



Faith Matters!



Special Easter Issue 2017

Mass in the Meadow on June 4

St. Philip's annual Mass in the Meadow is planned for Sunday, June 4 on the parish grounds. Celebrate the Feast of Pentecost with Mass at 10 a.m. followed by a picnic buffet, games, fellowship and more!



St. Philip the Apostle's bi-monthly newsletter for PREP families!

We love to watch sporting events—especially tournaments. Super Bowls, World Series, NCAA Championships, US Open, the Masters ... we want to see who will compete to the end; who will give everything to be on top.

In the story of our salvation as God's people, no tournament or championship competes with Jesus Christ. Through his passion and death he gave up EVERYTHING to reunite us with his heavenly Father in heaven. He fought the good fight.

His rising from the dead, and victory over death is his trophy. However, it's not just Christ's victory. Jesus rising from the dead is OUR victory, too! There is life after death, a life with God, made possible through

his Son. We share in his triumph through the Easter celebration.

We don't want to forget that win, or take it for granted.

Sports victories come and go and sometimes the winners from previous games fade from our memory.

We don't want to let the joy and meaning of Easter fade, too. And it is easy to do. The commercial side of Easter with bunnies, chocolate eggs, potted tulips and new spring wardrobes offers plenty of things to get us to get ready for the holiday. But when chocolate eggs are eaten and the Easter dinner is over ... are we still celebrating the victory?

Easter story from one of the gospels with your family. Turn off the TV, the phones and tablets and spend some time together with God's Word.

- Head outdoors for a nice walk or hike. Take in the beauty of the season, all made possible by God. Be mindful and grateful of the Lord's handiwork and tell him.
- Try praying the rosary, focusing on the Glorious Mysteries, which reflect on Jesus' resurrection, ascension and birth of the Church. Do it at home, your car or wherever your are!

Have a blessed Easter.

- Dave Retseck, DRE

YOUR CHALLENGE:

How can you continue the Easter celebration after Easter Sunday? Try some of these ideas:

- Try reading as a family one part of the

Catholic Quiz ?

1. In the Easter story from John's gospel, one of Jesus' disciples (and a future saint) is the first to visit the tomb. Who is it?
2. In the same story, two of the apostles, Peter and John race to the tomb to see if Jesus is still lying in it. Which apostle arrives first?



Answers:
1. Mary Magdalene.
2. John.

PACKAGED WITH CARE



Photo courtesy of Grade 6 Catechist Christina Fejes
Sixth-graders completed more than 30 survival kits for the homeless on March 19, one of two class service projects they do during the year. The kits will be sent to Catholic Charities' center in Des Plaines.

PRAYER CORNER

Jesus, I love you because you created me!
Please forgive all of my sins and help me when I need it most.

Also, Jesus, please help me with sports.
I pray for papa who is in heaven.
I thank you, Jesus, for giving me this great life.
I praise you for giving me everything I'd ever need.

Written by Meg Racine, Grade 6
Parents: Mike and Lori Racine

Jesus, I love you; help me when I have a problem.
Please forgive all of my sins and to never do them again. Also, Jesus, keep me safe.
I pray for sinners, who need help to focus on their faith.
I thank you, Jesus, for making my life fun.
I praise you for all the good you give the world.

Written by Oliver Banks, Grade 6
Parents: Jon and Agnieszka Banks

Me? A Catechist?

YES you! Why not?

The Church needs parishioners of all ages, single or married, to help share the teachings and history of our faith.

St. Philip is looking for catechists to help next school year as lead teachers, aides and other volunteer roles. We need people who are creative, work with teams and want to show our young people that there is more than what the world is offering them.

Want to learn more or talk with DRE Dave Retseck? Call the PREP office at (847) 446-8390 for information.

St. Philip on Facebook!

Have you visited the parish's group page on Facebook? Visit www.facebook.com and search the parish for upcoming events, news and more.

If you have suggestions or want to include items you would like parishioners to know, call the parish office at (847) 446-8383 or the PREP office at (847) 446-8390 for information.



Dates to Know!

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 4 and 5, 2017: Confirmation interviews, after school in the convent.

Sunday, April 9, 2017: Palm Sunday. Holy Week begins. Jesus Day for Grade 2, 1 to 4 p.m. in the school. No morning PREP for Grade 2.

Sunday, April 16, 2017: Easter Sunday. Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. NO PREP.

Thursday, April 20, 2017: Confirmation practice, 7 p.m. at St. Peter Church, Skokie.

Sunday, April 23, 2017: PREP resumes, 10:30 a.m. No PREP for Grade 8.

Sunday, April 23, 2017: Confirma-

tion Mass, 3 p.m. at St. Peter Church, Skokie.

Sunday, April 30, 2015: Last day of PREP, 10:30 to 11:40 a.m. in the school.

Friday, May 5, 2017: First Communion practice, 7 p.m. in the church.

Sunday, May 7, 2017: First Communion Mass, 11:45 a.m. in the church.

Sunday, May 14, 2016: Mother's Day. PREP Family Mass with Grade 2 celebrating the annual May Crowning, 9:30 a.m. in the church.

Sunday, June 4, 2017: Mass in the Meadow, 10 a.m. on the church grounds. Food and fellowship to follow.

GOD IN STYLE:

Looking for some new jewelry to accent your spring wardrobe, or maybe something for that young person being confirmed? Check out *Catholic Unique Apparel* on Facebook.

The page has plenty of T-shirts, sweatshirts, jewelry and more for sharing your faith and being fashionable about it, too!



... Also, check out The Catholic Company website (www.catholiccompany.com), which offers plenty of gifts for guys, from clothing to coffee mugs.

A Second for the Saints:



“The more I give to Jesus, the more he will give me.”

- St. Bernadette Soubirous