

Dear Parishioners,

Last Tuesday, June 21st was my fifth year of Priesthood Anniversary. Thank you very much for your prayers and best wishes. Memories of these five years of Priesthood have much connection to Saint Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish than my home diocese Songea, Tanzania. I have stayed here three years and ten months out of the five years. During this time you have been my family and friends. When I remember all that you have shared with me, saying goodbye then becomes such a sorrowful thing. It's not easy to leave behind you good people and beautiful things. But that is what our Lord Jesus Christ wants us to do as He told His disciples to leave all things behind them, to renounce themselves completely, keeping back nothing of their self-love, their family, friends and neighbor. Following this teaching I have to say goodbye to you, my family and friends.

I was gifted to stay with people of great love who have shared many of the significant moments with me. You shared your joys and grief with me. Some of you learned a little Swahili and called me a brother, a son, and a friend. It is therefore natural for me to feel a part of Saint Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament family. You have made me to miss you when I am gone. Because of such a great love and concern to me, I find myself I must bear your names in my heart, not only in my daily personal prayers, but also whenever I offer the sacrifice of the Holy Mass in my daily celebrations.

I also ask you to pray for me as I am going to make a new home at Mary Our Queen Parish.

May God keep you, and bless you always. Goodbye!

Fr. Gama.

Question of the Week – When did you first decide to follow Jesus?

Reading 1 1 Kings 19:16b; 19-21

Reading 2 Galatians 5:1, 13-18

Gospel Luke 9:51-62

Reflection: Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem. He is preparing himself to face suffering and death. He forgives the Samaritans who refuse to welcome him, showing his disciples how to behave toward their enemies. He then responds to three different people who want to follow him. Does he say, "Come with me and all will be well?" Not at all. Jesus tells them right up front that the cost of becoming his disciple is high. That cost may include giving up home, family, and means of income.

PARISH SUPPORT WEEK	JUNE 12 – 19	DID YOU KNOW... Our Groups & Clubs raise money all year long to help support our Parish & School. Although we are currently showing a deficit of \$75,000, we will be receiving substantial contributions from these Groups & Clubs prior to June 30th. In addition, we are still waiting for the funds from the OmahaGives campaign which is expected to be over \$30,000. At this time, we are projecting a deficit for our fiscal year of about \$20,000. If you would like to help offset this deficit, please contact Fr. John at the Parish Office. A huge THANK YOU goes to all the volunteers who work very hard all year long supporting our Groups & Clubs! They are a vital part of our success! THANK YOU!!
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$9,859.46	
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$56,362.96	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$46,503.50)	
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$1,188,633.82	
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$1,263,873.75	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$75,239.93)	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

JULY 2/3

ALTAR SERVERS: 5:00 PM: Zach Cypress, Gracie Murphy
 10:30 AM: Emily Crowe, Andrew Fink

CANDLE BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Ryan Pfeiffer, Amir Ring
 10:30 AM: Nick Meier, Jerad Peck

LECTORS: 5:00 PM: Hugh Reilly
 7:30 AM: Bruno Kozimor
 10:30 AM: Rich McShane

DEACON: 10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks

EMHCs: 5:00 PM: Jacquie Dahlin, Jim Shepherd
 Theresa O'Neill, Mary Ann Taylor,
 Angie Bahle-Lampe
 7:30 AM: Bob and Betty Jones,
 Regina Cronkhite,

10:30 AM: Larry Ziska, Need 1 volunteer
 DeLynne Clausen, Mary Fink,
 Wayne and Ellen Russell,
 Need 1 volunteer

GIFTBEARERS: 5:00 PM: O'Neill Family
 7:30 AM: McDonald Family
 10:30 AM: Wolodkewitsch Family

MUSICIANS: 5:00 PM:
 10:30 AM:

NERI DOLLAR SELLERS: 5:00 PM:
 7:30 AM:
 10:30 AM:

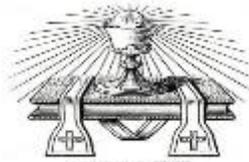
COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Bill Cheese, Norine Hoffman,
 Mary Todd

COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Sharon Olson, April Collamer

IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Bill Cheese, Dave Parks
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, Mark Lampe

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF ELIZABETH BARNHART.
 Elizabeth was a long time parishioner of our parish. She was buried from Calvary Catholic Cemetery this past Tuesday.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. TINO GAMA!
 Fr. Gama celebrated his 5 year anniversary of his ordination on Tuesday, June 21st. Please remember Fr. Gama in your prayers!



PLEASE JOIN US IN THE PARISH CENTER AFTER 7:30 AND 10:30 MASS Today, June 26 for a going away reception for Fr. Gama. He will be moving to Mary Our Queen Parish on Friday, July 1st.

THE FAMILY OF DONNA "TOOTIE" SMITH would like to thank all of those involved in her funeral. We would especially like to thank Fr. John for his loving support & help throughout her brief illness & funeral arrangement, & both he & Fr. Pat for presiding at the Mass. Thank you to Deanna & Drew for the Beautiful songs that she chose years ago, & to Barb Mensen & her crew for providing such a lovely luncheon afterwards. We are grateful beyond words. God bless you all!

WE RECEIVED A CALL FROM DEACON CHUCK WESKIRCHEN. He wanted to say "hello", let us know that he misses us & he was to have surgery on Tuesday, June 21st at UCLA Medical Center. Please keep him in your prayers. If you would like to send Deacon Chuck get well wishes, please send them to: Deacon Chuck Weskirchen; % Kathy Frank; 3521 Quail Road; Pinon Hills, CA 92372.

ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH MAKE UP THE ALTAR SOCIETY. If you don't belong to a Circle, you are considered an inactive member. We collect inactive dues (\$20) this time each year so we can pay for the Altar Breads, Missals and other special projects in the parish. Please send your dues (\$10 for active members/\$20 for inactive members) to the Parish Office or put them in the collection basket at church with "Altar Society" noted on the envelope. Thank you to those who have already donated!

IN THIS JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY, POPE FRANCIS HAS CALLED EACH OF US TO BE A WITNESS OF CHARITY. He encourages us to "open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help!" (Misericordiae Vultus [MV], no. 15). The Peter's Pence Collection unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. Your generosity allows the Pope to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters. The purpose of today's Peter's Pence Collection is to provide

the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease. **Thank you** for standing in solidarity with the Holy See through your generosity. Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in faith who are facing adversity.

~ NERI DOLLAR NEWS ~

Thank you to everyone who purchased Neri Dollars over the past year! Because of your participation, our Circle is able to "pay it forward" & write the Parish a check to help the fiscal year end.



All special preorders are due by 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday.

Mass Intentions June 27 – July 3

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Brian and Dennis Smith Danette, Tyler, Briahna Wilds Int.
Wednesday	8:15 AM	PJ Int. Mary Beauchene +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Our Parish Family
Friday	8:15 AM	Memorial Society
Saturday	5:00 PM	Donna Sobotka + Deacon Al LeClair +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Rod Manson + Bev Rawley +
	10:30 AM	Mary Ann Doran + Georgia O'Connor +

NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER FOR FAMILY FORMATION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR THE 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR! Registration Forms can be found at all of the doors in Church. *Registrations received after July 15th add \$100.*

Family Formation is a family-based catechetical program for families with children in Preschool through Grade 6 with an adult formation component. Family Formation is designed to help parents respond to the Church's call to be "the first & foremost educators of their children" & to help families grow in the transforming love of God by understanding & living the Catholic Faith. 7th & 8th grade Sacramental Preparation is also offered using Loyola Press's "Called to be Catholic" & "Confirmed in the Spirit" curriculum.

All questions & concerns should be directed to Sam Hensel, St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish Director of Religious Education Office# [402-455-2190](tel:402-455-2190) Cell # [402-714-1582](tel:402-714-1582) slhensel@archomaha.org

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A LECTOR OR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION & HAVE NOT COMPLETED THE ARCHDIOCESAN TRAINING, there will be classes on Aug. 7 at St. Columbkille from 1:30-4:30 pm, Aug. 9 at St. Leo from 7-10 pm, & Aug. 22 from 7-10 pm at St. Vincent de Paul. You are invited to attend one of these sessions. *Please contact the Parish Office no later than July 20 to register.* Mandation at St. Cecilia Cathedral on Thurs., Sept. 8 at 7 pm.

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

Beginning June 1st, the school office will be open from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. each day through June 30th. The office will be closed during the month of July.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CLAIRE FINK AND ASARAR GONY! Claire attained First Honors and Asarar attained Second Honors at Mercy High School for the fourth quarter.
We are proud of you!

GARDENING SEASON IS UPON US! Please remember to plan to donate to the Country Store at the Fall Festival when harvesting your gardens. This is sure to be the biggest and best Country Store ever - with your help and donations!

CHRISTIAN HUMOR I was reading an article last night about fathers and sons, and memories came flooding back of the time I took my son out for his first drink. Off we went to our local bar, which is only two blocks from the house. I got him a Miller Genuine. He didn't like it, so I drank it. Then I got him an Old Style; he didn't like it either, so I drank it. It was the same with the Coors and the Bud. By the time we got down to the Irish whiskey, I could hardly push the stroller back home.

THE WEEK AHEAD
SUNDAY, JUNE 26

- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION** – Trailer in Parking Lot
- SPECIAL COLLECTION AT BOTH MASSES** – Peter's Pence
- RECEPTION FOR FR. GAMA** – Parish Center after both Masses
- NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**
- NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

SATURDAY, JULY 2

- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION** – Trailer in Parking Lot
- NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**

SUNDAY, JULY 3

- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION** – Trailer in Parking Lot
- NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**
- NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

ATTENTION CRAFTERS! Your talents are needed for the Fall Festival Country Store! As you are making items, please remember items are needed for the Country Store. We are making plans for this to be the BIGGEST and BEST Fall Festival Country Store and plan to set records for sales at the Country Store!

ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS AND BAKERS:

St. Philip Neri Blessed Sacrament Parish is making a change in our annual Altar Society Bake Sale and Boutique. It is now going to be a Craft Show and Bake Sale. This will be held in our Activity Center on Saturday, November 19, 2016. We are still asking all women to please bake for this ALL DAY EVENT. We will need items to be dropped off Friday evening at the Activity Center. ALL proceeds from the bake sale and table rentals will go to the Altar Society's funds to help pay for Hosts (Altar Breads), Missals, and other Altar Society funded events. If you are a CRAFTER and interested in a table or tables for the Craft Show, please contact Beverly Baer at 402-650-1104 or email at bbaer1234@aol.com for details. There is a deadline for registrations so don't wait. Spaces will be filled on a first come-first serve basis and it is open for anyone, it is not just for parishioners. Reminders will be in our bulletin later in the year for our bakers to bring baked goods and parishioners to attend either or both aspects of this event.

WHAT IS THE FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM?

Each year dioceses around the country arrange special events to highlight the importance of defending religious freedom. The Fortnight for Freedom is from June 21—the vigil of the Feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More—to July 4, Independence Day—a great hymn of prayer for our country. Our liturgical calendar celebrates a series of great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power—St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More, St. John the Baptist, SS. Peter and Paul, and the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome. Culminating on Independence Day, this special period of prayer, study, catechesis, and public action would emphasize both our Christian and American heritage of liberty. We are Catholics. We are Americans. We are proud to be both, grateful for the gift of faith which is ours as Christian disciples, and grateful for the gift of liberty which is ours as American citizens. To be Catholic and American should mean not having to choose one over the other. Our allegiances are distinct, but they need not be contradictory, and should instead be complementary. That is the teaching of our Catholic faith, which obliges us to work together with fellow citizens for the common good of all who live in this land. That is the vision of our founding and our Constitution, which guarantees citizens of all religious faiths the right to contribute to our common life together. Freedom is not only for Americans, but we think of it as something of our special inheritance, fought for at a great price, and a heritage to be guarded now. We are stewards of this gift, not only for ourselves but for all nations and peoples who yearn to be free. Catholics in America have discharged this duty of guarding freedom admirably for many generations. Religious liberty is not only about our ability to go to Mass on Sunday or pray the Rosary at home. It is about whether we can make our contribution to the common good of all Americans. Can we do the good works our faith calls us to do, without having to compromise that very same faith? Without religious liberty properly understood, all Americans suffer, deprived of the essential contribution in education, health care, feeding the hungry, civil rights, and social services that religious Americans make every day, both here at home and overseas.

To all our fellow Catholics, we urge an intensification of your prayers and fasting for a new birth of freedom in our beloved country. We invite you to join us in an urgent prayer for religious liberty.

*Almighty God, Father of all nations,
For freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus (Gal 5:1).
We praise and bless you for the gift of religious liberty,
the foundation of human rights, justice, and the common good.
Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our
liberties;
By your grace may we have the courage to defend them, for
ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land.
We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our
patroness, and in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one
God, forever and ever. Amen.*

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE AQUINAS FORUM, a Catholic lecture series for inquiring minds on Tues., June 28, 7 p.m., at Gloria Deo, 13065 W. Center Rd. Author Dr. Kevin Vost will present **"The Catholic Art of Memory."** Dr. Vost, a revert to Catholicism after 25 years of atheism, is the author of over a dozen Catholic books including Memorize the Faith! & Memorize the Mass!, & has appeared on hundreds of Catholic radio & television programs. The Aquinas Forum at Gloria Deo is free & open to the public; free will offerings welcome.

ANNULMENT SEMINAR – June 30 at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 6:30 p.m. Deacon Ron Ryan from the Archdiocese Tribunal Office will talk about Canon Law and the theological reasons for obtaining an annulment. Time will be available for questions and answers about the annulment process. To register contact Kay Buhrman, Coordinator Family Life at 402-551-9003, ext. 1304 or email ekbuhrman@archomaha.org

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.

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.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS CHI Health Creighton University Medical Center is seeking adult volunteers to help in various areas of the hospital. If you like to meet new & interesting people, have the heart of a servant, & can spare a little time, Please go online to: www.CHIHealth.com/volunteers, select Creighton University Medical Center to apply & become a volunteer. The rewards are great!

COPING WITH LIFE ALONE for Adults and **WHO AM I NOW?** for Children at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 1920 N. 102 St. - Omaha, Wed. evenings at 7 p.m., July 6 - August 10.

COPING WITH LIFE ALONE SESSIONS for adults designed to help adult individuals work through the trauma of divorce, separation or the loss of a spouse through death. Open to individuals of all faiths. Sponsored by The Beginning Experience Team of Omaha. Cost is \$25. Scholarships are available. Pre-registration is required.

"Who Am I Now?" for children ages 5 -12 will be held in conjunction with the Coping With Life Alone Sessions for adults.

Designed to help children adjust to the changes in family life due to the death of a parent or the divorce or separation of their parents. The children are placed in age appropriate groups & guided in activities designed to help them express feelings about their experience. Cost is \$10 for one child or \$15 for a family. Scholarships are available. Pre-registration is required for the Children's sessions.

2016 MARRIAGE CELEBRATION Archbishop George J. Lucas invites you to attend the annual Mass honoring couples who are celebrating 5, 25, 40, 50, 55, 60 or more years of marriage on Sunday, Sept. 11th. Rosary at 1:30pm, Mass at 2pm. St. Cecilia's Cathedral, 715 N. 40th St. Seating begins at 1:15 p.m. Reception immediately following ceremony. Registration required by Wed., July 27th. Sponsored by the Center for Family Life Formation. If you have questions, contact Reggan 402-551-9003 x1300. For more info. & registration visit family.archomaha.org/enriching-marriage/enrichment-events/

Upcoming Retreats at St. Benedict Center, Schuyler, NE
July 2016 For more info., call 402-352-8819 or visit www.StBenedictCenter.com

Pope Francis' Encyclical, "On Care for Our Common Home (Laudato Si')," July 8-10, with Fr. Dennis Hamm, SJ. *Laudato Si'* is the appeal from Pope Francis addressed to "every person living on this planet" for an inclusive dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. Pope Francis calls the Church & the world to acknowledge the urgency of our environmental challenges & to join him in embarking on a new path.

Believing Is Seeing; Seeing Is Knowing, July 14 - 17 with Fr. Larry Gillick, SJ. These days will be spent together in spiritual silence. Conferences will be presented flowing from Scripture & the text of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Special emphasis will be placed on the call of Jesus to "Come and See" as well as Jesus' restoring physical sight to several persons in the Gospels. St. Ignatius wrote that the most important thing is not to know, but feel & taste the presence of God. We will do that.

Guided/Directed Retreat, July 17 – 23, with Fr. Dennis Hamm, SJ, Fr. Kevin Schneider, SJ, Renee L. O'Brien, & Sr. Ann Marie Petrylka, OSM. Is God inviting you to spend some quiet time in prayer & reflection? Would you like a place & direction to help you with this desire? During this retreat the group will gather daily for a conference. Each participant will meet individually with one of the directors every day. Opportunity to join the monks for Mass & prayer. Enjoy the Center with its beautiful grounds & artwork.