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Fourth Sunday in Lent ✠ March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### Pastoral Corner *by Fr. Nazario*

#### UNFAITHFULNESS TO THE COVENANT LEADS TO UNHAPPINESS

Last weekend we heard about the covenant God made with his people as they were travelling from Egypt to the Promised Land. In that covenant God promised his people liberty, land and prosperity. He also promised them that they would be his special people. In return, God demanded of his people obedience to the commandments.

This weekend we hear from the book of Chronicles — where the story of the Israelites continued. Seven centuries pass between God's covenant with them in the desert to the Babylonian invasion. Seven centuries, mostly characterized by indifference to God's commandments. The chosen people, their leaders and the priests were not faithful to God. The Lord God frequently sent his prophets to remind His people of the right way to live, but they usually ignored his counsel and scorned his message. The Israelite's steady indifference brought upon themselves many calamities, the worst of them being the horrific Babylonian invasion.

Around 600 B.C. the powerful Babylonians invaded Israel and destroyed Jerusalem, crushing its beautiful temple. Those who survived were captured, enslaved and deported to Babylon where seventy years passed without the freedom, land and prosperity that God had promised them in the covenant. They believed that they had lost God's favor.

Next, we learn about the Israelite's release and return from Babylonian exile. The history of God's love for his people does not end in condemnation. Liberation took place so that He could make a *new* covenant with his chosen people as we will hear about next weekend. Note this: God does not make a covenant with a people that is not free. That is why he breaks their chains so that he can renew his covenant with them.

As soon as we ignore God, like the unfaithful people of Israel, we find ourselves in trouble. The moment we make wrong or irresponsible choices, we are refusing to follow God's way, thereby condemning ourselves to unhappiness. Nevertheless, there is no prison or dark place that God cannot reach. No chains can resist the strength of his powerful love. Through his son, by whose blood a new covenant has been made, he is calling us to himself saying, "The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent, and believe the gospel" (*Mark 1:15*).



# What's Happening

- **Sat. March 10:**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Catholic Relief Services
  - Lenten Seafood Dinner tickets sold after Mass—*Last Chance*
- **Sun. March 11:**
  - 11 a.m. – Pastoral Council
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- **Tues. March 13:**
  - 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. , Adoration in St. Paul Chapel
  - 1 p.m. – Altar Society, **Carvlin Hall**
  - 7 p.m. – Grounds Committee
- **Sat. March 17:**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for School Subsidy
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Lenten Seafood Dinner in **Carvlin Hall!**
- **Sun. March 18:**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for School Subsidy



## Easter Triduum



Holy Thursday



Good Friday



Easter Sunday

- **Thu. March 29:**
  - 7 p.m. – Holy Thursday Liturgy
- **Fri. March 30:**
  - 7 p.m. – Good Friday Liturgy
- **Sat. Mar 31:**
  - 8:30 p.m. Holy Saturday
- **Sun. April 1:**
  - 9:30 a.m. **Easter**



## Easter Flowers

We are taking donations for our Easter Memorial Garden flowers. Envelopes are in the foyer. Please write your name and the name(s) of the person you want remembered. If you write a check, please write Easter flowers in the memo line. Please drop it in the collection basket.



### THE LENTEN SEAFOOD FEST

*Celebrate what makes St. Philip Neri special while supporting our parish for today and for future generations*  
**Thank you for helping in any way you can.**

### ATTEND:

**Please join us for this wonderful annual parish event. Saturday, March 17 at St. Philip Neri, Carvlin Hall**

Tickets | \$35 each for adults, \$20 for children (6-12)  
 Deadline for ticket purchase is March 12.

Two seatings: 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**Menu:** Home-made clam chowder, shrimp cocktail, salad, your choice of 1/2 Dungeness Crab or Salmon Filet and dessert. Tickets sold after masses, in the parish office or online [www.stphilipneri.pdx.org](http://www.stphilipneri.pdx.org)

### CONTRIBUTE:

**Sponsor one or more of the items listed on the poster in the church foyer.** Each donation reduces the cost of this fundraiser and supports St. Philip Neri even more!

### RAFFLE:

**Buy 50/50 raffle tickets: 1 chance for \$3, 2 chances for \$5**  
 The winner takes home half the pot whether they are present at the drawing or not.

### VOLUNTEER:

**Interested in volunteering?** We have many opportunities and your help is always appreciated. It is also a good way to get involved while getting to know your SPN community.

For more information about any of the above opportunities, contact **Bill Dietzler at 503-707-2448 or via email at [dietzler10@gmail.com](mailto:dietzler10@gmail.com)**

## Church Cleaning

**March 12<sup>th</sup> – March 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Jan Schoen**



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## Mass Intentions

- Sat. March. 10:** 8 a.m. – † Marian Sunseri Morgan – Joe Scafidi  
4 p.m. – † Wally Mace – Carol Helvey & Jane Mace
- Sun. March. 11:** 9:30 a.m. – People of St. Philip Neri
- Mon. March. 12:** *No Mass*
- Tues. March. 13:** 8 a.m. – † Mary Sunseri Brigato – Joe Scafidi
- Wed. March. 14:** 8 a.m. – † Yvonne Ennis – Mary Schleich
- Thur. March. 15:** 8 a.m. – † Yvonne Ennis – Sue Wandtke
- Fri. March. 16:** 12:10 p.m. – † Fr. C J Linchan – Mary Anne Sullivan
- Sat. March. 17:** 8 a.m. – Patrick Won – Kyu Park – Bona Oh  
4 p.m. – † Victor Wandtke – Sue Wandtke

## Rice Bowl Collection

Please bring your filled CRS Lenten Rice Bowls to church by April 8<sup>th</sup>. This will be the last day for collection, and all donations will be added to the large Rice Bowl box.

## Masses for Loved Ones

Are you interested in having a Mass said for a friend or loved one? Any and all intentions are welcome. Please contact Debbie Guthrie in the main office for more information.



## Small Lenten Faith Groups

We have created an 'out-growth' small group gathering, from the monthly **Women's Group**, who have decided to meet each Saturday during Lent. We will meet from 1 p.m. – 2:30/3 p.m. in the Parish Center Offices, March 10, 17 and 24. Everyone is welcome.

## Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Grab your little bunnies and come out to our annual Easter egg hunt, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Let's get hoppin'!



*Laetare* Sunday: Be joyful! This Sunday has a joy-filled tone. We enter into the second part of Lent with a spirit of eagerness. Our celebration of the mercy and life given to us in Jesus is near.

Loving Father of mine,  
I feel the pace quicken, the time draw near. I am filled with joy as I move toward Easter and the promised reconciliation with you. Teach me to follow the example of your Son, to be worthy of being called one of his people: a Christian. Help me to live each day as he did turning hatred to love and conflict to peace. I await the new life with eagerness, faith and a deep gratitude.

*“We, the community of St. Philip Neri, committed to the mission of Jesus Christ and dedicated to be welcoming, strive to reach out to all of God’s creation through the Word and the Eucharist for the common good.”*

## Contemporary Music Group

Our **Contemporary Music Group** (9:30 Mass/ second and fourth Sundays) is looking for a percussionist. David Olsav— a great asset to our group since its beginning— is currently involved in another parish. Thank you David for helping us provide 'great music' that welcomed our community to sing! Now we need a percussionist to step forward and volunteer to be an important member of this group. They are fun to work with. Please contact Darren Childers or Barbara Harrison!

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