

# St Philip Parish & St Clare Mission

Roman Catholic Parish, Richmond, Ontario

May 17, 2026—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](http://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.

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Fr Bob Writes:

The Ascension, which we celebrate this Sunday, brings the mission of Jesus to a close. It 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. As the two men in white garments, evidently angels, tell the disciples, 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. Without the historical Jesus, the age of the Spirit to come would have no meaning. We would be rudderless and adrift in some sort of esoteric mystery religion. The Spirit's main role is to shed light on the meaning of Jesus the Christ for the world and for the Church, which includes you and me. And so we wait for Pentecost.



## BLOOD DONOR CLINIC AT ST PHILIPS – THIS TUESDAY, MAY 19<sup>th</sup>

Donating is more than an act of generosity. It's a feeling, a powerful pull that unites us. When you give, you're part of something greater — a community that lifts you up, a purpose that drives you, a connection that stays with you.

St Philips Blood Donor Clinic event has **75 open appointments that still need to be filled**. We need help getting the word out in the community to ensure it is a success. Spread the word! Chose an appointment time at: <https://myaccount.blood.ca/en/donate/> or visit [blood.ca](http://blood.ca) for more information.



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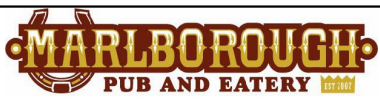
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## Parish Life—Regular Activities

### 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:** Tuesday afternoon, 2pm in parish Hall

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

**Euchre:** Every 2nd Wed, 7pm in Hall: Apr 1,15,29

**First Friday Mass:** Next: June 6:30pm at St Clares

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

**Ladies Auxiliary:** Mar 11, April 8 - 7 pm in Hall

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

**Prayer Meeting**—Thursdays at 7:30pm, St Philip 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

## Announced Masses—May

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

**May 2**—In memory of Philip Mayr by John & Birgit Evans

### Sunday 9am at St. Clares

**May 3**—In memory of Shaun Moore by Bob & Colleen Moore

**May 10**—In memory of Donna Jean Casey by the Bowles family

**May 17**—In memory of Shaun Moore by Janet O'Connor

**May 24**—In memory of Kristen O'Connor by Shirley & Jerome

**May 31**—In mem of Julie Thistle-Zappa, Sam & Jasmine Thistle by Colleen Thistle and family.

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

**May 3**—Happy repose of soul of Mona McLinton by Betty Dolan

**May 10**—In memory of Teresa Pivar by Maria Pivar and family

**May 17**—Intentions of the St Philip Ladies Auxiliary

**May 24**—IMO Clair Samuel Paquet by Wanda & John van Dorst

**May 31**—Happy repose of soul of Ken Jones by Betty Dolan

### Monday—7pm at St Philips

**May 4**—In memory of Rudy Mayr by John & Birgit Evans

**May 11**—In memory of Pat Monuk by Joanne Denis

## Catechism Corner

### What does it mean to say that Jesus ascended into heaven?

With Jesus, one of us has arrived home with God and remains there forever. In his Son, God is close to us men in a human way. Moreover, Jesus says in the Gospel of John, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself" (Jn 12:32).

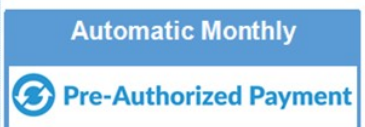
In the New Testament, the Ascension of Christ marks the end of forty days during which the risen Lord was especially close to his disciples. At the end of this time, Christ, together with his whole humanity, enters into the glory of God. Sacred Scripture expresses this through the images of "cloud" and "heaven" or sky. "Man", says Pope Benedict XVI, "finds room in God." Jesus Christ is now with the Father, and from there he will come one day "to judge the living and the dead". Christ's Ascension into heaven means that Jesus is no longer visible on earth yet is still present. (YOUCAT question 109). Dig Deeper: CCC section (659-667) and other references [here](#).

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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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## Parish News

**BLOOD DRIVE AT ST PHILIPS** – This Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 1-6pm in St Philip Parish Hall. The event has 75 open appointments that still need to be filled, we need help getting the word out in the community to ensure it is a success.

Chose an appointment time at: <https://myaccount.blood.ca/en/donate/> or visit [blood.ca](http://blood.ca) for more information.

**PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A SACRISTAN AT ST PHILIPS** – training will be provided. Sacristans are needed for both the Saturday (4:30pm) and Sunday (10:30am) Masses. Call the office or speak to Betty Dolan for more information.

**SPECIAL DIOCESAN COLLECTION ON MAY 16-17** – for ‘The Pope’s Pastoral Works.’ Kindly use your numbered collection envelope marked ‘Pope’s Pastoral Works’ or print ‘Pope’s Pastoral Works’ on any envelope, also including your full name and address for tax receipt purposes.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SPECIAL COLLECTION MAY 23-24** - on the weekend of May 23 and 24 for the ‘Rankin Inlet’ project. Only monetary donations are being collected this year. Special envelopes will be in the pews this coming weekend where you can make your donation, and a red collection box will be available at the church door to drop off your donation envelope. Please DO NOT put your contribution in the weekly collection basket. Cheques can be made out to SSVP Ottawa Central Council and in the memo section reference ‘North of Sixty Rankin Inlet’. If you require further information, contact Bernie at 613-831-2514.

**CONSECRATION TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA** ... on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. The faithful are invited to participate in a special time of prayer on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, during which a communal consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary will take place. This time of prayer will offer an opportunity for reflection, devotion, and spiritual renewal, as we entrust ourselves to the maternal care of Our Lady and deepen our commitment to Christ. Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 7PM, at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 153 Woodroffe Ave., Ottawa). The program will include the screening of The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima, the Rosary, the communal consecration, and the May 13 hymn. [613-722-7661](tel:613-722-7661) or [office@fatimaparish.ca](mailto:office@fatimaparish.ca)

### PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Please pray for Christine Villegas, Kay Lawless, Caroline Acker, Fred Schubert, Peter Maitland, Fr Ruddick, Gerry van Gaal, Kathleen Crozier, Glenna Leighton, MJ Wilson, Theresa Slattery, Michael Lawless, Suzanne Denis, 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 Sick, Patron of Dying, intercede for us.

**PASTORAL CARE TRAINING FOR LAITY** - The Archdiocese is pleased to offer a new four-session pastoral care program for the laity, designed to support and strengthen parish ministries. All sessions are grounded in Catholic teaching and sound pastoral practice. □ Participation is limited to 50 individuals. Advance registration required. Registration requires a commitment to attend all four sessions. Pastoral approval is required prior to registration-contact the office at 613-838-2314.

## 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

### UPCOMING CEMETERY MASSES

All are encouraged to join us for the annual Cemetery Masses. These dates have changed a bit from last year, so here is the new information:

St Philip Cemetery Mass—Sunday, July 12, 10:30am—  
Mass in St Philip Cemetery (weather permitting). Bring your lawn chairs!

St Clares Cemetery Mass—Sunday, July 19, 9am—Sunday  
Mass in the church, followed by blessing of the cemetery.

**CURSILLO GRAND ULTREYA JUNE 3, 7PM** - Kick off your summer with joy and community at the Grand Ultreya, which will be on Wednesday June 3 at 7pm at Our Lady of Fatima Parish (153 Woodroffe Ave.) This ultreya will be extra special as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of our movement and the blessing it has been in our community and our lives. Join us for Mass, witness, fellowship and food. All who have made a Cursillo, and anyone interested in making a Cursillo weekend are invited to attend. [\(613\) 722-7661](tel:613-722-7661)

**HEART OF WORSHIP ADORATION EVENING**— 7-8:30pm – Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at Holy Redeemer Parish  
Spiritual talk by Justin Ikwuanusi – Praise and Worship music – Opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation – Silent prayer time – Fellowship – Livestream link: [www.YouTube.com/HolyRedeemerParishKanata](http://www.YouTube.com/HolyRedeemerParishKanata)

### WE PRAY FOR THOSE MAKING SACRAMENTS

In early June, we have 40 children celebrating their Confirmation! Kindly keep all of these people in your prayers.

### 2025 TAX RECEIPTS-CALL THE OFFICE

Tax receipts (which have been in both church entries since the end of January) have now been moved to the office. Please email the office if you need it emailed to you.

### Pope’s Intentions for May 2026

**That everyone might have food** Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



## Ministries:

### St Philip Ministries:

Pastoral Council-Fr Bob Poole 838-2314  
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Knights of Columbus – John Evans [jte65@outlook.com](mailto: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:

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Lectors, Sacristans – Ada Gorrie 838-2490  
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