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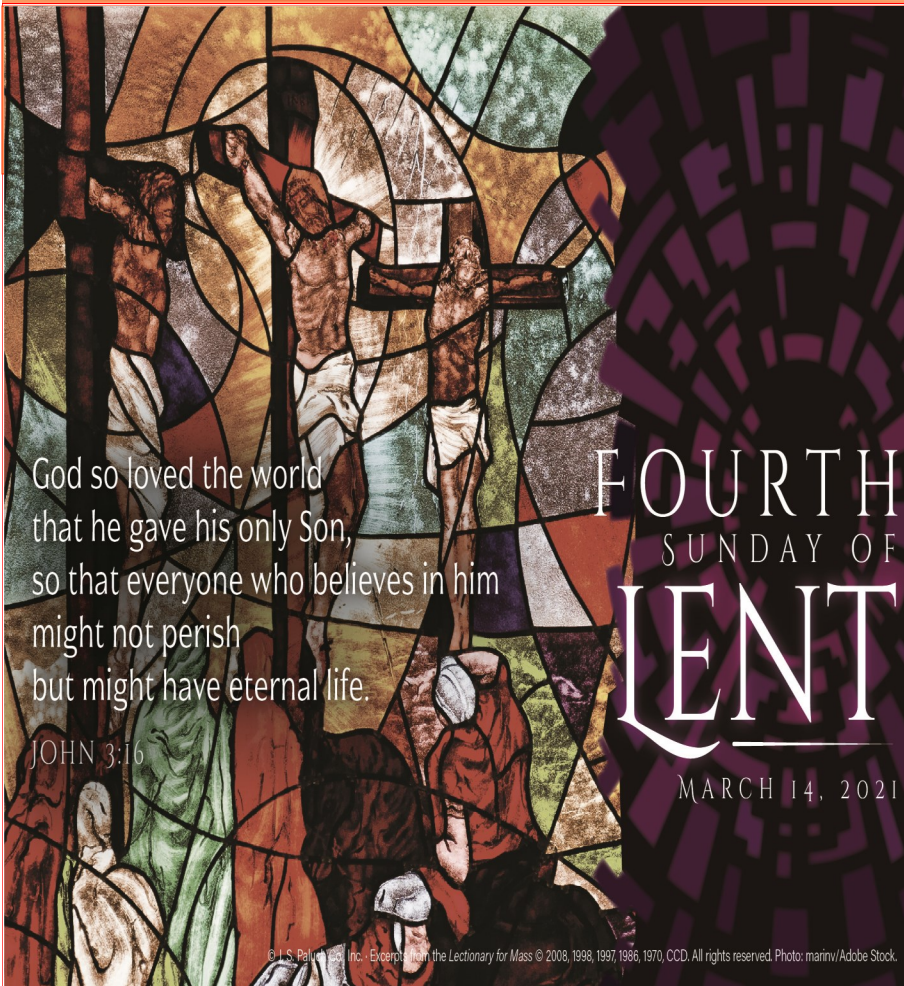
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Office Hours : 9:30am – 1:30pm  
Tuesday & Friday

**SUNDAY MASS :**  
**9:00AM IN CHURCH**  
**AND**  
**WILL BE LIVESTREAMED ON**  
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**8:30AM WEEKDAY MASSES:**  
**Mondays, Wednesdays &**  
**Fridays**



God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him  
might not perish  
but might have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16

FOURTH  
SUNDAY OF  
LENT

MARCH 14, 2021

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## **NEW PARISH MEMBERS**

*Welcome!* Please fill out a registration form found in the back. You will be contacted for orientation.

## **SACRAMENTS**

Please contact the Parish office for details and scheduling.

## **RECONCILIATION**

Sundays 8:15-8:45 a.m. or call for an appointment.

## **BAPTISM**

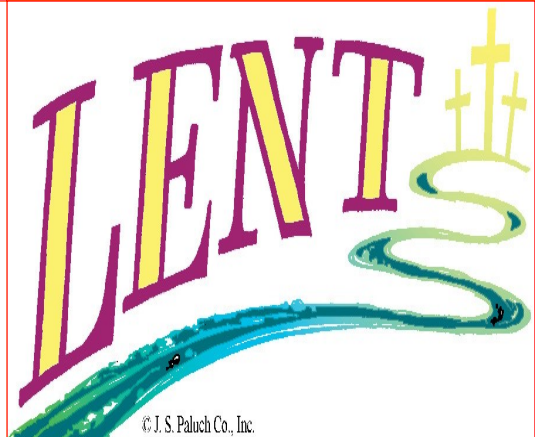
Please contact the Parish office for details and scheduling of an appointment with the Pastor.

## **MATRIMONY**

Please contact the Parish office at least six months in advance .

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD CLASSES)**

Sundays, 10:00am -11:00am



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## **Mission Statement:**

**Empowered by the Eucharist, we humbly commit ourselves as a welcoming community to grow in faith and share Christ's love through our joyful witness and selfless stewardship.**

**Fr. Fidelis Nwankwo C.S.Sp. - Administrator**

## GOD'S MERCY

Today's reading from the second book of Chronicles contains a sort of "mini-history" of Israel. It highlights God's mercies in choosing Cyrus the Persian to be an instrument of deliverance when the people were in captivity in Babylon. Despite their sinfulness and the deserved punishment they were undergoing, God's mercy was lavished on the people in the form of a miraculous act of liberation.

The Letter to the Ephesians, in much more theological terms, gives a similar account of a God "who brought us to life with Christ—by grace you have been saved." The author stresses that it was when we were "dead in our transgressions" that God saved us, an act of pure grace. He emphasizes that it is not our own efforts that freed us from sin ("this is not from you"); rather, "it is the gift of God." This, of course, is the heart of the entire Pauline corpus, that salvation comes to us by faith in God's mercy, revealed in the death of Jesus. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### TODAY'S READINGS



**First Reading** — The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of the chosen people (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) or  
*1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.*

**Psalm** — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) or *Psalm 23.*

**Second Reading** — By grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:4-10) or *Ephesians 5:8-14.*

**Gospel** — The Son was sent by God so that the world might be saved through him (John 3:14-21) or *John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]*. The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy



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**Weekday Masses: 8:30am**  
**Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays**



### Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

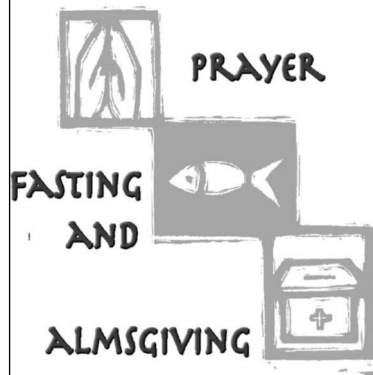
**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rm 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33



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**All of St. Philip Neri Parishioners & Fredderick Simmons**



**Prayers for our sick / homebound :**

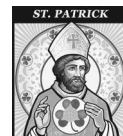
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Georgette Sargent  
Myeisha Screen  
Bessie Smith  
Joseph Smith  
Richard Smith IV  
Maurice Smith  
Michael Taylor  
Charles Thornton  
Lisa White

If there is a parishioner who is sick and wants to be visited by Fr. Fidelis, kindly notify the parish

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny; Daylight Saving Time begins

**Wednesday:** St. Patrick



**Thursday:** St. Cyril of Jerusalem

**Friday:** St. Joseph; Abstinence

**Saturday:** Spring begins



**BE SAFE!**

**MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE REQUIRED IN CHURCH.**



**Lent** is a period of time between **Ash Wednesday** and **Easter** that is geared towards spiritual purification, meditation and penance. It lasts around 40 days, not including Sundays, drawing from the 40 days Jesus fasted in the desert before starting his ministry. **Roman Catholics, conclude Lent on Holy Thursday/Maundy Thursday -- the day before Good Friday, which is the Friday before Easter.**

**Ash Wednesday, February 17th and Good Friday, April 2nd are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence. Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence.** Fasting is to be observed by all persons fourteen years (14) years of age and older, up to the age of sixty(60) .

**On a fast day one full meal is allowed.** Two small meals, sufficient to maintain one's strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but should not equal a full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. Liquids are permitted. **Abstinence** is observed by all fourteen years of age and older. **On days of abstinence no meat is allowed.**

***Fasting, almsgiving and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent.***

## **Prayers of the Mass**

### **Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory. Lord God heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

### **Responsorial Psalm:**

— Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137)

### **Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

**[At the words that follow up to and including "and became man," all bow.]**

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

**Amen.**

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### **Sanctus**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest



## Music for the Mass

## FEAST OF FAITH

### Entrance:

#### **Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross**

Jesus, keep me near  
the cross,

There a precious  
fountain—Free to all,  
a healing stream  
—Flows from Calv'ry's  
mountain.

*In the cross,  
in the cross,  
Be my glory ever;  
Till my raptured soul  
shall find  
Rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross,  
a trembling soul,  
Love and Mercy  
found me;  
There the bright  
and morning star  
Sheds its beams  
around me.

### Offertory

#### **The Old Rugged Cross**

On a hill far away stood an  
old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suff'ring  
and shame;  
And I love that old cross  
where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners  
was slain.

*So I'll cherish the old  
rugged cross,*

*Till my trophies at last I lay  
down;  
I will cling to the old rugged  
cross,  
And exchange it some day  
for a crown.*

Oh, that old rugged cross,  
so despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction  
for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God  
left His glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary.

### Dismissal

#### **You Are Mine**

I will come to you  
in the silence  
I will lift you from  
all your fear  
You will hear My voice  
I claim you as My choice  
Be still, and know  
I am near  
*Do not be afraid,  
I am with you  
I have called you  
each by name  
Come and follow Me  
I will bring you home  
I love you and  
you are mine*

I am hope for all  
who are hopeless  
I am eyes for all  
who long to see  
In the shadows of the night  
I will be your light  
Come and rest in Me

### LENT, a Season of the Word

Each year on the First Sunday of Lent we hear one of the Gospel accounts of the temptation of Jesus. In Luke's account, the devil cites the scriptures repeatedly, urging Jesus to interpret them in a false, self-serving way—if God sends angels to protect those whom God loves (as it says in Psalm 91), then prove it!

But Jesus resists this insidious temptation by turning to scripture passages that tell of right relationship with God—living by God's word, trusting in God, and worshiping God alone.

Jesus himself listened to the inspired word of God and let it shape and form him. Through the liturgy, we do the same. The readings we hear at Mass can teach us, but that is not their primary function. Rather, the scriptures are meant to reveal the Lord to us, to let us experience his presence, and to form us in our Christian identity. Christ's presence is realized by his spoken word, "since it is he himself who speaks when the Holy Scriptures are read in the Church" (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, 7).

**In the readings proclaimed at Mass, we hear the voice of Christ himself.**—

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Kaniqua Johnson

**Prayer Shawl**

Linda Smith

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## WELCOME

A warm welcome this morning to visitors and friends. We hope you enjoy this time of celebration, worship and fellowship, and may it be an inspiration to you. If you have come as a visitor, we hope you will leave as a NEW FRIEND. Please fill out our visitor card and place in the collection basket or give to our Ushers.

## Happy March Birthdays



Emari G. Miller 03/01

Claretta Henry 03/02

Rita Eberhart 03/06 Marie Argant 03/11

Mary Ambrose 03/11 Maurice Smith 03/25

Donald Cleare 03/30 Vernet Pegues 03/31

Cordale Reed 03/31

## 2021 Archbishop's Charities and Development Drive (ABCD).

As of February 28, 2021:

We made (9) pledges totaling \$5,700.00,  
 and have received \$ 2,050.00

We need \$ 6,380.00 to reach our goal of \$12,080.



Saint Philip Neri Justice Ministry

**PACT**

**Nehemiah Action**

**March 15th, 7:30 pm**

## Church Sign Update



The City of Miami  
 Gardens Sign permit has  
 been obtained and our sign  
 is in the process of being  
 manufactured.

Our projected shipping date

Is the end of April

Let us continue to pray for the  
 success of this project.



## Finance and Pastoral Councils combined meeting

via ZOOM

**Tuesday, March 23, 2021**

**6:30pm**



A woman, Veronica,  
 wipes Jesus' face.

## Stations of the Cross

**Every Friday during  
 Lent**

**6:30pm**

## STEWARDSHIP

### February 28th (42 Adults 9 Youth)

Offertory \$1894.00

Building Fund \$280.00

Candles \$56.00

Mass Intention \$10.00

Needy \$5.00

Donation \$1000.00

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### March 7th (32 adults 5 Youths)

Offertory \$ 1768.00

Building Fund \$ 40.00

Easter Flowers \$ 20.00

Ladies Guild \$50.00

Latin America \$30.00

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### On Line Giving :

**February 1st—28th**

Offertory \$ 1,710.00

Building fund \$ 90.00

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### Preliminary February Finances

Revenue \$ 6,798.72

Expenses \$ 13,279.67

(6,480.95)



## Office of Black Catholic Ministry

## LENTEN VIRTUAL REVIVAL

## "Water in My Eyes"

## A 3-Night Meditation

**March 15 -17, 2021**

**7:00pm**

Rev. Sidney Speaks , Pastor of  
 St. Joseph the Worker Parish,

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## Reconciliation Weekend

Reconciliations will be held

Sunday, March 21st

after Mass



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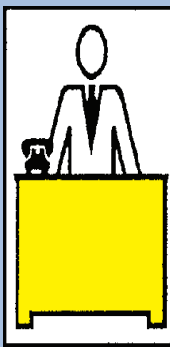
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