

# OUR MINISTRY OF DISCIPLESHIP

2022-2023



**St. Philip Neri  
Catholic Church**

A SPIRIT OF CARING AND GIVING



## Discipleship GPS

Discipleship is rooted in gratitude and lived through the action of Giving, the action of Praying and the action of Serving. Together we call these actions Discipleship “GPS.” Just as an electronic GPS helps people navigate a journey toward a destination, Discipleship GPS guides our faith community along the journey of knowing, loving and serving God more.

**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, Daily Mass & Communion Service:**  
www.saintphilipneri.org; facebook.com/SPNFort Mill/ or SPN YouTube Channel

**NURSERY** 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.

**RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION**

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

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** Requested through the Parish Office.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** Commences in the Adoration Chapel Monday following the 9:30am Mass and ends Saturday at 4:00 pm

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS** Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Learn more about our faith community at **WWW.SAINTPHILIPNERI.ORG**

**STAY CONNECTED:**

 youtube.com – St. Philip Neri Church

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*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 Catholic Church a warm, welcoming home and a place where you can deepen your faith and become a special part of our Catholic community.*

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

***“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” —Mathew 28:19***

We are blessed here at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church to be a community of vibrant, faithful people who serve our parish, our community, and beyond in numerous ways. We embrace discipleship 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. We do this through **the action of Giving, the action of Praying, and the action of Serving.**

**Giving**—When we make giving to others our way of life, we are allowing ourselves to trust that God will provide for all our needs. Through our giving we are able to share a part of ourselves with our family, our faith community, our local community, and those in need beyond our local area.

**Praying**—When we make praying a way of life, we begin to draw closer to God. Whether praying alone in our private devotions, or as a community, we are thanking, adoring, and giving praise to God.

**Serving**—By serving, we are actively putting our faith in action. As St. Theresa of Avila notes, *“Christ has no body now on earth but yours; no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He is to go about doing good; yours are the hands with which He is to bless men now.”*

Discipleship in action is serving God. Just as digital GPS helps us navigate a journey towards a destination, Discipleship GPS guides us along our journey of knowing, loving, and serving the Lord. As such, I invite you to walk with us on this journey. Please take some time to read over this book and reflect on where God is calling you. Ask for Him to open your minds and hearts to His will.

In Christ,

Fr. Fabio Refosco, C.O.

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## LEADERSHIP AT SAINT PHILIP NERI

Since its founding in 1993, St Philip Neri Church has been served by priests that belong to The Congregation of the Oratory of Saint Philip Neri, a pontifical society of apostolic life of Catholic priests and lay-brothers who live together in community bound together by no formal vows but only with the bond of charity. Saint Philip Neri established this religious community in the 16th century. Members are known as Oratorians and live in Oratory houses throughout the world.

The Rock Hill Oratory is the oldest house in the United States. Oratorians, who use the initials C.O. after their names, carry on Saint Philip Neri’s charism of prayer, reflection on Scripture and work with the laity. They commit their lives to serving the faithful by promoting sacramental life and encouraging the faithful to be leaders in the Church.

## PARISH ADVISORY COUNCILS & COMMITTEES

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council’s primary purpose is to represent the parishioners and serve as an advisory council to the pastor on matters related to the parish. Council members are appointed by the pastor and include one member of the Finance Council. Pastoral Council meets every month and on an ad-hoc basis as needed.

### FINANCE COUNCIL

The Finance Council’s primary purpose is to serve as an advisory council to the pastor on financial matters related to the parish. Council members are appointed by the pastor. The Finance Council meets monthly and on an ad-hoc basis as needed. The members of the Finance Council are the primary stewards of the parish’s financial resources and are accountable for the integrity of the parish’s finances.

### PROPERTY AND FACILITY COMMITTEE

The Property and Facility Committee advises the pastor, Business Manager and Maintenance Technician about the management and maintenance of the church properties. This committee, which assesses the short-term and long-term needs for all facilities, also offers guidance and recommends necessary improvements.

### DISCIPLESHIP/STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Discipleship/Stewardship Committee seeks to develop discipleship as a way of life in the parish, with members educating parishioners about embracing discipleship through the sharing of the gifts (time, talent and treasure) given to us by God. This committee is instrumental in the implementation, follow-up and evaluation of the parish’s discipleship/stewardship program.

### PARISH SAFETY TEAM

The Parish Safety Team, which provides security for the parish at weekend Masses and other events, has established, implemented and continues to assess the parish’s safety and security plan. Team members are trained in first aid, CPR, evacuation techniques, safety responses to fire and weather emergencies and church security. In addition, they educate staff members, volunteers and parishioners about safety protocols that relate to the plan.



OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

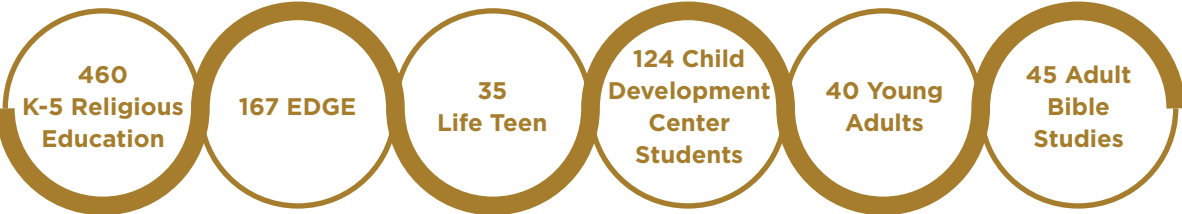
Our parish, founded in 1993, started with 70 families. Today, St. Philip Neri has over 2,896 registered families and we continue to grow while we serve the needs of both our parish and the community through faith-filled actions, prayer, service and fellowship. During the past fiscal year, over 235 families registered with our parish community. 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 Catholic Church a warm, welcoming home and a place where you can deepen your faith, enrich your spirituality and become a part of our Catholic faith community.

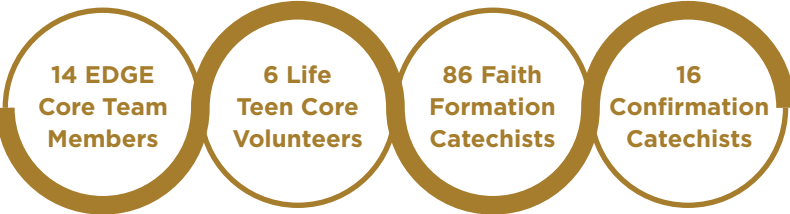
PARISH STATISTICS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022



FORMATION & EDUCATION PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS



FORMATION & EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022



JOINING OUR PARISH

St. Philip Neri is a Catholic community united to form a church family dedicated to continuing the ministry of Christ. We strive to be examples to others through open minds, open hearts and open arms. We are 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. All are welcome!

REGISTER IN THE PARISH

If you are new or have been attending but have not yet joined our parish, we encourage you to register. Parish registration forms are available at the Welcome Desk in the gathering area of the church, in the parish office, or requested online at [www.saintphilipneri.org](http://www.saintphilipneri.org). Completed forms may be mailed, emailed or dropped off to the office for processing. This guidebook, "Our Ministry of Discipleship," provides information about the spiritual life at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church and the numerous ministries and organizations that serve our parish and community. We are a service-oriented parish with ministries and organizations for all ages. We encourage all parishioners to get involved. Visit [www.saintphilipneri.org](http://www.saintphilipneri.org) for additional information.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

St. Philip Neri Catholic Church is committed to the presentation of the doctrine of our faith, in a welcoming and understandable manner, to members of our community who have made the decision to seek this step in their personal faith journey. We invite you to join with us as we strive to live the mission of Jesus Christ through prayer, service, outreach, fellowship and a true sense of family as we minister to our community.

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. Programs for teenagers (RCIT: Rite of Christian Initiation for Teens) and children (RCIC: Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) are also available. 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.

RCIA classes begin in September and are held every other week until the Easter Vigil when those joining the Catholic Church will be received through the Sacraments of Initiation. If you are interested in becoming Catholic, contact the church office at 803.548.7282, or [secretary@saintphilipneri.org](mailto:secretary@saintphilipneri.org).





**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 Catholic 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.**

**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. The Confirmation at St. Philip Neri aims to prepare 10th graders to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Through the preparation, teens encounter the Lord through taking on more responsibility within the parish community, serving the greater community with love, and learning more about the Catholic Faith that they will soon be fully claiming as their own. Classes are held on Sunday evenings twice a month from 6:45 pm to 8:45 pm September through April. **For additional information contact Tayler Culbertson at [youthandyoungadultcoordinator@saintphilipneri.org](mailto:youthandyoungadultcoordinator@saintphilipneri.org).**

**EUCARIST**

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 SAINT 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 Nicole Cordle at [familyfaithformationcoordinator@saintphilipneri.org](mailto:familyfaithformationcoordinator@saintphilipneri.org) or 803.548.7282 ext. 226.**



**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.**

**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.**

**FUNERAL PLANNING SERVICE & MINISTRIES**

**PLANNING YOUR FUNERAL SERVICE**

The fundamental benefits of planning a **funeral** service in advance are the peace of mind that comes with knowing **your** wishes have been made known and the details taken care of, and the comfort of knowing **your** family will not have to make funeral service arrangement decisions during the difficult time of their initial grief. If you would like to preplan your funeral service or have any questions on how to go about doing so, **please contact Karen Wiley, St. Philip Neri Care Coordinator at 803.548.7282 ext. 225 or carecoordinator@saintphilipneri.org.**

**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.**

**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 513.236.5310.**



WHO IS A CHRISTIAN DISCIPLE?

One who responds to Christ’s call, follows Jesus, and shapes his or her life in imitation of Christ’s. Who is a Christian steward? One who receives God’s gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord. We do this through the action of Giving, the action of Praying, and the action of Serving.



DISCERNING HOW AND WHAT TO GIVE – A STEWARDSHIP WAY OF LIFE LEADS TO DISCIPLESHIP

*The US Bishop’s Pastoral Letter of Stewardship invites all Catholics to invest themselves – time, talent, and treasure- in the mission and ministries of the Church. This invitation is a challenge for each of us to live a life of gratitude, accountability, and generosity. A stewardship way of life is a way that truly seeks to live as a disciple of Jesus.*

*Discipleship in action is serving God. Just as digital GPS helps us navigate a journey towards a destination, Discipleship GPS guides us on this journey. Are you ready for the challenge to invest yourself – through giving your time, talent, and treasure – through praying – through serving, to the mission and the ministries of Saint Philip Neri Catholic Church?*

MAKE PRAYER YOUR PRIORITY

Prayer is the beginning of discipleship. Only when we spend time with God in prayer are we spiritually prepared to offer ourselves to others. As it says in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, “prayer and Christian life are inseparable.” For Catholics, living a life of discipleship should include setting aside periods of time for personal and family prayer, for reading of scriptures, for visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and for participation at Mass. The most important thing is to make a conscious effort – a commitment – to spend time with our God.

SHARE YOUR GIFTS IN THE PARISH - SERVE

As Catholics, we are called by our Baptism to reach out in love to others. While that may sometimes be difficult, it is nonetheless spiritually enriching and personally fulfilling. Our personal commitment of ourselves through service in our parish, our community, and beyond provides a strong and unique connection to God. There are many needs within our faith community and beyond that affords us the opportunity to give. Through our actions of giving, we can support our parish’s efforts to carry out the mission Christ gave us.

Each week at St. Philip Neri, dozens of ministry and outreach groups are working, praying, and having fun serving together. There are numerous ways for you to get involved and where you or you and your family can make a difference.

We encourage you to prayerfully discern which ministries God is calling you to, while taking into consideration your unique gifts. We Invite all parishioners to recommit to a ministry that they are already involved with and/or commit to a new ministry. With over 50 ministries, each person will find a ministry to serve where the talents given by God are used to serve the mission of the Church.

Spend some time reviewing this 2022/2023 Ministry of Discipleship Book and the Getting Involved section on our website [www.saintphilipneri.org/getting-involved/](http://www.saintphilipneri.org/getting-involved/) to learn about our ministries, groups, and organizations to see which align with your gifts and are best suited for you and your family to serve!

Scan to set up  
or manage  
Online Giving



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 discipleship 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. A portion of the money collected at our church is given again, as we are a tithing parish, donating to many charitable causes.*

*In gratitude for God’s gifts, please prayerfully consider what your financial contribution to the parish will be. Scan the QR Code to set up or manage Online Giving.*

*For assistance with online giving, email [accountant@saintphilipneri.org](mailto:accountant@saintphilipneri.org) or call 803.548.7282 Ext 228.*

DISCIPLESHIP BEGINS AT AN EARLY AGE

The young people in the parish should be included in the completion of the Discipleship Commitment Cards 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 Discipleship Commitment pledges of Giving, Praying and Serving. Teaching children the convictions of Christian Discipleship from an early age, prepares them to serve the mission of the Church as they grow.

Questions to Assist in the Discernment of our Spiritual Gifts

We encourage each person in our faith community – adults and children – to take some time to work through these questions. Use whichever questions seem most helpful; it may be additionally helpful to process them in conversation with others. Spend time in careful thought and prayer and ask God to show you where He desires your presence.

- What are the things in life that are so much a part of who I am, and that give me joy and energy, that I cannot keep from doing them?
- What are the things that I am “good at” – that I have a talent or training for?
- How might I use my gifts to show my love for God and for one another?
- What are the contexts in my life where I have most felt the Holy Spirit working through me?
- What aspects of the church’s ministries, groups and organizations listed in this Ministry of Discipleship Book do I find most energizing?
- Based on your review of these ministries, groups, and organizations, which are best suited for your gifts and abilities?
- Have you observed a need or have a desire to establish a new ministry or outreach at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church?

**“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”**

**—1PT 4:10**



**GETTING INVOLVED  
AT ST. PHILIP NERI**

**St. Philip Neri Catholic Church is a service-oriented parish with ministries, groups and organizations for all ages. Our more than 70 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 — 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@metrics.com](mailto:bbearden@metrics.com), or Giselle Fribourg at [giselleleotud@hotmail.com](mailto:giselleleotud@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).**

**DISCIPLESHIP/STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Stewardship Committee seeks to develop discipleship as a way of life in the parish, with members educating parishioners about how to live a life of Christian discipleship/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 discipleship/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).**



**LITURGY, PRAYER & WORSHIP MINISTRIES —  
WAYS OF DRAWING CLOSER TO GOD**

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

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.**

**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.**

**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 chefchristine@earthlink.net.**

**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.**

***“Draw near to  
God and He  
will draw near  
to you...”  
—James 4:8***

**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,spnlectorministry@comporium.com.**

**ART & ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY**

The Art & 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, or Teresa Thompson at tkt235@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 momof6insc@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.**

**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 digitalmedia@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.*

**EUCCHARISTIC 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/) or contact [adoration@saintphilipneri.org](mailto:adoration@saintphilipneri.org).**

**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).**

**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 Mary Russo at [gmrusso64@yahoo.com](mailto:gmrusso64@yahoo.com).**



**ASK-SEEK-KNOCK PRAYER MINISTRY**

Believing that the voice of God never ceases in our lives, and that the Holy Spirit is our Great Comforter, we the members of the Ask-Seek-Knock Prayer Ministry commit ourselves to develop and sustain not only our own personal prayer lives but to bear the burdens of members of our parish community and beyond, through prayers. **We receive prayer requests from our faith community through emails to the ministry leader, Angie Barius at [angelabarius@saintphilipneri.org](mailto:angelabarius@saintphilipneri.org).**

***How can we pray for you?*** If there is something or someone in your heart in need of prayer, please let us know by sharing your request by email. Prayer request may be anonymous. All requests are confidential. We always need people willing to spend some time in prayer for the needs of others. The ministry leader sends out prayer requests as they are received. Intercessors either pray for those people immediately or involve them in their prayer time each day. **To volunteer or make a prayer request, contact Angela Barius at [angelabarius@saintphilipneri.org](mailto:angelabarius@saintphilipneri.org).**



## MUSIC MINISTRIES

***Members of the Music Ministry proclaim and share the Word of God in song by participating in various musical offerings-at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church. Individuals, who contribute their time and talents draw people to the greater glory of God during weekend liturgies and special music programs.***

### 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 6:30 pm. Time commitment: 3 hours weekly (1.5 hours for rehearsal; 1.5 hours to sing at Mass including arriving 30 minutes prior.)

### CANTORS

Our cantors, who lead the congregation in 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 their ministry. 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.

***“He who  
sings well  
prays twice.”***

***—St. Augustine***

## 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.

### 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).**

### 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.

### HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

This ensemble, which meets every Tuesday at 7:00 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.

### 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.

### 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 Ministry 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 Lifenotes Ensemble and how to participate, please contact Zinorl Bronola at [zinorl@gmail.com](mailto:zinorl@gmail.com).**



## FORMATION & EVANGELIZATION MINISTRIES — 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.*

### 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 email [cstministry@gmail.com](mailto:cstministry@gmail.com).**

## MEN'S EMMAUS EXPERIENCE

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 email [spnmensemmaus@gmail.com](mailto:spnmensemmaus@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.**

## WOMAN'S EMMAUS EXPERIENCE

The Women's Emmaus Experience 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 once a month to continue sisterhood with each other and to deepen their relationship with God. Come. Learn. Listen. Walk on the spiritual road to Emmaus with Jesus! **Email [spnwomenschristiamwalk@gmail.com](mailto:spnwomenschristiamwalk@gmail.com) for additional information.**



***“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”***

***—John 13:35***



## FORMATION – EDUCATION OF THE MIND AND CONVERSION OF THE HEART

### 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 Nicole Cordle 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.**

### 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.

**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 Catholic Church offers a one-year confirmation program for 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 schoolyear. **For additional information contact Tayler Culbertson at [youthandyoungadultcoordinator@saintphilipneri.org](mailto:youthandyoungadultcoordinator@saintphilipneri.org) or 803.548.7282 ext. 227.**

### 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 Deacon David through the parish office at 803.548.7282.**

### 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 Deacon David through the parish office at 803.548.7282.**





### 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 are available for teens and adults. **Email [stphilipnerispred@gmail.com](mailto:stphilipnerispred@gmail.com) for additional information.**

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

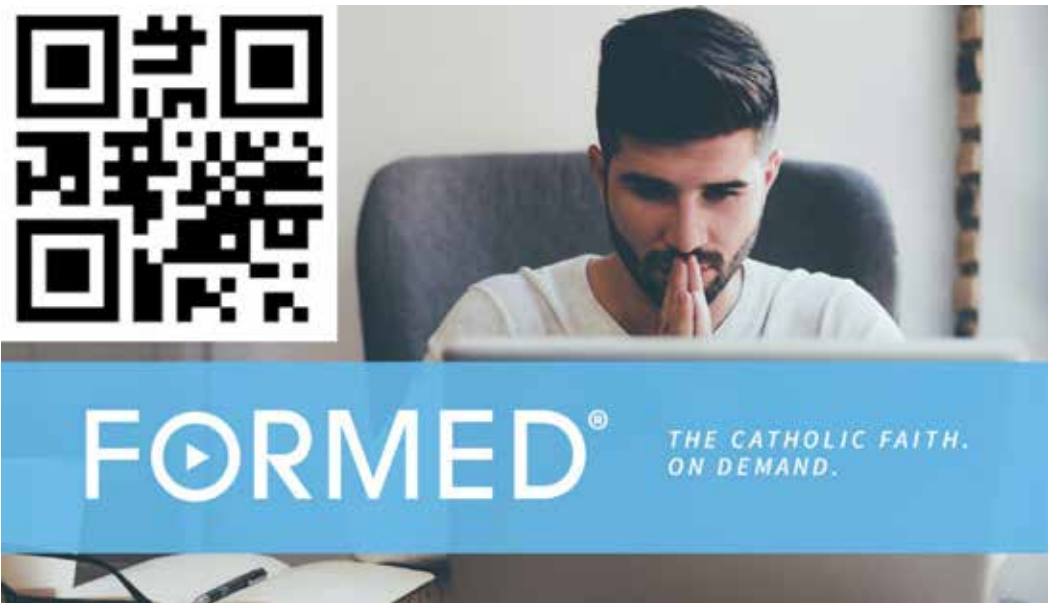
Vacation Bible School, which provides a fun and faith filled educational opportunity for children of the parish and community, takes place during the mornings of one week every June or July. Children learn faith lessons through hands-on crafts, games, music, skits and creative snacks. Children must be at least four years of age (by September 1st) up through a rising 5th grader. Volunteer opportunities are available for teens and adults. **For additional information contact Nicole Cordle at [familyfaithformationcoordinator@saintphilipneri.org](mailto:familyfaithformationcoordinator@saintphilipneri.org) or 803.548.7282 ext.223.**

### 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 Nicole Cordle at [familyfaithformationcoordinator@saintphilipneri.org](mailto:familyfaithformationcoordinator@saintphilipneri.org) or 803.548.7282 ext. 223.**

### 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, or use the QR Code.**



### SERVICE AND OUTREACH MINISTRIES – AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO

***As Christians, we are called to be disciples of Jesus. The St. Philip Neri Catholic Church Service and Outreach Ministries and Organizations reach out to people, within the parish, in the larger community, and beyond 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 513.236.5310.**

### 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, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion 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).**

### 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).**

***“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***



### 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 Maggie Boyle at jmmb26@hotmail.com.**

### 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.**

### 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@mns.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 Elaine Bendrihem at ebendrihem@gmail.com or Susan Kuhn at slkuhn2012@yahoo.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.**

### 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.**

### 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 or 860.882.9208 for additional information or offers to assist with this ministry.**

### 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 or Julie Ross at julie48335@aol.com.**

### ST. PHILIP NERI 45+ GROUP

The St. Philip Neri 45+ Group is open to single (divorced, widowed or never married) men and women of our parish who are 45 years or older. The 45+ group meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. In addition to our monthly meetings, we have other social activities planned. **For additional information email spnsingles45@gmail.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 or 301.606.6568.**

### 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. **Contact Dann Dunn at 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 or to volunteer to prepare meals contact Catherine Johannesmeyer at catjo2000@gmail.com.**

### 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 community 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.**

### 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. **Contact Jim Mertes at jim.mertes@outlook.com.**

### 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 visit [www.habitatyorkcounty.org](http://www.habitatyorkcounty.org) or contact Diane Cooper at [runcooprun50@gmail.com](mailto:runcooprun50@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 food drives; Red Cross blood drives; Habitat for Humanity projects; raise money for people with 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 Bob Gesell at [Bobgesell@gmail.com](mailto:Bobgesell@gmail.com).**

### 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).**

### 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).**

### SCOUTING OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. PHILIP NERI

#### CUB SCOUT – PACK 219

Membership in Cub Scout Pack 219, open to all to all boys and girls in grades one through five, helps individuals grow into honorable young men and women. The focus lies upon each child'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 Keith Crockett at [keithcrockett@gmail.com](mailto:keithcrockett@gmail.com).**

#### 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.**





## ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE — ST. PHILIP NERI ITALIAN FESTIVAL

*The Italian Festival, St Philip Neri Catholic Church’s biggest fellowship event, is held each May. Celebrated for over 20 years, 25 to be exact, 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 mission, 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 discipleship, 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.spnitalianfestival.com](http://www.spnitalianfestival.com) to learn more.



## ST. PHILIP NERI’S HAITI MINISTRY

*Haiti Snapshot – Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, with 80 percent of the population living on less than \$2.00 per day. Ongoing corruption, political instability, resurgent gang violence, illiteracy and barriers to education, food shortages, unemployment and vulnerability to natural disasters have kept most Haitians locked in a cycle of poverty for generations. This is not only raising the levels of hunger but is also leading to increased levels of severe child malnutrition.*

*With this in mind, and living our mission to continue the ministry of Christ beyond our parish and local community, we have started a Haiti Ministry that currently consists of the following:*

### HAITI TWINNING PROGRAM

In 2021, St. Philip Neri Catholic Church established a partnership with St. Malachy Catholic Church in Brownsburg, IN in a Haiti Twinning Program to help the community of Port Margot in northern Haiti to make improvements in health care, water, and education for the Port Margot community, pray for one another, and share concern for the needs of the parishes. To date, through your generous giving, St. Philip Neri has tithed \$14,450 to support this mission partnership. **For additional information on the Haiti Twinning Program visit [www.saintphilipneri.org](http://www.saintphilipneri.org).**

### ST. PHILIP NERI WORLD HUNGER DRIVE

This year marks our 1st annual year for the St. Philip Neri World Hunger Drive (SPWHD). The focus of our World Hunger Drive is to help feed the people of Haiti. To do this, we will be holding a Meal Packing Event in October. Our goal is to pack over 150,000 meals. Ninety percent, or 135,000 meals, in partnership with The World Hunger Drive Ministry of St. Matthew Catholic Church in Charlotte, will be shipped to Haiti. Ten percent, or 15,000 meals will be distributed to the hungry in our local community.

Like the St. Philip Neri Italian Festival, our meal packing event will take more than a village of volunteers to be successful. Please consider signing up. In addition to packing meals, many other volunteer opportunities are available to support this important event. Our meal-packing event is a great way for individuals and families of all ages to work together, have fun, and fulfill our mission of serving our brothers and sisters in need, locally and around the world.



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*Feeding the body, mind & spirit*





## 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 Catholic 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.

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.

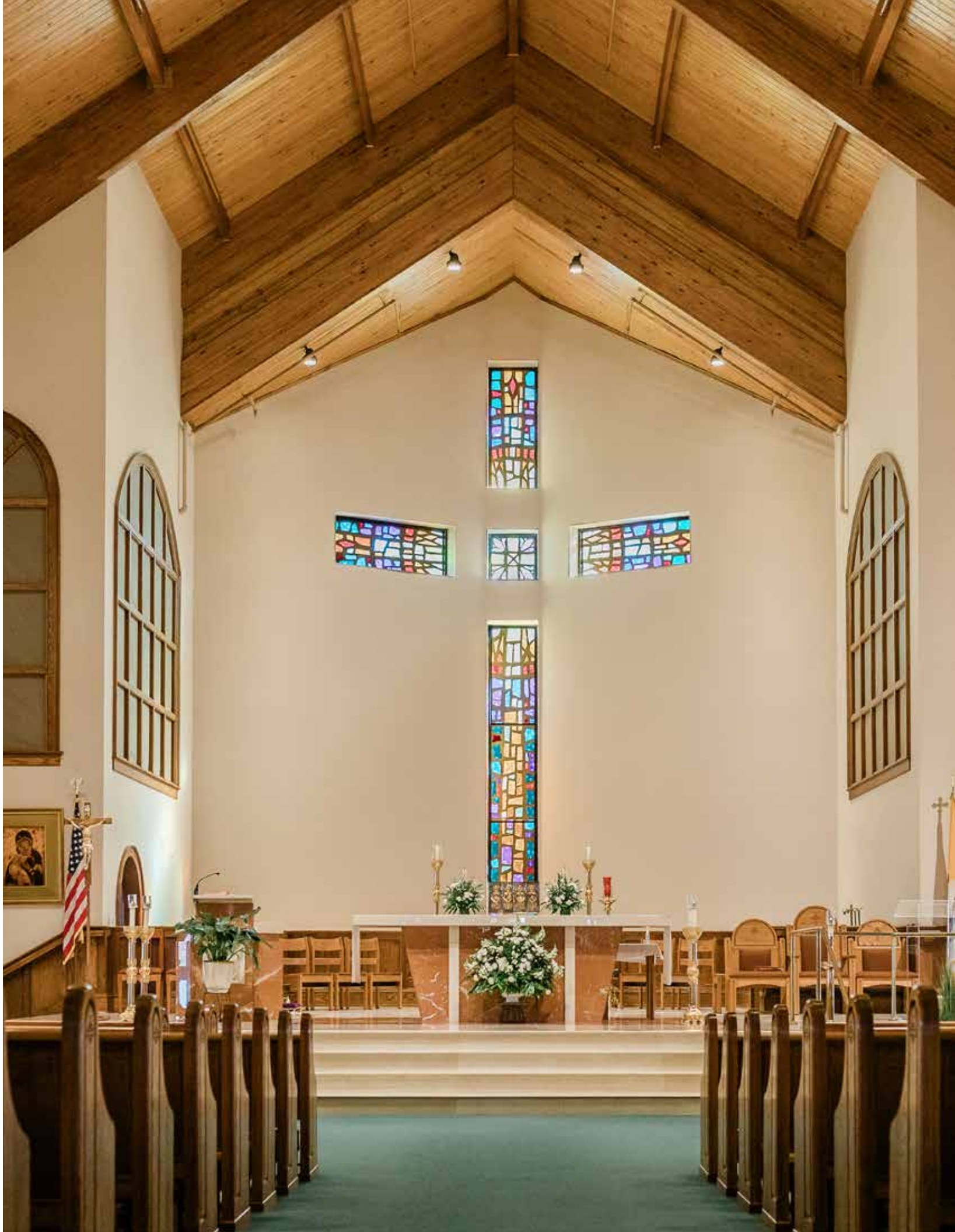


### ST. ANNE HIGH SCHOOL AT ST. PHILIP NERI CAMPUS

Since 1951, St. Anne Catholic School has worked to provide an environment conducive to the development of the whole child: intellectually, physically, emotionally, spiritually, socially and culturally. We strive to inspire students to live with an open mind and to appreciate the talents that God gives to each of us and to use these talents to be productive contributors to society.

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.





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