



**ST. PHILIP PARISH**  
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# St Philip Parish & St Clare Mission

Roman Catholic Parish, Richmond, Ontario

Christmas 2025 & New Year 2026

Pastor: Father Bob Poole

Deacon: Dcn Louis Seward

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## '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:** [www.stphilips-church.com](http://www.stphilips-church.com) (right side of homepage under the 'Donate Now' button)

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### Fr Bob Writes:

#### Joy to the World the Savior Reigns

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***+While they were there [Bethlehem], the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. - Luke 2:6-7***

The angel proclaimed it to the world, in effect, "Rejoice, again I say, rejoice, for I bring good news of great joy." (See Luke 2:10).

Pope John Paul II echoed the same refrain two thousand years later: "Joy is the keynote message of Christianity and the recurring motif of the gospels. Go, therefore, and become messengers of joy.:


When Jesus Christ completed his public ministry, he gave a final address to the twelve Apostles saying, ***"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete" (John 15:11).***

Christmas Day is a day of jubilation. Let us rejoice!

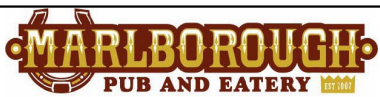
How can we best honor our Lord for all that has been showered upon us? Blessed Juliana of Norwich gave this answer: "The greatest honour we can give to Almighty God, greater than all our sacrifices and mortifications, is to live gladly, joyfully, because of the knowledge of his love." With Mary, let us pray today with all our hearts and minds: ***"My spirit rejoices in God my savior: (Luke 1:47).***

***A Happy and Holy Christmas to all our parishioners ... From Fr Bob, Deacon Louis, and Lynn***



	<b>Christmas Mass Schedule</b>		
	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>Regular Weekend Masses</b>
	4:30pm—St Philip (Church & Hall) 7pm—St Clare 9pm*—St Philip	10:30am—St Philip	Regular schedule December 20*-21 and December 27*-28 (Sat at 4:30pm at St Philip Sun 9am St Clares & 10:30am St Philips)
		<b>New Years Day</b>	
		10:30am—St Philip	
	<b>*Mass will be livestreamed</b>		
	<b>Full Schedule of Masses &amp; Cancellations at: <a href="http://www.stphilips-church.com">www.stphilips-church.com</a></b>		





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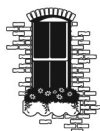
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## Parish Life—Regular Activities

### 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

**Apostles Div Mercy:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 1pm, 63 Lennox

**Bible Study:** Tuesdays, 2-3:30pm, St Philip Parish Hall

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

**Euchre:** Every 2nd Wed, 7pm in Hall: Dec 10, **First**

**Friday Mass: Next: 6:30pm**—Dec 5 at St Clares

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

**Ladies Auxiliary:** Oct 8, 7 pm in Hall

**Pastoral Council:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tues of month, 8pm, Hall

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

## Announced Masses—Dec & Jan

### Saturday, 4:30 at St. Philip

**Dec 20**—In mem Linda Vickers by David & Elizabeth Vickers

**Jan 3**—Philip, Martha, Herbert Moloughney by Paul Moloughney

### Sunday 9am at St. Clares

**Dec 21**—In memory of Clare Nesbitt by Phil & Tilly O'Connor

### Sunday, 10:30 at St. Philips

**Dec 14**—In memory of Lloyd Gervais by John & Birgit Evans

**Dec 28**—In memory of Fr Patrick Gaffney by Geraghty family

**Jan 4**—Intentions of Erin Brown by Stittsville Mothers group

### Christmas / New Year

**Dec 24, 4:30pm Church**—IMO Denise Steep by E&S Payne

**Dec 24, 7pm (St Clares)**—IMO David Hamilton by Reta

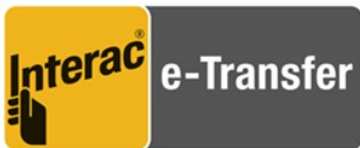
**Dec 24, 9pm (St Philips)**—Parishioners of St Philips & St Clares

**Dec 25, 10:30am**—IMO Steward Logan by Rosemary Logan

**Jan 1, 10:30am** St Philips—Parishioners of St Philip & St Clare

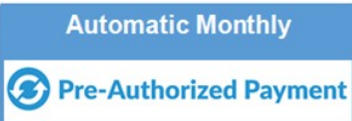


## Please Consider Donating



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**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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## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### Christmas Eve Masses, December 24:

- 4:30pm – St Philip Church
- 4:30 pm – St Philip Hall (Children’s Mass)
- 7 pm – St Clares Mission
- 9 pm – St Philip Church \* **Will be Livestreamed**

### Christmas Day, Dec 25: 10:30am Mass – St Philip

### New Year’s Day-Jan 1—10:30 am—St Philip

- Regular Weekend Masses December 27-28 and Jan 3-4 \* **Saturday Mass will be Livestreamed**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays from 3:45-4:15 in the hall, or by appointment

### Cancellations:

- No Monday Masses on Dec 22nd or 29th
- No bible study on Dec 23rd or 30th
- No Tuesday Mass (St Clares) on Dec 23rd or 30th
- No prayer meeting Thursday Dec 25th or Jan 1st
- No First Friday Mass on January 2nd
- Office is now closed; reopens January 6 (virtual)

## CHRISTMAS MASS LIVESTREAMED

The December 24th, 9pm Mass at St Philips will be livestreamed. Join us online at: [www.stphilips-church.com](http://www.stphilips-church.com) or click this link [https://www.youtube.com/@stphilipparish\\_stclaremission/streams](https://www.youtube.com/@stphilipparish_stclaremission/streams) to go directly to our YouTube page.

## ‘IN PERSON’ OFFICE HOURS/FURNACE REPAIR

Due to a furnace repair required in the rectory/office building, our ‘in person’ Wednesday office hours will resume by the end of January (provided the furnace repair is complete). Our regular (virtual) office hours will be as follows: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 1:30pm. Please phone us at 613-838-2314 or email the office at [welcomhome1819@gmail.com](mailto:welcomhome1819@gmail.com). Note that the office is closed for Christmas from December 18-Jan 6 (inclusive).

## POPE’S INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 2025:

**For Christians in areas of conflict.** Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

## ARCHBISHOP’S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Read it here: <https://ottawacornwall.ca/news/2025-christmas-message-from-archbishop-damphousse/>

## NO ‘FIRST FRIDAY’ MASS ON JANUARY 2, 2026

Next one will be February 6, 2026.

## EUCHRE RESUMES WEDNESDAY JANUARY 7TH

All are welcome!

## 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/1<sup>st</sup> Communion** – Next Enrollment is September 2025  
**Sacrament o/t Sick-on request,&after every Mass on last wkend of month**

## PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2026 DONATION BOX

2026 donation boxes are available as you leave the church today. Please begin to use these in January. Boxes are pre-assigned with your name on them. If you notice any errors, please phone or email the office to correct the errors. If you are new to the parish, pick up one of the ‘unassigned’ boxes and then phone the office to register your box (we need your information for your tax receipt). Thanks!

**BASKET RAFFLE THANKS** Thank you all so much for supporting St Phillip ladies auxiliary Christmas basket raffle. The winners for the basket was as follows ; Basket 1. Mellissa Roosem 2. Bill Flynn 3. Madison Brazeau 4. Annie Da Costa 5. Sharon Murphy 6. Margaret Kusiewicz 7. Preston Da Cost 8. Tom Chmara

## PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Dcn Louis, Kay Lawless, Caroline Acker, Fred Schubert, Peter Maitland, Fr Ruddick, Fr Bob, Gerry van Gaal, Kathleen Crozier, Glenna Leighton, MJ Wilson, Theresa Slattery, Michael Lawless, Suzanne Denis, Elizabeth van-Galder, Lorraine Wannamaker, healthcare workers, those affected by 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 Dying, intercede for us.

## LIVING FOR GREATNESS NET RETREAT (Gr 6-8)

God has a plan for each of us. During this retreat, attendees explore how to hear him and have the strength to follow him. The retreat day includes games, skits, dynamic talks, small-group discussions where kids can share honestly about faith and life, and a time of guided prayer and worship. Cost is \$25/ person and includes lunch. The retreat runs from 10am-4:30pm on Saturday, Jan 17, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish. It is open to youth in grades 6-8. [Click here to register.](https://ottawacornwall.ca/events-mec/) Info: <https://ottawacornwall.ca/events-mec/>

## THE BUS STOP AND THE BREAKROOM: JAN 21, 6:45PM- CATHOLIC WITNESS THAT WORKS

Can I share the Gospel at work without getting cancelled? Let’s talk through the practical nuts-and-bolts of witnessing and evangelization in every day settings. *This event is part of the Why Not More Young Adult Series.* St. George Parish Info: <https://ottawacornwall.ca/why-not-more/>



## Ministries:

### St Philip Ministries:

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Sacristans – Betty Dolan	838-3181
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Ladies Auxiliary – Ronalda McKenna	
Knights of Columbus – John Evans	<a href="mailto:jte65@outlook.com">jte65@outlook.com</a>
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	<a href="mailto:Ryan@unreserved.com">Ryan@unreserved.com</a>
Finance Chair – Anastasia Bowles	257-8249
Lectors, Sacristans – Ada Gorrie	838-2490
Cemetery – Jerome O’Connor	838-2704
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