



Saturday, February 6 (St. Paul Miki ad Companions, Martyrs)

9:00 am Tony Tanedo + | Daughters of St. Anne

5:00 pm Marlyn Meoli + | Peggy Nanney

Sunday, February 7 (5th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

9:00 am For the Parish

11:30 am Carol Cropper + | Peggy Nanney

Monday, February 8 (St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin)

8:30 am Ralph Dixon | Peggy Nanney

Tuesday, February 9

8:30 am David Windsor | Peggy Nanney

Wednesday, February 10 (St. Scholastica, Virgin)

8:30 am Harold & Edward Ruf | Sara Yates

Thursday, February 11 (Our Lady of Lourdes)

8:30 am Maria Agustin Bueno + | Maralit Family

Friday, February 12

8:30 am Roland A. Bueno Sr. + | Maralit Family

Saturday, February 13

9:00 am Gloria Scott + | Mary Burke

5:00 pm Martha Martin + | Sara Yates

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER LEWIS

Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you."

Jesus had the most important work of all to do – the salvation of the world. You can hear the anxiety in Peter's voice. "Jesus, everyone is looking for you!" You can imagine Peter stressing about all the good things Jesus seems to be leaving undone. But Jesus doesn't regret that he stepped away. Jesus doesn't regret his prayer.

Jesus is showing us something very important that we need to know about who we are. We weren't created for work or activity. We won't be busy with our jobs or families for all eternity. At our deepest level, you and I were created that we might be in loving relationship with our Father in heaven.

There is a dangerous tendency that is all too prevalent in the world. The tendency is towards "activism." We are so focused on what we do, how we serve, and the good things we want to accomplish that we miss what's even more important, the One who is the source of all good things. Our "activities" might be good things, but if they stand in the way of our communication and friendship with God – then, our lives are out of order.

Step away as Jesus does. Take time for prayer. Ultimately, you weren't made for good deeds and good projects. You were made to experience the love of Almighty God. When we are in relationship with him, our deeds and projects take on a supernatural life we never could have imagined.

— 2021 ANNUAL APPEAL —

HOW WILL YOU SEEK CHRIST?

Make a gift that will be credited to our parish!

5th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:34

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PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AND THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM:

Duffy Askin Family, Bradley Baker, Evan Beck, Pat Brooke, Counihan Family, Phil Eppard, Martin (Red) Fahey, Walter Harley, Lukas Hjort-Tyson, Hoehl Family, Art Grenier, Mary Gressett, Bert Latimer, Tonya Lee, Ralph Loveless, MacMannis Family, Lina Maralit, Jennifer Whipple-Marciano, Leondre Massey, Denise McHale, Grace Mueth, Nancy Palmedo, Deborah Pritts-Murray, Joe Norris, Shannon O'Connell, Matthew Pineda, Father Michael Quill, Barbara Ruf, Robert Wayne Saul III, Dolores Steinhilber, Elijah & Marilyn Thorne, Nellie & Ruth Wade, Suzanne Walters, Shawn & Tommy Webb, Dineen Whipple, Bee Duncan, Alma Streicher, Shoko Ferguson, Ryan Murray, Patrick Baggott, Bee Dunkin

2021 Annual Appeal

The 2021 Annual Appeal is here! This year's theme is Seeking Christ to remind us in this time of hardship and need that Christ is the source of the healing, unity, and love that we all seek. Through our collective support of the Annual Appeal, we strengthen the Body of Christ that is our local Church, and we sustain her many charitable works that serve the spiritual and other needs of all those within and beyond our parish boundaries. Please consider a commitment to the 2021 Annual Appeal this weekend at home or in person. Your gift will be credited toward our parish goal. Learn more about the Annual Appeal at appeal.adw.org

**RCIA**

RCIA classes are being held on Sunday's in the rectory or via Zoom from 10:15am – 11:15am. If you know someone who may be interested, contact Deacon Kelley at deacon@stphiliptheapostlechurch.org

Evangelization Team

Are you interested in evangelization? Do you have a heart for reaching out to others? If so, please contact Deacon Kelley at deacon@stphiliptheapostlechurch.org

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Religious Education

Classes for religious education take place every Saturday from 3 - 5 PM at St. Philips. Run by the Missionaries of Charity.

Please call the office for more details. For ages 3 – 14.

School News

February 15 - School closed Presidents Day

February 17 - Ash Wednesday

Offertory Summary for January 31, 2021

Parishioner Contributions: \$5,852.00

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.

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