



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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St Clares Mission Est 1849

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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)

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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



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

4:30pm—St Philip
(Church & Hall)
7pm—St Clare
9pm*—St Philip

Christmas Day

10:30am—St Philip

Regular Weekend Masses

Regular schedule
December 20*-21 and
December 27*-28
(Sat at 4:30pm at St Philip
Sun 9am St Clares &
10:30am St Philips)

New Years Day

10:30am—St Philip

***Mass will be livestreamed**

Full Schedule of Masses & Cancellations at: www.stphilips-church.com



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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: 2nd & 4th 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: 1st 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



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 receipts from the parish in February next year.

Automatic Monthly



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DONATE

BY CASH OR CHEQUE

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.

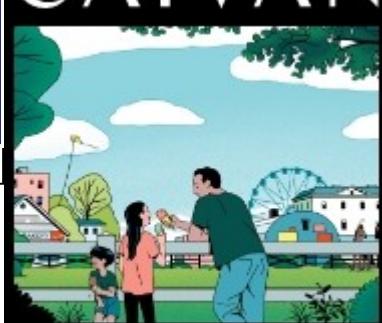
In addition, St. Philip Parish also spends about \$10,000-\$20,000 per year on major projects and renovations to replace and/or renovate the parish buildings and other items within the parish.

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Parish News



CHRISTMAS 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 or click this link https://www.youtube.com/@stphilipparish_stclaremissionstreams 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 welcomehome1819@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.

EUCHERE 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/1st Communion – Next Enrollment is September 2025

Sacrament o/t Sick-on request,&after every Mass on last wknd 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

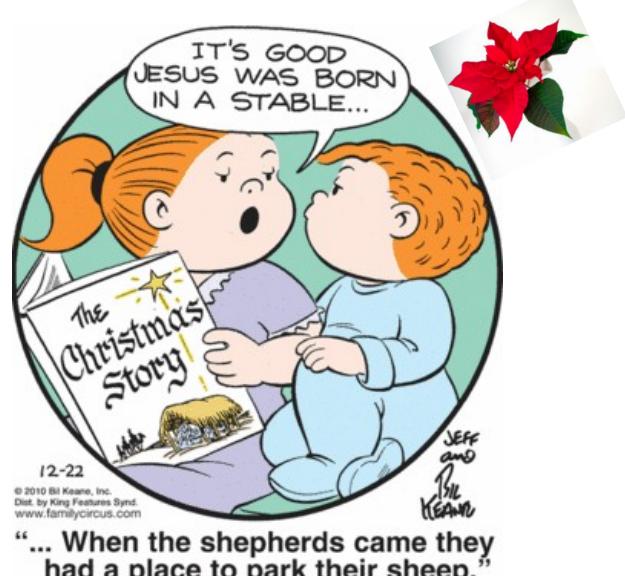
PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

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.](#) 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/>



“... When the shepherds came they had a place to park their sheep.”

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St Vincent de Paul - David Vickers

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Live-Stream—Patrick McIver

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