## St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish

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Notes from Fr. Nick

# St. Philip Neri

Saint Philip Neri lived in Italy in the 16th century, but he was a thoroughly modern man for his time. A native of Florence, his parents sent him to live with a rich uncle at San Germano when he turned 18, in the hope that he would inherit the uncle's fortune. However, in the course of his time there, he had a religious conversion and decided to move to Rome.

Philip spent the rest of his life in the Eternal City, where he ministered to poor pilgrims, prostitutes and the sick. In later life, these works earned him the title 2<sup>nd</sup> Apostle of Rome. He had a knack for bringing out other's interests and engaging people from outside his social circle in lively discussions. This eventually developed into founding a house called an *oratory*, where prayer, performances and discussions could be held, and where the group often performed biblical stories set to music. (This, by the way, is the origin of the musical oratorio, and Giovanni Palestrina was one of Philip's followers who composed music for the services.) In 1575, Philip's society became a religious

community of diocesan priests called the Congregation of the Oratory, which still exists today in 86 communities throughout the world.

A light-hearted, engaging personality was perhaps Philip's most important contribution to ministry, and he is known as the patron saint of laughter, humor and joy. Monastic communities of the time had a reputation for being solemn and dour, for monks believed that religious work was serious business, not to be leavened by humor or wit. Philip, on the other hand, used these very qualities in service to the Gospel. In many ways, Angelo Roncalli, St. Pope John XXIII, who lived four centuries after St. Philip, had a similar jovial personality.

We live in a time when many want a return to solemnity and soberness in the Church. Saint Philip Neri provides the counterexample of a man who lived in the world, enjoyed doing so, and used that experience to further God's kingdom.



### How Rice Bowl Contributions Are Spent

Worsening cyclical droughts have caused half Madagascar's children to be malnourished. But new farming techniques introduced by Catholic Relief Services are helping to alleviate

this situation-here Aimée feeds her son from their own garden. You can pick up your CRS Rice Bowls at the main entrance to the church, or at the Dominican Garden.

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today!" Well, not yet-but He will be soon, and Fr. Nick would like for

as many parishioners as possible to sing or play this famous hymn for our next "virtual choir." The sheet music and accompaniment are on the home page of our parish website. Deadline: March 29th.







St. Philip Neri by Guiseppe Nogari

### March 21st, 2021 5th Sunday in Lent

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# The Kids' Bulletin

In today's Gospel reading Jesus says, "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies. it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Can you find your way from this grain of wheat to the new seeds at the top?

The Annunciation

The feast of the Annunciation is on March 25th. That is the day that Jesus became a tiny baby inside Mary. Finish this story by filling in the blanks with words from the lists and using the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks at the end.

God an angel to a virgin who
was engaged to
Her 🗌 was Mary.

He told her that the $\_$ $\_$ $\_$	was with her.			
But Mary was	about			
what the angel said.				

So the	•[		said to	her,
"Do	b	e afraid,	Mary, fo	or you
have	found fa	avor with		

Then the angel told her that she would have a Baby and that He would be the

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## March 21st, 2021 ~ Fifth Sunday in Lent, Year B

Collection for the Week Ending March 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2021			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
03/14/2021	\$8,899.98	\$8,471.00	\$428.98
Year-to-Date	\$79,409.57	\$83,181.00	-\$13,771.43
We had some catch-up donations. Yay! Thank you all!			

### Holy Week Schedule

<i>Tenebrae:</i> 9:00 am April 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Church (35 maximum)
Mass of the Lord's Supper: 5:30 pm, Thursday, April 1 <sup>st</sup>
Dominican Garden
— Adoration following the Mass: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Rengel Plaza (in front of Norton Hall)
The Lord's Passion: 1:30 pm, Friday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Dominican Garden
Stations of the Cross: 5:30 pm, Friday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Church Parking Lot
<b>Great Vigil of Easter:</b> 5:30 pm, Saturday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Dominican Garden
<b>Easter Sunday:</b> 9:00 am, Livestream Mass
11:00 am, Dominican Garden

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### **Scripture Readings for the Week**

21st FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Jeremiah 31:31-34 / Hebrews 5:7-9 / John 12:20-33
22nd Lenten Weekday Deuteronomy 13:1-9, 15-62 / John 8:1-11
23rd Lenten Weekday [St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop] Numbers 21:4-9 / John 8:21-30
24th Lenten Weekday Deuteronomy 3:14-20, 91-95 / John 8:31-42
25th Solemnity: THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10 / Hebrews 10:4-10 / Luke 1:26-38
26th Lenten Weekday Jeremiah 20:10-13 / John 10:31-42
27th Lenten Weekday Ezekiel 37:21-28 / John 11:45-56

### Mass Intentions 👻

5:30	For the People of the Parish
	Earl Jacobs RIP
11:00	Intentions of Julio Cesar &
	Mary Irish Guerra
8:30	Sr. Maureen Therese McGroddy RIP
5:30	Joseph McWalters RIP
8:30	Intentions of Rosa Reyes
5:30	Turan Sedaghatkish RIP
8:30	Irma Adilman RIP
5:30	Barbara Gamba RIP
8:30	Intentions of the Lukban Family
5:30	Eulalia Artiaga RIP
8:30	Ed Mazzucchi RIP
5:30	Patricia Broemmel RIP
8:30	Luis Ubillus RIP
	9:00 11:00 8:30 5:30 8:30 5:30 8:30 5:30 8:30 5:30 8:30 5:30

## **Peace & Justice Notes**

Swords Into Plowshares: Good Friday Worship & Witness. Each year since 1983 a worship service has been held at the Livermore Labs to protest the proliferation of nuclear weapons which threaten world peace. There will be no civil disobedience or community action at Livermore Labs this year; instead, the Ecumenical Peace Institute invites you to join the service via Zoom and Facebook. Find the links on EPI's website, and also consider making a financial donation to support this cause. This year's focus is the *Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons*. For further information, call (510) 990-0374 or (510) 654-4983; or visit epicalc.org.

Non-Immigration News: An estimated 250,000 farm workers receive H2A visas to enter the United States as temporary laborers. H2A visa holders are *not* immigrants; they have no permanent status and no right to apply for citizenship. To qualify, workers pay for a visa, the cost of which should be reimbursed to the workers by their U.S. employer. Private businesses (most are in Mexico) organize the process, but often charge applicants additional fees that are not authorized by the H2A program, and therefore not reimbursable. Employers in the U.S. sometimes withhold reimbursement. Per Federal law, these workers cannot unionize, and they must often pay their employer high rent for sub-par living conditions. H2A provides a cheap agricultural labor force, and that has the effect of decreasing wages and conditions for **all** farm laborers. Keep these workers in your prayers; they risk health and well-being to bring food to our tables.

Help Mitigate Hunger and Food Insecurity About 150,140 residents (9.1%) of Alameda County were considered *food-insecure* before the pandemic. Now that estimate is closer to 14%. While these are our local community's statistics, this devastating crisis is *global*. Please support some of the local and worldwide programs working to mitigate hunger:

Our parish's St. Vincent de Paul Conference (marymagdalen.org/donate, or drop off a check)

Berkeley Food Pantry (<u>berkeleyfoodpantry.org</u>) Alameda County Community Food Bank (<u>accfb.org</u>)

Catholic Relief Services (crs.org) The World Food Program (wfp.org)



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