

**Saint Philip Neri Church (Reed City)
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Fifth Sunday of Lent April 3, 2022

Sunday, April 3

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14;

John 8:1-11

8:00 AM Mass at St. Anne

10:00 AM Mass at St. Philip Neri

Monday, April 4

St. Isidore

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62;

John 8:12-20

1:00 PM Al-anon Meeting

5:30 PM RCIA

6:30 PM – Knight of Columbus Meeting

Tuesday, April 5

St. Vincent Ferrer

Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30

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

4:00 PM-6:00 PM Reconciliation at St. Philip Neri

7:00 PM Al-anon Meeting

Wednesday, April 6

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-95; John 8:31-42

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

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

Thursday, April 7

St. John the Baptist de la Salle

Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59

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

Friday, April 8

Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42

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

10:00 AM Scripture Study Group

at St. Philip Neri

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross

at St. Philip Neri

Saturday, April 9

Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56

3:00 PM Reconciliation at St. Philip Neri

4:00 PM Mass at St. Philip Neri

Blessing of the Palms at Mass

Sunday, April 10

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14;

John 8:1-11

8:00 AM Mass at St. Anne

10:00 AM Mass at St. Philip Neri

Blessing of the Palms at Both Masses

Father Mike's Musings

Those who have faith are united very deeply, more deeply than by anything else. *“The community of believers was of one heart and mind...”* (Acts 4:32) Faith in Jesus unites people like nothing else. How can we find this peace and joy of Jesus in our day that our forefathers in the early Church had?

A way in which we receive His peace and joy and have Him in our hearts is when we receive the mercy and forgiveness of Jesus through Reconciliation. If there is anything in our lives that is not right it is preventing us from full union with Jesus and from enjoying fully the peace He offers to us. Jesus gave His Apostles the ability to forgive sins: *“Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”* (John 20:22-2)

Some will say, “Why do we have to confess our sins to a priest?” This is a good question. The answer to this question is in the previous Gospel passage. It was Jesus Himself who commissioned His Apostles to forgive sins. Since bread and wine change into the Body and Blood of Jesus through the prayers of the priest, children are baptized into the family of God, the sick are commended to God’s healing power through the Anointing of the Sick; why then does it seem strange that God would also use priests to forgive sins in His name? We see that God has no problem with allowing His priests to forgive sins in His name, even though we also are sinners. If we do--why? Is it because we think God should do things differently? Do we really know better than God? God has chosen His priests to bring the gifts of His sacraments to us including His gift of forgiveness.

So, to have peace in our hearts and the joy of Jesus, we should make frequent use of this most beautiful and wonderful sacrament which heals our souls and restores us to unity with Jesus again after we have turned away from Him. In this, and the other sacraments of the Church, we find that peace and joy that we are seeking, but all too often find elusive for one earthly reason or another. We must transcend the earthly if we are to fully embrace the divine.

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.

Weekly Contributions

March 26-27

	<u>St. Philip Neri</u>	<u>St. Anne</u>
Offering Env. (35)	\$2380.00	(11) \$635.00
Loose	<u>300.85</u>	<u>52.00</u>
Total	\$2680.85	\$687.00

Wkly. Budget \$3,596.15
O/ (U) Budget (228.30)

YTD Budget \$136,653.70
YTD Collection 130,669.89
(5,983.81)

St. Philip Neri: April 9, 4:00 PM

Eucharist: None at this Time
Word: Karen McKinney
Lynne Kreger
Hospitality: Volunteer Needed

St. Philip Neri: April 10, 10:00 AM

Eucharist: None at this Time
Word: Tom Eichenberg
Volunteer Needed
Hospitality: Volunteer Needed

St. Anne: April 10, 8:00 AM

Eucharist: None at this Time
Word: Sharon Schafer
Dan Hoeh
Hospitality: Beth Hoeh

Knights of Columbus Council #12668

- Scrap metal drive resumes April 9th
- Bottle and can collection continues
- St. Joseph icon coming to the parish
- Pasty Sale April 30th
- Coffee and Treats at the end of the month

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank the parish for supporting our council's activities.

Mother's Day Roses

Due to a delay in flower deliveries, our supplier is asking that we have our 'Mother's Day Rose' order in by the first week of April this year.

Please be sure to turn in your order form and money by April 3, 2022, there is a basket in the back of the church for these envelopes.

Spring Cleaning at Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Help is needed with spring clean-up at Mt. Olivet Cemetery on Saturday, April 23rd at 9:00 AM. Please bring rakes and gloves and come for a morning of work and fellowship.

Thank You in Advance

Thank You

Father Ron Hutchinson would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards, he genuinely enjoyed receiving them. He has also asked that we continue to pray for him.



Faith Formation News

In the Gospel of Luke (4:14-30) we hear a line after Jesus had read from the scroll: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

This line really caught my attention and I have been reflecting on it this past week. Notice Jesus says "the passage is fulfilled in your hearing" not in Him proclaiming it. How well do I hear? How well do I listen? I have noticed when I get tired and worn out, I am not a good listener anymore. Last week in the evening my mother was talking to me, then she said to me: "Do you hear me?" I answered her: "Yes, I hear you, but I am not listening." Not the best answer but the honest answer. Jesus is talking about hearing in the frame of taking these words into us, into our hearts and minds. Will we take Jesus words into action in our lives, trusting Jesus is the Messiah with our lives? This is Jesus' time as His is fulfilling the Old Testament prophecy, that He is the Messiah.

As the Gospel reading goes on the people reject and challenge Jesus. Who does Jesus think He is? He is just the son of Joseph. The people lack faith and trust; pride and ego, desires for power and control get in the way of them seeing who Jesus is and believing in Him. Is this true about myself? Taking time to reflect and take stock of how I am living my life is good for me. I stumble a lot. I get off track easily. The second reading this weekend from Corinthians is a good examination of conscious. What is Love and what is not Love?

After being challenged Jesus gives it right back to them in the story of several foreigners having faith. Which really offended the crowd. There is lack of faith and belief in Jesus, a lack of trust in who Jesus is, was only feeding into their ego and wants for control and power. Not realizing that Jesus was telling them that indeed the Savior had come: "To bring glad tidings to the poor...to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." (Luke 4:18-19)

At the last line of this passage from Luke, "...but Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away", my heart sinks--Please Jesus do not go away! Be with us, help us, stay close, we need you! You are the Messiah, the Christ!

In peace,

Beth Dake, Director of Faith Formation

Divine Mercy Sunday April 24th

The message of Divine Mercy is that God is merciful, that He is love itself poured out for us, and that He wants all of us to turn to Him with trust and repentance while there is still time. (Rev. George Kosicki)

Our Lord told St Faustina, "I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy." (Diary, 687)

"The flames of mercy are burning me. I desire to pour them out upon human souls. Oh, what pain they cause me when they do not want to accept them! Tell aching mankind to snuggle close to my merciful Heart and I will fill it with peace.

"I am Love and Mercy itself. When a soul approaches Me with trust, I fill it with such an abundance of graces that it cannot contain them within itself but radiates them to other souls." (Diary, 1074)