



ST. PHILIP NERI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear SPN School Parents,

I am so excited for this new school year to begin! I hope the summer was refreshing and filled with great family time and happy memories. I greatly look forward to meeting you and your children very soon! My transition to St. Philip Neri has been abundantly blessed. Fr. Harry and Fr. Mike did a wonderful job of helping with this transition and I am forever grateful for the tremendous leadership of Fr. Harry over these past 11 years. We have such an incredible parish filled with so many wonderful people. I have felt very welcome and the excitement is tangible - the Lord has something beautiful in store for us!

New this year! This year, parents are invited to sit *with* their children during our school Masses, every Wednesday at 9:00 AM! If parents arrive before the start of Mass (and promise to be as well-behaved as their children) we would love for you to sit with your children and worship with them. As well, we will be inviting families to attend a special "Family Mass" throughout the year where we will have special participation from school families and, of course, doughnuts after Mass. There is no better way to strengthen your family than being together before the Lord in the Eucharist!

Are you a registered parishioner? If you are not a registered parishioner, I sincerely invite you to register. Please consider full membership into our parish family! As well, I would like to invite you to worship with us every Sunday. I know it can be very easy with work, extracurriculars, and young children to get out of the practice of attending Mass on Sundays. Please come back! You need it! And we miss you! I love hearing children at Mass - BRING THEM!! Jesus said, "Let the children come to me" (Mt 19:14). We have many options for Mass times that can accommodate your schedule: Saturday 4:00 PM, Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM, 6:00PM. Also, we have Confessions from 2:30PM - 3:30PM every Saturday. Now is a great time to get back into practice! New school year, new routine, and NEW LIFE for your family!

I am so humbled to be your pastor and I thank God every day for this gift. I have a lot to learn and you will be my teachers - thank you! Please know of my prayers for you and your children. I pray that this year your family will deepen in love for each other and the Lord! I pray that God's peace will reign in your hearts and homes. And I pray that, through the intercession of St. Philip Neri, our parish family will experience tremendous joy and unity in this new year and new season.

"The Lord is with you, wherever you go!" (Joshua 1:9)

In Christ,

Fr. Andrew Rudmann
Pastor