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## Third Sunday of Easter April 14, 2024

**Sunday, April 14, 2024**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5;  
Luke 24:35-48

**Monday April 15, 2024**

Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29;

**1:00 PM - Al-Anon**

**Tuesday, April 16, 2024**

Acts 7:51-8:1a; John 6:30-35

1:00 PM – Jesus and the Eucharist – Parish Room

**Wednesday, April 17, 2024**

Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40

**6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Faith Formation K-6  
Office Closed**

**Thursday, April 18, 2024**

Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51

**Friday, April 19, 2024**

Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59

**9:00 AM – Daily Mass - Rectory**

**†Tom Eichenberg Jr. by Beth Dake**

**Saturday, April 20, 2024**

Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69

**4:00 – 4:30 PM Reconciliation – St. Philip Neri**

**5:00 PM Mass at St. Philip Neri**

**†Anita and Ray Rogalla by Tom Eichenberg**

### **In Sympathy**

Please remember in your prayers Betty Montague, Aunt to Dawn Montague, Betty passed away March 27, 2024..

*“Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord  
And let perpetual light shine upon her”*

### **Collection Report**

**April 6, 2024**

#### **St. Philip Neri**

**Envelopes (30) \$1,920.00**

**Loose \$256.00**

**\$2,176.00**

**Wkly. Bu \$3,100.00**

**O/ (U) Budget (\$924.00)**

**YTD Budget \$127,100.00**

**YTD Collections \$116,725.59**

**(\$10,374.41)**

### **Schedule of Ministers**

**St. Philip Neri**

**April 20, 2024, 5:00 PM**

**Eucharist: Irene Balowski**

**Eucharist: Jesse Becerra**

**Eucharist: Bob Shepler**

**Word: Karen McKinney**

**Hospitality: Jim Kaverman**

**Hospitality: Betty Yost**

**Hospitality: Larry Wisniewski**

**Hospitality: Volunteer Needed**

### **Memorial Roses**

The St. Philip Neri / St. Anne Parish Life Committee are taking orders for “Memorial Roses” to be placed by the altar the weekend of Mother’s Day. Orders will be taken after Mass this weekend as well as April 20 and 27. Also, there are order forms with envelopes in the back of Church. The deadline to place these orders is April 29. The cost is \$2 each.

Roses for individuals to purchase and take with them will be available after Mass on the weekend of Mother’s Day, May 11.

**Msgr. Victor Gallagher**  
**Council 12668**



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our parish community*

**THE ROSARY**



The rosary is one of the most cherished prayers of our Catholic Church.

The origin of the rosary is unknown. The use of "prayer beads" and the repeated recitation of prayers to aid in meditation stem from the earliest days of the Church. In the Middle Ages that strings of beads were used to count Our Father's and Hail Mary's. The structure of the rosary evolved between the 12th and 15th centuries. Eventually 50 Hail Mary's were recited and linked with verses of psalms or other phrases evoking the lives of Jesus and Mary. This form of prayer became known as the rosarian ("rose garden") During the 16th century, the structure of the five-decade rosary was based on the three sets of mysteries prevailed.

The rosary gained great popularity in the 1500s. In 1571, Pope Pius V asked all of the faithful to say the rosary and implore our Blessed Mother that our Lord would grant victory to the Christians as they fought the Moslem Turks who were ravaging Eastern Europe. The Moslems were defeated and Pope St. Pius V established October 7 as the Feast of the Holy Rosary.

The Church continues to include the Feast of the Holy Rosary on the liturgical calendar as a testimony to the importance and goodness of this form of prayer. Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "The rosary is the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next. The power of the rosary is beyond description."

**Spring Cleaning at Mt. Olivet Cemetery**

Help is needed with spring clean-up at Mt. Olivet Cemetery on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. Please bring rakes and gloves and come for a morning of work and fellowship.

**Jesus and the Eucharist**

Jesus and the Eucharist is a dynamic, 7-session study designed to help you connect with your fellow parishioners as you fall deeper in love with our Eucharist Lord. Immerse yourself in the beauty of our faith in a small group setting, hear from some of the most brilliant voices in Catholicism, and explore the mystery of the Eucharist anew as part of the National Eucharistic Revival.

Tuesday at 1:00 PM in the Pius Room starting April 2, 2024.

**Faith Formation News**

Last week in the Gospel we hear Jesus say "Peace be with you" three times. This week in the Gospel he again stands in the midst of his disciples and says, "Peace be with you." Jesus continues to let the disciples know that he is flesh and bone, risen from the dead. He is not a ghost. He even asks for something to eat, which ghosts do not do.

Do we believe Jesus rose from the dead? That he did so to save from our sin and open the gates to eternal life? Do we believe that the Spirit and Power that raised Jesus from the dead lives within us? I have been talking to several groups about this since Easter. What if we contemplate this over the rest of the Easter season? That the Spirit and Power that rose Jesus from the dead lives with in you and me? Yes, indeed! In the waters of Baptism, we were given a share of the Holy Spirit and in Confirmation the Holy Spirit was strengthened and sealed with us. So, yes, the Spirit and Power that rose Jesus from the dead lives within us.

How might believing this change my life? The way I speak to myself? To others? The way I act toward others and the things I do and places I go? Thinking about this has really been interesting for me. As one young person said, "That's crazy!" Yes, it is. I encourage you to take time during this Easter season to pray and sit with this thought. Let our Lord speak to your heart.

Keep celebrating! Easter lasts for 50 days so keep celebrating, keep gathering about the table to eat great food! Have some nice wine and party on. Jesus has Risen from the Dead, Alleluia! And the Spirit and Power that rose Jesus from the dead lives within you!

In Easter Joy, Beth Dake Director of Faith Formation