

**Saint Philip Neri Church (Reed City)
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Pentecost Sunday June 5, 2022

Sunday, June 5

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3-7; 12-13;

John 14:15-16; 23-26

8:00 AM Mass at St. Anne

10:00 AM Mass at St. Philip Neri

(Fr. Lou Anderson, celebrant)

**Knights of Columbus—Coffee and Donuts
after Mass**

Monday, June 6

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Genesis 3:9-15, 20; John 19:25-34

Tuesday, June 7

1 Kings 17:7-16; Matthew 5:13-16

No Daily Mass

Office Closes at 2 PM Today

Wednesday, June 8

1 Kings 18:20-39; Matthew 5:17-19

No Daily Mass

Thursday, June 9

St. Ephrem

1 Kings 18:41-46; Matthew 5:20-26

No Daily Mass

Friday, June 10

1 Kings 19:9, 11-16; Matthew 5:27-32

No Daily Mass

Saturday, June 11

Saint Barnabas

Acts 11:21-26; Matthew 5:33-37

3:00 PM Reconciliation at St. Philip Neri

4:00 PM Mass at St. Philip Neri

(Fr. Lou Anderson, celebrant)

Sunday, June 12

The Most Holy Trinity

Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 12-15

8:00 AM Mass at St. Anne

10:00 AM Mass at St. Philip Neri

(Fr. Lou Anderson, celebrant)

Father Mike's Musing

Does being a Christian make any difference? Being a Catholic? On Pentecost we are supposed to celebrate “the church”, but what is the church? It is expected that we cherish our faith, that we value it enough to pass it on. But is it worth it? Is our church really all that much a cause for celebration? Has our faith been worth receiving? Is it worth giving?

These days we are not supposed to be too proud of our traditions and our identity. After all, diversity is king. One faith, we are told, is as good as another. There are many paths to the mountain top. Why should we be so arrogant as to assume that ours is the best? But if we believe that, why would it make much sense to want to proclaim it to anyone else? In fact, if our faith is not all that special, why should we even be grateful for having it? If we have nothing wonderful to give to the world, why would our children want to possess it? If we are so pluralistic as to think that any way to God suffices, why should the way of the Lord Jesus be considered a gift to our young? Such questions, however, point to a glaring problem that is continually growing in our current-day church--we lack the FIRE!

It was fire that the Holy Spirit bequeathed to our ancient brothers and sisters. They were so much on fire, they wanted to proclaim it to the world. They spoke of something that had made a difference in their lives, something and someone they loved. St. Paul tells us that the something they experienced was enough to make them feel like one vibrant body, unified in a common good and goal. They cherished differences, but only because of the different ways they revealed the one splendor of the gift they shared.

So what is our something, the common gift we share as Catholics? Certainly, it is the gift held in common with all Christians: our Gospels, our Lord, our one faith, baptism, and communion. But for Catholics it is more. The “catholic” dimension is holistic, organic, and integral. We come from a people whose encounter with Jesus Christ is inclusive and capacious. He may speak different tongues to us, but the same Truth. He shines in different gifts, but as one giver. He is our one body, our unity, but He thrives through different and diverse members.

Thus, Catholicism resists any move that reduces Christ to only one facet or moment of experience. We find Him in the holy scriptures. But we know this is a scripture given to us by a community, our community. We see Him in community, but we know our community was born of Christ and our memory of Him. We pass the word on, but it is the Word that made us who we are and brought us together. He lives in and through us all. He blesses and calls us to share Him with the world; through our faith, and through our lives. Such a faith, ultimately faith in a person, deserves our zeal. Zeal that is born of FIRE.

If we are in love, we can't wait to tell someone else. If we love what it means to be a Catholic, it makes all the difference in the world that we give this gift to the ones we love. But do we love our Lord enough? Do we love the world enough to impart our faith to it?

Weekly Contributions

May 28-29

	<u>St. Philip Neri</u>	<u>St. Anne</u>
Offering Env.	(39) \$2,890.00	(10) \$740.00
Loose	<u>226.00</u>	<u>49.00</u>
Total	\$3,116.00	\$789.00

Wkly. Budget **\$3,596.15**
O/ (U) Budget **308.85**

YTD Budget **\$169,019.05**
YTD Collection **164,880.92**
 (\$4,138.13)

St. Philip Neri June 11, 4:00 PM

Eucharist: **None at this Time**
Word: Karen McKinney
Hospitality: Harriet Lenahan
 Betty Yost

St. Philip Neri: June 12, 10:00 AM

Eucharist: **None at this Time**
Word: Sue Maskill
Hospitality: Leo Rosneck
 Stacey Rosneck

St. Anne: June 12, 8:00 AM

Eucharist: **None at this Time**
Word: Sharon Schafer
Hospitality: Dave Battle

Ways to Give to CSA

<https://dioceseofgrandrapids.org/CSA>

Online: Click the “Give Now CSA 2022” button where you will be given the options for making secure monthly installments or a one-time gift using a credit/debit card or a bank account number.

Mail: Please fill out the pledge card that was included in your CSA mailing, and mail it to St. Philip Neri-St. Anne.

In-Person: You may also fill out your pledge card and return it to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket at Mass.

My Summer Prayer

As I begin the summer months, gracious and loving Jesus, remind me of your ever present guidance and love.

Give me confidence in your presence, remembering all that I have been taught this year and let me live it in my summer experiences.

As I work, play and enjoy my family and friends this summer may I feel your love within me, guiding me toward all that is right and just.

Let me be grateful for the gifts of summer, Jesus. Allow me to enjoy it safely and remind me daily of your love for me.

Amen

Faith Formation News

This weekend we celebrate Pentecost! Jesus sends us the great Advocate, the Holy Spirit, Holy breath of God, to be with us. An Advocate is a supporter and defender. The Holy Spirit comes to “teach us and remind us of all that Jesus has taught us.”

We need support and encouragement in our lives. I remember several years ago when I had my first knee replaced during the summertime. My niece Jessie came to stay with me to help take care of me. She was young, yet she loves me and wanted to help me. She was awesome to me. She cared for my needs, and the cats. She wrote me notes of encouragement and love and left them all over the house. Jessie stayed at my house for over a week and half helping me. Other family and friends brought in food and goodies to help. All these things reminded me how loved I am.

The Holy Spirit is like this, showing us the love of the Father and Son. Over the years I have build a relationship with Holy Spirit. Spending time in prayer with Holy Spirit, listening and asking for guidance, comfort, and support. Over the years my relationship with the Holy Spirit has grown deep and more intimate. I have found that I call upon the Holy Spirit to go before me as I minister to people in different situations. I call upon the Holy Spirit to guide me in decision making. I call upon the Holy Spirit to comfort me in times that seem lonely, painful, or overwhelming. I have learned to pray one the greatest prayers I know: *Come Holy Spirit, Come!*

Come Holy Spirit Come,
Beth Dake

Director of Faith Formation

Best Wishes

Congratulations and best wishes to all who have graduated this past year weather from high school, college, trade school, graduate school or a technical school. May God bless you and all your future endeavors!

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