

**Saint Philip Neri Church (Reed City)  
Saint Anne Church (Paris)**

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## **Second Sunday of Easter April 24, 2022**

### **Sunday, April 24**

#### **Second Sunday of Easter**

Acts 5:12-16; Revelation 1:9-19;

John 20:19-31

8:00 AM Mass at St. Anne

10:00 AM Mass at St. Philip Neri

### **Monday, April 25**

#### **St. Mark**

1 Peter 5:5-14; Mark 16:15-20;

**1:00 PM Al-anon Meeting**

### **Tuesday, April 26**

Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15

9:00 AM Mass at St. Philip Neri-Pius X Chapel

†Adeline Camp by Elizabeth Marek

**7:00 PM Al-anon Meeting**

### **Wednesday, April 27**

Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21

9:00 AM Mass at St. Philip Neri-Pius X Chapel

**6:00 PM-7:30 PM Faith Formation K-6**

### **Thursday, April 28**

#### **St. Peter Chanel**

Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36

9:00 AM Mass at St. Philip Neri-Pius X Chapel

### **Friday, April 29**

#### **St. Catherine of Siena**

Acts 5:34-43; John 6:1-15

9:00 AM Mass at St. Philip Neri Pius X Chapel

†Anita and Ray Rogalla by Tom Eichenberg

**10:00 AM Scripture Study Group  
at St. Philip Neri**

### **Saturday, April 30**

#### **St. Pius V**

Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21

3:00 PM Reconciliation at St. Philip Neri

4:00 PM Mass at St. Philip Neri

### **Sunday, May 1**

#### **Third Sunday of Easter**

Acts 5-27-32, 40-41; Revelation 5:11-14;

John 21:1-19

8:00 AM Mass at St. Anne

10:00 AM Mass at St. Philip Neri

### **Father Mike's Musings**

Last Sunday, and for the next fifty days, we celebrate the high point of the Christian year: Jesus' Resurrection. I think that for Easter we can compare joy and pleasure. Both are good but one is more valuable than the other. Easter shows us the value of joy by showing us the ultimate and true joy.

We often confuse pleasure and joy. Joy is something deeper and more profound, something more worth striving for. But how often do we settle for pleasure? It is right to have these things together. Usually we feel joy sharing pleasure with friends and family: we go chat over a delicious coffee or we go to the beach as a family. And we often add pleasure to a moment of joy: such as a banquet after a wedding: the food probably tasted far better than average. However, we always put pleasure at the service of joy. We can all understand a person who sacrifices for their family but would wonder about someone who gave up on their family to have a pleasurable vacation. In the Resurrection and the apostles' mission right after, we see this lesson of prioritizing joy and we also see an even-deeper joy

In the Easter Gospel narratives, Mary Magdalene is seeking Jesus at the tomb. Then He appears. She is overwhelmed with joy. Her joy at the Resurrection not only satisfies her, but it also goes beyond. It drives her outward to run back on uneven roads to tell the others. Her joy is such that it motivates Peter and John to run back to the tomb. Such joy is so far beyond pleasure that pleasure or displeasure becomes an afterthought. All of us want such a deep joy. Our relationships with Jesus should bring us that joy.

The newest member of our Catholic family, Kate Christensen, has experienced this joy of relationship and faith. At the Easter Vigil she was noticeably trembling during her profession of faith, Confirmation, and later at her reception of the Eucharist for the first time. This trembling was not out of fear, but joy. Joy in the knowledge that she was entering fully into a new relationship in her life, two actually. The relationship with her brothers and sisters in the Catholic faith, and her relationship with the Risen Christ through the reception of the greatest gift Our Lord can give—Himself! Kate gave of her time and of herself in preparing for this life-changing event and she was rewarded for her faith and trust in the promises given by Jesus through His Church with a joy that literally moved her, soul and body (trembling, remember).

Kate's joy, however, is a shared joy, it is not proprietary. The RCIA team members that coached and supported her through the preparation process; Beth Dake, Richard Karns, Dick Hurst, and Beth Erickson; were not just sharing information but were also imparting a share of their own joys in the faith. Each has travelled their own paths towards Christ, and each has a unique experience(s) of joy along that journey. But for all the faithful the end result, perhaps the most telling result, of the journey is that interior lightness and trembling we have when we come fully into the presence of the Lord.

Kate felt joy at the Easter Vigil, the start of a greater journey in her life. Where have we felt this joy? Where have we known that we were in the presence of the Lord? When we have this joy, what will we do with it? Will we keep it to ourselves, possibly allowing it to wither away, unused and unappreciated? Or will we, like Mary Magdalene and the Apostles, joyfully run out into the world and share His presence with those who seek but have yet to find Him in their lives?

**Weekly Contributions**

**April 16-17**

	<b><u>St. Philip Neri</u></b>	<b><u>St. Anne</u></b>
<b>Offering Env.</b>	<b>(38) \$3,090.00</b>	<b>(13) \$835.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b><u>277.00</u></b>	<b><u>75.00</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,367.00</b>	<b>\$910.00</b>

**Wkly. Budget**                    **\$3,596.15**  
**O/ (U) Budget**                **680.85**

**YTD Budget**                    **\$147,442.15**  
**YTD Collection**              **142,816.89**  
   **(4,625.26)**

**St. Philip Neri: April 30, 4:00 PM**

**Eucharist:**                    **None at this Time**  
**Word:**                         **Karen McKinney**  
**Hospitality:**                **Steve Leporowski**

**St. Philip Neri: May 1, 10:00 AM**

**Eucharist:**                    **None at this Time**  
**Word:**                         **Leo Rosneck**  
**Hospitality:**                **Bob Shepler**  
   **Tyler Shepler**

**St. Anne: May 1, 8:00 AM**

**Eucharist:**                    **None at this Time**  
**Word:**                         **Dan Hoeh**  
**Hospitality:**                **Beth Hoeh**

**Msgr. Victor Gallagher**  
**Council #12668**



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April 30<sup>th</sup> between 9:00AM and 11:00 AM

**COMING SOON**

PARISH YARD SALE May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>

**Weekday Mass Dates and Times**

We will start celebrating weekday masses in the church, beginning May 10, 2022. We will also have weekday masses at St. Anne's on Wednesday's. The starting date for this will be May 11, 2022.

**Faith Formation News**

Happy Easter season! This weekend the Gospel reading tells the story of Jesus showing His risen self to the disciples. Twice in the reading Jesus says to His disciples "Peace be with You." The second time He breathes on them and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit" and sends them forth: "As the Father has sent me, I send you."

The gift of the Holy Spirit is a powerful gift, an Advocate to remind us of all what Jesus has taught. This Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> our adult Confirmation Candidate Miguel Troche will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral of St Andrew. Mike McMillian is his sponsor. On May 1<sup>st</sup> Zoey Allen our eighth grade Confirmation Candidate will be Confirmed in the Holy Spirit, I am her sponsor. Zoey and Miguel will be anointed with the oil of Chrism and be sealed and strengthened by the Holy Spirit. It is a simple Rite of Confirmation, but a powerful event is happening. The Holy Spirit is being sealed within them. The Holy Spirit is being strengthened within them Wow! Let us think about that for a minute.

At the Easter Vigil last weekend, I was at Our Lady of Hope parish in Clare. I was sponsoring my niece Jessie as she celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. She was truly aglow. She met me in the vestibule, so excited and the biggest smile I have seen on her in a long time. She was full of joy and wanted to be confirmed. It seems like a long time since I have seen a young person that excited about Confirmation (I know that I am biased).

This week I encourage you to think about your Confirmation. When the Holy Spirit was sealed within you and strengthened. That same Holy Spirit was breathed on the disciples. We have that Holy Spirit within us, the gifts and fruits of the Spirit wait for us to use them. A simple prayer but incredible to pray each day: "Come Holy Spirit!"

In the joy of Easter,  
Beth Dake

Director of Faith Formation

**St. Philip Neri-St. Anne**

**Grief Support and Fellowship Group**

Whether the death of a loved one was sudden and tragic, or one with warning and preparation, the reality of death leaves most of us in a state of shock, confusion and sadness. Grieving people need time and space to process **their grief, honor the deceased, and figure out how** to keep on living when they are no longer a physical presence in our lives.

While each grief journey is unique and has its own timeline, there are steppingstones along the way that most of us will encounter and will need to learn to navigate in order to heal. **But we don't have to do it alone.** Many have been there and will accompany and share with us our grief and our joy in having had these persons in our lives.

For more information, please call Tom Eichenberg at (231) 832-4910.

**Thanks!!!**

A big thank you goes out to all who helped with decorating the church for Easter. It looks beautiful. This could not have been possible without such great volunteers.