

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 30, 2020

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



Especially Joseph Suarez, Robert Levi, Francis Casper, Pat Grosso, Jennifer, Katherine Chavis, Tina Marchitelli, Kim W., Jessica Paley, Dianne Kane, Joe Prusinowski, Kathy Brinn, Sandra Kelly, Patrick, Paul Scheb, Lillian Drozdowski, Fran Chupka, Linda Lessor, George Shelton, Jessica, Evelyne Norris, Carolyn & Richard McLeer, Edward Allen, Steven Stanton, Peggy R., Franny L., 'Elizabeth Steel, Margaret Dailey, Tom Sweeney, Nick L. Joe C., Isabella L., Ella D'Angelo, Franny, Richard Wardle, Mark Scherer, Martin Fahy, Kelly, Fran, Andy Batavick, Chris Smith, Mae Palmer, Walt M., Glenda L. Wrenn, Regina Tresoikas, Dawn Penrose, Dionne, Anita, Kay, Barb Heinze, Nick S., Joni Gowdy, Terry W., Cecilia Dougherty, Maryann Dabovich, Ron Smith, Joe Bede, Anna M., David Connors, Dorothy Kelly, Leslie Knott, Maureen Dissinger, Dottie McAllister, Paul Carr, Frank Mascio, Marie Baldwin, Bill Harper, III & All Sick Parishioners.

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.

Look for information on Phase II elsewhere in bulletin.

Masses for the Week

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2020 11:00 AM SPN +John & Norma Olszewski by daughter Janet

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 7:30 AM SPN +Donald J. Lippi by Henry & Kathleen Cieplinski

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 7:30 AM SPN +All Our Aunts & Uncles by Rich & Linda Williams

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2020 8:00 AM SPN +Edward & Anna Donnelly by their Children

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

11:00 AM SPN

+Stanley Garczynski by Matilda Garczynski

Sanctuary Lamps

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in the St. John Neumann Chapel for: All Deceased Parishioners

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: +Florence Kuczynski



Readings for Next Weekend September 6, 2020

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Ezekiel 33:7-9

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

> Reading II Romans 13:8-10

Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

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



<u> Offerings</u>

August 16, 2020		
Regular Collection	\$1	,264.00
Regular Online Giving		
1 week ending 8.12.20	\$	505.00
August 23, 2020		
Regular Collection -	\$ 662.00	
Regular Online Giving		
1 week ending 8.20.20	\$	515.00
Mission Co-Op Collection	\$	869.00

Thank you very much for your generosity throughout the year.

<u>Lampki</u>

- 1. +Deceased Members of Kupiec & Heys Family.
- 2. +Jennie & Joseph Dabovich of. son John.
- 3. +Jennie & Joseph Dabovich of. daughter Maryann.
- 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.
- 8. +Joseph Zalewski of. Sister.
- 9. +Henry & Jean Cieplinski & Edward & Anna Donnelly of. Henry & Kathleen Cieplinski.
- 10. +Alfreda & Zygmunt Plocha of. Joanne Plocha.
- 11. +Frances & Henry Jaworski of. Joanne Plocha.
- 12. +Leon Z. Plocha of. Wife
- 13. +The Barczak Family of. Bernard Barczak.
- 14. Blessings for Fr. Maloney.
- 15. +Joe & Bob Chupka from Mom.
- 16. +Mary Ann Bielec from sister Fran Chupka
- 17. +Irene & James Krouse of. Daughter & Family

ROSARY CAMPAIGN FOR AN END TO THE CORONAVIRUS

"...there is no problem, as difficult as it may be, that we cannot resolve at this time by praying the Holy Rosary." Sr. Lucia of Fatima

Join us online, by phone or in spirit as we pray the Rosary asking the miraculous intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to put an end to the coronavirus and to bring restoration to those most severely impacted by the pandemic. Monday through Thursday at 8:00 p.m. For more details and log-in, visit: <u>http://www.phillyevang.org/rosary</u>.

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA OFFICE of the ARCHBISHOP

August 24, 2020

Dear Brothers,

With the new academic year approaching rapidly, we are reaching out to extend our fraternal support for those of you responsible for the administration of a school. We recognize the ongoing stress that you and your principals are under in preparing your facilities and in dealing with questions and concerns of teachers and parents. We are also grateful for all you have done, and are doing, to support our young people and their families in these uncertain times.

Staff of the Office of Catholic Education and the resources of the Catholic Education Coronavirus taskforce are available to assist you with interpreting regulations and answering many frequently voiced questions. General questions for the taskforce may be sent to <u>occtaskforce@archphila-oce.org</u>. Inquiries specific to elementary school operations can be sent to Dr. Andrew McLaughlin, Secretary for Elementary Education at <u>amclaughlin@archphila.org</u>.

The Office of Catholic Education is following the latest state guidance for determining the instructional model to be used in schools. The commonwealth's guidance relies on two standard public health metrics: incidence rate and the positive percentage level of diagnostic testing. On a weekly basis, the Pennsylvania Department of Health will publish the level of community transmission of COVID-19 for every county in the state. The state has recommended instructional models based on the following COVID-19 levels.

Covid-19 Level	Educational Model		
Low	Full in-person model or blended learning model		
Moderate	Blended learning model or full remote learning		
Substantial	Full remote learning		

While the guidelines are not mandatory, Archdiocesan schools will utilize them. If there is a need to change from one recommended learning model to another, it will take place within two school days (48 hours) of any change in community status based on reports from the state. This transition time allows teachers, administrators, parents and students to prepare for the change. Based on current metrics, all five counties in the Archdiocese are in the "moderate level," which allows for a hybrid or blended learning model. Should COVID-19 cases increase, OCE will recommend full remote learning until cases subside.

The elementary taskforce recently developed this video for parents to explain key components of the Catholic Schools Onward plan for the re-opening of elementary schools throughout the five-county region. We strongly recommend that you share this widely within your school community to help address parent concerns.

Forming future leaders for our Church and society is an awesome responsibility shared by all those working to provide the lifelong gift of Catholic Education. We are a people of faith. With hope and faith, we will prevail together. May Saint John Neumann, patron of our schools, protect all our school communities and keep them safe.

Know of our continued gratitude for your ongoing dedication and generous service to all those entrusted in your pastoral care.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D. Archbishop of Philadelphia Most Reverend Michael J. Fitzgerald Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia



HE WILL OF GOD, WHAT IS GOOD AND ACCEPTABLE AND PER

< ROMANS 12:2 >

My dear Parishioners,

A pastor was tired of being pounded by angry people. He had sent letters to over a thousand parish families who had contributed nothing to the parish over the past 24 months. He did not chastise. He kindly asked those families that, if they truly considered themselves parishioners, they would please try and support their parish to whatever degree they could.

The responses he received in return were mean and unchristian. How dare he try to tell people what to do with their money!

Then this same pastor had recently given a Sunday homily against the death penalty just prior to execution at the state prison. He had spoken about what it means to be pro-life, what it means to believe that life is sacred, what it means to believe that God is author of all life. This was too much for some in his parish. A group of parishioners quickly circulated a petition asking the bishop to remove the pastor. Their complaint was that the pastor had mixed politics and religion, and they did not want to hear politics from the altar.

Already feeling that he could nothing right, he was floored when he received a call from his bishop telling him about the petition. The bishop wanted the pastor to come to the chancery in the late afternoon to talk about the sermon. The priest sat down and wrote a letter of resignation as pastor of his parish. He felt it would be so much better if he could just step away from parish life and take a ministry somewhere else.

Letter in hand the pastor entered the bishop's office. To his absolute surprise the bishop said, "Congratulations! With your homily on the death penalty, I think you have done the best preaching you've ever done!" Confused, the priest said he had come to apologize to the bishop for stirring up trouble and that he had his letter of resignation in hand. The bishop laughed and said, "Put your letter in your pocket. I'm taking you to dinner. I wish more of our pastors had your courage."

"But," said the pastor, "my parish is upset and parishioners are clearly very angry with me." The bishop responded, "Tough being Jeremiah, isn't it?"

The responsibilities that come with being Christian are heavy. To be a follower of Jesus Christ means learning how to practice sacrificial love. We must do what is right, and many times we'll be put on a cross for it. Far too often, too many Christians want to take the easy path in life.

They want to hear feel-good messages in church, hear music that tells them how good and blessed they are, and they want it for free and without responsibility. This is the message of our day: "Don't tread on me." We don't want to hear about responsibility, accountability and discipline. At least we do not want to hear those words spoken about us. Every bad thing is someone else's fault, and it is always up to someone else to fix our problems. We want our government to cut spending as long as cutbacks don't affect me and my family and our trash pickup.

Paul tells us clearly, "Do not conform yourselves to this age." Unfortunately too many of us do, and the Gospel then becomes an obstacle to our happiness rather than the path to happiness. Peter had genuine concern for Jesus. He surely did not want his Teacher to die. Peter's concern was understandable and reasonable. Jesus' rebuke of Peter, however, let us know that what is required for being a disciple may defy our understanding and may not seem reasonable. When Jesus said to Peter, "You are an obstacle to me," the word for obstacle is the same word as the word "scandal."

Amazingly, we do not have to do something wrong to create a scandal. Doing nothing or taking the easy way is scandalous too.

Jeremiah would have loved an easier time being a prophet. He wanted to write a letter of resignation, too. Jeremiah, however, loved God, and he could not escape the duty that comes with loving God. It is tough being Jeremiah and doing the hard things, but if more of us did, imagine how much better the world could be.

Sincerely, Father Ed



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