



ST. PHILIP NERI

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Second Sunday &
Third Sunday of Advent



December 10 &
December 17, 2023



Our 21th Anniversary Concert was a joyful celebration

Our thanks to pianist Michael Allen Harrison and singer Julianne Johnson for their engaging performances — and their fond support of Mary Schleich.

Fr. Andrew, Debbie Guthrie and Iris Brenk all helped members with sales and advertising. We are grateful to our members for cookie baking, decorating, event staffing and take-down chores; for parish men who hauled the tables and did the heavy stuff. Heartfelt thanks to patrons who attended and made our benefit concert worthwhile. We all got a boost to cheer and warm this 2023 holiday season.

The St. Philip Neri Altar Society



Second Sunday of Advent

To whom was John the Baptist speaking when he called for repentance? Was he speaking to those within the fold, or outside

of it? The truth is, he was speaking to Jews rather than Gentiles.

Many years later, when Matthew wrote this Gospel, he clearly intended the message for the Christians of his own day, and the Christians of every age, not pagans or outsiders.

Christians of every age are susceptible to the same pitfalls—self-righteousness, resting on their religious laurels, putting themselves at center stage, looking smugly at all the sinners on the outside.

All Christians can take a cue from John the Baptist as Christmas draws near. He put his own ego and everything else aside and cleared center stage for Jesus.

Sometimes my ego and its demands take center stage in my life. Advent may not be a season for repentance in the same way as Lent, but it's a time to be sure that Jesus is at center stage in my life.

How can I do that . . . today?

—*The Little Blue Book*, December 2020

Third Sunday of Advent

Sometimes I'm an awful lot like John the Baptist. When I want to reform something, I want to reform it totally and I want to reform it now.

When life seems like a long road, a lonely night and a bitter winter, I might feel, "What's the use? I've done a couple of good things, but there is so much I haven't done."

So it is with the world around me and with my own life. I'm going to work for peace and justice — but sometimes I feel like I'm wasting my time, getting nowhere.



It can be the same way with just about anything — my marriage, my single life, whatever my life is. Sometimes it seems like I'm spinning my wheels. I don't want to wait for the snow to melt or the rose to blossom. I don't want just a desert flower. I want a lush garden. Today.

But signs of hope can be found all around me. People drop a dollar in the Salvation Army kettle. People write a note to someone with whom they haven't been in touch. People give food to hungry people. A family gets back together after some rift over the holidays. There are signs of hope that things can change for the better.

I wonder if I've been a sign of hope to others this season.

Never too late to start . . .

—*The Little Blue Book*, December 2020



GIVING MADE EASY

Did you know that you can use online giving for ALL your donations this Christmas? Whether it is your Christmas gift, your donation for Christmas flowers to beautify the church environment during this joyous season, or your year-end gift, giving online is a convenient and secure solution to make your one-time or recurring financial gift.

Just click on the **GIVE ONLINE** button and take a look around. It's designed to be easy. It can be found on the upper right hand corner of our HOME PAGE on our website. Thank you for your generosity and God Bless you always.

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Please consider having one of our \$25 Poinsettias or \$75 Trees dedicated in memory of your loved one.

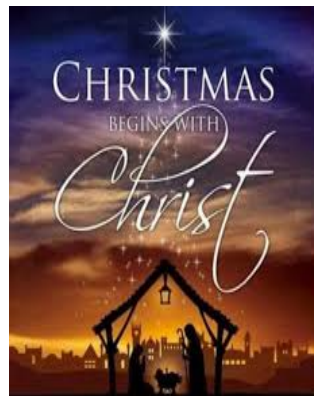


Raphael House of Portland provides life-saving services to adults and children fleeing domestic violence, while working to prevent future abuse through education. They ensure that survivors find the hope, healing, and independence they deserve – while building a bright future that's free from violence.

YOU CAN MAKE A LIFE-SAVING GIFT THIS SEASON

Double or triple your impact! Through December 31st, gifts of \$125 or more will be tripled (up to \$10,000) and gifts under \$125 doubled (up to \$5,000) by our generous matching partners OnPoint Community Credit Union and The Clark Foundation.

Simply use the secure online giving page at bit.ly/RHGiving2023, or mail a check made out to Raphael House of Portland at 4110 SE Hawthorne Blvd. #503 Portland, OR 97214. ♥



Church Cleaners Schedule

Dec 12 – Dec 15
Marinka, Catherine & Joanne

Dec 19 – Dec 22
Florence & Marie



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Dec 9:	4:00 p.m.	† Frances & Augie Gatto – Gatto & Jarvis
Sun. Dec 10:	9:30 a.m.	† George Spada – Mary Schleich
Wed. Dec 13:	9:00 a.m.	† Mary Murphy
Thur. Dec 14:	9:00 p.m.	† Margie Glaser – Jeanne McPherson
Fri. Dec 15:	12:10 p.m.	Ed Gustafson – The Rossetto Sisters
Sat. Dec 16:	4:00 p.m.	† Margaret Capri – Marietta Spada
Sun. Dec 17:	9:30 a.m.	People of St Philip Neri
Wed. Dec 20:	9:00 a.m.	† Kelsey Harris – Kellee Harris
Thu. Dec 21:	9:00 a.m.	† Ambrose Calcagno Jr.
Fri. Dec 22:	12:10 p.m.	Chloe Haugen
Sat. Dec 23:	4:00 p.m.	† Nancy Salta – Eleanore & Dorene
Sun. Dec 24:	9:30 a.m.	Chloe Haugen



Andrea Del Rosario ♥ Antonette Amato
♥ Georgene Raab ♥ Colin Andries ♥ Bill Dietzler ♥ Tessa Parise Murdock

Please contact the office if you, or someone you know needs our prayers!



December 10 – December 16
† Barb Douglas

December 17 – December 23
† Kelsey Harris

“We the welcoming community of St. Philip Neri Parish, empowered by the compassion of Jesus and supported by the Eucharist and the Word, dedicate ourselves to engage with and enrich the lives of those we touch.”

Reconciliation Times
Saturday
by appointment only

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