

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

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Fifth Sunday of Easter May 15, 2022

Sunday, May 15

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27; Revelation 21:1-5;
John 13:31-35

8:00 AM Mass at St. Anne

10:00 AM Mass at St. Philip Neri

Monday, May 16

Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26

1:00 PM Al-anon Meeting

Tuesday, May 17

Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a

9:00 AM Mass-St. Philip Neri

†Carl Yost by Betty Yost

7:00 PM Al-anon Meeting

Office Closed

Wednesday, May 18

Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8

9:00 AM Mass-St. Anne

†Jane Hodges by Joe and Carolyn Battle

Office Closed

Fr. Mike gone after Mass

Thursday, May 19

Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11

9:00 AM Mass-St. Philip Neri

†Ron Baker by Joe and Carolyn Battle

Friday, May 20

St. Bernardine of Siena

Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17

9:00 AM Mass-St. Philip Neri

†Mary and Phyllis Jernstead by Tom Eichenberg

10:00 AM Scripture Study Group

Saturday, May 21

St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions

Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21

3:00 PM Reconciliation at St. Philip Neri

4:00 PM Mass at St. Philip Neri

Sunday, May 22

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Revelation 21:10-14;

John 14:23-29

8:00 AM Mass at St. Anne

10:00 AM Mass at St. Philip Neri

Father Mike's Musings

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. May is a month of growth when nature is reborn. Many Catholics may be aware that May is consecrated to Mary, but it may be unclear why this month was selected for this particular distinction. Other months have more important feasts dedicated to Our Lady, such as August (Feast of the Assumption) and December (Feast of the Immaculate Conception). What is it about this month that makes it a fitting time to reflect on the Virgin Mary's role in salvation and to honor her as the Mother of God

The reason for dedicating May to 'Our Lady' is associated with the particular season of the year? May is certainly known for its springtime beauty. It is associated with flowers and blossoms, with trees which spring back to life, and grass which sprouts. It brings to mind the idea of promise and hope, of new life. Sometimes May is a rainy, cool month. However, it always remains a month of promise and hope, the prelude to summer, the season of light. It is in this sense that it represents Mary. She reflects the light of Christ.

The Easter season is a fitting time to recall Mary's immense joy over her Son's Resurrection and to rediscover her role as mother and teacher in our lives. Mary has a unique role in the God's plan of salvation and in the Church. She consented to the coming of the Savior and cooperated in developing His mission. She brought Him into the world, raised Him and lovingly stood by His side during the years of His hidden life. She supported Him during His public ministry in a quiet way, beginning at Cana, through her intercession Jesus performed His first miracle. She cooperated in His work, even uniting her own suffering with that of her Son, standing at the foot of the Cross. Mary was Jesus' first disciple, humbly following Him during every step of His journey and mission. She trusted in God completely and lived by His grace. She is our model of true discipleship and of complete faith.

Mary continually offers her prayers, motherly care, and witness. During this month of May, let us rediscover her maternal role in each of our lives. Let us offer our spiritual mother our sincere prayers that she may also guide and intercede for us in our journey of faith. Let us learn from her, Our Mother, how to love and trust God, Our Father, completely and how to be faithful witnesses of the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, our Brother.



Faith Formation News

As some of the Faith Formation and Sacramental preparation sessions are coming to a glorious end, I would like to express my gratitude. To our catechists in the Wednesday evening Faith Formation program: Jen Armstrong, Gerianne Dent and our two catechists who helped prepare our Second Grade kids for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist: Sarah Morlock and Antoinette Yiberhu. Classroom aides this year were Dawn Montague and Ashley Visner. Each of these women glorified God by giving of their time, talent, and treasure to pass on the Faith to our children. They came when it was sometimes dark, rainy, snowy and several catechists come after they have worked the entire day outside the home and inside the home. They came with joy, to glorify God with compassion and forgiveness. Well done good and faithful servants.

I am grateful to the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) team: Beth Erickson, Richard Karns and Dick Hurst. We met on Monday nights to guide and journey with Kate Christensen. Due to Kate's work schedule, there were several times we could not meet and the weather this year on Mondays was so challenging! Beth, Richard, and Dick glorified God in their ability to share their stories and be flexible in the giving of their time. They each expressed so beautifully their love and belief in Jesus Christ. Well done good and faithful servants.

I am grateful for the Parish Life Committee: Mary Lou Proefrock and Birdie Wayne. These two women reached out to our Candidate in the RCIA, Kate. Sending her cards of welcome. They put together a lovely gift for each of our First Communion children. And in case you do not know they send out birthday cards and encouragement cards to many members of the parish. Their outreach to the community is glorifying God in a distinct way. Well done good and faithful servants.

I am grateful to the Knights of Columbus men. The Knights are concerned for our young people and children. The Knights give to our Faith Formation program every year. The Knights also give gifts to those who are celebrating a sacrament: RCIA, First Communion and Confirmation (Eighth Grade and adult). Well done good and faithful servants.

I am grateful to the parish staff. Deb, Karen, and Bob. They work to get events set up, rooms cleaned, and make sure the office items are in order to keep the programs running smoothly. Each one of the staff is so helpful to me, even when I fall behind. They glorify God in the job they do. Well done good and faithful servants.

I realize that when you start thanking people that someone is going to get left out. I took this chance in writing this article. If I left, you out please know that I am grateful for you and for your giving and sharing. So much of our ministry in the name of Christ happens behind the scenes. A great deal of our ministry is about glorifying God with our deep compassion and forgiveness. The beginning of the Gospel is all about glorifying God. It may sound odd but listen carefully to the opening lines of the Gospel this week. Maybe even take time this week to reflect on those opening lines.

In peace,

Beth Dake, Director of Faith Formation

Weekly Contributions

May 7-8

	<u>St. Philip Neri</u>	<u>St. Anne</u>
Offering Env.	(37) \$1,805.00	(10) \$790.00
Loose	<u>155.00</u>	<u>20.00</u>
Total	\$1,960.00	\$810.00
Wkly. Budget	\$3,596.15	
O/ (U) Budget	(826.15)	
YTD Budget	\$158,230.60	
YTD Collection	<u>153,157.89</u>	
	(5,072.71)	

St. Philip Neri: May 21, 4:00 PM

Eucharist: None at this Time
Word: Sandy Fogue
Hospitality: Harriet Lenahan
Betty Yost

St. Philip Neri: May 22, 10:00 AM

Eucharist: None at this Time
Word: Amy Shank
Hospitality: Bob Shepler
Tyler Shepler

St. Anne: May 22, 8:00 AM

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

Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Victor Gallagher Council #12668

Pasty Sale

If you missed our pasty sale, there is good news. We have a few pasties left. They are fresh frozen and ready to put in the oven. Contact Tom -Eichenberg at (231) 832-4910 to get yours today.

Parish Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank all who attended our Mother's Day/First Communion breakfast last Sunday. Donations from the free will are used to support parish activities.

Thank You

We would like to thank those people who sent cards, called, etc. concerning the passing of our son Patrick. He was a loving and caring child to all.

We would also like to give a special thanks to Fr. Mike and the musicians for the beautiful service and the ladies for the wonderful lunch after. Also, a special thanks to Fr. Phil Shangraw for the graveside service in Grand Rapids.

Charlie and Wanda Davenport

In Sympathy

Please remember Mary Louise Noreen, wife to Philip Noreen. Mary passed away May 5, 2022.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*