

# SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH

**December 2, 2012**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**Second Collection Today:**  
**Christmas Decorations**

**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 DiDonato, Lillian Doherty, Lisa Dougherty, Jacqueline Fioravanti, Lou Cacchio, Mae Hoch, Rachel Horvath, Vincent Jacoby, Lauretta Kolb, Pat Kost, George and Molly Lozinak, James Maggetti, Joanne Mahoney, Sue Male, Joan Marine, Barbara Martinick, William McBride, Jr., Joan McGill, Julia McLaughlin, Margaret McLaughlin, Steven Merlin, Cecilia Moore, Helen Morelli, John Mullahy, Lisa O'Brien, Gloria Reilly, Baby Peter Sayegh, Tim Schwartz, Kristin Shearon, Wendall Young, III, 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 John Maggetti, Sylvia Riles, Sister Ann Gerard Peters, SSJ, Sister Agnes P. Burke, SSJ, William Russell and the deceased members of the military.

**BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS** are scheduled for Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, at 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** Alexis Brynn, daughter of Christopher and Linda Strom, Claire Emily and William Gerald, twin daughter and son of Joseph

and Jill Rafter, Sarah Rafter, daughter of Thomas and Kathleen Harvey, Briella Ann, daughter of Ronald and Ursula Rottloff, Giuliana Marie, daughter of Michael and Melanie La Penta, and Alexandra Josephine, daughter of George and Shannon Kletzel into the Parish Community of Saint Philip Neri Church. These babies were baptized last Sunday.

## **ANNOUNCED MASSES**

### **Monday**

6:30 AM Thomas F. Keane, III  
Frank and Concetta Lupinacci  
and Family  
8:30 AM Cecilia and Alfred Porrino

### **Tuesday**

6:30 AM Mary L. Basile  
8:30 AM Earl Bruce Kirk (11<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary)

### **Wednesday**

6:30 AM Adam and Marie Quaglia  
8:30 AM Albert Roscioli

### **Thursday**

6:30 AM Frank and Mary Fulginiti  
8:30 AM Anthony J. Basile, Sr.

### **Friday**

6:30 AM Maureen Minnetti  
8:30 AM Helen Tatlow  
7:00 PM Poor Souls in Purgatory

### **Saturday**

6:30 AM Stephen Petrokubi  
8:30 AM Anthony Della Porta  
10:00 AM Carol Tierney

**2012 ANNUAL CENSUS/BLOCK**  
**COLLECTION REPORT**  
TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED  
FAMILIES  
2043

**TOTAL NUMBER OF CENSUS ENVELOPES  
RETURNED**

515

Thank you to all the families who have  
sent in their 2012 Census Envelopes.



**Saturday, December 8 is the  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation.  
Vigil Mass will be held Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at  
7:00PM.**

**Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, masses will be held at  
6:30AM, 8:30AM and 10:00AM.**

**ADORATION OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**MONDAY, 9:00 AM TO 7:00 PM –  
CHAPEL**

**The Giving Tree** is filled with names of children,  
from St. Frances Cabrini Regional Catholic School  
located in Philadelphia and Devereux Kanner  
Center, a facility for developmentally disabled  
children in West Chester. The response to the  
giving tree again this year has been amazing. If you  
were intending to get a tag from the tree but all the  
tags were taken please consider purchasing a gift  
card. The families in need would very much  
appreciate your generosity. Please make sure if you  
take a tag you return a gift. All gifts are to  
be . . . **RETURNED NO LATER THAN, December  
16<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for your continued support for this  
wonderful cause in bringing joy to a child.

**Fresh Brew Bible Study**

Every Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:00,  
Rectory Conference Room  
Contact: Fr. Ianelli at 610-828-5717 or E-mail:  
[frbianelli@gmail.com](mailto:frbianelli@gmail.com)

**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.

**RCIA–Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

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!\_

**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.

**The Philipians** An organization for senior citizens  
fifty years and older that offers trips, programs, service  
projects and entertainment. New members are always  
welcome. If interested in more detailed information  
please call Joan Meade at 610-828-6641.

**St. Philip Neri is now on Facebook!**

Go to our site at  
<http://www.facebook.com/SaintPhilipNeriChurch> and  
"like" us. Access our Facebook page for the latest  
news and information about our parish.

**Archbishop Carroll Theater Society Presents**  
**MIRACLE ON 34<sup>TH</sup> STREET** this Saturday at 7 PM  
and Sunday at 2PM. General Admission tickets at the  
door are \$10.

Visit the website [CatholicPhilly.com](http://CatholicPhilly.com), the online  
successor to The Catholic Standard and Times.



Read local and world Catholic news every day.

Tech "Bytes": Check out our updated website!  
St. Philip Neri's website has been updated. Visit our site  
at <http://www.saintphilipnerichurch.com/> for helpful,  
church-related resources, calendar updates, and much  
more! Special thanks to Charlie Nygard for his work on  
upgrading the website.

**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. Next delivery is December 5<sup>th</sup>. Please consider this work of mercy in your busy schedule.

**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 St. Philip Neri High School Youth Group** will be volunteering on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, from 12PM to 2PM at Manna on Main Street in Lansdale, PA. We will be helping with their Holiday Dinner and Gift distribution. We can bring 12 volunteers. If you are interested please contact Mary Beth McGroary for more information. Please continue to check the parish bulletin for more volunteer opportunities over the Advent Season. [m.mcgroaryspn@gmail.com](mailto:m.mcgroaryspn@gmail.com) or 215-313-1093.

**SCRIP GIFT CARD NEWS** SCRIP Gift Cards for Christmas! Let SCRIP be your Christmas helper! Choose from 30 gift cards, available after the weekend Masses and during church office hours. Earn vouchers for tuition or new gift cards. OR order gift cards at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com); code 7D53E11E329L. Questions? Contact Patti Hinchey at 215-836-2129 or [spnscrisp@gmail.com](mailto:spnscrisp@gmail.com).

**St. Helena's Ireland Trip** with Fr. George J. Szparagowski August 18<sup>th</sup> thru August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013. On Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> there will be a presentation and discussion of the trip. For more information call Theresa Smith 215-646-7636 or [theresacsmith@verizon.net](mailto:theresacsmith@verizon.net)



***Faith Formation is a Lifelong Journey***  
**Contact: [LindaBaneckerAFF@aol.com](mailto:LindaBaneckerAFF@aol.com)**  
**or 610-828-0344**

**Advent:** is just around the corner! This year, Fr. Kevin Gallagher (an excellent speaker you will all remember) will speak on "The Liturgy", December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the Church. It would be great for us to have a welcoming crowd, so please try to attend

and bring a friend. Also, the blue books will be available in the back of the Church.

**Year of Faith:** We had a group of ten begin the study of the first article of faith, "We believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth..,").

For the month of December we will study the second article of faith, "We believe in the one Lord, Jesus Christ.....) If you cannot attend the next session on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the school library, (and you can jump in and out at will...), maybe joining in the on-line book club will be an option. The book for the *month of December is St. Gianna Molla* by Pietro Molla. More info will be provided later in the month.

**The Children's Advent Celebration St. Philip Neri Church, Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM followed by a social in the School Cafeteria.** Celebrate the reason for the season! Please bring a wrapped gift (marked with age, and either BOY, GIRL or NEUTRAL) that your child can present during the Offertory. Use extra tape! Gifts will be donated to less fortunate children in the Philadelphia area. After the Mass, a social will be held in the School Cafeteria. The children will continue the "spirit of giving" by coloring holiday pictures to brighten the season for those in need. This Mass will fulfill the obligation for Saturday's Holy Day, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Jen Fioravanti at 215-901-4122 or [jlfior@comcast.net](mailto:jlfior@comcast.net).

**Host families are needed** for several international students who would like to attend Archbishop Carroll beginning in January. These F-1 visa students speak English, are fully insured, and have their own pocket money for personal expenses. Host families provide room and board and receive a generous monthly hosting stipend. For more information please contact Renee Goda at 215 888-1496 or email [rmpg3@aol.com](mailto:rmpg3@aol.com).

**St. Philip Neri Women's Guild 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Cookie & Sweets Exchange** Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 2PM outside the library area. Please bring seven dozen cookies/sweets. (6) dozen wrapped separately and (1) dozen for tasting. Beverages will be provided. One wrapped present (\$5-\$10 value) for the Yankee Swap. For more information, please contact Michelle Abiuso 610-828-1850 or [AbiusoPHL@aol.com](mailto:AbiusoPHL@aol.com).

**BJ's MEMBERSHIP DRIVE is back!!** Memberships are \$40 instead of \$50; 15 months instead of 12 months. St. Philip Neri School gets \$5 for every new

and renewed membership. If your membership is due to expire in the next 6-7 months, please renew now. BJ's will add the 15 months on to your current membership. Please don't wait until your membership is due to expire. You can check your membership date at BJ's or the top of any receipt. Please drop these forms off at the church office, school office or my home, 104 Cardinal Drive, Conshohocken, PA 19428. Any questions, please contact Linda Pizzi, [lpizzi@verizon.net](mailto:lpizzi@verizon.net) or 610-940-1331. Deadline is December 9<sup>th</sup>.

**2012 DAY OF SANCTIFICATION FOR PRIESTS**

The priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia assemble each year for a day of prayer and reflection on the Sacred Priesthood. This year our priests will gather with Archbishop Chaput at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary this Monday for the 2012 Day of Sanctification for Priests. Please pray for all priests of the Archdiocese.

Lord our God, who in governing your people make use of the ministry of Priest, grant to these men a persevering obedience to your will, so that by their ministry and life they may gain glory for you in Christ. Who lives and

reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

**Saint Genevieve Parish's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual**

**Festival of Lessons and Carols** includes spectacular performances of traditional choral masterworks, uplifting Gospel arrangements, and new pieces of international composers. Located at 1225 Bethlehem Pike, Flourtown, PA Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

**Villa Maria House of Studies Discernment Retreat**

Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6PM thru Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 1PM. Young women (18-35) are invited to join us for this retreat. Please contact Sister Rose Bernadette Mulligan or Sister Mary Jo Ely at [ihmvoc@aol.com](mailto:ihmvoc@aol.com) or 610-889-1553.

Join Butera Travel and Brittingham's Irish Pub and Friends for an exciting tour of Ireland., April 25 to May 2, 2013. Please call Betty Butera 610-722-0068 or 610-828-4474 for all the details.

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