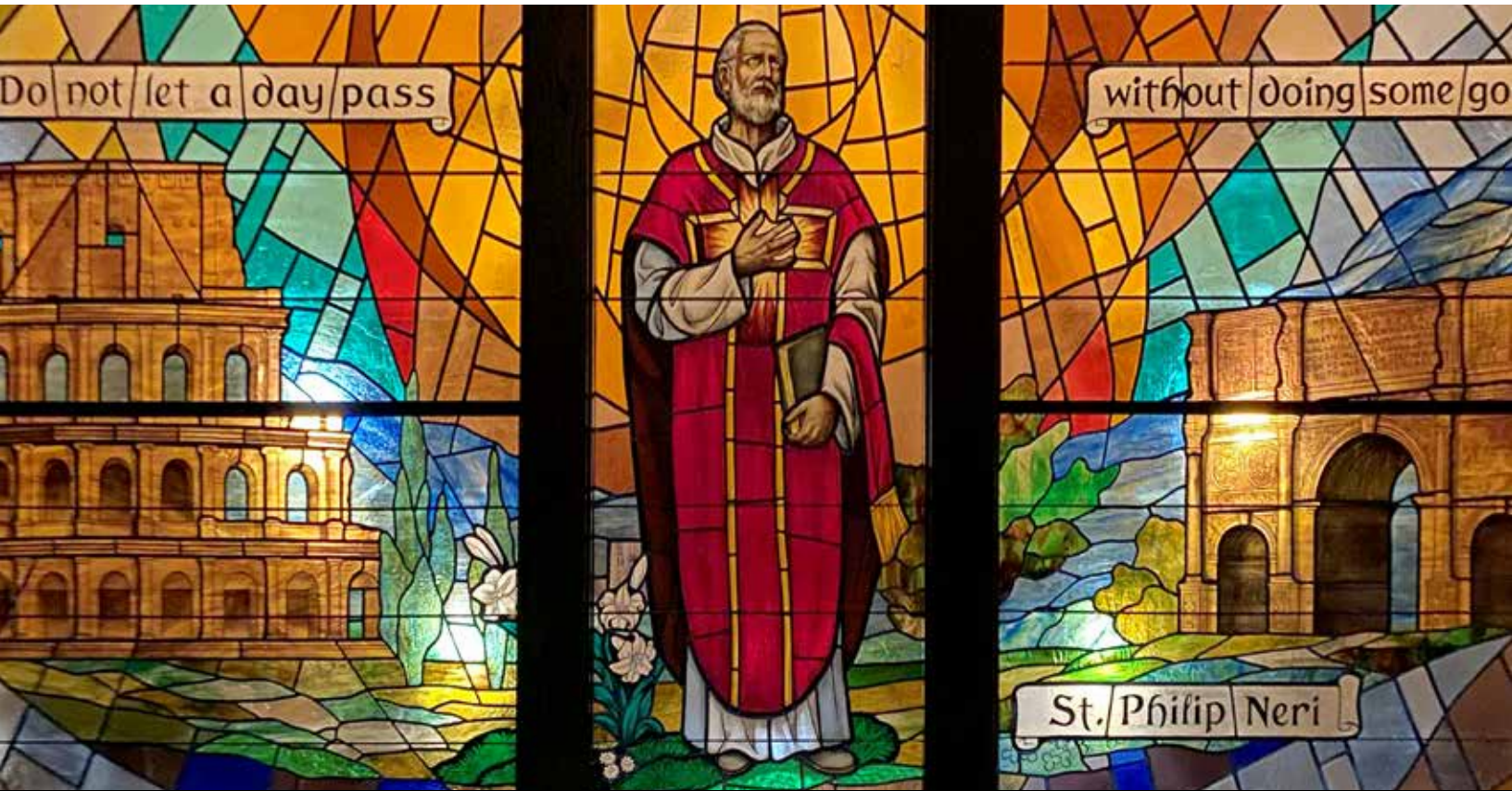


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ST. PHILIP NERI CATHOLIC CHURCH | ANNUAL FINANCIAL REVIEW

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

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 burden from our hearts.

We come to you as one whose heart swells with abundant love for God and all creation. Hear us 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.



A Message From Father Fabio

OUR ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

My Dear Parishioners,

I AM PLEASED TO PRESENT to you the Annual Stewardship Financial Report. The Lord continues to provide for our needs, and we look to Him for the gifts He freely gives with His grace and guidance. I invite you to review our financial statements on the following pages with a spirit of gratitude and thankfulness as we are blessed by God's gifts.

Our Sunday offerings provides for 88% of our total parish income. These funds are used to support the parish administrative and operating activities. We continue to tithe to support many ministries in our community, within our state and internationally. It is clear from our financial report that your offertory gifts resulted in an overall surplus of \$108,500.

Through your generosity, we were able to cover unexpected maintenance and repairs. As our buildings age, we have more and more upkeep and more repairs that become necessary. This year we repaired heating and air conditioning units and our roofs, which accounted for 60% of our maintenance and repair expense. We also provided funds to enhance our safety and security. Even with the unexpected repairs and preventative maintenance needs, we were still able to end the fiscal year with a net operating surplus.

In support of evangelization through service, we also provided \$25,000 to purchase ingredients for our 2nd Annual World Hunger Meal Packing Event. Over 635 St. Philip Neri volunteers packed 205,984 meals for those in need in Haiti and our community.

On behalf of the Pastoral and Finance Councils, I want to thank you for your continued support of our parish mission through your discipleship and evangelization. As disciples we are called to share whatever gifts we receive to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace.

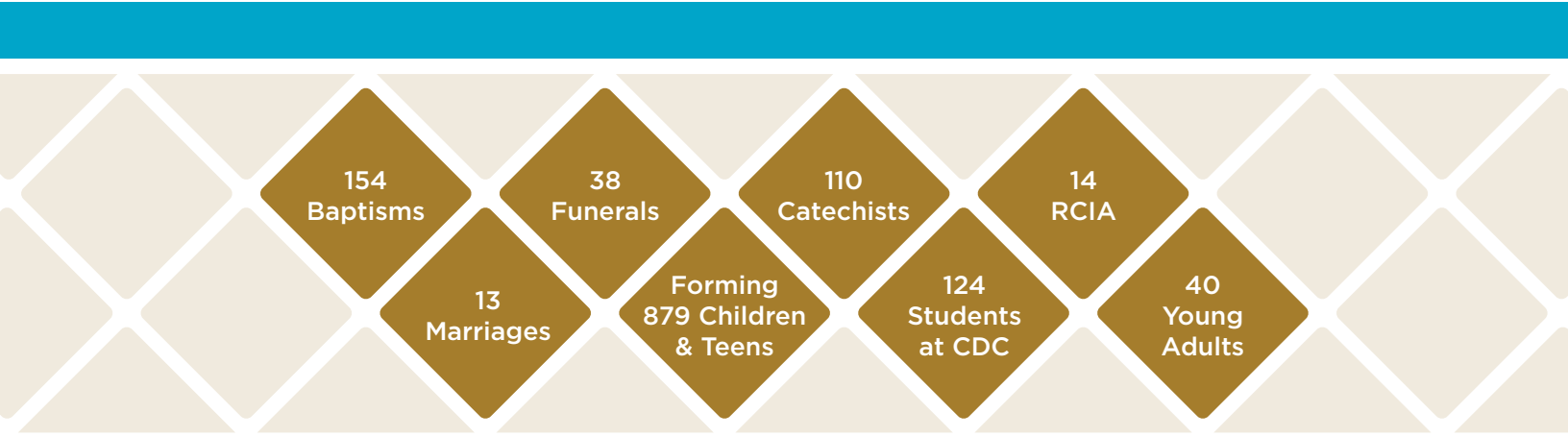
"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also be," Matthew 6:21

With much gratitude and thanksgiving,



Fr. Fabio Refosco, C.O.





Our Parish Community:

HOW WE ENGAGE IN MINISTRY, FORMATION AND EDUCATION

St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, founded in 1993, started with 70-families. Today, we are blessed with over 3,000 registered families. And we continue to grow while we serve the needs of our parish, our local community, and beyond through faith-filled actions, prayer, service and fellowship. During the past fiscal year, 272 families registered with our parish community. Here is how we engaged in ministry, formation and education.

Ministry, Formation and Education (2022-2023):

- Celebrating with 154 families as we welcome newborn and adult Catholics in our midst.
- Uniting 13 couples with each other, and with the Lord in the Sacrament of Marriage.
- Praying and comforting 38 grieving families as they commend their loved one into God's care.
- Forming 879 children and teens ages 5-18 with 110 catechists.
- Walking with 14 adults on their journey of coming into full communion with the Church.
- Nurturing the academic and social skills of 124 preschool children (2-year-olds, 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds).
- Providing 40 young adults with opportunities to be active in our faith community through spiritual, service and social activities. 🇺🇸

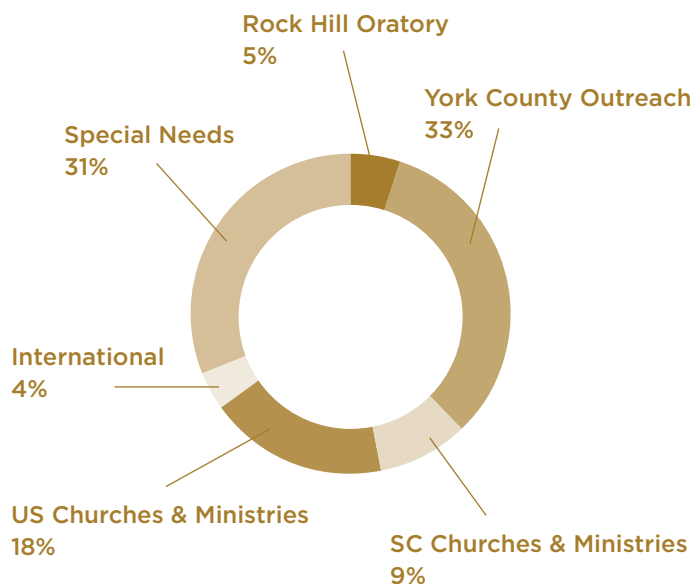


Our Spirit of Giving - Parish Tithing

As Catholics, we are challenged to choose discipleship as a life style based on our baptismal call. Tithing is one way we acknowledge God's provision in our lives and exercise good management of the financial resource we are given. St. Philip Neri is a tithing parish - 10% of our offertory is given to charitable causes. This is possible because of the generous financial gifts of our parishioners. For this we are truly grateful.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, St. Philip Neri Catholic Church's tithing totaled \$262,304. Here's an overview of St. Philip Neri's tithing donations for the July 2023 - June 2023 fiscal year. 🇺🇸

2022-2023 Tithing Contribution Analysis



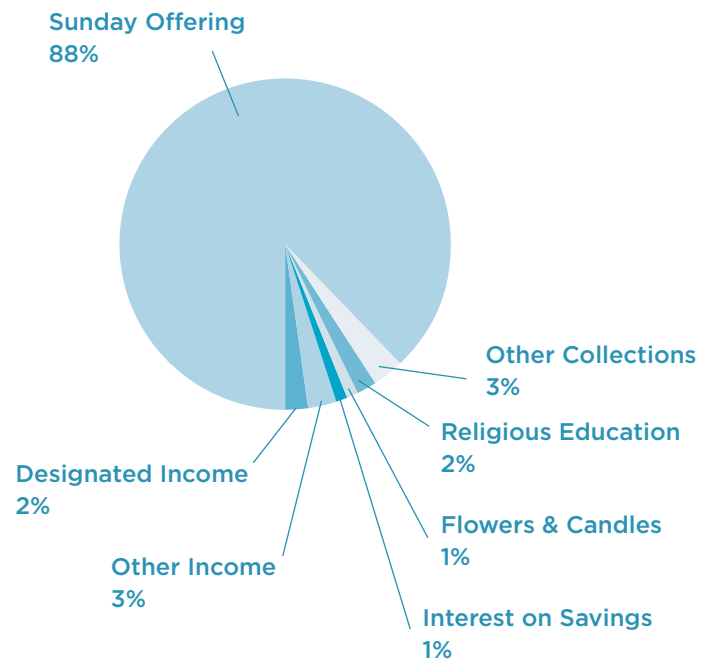
Statement of Assets & Liabilities June 2023

| Assets | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Operating Cash | \$156,921 |
| Restricted Cash | \$158,295 |
| Parish Savings | \$1,735,691 |
| Prepaid Expenses | \$5,162 |
| Accounts Receivable | \$570 |
| Accounts Receivable - Columbarium | \$25,972 |
| Building, Land & Contents | \$13,517,999 |
| Total Assets | \$15,600,610 |

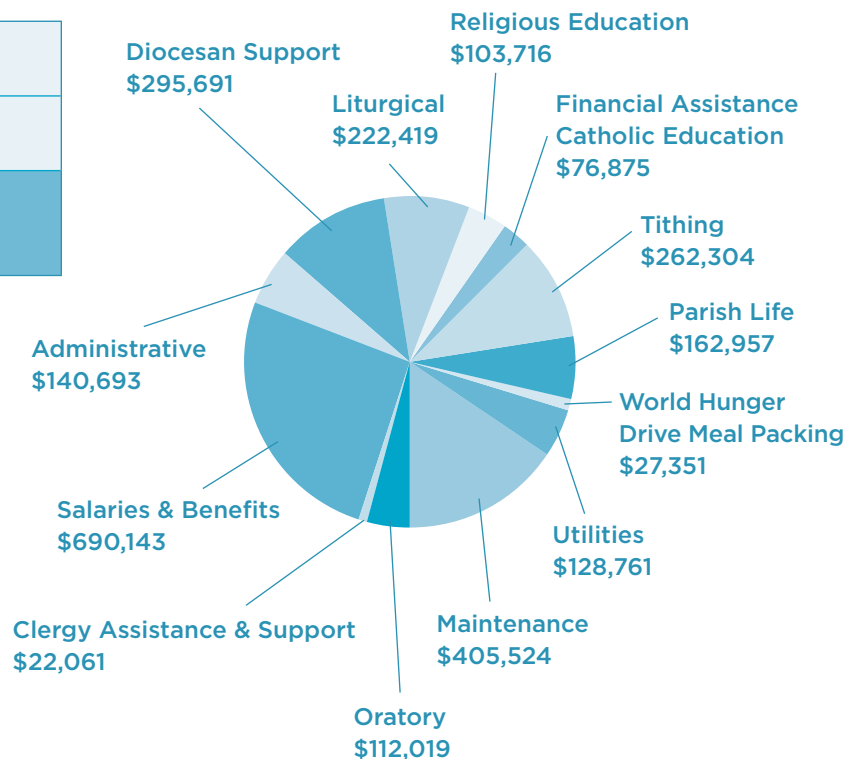
| Liabilities | |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Account Payable | \$140,856 |
| Other Liabilities | \$133,612 |
| Total Liabilities | \$274,468 |

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| Excess Operating Revenue | \$182,825 |
| Accumulated Funds | \$15,143,318 |
| Total Liabilities & Accumulated Funds | \$15,600,612 |

2022-2023 Operating Income



2022-2023 Operating Expenses





Statement of Income & Expense
July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

| | Actual | Budget | Net |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Income | | | |
| Sunday Offering - 88% | \$2,430,948 | \$2,146,100 | \$284,848 |
| Other Collections - 3% | \$90,668 | \$73,000 | \$17,668 |
| Religious Education - 2% | \$44,130 | \$48,350 | \$(4,220) |
| Flowers & Candles - 1% | \$15,445 | \$23,000 | \$(7,555) |
| Interest on Savings - 1% | \$36,371 | \$21,000 | \$15,371 |
| Catholic Education Adopt-A-Child - 1% | \$7,539 | \$10,000 | \$(2,461) |
| Other Income - 3% | \$78,332 | \$55,500 | \$22,832 |
| Designated Income - 1% | \$55,577 | \$27,600 | \$27,977 |
| Total Income | \$2,759,010 | \$2,404,550 | \$354,460 |
| Expenses | | | |
| Oratory | \$112,019 | \$116,292 | \$4,273 |
| Clergy Assistance & Support | \$22,061 | \$55,311 | \$33,250 |
| Salaries & Benefits | \$690,143 | \$651,722 | \$(38,421) |
| Administrative | \$140,693 | \$129,065 | \$(11,628) |
| Diocesan Support | \$295,691 | \$245,633 | \$(50,058) |
| Liturgical | \$222,419 | \$75,464 | \$(146,955) |
| Religious Education | \$103,716 | \$121,357 | \$17,659 |
| Financial Assistance Catholic Education | \$76,875 | \$88,350 | \$11,475 |
| Tithing | \$262,304 | \$214,610 | \$(47,694) |
| Parish Life | \$162,957 | \$157,450 | \$(5,507) |
| World Hunger Drive Meal Packing | \$27,351 | \$- | \$(27,351) |
| Utilities | \$128,761 | \$118,600 | \$(10,161) |
| Maintenance | \$405,524 | \$380,660 | \$(24,864) |
| Total Expenses | \$2,650,514 | \$2,354,533 | \$(295,981) |
| Net Operating Surplus | \$108,496 | \$50,017 | \$58,479 |
| Total Non-Operating | \$246,567 | \$117,845 | \$128,722 |
| Total Non-Operating Expenses | \$172,238 | \$119,345 | \$(52,893) |
| Net Operating Total | \$182,825 | \$48,517 | \$134,308 |



St. Philip Neri

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
Playing! Learning! Growing! In God's Love!

WE BELIEVE that each child is unique and is a special gift from God. We focus on developing social and school behaviors in a nurturing Christian environment while gently guiding each child to his/her potential spiritually, socially, and academically. Preschool is a time for rapid growth and development. It is a time for preparation for future success in school and in life. We want each child's first experience with school to be a positive one and we look forward to helping them succeed on this lifelong journey!

We will help each child to discover and explore the world around him or her through a developmental, hands-on approach to learning. Communication is very important to us. We want you to feel free to visit us at any time. We welcome parents to become actively involved in your child's education. When you are involved, everyone benefits. 🌟

St. Philip Neri Child Development Center

Statement of Income & Expenses July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

| | Actual | Budget | Net |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Income | | | |
| Tuition & Fees | \$318,692 | \$318,570 | \$122 |
| Other | \$5,843 | \$4,500 | \$1,343 |
| Total Income | \$324,535 | \$323,070 | \$1,465 |
| Expenses | | | |
| Salaries & Benefits | \$239,412 | \$258,490 | \$19,078 |
| Program & Instruction | \$26,950 | \$32,360 | \$5,410 |
| Administrative | \$10,573 | \$6,300 | \$(4,273) |
| Contracted Services | \$29,188 | \$23,100 | \$(6,088) |
| Other | \$3,889 | \$2,820 | \$(1,069) |
| Total Expenses | \$310,012 | \$323,070 | \$13,058 |
| Net | \$14,523 | \$- | \$14,523 |



PHILIP NERI'S EXAMPLE OF

Helping Those in Need

IN THE LIFE OF EVERY SAINT, the life of Jesus manifests in a way unique to the individual's gifts, talents, and ideas - all of which come from God. Whether you answer calls, babysit, write, educate students, raise kids, or act as a leader in your business or community, God offers us sanctity in our own situations. The saints realize that every day brings us closer to our Maker, and this fact is a cause of their joy. Every day is a new opportunity to love and be loved. Modern saints like Mother Teresa and John Paul II recognize the need for love and the significant lack of it in today's society. We aren't a very good society if we don't love. A society is built up of people who care about each other, work together, and lend a helping hand. We are called to love. We thirst for it. Love: it's not just how we were made - but *what we were made for!* The saints, even those from centuries past, knew this and have something to teach us moderns whose hearts have grown cold.

Fulton Sheen believed that Jesus hanging on the Cross in torment demanded a reaction from the onlooker, either reverence and sorrow, or disgust. But nowadays, we can actually meet that image with indifference. Our hearts have grown cold and unfazed by the violence we see in the world theatre dominated by conflict and war and even in the local movie theatre at home. Likewise, we often remain indifferent to the sufferings of those in need: the poor who lack proper clothing and shelter (especially during the cold months), the elderly who feel unloved, the neglected of our community.

In the 1500s, there was a man who noticed the needy and showed them charity - true love. He trusted

in God, loved Him first, and then loved and cared for those around him. This was St. Philip Neri! As a young adult, Philip was expected to make something of himself - at least, in the eyes of the world. But he underwent a conversion of heart, after which worldly pursuits held no sway over him. Without knowing what he would do or how he would make a living, he set out for Rome, trusting in Jesus as his way and his light. During his first two years in Rome, he cultivated the interior life and tutored the sons of the man who gave him a place to stay. He studied theology but at a certain point gave up his studies in favor of helping those around him. He gathered a following of laypeople and together they devoted themselves to the poor, the infirm, and needy pilgrims who visited the holy sites of the Eternal City.

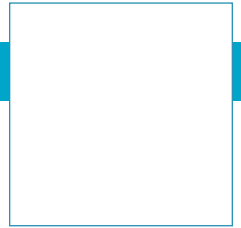
The work of his congregation produced what *Butler's Lives of the Saints* notes as "the celebrated hospital of Santa Trinità dei Pellegrini, which in the year of jubilee 1575 assisted no less than 145,000 pilgrims, and afterwards undertook the charge of poor convalescents." Philip also had the grace of knowing the thoughts of those who came to him for Confession, and he is known as the "Apostle of Joy," something that's depicted quite well in the 2010 film *Saint Philip Neri: I Prefer Heaven*. In this deep contentedness, Philip Neri provided for the physical and spiritual needs of those he served.

Today, many Catholic apostolates strive to help others in the same spirit of charity. The Knights of Columbus help community members when disaster strikes. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul serves neighbors in need

and prioritizes an encounter with the people whose lives the "Vincentians" touch. Even here at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, there are opportunities to serve and to love others. Like our namesake, the parish seeks to support communities near and far who lack food and basic necessities. Each year, the Knights of Columbus spearhead the Thanksgiving Food Drive, the fruits of which support the Fort Mill Care Center. The Center then provides food and aid to families in the Fort Mill and Tega Cay areas. Around Thanksgiving, many Americans are glad to be overstuffing themselves in one meal, while many others need food for the next week! The food drive is a great way to help those less fortunate have a warm meal and maybe even celebrate Thanksgiving more wholeheartedly! Since 2016, over 80,000 pounds of food has been donated by parishioners. We even take weekly food donations for the Fort Mill Care Center, because hunger is a year-round issue. Already in 2023, parishioners have donated 500 pounds more food than last year's total.

Another endeavor at our parish that seeks to ease the hunger experienced by impoverished communities is appropriately called the St. Philip Neri World Hunger Drive. This is the second year we've held a meal-packing event through this ministry. 600 volunteers assembled 204,984 meals, 90% of which went to Haiti - the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere according to a [2021 UNICEF report](#). The remaining meals were given to those in need locally. Volunteer roles for the annual packing event fill up rapidly.

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PHILIP NERI'S EXAMPLE OF Helping Those in Need *Continued*

Our church's Catholic Social Teaching Ministry is yet another way that parishioners come face to face with societal injustices and work to remedy them. This ministry focuses on helping those who find themselves in difficult situations of poverty, immigration, or racism. Every month, spaghetti donations provide over 100 pounds of pasta to Refugee Support Services, and more is always needed. Additionally, every first and

third Monday of the month, the ministry prepares meals for teens, families, and homeless men. We're always looking for folks to donate food, help make meals, and deliver them. If you feel called to serve your community through the Catholic Social Teaching Ministry, in the spirit of Christian charity that animated St. Philip, visit our page and explore the opportunities here: <https://saintphilipneri.org/getting-involved-2/socialjustice/>.

In the Letter of James, we read: "If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit?" (James 2:15-16). Like the Good Samaritan, God calls us to answer and fill the material and spiritual needs that people lack. By cooperating with God's grace, we are having a real and positive impact in people's lives. ✠