (Isaiah 41:8; 2 Chronicles 20:7; James 2:23) was called God's friend. The lan-

guage gets a bit challenging here, for obedience to commands seems more appropriate in a servant-master relationship than a friend. If we are going to strive to be like God, however, we are invited into an intimate relationship and made co-workers, not just servants, in the mission.

Who chose who? We do make a choice to follow Jesus, but the image of being chosen by God reminds us that we are invited into a plan bigger than of our own making. Imagine football, baseball or basketball players being chosen in the draft. Before choosing a player, the team has an idea of what position that person will play and how he or she will best fit into the overall plan for the team. I believe that God has a specific role for each of us to play in his eternal plan. The more accurately you and I discern our roles in God's great plan and strive to live according to that plan, the more God can accomplish through us...and the more we will be filled with the side blessing benefits of greater satisfaction, joy, happiness, and peace in our lives. (With thanks to Fr Denny Dempsey)



#### Happy Anniversary Mary & Ernie!

At the recent Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at Notre Dame basilica, Mary and Ernie Beaudette were there to celebrate their 65th anniversary (coming this July).

Be sure to congratulate them the next time you see them!

Blessings on your marriage Mary and Ernie; thanks for being a shining example to all of us.



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# **JOIN THE NATIONAL** MARCH FOR LIFE ON MAY 9, 2024

2024 SCHEDULE

MAY 7-10



Watch screenings on youtube.com/MarchFor-LifeCanada Sunday May 5 -Roe Canada - In Conversation

#### TUESDAY, MAY 7 SONGS FOR LIFE **COFFEE HOUSE 7 PM**

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St. Mary's Church Hall 100 Young Street, Ottawa Free with Baby Item Drive or Free Will Offering

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 8 'UNTHINKABLE' **SCREENING** 4:30 PM

In Person Screening: Unthinkable With Special Guest: Abby Johnson Location TBD

#### CANDLELIGHT **VIGIL** WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

Human Rights Monument Begin with Mass at 7:30 pm at St. Theresa Church (95 Somerset St W., Ottawa) followed by a candlelight procession to the monument. Holy Hour 10-11 pm at St. Theresa Church following Vigil

#### THURSDAY, MAY 9 **MASSES & PRAYER SERVICES**

National Mass for Life Notre Dame Cathedral -Bilingual (385 Sussex Dr.) St. Patrick's Basilica (220 Kent St.) St. Clement - Latin (528 Old St. Patrick St.)

#### PRO-LIFE EXPO\*

May 9 (10 am - 10 pm) May 10 (8 am - 3 pm)

The pro-life expo is an opportunity for attendees to connect with pro-life organizations & ministries and is FREE to attend.

#### **RALLY & MARCH** ON PARLIAMENT HILL

12:30 pm - Rally on Parliament Hill 1:30 pm – March downtown Ottawa 2:30 pm - Silent No More Testimonies 3:00 pm - Closing Prayer ervice: Metropolitan Andrey

#### **ROSE DINNER GALA\***

Sheptytsky Institute

Reception 5:00 Dinner 6:30 Speakers:

#### ABBY JOHNSON:

Former Planned Parenthood Clinic Director **SHAWN CARNEY:** 

Co-founder & CEO of 40 Days for Life Tickets: \$150/person Early Bird: \$125/person (ends April 8th) Youth 18 & younger: \$75

#### FRIDAY, MAY 10 YOUTH SUMMIT LIVE ON\*

8:00 am- 3:00 pm Optional Mass 7:00 am Tickets: \$75 Youth\*\* \$80 General Admission Speakers:

#### ABBY JOHNSON:

Former Planned Parenthood Clinic Director DR. JOHN T.

## **BRUCHALSKI:**

Former abortionist and President of Divine

# Mercy Care MARY WAGNER:

Pro-life prisoner of conscience

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For more details visit marchforlife.ca/youthsummit

\*Ottawa Conference Events Centre, 200 Coventry Road





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### Parish Life—Regular Activities

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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1 & 15 First Friday Mass: Next: June 5, 7pm. (none in May) 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–3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month (Rectory) Temporal Affairs Cnc'l: 4<sup>th</sup> Tues of the month, 7pm, Hall

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#### POPE FRANCIS' INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

#### <u>For the Role of Women</u>

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

### Please Consider Donating



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### 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 the environment? We fulfill God's commission with regard to creation when we care for the earth, with its biological laws, its variety of species, its natural beauty, and its dwindling resources, as a living space and preserve it, so that future generations also can live well on earth. In the book of genesis, God says, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth" (Gen 1:28). Having "dominion over the earth" does not mean having an absolute right to dispose arbitrarily of animate and inanimate nature, animals, and plants. Because man is created in God's image, he should care for God's creation as a shepherd and steward. For the first book of the Bible also says, "The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it" (Gen 2:15). (YOUCAT questions 435-436) Dig Deeper: CCC section (2414-2415) and other references here.

> 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:

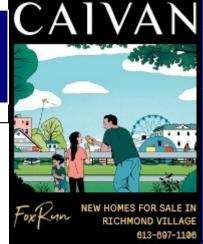
- Paying for the parish priest, the parish office administrator, replacement priests to say Mass and the parish bookkeeper;
- Diocesan tax on parish revenues (donations);
- Utilities (heat, hydro, water, sewer, utilities, etc.)
- Repairs and maintenance on St. Philip Church, the Parish Hall, and other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

### MARCH FOR LIFE—ACTIVITIES MAY 7—10

March for Life is Thursday May 9. See page inserted in this bulletin for all activities, dates, details. www.marchforlife.ca

#### THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Still time to join! You are welcome join in even if you have not attended previous classes. We meet at 9:30 on Thursday mornings in St Philips hall. Study runs until May 25th.

#### GARAGE SALE – WE NEED YOUR TREASURES!

The Knights of Columbus will again be participating in the Richmond Village Garage Sale which is expected to be held



May 11, 2024. 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 (Note: No collection May 4). Remember to SAVE THE DATE! Come and visit our garage sale on May 11th. A cash BBQ will also be available during the Garage Sale.

#### PENTECOST RETREATS

**Pentecost is coming soon: Sunday May 19.** Retreats in Ottawa, put on by the Servants of the Cross:

Road to Pentecost Prepare for the feast of Pentecost with a virtual Pentecost Novena and a book reading of the inspiring book - *The Cross and the Switchblade*. A story of a country preacher who listened to the Lord and, step by step, answered a call to do greater things. Is "crossing that chicken line" and believing his call on your life a challenge for you? Join us for this transformational weekend. Let's meet over a weekend and read this amazing book together. Let's share the Gospel to all those we meet. Register on our website: <a href="https://servantsofthecross.ca/empower/road-to-pentecost//">https://servantsofthecross.ca/empower/road-to-pentecost//</a> 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 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: <a href="https://">https://</a>

servantsofthecross.regfox.com/pentecost-retreat-2024 Friday, May 17th (6:30 - 9:00pm)

Friday, May 17th (6:30 - 9:00pm) Saturday, May 18th, (9:45am - 9:30pm) Meals: Lunch and Supper are provided.

**UPCOMING EUCHRE NIGHTS**– May 1st and May 15th

### Parish Directory:

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**Bulletin Deadline:** Tuesdays at 12 noon **Hall Rentals:** Office (613-838-2314)

**Parish Schools:** St. Philips Catholic School – 613-838-2466

Sacred Ĥeart 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)

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#### CATHOLIC CHALLENGE WEEKEND—MAY 10-12

at Sacred Heart High School, Stittsville. Endorsed by the Diocese, this is a weekend for youth aged 16-25. Visit: Www.ottawachallenge.ca or call the office for more info.

#### KNIGHTS SPAGHETTI NIGHT—MAY 31, 5-7PM

See poster on the bulletin board. Tickets in advance from Peter at 613-762-5060 pdmoore3@gmail.com. St Philip parish Hall. \$20 per person, max \$50 per family.

#### PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Mavis Lewis, Anthony Fitzpatrick, Mary Fitzpatrick, Jean Robert Séguin, Gerry van Gaal, Fr Bob Poole, Cecilia, Rosie, Mavis Lewis, 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, 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.

#### 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: welcomehome1819@gmail.com / 613-838-2314

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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
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