



The angels  
sang a  
message  
of JOY!

Luke 2:7-15

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**SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH**

**LAFAYETTE HILL, PENNSYLVANIA**  
**SAINT PHILIP NERI**  
**CHURCH**  
**DECEMBER 11, 2011**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Second Collection:**  
**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: Peter Black, Mary Connery, Mary DiDonato, Hector DiGiacomo, Lillian Doherty, Marge Gallagher, Sharon Hofknecht, Rachel Horvath, Vincent Jacoby, Catherine Kershaw, Laretta Kolb, Pat Kost, George and Molly Lozinak, James Maggetti, Sue Male, Joan Marine, Barbara Martinick, Julia McLaughlin, Margaret McLaughlin, Jean McLenigan, Carmen and Helen Morelli, John Mullahy, Lisa O'Brien, Thomas Mortimore, IV, John Rees, Gloria Reilly, Baby Peter Sayegh, Tim Schwartz, Betty Smith, Gabriel Vereczkei, 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 Decker and Hugh Quinn.

**BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS** are scheduled for Tuesday, January 3, 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.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
*MONDAY, 9:00 AM TO 7:00 PM- CHAPEL*

**Pastor's Note...We will have a *Special Blessing for Expectant Mothers* at the**

**5:00PM Mass on December 17. If you wish to receive this blessing, please call the Church Office 610-834-1975.**

**Question of the Week**

**What work of justice can you do this week to bring someone joy?**

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

**Monday**

6:30 AM Mary Ellen Clarke  
8:30 AM Joseph Januzelli

**Tuesday**

6:30 AM Lucy Simpson  
Lucy Drenkhahn  
8:30 AM Steven S. Staranowski

**Wednesday**

6:30 AM John Brady  
8:30 AM Deceased Members of the  
Brennan and Lowry Families

**Thursday**

6:30 AM Michael and Mary Paparo  
8:30 AM Steven S. Staranowski

**Friday**

6:30 AM Maureen Minetti  
John McAllister  
8:30 AM Frank and Nancy Mazza

**Saturday**

8:30 AM Dorothy and Joseph Gill

***Confessions:***

Saturday, December 17, Noon to 2:00  
PM

*Saint Philip Neri Church*

## **Penitential Services**

### **Regional Penitential Service**

**Monday, December 19, 7:00 PM**

*St. Mary's Church*

W. Elm and Oak Street, Conshohocken

### **Advent Penitential Service**

**Wednesday, December 21, 7:00 PM**

*St. Philip Neri Church*

11:30 AM

*Join Us As We Celebrate the Birth of Jesus with  
Choral Prelude Music.*

*\*7:15 PM Christmas Eve Adult Choir \*\*11:45 PM  
Christmas Eve – Schola*

## **SAINT PHILIP NERI WOMEN'S GUILD**

### **COOKING AND SWEETS EXCHANGE**

A wonderful afternoon for the Ladies

**Sunday, 2:00 PM**

Just outside library (former gym)

Bring: Seven dozen cookies/sweets

(6) dozen wrapped separately

(1) dozen for tasting

Beverages will be provided

One wrapped present (\$10-\$15 Value)

for the Yankee Swap

For more information: Michelle Abiuso

(610) 828-1850 or [AbiusoPHL@aol.com](mailto:AbiusoPHL@aol.com)



## **Christmas Mass Schedule**

### ***Christmas Eve***

***Saturday, December 24***

4:00 PM Children's Mass

*Prelude Music Presented by School  
Choir*

5:45 PM Mass

7:30 PM Adult Choir\*

Midnight Mass Teen Schola\*\*

### ***Christmas Day***

***Sunday, December 25, 2011***

7:00 AM

8:30 AM

10:00 AM

### **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

**10:00 AM Sunday, Preschool Building**

[nlcwilliamson@comcast.net](mailto:nlcwilliamson@comcast.net)

### **CYO PHILLIES FUNDRAISER**

Saint Philip Neri CYO is once again selling tickets for a chance at winning (2) full 2012 Phillies Season Tickets. Price is only \$10 per chance and chances may be obtained from any CYO Board Member. Any questions please contact Pete Black at [Pblack3rd@aol.com](mailto:Pblack3rd@aol.com).

### **Youth Group**

The high school youth group will be volunteering at Operation Santa Clause on Saturday. We will leave SPN at 9:30 AM and return for a pizza lunch at 12:30 PM. Let's try to make this year as successful as last year! Please RSVP to Mrs. McGroary at [mbmcgroary@saintphilipnerschool.com](mailto:mbmcgroary@saintphilipnerschool.com)

### **Shop with SCRIP Gift Cards**

It's Christmas time! Every time you Christmas shop with SCRIP or give SCRIP as a Christmas gift, you spread lots

of extra Christmas cheer - vouchers for you and FREE MONEY for SPN! Use the vouchers for SPN tuition or for gift cards. SCRIP gift cards are sold after weekend Masses, at the church office, or at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) SPN enrollment code 7D53E11E329L. Direct questions to Patti Hinchey at [spnscrip@gmail.com](mailto:spnscrip@gmail.com) or 215-836-2129.

### **Giant A Plus School Rewards Program**

Thank you - 70 Giant Bonus Cards are registered for SPN! There's still time for you to sign up! Simply e-mail your name and Giant Bonus Card number to [spnscrip@gmail.com](mailto:spnscrip@gmail.com), OR jot down your name and Giant card number and drop it in the collection basket. This is a no-cost fundraiser! Your Giant purchases will earn money for SPN school through March 2012. Direct questions to Patti Hinchey at 215-836-2129.

### **BJ's Membership Drive is BACK!!!!**

It is \$40 for membership, instead of \$50, 15 months instead of 12, plus free household membership card. St. Philip's will get \$5 for every new or renewed membership. Any questions, please feel free to contact Linda Pizzi, [lpizzi@verizon.net](mailto:lpizzi@verizon.net) or 610-940-1331. Applications are available in the back of church on the table.

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

Please consider joining our Women's Prayer Group. We meet from 10:00-11:00 every Thursday morning in the Rectory Conference Room. 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.

**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 email: [ann59bil@gmail.com](mailto:ann59bil@gmail.com), or Loretta Zych at 215-836-1127. Additional weekday drivers and group leaders are needed.

**Father James Martin, S.J.**  
**Friday, 7:30 PM**

**Jesuit Priest, renowned author, speaker, TV commentator and member of Plymouth Whitmarsh Class of '78**

**ADULT Faith Formation is a Lifelong Journey**

Contact: [LindaBaneckerAFF@aol.com](mailto:LindaBaneckerAFF@aol.com)  
Or 610-828-0344

**Philippians** – Anyone interested in joining our organization, please call Joan Meade at 610-828-6641. New members are always welcomed.

### **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!

### **Frozen Casseroles for St. John's Hospice**

Could you find time to make a casserole for the homeless of 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, January 4. Please consider this work of mercy in your busy schedule.

**Volunteers needed...** Saint Philip Neri Church is in need of volunteers to help clean the Church. Can you spare one hour on a Friday morning, once a month, to be part of a group that helps keep our Church beautiful? If you are interested please call Mary in the Church Office at 610-834-1975.

### **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 215-247-2267. This group meets every third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Rectory Conference Room. The next meeting is Tuesday, December 20.

### **CATHOLICS COME HOME**

Starting December 16

CatholicsComeHome.org's evangelization commercials will be airing nationwide, inviting those away from the practice of their faith to return "home." We encourage our parishioners to pray for those who have left the Church and invite them to join us this Christmas season at Saint Philip Neri Church. We pray for this

national campaign to create the largest family reunion in Church History! To learn more visit [www.CatholicsComeHome.org](http://www.CatholicsComeHome.org).

**St. Genevieve Church Concert**

Sunday at 6:30 PM

Concert - Festival of Lessons and Carols  
Special guest "City Brass"

**The Sisters of Saint Joseph** present the Keystone State Boys choir, in conjunction with the Princeton Girls choir, for a concert on Sunday January 8. The concert begins at 3 pm and will be held in Mount Saint Joseph Convent Chapel (9701 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19118). Concert tickets are \$25.00 each. Limited seating is available so please make your purchase promptly. To reserve tickets call 1-800-482-6510 or email

[development@ssjphila.org](mailto:development@ssjphila.org). Ticket proceeds benefit the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

**The Catholic Tour**, a 30 year old Catholic Pilgrimage Apostolate is pleased to announce its monthly departures to the Holy Land, following the footsteps of Our Lord. The pilgrimage is being done to introduce all to "The Beginnings of Our Catholic Church" at prices that include all land arrangements, superior tourist hotels throughout the Holy Land, most meals, deluxe motor coach, tour guild, and airfare from JFK airport in New York. Call 1-877-627-4288 (988 Marian Tour) toll free for more information. 35 seats available each month.

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