

SAINT PHILIP NERI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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UPDATE

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ *July 25th, 2021*

Sunday Masses: Vigil on Saturday @ 4:00 p.m. Sunday @ 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Daily Masses: Monday-Friday: 6:15 and 9:00 a.m.

Confessions: Saturday: 2:30-3:30, anytime by appointment

Scripture Insights

In the middle of Ordinary Time, the Church takes time to read John 6. That chapter opens with the multiplication of five loaves and two fish. This is one of only two stories that all four Gospels relate. Jesus seems to be following in the footsteps of the great prophets like Elisha who multiplied loaves and grain, but two things set Jesus' actions apart from the Old Testament prophets. First, he takes the bread and fish and gives thanks and then distributes them. Second, he has the disciples gather up what's left over. Twelve baskets of fragments are left, one for each of the disciples who doubted they could feed the multitude.

Fair Committee Meeting will be this Wednesday, July 28 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Parishioners' Center. Our Parish Fair is scheduled for Friday & Saturday, November 5 & 6.

An Invitation to Men to Make an ACTS Retreat

The ACTS Retreat, an extraordinary weekend experience begins on a Thursday evening and ends with Sunday Mass here at St. Philip Neri. The ACTS Retreat meets people where they are in their spiritual journey. All men are invited to join other St. Philip Neri parishioners for this weekend experience: An ACTS Retreat, for Men only will take place **Thursday evening, September 9th to Sunday at noon, September 12th**, at Lumen Christi Retreat Center in Schriever, Louisiana. Transportation to and from the Lumen Christi Retreat House will be provided. Everyone who is at least twenty-one years old is strongly encouraged to attend. For more information or to register for the retreat, please call the Church Office at (504)887-5533.

Help for Parents with the Current Drug Crisis

We wish to invite all parents, adolescents and adults to a special presentation by Dan Schneider, *Help for Parents with the Current Drug Crisis*. This will be **Tuesday, August 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose Room (Gym) in the Parishioners' Center.**

Dan Schneider is a pharmacist from St. Bernard and father of two. He presently resides in Covington and is a member of Holy Trinity parish. Dan lost his son in 1999 during a drug deal in the ninth ward. He subsequently took on the Opioid industry after successfully helping catch his son's killer and taking down the most notorious pill doctor in New Orleans history. He is an advocate for education and drug awareness. Dan's story is currently chronicled in the Netflix documentary, *The Pharmacist*.

An Evening of Information Catholic Faith

Are you, or someone you know, interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? If so, please join us for an evening of inquiry to be held in the Parishioners' Center on **Wednesday, August 25th at 7:00 p.m.** There will an opportunity to ask any questions.

Philip Pisciotta Book Signing Next Week

Parishioner Phil Pisciotta has written a novel, *In Love*. This is the story of a New Orleans man, his love of God, love of a woman, love of his profession, and his love of life. Love propels him through various adventures. He leads an extremely interesting life with God always in the forefront. This is a must-read. Book signing will be after all Masses next week, July 31/August 1. The discounted price is \$14.00 Paperback and \$24.00 Hardcover. All proceeds are going to St. Philip Neri Church. Checks may be made out to *St. Philip Neri Church*. This is his second published book; the first was *The Calling*, a biography.

Saint Peter Chrysologus (Feast Day is Friday, July 30th)

Saint Peter Chrysologus was a fifth-century Italian bishop known for testifying courageously to Christ's full humanity and divinity during a period of doctrinal confusion in the Church. He is distinguished for the concise but theologically rich reflections he delivered during his time as the Bishop of Ravenna. Peter was ordained to the diaconate by the local bishop Cornelius, whom he greatly admired. The lessons of his mentor inspired Peter to live as a monk for many years, embracing a lifestyle of asceticism, simplicity, and prayer. His monastic life came to an end, when he became bishop of Ravenna. Peter exercised zeal and pastoral care in curbing abuses and evangelizing non-Christians. One of the major heresies of his age, monophysitism, held that Christ did not possess a distinct human nature in union with his divine nature. Peter labored to prevent the spread of this error. Acclaimed as a Doctor of the Church, he died in 450.

This Week's Scripture Readings: July 26th-August 1st

Mon: Exodus 26:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35

Thurs: Ex40:16-21, 34-38; John 11:19-27

Tues: Ex 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28; Mt 13:36-43

Fri: Lv 23:1, 4-11; 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Mt 13:54-58

Wed: Exodus 34:29-35; Matt 13:44-46

Sat: Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Matt 14:1-12

Sunday: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist

This being the Year of the Eucharist and St. Joseph, we have scheduled a four-session series, *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist*. The sessions are carefully designed to help participants discover the powerful way that God is present to us in the Eucharist, inviting us into an intimate union with himself. Over four successive Wednesdays, we will examine the effects of the sacrament and its setting in the Mass, explore the scriptural foundation of the sacrament, and discover the beauty and transformative power of the grace God offers us in this sacrament.

The Presence series utilizes session videos and a study guide for each participant. Sessions will be in the Meeting Rooms of the Parishioners' Center on **Wednesday mornings at 9:45 a.m. and evenings at 7:00 p.m., September 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd**. Sessions will be a little over an hour.

Session 1: God is with Us

Session 3: Bread for the Journey

Session 2: The Story of the Eucharist

Session 4: Biblical Foundations of the Eucharist

In order for us to have sufficient study guides, we need you to fill out this registration form and drop it off at the Church Office by Monday, August 23rd. A goodwill offering will be taken up to offset the cost of the study guides.

Yes, I would like to sign up as a participant in Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist

Name _____ Email Address _____ Phone _____

