

Dear Parishioners,

Congratulations to all of our confirmation students! We thank their parents, godparents, sponsors and teachers who helped to prepare them to receive this sacrament last Wednesday! Let us continue to remember them in prayer that they will be faithful witness and a reflection of God's love in our world!

It is time for parish elections! We are in need of 5 people to serve on our parish council and 5 people to serve on our school board for the upcoming year. If you would be interested in serving in this capacity, please be sure to notify Bruno Kozimor for School Board or Larry Ziska for Parish Council no later than April 28th. Bio's will be in the bulletin the weekend of May 1st. Elections will be held on May 7th and 8th. Parish Council meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month and School Board meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings usually last only for an hour.

Blessings,
Fr. John

Question of the Week – What qualities do you believe are most important for Jesus' disciples?

Reading 1 Acts 14:21-27

Reading 2 Revelations 21:1-5a

Gospel John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Reflection: Jesus is saying farewell to his friends at the Last Supper. He tells them that he will soon be "glorified." They still do not really get the message about his death and resurrection. They love him too much to face the reality of his crucifixion. So Jesus gathers them close and says, "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer." He tells them how they are to keep his presence alive within them after he is physically absent. "Love one another," he says.

PARISH SUPPORT WEEK	APRIL 10 – 16	DID YOU KNOW... THAT THE ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL WALK-A-THON IS THURSDAY, April 29 th ?
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$16,056.25	The goal is to raise \$12,000. We are about half-way to the goal! YES, we are still accepting donations! If you would like to help us reach our goal, mail your donations to the Parish Office or go online to https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1485 to make your donation.
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$59,348.08	Thank you for your continued support of our school and parish!
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$43,291.83)	
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$1,057,904.21	
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$1,061,966.45	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$4,062.24)	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

APRIL 30/MAY 1

ALTAR SERVERS: 5:00 PM: Jayden Mulcahy, Kobe Mulcahy
10:30 AM: Wyatt Brungardt, Tiana Earlywine

CANDLE BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Genesis Mulcahy, Alex Negus
10:30 AM: Andrew Fink, Aydin Meehan

LECTORS: 5:00 PM: Hugh Reilly
7:30 AM: Dorie Mittlieder
10:30 AM: Kellie Brock

DEACON: 10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks

EMHCs: 5:00 PM: Angie Bahle-Lampe, Jacquie Dahlin, Kim Hill, Matt Swoboda, Theresa O'Neill
7:30 AM: Madelaine Adler, Norine Hoffman, Bob and Betty Jones, Dorothy Polan
10:30 AM: Bev Baer, Tamatha Buell, Roy Edwards, Mary Fink, Need 1 volunteer

GIFTBEARERS: 5:00 PM: Lampe Family
7:30 AM: Kathy Rossitto
10:30 AM: Brock Family

MUSICIANS:

5:00 PM: Drew Neneman
10:30 AM: Todd von Kampen and Friends

NERI DOLLAR SELLERS: 5:00 PM: Joni Locher
7:30 AM: Nancy Core
10:30 AM: Cathy Fluckey

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Mary Breitkrutz, Wayne and Ellen Russell, Mary Ann Taylor

COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Sharon Olson, April Collamer

IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Bonnie Shea, Mary Todd

USHERS: 5:00 PM: Fred Bonacci, Dave Sedlacek, Jim Coe, Ron Allbright, Rock Cramer
7:30 AM: Bill Wilber, Carl Sedlacek, Chuck Holderness, Chuck Livengood
10:30 AM: Rick Krebs, Fred Maycock, Tim Kiuntke, Carl Cramer

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES OF MICHEALE "MICKY" OLDHAM AND MAUREEN "REENEY" MURRAY. Micky was buried from here this past Thursday. Reeney is the sister-sister-in-law of Peg and Pat Ricketts. She was buried from St. Patrick's Church in Elkhorn this past Friday.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ST. PHILIP NERI-BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH for all the services extended to me and my family after the death of my niece, Erin Ferraguti. Special thanks to Guardian Angels Circle for organizing and serving the luncheon, the parishioners who donated salads and desserts and sent condolence cards to me, and Father John who was so welcoming to all. I heard so many compliments about our church and about the funeral luncheon ministry our parish offers. Sometimes I take things for granted and this reminded me I should not. On behalf of myself and the Ferraguti family, I thank you for all the kindness and blessings extended to us.
~ Lucia St. Cyr

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO COMPLETED THE PARISH SURVEY that was included with Father John's Christmas letter. We received about a 30% response and the Parish Council has evaluated these responses with a summary to be published in the near future. We are using your responses to create a 5 year plan of priorities for our parish, both spiritually and physically. Please know that your communication through this survey is very important to the growth of St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament!
~ The Parish Council

FR. CHUCK SWANSON CELEBRATING 50 YEARS AS PRIEST
St. Philip Neri Parish was Fr. Charles "Chuck" Swanson first parish to serve at after he was ordained. He actually went to the Parish Office at Blessed Sacrament, knocked on the door, when someone answered he introduced himself as their new priest. When they said "we are not getting a new priest", he told them "Yes, you are and I am your new priest." He discovered he had knocked on the wrong Parish door. Fr. Swanson was honored April 19th at the annual priest jubilee celebration. Please help us shower Fr. Chuck with best wishes by sending a card to: Fr. Chuck Swanson 2504 S 47th St., Omaha, NE 68106.
Thank you and Congratulations Fr. Chuck!

LOOKING AHEAD TO JUNE 4TH OF THIS YEAR, the Parish will be sponsoring a bus to take out parishioners to the Cathedral to see our own Rev. Mr. Pat Niels be ordained a priest. Before we order this bus, we would like to know how many will be going so we know what size a bus to order. There are sign-up sheets at each door so we can get a head count.

OPEN HOUSE TODAY! St. Gerald's Parish has completed the work on their Chapel (7859 Lakeview in Ralston) & have invited us to the Open House today from 2 – 4 p.m. Items from Blessed Sacrament Parish were used in the renovation. Please stop by & see the new Chapel.

Please invite all of your friends and join us for a great time at the Notre Dame Sister's "Czech Style" Pork Dinner Today, April 24 – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. – St. Phillip Neri Activity Center. Takeouts available. Enjoy live Czech music, fresh kolaches, baked goods, crafts & visiting with friends.

THE ALTAR SOCIETY IS SPONSORING A QUILT SHOW on Saturday, April 30 from 10 - 5pm in the Activity Center. Admission is \$2.00. We are still taking quilts for show...call Kathy Rossitto at 402-571-8161.



CHRISTIAN HUMOR Arguing with a woman is like reading the software license agreement. In the end, you ignore everything and click "I agree."

ARE YOU CONSIDERING RUNNING FOR THE SPN SCHOOL BOARD OR THE PARISH COUNCIL? We are accepting nominees for the upcoming elections to be held May 7 & 8. To be an eligible candidate you must be at least 18 years old, a registered St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament parishioner, worship regularly at Sunday Mass, & be involved in parish activities. Elected members will serve for a minimum of 3 years & can be re-elected for an additional 3 year term. If you would like to nominate someone, please contact Larry Ziska, current Council president at zziska@aol.com via email or ph 402-451-3189 or Bruno Kozimor, current School Board president at ph 402-455-3994 with your nominations or call the Parish Office & submit your full name & your phone number. We will require a bio. If you have questions regarding the Parish Council & School Board, please do not hesitate to call Larry or Bruno.

THE GARDEN ANGELS ARE GETTING BUSY. If you would like to help defray the costs of beautifying our grounds, please drop your change in the water cans by the doors of Church or you can put it in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket. If you would like to help by pulling weeds, planting, or watering, please call the Parish Office.

WE ARE WORKING ON OUR 2017 PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR – JULY 1, 2016 – JUNE 30, 2017. If you have not contacted the Parish Office & spoken with Fr. John about the plans for your group for the next year, please do so as soon as possible.

MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 25 – MAY 1		
Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Del Murphy + Karlee Popstein
Wednesday	8:15 AM	PJ Int. Donna Sobotka +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Joe Thibodeau + Colleen Minturn +
Friday	8:15 AM	Ed and Mary Spellman +
Saturday	5:00 PM	John Gubbels + Deacon Al LeClair +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Patricia Sedlacek + Margaret Manson +
	10:30 AM	Our Parish Family

LET US CONTINUE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS as they go forth with courage and determination to face the forces of violence, weapons of destruction and hearts filled with hate.

~ **NERI DOLLAR NEWS** ~

The following companies are offering additional rebate for the two weeks:

- Home Depot
- Kohl's
- Younkers



The cards for Wal-Mart can be used for purchases at Sam's Club.

The cards for No Frills can be used at No Frills, Bag N Save and Family Fare stores.

Please keep in mind that since the Rectory is closed on Mondays, all special preorders are due by 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays.

ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL

“Show me the path where I should walk, O Lord; point out the right road for me to follow.” Psalm 25.4

THE ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL SPRING MUSICAL “AESOP’S FOIBLES” will be Thursday, April 28th in the SPN Activity Center. The dress rehearsal will be at 1:45 p.m. and the performance will be at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome at either performance.



“WALK TO THE BEAT”

On April 29th the students of St. Philip Neri will be walking in the Florence neighborhood

moving to groovy music, while directly being involved in raising money to make their school a better place. Our goal this year is to raise \$12,000. We are asking for your prayers and monetary donations in any increment.

To donate - mail your donation to:

**St. Philip Neri Home and School,
8200 N. 30st St., Omaha, NE 68112**

100% of the money raised will be used for the school.

ST. PHILIP NERI-BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH Invites Children to Cave Quest VBS: Following Jesus, the Light of the World!

Hosted at **Cooper Farm** from **June 13 – 17 from 9 a.m. - Noon!** Kids - **Pre-K to 5th Grade** will explore what it means to follow Jesus through dark times & participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make & dig into yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of Jesus’ love, & test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they’ll take home & play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. For more information, or if you would like to volunteer in this event contact Sam Hensel at 402-455-2190 or Cell# 402-714-1582, e-mail slhensel@archomaha.org

during the 2016-2017 school year, please complete our form available at the doors of Church & in the parish office. We would love to have additional grandmas & moms to help us lead our meetings, so let us know if you are interested in that as well! We typically have about 2 dozen girls & meet only once a month. Little Flowers is a Girls Club based on the teaching of St. Therese of Lisieux & her yearning to bring more souls to Jesus. We focus on other women saints, virtues, & bible verses while singing songs, playing games, & completing crafts. If you want to know more or come to one of this year’s meetings to check it out, please call Amanda Sherer for details. (712-216-1713)

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

SPECIAL COLLECTION: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – At All Masses

9:00 A.M. **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION** - School

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD – During 10:30 Mass

11:00 A.M. **NOTRE DAME SISTERS PORK DINNER** – Activity Center

3:00 P.M. **SCOUTS** - Parish Center

MONDAY, APRIL 25

NO SCHOOL – Teacher in Service

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

8:15 A.M. **SCHOOL MASS – GRADES K – 4** - Church

7:00 P.M. **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING** - Activity Center Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

8:15 A.M. **SCHOOL MASS – GRADES 5 – 8** - Church

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

8:15 A.M. **ALL SCHOOL MASS** - Church

1:45 P.M. **SPRING MUSICAL DRESS REHEARSAL** – Activity Center

7:00 P.M. **RCIA** - Parish Center

7:00 P.M. **SPRING MUSICAL “AESOP’S FOIBLES”** – Activity Center

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

“WALK TO THE BEAT” – SPN School

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

ALTAR SOCIETY QUILT SHOW – Activity Center

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

SPECIAL COLLECTION – CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN – At Mass

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

LITTLE FLOWERS: It is that time again to fill out Registration Forms! If you are interested in participating in Little Flowers

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THE ESSENTIAL PREGNANCY SERVICES ROSE DRIVE IS MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND, May 7th & 8th. After all Masses, Knights of Columbus invite you to select a lovely long stemmed rose in return for your \$5.00 donation to EPS. Giving EPS roses is a wonderful way to acknowledge special people in your life while helping expectant women choose life for their little ones.

FREE ORGANIC COMPOST Resembles Black Dirt for gardens - Tilled shavings & horse manure – must come out & pick it up. Call Rose Edwards at 402-571-2171.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP If your cancer has come back, or you're living with chronic cancer treatments, this group will focus on ways to help you feel better, cope with cancer, deal with treatment, & lift each other's spirits. The group meets the second & fourth Tuesday of each month, 4:00-5:30 p.m., at the Servite Center of Compassion, 7400 Military Ave.

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL'S SPRING CONCERT is Tues., April 26, 6:30 p.m. at Mercy High School, 1501 S. 48th St. The student artwork being displayed as part of the Art Show starts the same evening as the concert & will continue through Sun., May 1. For more info., call Deborah Daley at 402-553-9424.

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE AQUINAS FORUM, a Catholic lecture series for inquiring minds on Tues., April 26, 7 p.m., at Gloria Deo, 13065 W. Center Rd. Author & Catholic convert Shaun McAfee will present "St. Robert Bellarmine: The Doctor and Saint." The Aquinas Forum at Gloria Deo is free & open to the public; free will offerings welcome.

THE SERVITE CENTER OF COMPASSION offers support to help those dealing with dementia in loved ones. The group meets with facilitator Nancy Flaherty, MS, CDP, the first Thursday of each month, from 10-11:30 a.m., at 7400 Military Ave. There is no cost. To register, call Sr. Margaret Stratman at 402-951-3026.

BETHLEHEM HOUSE INVITES YOU TO THE 2ND ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE on Thurs., May 12 at 11:30am. The fundraising event will be held at **Tiburon Golf Club**, 10302 S. 168th St. Register, visit www.BethlehemHouseOmaha.org by April 28. For assistance with registration or payment, call Bethlehem House at 402-502-9224.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PUT A TEAM OF 4 TOGETHER FROM THE PARISH, The cost is \$100 per player which includes range, green fees, box lunch, & dinner at the clubhouse afterward. To register your team, visit www.BethlehemHouseOmaha.org

WOMEN'S DONATION DRIVE Spring is here & summer is fast approaching! It is time to swap out the old wardrobe & replace it with the new. It's also the perfect time to clean out your closets & consider donating your new & gently worn clothing & accessories to The Humble Lily. Drop off donations during store hours-Mon. – Sat., 10am-6pm. The boutique supports the mission of Bethlehem House. Donation questions, call 402-933-3366.

EXPLORING THE MANDALA FOR MEDITATION & RELAXATION Fri., May 13, 9am –3pm Knowles Mercy Retreat Center A mandala is a design, simple or complex, contained within a circle. The circle is considered to be a calming shape & the container of sacred space. While the mandala has been used for centuries by certain cultures, we in the west have discovered only recently, the value of it as a way to focus & calm our over-busy minds. You will use the simple task of coloring the pattern of the mandala to bring new insights to the challenges you face from day to day. Be assured you need no "artistic talent" nor do you need any preparation. Come & find an interesting & fun way to relax & help you meditate.

LIVING MINDFULLY RETREAT DAY Wed., May 25, 9 am-3pm open to anyone who would like to explore mindful living. It will be a day of action, your active involvement in mindful awareness of God. God's abundance is present in nature, within ourselves & in our relationships. Since these gifts are often revealed & experienced in the quiet, a sacred silence will be observed throughout the day.

To learn more about the above retreats or register contact Knowles Mercy Center 402-359-4288

DAY OF REFLECTION – DESIRING GOD'S WILL St. Benedict Ctr. Schuyler Sat., May 14, 10 am to 4 pm This retreat day for **all singles** is co-sponsored by Widowed, Divorced & Separated of Omaha & St. Benedict's Center. Desiring God's will is based in the truth that we are deeply loved. "I have learned in whatever degree I am, to be content" (Philippians 4:11). In this day of reflection, we will explore together our being deeply loved & get in touch with the deepest source of contentment. Presenter is Mary Jane Tynan, Spiritual Director. To register, please go to www.StBenedictCenter.com or contact Kay Buhrman, Coordinator Family Life Span & Bereavement, 402-551-9003, ext. 1304 or ekbuhrman@archomaha.org

THE WORD IN THE DESERT June 3 & 4 The early Christian monks in the Egyptian desert spoke words of great wisdom to those who sought their assistance. In our desert experiences, we can benefit from their insights today. Kathleen Norris has drawn deeply from this wisdom in her personal life, in her marriage, & in her relationship with God. Thus, her presentations will be at once intimate & historical, rich in poetry & meditations, brimming with exasperation and reverence, deeply grounded in both nature & spirit, sometimes funny, often provocative & always important. For more information call St. Benedict Center 402-352-8819 or visit <http://www.barclayagency.com/site/speaker/kathleen-norris>

Bakers Community Rewards

In 2015, Bakers decided to change how they handled their gift cards. Instead of allowing charitable organizations to purchase their gift cards at a discount, they decided to tie their contributions to an organization through their Plus card. This program works just like the Target's program where you must designate St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament as the place to send their donation based on the amount of your purchase.

To support St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Church, a customer must have 3 things to register:

- A Plus card, which is available at any store by asking an associate
- A valid email address, which can be obtained from any free online service and can be anonymous
- A personalized account at their website, which can be anonymous

To enroll in the Community Rewards Program:

1. Members must visit Baker's website at www.bakerplus.com/communityrewards
2. Sign in OR create an account (see instructions below to create an account)
3. Click on "Enroll Now"
4. Enter the 5-digit NPO number and search
NPO number is **14158**
5. Select "St. Philip Neri" and click on "Enroll"

To create an online account at Baker's website:

1. Visit Baker's website at www.bakerplus.com/communityrewards
2. Click on "Register" at top of the page
3. Enter your email address, password, zip code (select preferred store) and check the box if you desire to receive email communication from Baker's
4. Click on "Create Account" at the bottom of the page
5. You will receive an email confirmation to your inbox, to activate your account click on the link in the body of the email and enter your sign in information to confirm

For assistance setting up an online account or with general questions, please feel free to contact Bakers at 800-576-4377, option 3. Administrators are always welcome to email us at DCR@dillontores.com.