

SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH

November 24, 2013

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Second Collection This Weekend
Debt Reduction

Second Collection Next Weekend
Christmas Flowers

Pastor's Note We will have a special collection for the relief effort in the Philippines on December 15th. If you wish to give sooner, please place your envelope in the collection basket marked "Philippines Relief" and we will forward it to Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Thank you, Msgr. Vance

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: Bella Jones Borkowski, Brian Bennett, Martha DiCesare, Mary DiDonato, Lillian Doherty, Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty, Barbara Guldner, Steve Hedrick, Rachel Horvath, Vincent Jacoby, Bill Keenan, Roberta Kolkka, Michael Koneski, Pat Kost, George and Molly Lozinak, James Maggetti, Sue Male, Joan Marine, Barbara Martinick, James McBride, Jr., Joan McGill, John McLaughlin, Julia McLaughlin, Margaret McLaughlin, Stephen Merlin, Cecilia Moore, John Mullahy, Betty Mulligan, Lisa O'Brien, Jean Marie O'Pella, Baby Harper Ann Renshaw, Sue Roccia, Baby Peter Sayegh, Tim Schwartz, Kristin Shearon, Yvonne Stephens, Janice Swan, Kena Thompson, Connie Wagoner 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, Dorothy Bonanni and the deceased members of the military.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3rd at 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.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday

6:30 AM Joseph and Yolanda De Vita
8:30 AM Maria and Angelo Pacifico

Tuesday

6:30 AM Donna Cannone
8:30 AM Bud Busfield

Wednesday

6:30 AM Valentine and Harriet Macy
8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Brennan and Lowry Families

Thursday

9:00AM **Happy Thanksgiving**
Kevin Kirk

Friday

6:30 AM Mary Barrett
8:30 AM Lola Wynne Morris

Saturday

8:30 AM John J. Cahill
Frank J Cahill
Kathleen A. Cahill

2013 ANNUAL CENSUS/BLOCK COLLECTION REPORT

TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED FAMILIES

2115

TOTAL NUMBER OF CENSUS ENVELOPES RETURNED

441

Please remember to fill-out and return your census envelope as soon as possible. It can be returned by mail to the church office or you can place it in the collection basket on Sunday.

VETERANS DAY WEEKEND: The Valley Forge Detachment of the Marine Corps League would like to thank everyone that donated last weekend. Over \$ 1,700.00 was raised to benefit veterans and various youth programs. Thank you for your generous support!

Thanksgiving Church Office Hours

Wednesday, November 27th 7:00-2:00 PM

Thursday, November 28th Closed

Friday, November 29th Closed

Pastor's Notes: This year for the first time in about 10 years we will host the Thanksgiving Ecumenical prayer service for



the Ministerium of Plymouth Whitemarsh. This gathering will take place on Wednesday evening, November 27th at 7:30 PM. This event will bring together many of our neighbors and friends in the community. I ask that you make an attempt to attend and welcome them to our beautiful church as they have been so hospitable to us in the past years.

On Thanksgiving Day, November 28th at 9:00 AM we will once again welcome Bishop Thomas to celebrate our annual Thanksgiving Liturgy. Many of our people (parishioners) look forward to this yearly event. Bishop Thomas will bless bread that you might have for your Thanksgiving meal and we will distribute a small Blessed loaf to be shared at your family's celebration. I ask you to do your best to attend one or both of these important events. Thank you, Msgr. Vance

Next Bulletin Deadline

Items for the **December 22nd** bulletin are **due by Monday, December 9th by 5:00 pm.**

BJ's MEMBERSHIP DRIVE is back!!

Memberships are \$40 instead of \$50; 15 months instead of 12 months. St. Philip Neri School gets \$5 for every new and renewed membership. If your membership is due to expire in the next 6-7 months, please renew now. BJ's will add the 15 months on to your current membership. Please don't wait until your membership is due to expire. You can check your membership date at BJ's or the top of any receipt. Please drop these forms off at the church office, school office or my home, 104 Cardinal Drive, Conshohocken, PA 19428. Any questions, please contact Linda Pizzi, lpizzi@verizon.net or 610-940-1331.

Deadline is December 6th.

Hallahan and Roman are proud to present the Stephen Sondheim musical "Into the Woods" at John W. Hallahan catholic Girls' H.S. on December 5th, 6th, and 7th at 7:00 PM. For more information, please contact Kristin Sheridan at 215-563-8930.

A Sincere Thank You to everyone who was so generous in their donations to the October drive for mothers and babies. Know that everything donated

is needed and deeply appreciated. God bless you all
– Loretta Zych

The Giving Tree During the holiday season it is more rewarding to give than to receive. This year, our giving tree is filled with names of less fortunate children, from **St. Frances Cabrini Regional Catholic School** located in Philadelphia and The Devereux Kanner Center, a facility for developmentally disabled children in West Chester. Please pick a name off the giving tree. Go shopping for that child, pick out a gift and return the wrapped gift with the **tag attached** to the back of church **as soon** as you have it. **Please make sure if you take a tag you return a gift.** All gifts are to be.....
RETURNED NO LATER THAN, Dec. 16th.
This will give us time to sort and deliver the gifts **before Christmas.** Thank you for your continued support for this wonderful cause in bringing joy to a child. Look for the Giving tree in the back of church.

SPN SCRIP Gift Cards For more choices, order at shopwithscrip.com; use SPN code 7D53E11E329L. For more info, contact Patti at spnscrisp@gmail.com or 215-836-2129.

Fresh Brew Bible Study The group meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM in the SPN Rectory Conference Room.

SPN High School Youth Group For information and events please visit the SPN Youth Group page on Facebook or email MaryBeth McGroary at m.mcgroaryspn@gmail.com. There is a lot on the calendar for the Advent Season.

Saint Philip Neri
Home and School Association
presents
TRIVIA NIGHT 11

Save the Date: January 24
LuLu Temple in Plymouth Meeting
Registration begins Monday, December 9th at 8 AM via www.triviaevents.net

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

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 as early as 6:00AM and before 9:00 AM the first Wednesday of each month. The next delivery will be December 4th. Please consider this work of mercy in your busy schedule.

The Philippians An organization for senior citizens fifty years and older that offers trips, programs, service projects and entertainment. New members are always welcome. For information on becoming a member, please contact Angela Berry (610) 260-1211.

Women's Prayer Group Our Women's Prayer Group meets on the first Thursday of the month from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM in the Rectory Conference Room. Please call Sister Barbara at 484-213-8177 if you wish to join the group or for more information.

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.

Our Mother of Consolation Spirituality & Theology Book Group invites you to a discussion of several short stories by Leo Tolstoy and "Earthly Nurturance," a short story by Caryl Johnston
Time: December 4th, 2013, at 7:30 PM
Place: Parish Center, 9 East Chestnut Hill Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19118. For more info contact Ted Forrence at forrence4@verizon.net All are most welcome!

Thanksgiving Day at St. Francis Inn will be, as every year, happy and busy, verging on the frantic. The cooks will be cooking; last minute running around to make sure the tables are set properly; volunteers waiting for their assignments and in the middle of

this masterpiece of confusion will be a great joy. Each guest, in the neighborhood of 400, will be served individually. They will get a full Thanksgiving dinner, from soup to nuts. Our guests will be the focus. They are the reason for the cooking, running about and volunteers giving of their holiday time. Of course, the guests will say those magical words which make it all worthwhile: "Thank You!!" Thank you is used so casually we can easily forget its deep meaning.

Continuing our theme of Thanks.... We here at *St. Francis Inn* want you to know how grateful we are for all of you and for the wonderful support you have given us for the past 33 years and continue to give! Your prayers, your encouragement, your supplies, your donations and especially you and you alone, have kept this ministry going! You may not even know this but the Inn does not receive any monies from the government, federal state or city. We exist simply and solely by individuals like you - by free will donations out of the goodness of your hearts. "Thank You!" *Fr. Michael Duffy*

We are collecting clean, gently-used coats, blankets, throws & comforters, coats, hats and gloves for the homeless at St. Francis Inn. Inn's constant needs: **Baby Formula**, **DEODORANT**(regular and travel-size), Disposable Razors(opened pkgs are great), Shower products including Powder & Fragrances; Sugar, Cereal, regular stove-top **Oatmeal**, Peanut Butter & Jam, Powdered Milk, Coffee, & Lg.Tea Bags; Metal Soup Spoons & Dinner Forks; Sz 5&6 Disposable Diapers (opened pkgs are great!), Feminine Protection Products, esp. POISE pads (opened pkgs are ok); Trash bags 13 & 30 gallon size and continuous Prayers! We are always in need of travel-size toothpaste & brushes, dish & laundry soap, canned food; **Thermal tops & bottoms**, **New mens' & ladies' underwear & socks**; Clean gently-used sheets, towels & washcloths.

Happy Thanksgiving



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