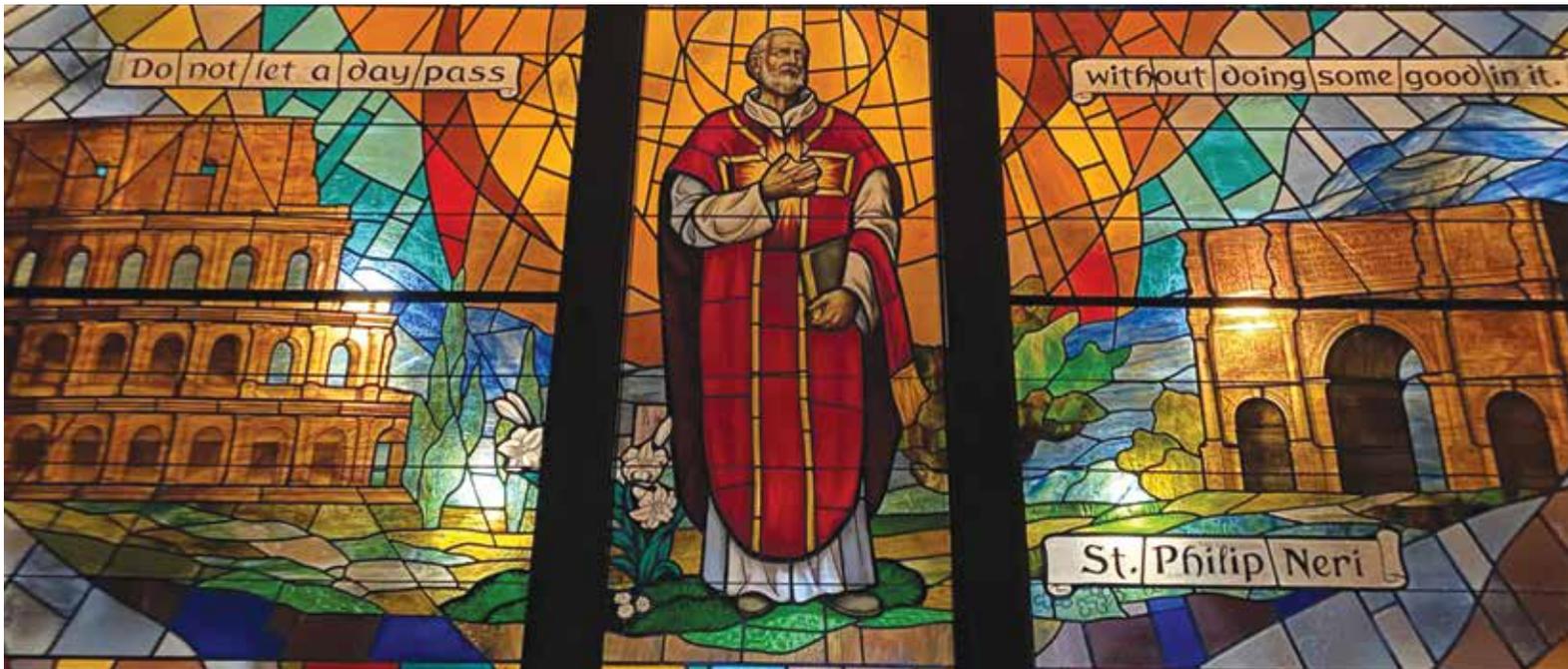




# *Return, Revive and* RENEW



## ST. PHILIP NERI CATHOLIC CHURCH Ministry of Stewardship Book

2021 - 2022

### PRAYER TO ST. PHILIP NERI

*O holy St. Philip Neri, patron saint of joy, you who trusted Scripture's promise that the Lord is always at hand and that we need not have anxiety about anything, in your compassion heal our worries and sorrows and lift the burdens from our hearts.*

*We come to you as one whose heart swells with abundant love for God and all creation. Hear us we pray. Keep us safe through your loving intercession and may the joy of the Holy Spirit which filled your heart, St. Philip, transform our lives and bring us peace.*

AMEN



# ST. PHILIP NERI

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

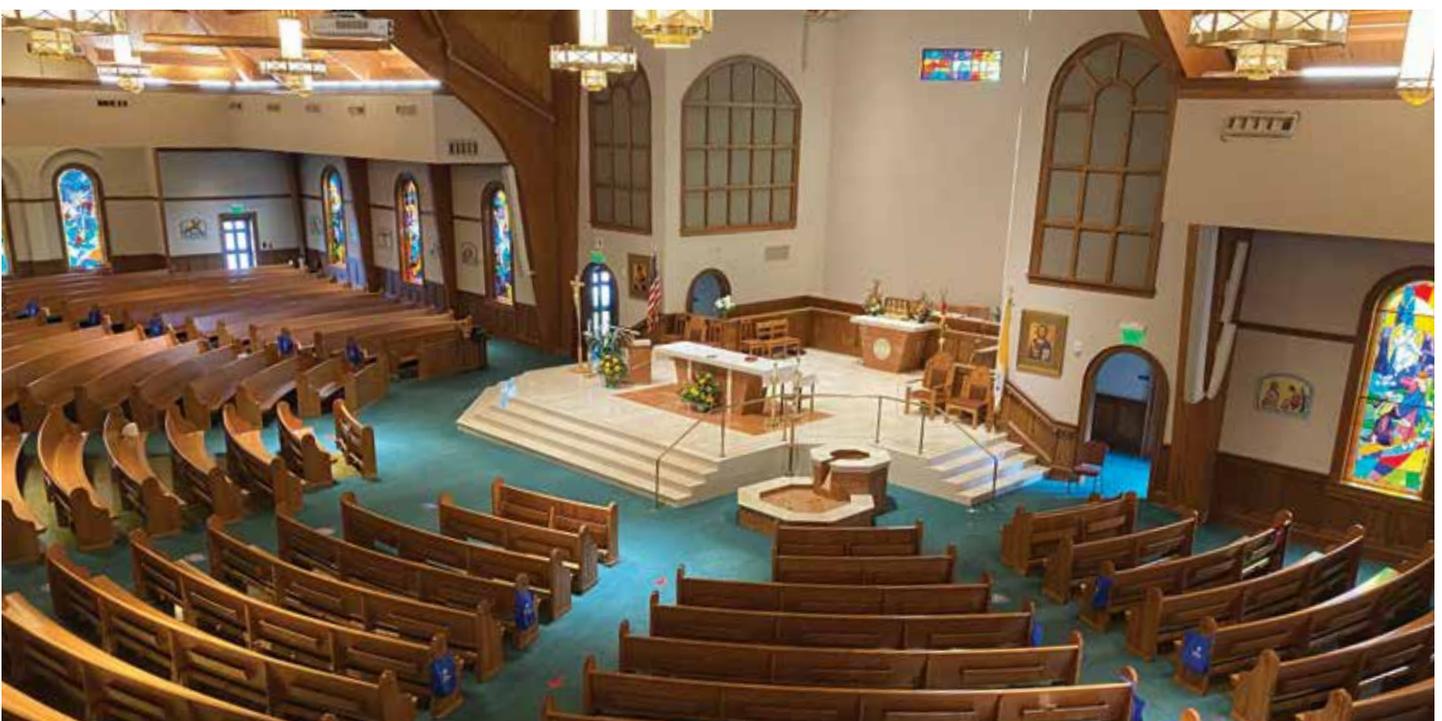
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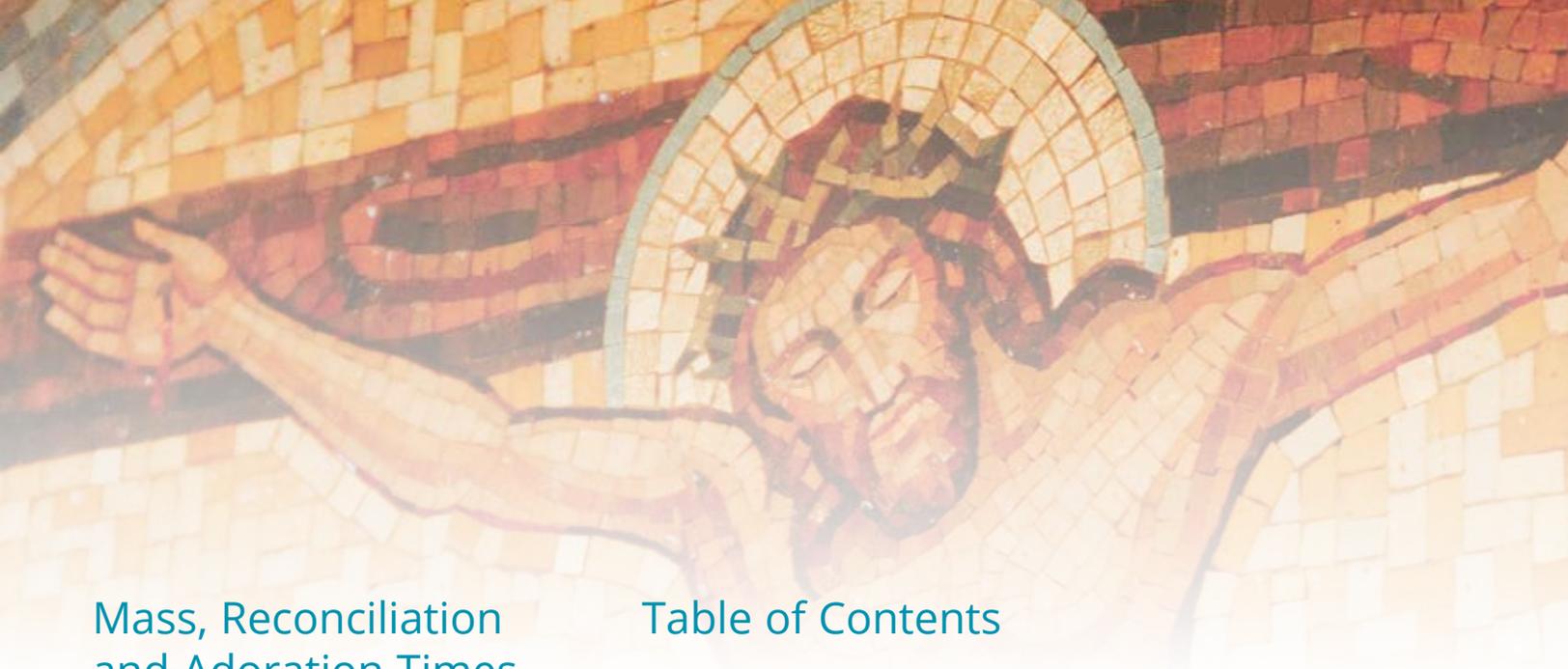
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### Introduction

St. Philip Neri Catholic Church is made up of a vibrant, faithful people who serve our parish and our community in numerous ways, from worship, religious education and formation, sacramental preparation and spiritual development, to community outreach and social activities.

We strive to be a welcoming Parish that reflects the heart, mercy and teachings of Christ, the traditions of the Roman Catholic Church and the spirit of joy manifested by our patron saint St. Philip Neri. We pray you find St. Philip Neri Church a warm, welcoming home and a place where you can deepen your faith and become a special part of our Catholic community.





## Mass, Reconciliation and Adoration Times

### Mass

#### Saturday Vigil

4:30 pm

#### Sunday

8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am  
5:30 pm (Contemporary Music)

#### Daily Mass

Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday and Friday 9:30 am

#### Communion Service

Monday 9:30 am

#### Live Streaming of the

#### 9:30 am Sunday Mass

[www.saintphilipneri.org](http://www.saintphilipneri.org)

#### Reconciliation/Confession

Wednesday 7:00 pm  
Or by appointment scheduled  
through a parish priest

#### Anointing of the Sick

Requested through the Parish Office

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Commences in the Chapel Monday  
Following the 9:30 am Mass and ends  
Saturday at 4:00 pm  
[www.saintphilipneri.org/adoration/](http://www.saintphilipneri.org/adoration/)

#### Parish Website

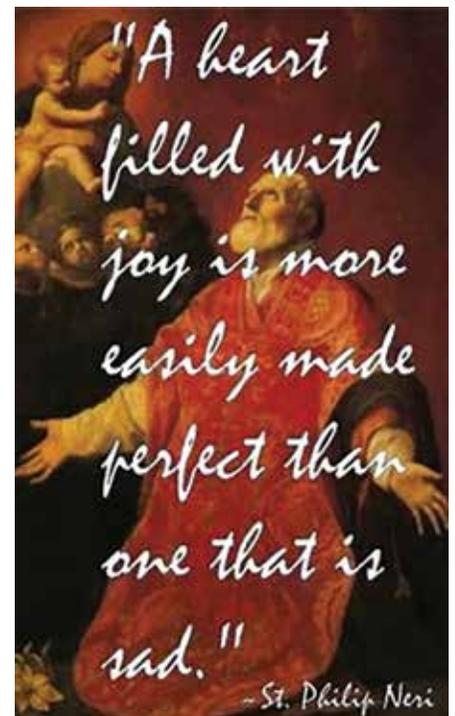
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# A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Be Filled with Christ's Spirit...  
Return, Be Revived and Be  
Renewed.

We are blessed here at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church to be a community of vibrant, faithful people who serve our parish and community in numerous ways. We embrace stewardship as a way of life – receiving the gifts God has given us and making a grateful return to Him by the way that we use these gifts.

This year is a time to recall that we have been filled with Christ's Spirit and to be renewed in our walk with Him. We, as Christian stewards, must ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we examine our lives. Are we giving God the time He is asking of us in prayer? Do we know the gifts He has graciously given us, and are we using them to glorify Him? Are we attentive to how God wants us to spend our treasure?



Please take some time to read over this book and reflect on what God is inviting you to do at this point in your life. Ask for the Spirit of Christ to open your minds and hearts to His will. I ask that you renew your commitment to our faith, return your gifts to the One who gives all, and revive your embrace of stewardship as a way of life.

*"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created; and You shall renew the face of the earth."*

With much gratitude and thanksgiving,

*Fr. Fabio Refosco, C.O.*

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# THE SACRAMENTS

The Sacraments are Christ's own gift that provide us with His grace. They are the divine helps which God gave us to enable us to believe the truths of His faith, live according to His moral code and grow in His gift of divine life. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)* affirms that "the seven sacraments touch all the stages and all the important moments in Christian life. They give birth and increase healing and mission to the Christian's life of faith."

**The sacraments of Christian Initiation** — Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist — lay the foundations of every Christian life. The faithful are born anew by Baptism, strengthened by the sacrament of Confirmation and receive in the Eucharist the food of eternal life.

## Baptism

For Catholics, the sacrament of Baptism is the first step in a lifelong journey of commitment and discipleship. It is the Church's way of celebrating and enacting the embrace of God. St. Philip Neri Church offers the sacrament of Baptism on the first and third Saturdays of each month at 12:00 pm. Baptisms may also be celebrated during weekend Masses. Parents are required to register for and attend a baptism preparation class. Classes are held at 7:00 pm on the third Tuesday of every month. To schedule a baptism, attend a baptism class, or request additional information, please contact the Parish Office at 803.548.7282.

## Confirmation

By the sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. St. Philip Neri Church offers a two-year confirmation program for ninth and tenth grade students, with the goal of creating a space where the teens can encounter Christ. Classes are held two Sundays a month after the 5:30 pm Mass. Registration for the Sacrament is in the summertime, as the preparation is throughout the school year. For additional information contact Tayler Culbertson at [youthandyoungadultcoordinator@saintphilipneri.org](mailto:youthandyoungadultcoordinator@saintphilipneri.org) or 803.548.7282 ext. 227.

## Eucharist

As Catholics, we believe the Eucharist is the real presence of Jesus Christ and that He lovingly offers Himself as spiritual nourishment with each celebration of the Mass. This intimate exchange with the Lord strengthens us spiritually and brings us closer to God. Individuals unable to attend Mass may request the Holy Eucharist be brought to them as the need arises.

## First Holy Communion at St. Philip Neri

The sacraments of Christian Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist – lay the foundations of every Christian life. The faithful are born anew by baptism, strengthened by the sacrament of confirmation and receive in the Eucharist the food of eternal life. Children may receive the sacrament of first Eucharist in the spring of second grade or older. Contact Mary Harden at [familyfaithformationcoordinator@saintphilipneri.org](mailto:familyfaithformationcoordinator@saintphilipneri.org) or 803.548.7282 ext. 226.



# THE SACRAMENTS *(continued)*

**The sacraments of Healing** — Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick — celebrate the healing power of Jesus.

## Reconciliation

The sacrament of Reconciliation (also known as confession or penance) brings about a change of heart through God's mercy and forgiveness. The sacrament of Reconciliation has three elements: conversion, confession and celebration. In this, we find God's unconditional forgiveness; as a result, we are called to forgive others. The sacrament is offered every Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the church. In addition, the sacrament is available by scheduling an appointment through the Parish Office at 803.548.7282.

## Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is not just for those at the point of death but may be received by anyone who is seriously ill or dealing with aging. Whether it is illness or the natural aging of our bodies, the Lord instituted this sacrament to help us through this process. Will we transition to health, or the eternal life hereafter? The ritual of healing is available for spiritual, physical and mental illness. This sacrament may be requested through the Parish Office at 803.548.7282.

**The sacraments at the Service of Communion** — Matrimony and Holy Orders — help members serve the community and are directed to salvation of others.

## Matrimony

For Catholics, the sacrament of marriage, or holy matrimony, is a sign of God's loving presence in the world. The loving union of a husband and wife speaks of family values and God's values. Couples wishing to get married must contact the pastor at least six months prior to the desired date of the wedding. Preparation classes are held in the parish. Wedding arrangements must be made by calling the Parish Office at 803.548.7282.



## Holy Orders

Holy orders, or ordination, is the sacrament through which the mission entrusted by Christ to his apostles continues to be exercised in the Church. Let Us Extend His Call. In the sacrament of holy orders, the priest who is ordained vows to lead other Catholics by bringing them the sacraments – especially the Holy Eucharist, by proclaiming the Gospel and by providing other means of holiness. Everyone has something to contribute. When we encourage others to discern if they have a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, we show our support for their desire to serve. Our priests and deacons will happily discuss their vocation, offer insight and direction to those interested. **Let us extend His call.**



## Stewardship of Treasure

*"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."* – Matthew 6:21

Why do we share our TREASURE? Our money and our possessions – our treasure are gifts from God that we are asked to care for and generously share. It is important to share our money and material possessions for two reasons: first, because all the good things that God has made, including money are meant to be shared; and second, because each of us has a need to give. We need to give our money to individuals and families in need, to the Church, and to other worthwhile charitable organizations because giving money is good for the soul and because we need to return thanks to a loving God for our many blessings. While our parish has many particular needs for which funds must be raised, we must continue to reflect on the fact that stewardship is different from fund-raising. Stewardship is rooted in one indisputable need – the need to give. Our gratitude can so easily become a matter of words only, unless we are returning to the Lord, the giver of all gifts, a truly grateful share of our time, talent and treasure.

### Put God First in Your Finances

Scripture teaches us to give to God our "first fruits" or the first portion. Your financial contribution to the parish is vital to support all operations of the parish, including liturgies, catechesis and outreach activities to the faithful of the community and beyond. Responsible stewardship in this area includes a commitment to your weekly offering, either in your parish envelop or online giving, designated or restricted gifts, mention in a will, designate as a life insurance beneficiary, property, stocks and other contributions. In gratitude for God's gifts, please prayerfully consider what your financial contribution to the parish will be.



[Scan to Set Up or Manage Online Giving.](#)

### Stewardship of Treasure Commitment

Our parish is a community that helps carry out Christ's mission. Plan your pledge – for Sacrificial Giving from your first fruits. You may wish to start with giving 1 hour of your wage a week. A portion of the money collected at our church is given again, as we are a tithing parish, donating to many charitable causes. Our church provides a space and support for praying, receiving sacraments, evangelizing, spiritual learning, catechesis, ministering to others and gathering in community. All of this requires payment of the same kind of expenses that a home or business incurs – insurance, utilities, maintenance and the like. It requires paying for the expertise of lay leaders who run the day-to-day operations of the church and the priests who celebrate the sacraments with us so that together we can carry out the mission of the Church – sharing the Good News and helping our brothers and sisters in need. Prayerfully consider your gifts of treasure.



# SHIP FAMILY *(continued)*

## Stewardship of Time

Our time is a gift from God. Stewardship involves spending time with Him. Recognizing that every day is a gift for God, we strive to spend some of each day with Him, through prayer, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, scripture reading, quiet meditation and other spiritual activities.

We want to be good stewards of the precious gift of time that God gives us each day. People often say that they “don’t have enough time” – but God gives us all the time that we need. We must ask ourselves:

- ▶ How much time am I committing to prayer, worship, adoration and scripture reading to help me grow in my relationship with God?
- ▶ How much time am I committing to continuing education of my faith or Bible study to help me grow in my knowledge of my faith, the Church and in His Word?
- ▶ What time (quantity and quality) am I giving my spouse, family and friends to help me grow in my relationship with them?
- ▶ Am I a good steward of time spent at work?
- ▶ How many hours a week do I devote to helping others in need?
- ▶ Am I unable to enjoy the present because I am regretting the past or fretting the future?
- ▶ Am I abusing time by excessive, or even inappropriate, use of technology?
- ▶ Am I a good steward of my body by taking time for exercise, rest and recreation?
- ▶ What is one thing I can do today to be more generous with the time with which God has blessed me?



## Stewardship of Time Commitment

Consider giving one hour of prayer, or spiritual reading, listening to a podcast from a religious leader or watching a video that helps you learn more about the faith. Community – in families and in the parish – is basic and essential to living a fully Christian life. You may wish to start by giving one hour of your time here.

## Stewardship Begins at an Early Age

The young people in the parish should be included in the completion of a Total Stewardship Commitment card along with their parents – as a family. Lead by example – just as Jesus did! After prayerful discernment both individually and as a family, make your Total Stewardship Commitment pledge of Time, Talent and Treasure. Teaching children the convictions of Christian Stewardship from an early age, prepares them to serve the mission of the Church as they grow. Check out the Getting Involved Section of this Ministry of Stewardship Book and on our church website [www.saintphilipneri.org/getting-involved/](http://www.saintphilipneri.org/getting-involved/) to learn about the various ministries and see which align with your talents and are best suited for you and your family to serve!

# GET INVOLVED

## Ways to Get Involved

*"Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant will also be. My Father will honor the one who serves me."* – John 12:26

### A Service-Oriented Parish

St. Philip Neri Church is a service-oriented parish with ministries, groups and organizations for all ages. Our more than 65 ministries, groups and organizations are grouped into four categories: Hospitality, Formation & Evangelization, Liturgy, Prayer & Worship, and Service & Outreach. Whether you are interested in serving those in need in our local community, passing on the Catholic faith or taking part in the Mass, there is a place for you. A full list of ministries, groups and organizations is provided on the following pages, or at [www.saintphilipneri.org](http://www.saintphilipneri.org).



## Hospitality Ministries



*"I came as a guest, and you received me."* Matthew 25:35

### Ways to Serve

At St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, we strive to be a welcoming parish that reflects the heart, mercy and teachings of Christ, the traditions of the Catholic Church, and the spirit of joy manifested by our patron saint, St. Philip Neri. We pray that you find St. Philip Neri Catholic Church a warm, welcoming home and a place where you can deepen your faith and become a special part of our Catholic faith community. Our Hospitality Ministries offer the gift of welcome, communicating to one and all who enter our doors that we are here to serve – not to be served.

### Funeral Reception Ministry

This ministry provides comfort and compassion to the family and friends of deceased parishioners by coordinating lite meals and refreshments for receptions after Funeral Masses. Volunteers prepare food, layout catered food, set up, serve, and clean up after the receptions.

Contact Rudi Buechlein at [trbuechlein@hotmail.com](mailto:trbuechlein@hotmail.com).

### Greeters Ministry

The members of this ministry help to create a warm and welcoming environment before Masses by greeting attendees as they enter the church. Greeters also hand out bulletins, assist in the distribution and collection of worship aids, and direct guests and new members to the welcome desk in the sanctuary gathering space. The ministry has no age limitations and volunteers are welcome. This is a great service opportunity for families.

Contact Jenny Funk at [volunteercoordinator@saintphilipneri.org](mailto:volunteercoordinator@saintphilipneri.org).

## Hospitality Ministry

The Hospitality Ministry welcomes parishioners and guests by making and/or serving refreshments after Masses on Hospitality Sunday, which is scheduled monthly. Volunteers also serve other parish events that include the newcomer's luncheons and parish celebrations. Volunteers are welcome.

Contact Betsi Bearden at [bbearden@tmetrics.com](mailto:bbearden@tmetrics.com), or Giselle Fribourg at [giselleleotaud@hotmail.com](mailto:giselleleotaud@hotmail.com).

## New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry

A welcoming climate begins at the curb and continues into the heart of the congregation. The New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry plays a critical role in setting the tone of welcoming in the parish. These volunteers, known as area reps, follow-up with newly registered parishioners by reaching out to them with a phone call to ensure that they have connected with our faith community and feel welcomed.

Contact Jenny Funk at [volunteercoordinator@saintphilipneri.org](mailto:volunteercoordinator@saintphilipneri.org).

## Office Volunteers Ministry

This ministry provides assistance, as needed, in the parish office on weekdays during regular business hours. Responsibilities include greeting and answering general questions for parishioners and guests, answering phones and completion of small office-oriented tasks.

Contact Jenny Funk at [volunteercoordinator@saintphilipneri.org](mailto:volunteercoordinator@saintphilipneri.org).

## Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee seeks to develop stewardship as a way of life in the parish, with members educating parishioners about how to live a life of Christian stewardship through the actions of giving, praying, and serving. The committee collaborates with the pastor and staff in the development, implementation, follow-up, and evaluation of the parish's stewardship program.

Contact Jen Fredenberg at [communications@saintphilipneri.org](mailto:communications@saintphilipneri.org).

## Ushers Ministry

This ministry, open to any interested adult or teen parishioner, provides assistance to the congregation during the celebration of the Mass. Ushers seat attendees as necessary, assist with offertory collections, count attendance and direct traffic flow as guests proceed to Holy Communion. Volunteer opportunities are available for adults and teens.

Contact Joyce Crabtree at [dreamer13jac@hotmail.com](mailto:dreamer13jac@hotmail.com).

## Welcome Desk Ministry

The members of this ministry provide assistance, as needed, before and after the celebration of weekend Masses. Volunteers with a welcoming spirit sit at the welcome desk in the gathering space to welcome parishioners and guests, share information and answer questions.

Contact Jenny Funk at [volunteercoordinator@saintphilipneri.org](mailto:volunteercoordinator@saintphilipneri.org).



# Liturgical Ministries

*"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you . . ." James 4:8*

## Ways of Drawing Closer to God

Our Liturgical Ministries offer parishioners the opportunity to fulfill a special role in Eucharistic celebrations during daily and weekend Masses and other liturgical events. These roles, which may be either visible, or behind-the-scenes, are extremely important to the celebration of Mass. Help is always needed, and we gratefully welcome parishioners to become more involved in the Liturgical Ministries that serve the St. Philip Neri faith community.

## Altar Linens & Purificators Ministry

This ministry cares for the sacred linens on a rotating schedule. Training is provided on how to care for these special linens that contain the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. This ministry is made up of team members who, behind the scenes in their own homes, reverently launder and care for the purificators and corporals used on the altar at Mass.

*Contact Catherine Johannesmeyer at [catjo2000@gmail.com](mailto:catjo2000@gmail.com).*

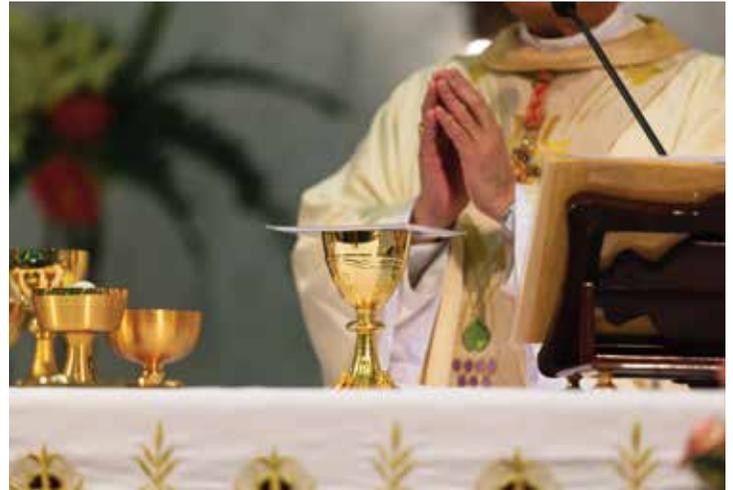
## Altar Servers Ministry

Altar Servers assist the priest and deacon during Mass as needed with processions, blessings, rituals, and readings. This ministry is open to adults as well as children who have made their First Holy Communion and completed the third grade. Altar Servers must possess the maturity required to respectfully serve on the altar and assist the priest and deacon. Orientation and training are provided, with attendance at one annual meeting required.

*Contact Angela Behrmann at [spnaltarserving@gmail.com](mailto:spnaltarserving@gmail.com).*

## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

This ministry is open to any devout, practicing Catholic parishioner who is in full communion with the Catholic Church and has received the sacrament of Confirmation. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion must be at least 16 years of age, be knowledgeable about the mystery of the Eucharist and reverent of the duty



and privilege that they perform. Extraordinary Ministers assist the priest in the distribution of the Eucharist at a Mass of their choice and help with taking Holy Communion to parishioners who are homebound, in nursing homes or in hospitals. Attendance at orientation and training is required.  
*Contact Christine Charlonis at [spneucmin@gmail.com](mailto:spneucmin@gmail.com).*

## Gift Bearers Ministry

The honor of being a gift bearer requires no special skill or permanent ministerial duty yet is a beautiful and significant part of the Mass performed by lay people. The gifts of bread and wine, along with our weekly offering, are brought to the altar at each Mass on the weekend and Holy Days. The gifts represent the offering of ourselves to our Heavenly Father. Any family, group or individual parishioner may volunteer for this ministry. All are welcome and invited to participate.

*If you are interested in signing up, contact Ruth Niederhuth at [spngiftministry@gmail.com](mailto:spngiftministry@gmail.com).*

## Lectors Ministry

Lectors assist in the Mass, as they proclaim the Word of God during the first two Scripture Readings. This ministry is open to adults or teens who are articulate in their speech and pronunciations, have a clear voice and feel comfortable speaking in front of the congregation. Orientation and training is required.

*Contact James Hanlon at [spnlectorministry@comporium.net](mailto:spnlectorministry@comporium.net).*

### Liturgical Environment Ministry

The Liturgical Environment Ministry helps to create and preserve a prayerful and welcoming environment for worship. This includes arranging flowers and other adornments that tie into the key times of the liturgical calendar and seasons of the calendar year including Thanksgiving, Lent, Pentecost, Advent, and Easter.

Contact Diane DeSena at [didesena09@gmail.com](mailto:didesena09@gmail.com), or Teresa Thompson at [tk235@hotmail.com](mailto:tk235@hotmail.com).

### Nursery Ministry

The nursery is provided during the 9:30 am and 11:30 am Sunday Masses for children between the ages of 15 months and 5 years.

To volunteer, contact Carrie Seekings at [momof6insec@gmail.com](mailto:momof6insec@gmail.com).

### Sacristans Ministry

This ministry is open to all adults and teens interested in administering several important works before and after the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Responsibilities include preparing the altar and credence table before Mass and gathering the vessels necessary for the sacrifice of the Mass. After Mass, sacristans are responsible for cleaning the sacred vessels and utensils that come in direct contact with the Blessed Sacrament and returning all items to their proper place.

Contact Lucy Aspiras at [raspiras@comporium.net](mailto:raspiras@comporium.net).

### Sound & Video Board Ministry

This ministry is open to all adults and teens interested in operating the soundboard and video systems during the Mass to enhance the worship experience. Orientation and training are required.

Contact Chris Chapman at [audiovisual@saintphilipneri.org](mailto:audiovisual@saintphilipneri.org).

## Prayer Ministries

The St. Philip Neri Prayer Ministries and programs invite parishioners to raise their hearts and mind to God in prayer and enrich their spiritual lives. They support individuals on their journeys to the fullness of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. They are designed to build a vibrant faith community of disciples who are equipped to proclaim and share the Good News of Christ.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration provides our fellow parishioners a place to offer thanks, petitions and needs through prayers in the true presence of Our Lord. Sign up for one or more hours, or drop in. Adoration is held each week in the Adoration Chapel beginning after the 9:30 am Monday Mass through Saturday at 4:00 pm. For additional information and to sign up go to [www.saintphilipneri.org/adoration/](http://www.saintphilipneri.org/adoration/).

Contact: [spnadoration@comporium.net](mailto:spnadoration@comporium.net)

### JOY in the Spirit

JOY in the Spirit is a Catholic charismatic prayer group. Members seek to experience a richer and more tangible experience of the Holy Spirit through prayer and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. A Life in the Spirit Seminar, during which time one is introduced to a greater filling of the Holy Spirit, is scheduled annually.

Contact Noel and Letty Trillana at [letty@noelette.com](mailto:letty@noelette.com) for additional information.

### Legion of Mary

The objective of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation in Mary's and the Church's work. The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of each individual. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, and through collaboration in apostolic and missionary undertakings sponsored by the parish. Members of this ministry also show their devotion to the Blessed Mother by making Rosaries for distribution to various groups within the church community and beyond. The Legion of Mary meets every Wednesday at 10:45 am.

Contact Lillie Petrie at [lil519p@gmail.com](mailto:lil519p@gmail.com) or Pat Kern at [gkbabingirl@yahoo.com](mailto:gkbabingirl@yahoo.com).

### Pilgrim Virgin Rosary Group

The Pilgrim Virgin Statue, which represents Our Lady of Fatima, is hosted weekly on Thursday following the 9:30 am Mass. Participants gather to pray the Rosary, offer intentions, and reflect upon the Mysteries of the Rosary. All are welcome.

Contact John De Jong at 803.547.6682.

### St. Philip Neri Mom's Group

The St. Philip Neri Mom's Group supports the vocation of motherhood by strengthening faith through various readings including Scripture, the Catechism, and various books applicable to family life. This ministry engages moms who want to grow deeper in their faith and enjoy fellowship with other moms. St. Philip Neri Mom's Group meets throughout the school year. All mothers are welcome!

Contact Teresa Hill at [teresaann316@gmail.com](mailto:teresaann316@gmail.com).

## Music Ministries

*"He who sings prays twice." St. Augustine*

Members of the Music Ministries proclaim and share the Word of God in song by participating in various music-related efforts at St. Philip Neri Church. Individuals, who give of their time to offer their God-given musical talents, foster, and nurture participation within the worshipping community during weekend liturgies and other special services.

### Brass Ensemble and Instrumental Soloists

These ensembles accompany the liturgy on an as-needed basis, with rehearsals scheduled by appointment. Duo, trio, quartet, and quintet ensembles are formed as needed. Woodwind and string players are needed throughout the year as well.

### Cantors

Our cantors, who make the congregation's prayer possible through song at each celebration of the Eucharist, are a vital part of the Mass. They assist the assembly as necessary, such as leading the proclamation of the responsorial psalm, the Gospel acclamation and other liturgical songs. Cantors must have a strong singing voice, the ability to encourage assembly participation in the liturgy, and a dedication to the ministry of music. Anyone interested in cantoring will have a brief audition with the music director. While cantors are encouraged to join the choir, it is not required.

### Consolation Choir

The Consolation Choir, which aids the assemblies at funeral liturgies, meets briefly before the scheduled funeral Mass time. This choir, which is open to anyone who is available during the day, is usually notified on short notice when their participation is needed.

### Handbell Ensemble

This ensemble, which meets every Wednesday at 7:30 pm for rehearsal, performs at select regular Masses and at special liturgies and services. The ability to read music or prior handbell experience is helpful, but not a requirement. Time commitment: 1.5 hours weekly for rehearsal. Weeks we play for Mass, an additional 1.75 hours to play at Mass including arriving 45 minutes prior for set up. Additional time for holy days and special liturgies.

### Lifenotes Ensemble

This contemporary ensemble leads the music at the LifeTeen Mass that is celebrated weekly on Sunday at 5:30 pm. Rehearsals are held on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 pm. Time commitment: 2.5 hours weekly (1 hour for rehearsal; 1.5 hours to sing at Mass.) Additional time for holy days and special liturgies.

To learn more about our Lifenotes Ensemble and how to participate, contact Zinorl Bronola at [zinorl@gmail.com](mailto:zinorl@gmail.com).

### Mass Choir

This choir sings every Sunday at the 9:30 am Mass, Holy Days and special liturgies and programs. Participants must be committed, enjoy singing, and recognize its importance to the celebration of the Eucharist. Rehearsals take place every Thursday

at 7:00 pm. Time commitment: 3 hours weekly (1.5 hours for rehearsal; 1.5 hours to sing at Mass including arriving 30 minutes prior.)

### Rejoice Youth Sing and Ring Choir

This choir, open to young people grades 4 to 9, is an uplifting and positive way to introduce younger parishioners to the church choir. Your child will strengthen his or her relationship with Jesus through music. This choir sings and plays hand chimes about once every 6 weeks. Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm. Time commitment: 1 hour weekly; on weeks where we sing at Mass, an additional 1.5 hours including arriving 30 minutes prior for warm-up. Additional time for holy days and special liturgies as needed.

### Additional Opportunities

Instrumentalists are needed at times, with both students and adults invited to participate. Pianists and organists are also occasionally needed to substitute for regular participants.

*To learn more about our Music Ministries and how to participate, contact Linda Liberty, our Director of Music at 803.548.7282 ext. 249 or [musicdirector@saintphilipneri.org](mailto:musicdirector@saintphilipneri.org).*

*To learn more about our Lifelines Ensemble and how to participate, please contact Zinori Bronola at [zinori@gmail.com](mailto:zinori@gmail.com).*

## Evangelization Ministries

*"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35*

### Ways to Evangelize

Evangelizing means bringing the Good News of Jesus into every human situation and seeking to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel itself. At its essence is the proclamation of salvation in Jesus Christ and the response of a person in faith, which are both works of the spirit of God. Evangelization happens by the way we live God's love in our daily life: by the love, example, and support people give each other; by the ways parents pass faith on to their children; in our life as a Church, through the proclamation of the Word and the wholehearted celebration of the saving deeds of Jesus; in the care we show to those most in need; and in the ways we go about our work, share with our neighbors, and treat the stranger. The St. Philip Neri Evangelization Ministries offer parishioners the opportunity to discover Jesus, become His disciple, and be a witness by proclaiming the Good News.



### Men's Christian Walk

This program, available for men 21 years of age and older, provides a weekend to reflect on one's spiritual relationship with Jesus. It is based on St. Luke's account of two disciples and Jesus as they walked together to Emmaus. These retreats, which offer a respite from the stresses of daily life, help individuals to renew their spiritual life, strengthen their relationship with Jesus and the Holy Spirit, and spend time with God. All men are invited to meet Jesus on their personal walk to Emmaus.

*For more information, contact Charles Debbout at [spnmenschristianwalk@gmail.com](mailto:spnmenschristianwalk@gmail.com).*

### Respect Life Ministry

The Respect Life Ministry focuses on increasing the awareness of the dignity and sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. The ministry educates our parishioners about the moral evils of abortion, infanticide, embryonic stem cell research, euthanasia and assisted suicide, and to defend and restore the Culture of Life through campaigns of prayer and worship. The ministry sponsors projects which protect and defend the unborn, the disabled, the terminally ill and the elderly. Activities include the annual Life Chain in October and Rosaries For Life.

*Contact Joanne DeLangie at [joanne.delangie@gmail.com](mailto:joanne.delangie@gmail.com) for additional information.*

## St. Philip Neri Catholic Social Teaching Ministry

The St. Philip Neri Catholic Social Teaching Ministry seeks to help parishioners see the challenges of modern society – poverty, homelessness, immigration, racism, globalization – through the lens of our Catholic Faith. Grounded in the rich tradition of Catholic Social Teaching, the ministry seeks to live out the Gospel by promoting peace, living in solidarity with the poor and marginalized, and advocating for change wherever injustice exists. Catholic Social Teaching is a central and essential element of our faith.

*For additional information go to [www.saintphilipneri.org](http://www.saintphilipneri.org) or contact Sabina Fernandez at [cstministry@gmail.com](mailto:cstministry@gmail.com).*

## Woman's Christian Walk

The Women's Christian Walk is a weekend retreat based on the Biblical account of Jesus' walk with two disciples on the road to Emmaus. The retreat provides an opportunity to leave behind busy schedules and worldly distractions to take time to ponder the ways in which the risen Christ reveals His love for us in the journey of life. After the retreat, participants continue to meet to deepen their relationship with God.

*Contact Judy Wong at [spnwomenschristianwalk@gmail.com](mailto:spnwomenschristianwalk@gmail.com) for additional information.*

# Formation Ministries

*Formation – Education of the Mind and Conversion of the Heart*

## Adult Formation Programs

God calls us to have a living faith, fully alive and always growing. Our journey of faith is lifelong. A maturing faith is a commitment to always learn more about God and His will. St. Philip Neri offers a variety of topical group bible studies and programs throughout the year.

*Contact Mary Harden at [familyfaithformationcoordinator@saintphilipneri.org](mailto:familyfaithformationcoordinator@saintphilipneri.org) or 803.548.7282 ext. 223.*

## Faith Formation (Kindergarten - Fifth Grade)

This program introduces our children to God in a meaningful way and conveys God's love by providing an environment that encourages spiritual and developmental growth. Catechists, who model a living faith while providing creative learning experiences, educate children in the teachings and traditions of our Catholic faith while also preparing them for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Children must complete the First Grade Faith Formation program to enter a sacramental preparation class, with these sacraments then typically celebrated while students are in Second Grade. Catechist opportunities are available.

*Contact Mary Harden at [familyfaithformationcoordinator@saintphilipneri.org](mailto:familyfaithformationcoordinator@saintphilipneri.org) or 803.548.7282 ext. 226.*



## EDGE

EDGE is the middle school youth group open to all teens in grades 6-8. It's a great place for teens to find a good community and grow in their faith! The mission of St. Philip Neri EDGE is to provide a dynamic environment for middle school teens to have a strong Catholic community and to grow in their faith, helping them to be Christ to each other. Core Member and Meal Team volunteer opportunities are available for adults to support this youth ministry.

*Contact Mary Caddell at [middleschoolcoordinator@saintphilipneri.org](mailto:middleschoolcoordinator@saintphilipneri.org) or 803.548.7282 ext. 223 for additional information.*

## FORMED

### The Catholic Faith on Demand

St. Philip Neri offers you a free subscription to FORMED, a wonderful website that has been called a “catholic Netflix.” FORMED has inspiring movies and video based programs, audio presentations and e-books from the Church’s most compelling speakers and authors. Parishioners have access to FORMED 24/7 on their personal devices.

*Go to [www.saintphilipneri.org](http://www.saintphilipneri.org) for additional information.*

## Life Teen

Life Teen is the high school youth group open to all teens in grades 9-12. It is a great opportunity for teens to connect to each other and their faith! All teens are encouraged to join us on Sunday evenings twice a month.

*Check us out on Instagram @lifeteen\_spn.*

The mission of Life Teen at St. Philip Neri is to form intentional Disciples of Christ by creating experiences where high school teens are able to encounter the Lord. This is done through Environment, Evangelization and the Eucharist.

### Life Teen:

- Provides an environment that allows for the formation of authentic community among teens through planning events that encourage fun and fellowship.
- Evangelizes through sharing the truths of the faith and the Good News of the Gospel in a relatable way and giving teens reason as to why these teachings are important to them personally.
- Exposes the teens to Christ in the most Holy Eucharist, the source and summit of the faith, on a regular basis.

*For additional information contact Tayler Culbertson at [youthandyoungadultcoordinator@saintphilipneri.org](mailto:youthandyoungadultcoordinator@saintphilipneri.org) or 803.548.7282 ext. 227.*

## The Mass – Sundays, 5:30 pm

At the Sunday 5:30 pm Mass, teens and their families are invited to experience the depth of God’s love through the Word, the community and the Eucharist. All teens are encouraged to participate as lectors, ushers and extraordinary ministers of holy Communion. This Mass offers contemporary music.

## Sacramental Preparation - Confirmation

For Catholics, the confirmation sacrament is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. By the sacrament of confirmation, the baptized are more

perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. St. Philip Neri Church offers a two-year confirmation program for ninth and tenth grade students. Classes are held two Sundays a month after the 5:30 pm Mass. Registration for the Sacrament is in the summertime, as the preparation is throughout the school year. *For additional information contact Tayler Culbertson at [youthandyoungadultcoordinator@saintphilipneri.org](mailto:youthandyoungadultcoordinator@saintphilipneri.org) or 803.548.7282 ext. 227.*

## RCIA

### (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

RCIA is the process used by the Catholic Church to present the beliefs of this faith to those adults (age 18 and older) who have made a conscious decision to explore coming into full communion with the Church. Spiritual formation and education about our Catholic faith takes place during these rites, which enables individuals to become fully incorporated into the Body of Christ, the Catholic Church.

*Contact Mary Harden at [familyfaithformationcoordinator@saintphilipneri.org](mailto:familyfaithformationcoordinator@saintphilipneri.org) or 803.548.7282 ext. 223.*

## RCIT (Rite of Christian Initiation for Teens)

This class is for teens coming into the Church who have not yet received all the Sacraments of Initiation and those who have not been enrolled in Faith Formation for an extended period. Through a relaxed, small group setting, they discover the teaching of the Catholic Church, what it means to live your life as a Catholic Christian, and the beauty and tradition of the Faith.

*Contact Mary Harden at [familyfaithformationcoordinator@saintphilipneri.org](mailto:familyfaithformationcoordinator@saintphilipneri.org) or 803.548.7282 ext. 223.*

## SPRED

SPRED is a program of religious development specifically designed to meet the spiritual needs of persons of all ages with developmental disabilities and intellectual challenges. This program, which brings individuals into communion with Christ and the Church, enables participants to sense His presence in their lives and experience Christ’s love and mercy. Classes are held on the second and fourth Sunday of each month at 9:30 am, from October through April. Catechists meet separately before each SPRED session to plan sessions and pray for our SPRED community members. Volunteer opportunities and available for teens and adults.

*Contact Mary Harden at [familyfaithcoordinator@saintphilipneri.org](mailto:familyfaithcoordinator@saintphilipneri.org) or 803.548.7282 ext. 223.*



## Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Vacation Bible School, which provides a fun and faith filled educational opportunity for children of the parish and community, takes place during the mornings of one week every June or July. Children learn faith lessons through hands-on crafts, games, music, skits and creative snacks. Children must be at least four years of age (by September 1st) up through a rising 5th grader. Volunteer opportunities are available for teens and adults.

# Service and Outreach Ministries

*"For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45*

## Service and Outreach - At the Heart of Everything We Do

As Christians, we are called to be disciples of Jesus. The St. Philip Neri Service and Outreach Ministries and organizations reach out to people, both within the parish and in the larger community, who may be challenged by injustices or are feeling powerless to change the circumstances in their lives. By aiding others with their spiritual and material necessities, Catholic grows in conformance to Christ, and ultimately receive His divine mercy.



## Bereavement Ministry & Support Group

At St. Philip Neri, we believe that in our faith community, no one should grieve alone. The St. Philip Neri Bereavement Ministry gives emotional support and practical help to parishioners and parish families going through the grieving process. Members of this ministry send cards, makes calls and visits with those who are grieving. This ministry also sponsors the Bereavement Support Group that helps fill the loneliness and manage the emotions of a changing lifestyle.

Contact Mary Villano at [maryvillano331@gmail.com](mailto:maryvillano331@gmail.com).

## Careers in Transition

Careers in Transition (CIT) is a mentoring and networking group for people who are in transition with their professional career. The group offers support, encouragement, advice, skill building and networking opportunities through mentors and guest

speakers who have career search experience and expertise. Careers in Transition (CIT) meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.

For additional information contact Tony Armani at [scarmeni@comporium.net](mailto:scarmeni@comporium.net).

## Cub Scout - Pack 219

Membership in Cub Scout Pack 219, open to all boys in grades one through five, helps individuals grow into honorable young men. The focus lies upon each boy's experiences with respect to religion, the outdoors, sports, citizenship and integrity. Growth, advancement and celebrations are achieved through activities and monthly meetings. Cub Scout Pack 219 meets every Monday at 6:30 pm.

For additional information contact Chuck Fatora at [charlesfatora@gmail.com](mailto:charlesfatora@gmail.com).

## Green Thumb Ministry

If you have an interest in gardening, a passion for plants and flowers, and want to share your time and talent with the parish, then the St. Philip Neri Green Thumb Ministry is for you. This is a ministry where you can set your own schedule and assist in beautifying parish grounds.

*To learn more about this ministry or to volunteer, contact Lynda Curry, Business Manager at [businessmanager@saintphilipneri.org](mailto:businessmanager@saintphilipneri.org) or 803.548.7282 ext. 212.*

## Habitat for Humanity

Established in 1988, Habitat for Humanity of York County is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide through constructing, rehabilitating and preserving homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies; and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions. As a Faith Group Partner for Habitat for Humanity of York County, St. Philip Neri participates in several faith builds throughout the year to help local families in need of safe, affordable housing. These faith builds offer many volunteer opportunities. Watch the bulletin and our website for upcoming events – [www.saintphilipneri.org](http://www.saintphilipneri.org).

*For additional information on Habitat for Humanity of York County visit [www.habitatyorkcounty.org](http://www.habitatyorkcounty.org).*

## Health and Wellness Ministry

The Health and Wellness Ministry offers resources that enable parishioners to be better stewards of the life that God has given to each of us. This team of committed professionals and interested health care advocates support and assist the congregation in achieving better health through education, monthly health checks, and other means.

*For additional information, contact Marilyn Dunkle at [rdunkle@comporium.net](mailto:rdunkle@comporium.net).*

## Homebound Ministry

Through home and hospital visits, Eucharistic Ministers provide the sick, elderly and homebound with companionship and the Holy Eucharist. Volunteers live their faith by taking Christ to others while they fulfill a vital corporal work of mercy, visiting the sick.

*For more information or to volunteer for this ministry, contact Deacon Steve Rhodes at [deaconsteve007@gmail.com](mailto:deaconsteve007@gmail.com).*

## Knights of Columbus Council 12366

The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic men's fraternal organization in the world. Founded on

four main principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, the order has been called "the strong right arm of the Church," and has been praised by popes, presidents and other world leaders, for support of the Church programs of evangelization and Catholic education, civic involvement, and aid to those in need. Here at St. Philip Neri the Knights of Columbus help in many ways. They organize Red Cross blood drives; Habitat for Humanity projects; raise money for people with intellectual disabilities; and support many pro-life causes. As Catholic men, we are called to do more. The Knights can help you answer that call. They will connect you with opportunities to make an impact in your community, and they will help you to grow deeper in your faith. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to practicing Catholic men who are at least 18 years of age.

*If you are interested to learn more contact Chris Alcorn at [calcorn19@yahoo.com](mailto:calcorn19@yahoo.com) or 803.652.4334.*

## Martha's Meals Ministry

This ministry is devoted to providing lunches on Saturday mornings to shut-ins in the local community. The cooks prepare meals in the Parish Center Kitchen, with drivers paired in twos for each individual delivery route. Volunteers, who typically serve one Saturday per month, are scheduled on a rotating basis. In addition, other volunteers are needed to provide freshly baked cookies.

*For additional information contact Jim Norton at [jmnorton4@gmail.com](mailto:jmnorton4@gmail.com).*

## Pet Partners Ministry

The Pet Partners Ministry responds to God's call to visit and comfort the sick and lonely. Pet owners and their dogs visit nursing homes, hospitals, childcare centers and hospice facilities. The dogs must be friendly, mild mannered and have a gentle temperament. Volunteers that serve this ministry may be adults and teens. This ministry is also a service opportunity for families with children.

*For additional information or to volunteer, contact Dave Eggert at [dgrandma@comporium.net](mailto:dgrandma@comporium.net).*

## The Polish Group

The members of this group, which all have Polish ancestral roots, seek fellowship and community. Members take part in lively discussions about ancestors, Polish culture and customs, and present day Poland. They also enjoy traditional music and food during Christmas and Easter celebrations.

*For additional information contact Kathy Van Slyke at [kathyvs939@yahoo.com](mailto:kathyvs939@yahoo.com).*

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The members of this ministry personally hand-knit or crochet prayer shawls for St. Philip Neri parishioners, participants in the Rachel's Vineyard Retreats, and others in the community. Given to individuals in need of comfort and prayer, these handmade "gifts of love" provide a tangible symbol of the loving embrace of a praying community.

*For additional information contact Marie Borchlewicz at [jogrunrace@msn.com](mailto:jogrunrace@msn.com).*

### **Rosary Makers Guild**

This ministry is devoted to helping our missions and others receive the gift of the rosary, thereby making their prayers more deeply centered in the Life of Christ. If you are interested in helping our missions and others receive the gift of the rosary, this ministry has a place for you. Training is required and all materials are provided.

*For additional information contact Ann Joseph at [jpaj440@gmail.com](mailto:jpaj440@gmail.com).*

### **Rose Garden Guild**

The St. Therese Rose Garden, which was developed by the St. Philip Neri Rose garden Guild in 2016, beautifies the landscaping on our parish grounds while also offering parishioners a place to pray. Members offers their gifts of time and service to care for this garden that honors St. Therese, the Little Flower of Jesus.

*For additional information contact Joe Knippenberg at [ijknip@comporium.net](mailto:ijknip@comporium.net).*

### **Scouts BSA Troop 219**

BSA Troop 219, chartered by St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in 2005, is open to all boys who have completed at least the fifth grade, have received their Cub Scout Arrow of Light Award, or are at least 11 years of age. This organization teaches young men about the outdoors, leadership and citizenship. BSA Troop 2019 meets every Monday at 7:00 pm.

*For additional information contact Steve Henry at [fivehokies@hotmail.com](mailto:fivehokies@hotmail.com) or 270.222.0070.*

### **Scouts BSA Troop 220**

BSA Troop 220 is a year round program for girls ages 11 to 17 that provides fun, adventure, learning, challenge and responsibility to help them become the best versions of themselves. This organization teaches young women about the

outdoors, leadership and citizenship. BSA Troop 220 meets every Monday at 7:00 pm.

*For additional information contact Steve Henry at [fivehokies@hotmail.com](mailto:fivehokies@hotmail.com) or 270.222.0070.*

### **Sisters of Erin**

This group is open to all women of Irish decent that practice the Catholic faith. Building upon the principals of friendship, unity, and Christian charity, members foster the ideals, promote Irish culture, and embrace the history and traditions of Irish people.

*For more information or to join the group contact Margie Willis at [margie.willis@outlook.com](mailto:margie.willis@outlook.com).*

### **St. Philip Neri Cancer Ministry**

The Cancer Ministry provides spiritual, emotional, and practical support to parishioners who are either a current cancer patient, a caregiver for a cancer patient, or grieving the loss of a loved one due to cancer. The Cancer Ministry meets the first Wednesday of each month. We seek new cancer patients, so they do not walk alone in their cancer journey. We also seek cancer patients to minister to those that are starting or struggling with their cancer journey.

*Contact Bill Barone at [wjbarone@gmail.com](mailto:wjbarone@gmail.com) or 860.882.9208 for additional information or offers to assist with this ministry.*

### **St. Philip Neri Pinochle Club**

The St. Philip Neri Pinochle Club offers fun and fellowship for parishioners and community residents who enjoy playing pinochle. The club gathers on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm.

*For additional information contact Joe Zocco at [baco815@hotmail.com](mailto:baco815@hotmail.com).*

### **St. Philip Neri Wise Owls**

This group, which brings together members of our parish age 55 and above, focuses on fellowship and companionship. Our motto of "Make Memories, Spread Happy" explains our goal of providing an atmosphere of congeniality where those of like interests can get to know one another and spread the sense of community.

*For additional information contact Liz Pebbles at [lizpebbles@comporium.net](mailto:lizpebbles@comporium.net) or Julie Ross at [julie48335@aol.com](mailto:julie48335@aol.com).*

### St. Philip Neri Women's Group

This group, which is open to all interested women of the parish, actively engages women in a shared spiritual and social life. The members use their God-given talents to serve in the community and raise money for selected charities.

*For additional information contact Kathy McNeill at [kamirish2012@yahoo.com](mailto:kamirish2012@yahoo.com).*

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is a worldwide organization for Catholic adults that desire to live their faith by loving and serving their neighbors in need. Members, who grow spiritually during participation in the organization's efforts, provide food, clothing, financial assistance and spiritual support to the needy, aged and/or lonely individuals or families that are facing a desperate situation. All work is done on a confidential basis and in a manner that upholds the dignity of those in need.

*For more information, contact Dann Dunn at [dann.dunn@fox.com](mailto:dann.dunn@fox.com).*

### Take Them A Meal Ministry

At times, life can make it a challenge to prepare meals for your family. Welcoming a newborn, dealing with an illness or surgery, or dealing with a loss could present a need that this ministry can serve by preparing and delivering meals.

*To request assistance contact Catherine Johannesmeyer at [catjo2000@gmail.com](mailto:catjo2000@gmail.com).*

### Toastmasters

This affiliate of Toastmasters International, a world leader in communication and leadership development, provides parishioners with a forum to learn and practice communication skills such as public speaking. Members, through the offered programs, become more effective in serving God, the Church, their family, and the community.

*Additional information is available at [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org) or contact Rich Couture at [rich53@cox.net](mailto:rich53@cox.net).*

### Young Adults Ministry

The St. Philip Neri Young Adults Ministry provides young adults (18-35), single or married, opportunities to grow their faith and be active in the St. Philip Neri through spiritual, service, and social activities. We welcome all young adults, members and non-members of St. Philip Neri, to join us for our events. Information about upcoming events can be found on Instagram @SPNyoungadultsministry.

*For additional information contact Tayler Culbertson at [youthandyoungadultcoordinator@saintphilipneri.org](mailto:youthandyoungadultcoordinator@saintphilipneri.org).*

To learn more about volunteer opportunities at St. Philip Neri and how to get involved, contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Jenny Funk at 803.548.7282 ext. 229 or [volunteercoordinator@saintphilipneri.org](mailto:volunteercoordinator@saintphilipneri.org).



# THE ITALIAN FESTIVAL



The Italian Festival, St. Philip Neri Church's biggest fundraiser, is held each May. Celebrated for over 20 years, the festival has grown into one of the largest community events in Fort Mill, annually attracting an estimated 10,000 visitors. The festival offers 3 incredible days and nights of non-stop festivities. Arguably, the best part of any festival is the food, and the Italian Festival delivers, with more than 20 different festival favorites and specialties there for the tasting.



This event, built upon a "Spirit of Caring and Giving," would not be possible without the considerable generosity and support of our volunteers, local area businesses and festival attendees. Festival proceeds support the Church's future growth and expansion, with a portion of the net proceeds given to a local community outreach program.

It takes over 500 volunteers each year to accomplish such a successful event. Our volunteers are people like you, parishioners who recognize the importance of stewardship, and are called to serve our parish and our community. You can join the Festival Committee and help to lead and organize, or you can join one of the teams in an area that strikes your interest – perhaps making lasagna, baked ziti, cookies, meatballs or sausage. If you don't have a lot of time, sign up to help in any way you can on a day or two of the Festival. Visit [www.spitalianfestival.com](http://www.spitalianfestival.com) to learn more.

# EDUCATION AT ST. PHILIP NERI

## St. Philip Neri Child Development Center

Every child is unique and a special gift from God, with each individual possessing special talents and gifts. The Child Development Center, operated by St. Philip Neri Church, seeks to nurture each child's academic and social skills through a developmental hands-on approach to learning. The goals of the Child Development Center, which are designed to be age and developmentally appropriate to optimize the preschoolers learning experience, include:

- ▶ To provide a safe, nurturing and child-centered environment for all children.
- ▶ To play and create a program based on the developmental milestones in a young child's life, using appropriate lessons and activities to foster his or her developmental growth.
- ▶ To provide a program that will nurture confidence, learning and caring.
- ▶ To show children and their families how special they are to us and God.



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[www.stphilipneripreschool.com](http://www.stphilipneripreschool.com)

The curriculum is designed to encourage growth and learning across several developmental areas including spiritual growth, cognitive development, social skill, speech and language, self-help skills, gross motor skill and fine motor skills. This program is open to children that are two, three or four years old. Attendees must be age-appropriate by September 1st. Sessions take place from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Monday through Friday during the months of September through May. Visit [www.stphilipneripreschool.com](http://www.stphilipneripreschool.com) for additional information.

## St Anne High School at St. Philip Neri Campus

Founded in 1951, St. Anne Catholic School is a coeducational, college prep school for students in grades K3-12. In keeping with the bountiful tradition of Catholic education, we inspire excellence in God's children by educating the whole person intellectually, physically, emotionally, spiritually, socially, and culturally.



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*Cultivating Intellect, Faith, and Integrity since 1951*

St. Anne's interdisciplinary approach to education provides a meaningful way in which students can use knowledge learned in one context as a knowledge base in other contexts in and out of school. A cross-curricular education offers students the reading, reasoning and communication skills to thrive in a broad range of career contexts and to pursue life-long learning. This foundation can set students apart and set them up for taking control of their own educational and professional pursuits.

St. Anne Catholic High School will engage students in the traditional high school classes as well as advanced and college-level courses in the core curriculum of math, science, English, theology, and social studies. Students will expand their knowledge of the visual, performing, and fine arts while exploring a variety of co-curricular activities. This integrated approach to education develops skills such as creative thinking/problem solving, self-confidence, self-expression, critical thinking and self-discipline that are essential to holistic development. Visit [www.stanneschool.com](http://www.stanneschool.com) for additional information.

# MY CHURCH A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

My church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I do. It will make generous donations to many causes if I am a generous giver of my time, talents and financial gifts. It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who help make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of BEING all the things I want my church to be.

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