DAILY MASS

Monday - Wednesday
7:30 a St. Stanislaus

Thursday - Friday
7:30 a St. Philip Neri

Saturday
8:00 a St. Philip Neri

Saturday Vigil
4:30 p St. Philip Neri

Sunday
8:30 a St. Stanislaus
11:00 a St. Philip Neri
Baptism & Marriage

Arrangements are made by appointment - call for details.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We are the first Parish to continuously host an Annual Forty Hours Devotion.
Adoration at St. Philip Neri Church:
Friday - 3:00—7:00 p.m.

Our Mission

Saint Philip Neri Parish is a welcoming Roman Catholic Parish of believers that is rich in faith and history.

We celebrate the Eucharist and Liturgy as the center of our parish life at our two churches of St. Philip Neri and St. Stanislaus.

We strive to bring Jesus Christ into our everyday lives and our community through prayer, service, outreach, and evangelization, with our hearts always focused on the Gospel.

Reconciliation

Saturday—3:45 p.m.—4:15 p.m.—SPN Sunday—8:15 a.m.—SS

ST. PHILIP NERI THIS WEEK

ALL MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE HONORED.

SUNDAY MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED:
Sundays at 11:00 a.m. SPN Church

WEEKDAY MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED:
Tuesday & Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. and Saturdays at 8:00 a.m. SPN Lower Church

CONFESSIONS: 3:45 p.m. on Saturdays SPN

SATURDAY: St. Philip Neri Church will be open for prayer and visitation from 8:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m.

Masses for the Week

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2020
11:00 AM SPN +Frances Sanchez by Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020
7:30 AM SPN +Kay Smith by Lynda Eckes

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020
7:30 AM SPN +Mary Panzera & Frank Yannone by Pat Panzera

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2020 Assumption of Mary
8:00 AM SPN +Betty Phillips by Lynda Eckes

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020
11:00 AM SPN +Matthew O’Brien by Barbara Braciale

Sanctuary Lamps

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in the St. John Neumann Chapel for: +Florence Kuczynski

The Candle is burning in the outside Sacred Heart Shrine for: Health & Blessings for Father Maloney

The Candle is burning in the outside Blessed Mother Shrine for: For All Sick Parishioners and their Caregivers

Please Pray For The Deceased

Especially Robert T. Wozniak and All Our Deceased Relatives & Friends.

Please Pray For The Sick

Readings for Next Weekend
August 16, 2020

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I
Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
“O God, let all the nations praise you.”

Reading II
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel
Matthew 15:21-28

Read the passages online @
http://usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/index.cfm

Offerings

Regular Collection
1 week ending 8.5.20 $1,601.00
Regular Online Giving
1 week ending 7.27.20 $450.00

Thank you very much for your generosity throughout the year.

Lampki
1. +Deceased Members of Kupiec & Heys Family.
4. +Frank Karvell of Wife.
5. +Mr. & Mrs. Frank Zalewski of Daughter.
6. +Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Nevaline of Niece.
7. +Frank & Leon Morris of Niece.
10. +Alfreda & Zygmunt Plocha of Joanne Plocha.
12. +Leon Z. Plocha of Wife
15. +Joe & Bob Chupka from Mom.
16. +Mary Ann Bielec from sister Fran Chupka
17. +Irene & James Krouse of Daughter & Family

St. Philip Neri Parish Sacraments
Confirmation
October 11, 2020

Communion Antiphon for August 15th

“All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me.”

Luke 1:48-49
Help Rescue Catholic Vocations!

It’s never been more important to help young people who are answering God’s call to be priests, sisters, and brother to fulfill their vocations. The Laboure Society works with vocation aspirants who have already been accepted into a diocese or religious institute but are blocked from entering formation due to student loan debt.

You may remember that as a parish, we were able to assist Tucker Brown through the Laboure Society, to enter St. Charles Seminary in 2018. Tucker’s vocation is, and will continue to be, a blessing to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Another young man who has already been accepted into St. Charles Seminary, Hector Ramirez, is facing this financial challenge too. He is currently assigned to the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul here in Philadelphia. Information about Hector and his vocation journey is attached. You may even recognize him from masses that were live streamed from the Cathedral during the COVID19 shutdown since he assisted Archbishop Perez at many of those services. Please consider making a contribution to the Laboure Society on Hector’s behalf … and for the benefit of all of us in the Philadelphia Archdiocese. You can contact Hector at hector@rescuevocations.org if you would like more information.

Please send your contributions to:

Hector Ramirez  
C/O THE LABOURE SOCIETY  
1365 Corporate Center Curve  
Suite 104  
Eagan, MN 55121-1276

For contributions via credit card, visit the Laboure Society website: www.RescueVocations.org and click GIVE in the upper right hand corner.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and most importantly for your prayers for Hector and his fellow aspirants at The Laboure Society.

Hector Ramirez

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My dear Parishioners,

Our God is powerful and mysterious; he is also full of surprises. The prophet Elijah learned this when he stood on the mountain and waited for the Lord to pass by. Surely the God of all creation would be present in the mighty wind, the earthquake or the fire? But no. Only when Elijah hear the “tiny whispering sound” did he feel compelled to hide his face. God’s ways are definitely not always ours.

Jesus’ appearance to his disciples in Matthew 14 is no less unexpected and disconcerting. Left to cross the Sea of Galilee on their own, the disciples of Jesus are caught in a storm. But what really frightens the disciples is the sight of Jesus walking toward them on water. “At once,” Jesus seeks to reassure them: “Take courage. It is I. Don’t be afraid.” Peter decides to test the waters. And he is doing fine until he thinks too much. When his rational fear asserts itself, he begins to sink, like a stone.

How often do we do the same—namely, step out in faith only to yield later to our “reasonable” fears and doubts? When we do this, Jesus does not castigate us; he merely asks the challenging question: “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” And when we cry out like Peter, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately stretches out his hand and catches us. Faith can carry us beyond what is reasonable or normal.

I had read the following story long before it became a viral video. A little boy packs Twinkies and apple juice and proudly announces to his mom that he is off to the park “to find God.” When he gets there, he sits down on a bench with a homeless woman who looks a bit sad. He opens his Twinkies, but before he takes a bite, it occurs to him to share.

He offers his second Twinkie and juice to the woman, who smiles and says, “Thank you!” Soon they are chatting and laughing together like old pals. Before leaving to get home for dinner, he gives the woman a hug, which has her beaming. Back home, he surprises his mom with the news that he did find God, but that she is a woman “and has the most beautiful smile.” The woman, for her part, meets up with a friend and explains that she had Twinkies in the park with God, but he was “much younger than I expected.”

Sincerely,

Father Ed
This is my Vocation Story

In the Beginning: Hi, my name is Hector Ramirez and I am the oldest of five children. I was born in San Francisco and after years of moving around the Bay Area my family put down roots in Modesto, California when I was 11 years old.

My Faith: Growing up, family life was always faith filled. My parents, especially my mother, would encourage us to pray and seek God’s will in all things. I cannot even remember a time when Faith was not a part of our family’s daily life—from prayers at morning, before meals, at bedtime, to our family rosary (especially on long car rides)! This environment made Faith a part of me and my daily life. By high school I became very involved in parish life, serving Mass and even volunteering to help teach Confirmation and Catechism classes. Once I could drive I began attending daily Mass. All these things made a lasting impact upon me and turned my faith into an anchor to ground me through good times and bad. To this day, when I speak with my parents they remind me to pray that my plans follow God’s will and they have never stopped being a living example of this for me. Even now whenever we come together for holidays and vacations, it is one of their priorities to ensure we take time as a family to pray the rosary.

My Vocation: Since early childhood I have felt called to the priesthood. At the age of three, when asked what I “wanted to be” when I grow up, my quick response was that “I want to be a father, but not the kind that has children, but the kind that says Mass.” Our parish priest went on to further encourage me when I was around 5 years old by calling me his “little priest.” From then on and for as long as I can remember, the words of consecration during Mass have been etched in my memory. As I grew older, I considered various careers like any young adult would and really felt drawn to music, but the priesthood and its call for discernment was always in the background. I knew that it was something I needed to consider and pray about. When I began college as a music education major, there was an intention to “try out” seminary in the future. I just never defined when the future was. However, when I transferred to Franciscan University during my undergraduate studies I joined the Priestly Discernment Program and began to publicly and intentionally discern a vocational call to the priesthood.

While a member of the priestly discernment program, I was actively being formed in accord with the Priestly Formation standards of the USCCB. Being engaged in such a great academic program helped me prepare for the future formation any diocese would demand while providing the opportunities to meet and learn about numerous religious communities around the country and the world. It was a time of spiritual growth alongside fellow men who were also discerning a call to the priesthood and/or the religious life. After this great college
experience I still ultimately pursued a career in education. Life’s circumstances intervened and I began to teach Spanish and music in the archdiocesan high schools of Philadelphia. Though I have been incredibly blessed by this work I have continued to hear that still small voice inviting me deeper. The Lord’s persistence in calling me cannot be denied and I have applied and been accepted to pursue the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Called to Serve: As a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, I hope to serve as a parish priest. When I first came to the Archdiocese, I served in various apostolates including: a nursing home, and two parishes, one that had numerous Hispanics within its ministry. In these apostolates, I had the opportunity to shadow and work with priests in their ministry to the sick and elderly, to the young, and to the “average” Catholic amidst their many faith journeys. Witnessing and sharing in the ministry of these priests was a true joy— even in the sad occasions, there was a beauty to being present, accompanying these men and women of faith. Witnessing these priests administer the Sacraments was also an opportunity to see what a priest uniquely does while acting in the person of Christ.

I pray that through my vocation I can bring people closer to Christ. Unworthy as I am I hope to bring Christ to all I encounter. I pray that, as a priest, I can be present to people in their greatest joys, and in their deepest sorrows, accompanying them and providing for them through the Sacraments.

Prayer & Invitation: In your generosity, I ask for your prayers. Pray that, if it is God’s will, I may be able to mitigate my student loan debt, enter formation, and be ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Pray that my classmates and I may be humble in opening ourselves to the Lord that He may work in our lives and prepare us to be better Christian men and women discerning religious life. If you would like to learn more about my classmates and I and the Labouré Society and its work, please reach out to me at hector@rescuevocations.org.

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The Summer, 2019 Class of Labouré Aspirants
I am an aspirant of Labouré

I am also a fundraiser for a class of aspirants pursuing the priesthood or religious life. A recent study confirmed that nearly 1 of every 2 aspirants are blocked from entering their seminaries and religious communities because of student loan debt. It is the only thing that prevents many – including me – from entering formation to become a priest, sister or brother. My classmates are discerning all over the country.

With your help, we will rebuild the Church!

My goal is to raise $60,000 (the average student loan amount) before December 31st of this year for The Labouré Society, a Catholic non-profit that helps aspirants like me to answer God’s call.

Every aspirant has been accepted by a diocese or community and is required to work to liquidate their assets in order to make their own maximum loan payments. Through Labouré, my fellow aspirants and I work together as a class, raising donations which will be divided amongst the class and ultimately applied to our remaining student loans.

We are blessed to have this opportunity to share our love for God, our vocation stories, and to invite hundreds of individuals to support vocations like ours by financially investing in our future and the future of the Church.

Will you join our vocational journeys?

Please partner with us and be part of our vocation team so we can answer God’s call together!

Our vocations story videos are online at: www.RescueVocations.org
Why is Labouré Needed?

- **10,000**
  - Individuals discerning a priestly or religious vocation in the US annually*

- **42%**
  - Are blocked from pursuing this call due to education loans*

- **$60,000**
  - The average amount our vocational aspirants in Labouré owe in educational loans

How does the Mission Work?

- **OUR ASPIRANTS**
  - Are discerning a vocation and have been accepted into a diocese or religious institute
  - Are blocked from entering or continuing vocational formation due to student loans
  - Are trained by Labouré in Catholic-based fundraising and are provided with practical tools, personal mentoring, and accountability
  - Share their vocation stories with thousands of Catholic donors, thereby building a culture of vocations and evangelization
  - As a class of 20-25 aspirants raise funds collectively and receive awards from those funds to be applied to their debt

- **THE LABOURE SOCIETY**
  - Works with aspirants to utilize all personal means to mitigate their loan amount prior to acceptance into the program
  - Trains each aspirant in Catholic-based philanthropy
  - Mentors each aspirant to build a unified team; each individual works toward the collective goal
  - Provides ongoing accountability and personal guidance to ensure proper preparation and completion of the individual fundraising plans of each aspirant
  - Equips each aspirant with an online fundraising platform and multi-media fundraising tools
  - Facilitates ongoing aspirant/donor communication and updates after aspirant enters formation

What Has Labouré Accomplished?

- **$8 MILLION**
  - Raised by Labouré aspirants since 2005

- **300+**
  - Assisted into formation to the priesthood or religious life

- **PROVEN**
  - In operation since 2003

- **TRUSTED**
  - Listed in the Official Catholic Directory

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*NBWC: Union Study, 2010

The Labouré Society is a recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit and is listed in the Official Catholic Directory. All donations are tax-deductible. Gifts solicited by our aspirants belong to Labouré and are dispersed upon completion and agreement to ensure full compliance with IRS rulings. All gifts made to Labouré are non-refundable. Acceptance into Labouré is not required to repay any funds received. Funds granted but not dispersed to a former aspirant are made available to other Labouré needs.