

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

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# Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 12, 2021

## Sunday, September 12

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Isaiah 50:4-9; James 2:14-18;

Mark 8:27-35

8:00 AM Mass at St. Anne

10:00 AM Mass at St. Philip Neri

**Procession and 'Patriotic Rosary'**

**Following the 10:00 AM Mass**

## Monday, September 13

**St. John Chrysostom**

1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10

1:00 PM - AA Meeting/Al-anon Meeting

## Tuesday, September 14

**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Numbers 21:4-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

9:00 AM Mass-St. Philip Neri

7:00 PM Al-anon Meeting

8:00 PM AA Meeting

## Wednesday, September 15

**Our Lady of Sorrows**

1 Timothy 3:14-16; John 19:25-37

9:00 AM Mass-St. Anne

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

## Thursday, September 16

**Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian**

1 Timothy 4:12-16; Luke 7:36-50

9:00 AM Mass-St. Philip Neri

## Friday, September 17

**St. Robert Bellarmine**

1 Timothy 6:2-12; Luke 8:1-3

9:00 AM Mass-St. Philip Neri

†Carl Yost by Betty Yost

## Saturday, September 18

1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15

3:00 PM Reconciliation-St. Philip Neri

4:00 PM Mass at St. Philip Neri

## Sunday, September 19

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16 – 4:3;

Mark 9:30-37

8:00 AM Mass at St. Anne

10:00 AM Mass at St. Philip Neri

## Father Mike's Musings

Humans seem to perpetually live in a state of “Pollyanna” desires. We strive to achieve a comfortable future unimpeded by the doubts and difficulties of the world, while constantly trying to hold-on to the memories, real or idealized, of the past, sometimes even trying to impose these ideals on the future. Who does not dream of the end of the pandemic with all of its discomforts and annoyances? Who has not occasionally been caught up in daydreaming about a more carefree, innocent age in our country? It is in our nature to simultaneously look back and forward. The trick is to find a healthy balance, a “silver lining”, if you will.

This weekend we remember the twentieth anniversary of the tragedies that occurred on September 11, 2011. Most of us can probably recall where we were and what we were doing that sunny Tuesday morning (I was preparing to present a lecture on the debates surrounding the Constitutional Convention of 1787). We will forever see the flaming blasts as American Flight 11 slammed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center soon followed by the strike of United Flight 175 on the adjoining South Tower. The smoking remains of American Flight 77 among the rubble of the west wall of the Pentagon. And worst of all, the dust-covered panicked survivors fleeing away from the attack zones while first responders and rescue volunteers rushed towards the destruction, many ultimately sacrificing themselves in their effort to save as many lives as they could. No one who was witness to these scenes cannot help but to compare how life and the world was like before ‘9/11’ and how it is today. Even with our inborn penchant for nostalgic thinking, we must acknowledge that life as we knew it has been forever changed, not always for the better. Instead of unquestioningly placing trust in the goodwill of our neighbors, we are now rushed into immediate suspicion and varying levels of paranoia concerning the “intent” of others. “*Love your neighbor...*” is now “*Fear (hate, distrust, etc.) you neighbor...*” ‘Love’ is now numbered among the casualties of that fateful day.

But there is a significant “silver lining” on the clouds of this tragedy. Life has become precious, as it was always meant to be. Now we undoubtedly have a greater appreciation of the sacredness of life, and how fragile it is and how easily it can come to an end. We now have a tremendous appreciation for those who willingly place their lives at risk for the safety and well-being of others. “*Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.*” (John 15:13) Life is different, but we pray that we are now all the more grateful for the time and the gifts that we have been by the grace of God. And in that same grace may the souls of those who lost their lives on September 11<sup>th</sup> rest in the peace that they were denied in this world.

**Faith Formation News**

As school has started, students and teachers are back in the classrooms. In the Gospel this weekend we hear Jesus ask some great questions, a sign of a good teacher. “*Who do people say I am?*” is the first question He addresses to His disciples. The disciples answer, “*John the Baptist, a prophet....*” But then comes the question that goes right to the heart of the matter; “*But who do you say that I am?*”

Who do you say that Jesus is? Does the way you live your life reflect that belief? Would people know by the way you treat your family, friends, and strangers that you believe in Jesus? Do you believe, as Peter answered the question that Jesus is the Christ? Peter’s bold answer was correct and then Jesus reveals that He must suffer and die and then rise from the dead. Peter again boldly speaks and then Jesus rebukes him, corrects him, and says; “*Get behind me you Satan!*” Not the words I would want to hear from my teacher, from my Lord.

As we daily carry the Cross, remember it was through the suffering and death of Christ that He conquered sin and death, by rising that He gives us the gift of eternal life. As we follow Christ, hopefully each day we read Scripture, the living Word of God, we get to know Jesus more intimately.

As we celebrate the Sacraments: when we sin, we can celebrate Reconciliation. Each week we can celebrate the Eucharist; the very Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ, we take Him into our bodies and are sent out into the world to be Christ. When we get hurt or ill, we can celebrate the Anointing of the Sick. May we ponder this great question in this week’s Gospel, *But who do you say that I am?*”

**K-6 Grade Faith Formation:** Begins this Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at St Philip Neri. Please return your registration forms ASAP.

**7-12 Grade Faith Formation:** Begins on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at St Philip Neri after the 11:00 AM Mass. Please return your registration forms ASAP.

This weekend many of us will be remembering that awful day of 9/11. It is a day that I will always remember where I was when I hear what was happening. How I felt, I so wanted to be with my family and people close to me. Let us take a moment to remember all those who lost their lives that day. Let us pray for healing and peace in our world and in our hearts.

In faith and hope,  
Beth Dake

Director of Faith Formation

**Ways to Give to the CSA**

**Online:** [dioceseofgrandsrapids.org/CSA](http://dioceseofgrandsrapids.org/CSA):

Click the “Give Now CSA 2021” 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 parish.

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

**Volunteers Needed**

We are looking for Ministers of the Word, and Hospitality/Usher volunteers for all Masses at both St. Philip Neri and St. Anne.

Please contact Deb at the Parish Office at:  
**231-832-5544**

**Weekly Contributions**

**September 4-5**

	<b><u>St. Philip Neri</u></b>		<b><u>St. Anne</u></b>
<b>Offering Env. (38)</b>	<b>\$2,635.00</b>	<b>(6)</b>	<b>\$885.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b><u>180.00</u></b>		<b><u>103.00</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,815.00</b>		<b>\$988.00</b>
<b>Wkly. Budget</b>	<b>\$3,596.15</b>		
<b>O/ (U) Budget</b>	<b>\$206.85</b>		
<b>Missionary Weekend</b>	<b>\$2,086.00</b>		
<b>Haiti – Earthquake</b>	<b>\$1,113.00</b>		
<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>\$35,961.50</b>		
<b>YTD Collection</b>	<b><u>\$32,286.00</u></b>		
	<b>(\$3,675.50)</b>		

**St. Philip Neri: September 18, 4:00 PM**

**Eucharist:** None at this Time  
**Word:** Amy Shank  
**Hospitality:** Harriet Lenahan  
Betty Yost

**St. Philip Neri: September 19, 10:00 AM**

**Eucharist:** None at this Time  
**Word:** Tom Eichenberg  
**Hospitality:** Leo Rosneck  
Stacey Rosneck

**St. Anne: September 19, 8:00 AM**

**Eucharist:** None at this Time

**Knights of Columbus**



**Msgr. Victor Gallagher**  
**Council #12668**

**THANK YOU!**

Our council extends a grateful THANK YOU to all parishioners who donated returnable bottles, cans, and scrap metal. The response has been outstanding. The money raised has been used for landscaping along the front of the church at St. Philip Neri and to update the sound system at St. Anne.

The bottle and can project is ongoing all year long. Returnable bottles and cans are to be placed in the container at the entrance to either church. The scrap metal drive will pause during the winter months beginning in December and resume sometime in March. Scrap metal can be left in the trailer next to the garage at St. Philip Neri or contact Dick Hurst **231-629-8333** to arrange for pick-up.

Proceeds from these council projects are used to make improvements and meet other needs of our two churches.

Once Again,

**Thank You** for your donations.