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Sunday Masses

Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Daily Masses

Monday-Friday: 6:15 and 9:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday: 2:30-3:30 p.m., or you may call the Church Office for an appointment.

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil: 6:00 p.m.

6:15/9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Christmas and New Year's Masses will be announced



Baptisms – Arrangements must be made prior to the ceremony, information to be phoned in in advance. Only Practicing Catholics can be sponsors.

Wedding Arrangements – Preferably one year in advance, minimum of six months prior to the wedding.

Website Address:

CHURCH: www.stphilipneriparish.org

SCHOOL: www.stphilipneri.org

WELCOME, NEW PARISHIONERS

To begin the registration process to become a member of our parish, please complete the New Parishioner Form in the sign-up Binder located in each vestibule of the Church. New parishioners will be contacted by the Welcoming Committee.

St. Philip Neri Church

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“I Believe”

Daniel Merz, SLL

“When Catholics profess the Creed, or Profession of Faith, during Mass, the first change in the translation will be immediately apparent. We have been beginning the Creed with the words, “We believe” With the new text, we will profess, “I believe” Many may wonder why this change has been made.

In its original form, as approved by the Ecumenical Council of Constantinople in the year 381, the Nicene Creed (or Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, to be precise) begins “We believe.” The Council Fathers were establishing a rule of faith, a criterion that helps us interpret Sacred Scripture correctly and to preach and theologize correctly; it was a bulwark against many of the heresies of the day (Arianism, for example). It was not written to be recited during the Mass. An abbreviated version of the Creed was, however, used for Baptisms. Before being plunged into the water, the catechumen would be presented the Creed in question and answer form. The response to each question was “I believe.”

And, of course, more baptismal water would follow. Thus the initial use of the Creed in the liturgy was in the context of Baptism, employing the words, “I believe.” It wasn’t until the year 1014 that Rome began to use the Creed within the Mass on a regular basis. This broader liturgical use of the Creed followed the form used in Baptism, and thus the opening word, *Credo* (meaning “I believe”), was employed. In the centuries since then, additional reasons for using “I,” instead of “we,” have been put forth. Saint Thomas Aquinas (*Summa Theologiae* IIa IIae 1, 9) says that the Church proclaims the Creed as a single person, made one by faith. Whereas the original baptismal context calls us to take personal responsibility for our faith by the use of the singular “I,” Saint Thomas complements this idea by observing that the singular “I” also



demonstrates the united, corporate nature of the Church. Each of us singly also speaks as the one body of Christ in crying out, “I believe.” In professing the faith, we acquire, in the words of Saint Paul, “the mind of the Lord” (1 Corinthians 2:16, NRSV) and speak as his one body.

There are two additional reasons for this change to the form of the Creed. First, every other major liturgical language either already uses the singular “I” or soon will. This change will unite English-speaking Catholics more closely to the rest of the Catholic world. Secondly, the Latin text of the Creed in *The Roman Missal* uses *Credo* (“I believe”) rather than *Credimus* (“We believe”).

Some of the prayers of the Mass employ the first person plural, for example, the Gloria (“we praise you . . . we give you thanks. . .” [emphasis added]); the prayer at the Preparation of the Gifts: “May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands . . . for our good . . .” (emphasis added); the Preface Dialogue: “Lift up your hearts. / We lift them up to the Lord” (emphasis added); the Our Father; and the Lamb of God: “have mercy on us” (emphasis added). Also, a number of prayers use the first person singular, for example, the *Confiteor*: “I confess to almighty God,” and the response to the Invitation to Communion: “Lord, I am not worthy to receive you . . .” (emphasis added)—and now the Creed.

The emergent pattern seems to be that when we confess our sins and when we confess our faith, the Church wants us to use the “I.” When we otherwise say or sing prayers of praise or mercy, it is rather “we.” In a beautiful way, when a Catholic prays the Mass, we are both one and many: many parts, one body; many grains, one loaf; many minds, united in one faith, in the one mind of Christ.”

**No 6:15 am Mass
this Wednesday and Thursday:**

Archbishop Aymond has scheduled an overnight convocation for all priests of the Archdiocese from noon this Tuesday to noon on Thursday, September 20-22. All Archdiocesan priests are required to attend. Therefore there will be no 6:15 am Mass on these two mornings. However, Father Roland Timbre will celebrate Mass at 9:00 am on these two days.

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN
SEPTEMBER 17 & 18, 2011**

This weekend, our parish will hold a **Second Collection at all of the Masses for the CCC**. In his message for 2009 World Communications Day, Pope Benedict XVI said, *"I ask you to introduce into the culture of this new environment of communications and information technology the values on which you have built your lives."*

- Through Internet, television, radio, newspapers, or pod casts, the Catholic Church uses all technologies, old and new, to spread the gospel message. **CCC** is how the Good News gets around to **you**. Please be generous in the Collection, and remember-half of all donations collected in your diocese stay in your diocese to support local communications needs.
- **Envelopes for this Appeal may be found in the vestibules of the Church.**
- If using a plain envelope: **Please mark "Appeal" and include your name.** Thank you.

40 Days for Life

We are encouraged to participate in the *40 Days for Life*, an ecumenical, faith-based pro-life campaign, **September 28-November 6, 2011**. Three components comprise the campaign:

Prayer and Fasting: To fast and pray for an end to abortion.

Peaceful Vigil: Standing for life through these 40 days from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. giving peaceful witness outside Louisiana's largest abortion facility located on Ridgelake Avenue, Metairie. St. Philip Neri has committed to participate in this peaceful, prayerful, and legal vigil outside the abortion facility on Friday, October 14th, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. At least two people are needed for each of these twelve hours. **You are asked to sign on for this vigil after all Masses this weekend, September 17/18.**

Right to Life Calendars Sale: Calendars will be available for purchase after all Masses, October 2nd, Respect Life Sunday, for \$6.00.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING

There will be a meeting for parents whose children are preparing for First Reconciliation on **Monday, September 19th @ 6:30 pm**. The meeting will take place in the Multi-Purpose Room of the *Parishioners' Center*.

SPN PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Remaining September Classes: **Mondays, September 19 & 26, 2011 from 6:00—7:30 pm** in the Assembly Hall.

ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL

SPN is 50 YEARS YOUNG! 1961-2011

St. Philip Neri School is hosting a homecoming to celebrate the **50th Anniversary** of the school. *All current and former faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend this event on **Saturday, September 17, 2011** on campus.*

The event will begin with 4:00 pm Mass and then a reception in the *Parishioners' Center*.

SPN "SILVER OR GOLDEN" WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Couples in our parish celebrating their Catholic Marriage, **married in 1986 or 1961**, who wish to celebrate their *Silver* or *Golden Anniversary* are invited to renew their vows **during the 4pm Mass on October 15, 2011.**

Registration must be received no later than Sunday, October 2, 2011. Please place this form in the collection basket at Mass, or, mail to the *Church Office, 6500 Kawanee Ave, Metairie, LA 70003*. Also, to register or for further information, you may call the *Church Office (887-5535)*. Thank you.

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SPN SCHOOL NEWS

- **Wednesday, September 21: First (1st) Quarter Progress Reports** will be sent home.

R.C.I.A. CLASSES

Remaining September Classes:

Sunday, September 18 and Sunday, September 25, 2011
9AM—11AM (MPC)

Alumni News...

We accept information re: awards/achievements of SPN alumni, for publication in the bulletin. Please contact the *Church Office*, 887-5535, to submit information.

SPN LADIES' CO-OP CLUB NEWS

- **SPN Ladies' Co-Op** is one of the most active groups in the Parish. Co-Op members make it possible for students to participate in many extra-curricular activities. The organization provides support for teachers and fundraising opportunities which greatly benefit the school. Membership is open to all ladies of the Parish, and meetings are usually held the second Thursday of each month.
- **Co-Op is sponsoring a Sally Foster Gift-Wrapping Paper Fundraiser.** Sales **end Tuesday, September 27.** Anyone interested should contact the school office at 887-5600.
- **Clip and Save to Raise Funds for Our School:**

We are asking all SPN parishioners to clip and save the following items: Box Top for Education labels found on selected foods, the Proofs of Purchase from participating Campbell products (please be sure to cut the UPC label- this is the part of the label that is scanned at the grocery store register), Tyson Chicken ABC for Education labels, and Community Coffee Proofs of Purchase. Place items above in clear Ziploc bags or envelopes. **Please put them in the labeled box located near the front entrance of the Church.** Thank you for your participation in helping to raise funds for our school. If you have any questions, please contact Tracie Corales at 887-2326.

Lord, Teach Me To Pray, is a three-part prayer series for men and women based on Ignatian Spirituality. Part 1, "Praying Christian Virtues", helps deepen prayer life, and discover what to do for dryness and obstacles in prayer. It also introduces the different methods of Ignatian prayer, meditation, contemplation and Consciousness Examen. Small groups will meet with 2 trained facilitators for 1—2 hours once a week for 12 weeks to pray and faith share. **SPN Parish will begin Part 1 "Praying Christian Virtues" on Thursday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m. in (M1) of the Parishioners' Center.** To register please contact Debbie Bergeron (504-559-6758).

ARCHDIOCESE OPENS A CATHOLIC COUNSELING SERVICE

The Archdiocese of New Orleans through the Family Life Apostolate is pleased to announce on September 1st, the opening of a Catholic Counseling Service in the areas of marital, couple, and family counseling. This service is intended to reach out to families, not only through prayer, but in quality counseling. It is hoped this counseling service will be a resource to families at times of stress as well as a sign that the Church is available to provide guidance and support. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call Catholic Counseling Service (504) 861-6245.

Visiting our Parishioners

Plans are now being made for trained volunteers to visit every household in our parish during October. Around early October, a parish representative will call you with a view to arranging a personal visit with you and your family. Their purpose will not be to impose themselves on anyone but merely to make contact with you and to answer any questions and provide information. Teams will visit in pairs. For identity purposes, each person will have a specially printed card. Of course, if you would prefer not to be visited, we will honor your request. However, when they contact you, please afford them every courtesy.

On a related note, we are still in need of more volunteers to make telephone calls and visits. While nobody will be asked to take responsibility for a large number of households, it is nonetheless imperative that as many people as possible are engaged in this effort. Please call Fr. Harry if you can help.

Jefferson Parish Community Service Class Girard Playground-Beginning October 6, 2011

A class will be held, to offer individuals who are experiencing visual impairment (and their caretakers), information in both daily living skills and attitude adjustment. The class **begins on Thursday, October 6th at 7PM, at Girard Playground, 5300 Irving St, and continuing for four (4) Thursdays.**

- Contact Janet Pesce at 455-6801 or Jefferson Parish at 736-6999.

CATHOLIC UPDATE

The September issue looks at the ritual prayers and actions of the Mass to examine why we do what we do. Copies are available in the church vestibules.

ROSARY and PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA
Tuesday mornings: **9:30 AM** in the Church

YOUNG AT HEART MINISTRY

Membership open (age 50+)
Contact: *Mary Spain* (455-1085).

<p>Sunday, 18 September 2011 <i>Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time</i></p> <p>Mass Schedule: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM (Second Collection for CCC during all Masses).</p> <p>9:00 am—11:00 am R.C.I.A. MTG (MPC)</p>	<p>Thursday, 22 September 2011</p> <p><u>NO 6:15 AM MASS THIS MORNING</u></p> <p>9 am Circle 27-Rose-Petals: Missionaries of St. Therese (CH) 9:30 am—7 pm Eucharistic Adoration (CH) 3:30 pm—4:30 pm Pep Squad Practice (MP) 3:30 pm—5:45 pm Girls' Volleyball Game (MP/MPS) 7 pm—9 pm Lord Teach Me To Pray (M1) 7 pm—9 pm Archdiocese Committee MTG for Ministry for Disabled (MPC)</p>
<p>Monday, 19 September 2011</p> <p>Co-Op 'Sally-Foster gift Wrap Paper Fundraiser' ends Tuesday, September 27). 3:45 pm—5 pm Cheerleader Practice (MP) 6 pm—7:30 pm PSR (AH) 6:30 pm—8:30 pm Sacramental Registration and First Reconciliation Parent MTG (FYR/MP)</p>	<p>Friday, 23 September 2011</p>
<p>Tuesday, 20 September 2011</p> <p>9:30 am Rosary/Perpetual Help Novena (CH) 3:30 pm - 5:45 pm Girls' Volleyball Game (MP/MPS) 7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice (CH) 7:30 pm—9:30 pm Boy Scout TRP #231 MTG (AH) 8 pm—10 pm Men's Club Basketball (MP)</p>	<p>Saturday, 24 September 2011</p>
<p>Wednesday, 21 September 2011</p> <p><u>NO 6:15 AM MASS THIS MORNING</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FIRST QUARTER PROGRESS REPORTS GO HOME <p>7:30 am—9 am Flu Shots: SPN Faculty & Staff (M1) 8:30 am Rosary (CH) 3:30 pm—4:45 pm Dance Team Practice (M1) 3:30 pm—5:45 pm Girls' Volleyball Game (MP/MPS) 7 pm—8 pm Cub Scouts Pack MTG (AH)</p>	<p>Sunday, 25 September 2011 <i>Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time</i></p> <p>9 am—11 am R.C.I.A. MTG (MCP) 6 pm—8 pm Youth Ministry attends 6 PM Mass (CH) MTG follows until 8PM (AH)</p>

ROSARY...All Mothers, Fathers, Grandparents, babies and toddlers are invited to come pray the Rosary every Wednesday morning beginning September 14, at 8:30 AM in the Church immediately after student drop-off.

"If there were one million families praying the Rosary every day, the entire world would be saved". Pope St. Pius X.

"There is no surer means of calling down God's blessing upon the family than the daily recitation of the Rosary." Pope Pius II

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CO=CHURCH OFFICE
PC=PORTE COCHERE
SC=SCHOOL

MP=MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
MPS=STAGE
MPK=KITCHEN
MPC=CONFERENCE ROOM

PL=PARKING LOT
M1=MEETING RM #1
M2=MEETING RM #2
M3=MEETING RM #3

MR=MUSIC ROOM
YD=YARD
AH=ASSEMBLY HALL
AHK=KITCHEN

Ministers Needed for the following Liturgical Ministries:

Lectors: Read Holy Scripture, Prayers of the Faithful, and announcements at the Masses.
Contact: Greg Southworth, 885-7041 or Jean Turner, 885-4769.

Ministers of Hospitality: Welcome and assist parishioners at Mass, and, take up the collection.
Contact: Debbie & Jesse Talley, 887-0795.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
Distribute Holy Communion at the Masses.
Contact: Jan & Phil Pisciotta, 454-7737.

Choir-Adult/Youth: To sing or play an instrument at the Masses.
Contact: Louis Dupuy, 733-0578.

Communion to the Homebound:
Contact : Church Office, 887-5535.

Some basic Requirements are: Must be 21 years of age, a member of SPN Parish and a Catholic in good standing with the Church.

If you are homebound and would like the *Church Bulletin* mailed to you, please call the *Church Office* at **887-5535.**

Remember to pick-up a copy of the "*Clarion Herald*" at the **Porte-Cochere** and **Olympic Street** entrances of the Church.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat: 4:00PM *John Rock, Raymond J. Mc Cabe, Jr., Jim Marse, Dennis De Vooght, Alvin Simonson, Marty Richard, Roy Allen Le Blanc, Joycelyn Farmer, Althea Peters, NAIM Spouses, Peter Lima, Sr., The Henry Hergert Fly., John E. Maestri, Yvonne Theriot and Berkeley "Billy" Green*

Sun: 8:00 *Carl Grieshaber*
(9/18) 9:30 *Anna Trahan, O.J. Mader, Jr., and Fly., Charles & Bernice Poolson and Fly., Joyce Olivier, Elizabeth Gibbens, Irvin Thibodeaux, Sr., Frenchy & Josie Mariande, Pearl Ferrara, Tony Ferrera, Mary Mc Carthy, Edward J. Ryan, Jr., Bennie & Alvis Collura, Dcn. Ben Hausknecht, Dcn. Ed Cannon, Irma Marchadie, Lillian Kirsch and Special Intentions (P.M.)*

11:00 *Fr. Lee John Saloy, Michael Scott Perez, Thomas F. Riley, Jr., Peter Thomas, Vivian Thomas, Sig Thomas, Calvin Pflug, Azeo L. Torre, Bill Dupre, Janet Simonson, Frank Battard, Marie Bordes, Shirley Lae, Renato Francescon, and Joyce Ann Caminita, Katherine & John Ernst*

6:00 *Parishioners of SPN*
Mon: 6:15 *Rodney Estrada*
(9/19) 9:00 *Raymond J. Mc Cabe, Jr.*
Tues: 6:15 *Purgatorial Mass*
(9/20) 9:00 *Parishioner of SPN*
Wed: 6:15 *Mass not scheduled.*
(9/21) 9:00 *Parishioners of SPN*
Thurs: 6:15 *Mass not scheduled.*
(9/22) 9:00 *Parishioners of SPN*
Fri: 6:15 *Bud & Stella Cazenave*
(9/23) 9:00 *Dcn. Ed Cannon*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

*Is 55:6-9 Ps 145:2-3,8-9,17-18
 Phil 1:20c-24,27a Mt 20:1-16a*

Mon: *Ezr 1:1-6 Ps 126:1-6 Lk 8:16-18*

Tues: *Ezr 6:7-8,12b,14-20 Ps 122:1-5 Lk 8:19-21*

Wed: *Eph 4:1-7,11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 9:9-13*

Thurs: *Hg 1:1-8 Ps 149:1-6, 9 Lk 9:7-9*

Fri: *Hg 2:1-9 Ps 43:1-4 Lk 9:18-22*

Sat: *Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a (Ps) Jer 31:10-13
 Lk 9:43b-45*

Pray for the Right to Life.

Please join the Archbishop in prayer, daily...

1. For people still rebuilding their lives and homes since Katrina.
2. For the priests and deacons of the Archdiocese.
3. For the people God is calling in each parish to the priesthood and religious life.

Let us remember in our prayers...

C. J. Accardo, Nolan Anderson, Carolyn Boagni, Roger Bombardier, Jane Boyer, Graycen and Melissa Bond, Howard Brehm, Violet Caimi, Mike Cashio, Virginia Causey, Carl Ciaccio, Andre Coletti, Denise Colomb, Melissa Colomb, Rosemary Corales, Deborah Crosby, Erica Daniel, Maria Del Toro, Marion DiGuardi, Charles & Marie Eckert, Mickie Eppling, Jerry Extrovich, Irene Fager, Keith Fager, Sharon Fasola, Olivia Fox, Dr. Ganucheau, Mary M. Gaudin, Kristie Goff, Daniel Grace, Eileen Granier, Chad Grosch, Donald Grush, Brandi Linn, Kaelyn and Patricia Hoffman, Mary Jackson, Tommy Kenmure, Bruce Kestler, Steven La Graize, Mary Lammert, Paul Power, Anna Mae La Rocca, Jim Le Blanc, Noel Leaumont, Odile Leaumont, Art Lemaire, Rene Lemaire, Elaine Lescale, Carole Lumpkin, Ronnie Lumpkin, Lans Madere, Meriell & Grace Marchadie, Pat Marinello, Barbara & Earl Mc Neal, Peter Meehan, Jake Meisner, Ena Y. Mejia, John Montelepre, Mary Morlas, J. Z. Mouton, Sylvia Ortolano, Gail Nebel, Lydia Pelias, Curtis Perez, Raymond Perez, Gwen Peri, Cathy Piazza, Leo Poussard, Linda Price, Ethan Rabalais, Kyle Rabalais, Jaser Rafidi, Widad Rafidi, Edward Ricca, Edwin Robert, Jr., Courtney Simmons, Fr. Timbre, Florita Thompson, Elizabeth Tidmore, Dan Traber, Edie Villarrubia, Robb Vinturella and Warren Williams.

Please remember in your prayers...

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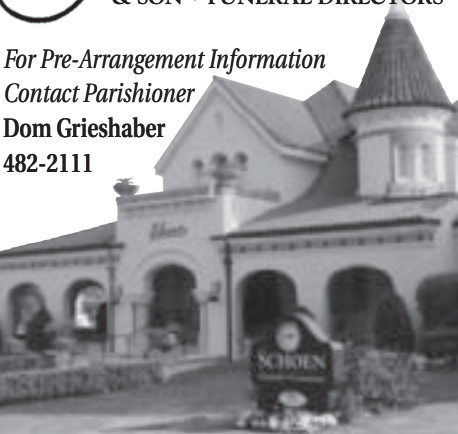
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