

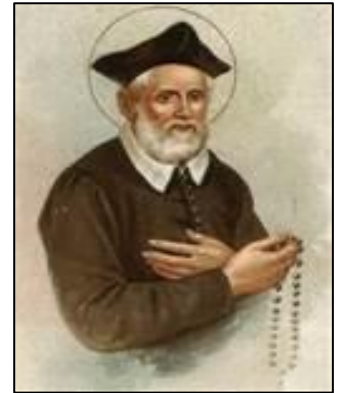
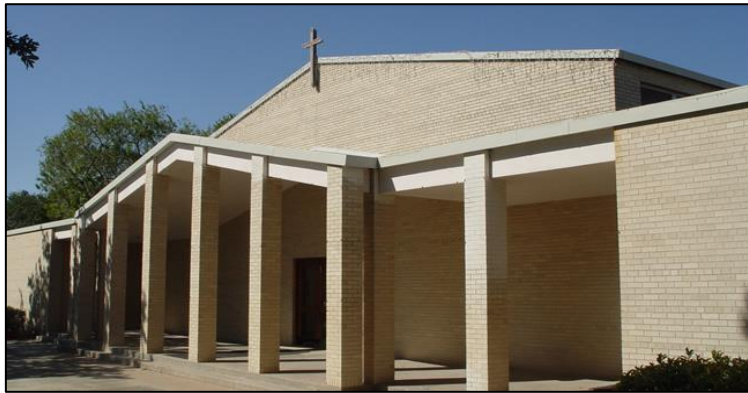
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 2, 2021

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Mon-Tue 7:00 pm

Wed-Thurs-Fri..... 7:00 am

Thurs – Adoration..... 7am – 7pm

Saturday..... 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am ONLY!



Thursday Adoration 7:00 am – 6:00 PM
First Friday Holy Hour of Reparation
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the parish office for appointment with the Pastor. Preparation classes are required for parents and Godparents.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(CONFESSION)

Only by appointment!

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples must contact the Pastor or any of our Deacons at least six months prior to the intended wedding date. If remarrying and in other special cases, one year before intended wedding date.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Anyone who is scheduled for surgery for a serious illness; anyone whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age should be anointed as soon as possible (preferably before going to the hospital). Contact the Parish priest for anointing.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Please contact the parish office before making arrangements with the funeral home.

Sign up to receive text and email messages from the parish.

Text the word SPNH to 84576 or visit flocknote.com/spnhou

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 2, 2021

Acts 9:26-31
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8

MONDAY MAY 3, 2021

FEAST OF ST. PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

1 Cor. 15:1-8
John 14:6-14

TUESDAY MAY 4, 2021

Acts 14:19-28
John 14:27-31a

WEDNESDAY MAY 5, 2021

Acts 15:1-6
John 15:1-8

THURSDAY MAY 6, 2021

Acts 15:7-21
John 15:9-11

FRIDAY MAY 7, 2021

Acts 15:22-31
John 15:12-17

SATURDAY MAY 8, 2021

Acts 16:1-10
John 15:18-21

APRIL 25, 2021 CONTRIBUTIONS

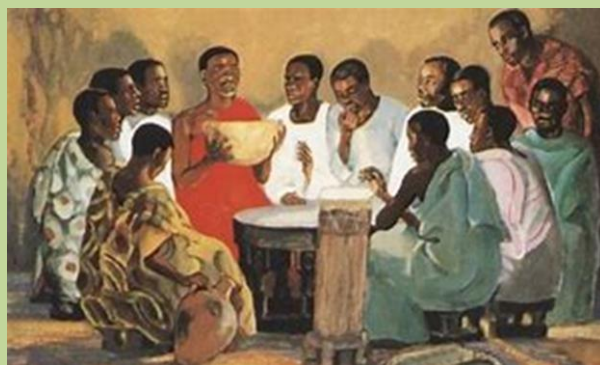
CANDLES	\$ 135.00
60 TH ANNIVERSARY	\$ 600.00
MASS INTENTION	\$ 5.00
HOME MISSIONS	\$ 356.55
MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS	480.00
COLLECTION	\$ 4,247.10
TOTAL	\$ 5,832.65

DSF & IGNITE

Please keep paying your DSF & IGNITE pledges.

ATTENDEES

SATURDAY 26
SUNDAY 55



Jesus tells us in today's Gospel that he reminds in us and if we remain in him we will bear much fruit. Gathered together today, we are a visible sign of a community who remains in the Lord. May the sustenance we receive here from Word and Eucharist nourish us so that we may bear much fruit in the world.

TO KNOW HIM AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN

MASS INTENTION

SATURDAY MAY 1ST, 2021 -

MRS. JOHNNIE JOSEPH (RIP) - by Cynthia Bouie

ANDRA COLEMAN (RIP) - Rest in Peace my dear friend - by Mary Ward

MA'KHIA BRYANT (RIP) - by the People of St. Philip Neri

MILENA GODINEZ - "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" - by Ruth Thomas

SUNDAY MAY 2ND, 2021

MA'KHIA BRYANT (RIP) - by the People of St. Philip Neri

MARY ROSE McGEE (RIP) - Rest in heavenly peace Mom - by Mary Simon

BIBLE STUDY:

Bible Study will resume on May 5, 2021

One may request Mass Intentions by visiting the parish office from 9 am - 4:30 pm - Monday - Friday. ALL requests must be in writing

Due to COVID-19 we are strongly insisting on the wearing of face mask and observing social distancing in seating and going up for Holy Communion. Families are allowed to sit together. Take all handouts with you as you leave. Help yourself by reading Father's Bulletin Reflections during the week. Call in from your home for Tele-Bible Study every Wednesday, 7 p.m., teleconference: Dial 1-605.313.5544 - Access Code: 618351# Visit our website: <http://www.stphilipnerichurch.org> often for latest info and updates.



Pray for the Sick & Shut In

Get Well Soon

Dorothy Babineaux, Ruby Babineaux, Anna Broussard, Rose Broussard, Wallace Charles, James Clark, Leola Collins, Marie Collins, Betty Conley, Freddie Conley, Mary Demus, Earstene Dotson, Caffery Eli, Ruby Fields, Ann Foster, Amy Gallow, William Gardiner, Chundra Gates, Robert Gillord, Rose Guilbeau, Joseph Guillory, Karlin Good, Peter Good, Sheryl Graham, Anna Guidry, Daniel Guidry, Derella Heflin, Kendall Henry, Kyle Henry, Tracy Henry, Marie Hill, Willie Howard, Laura Huntsberry, Robert Gibson, Jane Johnson, Iona Jones, Vincent Jones, Kathryn Kay, Irving Kennerson, Howard Kennerson, Georgia Kyle, Ann LaDay, Orphy Lewis, Dee Lewis, Damian Manuel, Hazel Marks, Willie Mae Mays, Maxine Matthews, Joseph & Tallulah McMillon, Royce N. Meekins, Rodney Miller Latonya Miles, Geraldine Milson, Pauline Minkins, Lillie Morris, Kaelyn Mudd, Matthew Neveu, Shirley Perry, Josiah Peterson, Mary Beatrice Pickering, Krumslete Posey, Ricky Premeaux, Herman Rayme, Verna Rayme, Hila Richard, Geraldine Roberts, Winzell Roberts, Jr., Jaquetta Robinson, Kenneth Robinson, Mary Sallie, Merrick Sam, Sr., Shontell Robinson Sanders, The Sanders Family, Margaret Senegal, Mario Scott, Montra Scott, Brittany Sims, Roderick Simmons, Rufus Smith, Barbara Stafford, Campsey Thomas, Mary Ann Thomas, Johnny & Patricia Williams, Johnny Williams Jr., Cathy Winn, Raymond Winn, Jim 'Papa' Woods, Jean Zeno, Reginald Jackson, Judy Humphries, Marina Guilbeau, Delores Mitchell, Dorothy Spencer, Richard Robles, David A. Robinson, Desria Pradia, Joe Mott, Dr. Ralph Watson and all of the ill and shut-ins.

CALL TO GLORY

Joseph Ronald Jean and family lost mother and grandmother last Tuesday, April 27, **ARTHURINT CHRISMAN (RIP)**, aged 94 years. Our prayers are with the family. May she rest in peace! Amen

FROM FR. CHRIS ALIMAJI'S DESK 2021
Reflections on the Fruits of True
Discipleship

On this Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B, May 2, 2021, the Bible Readings are Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8 and our Psalm of Praise is Ps 98. Our theme for reflections is the Fruits of True Discipleship. Three points for reflection stand out from the bible readings: (a) Persecution and Conversion, (b) Unity with Christ, and (c) Growing like vines – Connectedness.

Persecution and Conversion: At this first century Christianity, the Church of Christ was under persecution and fear. There was terror on every side, and Saul was carrying the vendetta of arresting Christians almost from door to door and throwing them into jails. Christ himself then called him to conversion. Notice that the Lord did not see Saul as irredeemable. While the first Christians reacted in fear, Jesus showed mercy. He saw Saul-Paul as having the zeal and talent to spread the gospel to the ends of the earth, and to bear fruit for the Church. With Paul's baptism in Damascus, he immediately continued in his usual zeal, to the effect that he began to proclaim Christ as Lord right there in Damascus, and back to Jerusalem. It is remarkable that we take note of the role of the disciple Barnabas. Taking charge of Paul, he brought him to the apostles and gave the testimony of his encounter with the Lord. Notice also that the apostles were able to trust Barnabas regarding Paul's conversion, trusting his new life and true witnessing. There was peace and consolation of the Holy Spirit in the Church in Jerusalem after those days. Like Barnabas and Paul, what is your role in the Church of Christ for its unity and in bearing good fruit? We too are empowered to bear fruit in answering the call of spreading the Good News. We must also expect our share of hardship before we can bear good fruit in discipleship.

Unity with Christ: In the community of believers, there are always people and persons of various kinds. Some persons are highly talented while some are not so much talented. With patience we discover that everyone has something to offer for the good of the community. It is very important to note first of all, that we are children of God. Our second reading last Sunday, 1 John 3:1-2 made that clear to us. We must hold firm to that whenever we gather. But like the book of Job said, when the children of God gathered to pray, Satan was also among them. (cf. Job 1:6)). As in today's Second Reading, we are called to hold on to "love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." (1 John 3:18). Truthfulness is the necessary characteristic to mold us into the true new people of God. Are we true to ourselves in the Church? Are we present, not to deceive but to faithfully

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put in our best? Hence, St. John wrote: "Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him." (1 John 3:21-22). So, we can then ask, "What kind of persons make up our Christian community? Do we spread falsehood or truth? The Lord said that by their fruits you shall know the true disciples. So, what kind of fruits do you bear in your Christian community? What effects, that is, how do they affect our Christian community? Do they bring/encourage hatred or love, division or growth and peace? A true Christian community would always bring and encourage unity with Christ, unity in diversity of opinions, gifts, ministries, etc.

Growing like vines – Connectedness: My third point here is that of the vine metaphor in today's Gospel. Like my preceding point, this metaphor also connotes unity with Christ and with one another. But I want to highlight the aspect of connectedness which has to do with vines. In growing like vines, we consider its flexible stem that connects spirally around posts, climbing up fences, wrapping around other plants. It connects to everything in its surroundings. If Jesus is the vine and we are his branches, are we not connected to one another? The vine does not discriminate on what to connect to in its way. It just brings everything together; hence, we also talk about togetherness in the Church of Christ. The Church of God passes through various stages from year to year, built in the spirit. Try to notice its growth and stages. Some think it is waiting for them, whenever they choose to stay away or boycott the community. You must remain in the community if you want to bear good fruit for it. "Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned." (John 15:6). So, stay in your community and become its glue by the fruits you bear to the glory of God (cf. John 15:8). Whoever is not gathering with Christ scatters the community, either by words or by attitude. Therefore, let us become the Barnabas of our Christian community, bringing everyone together with love.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to our Auxiliary Bishop George A. Sheltz who celebrated his 75th Birthday on April 19 with a drive-through parade at the Archbishop Joseph A. Fiorenza Priest Retirement Residence at St. Dominic's Village here in Houston. May the Lord continue to sustain him, and speed up his recovery from injuries from a fall recently.

IGNITE CAMPAIGN

As your pastor, I'm hereby encouraging all parishioners to continue to contribute towards the IGNITE Campaign. As you know, our parish share-percentage will fund the repair of the church doors and provide screens for songs at Mass. Thank you for contributing even when we are not shouting about it weekly.

DSF ANNUAL APPEAL

In this month of May, the second DSF Appeal will be made in church. We wish to remind you of your pledges that they need to be redeemed regularly. If you haven't pledged at all, then plan to do so this time around. We must make our parish proud.

POPE FRANCIS CALLS FOR MAY PRAYER

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Pope Francis has called for a global prayer marathon for the entire month of May, praying for the end of the pandemic.

"The initiative will involve in a special way all shrines in the world" in promoting the initiative so that individuals, families and communities all take part in reciting the Rosary, "to pray for the end of the pandemic," said the Pontifical Council for Promoting new Evangelization in a press release April 21.

It is the heartfelt desire of the Holy Father that the month of May be dedicated to a prayer marathon dedicated to the theme, 'from the entire Church an unceasing prayer rises to God,' it said.

60TH ANNIVERSARY

To ST, Philip Neri Catholic Church: The 60th Anniversary is still planning events for the 60th Anniversary Celebration of our church, the mass will not be on May 23, 2021, we are waiting on a new date pending an answer from Daniel Cardinal DiNardo. The date will be in May or June. As soon as we get confirmation, we will announce it in the bulletin. Please continue to contribute to the fund; the money we raise will go towards replacing doors on the church. There are green envelopes in the back of the church. We are still asking all families who are financially able to donate \$200.00 or those who cannot contribute that amount, please give what you can and we will be very appreciative of any amount given to help our church financially. We thank you in advance for your kindness.

The 60th Anniversary Committee

"When we act in accord with the Spirit, we show our kinship with Jesus, "for whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:35). Resisting temptation is not easy, for the serpent is a formidable foe, but when we do we progress toward the reward of "an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison

(2 Corinthians 4:17).

How important is your priest?

If the choir is present but the priest isn't, can there be a Mass? If the Eucharistic Ministers are there but the priest isn't, can there be a Mass? If the congregation is there but the priest isn't, can there be a Mass?

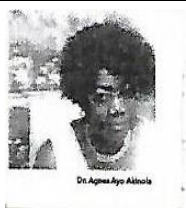
If the priest is there but the choir, Eucharistic Ministers, and congregation isn't, can there be a Mass? Let that sink in. Honor, Respect and Pray for your priest. Without him, there is no Eucharist. Show him the appreciation he richly deserves.

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4. Mindfulness – Meditation/ Music/ Relaxation
5. Yoga/ guided imagery
6. Christian talk therapy



Dr. Agnes Ayo Adesola





10 Sins That Must Be Confessed

You can't receive the Eucharist if you've:

- 1) Missed a weekend or Holy Day Mass without a valid reason.
- 2) Having sex outside of marriage, with yourself (masturbation) or someone else.
- 3) desecrated the Eucharist
- 4) haven't been to confession in a year
- 5) Use artificial birth control - condoms, pills, patches, IUD's, etc.
- 6) sponsor or help in any way with an abortion or any destruction of an embryo.
- 7) Murder
- 8) Hate/Anger
- 9) Lust after someone
- 10) Pride, Greed, Sloth, Envy etc. etc. The list is not exhaustive, and any sin that we have meditated on beforehand, understood its gravity and still chosen to do it can be a deadly sin.

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