

Parish Life – eNews July 2026

Celtic Evening Prayer Service – Will be on hiatus beginning May 23rd. We look forward to our rebirth as Father Lin settles in. Stay tuned.

WELCOME BREAKFAST FOR FATHER LIN – SUNDAY, JULY 12TH!

There will be ONE SERVICE @ 9:00 a.m. and then our MOAM will be making a hearty breakfast as we gather and extend a heartfelt WELCOME to our new Rector, Father Lin. Note, there will be no Summer Service on this Sunday. There will be delicious sweets provided by ECW too!

ECW LUNCH BUNCH - Come join us! Our monthly luncheon will take place on July 21, 2026, Tuesday, 11:30am at PORTS OF CALL, 116 N. Howe Street, Southport, NC. This downtown venue offers a cozy atmosphere with a delightful menu of Mediterranean, Continental and American entrees. Make your reservation no later than July 14, 2026 to MaryAnn Bonifant at bonifantma@gmail.com . ECW lunches are open to ALL women so invite a friend. Wear your name tag. Need a ride? Let us know. We look forward to seeing **YOU!**

Theology Uncorked – Wednesday (s) July 1st & 15th NEW, NEW LOCATION: Capeside Brewery on Howe St. @ 5pm.

July 1st - Where have you experienced unexpected grace—those moments when God shows up in the ordinary, through ordinary people?

Discussion Questions

- When have you been doing something completely mundane—laundry, errands, zoning out—and suddenly felt held, seen, or interrupted by something holy?
- Who has become a “delivery system for mercy” in your life without even knowing it, and what made that moment feel sacred?
- How have these surprise encounters with grace challenged or reshaped the stories you tell yourself about God, about yourself, or about what love is supposed to look like?

ECW Fall Festival News - It's time to be working on craft items for sale for the Fall Festival which is the first Saturday in October (October 3). Deirdre Doyle and Jane Mitchell will be coordinating with those who are making items for the sale. We know there are lots of our parishioners who do some type of craft and we hope that you would be willing to make some for the Fall Festival. We would like to know who is making items so would like you to contact one of us and let us know what you are making and how many of the items you will be bringing to the Chapel Annex on September 25. There are supplies available (shells, baskets, wreath forms, some artificial flowers, material, yarn, and ribbon) in the chapel annex for various craft items and you can contact one of us to gain access to those supplies. You can email or call either of us: Deirdre (DDoyle3@carolina.rr.com) or 704-685-2071 and Jane (twc9199291470@earthlink.net) or 919-602-2430.

THINKING about Donating Jewelry for the ECW Fall Festival 2026?
We need jewelry you no longer need or want to help make our FALL FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER a success!

Please Contact: Pat Elliott patelliott94@gmail.com .

OR drop off your donations at the Parish Office Front Desk.

All proceeds go to help the St. Philip's Outreach Ministry.

💡 **St. Philip's is seeking a Parish Life Chairperson** 💡 — an organized, people-loving helper who enjoys coordinating gatherings, keeping a calendar running smoothly, and adding a little fun to our community life. This is a light, administrative role for someone who likes meeting new people, managing sign-ups, and supporting the fellowship events that make our parish feel connected. If that sounds like you, interviews are underway! Contact Kim Bernard at (714) 261-5875 to learn more.

Gathering Around the Table 2026-2027 – will begin again this fall. All that participated in the 2025-2026 gatherings enjoyed meeting parishioners and renewing some relationships. This is a fun way to share a meal in a parishioner's home or go out to dinner at a local restaurant. This is for couples (or one can attend alone if the other is not interested) and single people. Groupings are no more than 8 people. One can join BOTH Dine-In or Dine-Out, or choose just one. Forms will be available in the Narthex starting July 19th. Deadline for signing up is Saturday, August 15th. Groups

start in October and generally finish by the end of May. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Kanto at babahnewell@gmail.com or 706-840-5789. Forms can be turned into the church office or to Barbara.



Food Pantry Needs

July/August/September

St. Philip's, we are in Summer and the needs of the hungry increase with school vacation. Please continue to give food items starting with the list below and open your hearts. When you're in the grocery store just pick up a couple of extra items and donate them to the food pantry. Keep up God's work.

List:

Cold Cereal (Adult/Children)
Hot Cereal
Fruit (Cans)
Vegetables (Cans, No Green Beans /Corn)
Canned Meats/Proteins
Spaghetti/Spaghetti Sauce
Snacks
Soups (Chicken Noodle, Tomato, Vegetable, ...)
Rice/Dry Beans
Mustard/Ketchup/Spices
Cookie/Cake Mix
Bisquick
Cooking Oil
Instant Potatoes