



Jesus has robbed death of its power and has brought
life into clear light

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

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SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH
LAFAYETTE HILL, PENNSYLVANIA

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CHURCH**
March 4, 2012

Second Sunday of Lent

Second Collection Next Weekend:
Central and Eastern European Churches

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, 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: Sister Grace Patrice Allen, SSJ, Rose Matkowsky, and Carol Tierney.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS are scheduled for Tuesday, 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 Sean Patrick, son of William and Laura Duffy, Sarah Shireen, daughter of Babak and Karen Abai, Keira Lynn, daughter of Robert and Marisa Burkett, and Michaela Aerin, daughter of Kevin and Sara Tompkins

into the Parish Community of Saint Philip Neri Church. These babies were baptized last Sunday.

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ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday

6:30 AM Dorothy Bateman
8:30 AM John Drain

Tuesday

6:30 AM Al Busfield
8:30 AM Earl Bruce Kirk

Wednesday

6:30 AM Thomas Gallagher
8:30 AM Deceased Members of the
Brennan and Lowry Families

Thursday

6:30 AM Louis Melasecca
8:30 AM Gloria Cafagna

Friday

6:30 AM Charles J. Pastorius
8:30 AM Frank P. Young

Saturday

8:30 AM Armand and Vincent DiYenno

**ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Monday, March 12
9:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Chapel

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
WEDNESDAYS - 7:00 PM

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.

Society of St. Vincent DePaul
Clothing Drive

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

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 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 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.

Question of the Week

How deeply do you believe that since God is for you, no one can destroy you?

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Faith Formation is a Lifelong Journey

Contact: LindaBaneckerAFF@aol.com
or 610-828-0344

Bible Study: Revelations with Jeff Cavins Wednesdays 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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:00 AM Sunday, Preschool Building
nlcwilliamson@comcast.net

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. The next meeting is Thursday at 11:00 AM.

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. 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

Friday and Saturday, March 23, 24, & 7:30 PM

Sunday, March 25, 2:00PM

Women's Guild Covered Dish Night

Thursday - 7:00 PM in the School Cafeteria

Bring a main course, side dish, salad, vegetable or desert that serves eight. Join us for an evening sharing friendship, laughs and your favorite dish.

For more information contact: Deanna Marrone, 215-8065-8477 or

dmdm31796@aol.com or Christy Haberstroh, 610-283-1184 or chaberstroh@yahoo.com

It would be appreciated if you could email or call Deanna with the dish you will be sharing that evening.

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.



Mark your calendars. Vacation Bible School

Bible stories Games Crafts Songs Snacks

Place: Saint Philip Neri School

Building

Dates: July 16-20

Times: 9:00AM - 12:00 PM

Cost: \$40.00 Per child

Registration March 5 to April 30

Form on Church website and school communication.

For Children age 4 - through Grade 3.

Questions: Jeanette Paul 610-834-9868

Thank you. I would like to thank you all for your prayers over the past few months during my illness. Your kind words, cards and especially your prayers were appreciated more than you know. I can never thank you enough. Pete Black.

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.

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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 oconnor4@comcast.net.

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!!

Annual Mass and Reception for Persons with Disabilities - Saturday, March 10 – 11:00 AM

Celebrant: Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul. Light reception immediately following. RSVP: Department of Pastoral Care for Persons with Disabilities and the Deaf Apostolate at 215-587-3530 (voice) 267-507-1515 (VP), email: jlavende@phila.org or www.archphila.org.

Lenten Journey through the Eyes of Artists

March 30-April 1, IHM Spirituality Center, Immaculata, PA 19345, Enter Holy Week with its cycle of life, death and new life by reflecting on artists' depictions of the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem through His Resurrection. Guided by Sister Helen David Brancato IHM, we will meditate on the works of Rembrandt, Chagall, Kollwitz, Eichenberg, sculptors from Chartres Cathedral as well as the contributions of Third World artists. Participants are

welcome for the entire weekend or for Saturday only. For information and/or registration, contact Sister Barbara Cook at 610-647-4136 or at ihmspcenter@hotmail.com

Irish Eyes Are Smiling! Mother of Divine Providence Parish, Parish Center, King of Prussia, St. Patty's Day Beef & Beer, Saturday, March 24th. Tickets purchased or reserved by March 20th are \$30 per person, \$22 per person for seniors. All tickets purchased after March 20th or at the door will be \$37 per person. Contact Donna at 610-337-3814 for more information.

Merion Mercy Academy's Practice High School Placement Test – Saturday, March 10, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The link to register can be found on the homepage of our website at www.merion-mercy.com.

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