SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH <u>AUGUST 21, 2011</u> <u>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY</u> <u>IN ORDINARY TIME</u>

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: Mary Connery, Patricia Coscia, Mary DiDonato, Hector DiGiacomo, Lillian Doherty, Claire Fleming, Marge Gallagher, Sharon Hofknecht, Rachel Horvath, Vincent Jacoby, Catherine Kershaw, Lauretta Kolb, Pat Kost, Thomas Kropinski, 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, Ann Rathke, John Rees, Gloria Reilly, Tim Schwartz, Betty Smith, Gabriel Vereczkei, and for all those who are hoping and praying for organ transplants.

<u>PLEASE PRAY</u> for those who died and those we remember in the silence of our hearts.

BAPTISIMAL INSTRUCTIONS

are scheduled for Tuesday, **October 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.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In what way has the example of Christian marriage (your own or that of another couple) helped you understand the relationship between Christ and his church?

ANNOUNCED MASSES

MONDAY

8:30 AM Thomas F. Keane, III Frank and Concetta Lupinacci and Family

TUESDAY

8:30 AM Eleanor McNichol

WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM Mary L. and Anthony J. Basile, Sr.

THURSDAY

8:30 AM Robert R. Jacobs

FRIDAY

8:30 AM Eva Colella

SATURDAY

8:30 AM Loretta Dziuban

Catechetical Sunday



This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 18, and will focus on the theme "Do This in Memory of Me." Those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry at the 10:00 Mass. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism,

in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

PASTOR'S NOTE

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate **Brian Connelly** and his family. In late August, Brian will begin his studies at St. Charles Seminary. We are so proud as a parish that one of our young men is beginning to seriously consider preparing for the priesthood. It has been many years since our parish has had a vocation and I ask you to pray for him during the days ahead.

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

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Please consider joining our Women's Prayer Group. We meet from 10:00-11:00 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!

Saint Philip Neri Parish School admits students of any race, color, national, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at our school. Similar policies apply to the school staff. Our school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, its admission policies, or in any schooladministered program. Any person who volunteers with school students must fulfill certain State and Diocesan requirements. This includes coaches, substitutes, scout leaders, library and technology volunteers and permanent lunch monitors. The Archdiocesan Safe Environment Program requires all adults who have regular contact with children to obtain the necessary state clearances and attend a Protecting God's Children training session. Information regarding this process and the state forms is outlined on the Diocesan website at www.archdiocese-phl.org.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

HELP NEEDED!

Catechists are needed for our Tuesday PREP program for 4th and 5th grades, as well as Sunday Morning Kindergarten. Please call Jeanette Paul at 610-834-9868 for more information.

REGISTRATION for the Parish Religious Education Program (CCD) is now being finalized. Books and materials need to be ordered. The cost of the program is \$175.00 for one child and \$225 for two or more children. If you only have one or more children in Kindergarten, the cost is \$100.

Kindergarten classes are on Sunday mornings from 10:00-10:50 AM. Grades 1 through 5 have their classes on Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 4:00-5:00 PM. Grade 6 will only meet on Tuesday. Bus transportation is available from Whitemarsh Elementary, Ridge Park and Colonial Elementary both days for \$50 per family. A child needs to attend only one class per week. The day of choice will be limited to the number of children who can ride the bus meeting a safe and legal limit.

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

We are sponsoring a trip to Vermont this autumn (October 17 to 21). Contact Anna Marlin for details: 215-233-1527 or 267-307-6238.

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 Wednesday, **September 7.** Please consider this work of mercy in your busy schedule. They are greatly needed and appreciated.

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; contacts will also be made at that time. Jean Martin: 215-704-0508 or Jeanml@comcast.net.

Choir Notes & News

Do you have a good voice, musical talent or Choir experience? Now is the time to join **St. Philip's Music Ministry** and share your gifts with our parish community. We invite you to join our talented parishioners who form our parish choirs. Rehearsals for the Adult Choir are held on Tuesday evenings in the Church Chapel beginning on September 6, from 7:00 to 9:00. Our Parish

Schola of young adult voices has been a great success. We would like to welcome more of our high school, college and young adult parishioners to join this group. Schola rehearsals are held on Tuesday evenings beginning September 6 in the Church Chapel from 6:00 to 7:00. Please look for flyers at church entrances. School Choir rehearsals will be held after school (3:00 to 4:00) on Mondays and Tuesdays. The Choristers Yearly Calendar will be given to interested students the first week of school. Choristers must be able to match pitch and timing and possess good listening skills. Rehearsals will begin on September 12 and 13. Please be considerate of the ministry of the parish musicians and their concentration on the liturgy. Enter the pews from the side aisle and not the window aisle. "If the space occupied by the choir and instruments are visible to the assembly, it must reflect the sacredness of the music ministry." Sing to the Lord STL Jean Martin, Music Director, 215-704-0508.

E-mail: jeanm1@comcast.net

Shop with Scrip

Scrip gift cards 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 as well as in the church office during work hours. For more information contact Patti Hinchey at 215-836-2129.



Una Bella Sera in Tuscany

St. Philip Neri Home and School Association SAVE THE DATE.....NOVEMBER 12 DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

> IN STOCK and available in church office PICK UP YOURS TODAY!



St. Philip Neri Church

Keepsake in wood of our Church.

Truly a one-of-a-kind item
includes message on the back of the keepsake
\$25 each, Proceeds benefit

St. Philip Neri Home & School Association.
ALSO AVAILABLE: We have a limited supply of COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION Keepsakes

The National Catholic Partnership on Disability

(NCPD) will present the 2011 Webinar series on the following dates:

September 13: Symbolic Catechesis and Other Tools in Catechetical Ministry.

September 20: Threats to the Lives of People with Disability, Part II: Physician Assisted Suicide

October 18: How can we help? Parish Support for Veterans and their Families. Registration opened August 1. As an Affiliate of NCPD, the Webinars are free of charge for

the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. You may view seminars at your computer or group viewing is also encouraged. To register and for more information visit www.ncpd.org or E-mail nthompson@ncpd.org

Saint John the Baptist Parish will sponsor a School/Parish Reunion on Sunday, August 28 at Lighthouse Pointe, Wildwood from 1:00-5:00 PM. For more information and tickets, please contact Marie Kwartnik at 215-482-1883.

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