

SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH

MAY 29, 2011

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Second Collection: 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., Ed Coach, Mary Connery, Patricia Coscia, Hector DiGiacomo, Susan DiBonaventura, Mary DiDonato, Lillian Doherty, Charles DiLullo, Jr., Michael Egan, Claire Fleming, Nicholas Floutsis, Mildred Fulginiti, Marge Gallagher, Bill Geppert, Jason Hamilton, Arthur Hellebusch, Joseph Hofmann, Sharon Hofknecht, Vincent Jacoby, Catherine Kershaw, Lauretta Kolb, Thomas Kropinski, Lillian Linton, George and Molly Lozinak, Lauren Lamar, James Maggetti, Margaret McLaughlin, Joan Marine, Julia McLaughlin, Jean McLenigan, Sue Male, Barbara Martinick, Carmen and Helen Morelli, John Mullahy, Lisa O'Brien, Jack Mailey, Thomas Mortimore, IV, Dolores O'Neill, James V. Pienkowski, Barbie Preston, John Rees, Ann Rathke, Gloria Reilly, Tim Schwartz, Peter Shields, Sr., Betty Smith, Irene Schindler, Mary Szoffara, Jamie Tannenbaum, Baby Emma Wittig, 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: Alexander Iula.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS are scheduled for Tuesday, June 7, 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 Kevin Patrick, son of Kevin and Gwendolyn Flaherty, Liam Everett, son of John and Kristen Jordan, Ava Catherine, daughter of David and Jennifer Brady and Francesca Isabella, daughter of Frank and Toni Pomarico into the Parish Community of St. Philip Neri. These babies were baptized last Sunday.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How is love of others connected to love of God?

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday

6:30 AM Alfred and Cecilia Porrino
8:30 AM Kathleen Pelletier
1st Anniversary

Tuesday

6:30 AM Leo LaFontaine
8:30 AM James F. Lafferty

Wednesday

6:30 AM Joseph and Yolanda DeVita
8:30 AM Margaret Walker

Thursday

6:30 AM Michael and Mary Paparo
8:30 AM Norma Brancato
12:05 PM Ben Przydzial
7:00 PM Charles P. Vance, Sr.

Friday

6:30 AM Albert Busfield
8:30 AM Walter Hartnett

Saturday

8:30 AM George T. Bass

Thursday, June 2

The Ascension of the Lord is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses: 6:30 and 8:30 AM, 12:05 and 7:00 PM.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MONDAY, June 13

9:00 AM TO 7:00 PM CHAPEL

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 Wednesday. Please consider this work of mercy in your busy schedule. They are greatly needed and appreciated.



Celebration of Pentecost

We celebrate the feast of Pentecost, Sunday, June 12. Pentecost is a Greek word that means either "50 days" or "50th day." Pentecost sets a seal on the 50 days of Easter time. On Pentecost, Christians celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This great feast is the birthday of the church! As the spirit descended on Mary and the disciples in the upper room they began to more fully understand the salvation that Christ had brought. Not being able to contain this good news, they went forth, as a church, to proclaim it to the world. Pentecost is really our special day because we, like the early followers of Jesus, are called to spread the Good News. As part of our participation in this feast, everyone is invited to wear **RED** at Mass.

Father's Day Cards

At the doors of the church there are Father's Day cards for living and deceased fathers. All the Masses on Father's Day will be offered for them as well as Masses said during the month of June. Please fill in the information on the outside envelope and drop it in the collection basket or the church office. The card may be given to your father on Father's Day, or if your father is deceased, keep it as a keepsake.

Saint Philip Neri School Registration

Saint Philip Neri School is accepting registration for the 2011-2012 school year. For a registration packet and a tour of our school call 610-828-3082. Additional information may be viewed on the school's website at www.saintphilipnerischool.com.



Magical SCRIP

Your June SCRIP gift card purchases could provide St. Philip's with free money! All you have to do is buy your groceries with SCRIP gift cards. SCRIP is sold at the weekend Masses, during church office hours, and through the parish grade school. For more information, contact Patti Hinchey at 215-836-2129.



April 30th was a very special day at St. Philip's as the second graders made their First Holy Communion. Through song, actions, and prayer, the Communicants portrayed the glory of receiving Jesus for the first time. Thank you to the teachers and catechists for their efforts with the children. They helped make it a perfect display of this, most holy, Sacrament. St. Philip's also ended the month with our trip to **Earthfest** on the Temple, Ambler campus. Thirty-five students were able to attend through the generosity of two families that donated the cost of transportation. Students were able to continue their discoveries of our world and nature along with having a great time. We celebrate Mary this month and we began with our **May Procession**. We were blessed with a beautiful day as the students processed into church. Our First Communion class followed their classmates while our May Crowner and her court were the last to arrive. The entire school community made this a very special tribute to Mary. As the month continues, teachers and students spend time in the church prayer garden praying the rosary. Thank you to all who came out to support the **8th Grade Car Wash** on May 8th. Your donations will help the 8th grade in their efforts to raise enough money for their end of year activities. This year's **Reading Olympics** competition was another huge success! We had 55 students participate and read 90 books. Our students spent many hours preparing for the event. We had many first time but enthusiastic 5th graders readers. The teams were filled with excitement throughout the competition and it was a rewarding experience for all. Overall, the teams won one Red and two Green Ribbons. Our 7th and 8th grade teams excelled at the competition. These experienced readers scored high marks and won the top prizes of Red and Blue Ribbons. We applaud the effort of all who participated in this celebration of reading! The 8th grade trip to New York was a great success. Blessed with another beautiful day, the 8th grade ferried into Manhattan to enjoy a full day of fun. The trip included a tour of **Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum** along with a **Blue Man Group** matinee. Perhaps one of the best parts of the trip, although unscheduled, was our ride by **Ground Zero**. A brief history was given as we passed the infamous spot of terror and sadness. The bus drivers pointed out a cross, constructed of a metal beam, which was salvaged from the ruins; a clear reminder of the hope that has yet to be lost. At SPN, we impress upon our students the importance of putting their faith into action. One way to do this is to put emphasis on service projects, whether in school or through the community. Last month the 4th grade class raised funds for **Alex's Lemonade Foundation**. From selling lemonade at lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays in April, the students raised **\$893.00!** They are to be commended for their effort. Thank you to our students, teachers and parents who helped make this service project so successful. We'll finish the school year with field trips, finals, and field day. We'll take tests and treat ourselves to our talent show. We'll work hard until the end, knowing that summer is near. Most of all, we'll keep our families and friends at St. Philip's in our prayers. Happy Summer!

From the Parish Golf Committee

We would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's Parish Golf Outing and Social, you all made it very successful. A special thanks to the Golf and Social Committees and all the helping hands.

Steven Dessner, Fran McCusker, Kevin Gorman, Amy Bergin, Nicole Hayes, Eric Abromavage, Donna McCusker, David Haberstroh, Fran Kelly, Dee Higgins, Chris Vogelman, Megan Swider, Teresa Keller, Lisa Coscia, Joe Gallagher, Joe Opeila.

2011 PARISH GOLF OUTING WINNERS

TUITION RAFFLE
PICO FAZZI FAMILY

GOLF OUTING RAFFLE
1ST PLACE- iPad 2
JERRY VOLGRAF

2ND PLACE TRIVIA TABLE FOR 10
DI BENEDETTO FAMILY

3RD PLACE- KINDLE
CORR FAMILY

GOLF AWARDS
1ST PLACE SCRAMBLE WINNERS
CHRIS MURPHY, DAN HYMAN,
HUGH QUINN, STEVE REILEY
CLOSEST TO THE PIN: **DAN HAYES**
LONGEST DRIVE: **TOM KERSTES**
LONGEST DRIVE: **DEB WAVAR**

CYO Mass + Awards Luncheon

The CYO Mass + Awards Luncheon will take place on Sunday, June 12th. The CYO Mass is at 10 AM followed by the Awards Luncheon at the ACE Center. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for students. Please send your response/money for the event c/o Anthony Marrone, Grade 5, Room 7 as soon as possible. There will be no tickets sold at the door.

SPN 2011 Fall Sports Registration

SPN Cross Country boys and girls (\$35.00), Soccer boys and girls (\$80.00) and girls Volleyball (\$80.00) and Field Hockey (\$80.00) registration for 5th through 8th graders will take place in the school gym on the following dates: Monday June 6th, Tuesday June 7th, and Wednesday June 8th from 6:30 to 8:00pm. Anyone who plans to play Soccer, Volleyball, Field Hockey or run Cross Country in the Fall should register. For more information contact Brian Shields 610-397-0866 or brianpshields@yahoo.com.

HIGH SCHOOL CYO

Co-ed intramural volleyball will be played in the Saint Philip Neri Gym on Tuesday nights this summer. Any parishioner, who will be a high school student in September, 2011 is welcome to play. To register please contact Mike Quarino at mquarino@verizon.net or 610-940-1116.

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.

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 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.

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!

Wedding Music The Sacrament of Matrimony is enhanced by the use of Liturgical Music. Our Music Director is available to help you prepare Music and Liturgy for your Wedding Mass or Ceremony. After placing your wedding date on the parish calendar, contact Jean to confirm this date and to set up an appointment to discuss details. All Parish Cantors will be recommended at that time. Should you desire additional instrumentalists, those contacts will also be made at that time. Jean Martin: 215/704-0508 or Jeanm1@comcast.net

Miraculous Medal Shrine – Summer Novena of Hope

Rev. Thomas Finley, C.M., will speak on the Rosary each Day. The Novena is daily from Monday, June 13 to Tuesday, June 21. Tuesday through Friday, the Mass, Novena, and brief talk are at 9:00 AM, 12:05 and 7:00 PM. Confessions will be heard 15 minutes prior to each Mass, except Sunday. On June 13 and 20 the regular Monday Novena scheduled: Masses at 7:00 and 9:00 AM and 12:05 and 7:30 PM and Novena with talk at 2, 3, 4, 5, 6:30 PM. Saturday Novena and Masses at 9:00 AM, 12:05 and 5:00 PM and Sunday 9:00 AM, and 12:05 PM. The Shrine is located at 500 E. Chelton Avenue, Germantown. Safe and secure parking is available on premises and street. For more information call 215-848-1010, especially for groups.

The Sisters of Saint Joseph will host a fundraiser, the **Women's Wellness Weekend**, in lovely Cape May Point, New Jersey from September 9-11. The weekend is designed to be holistic-spiritual, relaxing, rejuvenating, educational and fun. Included are meals, accommodations and the opportunity to participate in a variety of workshops. Space is limited so early registration is encouraged. For additional information, or to register, 800-482-6510 or <http://www.ssjphila.org/www.html>. 014phil