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Sunday, January 14

Second Sunday Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19;
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42

Monday, January 15

1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22

1:00 PM- Al Anon

Tuesday, January 16

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28

1:00 PM – Bible Study – Parish Room

Wednesday, January 17

Saint Anthony

1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Faith Formation K-6
Office Closed

Thursday, January 18

1 Samuel 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12

Friday, January 19

1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19

9:00 AM Mass-St. Philip Neri-Rectory
†Bob Dake by Beth Dake

Saturday, January 20

St. Fabian, St. Sebastian

2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21

3:00 PM Reconciliation at St. Philip Neri

4:00 PM Mass at St. Philip Neri

†Ray Hutchinson by Glenn Norton

Faith Formation News

This weekend the first reading is from First Samuel. Samuel hears God's call for the first time. Samuel finally realizes through Eli that it is the Lord calling him. Samuel responds by saying "Speak Lord, your servant is listening." Listening is an interesting word these days. I am a great multitasker. I can do several things at once. Not always a plus. These days our lives are full of noise, of screens with flashing videos, podcasts, and we watch television to see our shows. Do we take time to sit down, to pray? To listen to our Lord? Do we actually turn everything off! Sit down and ask the Lord to speak to us? Do we listen? Do we listen not just with our ears, physically, but do we open our hearts to the Lord? This can be a very vulnerable time. What does it mean to open up our hearts to the Lord? It means putting all our attention and focus on the Lord. It means being willing to sit and be with the Lord in the quiet. Being with the Lord in the silence. This, in my experience, takes practice. Practice sitting in and being with the silence. Many times it will seem as if nothing is happening. At times it may take me a while to get my mind shut off, my thoughts settled down, the list making in my head to shut off. Over the years I have learned to enjoy the silence. That is why each year I try to go on a silent retreat for at least a weekend. After getting focused and quiet, the Lord's voice is easy to hear. Our attention is on him not us. We open our hearts to our Lord and say as Samuel did "speak Lord your servant is listening." This kind of prayer is a discipline. With practice you will get better at focusing and being with the silence. I must admit though there are times in my life when there is so much going on and things that need to get done and the pressure is on to get them done, that I struggle in getting to the silence. I struggle to focus on the Lord. However, I still show up for prayer. I invite you to do the same. Maybe these short few weeks before Lent starts you can start this practice of sitting in the silence with our Lord. Open your heart and ask the Lord to speak to you.

Beth Dake, Director of Faith Formation

Msgr. Victor Gallagher
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serving our parish community*

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

At the conclusion of Sunday Mass we recited the St. Michael the Archangel prayer. Following is some information about St Michael. And his significant place in the Roman Catholic tradition and is associated with courage, protection, and divine intervention.

Biblical and Historical Roots

St. Michael's presence can be traced back to writings from the 3rd and 2nd centuries BC. He is depicted as the chief among angels and archangels, responsible for guarding and caring for Israel.

Guardian Prince of Israel

He appears in the Book of Enoch as one of the seven archangels, alongside Uriel, Raguel, Raphael, Sariel, Gabriel, and Remiel. These archangels are described as standing before the glory of the Lord.

Defender of the Faith

St. Michael's role as a defender of faith against evil is most vividly portrayed in the New Testament where he is engaged in a battle against Satan, casting him of heaven.

In Our Catholic Tradition

Within our Roman Catholic tradition, St. Michael the Archangel holds a special place. He is often invoked as "Holy Michael, the Archangel" or "Saint Michael" in prayers and liturgies.

Guardian of the Church:

St. Michael serves as the guardian of the Church and is considered the patron saint of various cities and countries.

Prayers and Devotions

St. Michael the Archangel plays a crucial role in our Roman Catholic tradition as a defender of faith, protector of souls, and a symbol of divine justice. His presence and intercession are sought in times of spiritual warfare and challenges, making him a revered figure in Catholic devotion and liturgy.



Collection Report
January 6, 2024

<u>St. Philip Neri</u>	
Envelopes	(43) \$2,585.00
Loose	\$212.00
Total	\$2,797.00
Wkly. Budget	<u>\$3,100.00</u>
O/ (U) Budget	<u>(\$303.00)</u>
YTD Budget	\$86,800.00
YTD Collection	<u>\$81,795.59</u>
	<u>(\$5,004.41)</u>

Schedule of Ministers
January 20, 2024 4:00 PM

Eucharist:	Mary Becerra
Eucharist:	Jesse Becerra
Eucharist:	Bob Shepler
Word:	Tom Eichenberg
Hospitality:	Jim Kaverman
Hospitality:	Betty Yost
Hospitality:	Jerry Slywka
Hospitality:	Larry Wisniewski

Senior Citizens of St. Philip Neri & St. Anne

You are invited to attend the Annual Senior Citizens Dinner. Come for an afternoon of good food, fun and fellowship on Sunday, February 4, 2024 downstairs at St. Philip Neri Church. The festivities will begin at 12:00 pm (noon). There is no cost to attend.

Reservations are a must and can be made by using the sign-up sheet in the back of St. Philip Neri Church or by calling the Parish Office at 231-832-5544. The last day for reservations will be taken is January 22, 2024.

In Sympathy

Please remember Frederick Kehr, husband to Noreen Kehr, Frederick passed away December 31, 2023.

*"Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord
and let perpetual light shine upon him."*