

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

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Fourth Sunday of Easter May 8, 2022

Sunday, May 8

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9, 14-17;
John 10:27-30

8:00 AM Mass at St. Anne

10:00 AM Mass at St. Philip Neri

First Communion at 10:00 AM Mass
Knights of Columbus Breakfast after Mass

Monday, May 9

Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10

1:00 PM Al-anon Meeting

Tuesday, May 10

St. Damien de Veuster

Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30

9:00 AM Mass-St. Philip Neri

7:00 PM Al-anon Meeting

Office Closed

Wednesday, May 11

Acts 12:24-13:5; John 12:44-50

9:00 AM Mass-St. Anne

†Pat Patterson by Joe and Carolyn Battle

Thursday, May 12

St. Pancras

Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20

9:00 AM Mass-St. Philip Neri

†Esther Wekenman by Irene Taylor

Friday, May 13

Our Lady of Fatima

Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6

9:00 AM Mass-St. Philip Neri

†Barbara McHugh by Elizabeth Marek

10:00 AM Scripture Study Group

Saturday, May 14

St. Matthias

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17

3:00 PM Reconciliation at St. Philip Neri

4:00 PM Mass at St. Philip Neri

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

Father Mike's Musings

Today we celebrate a great milestone in the lives of the seven young people in our parish family who are receiving the Eucharist for the first time. What a day! Because we are not only rejoicing with these children we are also celebrating our own mothers, whether they are still among us or have passed on to the next life. Our mothers love us as no other can. They teach us, consoles us, sometimes scold us, and, like today, guide on our pathways of faith. Our mothers consented to this tremendous responsibility when our lives took shape within themselves. They, in fact, carry on a great tradition of consent and responsibility that began centuries ago and continues to the current day. Our mothers continue the loving task of raising God's children in the mode of another, the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of another child, but one who is God in the flesh, Jesus Christ. Mary is the premier servant of the Lord. In fact, her assent to the angelic messenger proclaims her self-identity: 'Handmaid of the Lord'. Mary, the Mother of Jesus, who gave up her only Son, her only child, for our salvation.

When we look to Mary and the Eucharist we should see that though we are all still journeying towards the complete fulfilment of our hope, and that for us the Bread of Life is a traveler's bread, we also know that God's gifts to us have found their perfect fulfilment already in the Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Our Heavenly Mother. Mary is assumed body and soul into Heaven, and that is our hope, because that is our destiny, the goal of which the Sacrament of the Eucharist enables us even now to have a foretaste.

Mary's life is a kind of sacrament, in which God comes down to meet His adoptive children and to involve them in His saving work. All through her life, Mary's freedom is completely open to God's will. She was conceived without original sin in virtue of her Son's redemptive death, and that state of constant grace is revealed in her unconditional acceptance of God's word. Moment by moment she shows the obedient faith of a daughter of God. She lives in complete harmony with His will; she treasures in her heart the words that come to her from God. Like a master artisan, piecing them together like a mosaic (or a jigsaw puzzle for those of us who are less artistically inclined) she learns to understand these words more deeply.

Though suffering the anguish of a mother whose Son was unjustly executed, she lovingly consented to this necessary sacrifice of Our Savior. This sacrificial gift to us became a gift of us, as Jesus said to her on the Cross, to John and to all of us in the Church: "*Woman, behold your son; son, behold your mother.*" So as we take the Body and Blood of the Lord, we also turn to her, who, by her complete fidelity and acceptance, received Christ's sacrifice for the salvation of the whole Church. After all, she loves us as our mother—so says the Lord.



Weekly Contributions

April 30 – May 1

	<u>St. Philip Neri</u>	<u>St. Anne</u>
Offering Env.	(43) \$3,290.00	(13) \$1245.00
Loose	<u>351.00</u>	<u>55.00</u>
Total	\$3,641.00	\$1300.00

Wkly. Budget **\$3,596.15**

O/ (U) Budget **1,344.85**

YTD Budget **\$154,634.45**

YTD Collection **150,387.89**

(4,246.56)

St. Philip Neri: May 14, 4:00 PM

Eucharist: **None at this Time**

Word: **Lynne Kreger**

Hospitality: **Steve Leporowski**

St. Philip Neri: May 15, 10:00 AM

Eucharist: **None at this Time**

Word: **Tom Eichenberg**

Hospitality: **Susan Fabus**

Tom Fabus

St. Anne: May 15, 8:00 AM

Eucharist: **None at this Time**

Word: **Austin Battle**

Hospitality: **Ed Suckow**

Msgr. Victor Gallagher

Council 12668



Parish Yard Sale

May 13th and 14th

Donate your unused treasures to the parish yard sale. Items can be dropped off at the pavilion beginning Monday May 9th.

NO CLOTHING PLEASE!

Mechanical or electrical items are to be in working condition or easily repairable. No religious items such as rosaries or medals. These type items may be blessed and should not be sold.

The sale will run from 10:00 AM until 5:30 PM Friday; 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM Saturday.

Call Richard Karns at (231) 832-4474 or Dick Hurst (231) 629-8333 if there are any questions. Proceeds from the sale will be donated to parish projects and community charities.

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 Wednesdays. The starting date for this will be May 11, 2022.

Faith Formation News

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear again from the Gospel of John. In this Gospel reading we hear Jesus call us his sheep. Jesus says that *“No one can take them out of my hand. My Father who has given them to me is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father’s hand.”* In Scripture we hear about God’s hands several times. That God has *“grasped us by the hand”* and we are in the *“palm of God’s hand”*.

Have you ever noticed someone’s hands? My Dad had thick hands. With short stubby fingers that were bent and knuckles that were swollen with arthritis. I can remember sitting on the edge of his hospital bed at the house and holding his hand. I remember him as a young father holding my hand many times. He loved me and I loved him. This holding of hands was a physically way of showing our love for each other.

My mother has small hands with long fingers. Her hands are very soft and smooth. Her hands made many of meals over the years. Her hands washed me as a baby and held me and rocked me to sleep. Today I take her hand as she gets out of my car. As a support, I hold her hand in mine, so she has someone to lead on. Our hands joined or touching is also a sign of our love for each other.

God, the Father takes our hand as does the Son, Jesus Christ. And NO one can take us out of the Father’s or the Son’s hands. We belong to the Father and the Son. This love of being in the hands of our God and Savoir is taken even farther in the Eucharist. We eat the Bread and Wine that has become the Body and Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. We take Christ into our bodies. We are united with Christ in a very intimate way. The Eucharist is our food for the journey. The love that cannot be fully understood here on Earth. The love that holds us in the hands of God the Father, and Jesus, the Son.

In joy,

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.

Funeral Dishes

Thank you to all the parish families for stepping up and bringing dishes for the funeral lunches. There are a lot of empty dishes that have been left behind. If you could please pick up your dishes from the basement that would be greatly appreciated, we are starting to get quite a collection.