

## “We begin...again! ”

Labor Day has traditionally been the marker that turns our attention to a new season. By now, our summer vacations and activities may still be fresh on our mind or, perhaps, a distant memory as we shuffle in the transition of a new season that brings about both change and routine. By now, our children have returned to a new academic year. Our freshmen in college are trying to adjust to a new and challenging time in their young adult lives. For many of us, it is the season to return to more routine schedules and responsibilities.

As this new season in our life begins, so does a new season begin in the life of the church. It is a time that we return to a more routine (and hopefully renewed!) time in our parish life as we re-focus our attention and commitment to discipleship and faithful living within our church and community. It is the expectation and “holy obligation” of every Christian to serve the church. Our “holy obligation” brings us to a greater level of understanding and practice of discipleship and to a deeper level of spiritual formation and well-being.

It is also the responsibility and “holy obligation” of the church to provide opportunities for worship, faithful living, faithful discipleship, spiritual formation, and faithful giving. I don’t believe that St. Philip will fall short of fulfilling our responsibility and obligation to provide such opportunities for faithful worship, spiritual formation, faithful discipleship, faithful living and faithful giving.

The “Festival of Ministries” and “The Sunday Funday” kicks off an “Open House” of all the numerous programs, activities, and ministries that St. Philip has to offer to us and to our community. We are truly a faithful community that provides opportunities of faithful living and worship.

With grateful and thankful hearts, let us re-commit ourselves to the Christian life and to the mission of the church ;by being more faithful in our attendance, by increasing our participation and involvement, by taking more leadership roles and by increasing our giving to the church for the welfare of the church and God’s people.

Ready - set - go! Let us run the good race for the Kingdom of God!

*“The best is yet to come!”*

Fr. Terry 

**“Murder, Intrigue, & Faith: The Struggles of the Early Anglican Church” - Adult Class for fall with Dr. Cynthia Pitcock, (See p. 9)**



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### September at a Glance

- 8 Festival of Ministries
- 8 Sunday Funday
- 12 Men’s Club Meeting
- 15 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd begins
- 15 Christian Education begins
- 15 Pre-YC Begins
- 15 Joint Diocesan EYC
- 17 Vestry Meeting
- 22 EYC begins
- 28 Daughters of the King Retreat
- 28 Shrimp Boil
- 29 Jean Logan Shawl Ministry



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