

# **SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH**

## **February 17, 2013**

### **First Sunday in Lent**

#### **Second Collection This Weekend:** **Generation Life**

#### **Second Collection Next Weekend:** **Operation Rice Bowl** **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: Fran Bruno, Lou Cacchio, Martha DiCesare, Mary DiDonato, Lillian Doherty, Lisa Dougherty, Jacqueline Fioravanti, Sharon Finnegan, Catherine Gansz, C. Clark Hodgson, Jr., Rachel Horvath, Betty Jacobs, Vincent Jacoby, Bill Keenan, Pat Kost, George and Molly Lozinak, James Maggetti, Joanne Mahoney, Sue Male, Joan Marine, Barbara Martinick, William McBride, Jr., Joan McGill, John McLaughlin, Julia McLaughlin, Margaret McLaughlin, Jean McLenigan, Steven Merlin, Cecilia Moore, Helen Morelli, John Mullahy, Joseph Mulligan, Lisa O'Brien, Gloria Reilly, Baby Peter Sayegh, Tim Schwartz, Kristin Shearon, 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 the deceased members of the military.

**BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS** are scheduled for Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**We Welcome** Karlee Marie, daughter of Timothy and Jennie Stolzer and Mackenzie Anne, daughter of Christopher and Megan

Robinette into the parish community of Saint Philip Neri Church. These babies were baptized last Sunday.

### **ANNOUNCED MASSES**

#### **Monday**

6:30 AM Helen and Harry Shaw  
8:30 AM Sylvia Leomporra

#### **Tuesday**

6:30 AM Joseph Tursi  
8:30 AM Alfred and Cecilia Porrino

#### **Wednesday**

6:30 AM John J. Cahill  
Frank J. Cahill  
Kathleen A. Cahill  
8:30 AM Deceased Members of the  
Brennan and Lowry Families

#### **Thursday**

6:30 AM Helen Tatlow  
8:30 AM Daneene Kipp

#### **Friday**

6:30 AM William Russell  
8:30 AM Mary and Anna Bodiak

#### **Saturday**

8:30 AM Carol Tierney

#### **Pastor's Note:**

I have ordered some new vestments for the parish. If you would like to donate them in memory of a loved one, please let me know or call the Parish office.

- A set of white vestments:  
Orleans \$2,000
- A set of White vestments:  
Holy Rood Azure - \$1,800
- A set of green vestments  
Peacefield - \$1,300

**"Operation Rice Bowl"**  
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. Rice bowls are available on the table in the vestibule.

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

WEDNESDAYS

Beginning - February 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

### **SPN Confirmation Retreat Volunteers Needed**

High School and Young Adults who have been confirmed with the seal of the Holy Spirit are asked to share their time and talent by becoming a leader of a small group for the Confirmation class retreat? The next retreat will take place February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm. Please call Ms. Jeanette Paul at 610-834-9868 or e-mail [j.paulspn@gmail.com](mailto:j.paulspn@gmail.com) if you can help at this retreat.

### **Anointing of the Sick Mass**

Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 2PM. All are invited whose health is impaired by sickness (physical, mental, and spiritual) or old age and those about to undergo surgery because of a serious illness. Anointing represents the touch of God's hand in our lives through those around us. Please call 610-834-9868 if you need more information or need transportation.

**Marriage Preparation Day** On Saturday, March 16, 2013, Saint Philip Neri will have its first Marriage Preparation Day (Pre-Cana). Check out our website at <http://www.saintphilipnerichurch.com> for more details. Contact the Church Office at 610-834-1975 for a registration form. Registration is filling up quickly! Please pray for all couples participating and preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage.

**Fresh Brew Bible Study** See what's brewing... After great gatherings in the Fall of 2012, Fresh Brew Bible Study is back for the Spring of 2013! The group will meet on **Thursdays at 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM** in the Saint Philip Neri Rectory Conference Room. The first gathering will take place on **Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**. If you are looking to reconnect with your Faith through the Word of God, learn how God's teachings play out in your life, and connect with members of the community, then this group is for you!

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** for children in grades Pre-K through grade 2. Please contact Nancy Williamson at [nlcwilliamson@comcast.net](mailto:nlcwilliamson@comcast.net).

**Confirmation Service Project** Paige Scott will be collecting new or gently used stuffed animals to be donated to the "Stuffy Love" organization. There is a collection box in the rear of church for your donation

### **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. We welcome you to come and share scripture as it relates to our individual lives. Please call Sister Barbara at 484-213-8177 if you wish to join the group or for more information.

### **2013-2014 SPN AUCTION**

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>

**SCRIP GIFT CARD NEWS!** Gift cards are sold after the weekend Masses and during church office hours. OR order gift cards at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com); code 7D53E11E329L. Delivery is on Wednesday. Questions? Contact Patti Hinchey at 215-836-2129 or [spnscrip@gmail.com](mailto:spnscrip@gmail.com)

**Men's Prayer Group** Men of different ages meet every Wednesday morning in the Rectory Conference Room from 7:30 to 8:30. If you are interested in joining and wish for more information, call Duane McCarthy at 610-825-5237.

### **RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

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.

**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.

**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 will be March 6<sup>th</sup>. Please consider this work of mercy in your busy schedule.

**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.

**SPN CYO 2013 SPRING SPORTS UPDATE** SPN

Spring sports (boys and girls lacrosse, softball, baseball and track) registration will be online this year. The website will be on the school website [www.spnschool.org](http://www.spnschool.org) under CYO. Any questions please contact Brian Shields 610-397-0866 and [brianshields@yahoo.com](mailto:brianshields@yahoo.com). As always, we need volunteers to coach or we can't field the teams.

**SPN Theatre Company** Presents **Aladdin, Jr.** in the SPN Auditorium on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 7PM. Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 2PM. 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 Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, c/o school office attn: Jennifer McMenamain.

**FAMILY BINGO** MARK YOUR CALENDARS for a night of fun! FRIDAY, MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>, 6PM – 9PM 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 per person. Bingo cards sold all night - \$.25 each.

**A Men's Spirituality Conference** On Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at Archbishop Ryan High School the men of our parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the annual Men's Spirituality Conference, As the Father has sent me, so I send you. (John 20:21). Speakers include Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, Christopher West, Jim Towey, Richard Lane, and Don Saleski. For more information and to register go the website: [www.ManUpPhilly.com](http://www.ManUpPhilly.com).

**SPN Youth Group** has reserved tickets to see the Phillies take on the Washington Nationals on

Monday June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:05 PM. It is Faith and Family night at CBP. We will get the bus at SPN at 5pm and head down to Citizen's Bank Park. RSVP by March 1<sup>st</sup> with the total number of people attending. The cost is \$30 per person and will cover admission to the game and the bus down to the Park. All payments must be received by March 15. Please make checks payable to SPN. Please contact MaryBeth McGroary with any questions at [m.mcgroaryspn@gmail.com](mailto:m.mcgroaryspn@gmail.com).

**The Annual Archdiocesan Mass Honoring the Gifts of Persons with Disabilities, The Deaf Community, Family, Friends and**

**Caregivers** Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 AM at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput will be the principal celebrant homilist. We encourage parish participation, individuals, and parish groups to volunteer in assisting with all aspects of the Mass and reception. To RSVP and for more information contact the Department of Pastoral Care for Persons with Disabilities and the Deaf Apostolate at 215-587-3530 (voice), 267-507-1215 (VP), email: [srschipa@adphila.org](mailto:srschipa@adphila.org) or go to [www.archphila.org](http://www.archphila.org)

**Philippian Travelers** will be hosting a trip to Canada's Atlantic Coast on October 3<sup>rd</sup> thru October 12<sup>th</sup>. If interested please contact Anna Marlin at 215-233-1527.

**St. Philip Neri CYO -Intramural Basketball**

**3rd and 4th Grade Girls/Boys** On-line Registration Only. **Registration Deadline: Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>** Registration link can be found on the school website [www.saintphilipnerischool.com](http://www.saintphilipnerischool.com) under the Programs/CYO heading Select "New User", Gender, 3rd or 4th Grade, IBL Basketball Questions? Email Eileen Flaherty [eflhrty@comcast.net](mailto:eflhrty@comcast.net); Anna Crone [cronefam@comcast.net](mailto:cronefam@comcast.net), Lisa Coscia [lcoscia@aol.com](mailto:lcoscia@aol.com)

**St. Francis Inn Prepares for A Loving Lenten Season**

St. Philip Neri Parishioners make us feel like it is Christmas every Monday when your donations and Peanut Butter & Jam sandwiches are delivered to our door. The Church calls Lent, "the joyful season of Lent." Its purpose is to come closer to God because we believe that God Is Love! This Lenten season, do whatever increases your love! Do something positive! After all, the day after Ash Wednesday IS Valentine's Day! If you would like to help us in our mission to share God's love, we are in need of the following: Laundry Soap, Liquid Dish Soap, Coffee, Sugar, Travel-size

Toiletries, Disposable Razors, 13&30 gal. Trash Bags, Donations & Lots of Prayers! We pray daily for you, our generous friends! These items may be placed in the box in the vestibule of church. For more information on St. Francis Inn Ministries, please visit our website [www.stfrancisinn.org](http://www.stfrancisinn.org).

**Year of Faith: Our next meeting is Sunday, March 10th at 7:00** in the school library. We are discussing the 5th article of faith, "...and rose again on the third day in accordance with the scriptures." We will be viewing Lesson 7 of the Father Barron DVD Series *Catholicism* called, "Word made flesh, True Bread of Heaven – The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist." What we will learn is that the link between the video lesson and the article of the month is that the death and resurrection of Christ is forever made present in the Eucharist; this is the reason for its centrality in the Christian Life.

Please remember, you can join at any time. The Home Study Guide for the Fifth Article of Faith will be available from the parish website: [www.saintphilipnerichurch.org](http://www.saintphilipnerichurch.org)

***Bible Study: St. Philip Neri will be offering The Great Adventure: Journey Through the Bible.*** We will be studying the New and Old Testament Narrative books of the Bible. Our meeting dates are Tuesday evenings at 7:00 in the school library: February 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14. A brief sample presentation given by Jeff Cavins can be found at <http://biblestudyforcatholics.com/video/listing/12/53#>

**Day of Recollection** at IHM Parish with Father Frank Giuffre on March 16<sup>th</sup>. This will be a time for prayer, reflection, and conversation with God. Additional information is posted on the bulletin boards.  
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