

SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH

December 9, 2012

Second Sunday of Advent

Second Collection Next Week:
Religious Retirement

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: Lou Cacchio, Mary DiDonato, Lillian Doherty, Lisa Dougherty, Jacqueline Fioravanti, Mae Hoch, Rachel Horvath, Betty Jacobs, 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, Mary Rocchi, 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 Jane Brady, Sister Mary E. Mc Ginnis, SSJ, Anne C. Gillespie, Mark G. Moore, Sister Alice Edward Strogon, SSJ, Sister Elizabeth Ann Waldron, SSJ, and Robert Schneider.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS are scheduled for Tuesday, January 8th, 2013 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.

Pastor's Note...We will have a Special

Blessing for Expectant Mothers at the 10:00 AM Mass on December 23rd. If you wish to receive this blessing, please call the Church Office 610-834-1975.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday

6:30 AM Angelo and Maria Donato Pacifico
8:30 AM Ciammetti and Ricciutti Families

Tuesday

6:30 AM Henry and Cecelia Krapp
8:30 AM Frank English

Wednesday

6:30 AM Steven S. Staranowski
8:30 AM Joseph Januzelli

Thursday

6:30 AM Lucy Simpson
Lucy Drenkhahn
8:30 AM William and Michael Stephens

Friday

6:30 AM Mike and Mary Paparo
8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Brennan and Lowry Families

Saturday

8:30 AM Jack Mailey

<p><u>2012 ANNUAL CENSUS/BLOCK</u> <u>COLLECTION REPORT</u> TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED FAMILIES 2043</p>

**TOTAL NUMBER OF CENSUS ENVELOPES
RETURNED**

517

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

MONDAY, 9:00 AM TO 7:00 PM- CHAPEL

Confessions:

Saturday, December 22nd,

Noon to 2:00PM

Saint Philip Neri Church

Penitential Services

Regional Penitential Service

Monday, December 17, 7:00 PM

SS. Cosmas and Damian

5th Ave. and Maple St., Conshohocken

Advent Penitential Service

Tuesday, December 18, 7:00 PM

St. Philip Neri Church



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24th

4:00 PM Children's Mass

5:45 PM, 7:30 PM, Midnight

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25th

7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM

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 16th**. 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

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.

A Special Thank You to Kathy DeSimone's and Gina Plower's 8th grade classes for changing the Liturgical Mass Missals for the new church year.

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, 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.

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 January 2nd, 2013. 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.

BJ's MEMBERSHIP DRIVE is back!! BJ's Membership Drive is BACK!!!! It is \$40 for membership, instead of \$50, 15 months instead of 12, plus free household membership card. St. Philip's will get \$5 for every new or renewed membership. Any questions, please feel free to contact Linda Pizzi, lpizzi@verizon.net or 610-940-1331. Deadline is December 9th.

The St. Philip Neri High School Youth Group

Thank you to all who are attending the Manna on Main Christmas Dinner. We are full for this service project, however, there is more to come: We are in need of a few students to help purchase gifts for Operation Santa Claus. The money has been donated by St. Philip Neri School and we get to do the shopping and wrapping! Shoppers are needed for Wednesday, December 12th at 7PM and wrappers are needed for Thursday, December 13th at the rectory at 7PM. If you can volunteer for either of the two nights to either shop or wrap gifts, please contact Mrs. McGroary at m.mcgroaryspn@gmail.com or 215-313-1093 for more details. Thank you, and please keep

checking facebook, your email, and the parish bulletin for Youth Group events.



Faith Formation is a Lifelong Journey
Contact: *LindaBaneckerAFF@aol.com*
or 610-828-0344

Advent: If you were enriched and inspired by Fr. Kevin Gallagher's 7 minute homilies, think what a boost to your faith life an evening's presentation from him can be! Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 12th at 7:00 in the Church, and come to welcome him back to the parish. Guaranteed to be a terrific antidote to the Christmas commercialism, and help to keep us all on track as we learn a little more about the Sacred Liturgy. Come and be refreshed, renewed and refueled toward full, conscious, and active participation. Highly recommended for anyone who participates in a parish ministry.

Year of Faith: For the month of December we will study the second article of faith, "We believe in the one Lord, Jesus Christ....") The book that will help us do that is *St. Gianna Molla* by Pietro Molla. See the insert in today's bulletin. If you are interested in joining the on-line Facebook book club, please forward me your email address and I will send you the information. **Our next meeting is January 6th at 7:00** in the school library. We will view Father Barron's video on the 3rd article of faith, the Incarnation, "For us men and for our salvation He came down from Heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man." Please remember, you can join at any time.

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

The Women's Guild would like to thank all of the women that supported our vendor fair. Our vendors were fabulous and everyone had a great time. We would like to especially thank Steven and Linda Sansone for donating all of the hors d'oeuvres for the evening, They are the owners of Porcini

Restaurant, 2048 Sansom Street, Philadelphia. If you enjoyed the food, you will love all of their menu choices. Please be sure to patronize the restaurant!!!

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; code 7D53E11E329L. Questions? Contact Patti Hinchey at 215-836-2129 or spnscrip@gmail.com.

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.

St. Philip Neri Women's Guild 17th Annual Cookie & Sweets Exchange Sunday, December 16th 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.

Support elderly religious. A parishioner writes, "As a Catholic School student from grades K -12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful." Show your thanks for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Saint Genevieve Parish's 2nd 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 16th at 7 PM.

Villa Maria House of Studies Discernment Retreat Friday, December 14th at 6PM thru Sunday, December 16th 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 or 610-889-1553. 014phi