

**SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH**  
**March 17, 2013**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**Second Collection This Weekend:**  
**Mercy Neighborhood Ministries of Philadelphia**

**Second Collection Next Weekend:**  
**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, 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, Stephen Merlin, Cecilia Moore, John Mullahy, Lisa O'Brien, Gloria Reilly, Baby Peter Sayegh, Tim Schwartz, Kristin Shearon, Ray Tatlow 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, Helen Morelli, Pierre Marcolina, Patricia Matura and the deceased members of the military.

**BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS** are scheduled for Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</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** Liam Joseph, son of Stephen and Jennifer McGee, Lucia Pearl, daughter of Craig and Deena Petruzzelli, and William

Martin, son of Andrew and Lauren Hankins into the Saint Philip Neri Church Community. These babies were baptized last Sunday.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
WEDNESDAYS at 7PM  
**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

**Monday**

6:30 AM Frank J. Keane, III  
Frank and Concetta Lupinacci and Family  
8:30 AM William Murphy

**Tuesday**

6:30AM Stephen Petrokubi  
8:30 AM Martha Manoogian

**Wednesday**

6:30 AM Joseph McNichol  
8:30 AM Tullio Leomporra

**Thursday**

6:30 AM Mary L. Basile  
8:30 AM Marlene McGarvey

**Friday**

6:30 AM Betty Pellicciotti  
8:30 AM Jenny Monaco

**Saturday**

8:30 AM Frank Vinci

**Pastor's Note:** Confessions will be heard after stations March 20<sup>th</sup>. They will begin immediately after stations until 8:00PM.

**Mercy Neighborhood Ministries of Philadelphia** is a nonprofit organization serving poor families in North Philadelphia. Mercy Neighborhood Ministries provides preschool care, before and after school care from Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, a summer camp for children, adult education classes and adult

day care programs. For more information about Mercy Neighborhood Ministries, you may visit [www.mercyneighbors.org](http://www.mercyneighbors.org).

**Rice bowls** please return your rice bowls to the church office no later than Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**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.

### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

#### **Monday**

**7:00 PM** Cluster Penance Service

#### **Tuesday**

**7:00 PM** Parish Penance Service

#### **Holy Thursday**

**7:30 PM** Mass of the Lord's Supper

A concelebrated Mass of the Lord's Supper with the Washing of the Feet. Our church will be open for visits and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from after Mass until 10:00 PM at the Repository in the Chapel.

#### **Good Friday**

**3:00 PM** Passion and Death of the Lord

During the Liturgy, Communion will be distributed and Veneration of the Cross will take place. The Good Friday Collection will be for the upkeep of the Shrines in the Holy Land.

**7:30 PM** Traditional Stations of the Cross, followed by Veneration of the Cross.

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence for everyone 14 years of age and older.

#### **Holy Saturday**

#### **Easter Vigil**

7:30 PM Liturgy of Light

Liturgy of Word

Liturgy of Eucharist

#### **Easter Sunday**

7:00, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 AM

### **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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **The 17th annual Kelly Ann O'Connor**

**Scholarship Brunch** Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30 to 2:00. For more information please contact: Marianne O'Connor 610-825-4975 or [occonnor4@comcast.net](mailto:occonnor4@comcast.net).

**March Madness** tickets are on sale at the back of church on Sundays. Tickets are \$10 or 6 tickets for \$50. If you need more tickets or information contact Pete Black at [pblack3rd@aol.com](mailto:pblack3rd@aol.com) March madness benefits CYO and Home and School.

**Iron Hill Brewery to Support SPN School** Enjoy great food and great company at Iron Hill Brewery, located at 8400 Germantown Avenue in Chestnut Hill on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> between 5:00-10:00p.m. and support SPN at the same time. Iron Hill Brewery will donate 20% of the night's proceeds to SPN when you use the needed coupon. The coupon can be found on SPN's school communications or at <http://www.ironhillbrewery.com/chestnuthill/give20/4-9-13-Give20-CH.pdf>. Spread the word and pass the coupons to all of your friends and family. Look for the coupon in the back of church in the near future.

**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 scrip sales after all masses on Palm Sunday, (March 24<sup>th</sup>). There **will be no** scrip sales Easter weekend (March 31<sup>st</sup>). 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](http://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](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.

**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.

### **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.

**St. Francis Inn MARCH Needs:** Coffee, Sugar, Sugared Cereal, Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Deodorant, Disposable Razors, NEW Women's Panties (All Sizes) and Lots of Prayers! **Ongoing Needs:** Travel-size toothpaste - Brand-name liquid Dish Soap - Thermal Underwear, tops & bottoms - SZ 6 Pampers - Tagless Tea Bags - Powdered Milk - Peanut Butter & Jam - 13 & 30 Gal Trash bags - Travel-size Toiletries! Students who need to fulfill **Community Service**, Kathy Muller has a list of NEW, comprehensive, fun and easy **Community Service Project Ideas** to aid St. Francis Inn & Camden Catholic Charities! Contact me @ [mullerkathleenb@gmail.com](mailto:mullerkathleenb@gmail.com).

**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!)

**SPN Vacation Bible School** Mark your calendars! Bible stories, Games, Crafts, Songs, Snacks Place: Saint Philip Neri School Building Dates: July 15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM - 12:00 PM. Cost: \$40.00 per child. Registration March 3<sup>rd</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>. 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>

**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 26<sup>th</sup>. Please see website for more information. [www.marriagemarch.org](http://www.marriagemarch.org).

SPN will host a **Protecting God's Children Awareness Session** on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM. Please visit [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) for more information.

**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. RSVP by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact MaryBeth McGroary with any questions at [m.mcgroaryspn@gmail.com](mailto:m.mcgroaryspn@gmail.com).

The youth group will be volunteering at Cradles to Crayons on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-8PM. Please email MaryBeth McGroary for more information.

**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 14<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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

**Journey Through the Bible.** We will be studying the Book of Numbers from Old Testament Narrative books of the Bible. Our meeting dates are Tuesday evenings at 7:00 in the school library: March 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, April 7th at 7:00** in the school library. We are discussing the 6th article of faith, "He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father." We will be viewing Lesson 6 of the Father Barron DVD Series *Catholicism* called, "A Body both suffering and glorious – The mystical union of

Christ and the Church." What we will learn is that the Church is the Body of Christ; what happens in Christ's body is also what happens in the Church; thus like Christ, who both suffered and is seated at the right hand of the Father in glory, the Church is both suffering and glorious. The Home Study Guide for the sixth Article of Faith will be available from the parish website:

[www.saintphilipnerichurch.org](http://www.saintphilipnerichurch.org)

**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 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).

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