



God sent  
His only  
Son to earth  
to save us,  
because He  
**loves** us!

John 3:16-17

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SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH  
LAFAYETTE HILL, PENNSYLVANIA

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DECEMBER 19, 2010

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

Second Collection Next Weekend:  
Debt Reduction

**PLEASE PRAY** for the sick so that they may be comforted by the concern and love of their families and the family of the Church: Joie Nicole Barr, Addison Birney, John Cacchio, Jr., John Cahill, Vincent Cellucci, Gregory Cenevino, Ed Coach, Mary Connery, Patricia Coscia, Susan DiBonaventura, Mary DiDonato, Charles Di Lullo, Jr., Lillian Doherty, Michael Egan, Kevin Flanagan, Claire Fleming, Marge Gallagher, Bill Geppert, Jason Hamilton, Arthur Hellebusch, Sharon Hofknecht, Vincent Jacoby, Catherine Kershaw, Lauretta Kolb, George and Molly Lozinak, James Maggetti, Margaret McLaughlin, Joan Marine, Mary McLean, Sue Male, Barbara Martinick, Peg Mateja, Carmen and Helen Morelli, John Mullahy, Thomas Mortimore, IV, Lisa O'Brien, Dolores O'Neill, James V. Pienkowski, Barbie Preston, John Rees, Gloria Reilly, Erica Roberts, Peter Shields, Sr., Betty Skibjak, Betty Smith, Lorraine Sirianni, Tim Schwartz, Frank Stanczak, Sr., Rhonda Younglove and for all those who are hoping and praying for organ transplants.

**PLEASE PRAY** for those who died and those we remember in the silence of our hearts, especially: Margaret Kelly, Mary Haber and Mary Ellen Clarke.

**BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS** are scheduled for Tuesday, January 4, 7:30 PM, in the Rectory Conference Room. Your baby is always welcome in Church, however, for the instruction itself, please try to schedule a babysitter so you may be free to concentrate. Also, please call the Church Office at 610-834-1975 for sign up purposes.

**WE WELCOME** Elyse Marie, daughter of Thomas and Courtney Manley and Olivia Marie, daughter of Eric and Heather Rohrbach into the Parish Community of Saint Philip Neri Church. These babies were baptized last Sunday.

### Question of the Week

Whom do you find it difficult to welcome in your life? What can you do to overcome that?

### ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday  
6:30 AM Charles and Margaret Ponietowicz  
8:30 AM Mary L. Basile

Tuesday  
6:30 AM Thomas Keane, III  
Frank and Concetta Lupinacci  
and Family  
8:30 AM Alfred and Cecilia Porrino

Wednesday  
6:30 AM Steven S. Staranowski, Sr.  
8:30 AM Campagna and Colangelo Families

Thursday  
6:30 AM The Keane and Lupinacci Families  
8:30 AM The Englebert and Stephens Family

Friday  
6:30 AM Michael and Mary Paparo  
8:30 AM Charles and Jane Dunne

Cluster Penance Service  
Monday  
SS. Cosmas and Damian  
7:00 PM

Parish Penance Service  
Our annual Advent Penance Service will take place on Tuesday, at 7:00 PM. As usual, we will have a number of priests hearing confession. If you have not gone to confession in a while, this would be a good time and an excellent way to prepare for the coming of Christ.

Merry Christmas  
The students, staff and faculty of St. Philip Neri School wish a very happy and blessed Christmas to our parishioners. We are very grateful for your support and we continue to keep you in our prayers. May Christ come to you this Christmas with the gift of love, the blessing of hope and the promise of peace.



## **Christmas Mass Schedule**

### **Christmas Eve**

**Friday**

**4:00 PM Children's Mass**

***Prelude Music Presented by School Choir  
and Hand Chime Ringers 3:50 PM***

**5:45 PM Mass**

**7:30 PM Adult Choir\***

**Midnight Mass Teen Schola\*\***

### **Christmas Day**

**Saturday**

**7:00 AM**

**8:30 AM**

**10:00 AM**

**11:30 AM**

Join Us as We Celebrate the Birth of Jesus With Choral and Brass  
Prelude Music. \*7:10 Christmas Eve - Adult Choir  
\*\*11:40 Christmas Eve - Schola

### ***Choir Notes & News***

We are happy to have additional musicians celebrate the Mass with us on Christmas. It is necessary then to expand the music space into the window aisle. Traffic will be directed around this area. *Please be considerate of the ministry of the organists, musicians and singers and their concentration on the liturgy.*



**Think About It! Adult Faith Formation**

(Contact: LindaBanecker [AFF@aol.com](mailto:AFF@aol.com) or 610-828-0344)  
**Small Christian Community:** It's not too late to join in discussing the Sunday scriptures on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 AM in the Church Sacristy. Contact Bobby Cefaratti 610-828-5363.

### **WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP**

Please consider joining our Women's Prayer Group. We meet from 10:00 to 11:00 every Thursday morning in the Cry Room in the Church. We would be glad to have you join us.

### **MEN'S PRAYER GROUP**

Men of different ages meet every Wednesday morning in the Rectory Conference Room from 7:30 to 8:30. There are no experts, just men searching for a deeper relationship with God. If you are interested in joining and wish more information, call Duane McCarthy at 610.825.5237.

### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? If you are interested in becoming a member of the faith community here at St. Philip Neri, call the Religious Education Office at 610-834-9868. We are interested in learning more about you too!

### **H.O.P.E.**

If you, or anyone you know, needs transportation to a doctor or dentist appointment, or to Church on Sunday, please call Anne or Bill Franks at 610-828-2530 or (E-mail: [ann59bil@gmail.com](mailto:ann59bil@gmail.com)), or Loretta Zych at 215-836-1127. Note: Additional weekday drivers and group leaders are needed.

**ARE YOU A PARENT WHO HAS LOST A CHILD?** An informal group of Moms and Dads get together to talk or just listen to others who understand how you feel. For more information contact: Marianne O'Connor 610-825-4975 or Rosemary McNichol 610-825-7367. The next meeting will be Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory Conference Room.

**The Philippians** are going to Our National Parks June 2011. All are welcome! For more information contact Anna Marlin at 267-307-6238.

### **Can You Help?**

One of our families recently experienced a devastating fire that killed the father and left the

family without a home. The Parish Religious Education Program would like to ask for your support. During this season of giving, we are asking that you consider making a donation through Saint Philip's to help them. You can make a check to Saint Philip's or donate a gift card so that we can help them with the basic necessities of life. This can be done through the Church office or by contacting Jeanette Paul through the Program or school office. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated, and may the peace of Christ bless all of our families. Please call Jeanette Paul at 610-834-9868 [jpaul@saintphilipnerschool.com](mailto:jpaul@saintphilipnerschool.com).

### **Saint Philip Neri Youth Group**

[mbmcgroary@saintphilipnerschool.com](mailto:mbmcgroary@saintphilipnerschool.com) .

The SPN High School Youth Group will be Christmas Caroling on Wednesday. We will meet at SPN at 6:45pm and visit a few local residences. Cookies and hot chocolate will follow in the school cafeteria. Please email Mrs. McGroary with any questions.

### **SPN Home and School Association** **Trivia Night 8**

Tickets on sale now, for more information [McM.Entertain@gamil.com](mailto:McM.Entertain@gamil.com) or 610-828-2102.

### **ARE YOU AVAILABLE ON 12/30?**

The combined holiday seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas means *Philabundance* is inundated with donated bags and boxes of food. But before it can be distributed to local food cupboards, it needs to be sorted and repacked, and our normal group received a desperate plea to come and help. A group will be going down to the repack center on Thursday to assist in this effort. Morning shift is 8:30 to noon, afternoon shift is 12:30-3:30. Ages 12 and above are welcome. Please contact Cindy Veit at [LWVeit@gmail.com](mailto:LWVeit@gmail.com) or call 610-772-4740 if you are interested. Car pools will be arranged.

### **A SIMPLE WISH LIST**

If the Franciscans had the time to visit Santa, they would ask for gifts to give those who visit their Inn. *To keep them fed* – Peanut Butter and jelly, canned tuna &

chicken, oatmeal, powdered milk, coffee, tea, sugar, baby food and formula, *to keep them warm* gloves & hats, long undies, gently used blankets & coats, *to keep them healthy* - vitamins, ibuprofen, acetaminophen, alcohol free cough & cold medicines, cough drops, chapstick & vaseline, *to keep them (and the Inn) clean* - toiletries, feminine products, washcloths, paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, 13 gallon trash bags, clorox and Pine-Sol. Shopping is as easy as a trip to the dollar store or throwing a few extra items in your grocery cart. Boxes will be at all doors of the church during the Advent and Christmas seasons to accept your donations. Thank you in advance for helping to welcome each guest as Christ himself.

*It's never too early to send a thank you to you wonderful parishioners who continually support our ministry to the poor. We are delighted to receive all the food, toiletries, warm items, etc. you so generously share with the less fortunate. Many, many thanks! May God bless you most abundantly during this Advent Season. Peace and joy, The Franciscans @ St. Francis Inn*



**BJ's Wholesale Club Supports**  
**St. Philip Neri School**

**Join or Renew through this special membership offer:**  
**Deadline for this offer: TUESDAY**



### ***MAGICAL SCRIP***

**Magical Groceries** Every household needs to grocery shop, right? If your St. Philip Neri household purchases \$100 in grocery store gift cards per week, \$4-\$5 of extra revenue is generated (split between half for the parish and half for you in the form of a voucher for you). Do the math: 50 weeks times 1000 families means \$100,000-\$125,000 is generated for the parish, and each family earns \$100-\$125 -- in a year! It's a great way to stretch your grocery bill budget and reduce the parish deficit. ACME, Giant, ShopRite, and Super Fresh gift cards are for sale after weekend Masses and during church office hours. All of these grocery stores plus Genuardi's gift cards are available if you purchase scrip on-line at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). See the flyer in today's bulletin for more magical details. Questions? Contact Patti Hinchey, [spnscrip@gmail.com](mailto:spnscrip@gmail.com)

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