

**SANT PHILIP NERI
CHURCH
FEBRUARY 19, 2012**

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Times

**Second Collection Next Weekend:
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, Richard Burke, Mary Connery, Mary DiDonato, Lillian Doherty, Lisa Dougherty, Marge Gallagher, Emilie Higgins, Sharon Hofknecht, Rachel Horvath, Vincent Jacoby, Laretta 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: Sister St. Thecla McCauley SSJ, Vincent Sutcliffe and Marjorie Rossiter.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS are scheduled for Tuesday, March 6, 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 Michael Timothy, son of Michael and Elizabeth Bramowski, Emma

Rose, daughter of Walid and Karen Assaf, Lila Louise, daughter of Daniel and Rachael Geraghty into the Parish Community of Saint Philip Neri Church. These babies were baptized last Sunday.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday

6:30 AM Joseph Conti
8:30 AM Ted and Marian Reichenback
D. Stephen Baird

Tuesday

6:30 AM Father Thomas Finley
8:30 AM Edward Stanley Brick

Wednesday

6:30 AM Henry and Cecelia Kropp
8:30 AM Peter Shields, Sr.

Thursday

6:30 AM Elizabeth DiGuiseppe
8:30 AM Dominic Leomporra, Jr.

Friday

6:30 AM Thomas F. Keane, III
Frank and Concetta Lupinacci
and Family
8:30
AM John Cahill

Saturday

8:30 AM Joseph Laferty

ASH WEDNESDAY

**Masses: 6:30, 8:30, 9:30 AM
7:00 PM**

**Ashes will be distributed
within the Masses.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

WEDNESDAYS

Beginning - February 29, 7:00 PM

Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:00 AM Sunday, Preschool Building

nlcwilliamson@comcast.net

FAST AND ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, February 22, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light. All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended. All are encouraged to participate in "Operation Rice Bowl," which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.

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!

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.

Faith Formation is a Lifelong Journey

Small Christian Communities

Would you be interested in slowing down just for a moment? Involvement in a Small Christian Community is one way to take a step back and take notice of your life. This is a group of 8-12 adults who come together once a week in a person's home to discover connections between faith and everyday life in a way that makes a difference. For one and one half hours each week during Lent, you would meet with fellow parishioners to discuss the upcoming Sunday scriptures and how they might apply in our very real, everyday lives. You will be amazed how Mass comes alive and how applicable you will find the Scriptures to your everyday life if you would take the time to reflect. Tuesday mornings at 8:30 in the Sacristy beginning February 21 or Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 PM at the Banecker residence beginning February 21.

If you are planning on attending the Small Christian Community on Tuesday evenings at 7:00, it will take place at the Banecker home. Contact Linda for details

610-804-7606.

Bible Study

Adventures in Revelation, 10 Week Bible Study Series, Wednesday Evenings: February 29 through May 2, 7:00-8:30, School Library.

Book Club

A BOLD FAITH REQUIRES A BIG GOD

How Big is Your God? In other words, what limits have you placed on God in your life? If your experience of the Divine has become static or

predictable, or if you have a relationship with God that is small and confined, Paul Coutinho, SJ, invites you to believe that God is bigger—much bigger! *How Big is Your God?* is our next book club selection. Please join is! Sunday evening, March 18 at 7:00 in the School Library.

Adult Faith Formation,
LindaBaneckerAFF@aol.com
610-804-7606

Question of the Week

When has it been hardest for you to believe that your sins are forgiven?

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 next meeting is this Tuesday.

The Philippians 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.

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.

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, March 7. Please consider this work of mercy in your busy schedule.

A Men's Spirituality Conference On Saturday, March 3 at Archbishop Ryan High School the men of our parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the annual Men's Spirituality Conference, *Strengthen One Another*. Speakers include Rwandan Genocide survivor Immaculee Ilibagiza, Musician Tony Melendez, Evangelist Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Catholic Answers Apologist Tim Staples, author and Priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Rev. J. Brian Bransfield. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered, and the Conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Charles Chaput. For more information and to register go the website: www.manupphilly.com.

Special Workshop for Communion Ministers Serving in Nursing Homes, Hospitals, Prisons, Colleges and Universities Saturday, March 3, 9:00 AM- Noon Cathedral Chapel of Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul. Register for these workshops directly online at the Office for Divine Worship website: worship@adphila.org.

Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Office for Communication

URGENT: Please contact your Legislators in Support of School Choice! If a school voucher program has been in place 15 or even 10 years ago the recent school restructuring to ensure sustainability would not have been so drastic. We need to channel our energy into this effort so that Pennsylvania's education system will be more just and equitable. Please visit www.pacatholic.org to contact your legislators and ask them to support school choice. The legislature needs to know that you care about vouchers and EITC.

St. Philip Neri Theatre Company

Presents an original play

Once in a Blue Moon Someone Special Comes Along

Weekend of March 23 through March 25 Send a special message to your favorite actor by buying a patron ad, hand written notes are fine, all messages are retyped in proper format) \$1 – One Line; \$5 – ¼ of Page; \$10 – Half of Page; \$20 – Full page. Forward message and payment no later than Thursday, **March 1**, c/o School Office, Attention: Jennifer McMEnamin.

SCRIP Program! 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
spnscrip@gmail.com.

Society of St. Vincent DePaul
Clothing Drive

*Wednesday, March 7,
from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Saint Philip Neri Parking Lot.*

**The Annual Archdiocesan Mass Honoring
the Gifts of Persons with Disabilities, The
Deaf Community, Family, Friends and
Caregivers**, Saturday, March 10 at 11:00 AM,
Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul
Archbishop Charles J. Chaput will be principal
celebrant and homilist. There will be a light
reception following the Mass. We encourage
parish participation, individuals, and parish

groups to volunteer in assisting with all aspects
of the Mass and reception. To RSVP and for
more information contact the Department of
Pastoral Care for Persons with Disabilities and
the Deaf Apostolate at 215-587-3530 (voice),
267-507-1215 (VP), email:
jlavende@adphila.org or go to
www.archphila.org.

**STIX Field Hockey Camp- June 25-June
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Ages 5 to 12 years old. 9am-Noon at Miles Park
Soccer Field. Cost: \$125 if paid by June 1. Please
contact Kimberly Condon at 610-825-6236 or
email kimberlycondon@yahoo.com

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