

SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH
May 12, 2013

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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, Fran Bruno, Martha DiCesare, Mary DiDonato, Lillian Doherty, Lisa Dougherty, Sharon Finnegan, Rachel Horvath, Betty Jacobs, Vincent Jacoby, Richard Jones, 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, Maria Scarcelle, Tim Schwartz, Kristin Shearon, Kena Thompson 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 Dorothea Newell, Sister Margaret Mary Shea, and the deceased members of the military.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS are scheduled for Tuesday, June 4th 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.

Manna Bags will be distributed at all of our Masses on the weekend of May 11-12. Kindly return your filled Manna Bag on Saturday, May 18 or Sunday, May 19. Canned food items in greatest need are: beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups, and pork & beans. Thank you for reaching out to people in emergency situations.

A Mother's Love

A mother's love is something
No one can explain.
It's made of deep devotion,
Of sacrifice and pain.
It's endless and unselfish,
Enduring come what may,
Nothing can destroy it
Or take that love away.

Adopted from the poem by Helen Steiner Rice

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday

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

Tuesday

6:30 AM Catherine Beck
8:30 AM George T. Bass

Wednesday

6:30 AM George, Mary, and John Pierce
8:30 AM Frank and Mildred Miller

Thursday

6:30 AM Thomas F. Keane, III
Frank and Concetta Lupinacci
and Families
8:30 AM Geraldine Lampe

Friday

6:30 AM Samuel and Jennie Basile
8:30 AM Deceased Members of the
Schiavo and Roncella Families

Saturday

8:30 AM Carol Tierney

Mother's Day Cards At the doors of the church there are Mother's Day cards for living and deceased mothers. All the Masses on Mother's Day will be offered for them as well as Masses said during the month of May. Please fill in the information on the enclosed envelope provided and drop it in the collection basket or the Church Office. The card may be given to your mother on Mother's Day, or if your mother is deceased, keep it as a keepsake.

Mother's Day Next Sunday, Mother's Day, members of our parish's Respect Life Group will be offering Mother's Day roses and other items to support a local pro-life organization. Legacy

of Life Foundation supports two at-risk crisis pregnancy centers in the Philadelphia area and works to defend the dignity of the unborn. Please be generous with your offering. All Catholic people are called to support this great cause. Thanks.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Monday, 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Chapel

LaSalle College High School Campus Ministry We would like to thank the entire St. Philip Neri community for their very generous support of our upcoming summer service trips. We are truly grateful for your generosity and feel blessed to be a part of this great parish. Sincerely, Nick Dermo, Tim Lougherty, Brendan Bilotta and Brendan Keenan.



Blood Drive The American Red Cross will be in our school gym on Thursday, May 30, 2013 from 2:00 to 8:00. Please take this opportunity to give the Gift of Life. You may make an

appointment by contacting Bob Dunne at 610-941-9162 (H), 610-542-3063 (W), or rdunne@devereux.org. If you have any questions about your eligibility to give, please visit the Red Cross web site at www.pleasegiveblood.org

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 June 5th. 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.

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.

Fresh Brew Bible Study The group will meet on Thursdays from 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

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. We are interested in learning more about you too!

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.

SCRIP Volunteers Needed Can you spare 10

minutes of your time after mass on the weekend? We are looking for volunteers to sell Scrip after each mass

on Saturday or Sunday. Depending on the number of volunteers, you can expect to be scheduled to sell every 4-6 weeks. If you are interested, please contact Dawn Snyder 215-483-8598 or dmsajs@comcast.net



SAVE THE DATE, Friday, May 17

Saint Philip Neri Parish Annual Golf Outing
Skippack Golf Course

For more information contact Fran McCusker
at franmccusker@msn.com

Additional raffle tickets can be purchased in the
Church Office.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated back to
Saint Philip Neri School.

Family and Friends Welcome!

California Pizza Kitchen to Support SPN

School Enjoy great food and great company at the California Pizza Kitchen, located at the Plymouth Meeting Mall on Sunday, May 19th and Monday, May 20th for lunch or dinner and support SPN at the same time. CPK will donate 20% of the two day's proceeds to SPN when you use the needed coupon. All food and beverages (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic) are included. The coupon can be found on SPN's school communications or look for the coupon at the entrance of church. Spread the word and pass the coupons to all of your friends and family.

SPN Pub Night at MAGERKS 582 S.

Bethlehem Pike, Fort Washington Friday
Evening May 17, 7 PM-11 PM

Featuring: SEAMUS MCGRORY BAND
\$5 Cover Fee FOOD & DRINK SPECIALS
FAMILY AND FRIENDS WELCOME!

St. Francis Inn. May needs: Soup Spoons, Dinner Forks, Coffee, Powdered Milk, Small-sized Toiletries, 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 - Tea Bags - Peanut Butter & Jam - Canned Foods - 13 & 30 Gal Trash bags - gently-used blankets, sheets, towels & washcloths!

St. Philip Neri Night at Barnes & Noble – Plan to join us for a night of fun **Thursday, May 23, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** at Barnes & Noble on Chemical Road. Come early and enjoy dinner in the cafe – pizza, sandwiches and great desserts. You'll find

a great selection of summer beach reading as well as Father's Day and Graduation gifts. Money raised will help fund an author visit for SPN students next year. The night will include musical performances by St. Philip Neri students. A fun night is sure to be had by all who attend!

Call for lectors... Do you possess a deep love of Scripture? Do you have the time and energy to prepare the readings for Mass with study and practice, prayer and reflection? If so, please consider becoming a lector for daily or Sunday mass. Please respond by May 19th, at which time formational session dates will be scheduled. There is a particular need for the daily 8:30 mass, as well as the early and later Sunday masses (you can be specific about which times and days you prefer.) Contact Cindy Veit at LWVeit@gmail.com, or leave a message in the church office.

PHILABUNDANCE & THIRD THURSDAYS For four years, a core group of people have been travelling to the Philabundance warehouse on the third Thursday of the month near Citizen's Bank Park to do whatever is needed to get food to the hungry of Philadelphia. Carpools leave at 8 am and return at 12:30. Periodically, and especially in the summer, we receive urgent requests to help with packing fresh produce or the "assembly line" tasks of filling the emergency senior food boxes prepared for those whose income is gone before the next month's check arrive. Last time, in conjunction with other volunteers and a great set-up, we packed over 26,000 pounds of food to be delivered to those living in food insecurity in the Philadelphia area. If you (and/or your teenager, 14 and over) want to join in the effort either for the routine scheduled time or for emergency alerts, or both, please contact Cindy Veit at 610-825-4568 or LWVeit@gmail.com.



Bible Study: *St. Philip Neri is continuing The Great Adventure: Journey Through the Bible.*

We will be studying about the Return of Israel and the Maccabean Revolt by reading the Books of Ezra, Nehemiah, and 1 Maccabees from the Old Testament Narrative. Our meeting dates are Tuesday evenings at 7:00 in the school library: May 14, 21, 28, and June 4. 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 learn about the faith and Walk-ins are always welcome.

Year of Faith: For the month of May we are reading about the life of Saint Maximilian Kolbe. The title of the book is, *Kolbe* by Br. Francis Mary Kalvelage, FFI, Ignatius Press. The most in-depth book yet on the life and work of the great modern martyr of charity and Marian Saint, Maximilian Kolbe, whom Pope John Paul II called "The Saint of our difficult century". This book explains the controversial misrepresentation of Kolbe as anti-Semitic, his insights and strong stand against Freemasonry, and his unique, powerful Marian teachings that have made him the "prophet of the Immaculata". Missionary, theologian, writer, publisher, founder of Marytown, Marian mystic, and martyr of charity in Auschwitz, St. Maximilian Kolbe shines through the pages of this powerful book, and the reader will see why Kolbe will soon be regarded as one of the greatest saints in Church history, truly a man for all times. This book can be purchased at www.ignatius.com for \$11.00. We will be doing an online book club using Facebook. Email Linda if you are interested in joining.

Our next meeting is Sunday, June 2nd at 7:00 in the school library. We are discussing the 8th Article of Faith, "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets." We will be discussing Lesson 9 of the DVD Series *Catholicism*, by Father Robert Barron, "The Fire of his love – Prayer and Life of the Spirit. The Home Study Guide for the eighth Article of Faith will be distributed in a future Sunday Bulletin and is available from the parish website:

www.saintphilipnerichurch.org

