

SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH

August 30, 2015

**TWENTY – SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

SECOND COLLECTION THIS 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: Jose Alvarez, Bella Jones Borkowski, Brian Bennett, Dolores Bucci, Kathy Caputo, Bill Coogan, Howard Daywalt, Mary DiDonato, Lillian Doherty, Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty, Christopher Greuters, Larry Falkowski, Irene Foley, Bill Keenan, Jean Keenan, Pat Kost, Patricia Kucheruk, Nicholas Lannutti, George and Molly Lozinak, Phyllis Luther, James Maggetti, Sue Male, Joan Marine, Barbara Martinick, Toby Merrill, Julia McLaughlin, Stephen Merlin, Melanie Moletsky, Joe and Betty Mulligan, Catherine Niche, Lisa O'Brien, Baby Addison Pfeffer, Baby Harper Ann Renshaw, Sue Roccia, Xavier Ross, Tim Schwartz, Eva Seeton, Kristin Shearon, Robert Smith, Janice Swan, Kena Thompson, Mike Whitaker 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, especially Michael Harrison, Sister Rita Helen Rodgers SSJ, Sister Agnes Anthony Mullen SSJ, Sister Rose Bernadette Snyder SSJ, and Sister Catherine Kilcoyne SSJ

Encounter Christ at the Malvern Retreat House. On August 29th and August 30th, the Malvern Retreat House will be present at our parish masses to invite men, women and families to their venerable retreat house. For more information please call the Malvern Retreat House at 610-644-0400 or see their website: www.malvernretreat.com. For Traditional Weekend Retreat information call Patrick Benner at 484-321-2521.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday

8:30 AM John Shertz

Tuesday

8:30 AM Anna Marie Russella

Wednesday

8:30 AM Stacy McDonnell

Thursday

8:30 AM William F. Hirst, Jr.
William F. Hirst, Sr.

Friday

8:30 AM John McLaughlin

Saturday

8:30 AM Barbara Gallagher
17th Anniversary

There will be no 6:30 AM Masses from June 15th until September 7th. The 6:30 am Masses will resume September 8th.

Pastor's Notes: We are looking forward to the visit of Pope Francis on September 27th. However, many of us will not be heading into the city for the live audience. St. Philip Neri will be hosting a pot luck meal with live streaming of the Papal mass. This will be a wonderful opportunity to be part of a community while witnessing this historic moment for the Church of Philadelphia. Please keep an eye out in the bulletin for more information in early September.

Census Envelope Mailing: The Census mailing was mailed out last week. Due to an error by the publisher, vital parish information was not included on the return envelope. The publisher has since sent a second mailing with a corrected return envelope. If you have not already returned your Census envelope, please use the envelope included in the second mailing. Sorry for the inconvenience and thank you in advance for your contribution to the Census collection.

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.

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 by 9:00 AM. The next delivery date is September 2nd.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

REGISTRATION for the Parish Religious Education Program (CCD) is now being taken for 2015-2016. Those registered at Saint Philip's with an incoming child in Kindergarten and Grade 1 already received a letter and registration form. Those currently enrolled have already received their materials. The cost of the program is \$200 for one child and \$225 for 2 or more children. If you only have one or more children in Kindergarten, the cost is \$100. Kindergarten classes are on Sunday mornings from 10:00-10:50 AM. Grades 1-6 have classes on Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 4:00-5:30 PM. Bus transportation is available from Whitemarsh Elementary, Ridge Park, and Colonial Elementary both days for \$50 per family. A child needs to attend only one class per week. The day of choice will be limited to the number of children who can ride the bus meeting a safe and legal limit. If you like children, have faith in God, and would like to get involved at Saint Philip's we will supply you with catechetical training, teaching manuals, and resources. Please call Dane Connelly at 610-834-9868 if you can lend a hand!

Volunteer position available

There is an opening for a Grade 1 and a Grade 4 catechist for Monday afternoons and for a Grade 5 catechist for Tuesday afternoons. Please call Dane Connelly at 610-834-9868 or 610-828-3082 ext. 2 or email d.connellyspn@gmail.com if you are interested in helping out.

The Philippians An organization for senior citizens fifty years and older that offers trips, programs, service projects and entertainment. New members are always welcome. For information on becoming a member, please contact Angela Berry (610) 260-1211.

Women's Prayer Group The next meeting will be Thursday, September 3rd in the Rectory Dining Room from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. All are invited to come! Join us and bring a friend. Sister Therese Michele, SSJ.

Choir Notes

Do you have a good voice?

Musical talent? Choir experience?

Now is the time to join St. Philip's Music Ministry and share your gifts with our parish community.

We invite you to join our talented parishioners who form our parish choirs. Rehearsals for the Adult Choir are held on Tuesday evenings in the Church Chapel beginning on September 8th – 7 PM to 9 PM.

St. Philip's *Schola* of young adult voices has been a great success. We would like to welcome more of our high school, college/young adult parishioners to join this group. St. Philip's *Schola* sings for the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

Please look for flyers at church entrances. If interested in joining St. Philip's Music Ministry, please contact Jean Martin for more information.

215/704-0508 jeanm1@comcast.net

Holy Ground – Sacred Space

Please be considerate of the ministry of the parish musicians and their concentration on the liturgy.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS are scheduled for ***Monday, September 21st 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. Please call the Church Office at 610-834-1975 for sign up purposes

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 next meeting will be in September

The St. Philip Neri 55+ Women's Bowling League

is looking for new members. The league bowls is noon on Wednesdays at Facenda Whitaker Bowling. Bowling begins September 9th and continues through May. If interested, or for more information, please contact Suzanne Lilly at (610) 825-8142.

Summertime SCRIP Gift Cards!

SCRIP is a year-round gift card fundraiser; here to help you earn tuition credits or free gift cards. Buy a gift card or 2 of your favorite grocery store. Pay for groceries with the gift cards. As you use the gift cards, replace them, and your earnings will really add up! Our customers earn up to \$900 per year - and generate significant revenue for SPN! Gift cards are sold during church office hours and after weekend Masses (the 7 will resume when school re-opens). Questions? Contact Patti Hinchey at spnscrip@gmail.com or 215-836-2129.

ST FRANCIS INN

Summer Food Needs: cold cereal, instant iced tea, tuna, spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables, peanut butter, jam

Cleaning: PineSol, Bleach, liquid dish soap like Dawn or Palmolive, Liquid Laundry soap
paper: TP, paper towels, tissues

Hygiene: **DEODORANT!!** Travel-sz. toothpaste, toothbrushes; Hotel soaps, shampoo, shower gel, small sz powder, fragrances, etc.; disposable razors & shave cream; feminine hygiene products (opened pkgs welcomed); adult diapers(underwear-style)

Baby Items: disposable diapers (opened pkgs welcomed), baby wipes, baby food, formula, **General:** forks and soup spoons, gently-used towels & washcloths; beach towels; men's and women's new white athletic socks and underwear
medical: generic multivitamin w/iron; 500 mg vitamin C; snack-sz zip loc bags; reading glasses, sunscreen & lotion'

Fresh Brew Bible Study returns in September.

Join us as we serve up the New Testament Letters of Peter, James and Jude and see how each of them strengthens the Early Christian Communities. This study covers four New Testament letters traditionally known as the Catholic Letters because each is written to strengthen Christian communities scattered across a wide region of the Roman Empire rather than a specific Christian community. We will be meeting on seven Wednesday Nights, from September 16th to October 28th, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Saint Philip Neri Rectory Basement. If you have any questions, contact Joe Banecker by email at josephbanecker@aol.com or call on 610-828-0344.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES UPDATE:

Festival of Families

The Festival of Families, held on Saturday, September 26, 2015, is an international celebration of family, community, and faith. Everyone is invited to join in this joyful, global celebration of support and love. During this event, high-level performers, both music and visual, will entertain and educate participants from around the world.

The culmination of the Festival will be a nationally broadcast main stage program of music and spectacular visual arts performances by world renowned artists, including Andrea Bocelli, Columbian Superstar Juanes, and the Philadelphia Orchestra. Pope Francis will celebrate with us during this time, both to enjoy the show and to listen to six families from different continents briefly describe their joys and challenges. The Holy Father will respond with compassion and words of wisdom for all of us, speaking to those present at the event (more than a million) as well as the additional millions participating through remote viewing. In addition to the main stage, there will be a second stage and exhibits. The second, smaller stage will feature performances throughout the day by many cultural groups, educational institutions, and spiritual organizations

Saints for the Family

Saint Pope John Paul II ,Saint Gianna, Mary, Under of Knots, Saint Joseph, Saint John Bosco, Saint Anne, Saint Joachim, Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Raphael

Donations Needed: Catholic Social Services of Montgomery County

(353 E. Johnson Highway) Norristown, is holding a Baby Shower for expecting mothers and fathers on September 18th from 10:00-12:15. We are asking for donations of baby clothes (newborn to size 1), baby bottles, pacifiers, gift baskets, baby blankets, baby shampoo, lotions, diapers, etc. For this particular event we are asking for small diapers but we are always in need of larger sizes. These items may be dropped off from M-F, 8:30-4:30 until September 17th at our office on 353 E. Johnson Highway, Norristown. (We will be closed on Labor Day)

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