

Weekly Parish Newsletter

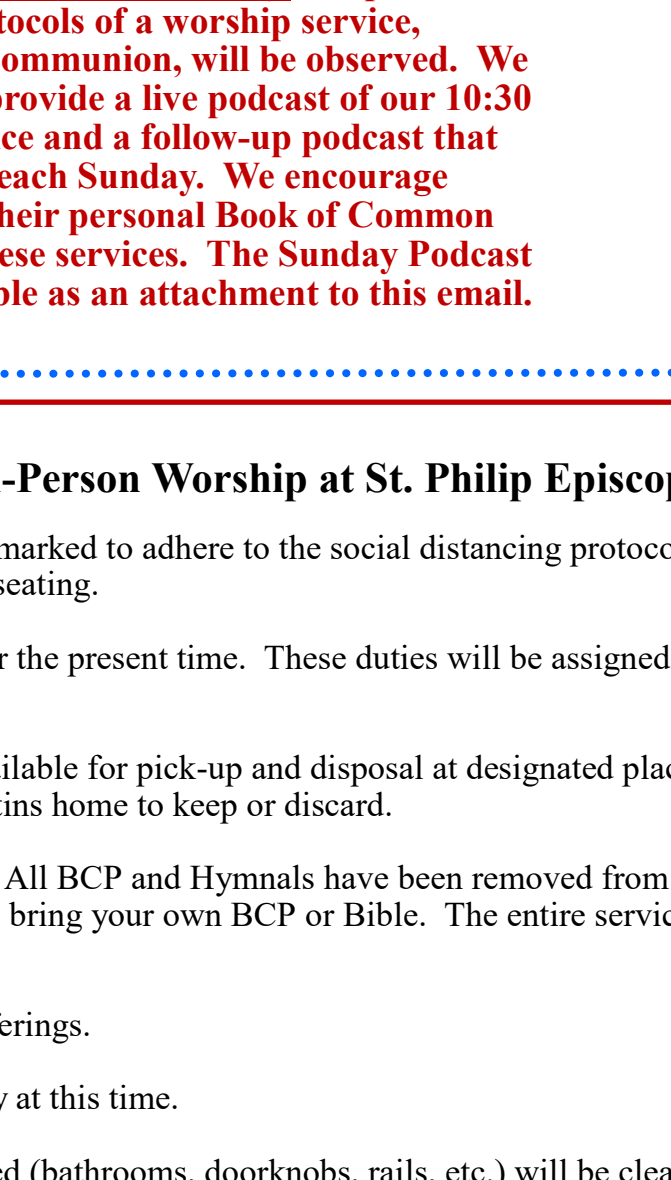
Second Sunday of Lent, February 28, 2021

Scriptures:

First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm: Psalm 22:22-30
Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25
Gospel: Mark 8:31-38



The Season of Lent



Note:

We have resumed our in-person worship services at 8 am and 10:30 am each Sunday. All previous and updated protocols of a worship service, including Holy Communion, will be observed. We will continue to provide a live podcast of our 10:30 am Sunday Service and a follow-up podcast that will be available each Sunday. We encourage everyone to use their personal Book of Common Prayer during these services. The Sunday Podcast bulletin is available as an attachment to this email.

Guidelines for Resumption of In-Person Worship at St. Philip Episcopal Church

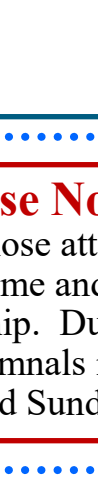
- Available seating will be strategically marked to adhere to the social distancing protocols. Ushers can help direct each parishioner to his/her seating.
- There will be no readers or acolytes for the present time. These duties will be assigned to the selected Altar servers.
- Single use service bulletins will be available for pick-up and disposal at designated places. We encourage everyone to take their bulletins home to keep or discard.
- No congregational singing will occur. All BCP and Hymnals have been removed from the pews and stored elsewhere. You are welcome to bring your own BCP or Bible. The entire service and readings will be printed in your bulletin.
- There will be designated places for offerings.
- There will be no coffee hour or nursery at this time.
- Worship space and all other spaces used (bathrooms, doorknobs, rails, etc.) will be cleaned/sanitized before and after each service.
- Individual face masks will be **required by all** who attend or serve in the service.
- There will be supplies available to all worshippers including disposable face masks for those who do not have them and hand sanitizers at each entry/exit location.
- At the Peace, attendees can acknowledge others while staying in their place.
- Weather permitting, Fr. Terry can greet attendees outside the front red doors while practicing safe measures.
- The Bishop's "Guidelines for Worshipers" should be reviewed by all who plan on attending a service.
- We continue to encourage all "at risk" members to consider not attending until there is a greater margin of safety from the virus.
- We will provide a live Podcast of our Sunday service and a follow-up Podcast that should be available each Sunday afternoon.

Bishop's Guidelines for Worshipers

- The evening before the worship service, each member of the household planning to attend in-person worship should check their temperature (should be less than 100° F) and determine whether anyone has a dry cough or has lost their sense of smell.
- If anyone has any of these symptoms, has been exposed to someone with coronavirus or has tested positive for coronavirus, the household members should remain at home and worship online.
- Persons who are at higher risk for coronavirus (children, persons age 65 or older, those who are asthmatic, diabetic or have a compromised immune system) should assess the degree of risk that is acceptable for them and their household.
- Please wash your hands before you leave home.
- Please bring a clean face mask for each member of the household except for children less than 2 years old. Wear the face mask throughout the service and when you are near others.
- Please bring hand sanitizer and apply it before entering the building.
- Maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from other persons at all times.
- Please do not shake hands or otherwise touch people who are not members of your household, including during the Peace.
- There will be no congregational singing until health experts advise otherwise.
- Please follow the church's protocols for entering and exiting the building.
- Please go straight to your seats at the beginning of the service and leave the building promptly after the service.
- Please place your bulletin in the place designated by the church at the end of the service or take it home with you to recycle.

Communication Please!

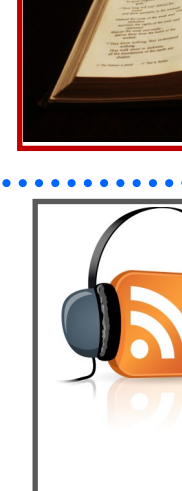
More than ever, it is important for our Parishioners to faithfully read all emails from St. Philip in a timely manner in order to receive the latest announcements, information and updates during this time. It also is a means by which we can stay and feel connected to our parish and Diocesan family during these turbulent times and period of isolation. You can find Bishop Phoebe's latest message at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z3mxC2YNt8&feature=youtu.be>



To Receive the Diocesan E-Communicator

If you would like to receive the weekly Diocesan newsletter, *The Communicator* and Diocesan updates, you can subscribe by going to: <http://bit.ly/3u2w6u>

A Special Thank You!

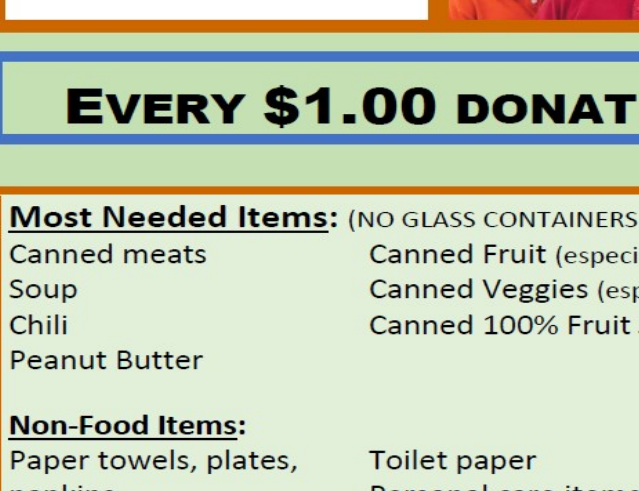


A special thanks to Fr. Terry's son, Andrew Street, who surprised us this past Sunday morning with one of his snow plowing crews to clear a drive-through and parking area at St. Philip. His thoughtfulness and timely efforts were greatly appreciated! As featured on the Channel 3 News, Andrew's Tree Service re-fitted his heavy equipment to offer snow and ice removal throughout the city. In his extremely busy schedule, he took the thought, time and effort to volunteer his services to St. Philip. Thanks! Andrew!

Altar Flowers Dedications 2020-2021



A new sign-up sheet is on the hall bulletin board for those of you who want to dedicate altar flowers to a loved one or friend. Note that the price has not gone up, but is \$40.

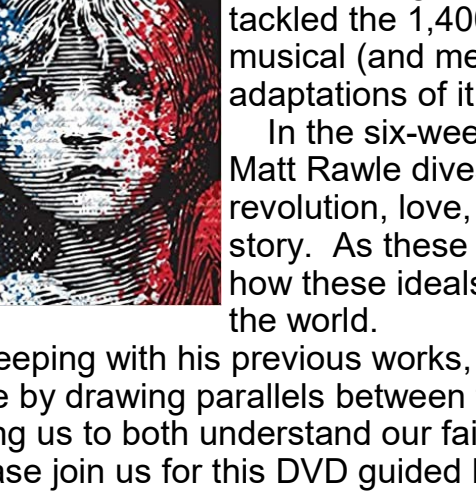


Wednesday Healing Service

We will continue our weekly Wednesday Healing Service with Holy Communion at 12:10 pm. All previous and current protocols of a worship service, including Holy Eucharist, will be observed. We welcome anyone who would like to attend.

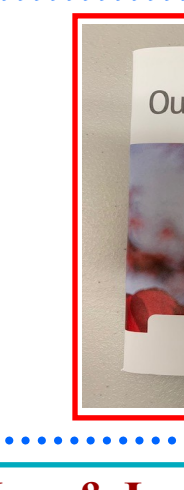
Please Note:

For those attending the resumed Holy Eucharist Services, congregates are welcome and encouraged to bring their own Book of Common Prayer for worship. Due to continued Covid protocols, there will be no Prayer Books or Hymnals in the pews. The Service Liturgy can also be found in the printed Sunday bulletin.



Attention Lem's and Lay Readers!!!

Your next set of readings, from *Ash Wednesday* through *Day of Pentecost*, is ready for you to pick up. Thank you for picking up your readings. There are a couple of extra packets of them if you need one. Thank you!



Sunday podcast Update

NEW Notice!

We will continue our Sunday Video Podcast each Sunday, now live-streamed! Watch for the "sign-in" directions just prior to the 10:30 Sunday Service. A re-broadcast of the service will be available online shortly after each live broadcast. We hope this will help continue our worship together in these current circumstances.

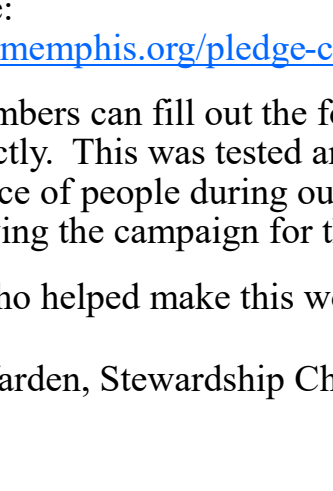


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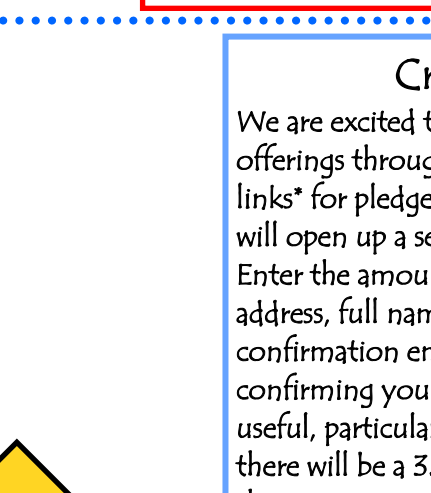
Food Drive to Support Mid-South Food Bank



30% of children in the Mid-South don't know when they'll eat next because of Covid-19



1 in 4 Mid-southerners are living food insecure.



24.5% of Mid-Southerners are living with hunger. Over 133,000 are Seniors.

300+ food pantries, soup kitchens & shelters rely on the Food Bank.



136,382 children are food insecure and hungry on a regular basis.

EVERY \$1.00 DONATED PROVIDES 3 MEALS!

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| Most Needed Items: (NO GLASS CONTAINERS) | | |
| Canned meats | Canned Fruit (especially no-sugar) | Dried Beans |
| Soup | Canned Veggies (especially no-salt) | Rice |
| Chili | Canned 100% Fruit Juice | Macaroni & Cheese |
| Peanut Butter | | ANY Non-Perishable |
| Non-Food Items: | | |
| Paper towels, plates, napkins | Toilet paper | Laundry & Dish Detergent |
| | Personal care items | Other cleaning products |

Food donations can be made at St. Philip in the Blue Container in the Parish Hall. Checks can be made out to St. Philip with "Food Bank" in the memo line.

St. Philip's Prayer List

Boyd Family
Karen Brooks & Family
Kathie Leigh Cavette
David Delich

Gibbs Family
Herr Family
Blaine Howard
Regis Montgomery
Larry Mooney

Papke Family
Jim Shardy
Brian Sladen
Jason Webb



2021 Lenten Study: This Sunday!

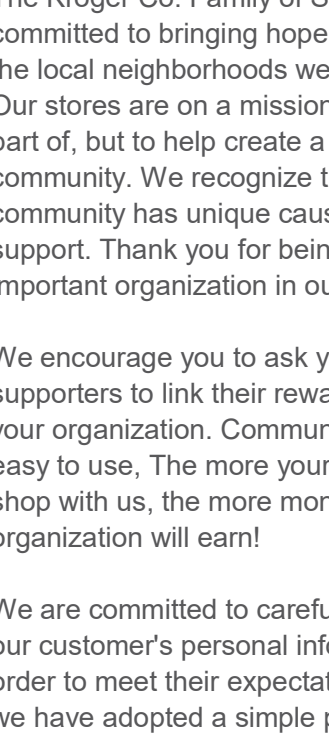
Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables* is a truly epic story. Whether you've tackled the 1,400-page 19th century novel, witnessed the Broadway musical (and memorized its soundtrack), or seen the several screen adaptations of it, you already know the power of its story.

In the six-week study *The Grace of Les Misérables*, author and pastor Matt Rawle dives into six ideals found in the story — grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love, and hope — each represented by a character in Hugo's story. As these imperfect and relatable characters interact, we can see how these ideals work together (perhaps even in spite of each other) out in the world.

In keeping with his previous works, Matt Rawle brings us to the intersection of Church and Pop Culture by drawing parallels between the iconic story and musical and our Christian calling, inspiring us to both understand our faith and live it out in the world.

Please join us for this DVD guided Lenten Study with discussions beginning February 21—March 28. You need not be familiar with *Les Misérables* to benefit from this study. The Lenten Study books cost \$13.00 and can be purchased at the church or in the classroom at the beginning of the series. They may also be purchased through Amazon.com or Cokesbury.com. See you there for this interesting and relevant study!

Fr. Terry ↑



Be sure to pick up **Our Daily Bread** for March, April, and May. They are in the hall and the narthex for your convenience. If you are unable to pick up a copy of **Our Daily Bread** from the church, you may order your **free copy** online at www.odb.org/signup (Control + Click opens link).

Our New & Improved Website!

We have a new customized website: New carrier, new format, new information and a new look! Thanks to Dwight Wagner who took on this transition to a new website and the many... many hours as Website Designer, we now have a more informative, well designed, user friendly, professional level website that is also "hand-held" device friendly (Finally!).

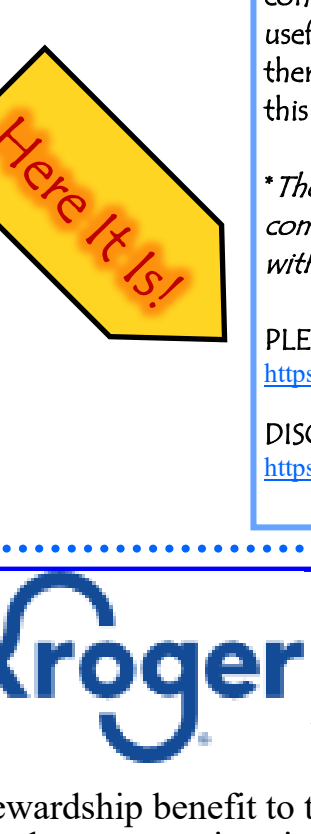
Along with Dwight, we want to thank our Website Planning Team of Bob Ely, Betty Albert, Macra Montgomery, and Fr. Terry for their consultations and contributions to our new website. Check it out yourself by going to www.stphilipmemphis.org. (Control + Click)

Website Update!

Our new Website Management Team will be Dwight Wagner as our Website Master, Fr. Terry as Content Coordinator, and Bob Ely and Betty Albert as our consultants. We are looking forward to continuing to work together to publish the best website ever!



What About Our Pledges?



Welcome to the 21st century!

With the expertise of Betty Albert, we now have the Pledge Card in a "Smart Form" on our Website: <https://www.stphilipmemphis.org/pledge-cards-for-budget>.

Members and non-members can fill out the form online and submit to our treasurer, Jessica, directly. This was tested and it works. This will assist with us with the absence of people during our pledge campaign. It can even stay on this site following the campaign for those who may forget to pledge.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this work.

Dwight Wagner, Sr. Warden, Stewardship Chair



Credit Card Giving

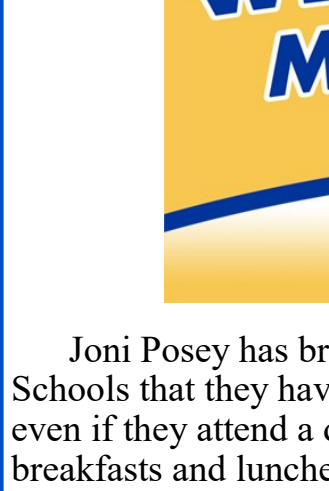
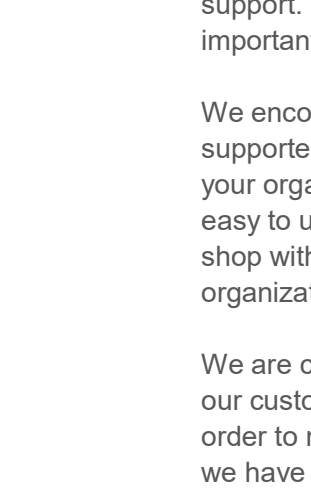
We are excited to now offer online payments for offerings through *Square*. Click on these secure links for pledges or discretionary fund offerings. It will open up a secure checkout page on *Square*. Enter the amount of your offering, your email address, full name and credit card information. A confirmation email receipt will be sent to you confirming your payment. We hope this might be useful, particularly during this time. Please note that there will be a 3.5% charge to St. Philip for the use of this service.



*These links will only work with Google Chrome and Firefox browsers for computers and Android and Apple phones and tablets. They will not work with Microsoft Internet Explorer or Edge.

PLEDGE: <https://checkout.square.site/pay/748c1661da34b02b334cbe105f69a5b>

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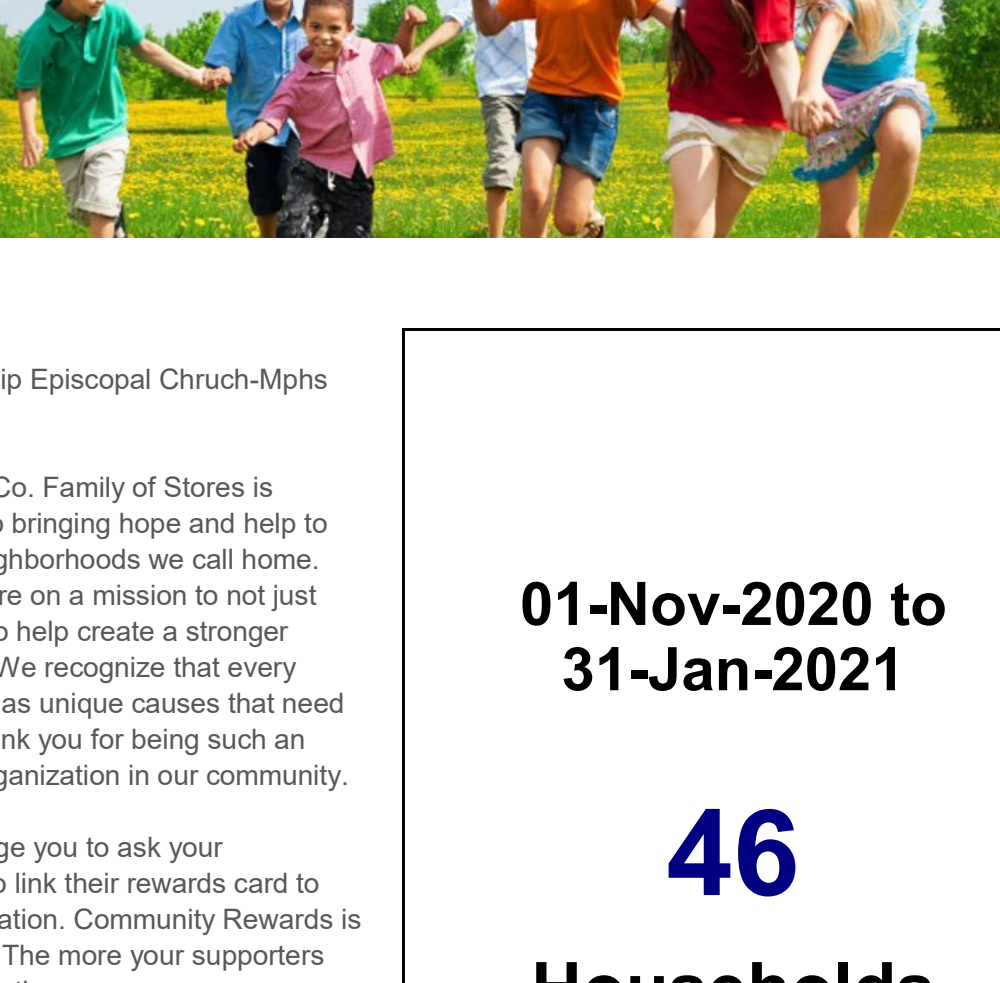
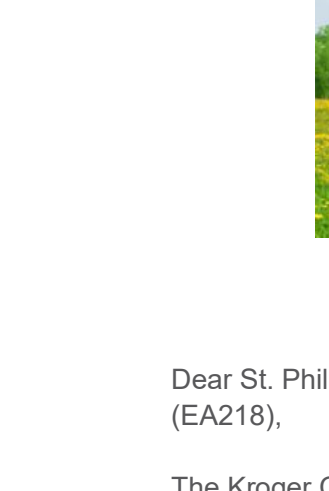
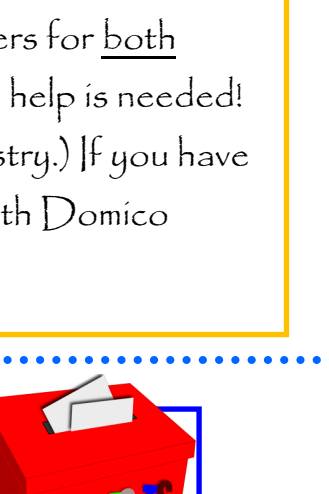
Attention Parishioners and Friends!

Kroger Stores have recently discontinued our past account until we renew our membership accounts. All parishioners will need to re-enroll their individual accounts so that St. Philip can continue this stewardship benefit to the church. The church earns 5% of the purchases when your Kroger Card or account is paired with this special donation account. How great is that? We have previously earned hundreds of dollars donated to the church for this simple effort. Please take a minute to re-enroll or enroll for the first time so that St. Philip can continue to benefit from this generous free offer.

The instructions to re-enroll or set up a new account are as follows:

- Go to Kroger.com website.
- Login to your Kroger account; if you do not have a Kroger account, you will need to set one up.
- Once logged in, go to My Account by going to the top right corner where there is a drop-down menu by your login name — you may have to login in again with the same user name and password for your account.
- On the left side of the dashboard page, there is a link for Community Rewards.
- If you do not have a St. Philip Episcopal Church-Mphs (YES, church is spelled wrong!) set up, you can search for it by entering **E.A.218**, our organization number, and when it comes up, select Enroll. You should then see that enrollment status.

Thank you for your support!



Dear St. Philip Episcopal Church-Mphs (E.A.218),

The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to not just part, but to help create a stronger community. We recognize that every community has unique causes that need support. Thank you for being such an important organization in our community.

We encourage you to ask your supporters to link their rewards card to your organization, Community Rewards is easy to use. The more your supporters shop with us, the more money your organization will earn!

We are committed to carefully protecting our customer's personal information. In order to meet their expectation of privacy, we have adopted a simple policy to never share a customer's personal information. Our privacy policy applies to Community Rewards participation as well.

Thank you for being such an important organization in our community,

Community Rewards Staff

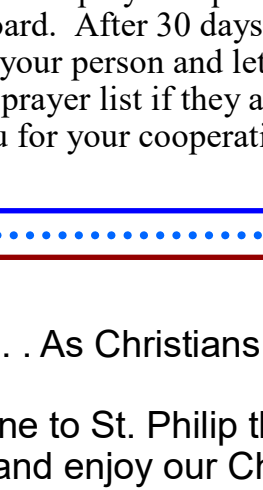
01-Nov-2020 to 31-Jan-2021

46 Households

\$ 158.29

Total Donations

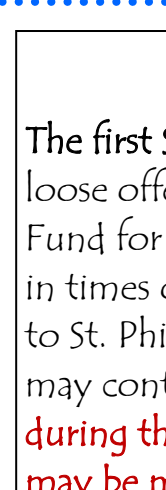
WEEKLY GRAB N'GO MEALS FOR STUDENTS



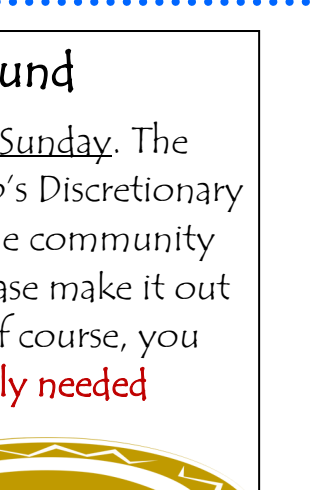
Joni Posey has brought to our attention a free meal program offered by the Shelby County Schools that they have extended to every child ages 18 months to 18 years in the household, even if they attend a different school system. You can pick up the entire week's worth of breakfasts and lunches at one time. There is a form you can print and bring with you to any Shelby County School on Thursdays 9:00 am to 12 noon, and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm or Fridays 7am to 9 am. You can find the form and more details here: <https://www.scsk12.org/coronavirusfacts/studentmeals> (Control + Click)

If you are interested or know anyone that may be interested, please participate in this generous program. Unfortunately, it is not being fully utilized and food has been going to waste, so participation is strongly encouraged!

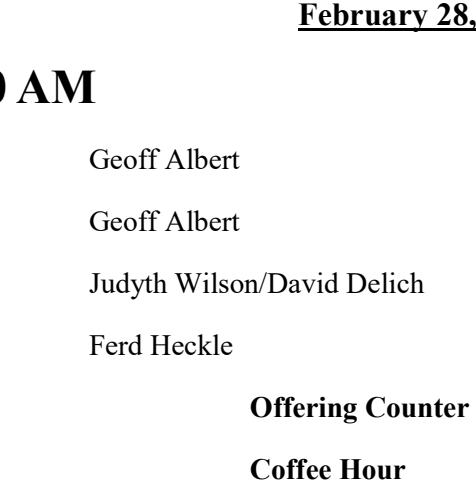
Are you self-quarantined and needing help with something?



If so, St. Philip has several volunteers who have offered to help getting groceries, medications or transportation for you. Please let us know: email office@stphilipmemphis.org, or call the office at (901)388-9830 or Father Terry at 901-896-5106. We'll do our best to get help for you!



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Would you like to help set the Lord's Table? The Altar Guild invites women and men to join us in this vital church ministry. Reasons to serve are: easy to learn to set up and clean up; once a month commitment; part of an assigned team each month so you don't have to be on your own; other special set ups, clean ups (Holy Week, etc.) are on a volunteer basis. The satisfaction that comes from honoring Christ in this special way and from playing a part in helping to provide hospitality to other parishioners and visitors is a blessing! We need and would appreciate volunteers for both service times. Please prayerfully consider helping us because help is needed! (Some of our members have devoted many years to this ministry.) If you have questions or better yet, to volunteer, please contact Elizabeth Domico (299-5913; domicofan@aol.com).

PLEASE Update our Prayer List!

PLEASE be sure to complete a prayer request form from the box on the bulletin board. After 30 days, please update the office on the status of your person and let's consider moving them to the DOK prayer list if they are still in need of our prayers. Thank you for your cooperation.



Remember . . . As Christians we are all Evangelists!

Invite someone to St. Philip this year so they may hear the Good News and enjoy our Christian fellowship.

Fr. Terry+



Service Schedule Changes & Updates:

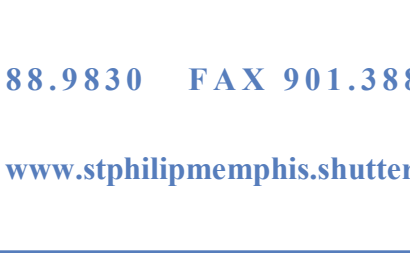


If you are a volunteer who serves on Sunday mornings, please notify Liz Stephens (860-501-5536 OR the4stephens@gmail.com) if there are last minute changes to our Schedule of Servers published monthly in the EVANGEL. If your change is received prior to Wednesday mornings, the changes can be updated in the weekly email and bulletins.

Also, it would be so helpful if all Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Acolytes would check in with the Verger once you arrive at church letting them know you are present to serve.

Remember the St. Philip's Discretionary Fund

The first Sunday of each month is *St. Philip's Discretionary Fund Sunday*. The loose offering and other gifts so designated are given to St. Philip's Discretionary Fund for the purpose of helping parish members and others in the community in times of serious need. If you wish to contribute by check, please make it out to St. Philip and designate it "St. Philip's Discretionary Fund." Of course, you may contribute to this fund at any time. **Your funds are especially needed during this time of crisis and great need. Your checks may be mailed to the church office at this time, or you can pay online through SQUARE. (See article above).**



Just a Reminder!

February 28, 2021



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| 8:00 AM | | 10:30 AM | |
| LEM | Geoff Albert | LEM | Liz Stephens |
| | Geoff Albert | Lay Reader | Liz Stephens |
| Verger | Judith Wilson/David Delich | Ushers | Judith Wilson/David Delich |
| Ushers | Ferd Heckle | Ushers | Gary Mullins, Margaret Smith |
| | Offering Counter | Mary Ely | |
| | Coffee Hour | NONE | |
| | Altar Guild | TBD | |
| | Flower Guide | Leatrice Boren | |

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