

**SAINT PHILIP NERI
CHURCH
JANUARY 29, 2012**

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Times

**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: Michael Abiuso, Peter Black, Mary Connery, Mary DiDonato, Hector DiGiacomo, Lillian Doherty, Lisa Dougherty, Marge Gallagher, Sharon Hofknecht, Rachel Horvath, Vincent Jacoby, Lauretta 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:
Veronica Cosfol.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS are scheduled for Tuesday, February 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 Dominic Francis, son of Leonard and Talia Babula, Daniel Elihu, son of Edward and Denise McLafferty, Austin John, son of John and Andrea Meehan, Finnian John,

son of Kyle and Kelly Morano and William Joseph, son of Daniel and Kathryn Murtha into the Parish Community of Saint Philip Neri Church. These babies were baptized last Sunday.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday

6:30 AM Peter Shields, Sr.
8:30 AM Lee Santangelo

Tuesday

6:30 AM Henry and Cecelia Kropp
8:30 AM Edward Pfeifer

Wednesday

6:30 AM Suzanne Bottinger
8:30 AM Cameron O'Neill-Mullin

Thursday

6:30 AM Helen Tatlow
8:30 AM Barbara Britt-Cronin

Friday

6:30 AM Mike and Mary Paparo
8:30 AM Gary Miller

Saturday

8:30 AM Gerard Cattie



GARDEN GROUP

The Garden Group is selling 50-50 tickets to raise funds to replace some of the shrubbery that had to be removed. The tickets are \$1.00 each and are available from Joan Chassey and Cindy Veit. Tickets will be on sale several Sundays after Mass in the back of the Church. Thank you in advance for your help.

BUY A TREE IN REMEMBRANCE

OF A LOVED ONE

The Garden Club had to have a tree removed from the rear garden in August because of it dying. We are going to replace it with a beautiful large leaved, flowering tree. The cost will be \$600 total. This will include a plaque with the deceased's name. Please contact Joan Chassey, 215-805-0826 or Michael Pastorius in the Church Office, 610-834-1975. Please make check payable to St. Philip Church, Garden Group. Thank you.

SAINT PHILIP NERI SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

Have you considered giving your child an education that is academically and spiritually enriching? Are you looking for a school that will develop your whole child? St. Philip Neri School is dedicated to providing each student with a strong spiritual foundation, a solid academic program, a safe learning environment, and an atmosphere supportive of family life and values. We strive to maintain the highest and most up-to-date standards academically, technologically and beyond to foster the development of the whole person in a Gospel Value-based atmosphere. Come see all that St. Philip Neri School has to offer during our Open House on:

**Pre-K through Grade 8
Wednesday, February 1
9:00 am - Noon**

Help Needed!

High School and Young Adults who have been confirmed with the seal of the Holy Spirit are asked to share their time and talent. Could you be a leader of small group for the Confirmation class retreat on February 4 from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm. Please call Ms. Jeanette Paul at 610-834-9868 or email j.paulspn@gmail.com if you can help at one or both retreats. Your witness to Christ will help our candidates recognize the need for the Holy Spirit to live the Christian life. Please join us!

Use SCRIP in the New Year! It's time to jump on the bandwagon! Register at www.shopwithscrip.com with SPN code 7D53E11E329L. Order gift cards by midnight Sunday, and receive delivery through SPN School, church office, or Sunday SCRIP volunteers. Questions? Contact Patti Hinchey 215-836-2129 or spnscrisp@gmail.com.

The High School Youth Group will have a bowling outing on Sunday, February 12, from 11:30 am to 2 pm at Facenda Whitaker lanes. Cost of this event is \$20 and includes lane rental, shoe rental, pizza, soda, and a donation to SPN School. Feel free to invite friends from other parishes. We hope to see you there! Please email Mrs. McGroary with any questions at m.mcgroaryspn@gmail.com, or mbmcgroary@saintphilipnerischool.com.

SAINT PHILIP NERI SCHOOL

Catholic Schools: Faith, Academics, Service; this year's theme for Catholic School's Week. Today starts Catholic School's Week in the diocese. Please take time and visit our school to see what makes St. Philip's such a great place to be. Today's open house runs until 1:00pm as well as an open house scheduled for this Wednesday, 9:00am-12:00pm. We begin with an opening liturgy tomorrow morning and follow with a week full of fun activities for the students including taking part in a service project for St. Francis Inn, a student council assembly, an exciting laser show, and a student appreciation day! Come check us out!

In keeping with our **Wellness Program**, the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades had an opportunity to visit St. Joseph's University for a day full of fitness. The university sponsored their Healthy Hawks Fitness Event where the kids participated in various physical fitness stations, listened to surprise guest speaker, Vince Papale, and watched the Lady Hawks play Dayton in a very exciting basketball game. Fun was had by all!

SPN students are now participating in an online math resource, *First in Math*, a program that encourages students to master basic and advanced math skills. We've only just begun and, already, the kids have positive feedback. "This makes learning math fun," and "It's cool to compete against your classmates." From simple, single step addition to complex algebra, it's a fun, challenging, and engaging way to sharpen and improve their math skills.

The Academy of Natural Sciences visited SPN this month. Students from Pre-K through grade 2 were presented with the program, "Everybody Needs a Home." The museum comes to us with an in-house program which the kids always enjoy.

This past Friday, the 27th, SPN held their annual **Trivia Night**. Set at a new venue, LuLu Temple, the night was sold out with more than 500 people in attendance! SPN Trivia Night was hosted by McM Entertainment and everyone had a great time including parishioners, faculty, and members of the community. If you haven't attended an SPN Trivia Night in the past, make sure to look for next January's date. You don't want to miss this great night of fun!

At the beginning of this month, the **Blue Ribbon Commission** presented its strategic plan on the restructuring of Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. A significant number of schools were closed or consolidated as a means of providing "quality, affordable, and sustainable" Catholic education for present and future generations of students in the diocese. Although St. Philip's was fortunate enough to not have to undergo any type of restructuring, we acknowledge the uncertainty that these schools are facing. As we begin 2012, one of our biggest "assignments" is to pray for the schools and parishes that were affected and hope for resolution and peace for all. Please join with our students, staff, and faculty, keeping those schools and parishes in your prayers.

ANNUAL SUPER BOWL HOAGIES SALE

The Super Bowl weekend hoagie sale will be held on Saturday, February 4 and Sunday, February 5, after all Masses. This year we will be offering Italian, Turkey and NEW this year TUNA Hoagies. We have sold out the last four years and pre-orders are deeply appreciated so we can plan to have enough for everyone. So please order early. To obtain a form or for more information please contact Jim Marino at bsrturtle@comcast.net or call 215-487-7471.

Volunteers are still needed on both days to help make the hoagies. 3:00 -5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 6:00 a.m. to about 9:30 a.m. on Sunday. The Hoagie sale benefits the SPN Home and School.

Father-Daughter Dinner Dance

Friday, February 10th 7:00-10:00 p.m.

SPN Parish Center

Dinner Buffet from 7:30-8:30

Entertainment provided by

D.J. Bill McMenamin

\$45 per family, price includes photo.

Any questions 610-940-1331 or mpizzi@verizon.net

**Note to the dads: A corsage will make the evening extra special!*

NO HIGH HEELS, PLEASE

Make checks payable to

St. Philip Neri Home & School Association

SPN CYO 2012 SPRING SPORTS

Baseball and Softball Alert!

SPN CYO Baseball and Softball registration (\$80.00) for 5th through 8th grade will take place in the school gym on the following dates: Monday, Jan 30, Tuesday Jan 31, and Wednesday Feb 1, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Anyone who plans to play Baseball or Softball in the Spring should register on one of the above dates.

Track and Field Alert!

Registration (\$40.00) for 4th through 8th grade will take place in the school gym on the following dates: Monday, Jan 30, Tuesday, Jan 31, and Wednesday Feb 1, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. anyone who plans to run Track & Field in the spring should register on one of the above dates.

Lacrosse Alert!

SPN CYO Lacrosse for boys and girls registration (\$80.00) for 5th through 8th grade will take place in the school gym on the following dates: Monday, Jan 30, Tuesday Jan 31, and Wednesday Feb 1, from 6:30 to 8:00pm. Anyone who plans to play Lacrosse in the spring should register on one of the above dates.

For more information contact Brian Shields at brianpshields@yahoo.com.

Question of the Week

What can you tell others about Jesus with the most assurance?

Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:00 AM Sunday, Preschool Building

nlcwilliamson@comcast.net

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. Please consider this work of mercy in your busy schedule.

MMS Lodge Annual Communion Breakfast

9:30 AM Holy Saviour. Communion Breakfast 11:00 am at Four Seasons Hall which is located at 1339 Sandy Hill Road, Norristown. *Guest Speaker:* Matthew Gabmino, Director and General Manager of the Catholic Standard and Times and Phaith Magazine. Tickets are \$18 each.

More information contact Bill Griffin 610-277-9202 or Bob Pickell 610-331-7371. There are only one hundred and fifty seats available, first come first serve basis.



Once again, we say, "Thank you" to our most generous friends at St. Philip Neri Parish. A special thank you to *Bishop McDevitt High School*, too (apparently a visitor to St. Philip Neri read about the wonderful works you do for us and gathered donations at their school!) We will conserve wisely to try to make these gifts last throughout the winter. Many hearts, including ours, were warmed by

your love for those in need. May God's Blessings Be with You Always! *The Franciscans, Volunteers and Clients at St. Francis Inn*

ST. JOSEPH'S VILLA, Flourtown

THANKS TO YOU..... We welcomed 9 new volunteers during December, and 3 more since the New Year. We are blessed to receive such generosity! Currently, we are looking for retired nurses/aides whose skills could assist and enrich our Sisters' and residents' dining experience. Volunteers may choose any of the following times.

(8:00 am – 10 am; 11:30 to 2 pm; 4:45 pm – 5:45 pm)
If interested, please contact Sister Frances Hart at 215-248-7844 or email franceshartssj@yahoo.com

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