

**SAINT PHILIP NERI
CHURCH
May 27, 2012**

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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: Karen Cella, Mary DiDonato, Lillian Doherty, Lisa Dougherty, Marge Gallagher, 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, Helen Morelli, John Mullahy, Lisa O'Brien, Thomas Mortimore IV, John Rees, Gloria Reilly, Baby Peter Sayegh, Tim Schwartz, Betty Smith, Gabriel Vereczkei, Robert Welch, 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:
Carmen Morelli, Jean Basara and Frank Vinci.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS are scheduled for Tuesday, June 5, 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.

Father's Day Cards

At the doors of the church there are Father's Day cards for living and deceased fathers. All the Masses on Father's Day will be offered for them as well as Masses said during the month

of June. Please fill in the information on the enclosed envelope provided and drop it in the collection basket or the Church Office. The card may be given to your father on Father's Day or if your father is deceased, keep it as a keepsake.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday

8:30 AM Hank Fisher

Tuesday

6:30 AM Walter Palmer

8:30 AM Helen and Stephen Keogh

Wednesday

6:30 AM Al Busfield

8:30 AM Kathryn and Leo LaFontaine

Thursday

6:30 AM Stephen Petrokbi

8:30 AM Patrick and Sarah McGinley

Friday

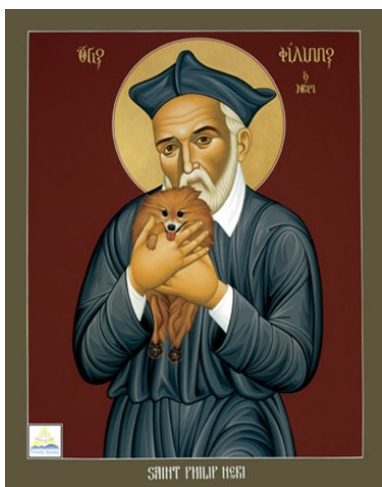
6:30 AM Joseph and Yolanda DeVita

8:30 AM Patrick and Sarah McGinley

Saturday

8:30 AM Al Busfield

Please note: No 6:30 AM Mass on Monday.



“A joyful heart is more easily made perfect than one that is cast down”.

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Question of the Week

When has the Holy Spirit given you the strength to act with courage?

Celebrating Pentecost Fifty Days Later

This weekend we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost. Some of you may wonder, "What is the origin of Pentecost in the Catholic Church?" The word Pentecost is Greek for "pentecostes" which means "fiftieth." This feast commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, and takes its name from the fact that it comes fifty days after Easter. It was a Jewish festival, and has been observed in the Christian Church since the days of the apostles. It is often called Whitsunday (White Sunday) from the practice of giving solemn Baptism on that day in early centuries, the candidates being attired in white baptismal robes. Pentecost also marks the end of the Easter Season.

A Prayer on the Feast of Pentecost

Lord Jesus Christ,
*You told the disciples to expect the gift of the Holy Spirit,
 Yet, when it came it took them by surprise,
 bursting into their lives in a way beyond
 all their expectations.
 Suddenly life was transformed for them,
 full of untold possibilities.
 You tell us also to expect the gift of the
 Holy Spirit,
 yet we too are taken by surprise.
 You want to transform our lives
 to open the door of new horizons,
 but often we close our hearts or tie you down*

to our own expectations.

Lord Jesus,

*As we remember today,
 that day of Pentecost long ago,
 help us to open our lives to the
 movement of your spirit.*

Amen

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.

Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will be in our school gym on Thursday, May 31, from 2:00 to 8:00. Please take this opportunity to give the Gift of Life. You may make an appointment by contacting Bob Dunne at 610-941-9162 (H), 610-542-3063 (W), or rdunne@devereux.org. If you have any questions about your eligibility to give, please visit the Red Cross web site at www.pleasegiveblood.org

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 this Wednesday, June 6. Please consider this work of mercy in your busy schedule.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION for the Parish Religious Education Program (CCD) is now being taken

for 2012-2013. Those registered at Saint Philip's with an incoming child in Kindergarten and Grade 1 already received a letter and registration form. Those currently enrolled have already received their materials. The cost of the program is \$175 for one child and \$225 for 2 or more children. If you only have one or more children in Kindergarten, the cost is \$100. Kindergarten classes are on Sunday mornings from 10:00-10:50 AM. Grades 1-6 have classes on Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 4:00-5:30 PM. Bus transportation is available from Whitemarsh Elementary, Ridge Park, and Colonial Elementary both days for \$50 per family. A child needs to attend only one class per week. The day of choice will be limited to the number of children who can ride the bus meeting a safe and legal limit. If you like children, have faith in God, and would like to get involved at Saint Philip's we will supply you with catechetical training, teaching manuals, and resources. Please call Jeanette Paul at 610-834-9868 if you can lend a hand!

SPN CYO 2012 Fall Sports Registration

SPN Cross Country boys and girls (\$35.00), Soccer boys and girls (\$80.00) and girls Volleyball (\$80.00) and Field Hockey (\$80.00) registration for 5th through 8th graders will take place in the school gym on the following dates: Monday June 4th, Tuesday June 5th, and Wednesday June 6th from 6:30 to 8:00pm. Anyone who plans to play Soccer, Volleyball, Field Hockey or run Cross Country in the Fall should register. For more information contact Brian Shields 610-397-0866 or brianpshields@yahoo.com.

Saint Philip Neri SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to our 7th grade for hosting their parish breakfast. This is an annual service project where parishioners are invited for breakfast after the 8:30am mass. The seventh grade did a great job as they escorted their guests to the cafeteria, served a delicious breakfast, and spent time visiting with some parishioners. After reading Night, by Elie Wiesel, and The Diary of Anne Frank, the 8th grade had a very special person visit their

classroom. Annelese Nossbaum, a holocaust survivor from the Philadelphia Holocaust Awareness Museum, recounted her experiences in a concentration camp. Her biggest message to the students was to be grateful for what you have and to "not stay silent when something wrong is happening." It was a visit that the students enjoyed while bringing a real awareness to the reality of that point in history. SPN also had a visit from state representative Mike Gerber. Mr. Gerber was here to help the 4th grade better understand how our government works. After being split into the House and Senate, a bill was passed that approved our state cookie! This time of year brings the annual 8th grade science fair. Students research and present their science project where a panel of judges decides on a winner, 2nd, 3rd, and honorable mention. The kids work extremely hard, over a period of a few months, to complete their independent inquiries. Reading Olympics was recently held at Colonial Middle School. Teams of students, from 5th -8th grade, competed in this reading competition where designated books were to be read with questions to be answered. All of our teams did a great job and should be commended for their dedication to reading. Well done! Bishop DeSimone was here in April for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Our 6th grade received the gifts of the Holy Spirit during a most holy celebration. In addition, our 2nd grade also had a beautiful celebration, in early May, as they made their First Holy Communion! Congratulations to all of our newly confirmed and first communicants! This month a group of 3rd and 4th grade girls participated in *Girls on the Run*. This is an organization that encourages health, wellness, and an overall positive self-image. The girls trained for many weeks for a 5k at Wissahickon High School while also completing a service project related cancer awareness. Every member of this group should be very proud of themselves for accomplishing so much. Special thanks to Miss Ritter, a 4th grade teacher, and Ms. Smith, a parent volunteer, who gave so much of their time and physical energy to prepare the girls. SPN is fortunate to be part of a community of opportunity. We are proud to announce that our students are participating in book writing contests at William Jeanes Library, singing the National Anthem at Whitemarsh Little League's opening day and July 4th parade, and representing SPN as Violin 1 at an annual String Festival at Archbishop Ryan High School. We are blessed with children with an abundance of talent. Please continue to keep all of our students, faculty, and staff in your prayers as we near the end of another school year. Most especially, remember our 8th graduates as they prepare for high school. Happy summer!



SCRIP Gift Cards

FOR: Dads and Grads

Give SCRIP Gift Cards as gifts! Cook a scrumptious meal for Dad - or prepare the

graduation party trays - with groceries bought with SCRIP Gift Cards! You will fund-raise for SPN, and earn Tuition Credits (or FREE gift cards) for you! Gift cards are sold after the weekend Masses and during church office hours. OR go 'high-tech' for more choices, and register at www.shopwithscrip.com with SPN code 7D53E11E329L. Simply order gift cards on-line by midnight Sunday, and receive delivery through school or church office by Wednesday. Questions? Contact Patti Hinchey 215-836-2129 or spnscrip@gmail.com.

LOST AND FOUND

Various articles of clothing left in Church over the winter months can be found in the main lobby of the Church. After this weekend articles remaining will be disposed of properly.

Archdiocese of Philadelphia **Catholic Charismatic Renewal** **45th National CCR Conference**

"Let us pray with one heart together with Mary in the Upper Room"

In this special 45th Anniversary year, as we give thanks to God for the graces and gifts of the past, we must look forward to the future for our Church here in Philadelphia, the nation and the world. Please join us at the PA

Convention Center, June 1-3 as we host the National Conference of Catholic Charismatic Renewal and pray for a new, fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit for ourselves, our families and our Church. Archbishop Charles Chaput will preside at the Opening Liturgy on Friday, June 1 at 7:00 PM. This will be a multi-cultural event with tracts in English, Haitian, Hispanic and Filipino along with a special youth track. Some of the additional speakers will include Fr. James Kelly (Irish Missionary) with a ministry of prayer and healing for the sick, Michelle Moran and Dorothy Ranaghan. For more information about ticket prices, conference schedules, CCR buses or transportation, please call 800-338-2445, or visit our web site at www.phillyspirit.com

Pilgrimage to Rome for the Canonization of *Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha*, First American Indian Woman to be honored October 21. Travel Dates 10-19 to 10-25. Cost \$2,649.00. Call Betty at 610-828-4474, 610-329-7361 or Sylvia at 215-483-5022.