

SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH

March 10, 2013

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Second Collection This Weekend:

Central and Eastern Europe

This collection will assist in the building of churches; training and education of pastors and lay people; sustain orphanages; and evangelization.

Second Collection Next Weekend:

Mercy Neighborhood Ministries of

Philadelphia is a nonprofit organization serving poor families in North Philadelphia. For more information about Mercy Neighborhood Ministries, you may visit www.mercyneighbors.org.

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, Martha DiCesare, Mary DiDonato, Lillian Doherty, Lisa Dougherty, Sharon Finnegan, C. Clark Hodgson, Jr., Rachel Horvath, Betty Jacobs, Vincent Jacoby, Bill Keenan, 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, Jean McLenigan, Cecilia Moore, Helen Morelli, John Mullahy, 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, Dick Deasy, Joseph Ferri, John Loschiavo, and the deceased members of the military.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS are scheduled for Tuesday, April 2nd 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

WEDNESDAYS at 7PM

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday

6:30 AM Kevin Kirk
8:30 AM Mary L. and Anthony J. Basile Sr.

Tuesday

6:30AM Joseph and Yolanda De Vita
8:30 AM Helen Tatlow

Wednesday

6:30 AM Shirley Ensminger
8:30 AM John J. Cahill
Frank J. Cahill
Kathleen A. Cahill

Thursday

6:30 AM Henry and Cecelia Kropp
8:30 AM George T. Bass

Friday

6:30 AM Kevin Kirk
8:30 AM Peter Shields

Saturday

8:30 AM Carol Tierney

Pastor's Note: Confessions will be heard after stations on March 13th and March 20th. They will begin immediately after stations until 8:00PM.

LOST AND FOUND The Lost and Found in the Church is growing with items left by visitors over the last year. If you are missing a rosary, glasses, earring, hat, mittens, scarf, baby book, etc. please stop by the table in the vestibule. All items not claimed by March 15th will be donated to the Saint Vincent DePaul Society. Thank you.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MONDAY, 9:00 AM TO 7:00 PM – CHAPEL

SPN will host a **Protecting God's Children Awareness Session** on Wednesday, April 17th at 6:30PM. Please visit www.virtus.org for more information.

Changes to the Permanent Diaconate in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Archbishop Chaput has recently announced these changes to the Permanent Diaconate effective Palm Sunday, March 24th, 2013. All deacons are to wear clerical attire when exercising diaconal ministry. This clerical attire shall consist of a gray clerical shirt with a white collar. When not exercising this ministry, the attire is to resemble that of the lay faithful. Deacons serving in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia can witness marriages within the boundaries of the Parish to which each is assigned. Special permission is required for the deacon to witness marriages in any other parish. For any marriage taking place within Holy Mass, only the priest celebrant can witness the marriage.

The oldest age for admission to the permanent diaconate formation will be raised from 50 to 55 years of age, with certain exceptions for special circumstances.

Fresh Brew Bible Study The group will meet on Thursdays at 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM in the Saint Philip Neri Rectory Conference Room.

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.

SCRIP GIFT CARD NEWS! There will be no scrip sales after masses on the weekends of March 24th and March 31st. SPN now offers \$50 cards for Weis

Markets! Weis and 30 other gift cards are sold after the weekend Masses and during church office hours. OR order gift cards at shopwithscrip.com; code 7D53E11E329L. Delivery is on Wednesday. Buy gift cards to earn FREE tuition credits or FREE gift cards! Questions? Contact Patti Hinchey at 215-836-2129 or 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.

Home and School and CYO news: March Madness fundraiser is back again to benefit the CYO and Home and School. Tickets will be sent home through school and also sold in the back of church after all Masses. Tickets are \$10 each or six for \$50.

Half Day of Recollection at St. Genevieve's Parish on Bethlehem Pike in Flourtown on **March 16th**. The service will end at 11:30am. For more information, please contact Joe Manta at 215-353-7577

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.

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 Theatre Company Presents **Aladdin, Jr.** in the SPN Auditorium on Friday, March 22nd and Saturday, March 23rd 7PM. Sunday, March 24th 2PM.

Men's Night Out: Save the date, Wednesday, March 20th at 6:30 PM at Brittingham's on Germantown Pike in Lafayette Hill. Join Monsignor Vance and Steve McWilliams author of **Green Bananas**, a book about the wisdom of Father Bill Atkinson, the only quadriplegic in 2000 years of history to be ordained an Augustinian priest. Cost is \$45 per person. Pre-registration is required by

March 15th. Look for details in the next parish bulletin.

St. Philip Neri's Women's Guild Annual Covered

Dish Thursday, March 14, 2013 at 7:30 pm

St. Philip Neri School Cafeteria

Come join us for a night of great food, friendship and conversation. Bring a main course, side, vegetable, salad, or desert that serves eight.

Please RSVP to the EVITE that was sent or call / email Christy or Deanna below to let us know what you are bringing. Questions: please call or email Christy Haberstroh 610-283-1184,

chaberstroh1@yahoo.com or Deanna Marrone

215-805-8477, dmdm31796@aol.com PS: don't

forget to bring your own place setting.

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 23-24. Call Jeanette Paul with questions at 610-834-9868. (No refrigerated hams, please ~ gift certificates for Shop Rite, Weis, Giant, etc. would be great!)

ARCHBISHOP JOHN CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL

Practice Scholarship test for 7th graders from 8am –11am on Saturday, March 16th. For further information, please call 610-688-7610 ext. 152.

St. Francis Inn Prepares for A Loving Lenten

Season 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. 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.

SPN Vacation Bible School Mark your calendars!

Bible stories, Games, Crafts, Songs, Snacks

Place: Saint Philip Neri School Building

Dates: July 15th -19th from 9:00AM - 12:00 PM.

Cost: \$40.00 per child. Registration March 3rd to April 30th. Form is available on Church website and school communication. Open to Children age 4 - through Grade 3. Questions: Jeanette Paul 610-834-9868.

<http://www.saintphilipnerichurch.com/Vacation%20Bible%20School.pdf>

SPN Youth Group has reserved tickets to see the Phillies take on the Washington Nationals on Monday June 17th at 7:05 PM. RSVP by April 1st. Please contact MaryBeth McGroary with any questions at m.mcgroaryspn@gmail.com.

The youth group will be volunteering at Cradles to Crayons on Tuesday, March 26th from 6-8PM.

Please email MaryBeth McGroary for more information.

Marriage March – Washington D.C. Every child deserves a mother and a father. Please join people of all religious backgrounds in a march for the protection of marriage in Washington, D.C. on March 26th. Please see website for more information. www.marriagemarch.org.

Bishop McDevitt High School Offers 7th Grade Practice Scholarship Exam. March 16th, 8 AM., 125 Royal Avenue, Wyncote, PA 19095. For more information, please contact Ms. Garrity at 215-887-5575, ext. 257 or mgarrity@mcdevitths.org. For registration, please visit www.mcdevitths.org. \$30 fee is required.

Archdiocesan Boy Choir invites all to attend their annual Palm Sunday concert March 24th at One Lady Help of Christians in Abington, PA at 3:00 PM. For more information, please visit website www.archboyschoir.org.

Archbishop Chaput Year of Faith Lecture Series

Archbishop Chaput and the Office for Life, Family and Laity invite you to a dynamic lecture series for the Year of Faith. Next lecture is May 14th. Prof. Helen Alvare – Women's Freedom and Religious Freedom: Collaboration or Clash? All lectures take place in Vianney Hall Auditorium at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary from 7-9pm. Cost is \$5.00 per lecture.

The 17th annual Kelly Ann O'Connor

Scholarship Brunch Palm Sunday, March 24th, at a new location, Flourtown Country Club, from

11:30 to 2:00. For more information please contact:
Marianne O'Connor
610-825-4975 or oconnor4@comcast.net.

Why not study the Bible during Lent: St. Philip Neri is continuing The Great Adventure:

Journey Through the Bible. We will be studying the New and Old Testament Narrative books of the Bible. The next book we will be continuing our study of is the Book of Exodus. Our meeting dates are Tuesday evenings at 7:00 in the school library: March 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#>

Bible Study is a great way to observe the Season of Lent and Walk-ins are always welcome.

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

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

Caregivers Saturday, March 23rd at 10:30 AM at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput will be the principal celebrant homilist 215-587-3530 (voice), 267-507-1215 (VP), email: srschipa@adphila.org or go to www.archphila.org.

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