

# MINISTRY OF PRAISE

St. Casimir Parish

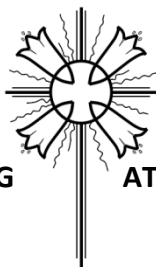
May, 2016

Almighty God,  
grant that with the help of St. Casimir's intercession  
we may serve you in holiness and justice.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS

- *That in every country of the world, women may be honored and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed.* (May Papal intention)
- That we may live as true disciples of Jesus and bear much fruit in our daily lives.
- That the gift of Eucharist will draw all children preparing to receive First Holy Communion into an unending friendship with the Lord.
- That Mary's maternal mediation will raise us to the moral greatness befitting true children of God.
- That God bless Father Bacevice and the Pastoral and Finance Councils in their efforts to secure the future of St. Casimir Parish.
- That all parishioners recognize their responsibility to St. Casimir Parish's future through financial support, fund-raising efforts, commitment to parish activities, sharing ideas, and most importantly prayer.
- That divisions will be healed, violence will cease, and that the peace and justice of God's Kingdom will reign on earth.
- That the lonely, the alienated, and the orphaned will receive every consolation from the closeness of the Lord.
- That our Ministers of Praise be validated in their belief in the power of prayer.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

AT ST. CASIMIR PARISH?

May 1<sup>st</sup> - **First Communion**

May 6<sup>th</sup> - **First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, 8:00 – 9:00am in Church

May 11<sup>th</sup> - **Evening Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, 6:00 – 9:00pm in Church

May 14<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> - **Pick up flower sale orders** Saturday 2:00 – 5:00pm and Sunday after  
all the Masses

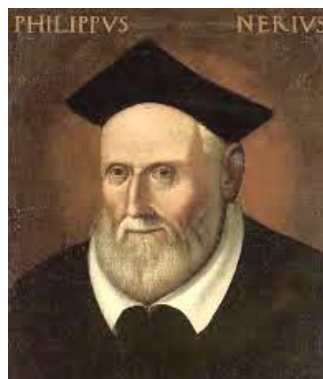
May 22<sup>nd</sup> - **Pancake Breakfast**

## SAINT FOR MAY

### ST. PHILIP NERI

Priest  
(1515-1595)

May 26<sup>th</sup>



*If you wish for something apart from Christ, you do not know what you are wishing for. If you long for something apart from Christ, you do not know what you are longing for. If you work apart from Christ, you do not know what you are doing.”* (words of St. Philip Neri)

Love of others, simplicity of life, and joyous service of God describes the life and spirit of St. Philip Neri. He was a friend of the young and had compassion for the sick, the poor, and the street people. His was an apostolate of the streets of Rome. He worked to help young rowdies, impoverished artists, and shopkeepers to improve themselves materially and also to appreciate spiritual things.

Philip was possessed of great insight and power of persuasion. His spirit of joyful service inspired the priests who joined him in the Congregation of the Oratory, which he founded in 1564. He was sought out as a confessor and spiritual director by the wealthy and the poor. He was consulted by popes, bishops, and rulers. By his life and example, by his joyfulness and spiritual resources, Philip was able to overcome indifference and spiritual malaise in the society of his time.

Philip knew that activity must be supported by genuine and prayerful commitment to Jesus Christ, and an appreciation of the sacraments. In our prayer let us ask for strength from the Holy Eucharist, that like Philip we might hunger “after this sacrament in which we find true life.”

Source: IN HIS LIKENESS by Rev. Charles E. Yost, SCJ,STL.



### THOUGHTS FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH Discipleship

**#425** The transmission of the Christian faith consists primarily in proclaiming Jesus Christ in order to lead others to faith in him. From the beginning, the first disciples burned with the desire to proclaim Christ: “We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.” And they invited people of every era to enter into the joy of their communion with Christ: (See 1 John 1:1-4)

**#725** Finally, through Mary, the Holy Spirit begins to bring men, the objects of God’s merciful love, *into communion* with Christ. And the humble are always the first to accept him: shepherds, magi, Simeon and Anna, the bride and groom at Cana, and the first disciples.



### “LOVE ONE ANOTHER”

by Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

“The less we have, the more we give.  
Seems absurd but it’s the logic of love.

True love causes pain.

Jesus, in order to give us the proof of his love, died on the cross.

A mother, in order to give birth to her baby, has to suffer.

If you really love one another,  
you will not be able to avoid making sacrifices.

The poor do not need our condescending attitude or pity.

They only need our love and our tenderness.

To me, Jesus is the *Life* I want to live,  
the *Light* I want to reflect,  
the *Way* to the Father,  
the *Love* I want to express,  
the *Joy* I want to share,  
the *Peace* I want to sow around me.  
*Jesus is everything to me.*

If faith is scarce,  
it is because there is too much selfishness in the world,  
too much egoism.

Faith, in order to be authentic,  
has to be generous and giving,  
Love and faith go hand in hand.

God has created us so we do small things with great love. I believe in that great love, that comes, or should come from our heart, should start at home: with my family, my neighbors across the street, those right next door. And this love should then reach everyone.”

**Source:** *Mother Teresa: In My Own Words*, compiled by Jose Luis Gonzales-Balado