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*Romans 8:8-11*

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**SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH  
LAFAYETTE HILL, PENNSYLVANIA**

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March 25 2012

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Second Collection: Debt Reduction

Second Collection Next Weekend:  
Operation Rice Bowl

**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: Sister Mary Rita Martini, SSJ, 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, Frank Vinci, 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: Francis Carr.

**BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS** are scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, 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** Jackson Stacey, son of William and Maura Vencil into the Parish Community of Saint Philip Neri Church. Jackson was baptized last Sunday.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**WEDNESDAY - 7:00 PM**

## ANNOUNCED MASSES

### **Monday**

6:30 AM Special Intention for  
Rosemary Smith  
8:30 AM Clare Fisher  
10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### **Tuesday**

6:30 AM Dominic Rowe  
8:30 AM Frederick A. Franzoni

### **Wednesday**

6:30 AM Edward Moser  
8:30 AM Catherine Staley

### **Thursday**

6:30 AM Charles J. Pastorius  
8:30 AM Al, Mary and Jean Guerra

### **Friday**

6:30 AM Jane Angelucci  
8:30 AM Msgr. James P. Matteo  
1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

### **Saturday**

8:30 AM Timothy McNichol  
17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### **PASTOR'S NOTE:**

**For your convenience, please find listed below times for confession during the Lenten Season:**

**Wednesday after Stations of the Cross from 7:30 to 8:00 PM or until finished.**

**April 2, Monday of Holy Week  
Advent Penance Services 7:00 PM**

**April 6, Good Friday, after the 3:00 PM  
Passion and Death of our Lord Service.**

**April 7, Holy Saturday, Noon to 1:30 PM**

### ***EASTER FOOD BASKETS***

Would you consider putting together an Easter Basket for needy families in our area? The meal should consist of **non-perishable** items including a canned ham and all the trimmings: pineapple, rice, potatoes, vegetables, biscuit mix, puddings, pies, soups, nuts, etc. You can make a family project out of it and decorate a basket or box. The collection will take place in the lobby of the Church on the weekend of March 31/April 1. Call Jeanette Paul with questions at 610-834-9868. (**No refrigerated hams**, please ~ gift certificates for Shop Rite, Clemens, Giant, Genuardi's, etc. would be great!)

## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

### **Monday**

7:00 PM Penance Service

### **Holy Thursday**

7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

A concelebrated Mass of the Lord's Supper with the Washing of the Feet. Our church will be open for visits and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from after Mass until 10:00 PM at the Repository in the Chapel.

### **Good Friday**

3:00 PM Passion and Death of the Lord

During the Liturgy, Communion will be distributed and Veneration of the Cross will take place. The Good Friday Collection will be for the upkeep of the Shrines in the Holy Land.

7:30 PM Traditional Stations of the Cross, followed by Veneration of the Cross.

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence for everyone 14 years of age and older.

### **Holy Saturday**

Noon-1:30 PM Confessions

### **Easter Vigil**

7:30 PM Liturgy of Light

Liturgy of Word

Liturgy of Eucharist

### **Easter Sunday**

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

### **Question of the Week**

When and in what way have you seen life come from death?

### **Faith Formation is a Lifelong Journey**

Contact: [LindaBaneckerAFF@aol.com](mailto:LindaBaneckerAFF@aol.com), or 610-828-0344

**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 at the Banecker residence. A small time commitment to study and discuss the Sunday Scriptures. Consider joining us as your "something extra" for Lent. It is never too late to join in.

**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.

### **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, April 4. Please consider this work of mercy in your busy schedule.

### **St. Philip Neri Theatre Company**

Presents an original play

### ***Once in a Blue Moon Someone Special Comes Along***

Saturday, 7:30 PM

Sunday, 2:00 PM



Join or renew now through this special membership offer: \$10 off the regular \$50 Membership fee (\$40 basic membership) 3 free months (15 month membership vs. 12) BL's will donate \$5 of your membership fee to SPN Home and School Association. Simply fill out the application on a flyer (placed in the back of the Church) and return it along with your payment. Made payable to BJ's Wholesale Club to: Linda Pizzi, Saint Philip Neri School, 3015 Chestnut Street, Lafayette Hill, PA 19444

**DEADLINE FOR THIS OFFER IS APRIL 25!**

### **MARCH MADNESS IS BACK!!!**

The SPN CYO and Home and School are both selling March Madness tickets again this year! Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in the back of church after every mass. Tickets can also be purchased by contacting Marc Marrone @ 215-901-3810 or [A31796@aol.com](mailto:A31796@aol.com)

Thank you for your support this year!

**SCRIP** Contact Patti Hinchey 215-836-2129 or [spnscrip@gmail.com](mailto:spnscrip@gmail.com).

### **Vacation Bible School**

Place: Saint Philip Neri School Building

Dates: July 16-20

Times: 9:00AM - 12:00 PM

Cost: \$40.00 per child

Registration: Taking place now through April 30. Form on Church website and school communication. For Children age 4 - through Grade 3.

Questions: Jeanette Paul 610-834-9868

### **The Kelly Ann O'Connor Scholarship Brunch**

Palm Sunday, April 1 – Plymouth Country Club  
Noon to 3:00 PM. Tickets: \$25 and may be paid at the door. Call for table reservations of six or more. Marianne O'Connor, 610-825-4975 or [occonnor4@comcast.net](mailto:occonnor4@comcast.net).

**SCHOOL NEWS** February and March was host to a number of special activities and events that kept students and staff very busy. Dancers from The Pennsylvania Ballet spent a day at SPN. The children had an opportunity to ask questions and stop by to observe while, at the end of the day, a more formal assembly was held where their true talents were showcased. The program was presented at no cost to SPN, courtesy of *The Pennsylvania Ballet*. It is through the efforts of a very dedicated parent volunteer that St. Philip's and its students are able to be exposed to such wonderful assemblies throughout the school year. Our second grade students and parishioners made First Penance early in February. Please keep all of these children in your prayers as they continue to work hard toward the Sacrament of First Communion this spring. St. Philip's hosted its annual spelling bee in February. "E-L-O-Q-U-E-N-C-E" was the final, correctly spelled word that determined our 8<sup>th</sup> grade winner this year. Second and third place went to a 6<sup>th</sup> grader and a 5<sup>th</sup> grader, respectively. Between Trivia Night, our annual hoagie sale, and the Father/Daughter dance, St. Philip's fund raisers were, again, a huge success. Many thanks to the parent volunteers who help to make these so successful! Trivia night was sold out, many hoagies were made, sold, and eaten, and the dance floor was packed as dads and daughters danced their night away. The students took part in The Math-A-Thon for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. This is a program that encourages and creates interest in math while, at the same time, raises funds to continue with cancer research. The kids also spent time raising money for a classmate who suffers from Cartilage-Hair Hypoplasia or CHH. 7<sup>th</sup> graders sold buttons with her picture along w/purple ribbons with all proceeds going directly to The Ronald McDonald House in her name. Please keep her in your prayers as she continues on her journey towards good health. St. Philip's student council started a **Student of the Month** program. This award is chosen by the student council members and is awarded to the student who exceeds either spiritually, academically, and/or athletically. Teachers submit a student candidate from their homeroom, each month, who she feels exemplifies one or more of these characteristics. This is a great way to acknowledge students who go above and beyond both in and out of the classroom. 8<sup>th</sup> grade's field trip to the Montgomery County Courthouse was a visit to learn more about the United States Justice System while serving as a perfect complement to their assigned reading, To Kill a Mockingbird. The class visited court rooms, sat in on trials, talked w/judges, and visited the "bull pen" where inmates are kept as they await trial. As a follow up, one of our parents who works as an attorney, spoke to the class and explained the process in further detail. Then it was the kid's turn. They presented a mock trial using all that they've learned through reading, observing, and listening. We also fulfilled nutritional goals outlined by our Wellness Program. Knowing the most important meal of the day, breakfast was served during our week of standardized testing. Many students showed up to "Fuel Up For Success" prior to taking their TerraNova exams. We also held our annual St. Patrick's Day "Go for the Greens" which allows the students to taste all sorts of green fruits and veggies at lunch. There is also a new program called **Girls on the Run**. Thanks to one of our faculty members and a dedicated parent volunteer, the girls are learning a whole lot about exercising smart while training for a 5k event. This weekend SPN's theatre company performs an original production, **Once In A Blue Moon**.

**The High School Youth Group** will do a movie night on Wednesday, April 4 from 6:30-9:00 pm. The movie will be shown in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. RSVP so we know how much popcorn to make! Hope you can make it! Our next service project will be Tuesday, May 8, at **Cradles to Crayons** in West Conshohocken. We will meet at SPN at 5:30 PM and work at Cradles to Crayons until 7:45. Please contact MaryBeth McGroary to RSVP for this event, as parental consent forms must be signed to attend. Any questions please email or call: [mbmcgroary@saintphilipnerschool.com](mailto:mbmcgroary@saintphilipnerschool.com) or 215-313-1093. Hope you can join us!

#### **GARDEN GROUP - Last Call for Tickets**

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 after Masses.

#### **SAVE THE DATE..... Floral Design**

Wednesday, April 18 – 7:00 PM

Garden Party – Floral Design Demonstration by Cheryl Ann  
Floral Design Sponsored by SPN Women's Guild.  
Cost: \$5.00. All arrangements will be raffled off!

#### **Our Catholic Charities Donations at Work: Catholic Social Services**

You will find inserted in this week's parish bulletin a copy of the 2011 Catholic Social Services Annual Report, featuring stories about how its various programs continue the work of Jesus Christ by bringing help and hope into the lives of people in need. As the primary beneficiary of the annual Catholic Charities Appeal, Catholic Social Services wants to provide you with a closer look at the good works they are able to accomplish through your generosity. Catholic Social Services will also host Open House events at five of their program locations dedicated to supporting and serving those in need on Sunday, April 22, from 1:30-4:00 PM. Guided tours will be offered and visitors will have an opportunity to meet those who have directly benefited from programs supported by the Catholic Charities Appeal. More information will be available in a future bulletin announcement. For those who have made a donation to the Catholic Charities Appeal, thank you for your generous support! The Catholic Charities Appeal continues throughout the spring, so you can still make a contribution or pledge this year.

#### **Stroke Support Group – Mercy Suburban Hospital**

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every Month – 9:30-11:00 AM.  
Walk up Room - For more information contact  
Stacy Ettinger at 610-278-2306.

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