

I remember years ago...remember the phone books that would be delivered to your door. Come home one day and there they sit on your porch, brand new phone books - white pages and yellow pages - two maybe even three inches thick. I remember that we not only used them for their intended purpose, but we would use them as a booster seat in chairs, or as something to step on to reach the top shelf.

Every home relied upon the yellow pages to find the TV repairman, the number for the movie theaters to check on times, the dentist's number. When visiting a town we would check the yellow pages for hotels, restaurants, and churches.

That was how I grew up. But with the advent of computers, with google search engines, now we just turn to our computer or to our cell phone and either type or tell Siri to find the phone number for Pizza Hut. And sometimes it will even dial the number for you automatically.

That's how we find businesses now. Now I can't even find a phone book let alone a yellow pages. Yellow pages have gone the way of the old hitching post. Everyone searches by computer, by cell phone, by google or Siri or Alexa...but not by phone book.

And do you know what people find when they search for a church? The website. The church's website is the yellow pages of the 21st century. It is the first glimpse someone gets of a faith community. What the church looks like, what the people look like, what types of liturgy and services the church offers, and when they are offered. They get access to the ministries and doings of the church. And they get to find out what is important to that particular parish.

The old adage is true "You don't get a second chance to make a first impression!" And that is what our website offers...a first impression.

We are currently rebuilding a new website to replace our current site. While the work of forming the basic website is being done for us, the business of making it uniquely St Philip's belongs to us.

We NEED someone from our parish who will answer the call of the Spirit to serve as our parish webmaster. Ultimately it would likely require an hour to update at the beginning of the week and an hour to update at the end of the week. This is work that can easily be done from the comfort of your kitchen table! Of course, it will require more time for the first several weeks in order to load the website with updated information as well as learning how to do the updates. Training would consist of several YouTube videos that teach the "how to". And, we are subscribed to the Weebly site and they offer wonderful assistance.

Please consider whether the Spirit may be calling you to serve in this critically important ministry at St Philip's. If you are comfortable on a computer, if you have a couple hours a week, if you have a love for our parish, you may be sensing the Holy Spirit whispering in your ear to serve! And if you do sense the call to serve, please let me know!

Peace and grace,  
Fr Eric