



ST. PHILIP NERI
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Twenty-Third & Twenty-Fourth
Sunday of Ordinary Time



September 6, &
September 13, 2020

Christ, the **Light** of the World



Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12) On February 2nd, forty days after Christmas, we celebrate the feast of the Purification, known as the Candlemas. It is the day Christ, who is the Light of the World, entered the temple and was cradled in the arms of His Immaculate Mother.

These candles are to give us light where there is darkness. In the GIRM, (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*), we see how it explains in 171: “The altar is to be prepared with at least one white cloth. In addition, on or next to the altar are to be placed candlesticks with lighted candles.”

Candles are symbols of the presence of Christ, the light of the world (Jn 8:12) and of Baptism by which we share in his light (Col 1:12), and are also signs of reverence and festivity.

Therefore, it says that that four or six candles should be used at least for Masses every Sunday and Holy Day’s of Obligation.

The candles around the altar help us realize the light of Christ to us in the prayers and helps us to focus on the Eucharist. These candles on the altar have been in a cupboard

in the back of the Church, and to bring them out is a great representation of this parish over the years. These were recently polished and refurbished with padding underneath by Dave Mills, husband of LeAnn Mills, new parishioners to St. Philip Neri. I thank them for making these look beautiful.

We as individuals, find ourselves using candles for special festivities, birthdays, in our homes, at dinners, holidays, etc. Candles hold a special place for us everywhere, and so why not make them an important part of our liturgy. As we participate together, let us come to receive Christ, who is the light of the world. Let us grow closer to Him, and continually open our hearts to find the light inside of us to be the light for the world to see.

We receive this light first at the Easter Vigil through the Paschal Candle and Easter fire. May we be the example we come to receive each week by our resounding “Amen” which means *I believe*, and use that every day of our lives.

Peace and Blessings, Fr. Andrew



Would you like to be more involved in our Parish community? We are searching for people that are interested in sharing their gifts and talents in these following areas. Please contact Kim Zea and the Parish office for more information or kzea@stphilipneripdx.org.

Adult Faith Formation Team

This team would work to develop a multi-faceted approach to adult faith formation by identifying, creating, and offering a variety of adult resources and opportunities.

Hospitality Team

This team would develop unique ways to create a warm, comfortable environment for our guests from the moment they walk into the door, in the neighborhood and to the homes of parishioners.

Communication Team

How can we reach multiple generations of people? How can we connect with new people? How can we help people take next steps to learn more about our church, get involved, and grow in their faith? It takes a dedicated communications leader and a team to intentionally and strategically organize the various communications messages that our church has to share with our congregation and community.



We are looking to develop programs to meet the needs of our families. If you have school age children that need faith formation or sacramental prep, we would like your input. Please contact Kim Zea at the Parish office.

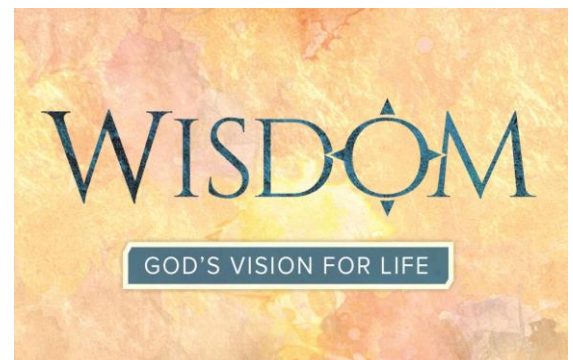
Coming Soon..... Online Bible Study on Wisdom

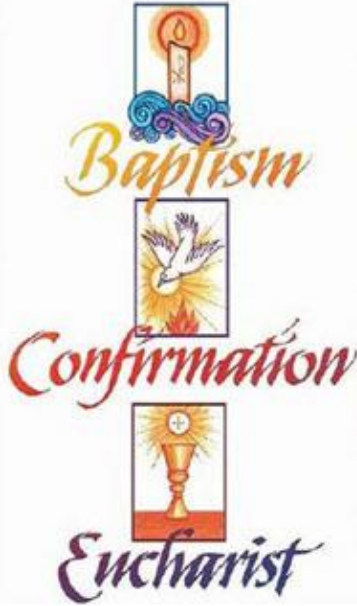
Do you wish you had more peace of mind? Could you use more wisdom in your decision-making? Do you ever wonder how to grow in wisdom?

You may not realize that Scripture offers us wisdom that actually relates to our daily lives. Through the wisdom literature of the Bible, God shows us how to walk in his vision for our happiness and well-being, as he created us to do. The wisdom literature—Proverbs, Wisdom, Sirach, and Ecclesiastes—shows us that God has showered us in livable wisdom.

Wisdom: God's Vision for Life is your guide to learning how to gather, gain, and grow in wisdom in your daily life. If you want to know what it means to live with God's wisdom and are ready to dive deeper into applying Scripture to your life, I invite you to join us for Wisdom, beginning in September.

You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help us to grow in fellowship as a parish as we grow closer to Christ together. Contact Kim Zea at the Parish Office (503-231-4955) for more information.





RCIA Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in knowing more about the Catholic way of life? Follow your heart and join us on the journey of Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Just because you start RCIA, doesn't mean you are committed to finish. If you are merely curious about what Catholicism is, please feel free to come. All are welcome.

The journey involves learning about the teachings and traditions of the Church as well as sharing in its rituals which outwardly express the community's blessing, joy and support. Contact Kim Zea for more information. Kzea@stphilipneripdx.org

JOY
is a net of love by
which you can catch
SOULS
~Mother Teresa



Mass Intentions

- Sat. Sept 5:** 8:00 a.m. – Theresa Donna Oh – Bona Oh
4:00 p.m. – † Rex Brown – Kerry-Lynne Bown
- Sun. Sep 6:** 9:30 a.m. – People of St Philip Neri
- Tue. Sep 8:** 8:00 a.m. – † Mary Cacia Niehaus – Ray Niehaus
- Wed. Sep 9:** 8:00 a.m. – † Frank & Helen Bruck – Dorothy Bruck
- Thur. Sep 10:** 8:00 a.m. – † Marguerite Fergus – Theresa Baker
- Fri. Sep 11:** 12:10 p.m. – † Ernest & Zita Carnese – Charles Carnese
- Sat. Sep 12:** 8:00 a.m. – Ambrose Calcagno Jr.
4:00 p.m. – † Joan Andreas – Dorothy Bruck
- Sun. Sep 13:** 9:30 a.m. – People of St Philip Neri
- Tue. Sept 15:** 8:00 a.m. – † Tiz Dalla Gasparina
- Wed. Sept 16:** 8:00 a.m. – † Giuse Pham - Theresa
- Thu. Sept 17:** 8:00 a.m. – † Fr. Rich Colgan CSP – Mary Loy
- Fri. Sept 18:** 12:10 a.m. – † Laura Lee Nelson – Nancy Salta
- Sat. Sept 19:** 8:00 a.m. – Ambrose Calcagno Jr.
4:00 p.m. – Ross Gilland – Sue Wandtke



Mickie Campagna ♥ Andrea Del Rosario ♥ Antonette Amato ♥ Eleanore Baccellieri ♥ Family of Joan Henkel ♥ Family of Don Dindia ♥ Family of Joan Andreas ♥ Family of Tiziano Dalla Gasperina

Please contact the office if you, or someone you know needs our prayers!
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"We the welcoming community of St. Philip Neri Parish, empowered by the compassion of Jesus and supported by the Eucharist and the Word, dedicate ourselves to engage with and enrich the lives of those we touch."

Reconciliation Times
Saturday
by appointment only

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