



Preparation
means to
'get ready'.
"Help us to be
ready to
welcome
YOU, O GOD!"

Luke 3:4-6

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SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH
LAFAYETTE HILL, PENNSYLVANIA

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DECEMBER 5, 2010

Second Sunday of Advent

Second Collection: Christmas Decorations

Second Collection Next Week:
Retirement Fund for Religious

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, Maryellen Clarke, 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, Laretta 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: Robert Perry, Mae McGlinchey, Joseph Timmone and Albert Busfield.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS are scheduled for Tuesday, 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 Molly Parker, daughter of James and Rachel Ronan into the Parish Community of Saint Philip Neri Church. Molly was baptized last Sunday.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday

6:30 AM Frank and Mary Fulginiti
8:30 AM Tullio Leomporra

Tuesday

6:30 AM Helen Tatlow
8:30 AM Anthony Della Porta

Wednesday

6:30 AM Steve Petrokubi
8:30 AM William Christine
12:05 PM John Berkey
7:00 PM Albert Roscioli

Thursday

6:30 AM Mary Beth Schaeffer
8:30 AM Joseph Januzelli

Friday

6:30 AM Anne Porrecca
8:30 AM Samual and Jennie Basile

Saturday

8:30 AM William A. and A Marie Geppert



Wednesday, The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be held at 6:30, 8:30 AM; 12:05 and 7:00 PM.

Pastor's Note...

We will have a **Special Blessing** for **Expectant Mothers** at the 11:30 AM Mass on December 19. If you wish to receive this blessing, please call the Church Office 610-834-1975.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13
9:00 AM TO 7:00 PM- CHAPEL



ADVENT MASS and SOCIAL

Please join us for the advent Mass on

Tuesday, at 7:00 PM in Church.

Please bring a wrapped gift, clearly labeled boy/girl or neutral with appropriate age group.

After Mass please join us for a social in the School Cafeteria.

Any questions, please contact
Linda Pizzi, 610-940-1331 or
Ursula Deluca, 610-828-2802.

Question of the Week

What do you need to change so that others can learn from watching you that Christ walks among us?

Children's Liturgy

Please have your children (ages 4-9) join us on Sundays at the 10:00 AM in the Preschool Building for a Children's Liturgy instruction. Children will hear the Gospel in terms that they can understand and relate to in their daily lives.

WANTED:

A teacher for the Children's Liturgy of the Word Program beginning this **January**. If you would like to take over this role, please contact Susan Redding at 610-567-0181.

A team of two to three parents would be ideal.

Frozen Casseroles for St. John's Hospice

Could you find time to make a casserole for the homeless at St. John's? Pans, lids and recipes are available in the Church Office and at Barbara McCarthy's (610-828-2058). Frozen casseroles are brought to Barbara's house before 9:00 AM the first **Wednesday of each month**. The next delivery is **THIS Wednesday**. Please consider this work of mercy in your busy schedule. They are greatly needed and appreciated.



Think About It! Adult Faith Formation

(Contact: Linda Banecker AFF@aol.com or 610-828-0344)

I've been working the last few months to build some local alliances with other adult faith formation directors so that we can enhance and increase what we offer in the way of adult education. I am happy to say that I've had some success and SPN AFF is co-sponsoring an educational series with Epiphany. The next session is on **Wednesday, December 15 at 7:00 in the Epiphany Parish Center and the topic is Centering Prayer and Consciousness Examen**. Some of you may know that this is part of the spirituality of St. Ignatius. The remaining sessions and topics are as follows: February 16: What do the scriptures say about Jesus? March 21: Life Long Process of Transformation: Aligning ourselves with Jesus' teaching and example. April 18: Current Church Understanding of the Sacraments - How they are intended to impact our lives. May 18: Liturgical Life of the Church--Liturgy of the Eucharist and Liturgy of the Hours--How they enhance our faith life. The sessions are being taught by two Sisters of Mercy, Maureen Michelle Donnelly and Mary Anne Nolan, and they (the sessions and the Sisters) are excellent! (BTW--Sr. Maureen Michelle will be running our women's retreat in May of next year.) It is two hours per month well spent in my humble opinion. Since December 15th is in Advent, it would be a great way to help prepare for the great feast of Christmas. I'd be happy to carpool or pick someone up if need be.

Book Club: Join us tonight, Sunday, at 7:00 in the school library to discuss *The Shack* by WM. Paul Young. Expect lively conversation on forgiveness and our understanding of our relationship with God.

Small Christian Community: Continues through Advent in the church sacristy on Tuesdays at 9:00 AM. Read and discuss the Sunday scriptures. Contact Bobby Cefaratti 610-828-5363.

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), or Loretta Zych at 215-836-1127. Note: Additional weekday drivers and group leaders are needed.

St. Philip Neri Women's Guild 14th Annual

Cookie and Sweets Exchange

Sunday, December 12, 2:00 PM

Bring: seven dozen cookies/sweets

(6) dozen wrapped separately

(1) dozen for tasting

One wrapped present (\$5-10 value) for the Yankee Swap. For more information call Michelle at 610-828-1850 or abiusopl@aol.com

The Giving Tree

Our giving tree was filled with names of less fortunate children from Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament School located in Philadelphia and The Devereux Kanner Center, a facility for mentally challenged children in West Chester. Please make sure you return the tag when you return the gift. The gifts should be returned no later than **December 14**. Thank you for your continued support for this wonderful cause.

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

SPN Home and School Association

Trivia Night 8

Tickets on sale now, for more information McM.Entertain@gamil.com or 610-828-2102.



BJ's Wholesale Club Supports

St. Philip Neri School

Join or Renew through this special membership offer:

\$10 off the regular \$45 Membership fee (\$35 basic membership)

Applications on the table in the back of the Church.

3 free months (15 month membership vs. 12)
Plus, receive a free household member card

Bonus: BJ's will donate \$5 of your membership fee to:

Saint Philip Neri School

Deadline for this offer: December 21.

SCHOOL NEWS

St. Philip's Second Annual Saint's Parade helped to kick off the month of November. Second graders, with the help of their grade partners in 8th grade, dressed as their patron saint. They worked hard at presenting interesting facts as well. On November 8, the students in 4th-8th grades had a "not so typical" day of fun, all in the name of education. FMA Live!, a hip-hop science concert that teaches Newton's Three Laws of Motion, took place in our gym. The program was developed through a partnership with NASA and was provided to us through the support of Honeywell. It was a great way to show the relevance of Newton's laws to our daily lives. St. Philip's held an Open House on November 16th. Many visitors could be seen walking our halls, interacting with teachers and students. Our success at these open houses is a credit to our parent volunteers and our student council members. We are proud to share our Catholic identity, our academic excellence, and the many opportunities that our school offers. The Wellness Committee at St. Philip's kicked off Wellness Wednesday's with a different kind of fitness for the students. Kids were invited to take part in Flip Fitness, an exercise program using a special deck of cards. This program provided fitness exercises based on "the luck of the draw." Numerous kids showed up to lunge, jump, run and squat! As we approached Thanksgiving, the school celebrated with a Thanksgiving Liturgy. We were reminded of the gifts God has given us and of how fortunate we are to be part of the St. Philip Neri community. Our church and school, together, create a true sense of family and faith. In the words of St. John Vianney, "Never pass a day without thanking Jesus Christ for all he has done for you during your life."



MAGICAL SCRIP

SCRIP = Gift Cards. The St. Philip Neri (SPN) gift cards are magical - every SPN gift card purchase generates revenue for the parish and for you. Shop with SPN gift cards; give SPN gift cards as gifts. You will help reduce the parish deficit and stretch your budget! See the flyer in today's bulletin for more details. Questions? Contact Patti Hinchey, spnscrip@gmail.com.