

SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH

March 3, 2013

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
WEDNESDAYS at 7PM

Third Sunday in Lent

Second Collection This Weekend:
Easter Flower Collection

Second Collection Next Weekend:
Central and Eastern Europe

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, William 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 Sister Marie L. Brann, S.S.J., Leonard Capuano, and the deceased members of the military.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS are scheduled for Tuesday, March 5th 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 Jack Aloysius, son of Mathew and Erin Carey into the parish community of Saint Philip Neri Church. Jack was baptized last Sunday.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday

6:30 AM Rev. Louis Giorgi
8:30 AM Cole Luxton

Tuesday

6:30 AM Linton and Keogh Families
8:30 AM Marguerite Behr

Wednesday

6:30 AM Bud Busfield
8:30 AM Earl Bruce Kirk

Thursday

6:30 AM Shirley Ensminger
8:30 AM Raymond Anzolin

Friday

6:30 AM John J. Cahill
Frank J. Cahill
Kathleen A. Cahill
8:30 AM Gloria Cafagna

Saturday

8:30 AM Joseph Donnelly

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.

Anointing of the Sick Mass

Saturday, March 9th 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. If you need

more information or need transportation, please call 610-834-9868.

Collection for the Church in 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.

The statute of the Scourged Christ has arrived at our parish and is displayed in the vestibule. The statue will be here during Lent and leaving March 30th. Please stop and observe this wonderful piece of art.

“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.

Father Chuck’s Challenge Pilgrimage to Nicaragua

June 3-8, 2013, Join us on a pilgrimage with **Food for the Poor**, to the mountains of **Northern Nicaragua**. We will visit homes of some of the 4,500 poor now sheltered by donors to **Father Chuck’s Challenge**. We plan to dedicate our two new villages, each with Holy Mass – as well as three newly renovated churches! No physical labor involved! For details please contact Msgr. Francis X. Schmidt at 610-676-0146 or email Connie Hunt at corneliahunt3@gmail.com.

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.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word for children in grades Pre-K through grade 2. Please contact Nancy Williamson at nlwilliamson@comcast.net.

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.

SCRIP GIFT CARD NEWS! 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 spnscrisp@gmail.com

2013-2014 SPN AUCTION

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, November 16th, 2013

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.

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, 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 6th. 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 Theatre Company Presents **Aladdin, Jr.** in the SPN Auditorium on Friday, March 22nd and Saturday, March 23rd 7PM. Sunday, March 24th 2PM.

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 require.

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.

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 studying is the Book of Exodus. Our meeting dates are Tuesday evenings at 7:00 in the school library: February 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#>

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

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.

Mark your calendars! **Vacation Bible School** 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>

Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School 7th Grade Practice Exam Test. Saturday, April 27th, from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Register online at gmahs.org

LaSalle College High School Mother's Club *Invites you to our Annual Fashion Show and Dinner "Springtime in Paris"* held at Spring Mill Manor, 171 Jacksonville Road Ivyland, Pa. 18974, **Wednesday, March 13th from 5PM – 9:30PM.** Price is \$55 per person. For more information please contact Judy at jameeks7@comcast.net or 267-475-5765.

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.

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

Sacred Heart Home is a skilled nursing home, providing palliative care to cancer patients. Owned and operated by the Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne since 1930. The home is run by the generosity of benefactors. The Sisters do this work for the love of God and neighbor. For more information, please call 215-329-3222 or www.sacredheartphila.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. 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 or go to www.archphila.org.

St. Bridget Parish Brother Michael McGrath OSFS, artist and author, will present reflections on Patrick, Bridget and Joseph on Saturday, March 16th, from 9 to 12 at St. Bridget Church, 3667 Midvale Ave. For information, you may contact Sister Margaret Jude Sullivan SSJ at smargaret@stbridgeteastfalls.org