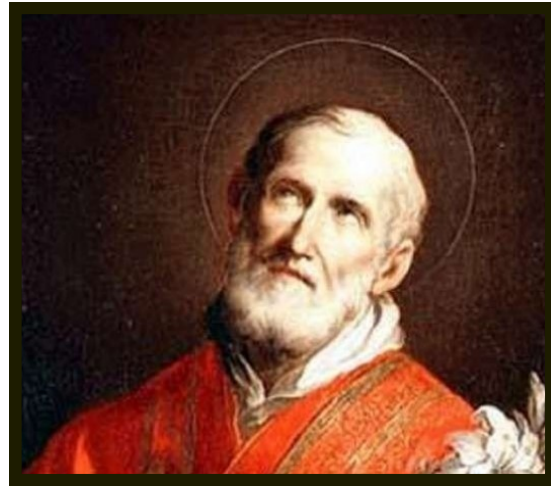


# St. Philip Neri

It would be difficult to summarize the life of our patron saint Philip Neri in just a page. So let's take a look at just two of the lessons he offers the disciple of Christ—humor and humility.

**Humor.** Philip Neri was known to have a particularly good sense of humor and served as the source of many practical jokes. As a young priest, Philip began meeting with a small group of young men who sought the wisdom and spiritual guidance he offered. So many people were drawn to join this group that they eventually built their own Church to house it. His humor and lightheartedness, at big and small events, no doubt helped create an openness that ultimately led countless people to receive the love, truth, and beauty of Jesus Christ and His Church. Philip's sense of humor was proof to the people of 16th century Rome, and to the world today, that being a disciple of Christ means living life to the full—more joy, more laughter, more fun.



**Humility.** Philip Neri observed in his own life, and in those around him, that people often seemed more concerned with what others thought of them, than with what God thought of them. Thank goodness we don't struggle with that today! In an effort to overcome this destructive self-consciousness and grow in humility, Philip would practice awkward penances and assign them to others. He was known to show up in public with half his beard shaved off and give people the penance of wearing ridiculous clothing. Philip understood that humility doesn't mean judging yourself as worse than everyone else. It means seeing yourself as God sees you; nothing more, nothing less. Living in the midst of an increasingly corrupt and immoral culture, Philip's genuine humility brought about incredible conversion in the people of Rome. So much so that he became known as the Second Apostle of Rome.

St. Philip Neri's humor and humility drew many people to faith in Jesus and His Church. How can we, as individuals and as a parish family in Napoleon, live out these qualities in a way that attracts others to their ultimate Source?

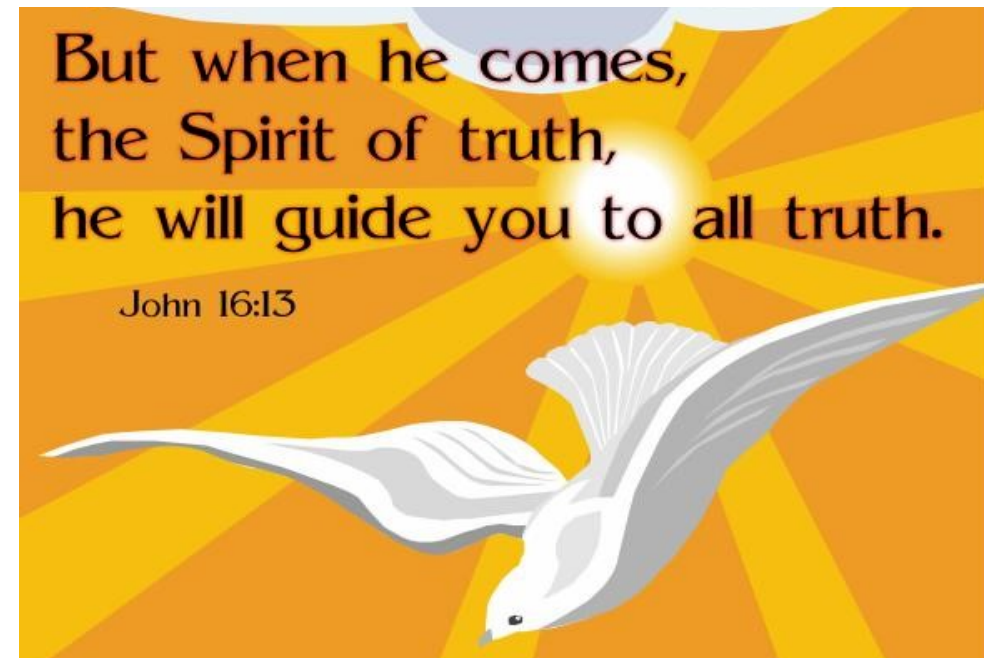
*Patron Saint of Joy, Humor, US Army Special Forces, Rome. 1515-1595. Feast Day—May 26th.*

**"Cheerfulness strengthens the heart and makes us persevere in living a good life. Therefore the servant of God ought always to be in good spirits."**

**- St. Philip Neri**

## St. Philip Neri Catholic Church

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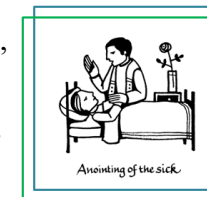
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### Pillar focus Prayer

*Encountering Jesus in the 7 Sacraments:*

Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Confession,  
**Anointing of the Sick**, Marriage, Holy Orders

Suffering is a trying time. Jesus is drawn in compassionate love to those who are suffering. This is why He instituted a Sacrament that would allow Himself to be present to each one of His disciples at the hour of their passion. Anointing of the Sick connects our suffering to Jesus' sufferings so that we can be filled with meaning and comforted by His presence. The Sacrament is unto healing, first & foremost to the most important healing within our soul, but also if helpful to our salvation physical healing.



### Prayer in the Midst of Suffering

In suffering, we seek to be understood & comforted at the deepest levels. Yet, lacking this in our friends we have the tendency to isolate ourselves & get wrapped up in our pain. Realize that Jesus is often closest to us when we are conformed to Him & His sufferings. Relate your pain to Jesus & allow Him to respond. Try to offer your pain to God & instead of trying to escape from it, embrace it if it be the Father's will for you. Our prayer can be similar to Jesus' prayer in the garden of Gethsemane. Anointing of the Sick is a powerful grace that should always be asked for if the suffering in our life is at a point of effecting our daily activity in significant ways.

**May 22, 2016  
The Most  
Holy Trinity**

Mon., May 23 ..... 8 AM +John M. Gross (Anni. 5/16) by John & Margaret Gross
Tue., May 24 .....7 PM +Sebastian Reis by Lorraine Reis & Family
Wed., May 25 .....8 AM +Andrew Schneider by Viola Becker
<b>Thurs., May 26 .....5:45 PM</b> +Barbara Kuntz by Francis Becker & Family
Fri., May 27 .....8 AM +Pauline Wald (Mrs. Markus M.) by Frank & Helen Braun
Sat., May 28 .....8 PM +Pete Sperle by Theresa Es- singer
Sun., May 29 .....10 AM For Our Parishioners
Sunday Care Center 8:45 AM  Helper: Lorraine Reis



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place from 6 AM Thursday until midnight Friday.

Parish Announcements

**St. Philip Neri Feast Day Thursday May 26th**  
LET'S CELEBRATE. May 26 is the feast of St. Philip Neri the patron saint of our parish. There will be a **Holy Door Pilgrimage at 5:15** (meet at the Church at 4:45 for rides to the cemetery) followed by **Mass at 5:45**. If you cannot make it to the pilgrimage or Mass there will be a **Feast Day Potluck at 6:30**. There will be **NO 8 AM** Mass that morning.

**St. Philip Neri Library** has been expanded and moved to the Emmaus room located across from the Holy Family Hall. The room was formerly a storage closet.

**Fr. Laframboise** has been assigned to Holy Spirit in Fargo, ND while **Fr. Neil Pfeifer** will be taking over as the Pastor for our Church on June 29th. The **going away party** for Fr. Ross is scheduled for **Sunday, June 26th**, following Mass, at the American Legion Hall. More details to come.

**KC Meeting** on Monday, May 23 at 8:00 PM. A report will be given on the recently held State K of C Convention

**Corpus Christi Celebration (May 29<sup>th</sup>)** - Corpus Christi, Latin for the body of Christ, is a Sunday (2 weeks after Pentecost) when we celebrate the tremendous gift of Jesus' Body and Blood. Corpus Christi was made a universal feast in 1264, nearly 800 years ago. Traditionally, it has been accompanied with an outdoor procession. As a sign of the love we have for Jesus in the Eucharist, especially as it has been enkindled in Eucharistic adoration, you are invited to partake in this great celebration. The Sunday morning Mass on May 29th will be immediately followed by a Eucharistic procession around St. Philip Neri Church. We will walk carrying the Blessed Sacrament and sing hymns to demonstrate our faith and love of Jesus in the Eucharist. We will then return for benediction and dismissal. Afterwards we will celebrate with a meal.

**Silent Retreat:** Couples June 10-12.

**Sat. Evening Mass** has switched to 8 PM until the end of Sept.



**Young Adults**

**Friday, June 10**

Steve and Lori Gross Residence  
Social—7:15, Speaker—8 PM (**Fr. David Richter**)  
**Free Daycare** at the Farm—RSVP for daycare to Sheldon & Angie Gerhardt at 754-2925 or the parish at 754-2860.

Area Events and News



**Grand Opening of the St. Gianna Shrine**  
All are invited to the Grand Opening of the Saint Gianna Beretta Molla Shrine in Warsaw, ND on Tuesday, May 31st. Bishop Folda will celebrate Mass followed by a meal and opportunity to visit her relics. For more information contact Mary Pat at 701-248-3077.

1st Annual Diocesan  
**Mass for Expectant Parents**  
Tuesday, May 24 at 6 p.m.  
Cathedral of the Holy Spirit

Mass will be followed by a reception with Bishop Kagan.

**Mother-Daughter Days at the Convent in Hankinson**  
July 14th -16th. Enjoy quality mother/daughter time. Schedule includes meals and prayer with the sisters, daily Mass, and time for spiritual reflection. We will focus on the beauty of the vocation of religious women and encourage the daughters to pray and be open to whatever vocation God is calling them to serve Him in the Church. Please register by June 30. For more information, email Sr. Jean Louise Schafer: [ndfranciscan@yahoo.com](mailto:ndfranciscan@yahoo.com).

Thursday, May 26 -

The Feast of  
**St. Philip Neri**

THE NAME OF *Jesus*,  
PRONOUNCED WITH  
REVERENCE AND AFFECTION,  
HAS A KIND OF POWER  
TO SOFTEN THE *heart*.

- St. Philip Neri

**St. Philip Neri  
Catholic Church**

**Confessions:** 1/2 hr before every Mass, 1 hour before Saturday Mass, OR by appointment any time

**Weddings:** Contact Fr. Laframboise at least 8 months prior.

**Baptisms:** Contact Fr. Laframboise before Godparents are chosen.

	Saturday, May 28
<u>Sacristan</u>	Phyllis Johnson
<u>Lectors</u>	Rick Regner, Charlotte Brendel
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	B. Silbernagel, V. Becker L. Schloss, W. Gross
<u>Servers</u>	Charmaine Haas, MckenzieHaas
<u>EMHC</u>	Lorraine Reis, Rick Regner

	Sunday, May 29
<u>Sacristan</u>	Mark Wangler
<u>Lectors</u>	Jackie Weigel, Kelly Breidenbach
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	Willie & Alvina Piatz, S. Gross Family
<u>Servers</u>	Elite Servers
<u>EMHC</u>	Anita Fettig, Dennis Weigel, Kelly Breidenbach

**Stewardship of  
Treasure**

This Week: \$3,076