



SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH
LAFAYETTE HILL, PENNSYLVANIA

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CHURCH
FEBRUARY 26, 2012**

First Sunday of Lent

**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, Richard Burke, Mary Connery, Mary DiDonato, Lillian Doherty, Lisa Dougherty, Marge Gallagher, Emilie Higgins, 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: John J. Willard, Louis J. Powers and Marian Pearl Nagy.

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.

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ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday

6:30 AM Gerald Fischer
8:30 AM Rose C. Rose

Tuesday

6:30 AM Patricia Coscia
8:30 AM Barbara Leomporra

Wednesday

6:30 AM Veronica Sessa
8:30 AM Helen Tatlow

Thursday

6:30 AM Veronica Sessa
8:30 AM Katherine Horanzy

Friday

6:30 AM Joseph Conti
8:30 AM Thomas Jones

Saturday

8:30 AM Maureen Minetti
John McAllister

Pastor's Note:

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Cindy Veit for her many years of service in decorating our Church, especially on the occasions of Christmas and Easter. She has done a great job and the people of our parish have always been so complimentary and appreciative of all the work she has done. She works in a quiet unobtrusive way and yet accomplished such great

works. Due to family obligations Cindy has retired from heading this committee in the future.

Thank you again Cindy from the bottom of our hearts.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
WEDNESDAYS - 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.

Mass of the Anointing of the Sick
Saturday, March 17, 2:00 PM

Those who are expecting surgery, are chronically ill, are experiencing anxiety or distress, are undergoing testing for an illness or those in a weakened condition are all called to be present at this Mass. Please call Jeanette Paul at 610-834-9868 if you need transportation. A reception will follow the Mass.

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.

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

Bible Study: Revelations with Jeff Cavins beginning Wednesday, February 29th at 7:00 in the school library. Materials are optional at \$25. I will have a sample so you can see if you'd like to purchase them. This is a 10 week study.

Small Christian Community: We have one running on Tuesday mornings after the 8:30 Mass in the sacristy and one on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM at the Banecker residence. A small time commitment to study and discuss the Sunday Scriptures. Consider joining us as your "something extra" for Lent.

Book Club: *How Big is Your God* by Paul Coutinho on Sunday, March 18th at 7:00 in the school library. Fr. Coutinho will be speaking at Spirituality Under the Dome at Immaculata University on April 14th so we'll take a field trip for anyone interested.

Question of the Week

When or how could you step away from your daily responsibilities to renew yourself, so that

you can do a better job of following in the footsteps of Jesus?

Society of St. Vincent DePaul
Clothing Drive

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

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.

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.

FAMILY BINGO

Mark your calendars for a night of fun!

Friday Evening, March 2, 6:00-9:00

St. Philip Neri School Hall

Bingo for all ages with a lot of GREAT prizes, but sorry, no cash prizes. Kitchen will be open...so come early and stay late.

Admission \$1.00 per person.

Bingo cards sold all night - \$.25 each.



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 = Super tuition Credits and Rebates If you Participate! SCRIP Gift Card Program is an easy and rewarding fundraiser. Parade Magazine (Sunday, Nov. 4, 2011) reported that the average credit card reward is 65 cents for every \$100 spent. For SCRIP, the average reward is \$5.00 for every \$100 spent! (the \$5 is split between you and SPN). All you have to do to get started is buy a grocery store gift card from one of our Sunday Mass SCRIP volunteers. OR register at www.shopwithscrip.com with SPN code 7D53E11E329L. Order gift cards on-line 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.
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Cell Phone Recycling to Benefit SPN

St. Philip Neri School is collecting used cell phones, blackberry devices, iPhones and others to help earn free money. There is nothing to buy, just clear out your drawers of unused phones and they will be recycled for free money for SPN. Students can give the phones to their teacher, drop the phones in the box outside of the main school office or place them in the box at the back of church. Please help the environment and help SPN too!!

Merion Mercy Academy High School

is looking to hire the following coach: Varsity Head Coach for Track and Cross Country. Please contact Athletic Director Barbara Clarke –bclarke@merion.mercy.com.

John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School

Scholarship Practice Exam for current 7th Graders.

March 3, 8:00-11:30 AM. Fee \$25.00

www.jwhallahan.com.

Malvern Prep

Practice Exam, Saturday, March 10, 8:30 AM

Pre registration required call 484-595-1173 or

visit our web site www.malvernprep.org.

**STIX Field Hockey Camp- June 25-
June 29**

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

SS. Cosmas and Damian Parish Mission

March 11, 12, 13 – 7:00 PM

Father Jude Michael Krill, OFM CONV

For more information call 610-828-0101.