

SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH
AUGUST 28, 2011
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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, James McDonnell, 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.

PLEASE PRAY 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.

WE WELCOME Peter Jude, son of Sean and Ann Marie Keffer into the Parish Community of Saint Philip Neri Church. Peter was baptized last Sunday.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Which words of Jesus provide the most inspiration for the Christian work that you do?

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday

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

Tuesday

8:30 AM Raymond DiDonato

Wednesday

8:30 AM John G. Shertz, Sr.

Thursday

8:30 AM Harry Caparo, Jr.

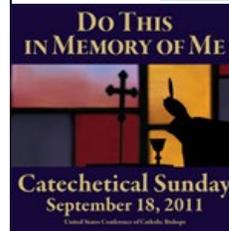
Friday

8:30 AM James W. Schuyler

Saturday

8:30 AM J. Donald Wagoner

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.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....

FORTY HOURS CELEBRATION

SEPTEMBER 25, 26, 27

REVEREND JAMES DEGRASSA



St. Philip Neri School

Will reopen on the following date:

September 7 – Grades 1 through 8

Full Day Sessions Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Please see teacher WebPages for
Pre-K & Kindergarten schedules

Our 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 school-administered 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 a 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 Whitmarsh 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.

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.

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.

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 during the summer in the church office. For more information contact Patti Hinchey at 215-836-2129.



Pieta Prayer Garden

Over the course of the summer, a crew of volunteers has been working hard to reclaim the Pieta Prayer Garden from all the over and under growth to re-establish it as a place of restfulness and reflection for the parish and neighborhood. Perhaps you are unaware of its existence – it was first established in 2003 and is nestled against the wall of stained glass windows closest to Sunrise Assisted Living Facility and along the back pathway to the Rectory. Names of those who supported the effort are etched into bricks of the circular space. Although there is much yet to be done, much has been accomplished, and there is nothing more the crew of dedicated volunteers would like to see than flickering candles in the votive holders, evidence that the space is being used as intended. Tea light candles are available in a watertight container by the statue foundation, or you can bring your own small candles. For safety sake, please bring (and take home) your own matches or lighter. Take a walk with your children, neighbors, or friends aiming for this spot. Once you arrive, light a candle and offer a prayer for all that filled your conversation or thoughts along the way. Three benches offer you a place to sit and rest in the silence before heading home. The volunteers of years ago and the present hope in the movie adage of, “If you build it, they will come.” Hopefully we will see evidence of your presence in the near future.

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 Jeanm1@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

St. Philip Neri Home and School Association

SAVE THE DATE.....NOVEMBER 12
DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

Archdiocesan Boys Choir Auditions

Do you know a boy who loves to sing? The Archdiocesan Boys Choir of Philadelphia offers a rich musical and spiritual experience for boys in grades 2 through 8 that also benefits school and parish music programs. The Choir performs extensively throughout the Delaware Valley and has toured in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Europe. The Choir will be holding auditions on September 17 and 24. To schedule an audition please call Director Tom Windfelder at 215-425-6995 or 610-906-3551. Visit our website at www.archboychoir.org.

Eucharistic Celebration and Healing Service

Thursday, September 1, 7:30 PM

Father Fernando Suarez is a priest of the Apostolic Vicariate of San Jose, in Occidental Mindoro, Philippines and is known worldwide for his healing ministry. Please join us and experience God's love and gift of healing. St. Mary Magdalen Church, 2400 N. Providence Road, Media, PA.

