



Weekly Parish Newsletter

6th Sunday after Pentecost, July 12, 2020

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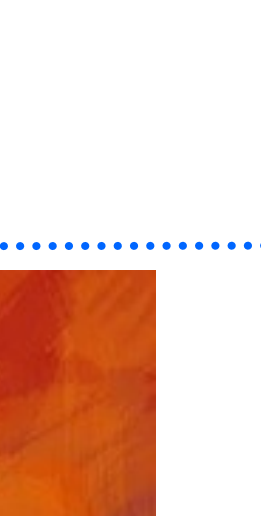
Scriptures:

First Reading: Genesis 25:19-34

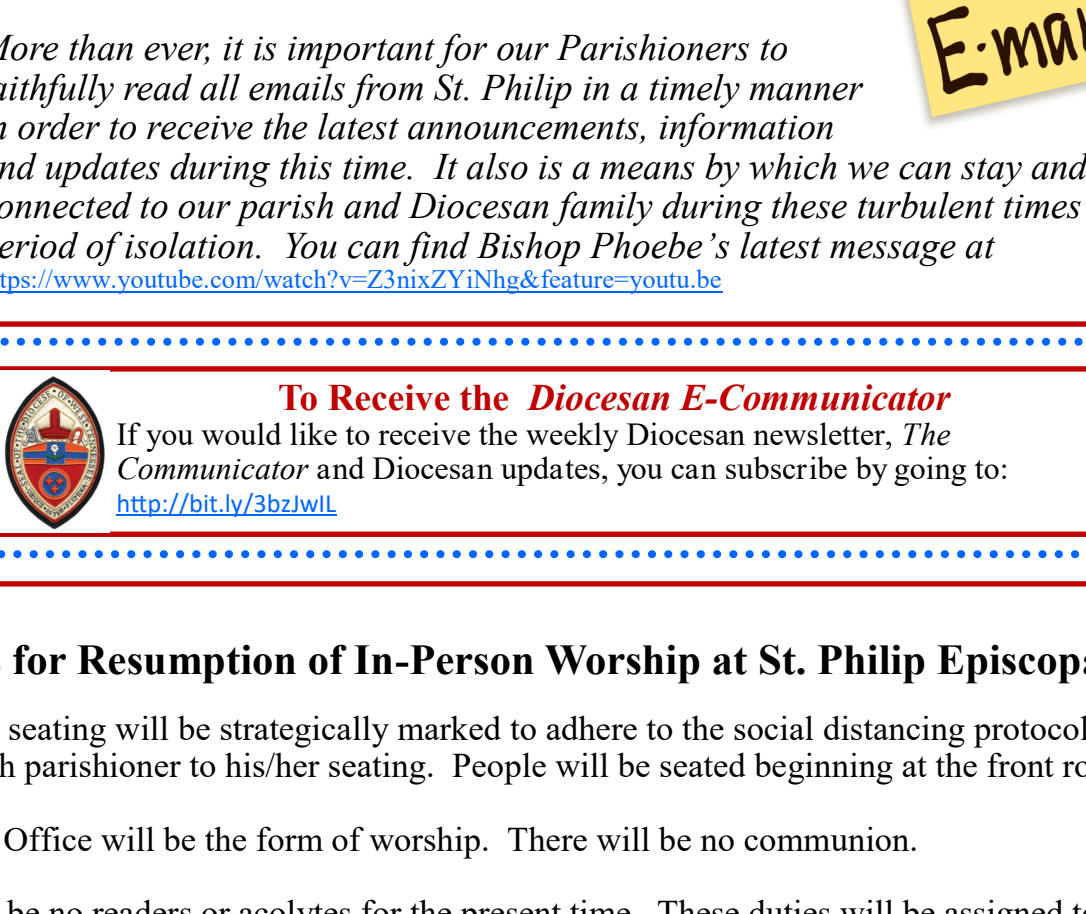
Psalms: 119:105-112

Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

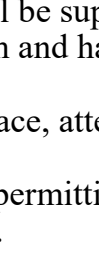
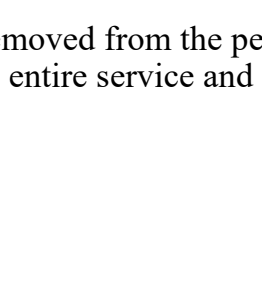


Since July 5th, the Sunday podcast bulletin is available as an attachment to this email.



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=Z3mXZy1Nhg&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/3bz1wll>

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 will direct each parishioner to his/her seating. People will be seated beginning at the front row.
- The Daily Office will be the form of worship. There will be no communion.
- 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, formation classes or nursery at this time.
- Parishioners will be dismissed by bows by the ushers at the end of the service starting with the back rows.
- 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 Worshippers" should be reviewed by all who plan on attending a service.
- We encourage all "at risk" members to consider not attending until there is a greater margin of safety from the virus.
- We will provide a Podcast of our Sunday service that should be available each Sunday afternoon.

Bishop's Guidelines for Worshippers

- 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.

Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory of Connie Frasier McGehee:

Judy Walker
M/M Bruce Guthrie
M/M Randy Jones
Ron & Peggy Frasier

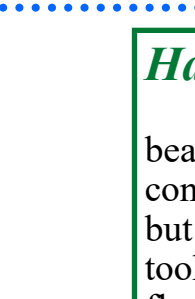


In Memory of Charles Wilburn:

Juanita King
Paul & Debbie Sheehan
M/M Ferd Heckle
M/M John Lucas
Judy Walker
Richard B. Tetlow
Mary J. Reasor

In Honor of Joe Namie:

M/M Ed Segar

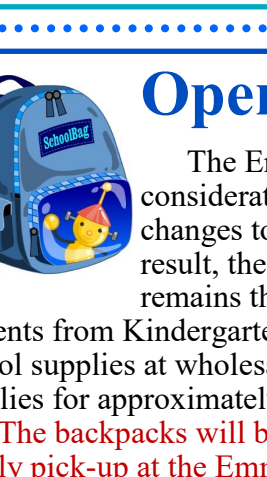
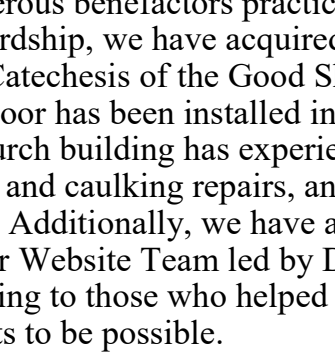


Sunday podcast Update

As noted in earlier announcements, our Sunday Video Podcast of our worship services will be put on our website on Sunday afternoons. Since it is not a "live stream" which takes a more advanced technology and production, it takes time for the Podcast Team to download the pre-recording to be released after the service. We hope that we have worked the "ghost" out of the process and our Sunday Podcast will be released shortly after the service. We thank Bob Ely and Richard Townley for this labor of love for our benefit.

Have you seen one of these?

These are the liners for our beautiful brass altar flowers container. We used to have 5 of these, but are down to 3 now. Maybe you took one home one Sunday with the flowers you contributed for the service and have simply forgotten to return it. Can you please check to see if you have one? They cannot be purchased anywhere now, so we desperately need to try and keep our 5. Please check and just return if you have one. It's so easy to misplace one or forget about it. Thanks for your help!!!



While You Were Out . . . We've Been Busy!

During our time away from our Worship Services and our church, there have been some exciting and remarkable transformations going on in and around our church. Thanks to some very generous benefactors practicing cheerful and loving stewardship, we have acquired new carpeting in the upstairs Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium. A new kitchen floor has been installed in the PLC (Charles Wilburn would be proud!) AND the church building has experienced a "facelift" with a complete power cleaning, wood and caulking repairs, and fresh paint throughout the exterior structures. WOW! Additionally, we have a new and improved website designed and developed by our Website Team led by Dwight Wagner (See Website article below). Thanksgivng to those who helped these wonderful and needed changes and improvements to be possible.

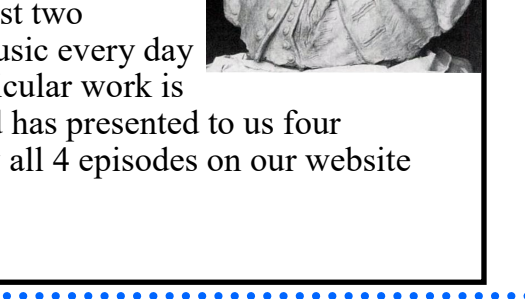
Our New & Improved Website!

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!).

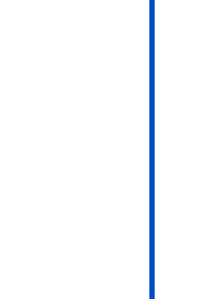
Along with Dwight, we want to thank our Website Planning Team of Bob Ely, Betty Albert, Maera Montgomery, and Fr. Terry for their consultations and contributions to our new website. Check it out yourself by going to www.stphilipmemphis.org. (Control + Click)

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!

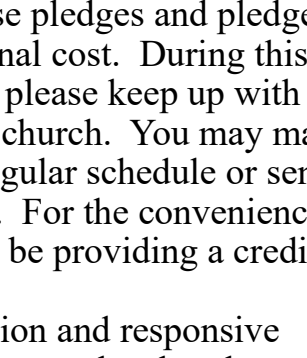


Operation Backpack Update



The Emmanuel Center took a strategic pause this past spring, and after prayerful consideration by the Board of Directors, the center has made some operational changes to its program that will better serve the community in which it resides. As a result, the number of children that will be served will be fewer, but the mission remains the same. For Operation Backpack this year, we will be focusing on 105 students from Kindergarten through Middle School. As always, we have purchased the required school supplies at wholesale prices that will provide a new backpack with all of the grade-appropriate supplies for approximately \$25 per backpack.

The backpacks will be pre-packed in the PLC on July 24th and will be delivered for individual family pick-up at the Emmanuel Center on July 25th. At this point, we have the few needed volunteers assigned but we need your financial support. Checks can be made out to St. Philip with a note for Operation Backpack. We are thankful we can continue this (more needed than ever!) ministry for these children, parents and teachers of great need during this time. Bless you all for this consideration.

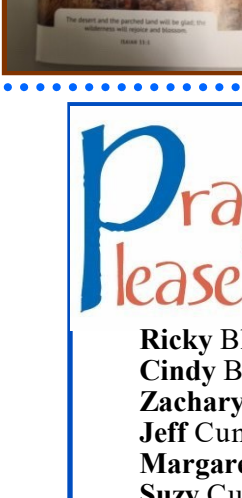
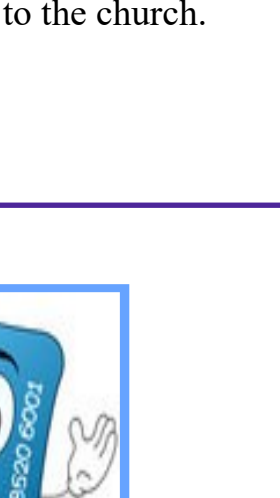


Virtual Bach!

Dr. Townley has prepared for us a very special gift during these stressful days of restrictions and isolation. He has given us strokes of color during a time of these sometimes gray days.

Behind the scenes, Richard has practiced and prepared for this music offering, spending many hours nearly every day over the past two months. The church has been filled with beautiful organ music every day of the week. Even for an expert like Dr. Townley, this particular work is complex and challenging. However, on our behalf, Richard has presented to us four performances of this comprehensive work. You can review all 4 episodes on our website www.stphilipmemphis.org. (Control + Click)

Thank you, Richard, for this gift!



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.odbc.org/signup (Control + Click opens link). It is amazing how relevant and personal these daily devotionals can be!

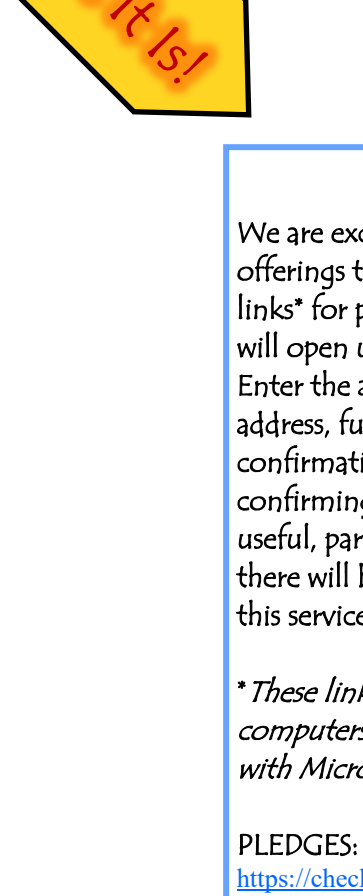
Prayers St. Philip's Prayer List

Ricky Blount
Cindy Bottenfield
Zachary Chance
Jeff Cummings
Margaret Cummings
Suzy Cunningham
Shirley Goergens
Tim Goldsmith
Carol Green
Julia Gregory

Savannah Griffith
Les Lawrence
Cassie Kelly
Max Lawrence
John Lewis
Rachel McDaniel Family
Ronald Mook
Larry Mooney
Mullins Family

Ted Allen Rice
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Valenti Family
Holly Whitsett
Wilburn Family
William Wilkins

What About Our Pledges?



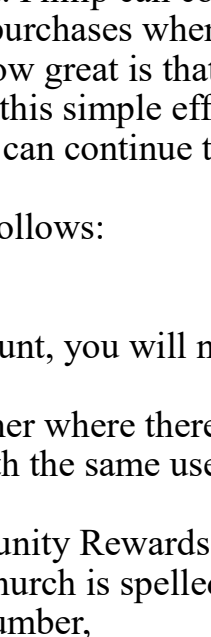
And yes . . . We need those pledges and pledge cards for our normal operational cost. During this chaos and cancelled services, please keep up with your promised pledges to the church. You may mail them to the church on your regular schedule or send in your current balance owed. For the convenience of some parishioners, we will be providing a credit card payment option soon.

Thank you for your attention and responsive action to this important ministry to the church.

Fr. Terry, [✙] Rector
Jessica Heckle, [✙] Treasurer

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.

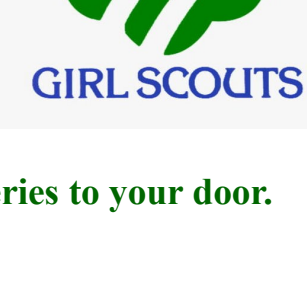
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Are you self-quarantined and needing help with something?

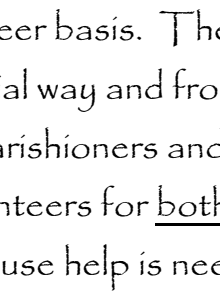
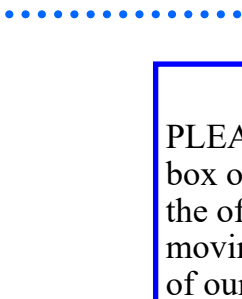
If so, St. Philip has several volunteers who have offered to help getting groceries, medications or transportation for you. Please let us know:



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!

Girl Scout Cookies ?????!

As you can imagine, our Girl Scouts at St. Philip are having a difficult time selling their previously purchased cookies during this time. If you are interested in purchasing Girl Scout Cookies (YUMMY!) to support our Girl Scouts, contact Julie Tolbert, our Girl Scout Leader and she will make home deliveries to your door.



Julie Tolbert (901-502-8802)

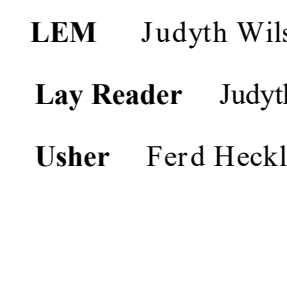
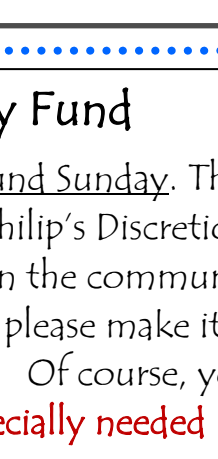
ALTAR GUILLD



Would you like to help set the Lord's Table? The Altar Guild invites women and men to join 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; domicofam@aol.com).

PLEASE Update our Prayer List!

PLEASE be sure to complete a prayer request form from the box on the hall 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.

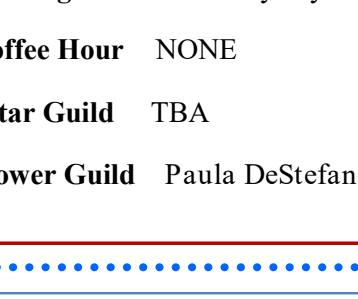


Remember . . . As Christians we are all Evangelists!

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 him 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!

July 12, 2020

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

LEM Judyth Wilson

LEM Steve Shelton

Lay Reader Judyth Wilson

Lay Reader Steve Shelton

Usher Ferd Heckle

Crucifier NONE

Acolytes NONE

Ushers Bill Rogers, Gary Mullins

Oblation Bearers NONE

Offering Counter Mary Ely

Coffee Hour NONE

Altar Guild TBA

Flower Guild Paula DeStefanis



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