

SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH

DECEMBER 4, 2016

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

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, Maria Brown, Lou Cacchio, Vincent Cellucci, Joan Chassey, Rochelle Colucci, Bill Coogan, Howard Daywalt, Mary DiDonato, Dr. Robert Domanski, Lillian Doherty, Emily Donhauser, Bernadette Dougherty, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores (Dee) Downs, Larry Falkowski, Phyllis Galanti, Christopher Greuters, Elizabeth Ann Hill, Jean Keenan, Pat Kost, Nicholas Lannutti, Peter Lello, Anne Lintner, George and Molly Lozinak, Phyllis Luther, James Maggetti, Sue Male, Joan Marine, Barbara Martinick, John McCann, Maura McGrath, Julia McLaughlin, Baby Avery McNichols, Steven Merlin, Joe and Betty Mulligan, Joe O'Brien, Lisa O'Brien, Joan O'Connell, John Pacell, Baby Addison Pfeffer, Baby Harper Ann Renshaw, John Reynolds, David Rosenberger, Xavier Ross, John Sandy, John Schaifer, Tim Schwartz, Eva Seeton, Kristin Shearon, Robert Smith, Joseph Specht, Amy Swift, Kena Thompson, Mike Whitaker, Paul Willemin, Vito Zeccola, Anthony Vitelli 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, Frances A. Sirchio and Philip "Nicky" Altomare.

Baptismal Instruction: is scheduled for Monday, December 12th 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.

Pastor's Note...We will have a Special Blessing for Expectant Mothers at the 10:00 AM Mass on December 18th. If you wish to receive this blessing, please call the Church Office (610) 834-1975.

Thursday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be held at 6:30AM, 8:30AM, 12:05PM and 7PM.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday

6:30 AM Santo and Adele Caruso
8:30 AM Marie Mattoccia

Tuesday

6:30 AM Tom Keating
8:30 AM Frank and Mary Fulginiti

Wednesday

6:30 AM Frank Stanczak
8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Brennan and Lowry Families

Thursday

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day)
6:30 AM Stephen Petrokubi
8:30 AM Tullio Leomporra
12:05 PM Elizabeth Consello
7:00 PM Charles and Margaret Ponietowicz

Friday

6:30 AM Alfred and Cecilia Porrino
8:30 AM Kathryn and Leo LaFontaine

Saturday

8:30 AM Nancy and Franck Mazza

Pastor Note: As you can see in the recap below there are quite a few Census envelopes that have not been returned to date. Thank you to those that have returned their Census and for your donations. Please remember that the Census is an important fundraising part of the Parish as well as one of our only means of updating parishioner information including changes of address, phone numbers and listing those members living in the household.

2016 ANNUAL CENSUS/BLOCK COLLECTION

REPORT

TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED FAMILIES

2152

NUMBER OF CENSUS ENVELOPES RECEIVED

452

Please remember to fill out and return your census envelope as soon as possible. It can be returned by mail to the church office or you can place it in the collection basket on Sunday.

A Special Thank You to Mrs. DeSimone and Mrs. Amoroso's 8th grade classes for changing the Liturgical Mass Missals for the new church year.

New 7th and 8th Grade Youth Group here at SPN

Attention all 7th and 8th Graders.....

Come gather for an evening of Christmas Cards and Movies.

**December 12th from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
SPN School**

**If interested, please contact Dane Connelly
at d.connelyspn@gmail.com or (484) 804-1875.**

Please support our local Boy Scouts

Boy Scout Troop 12 is having their annual

Christmas Tree Sale. Please consider purchasing your tree from the scouts. This is their only fundraiser and the proceeds will send the scouts to summer camp. There are many boys from our school and parish in this troop. Trees are being sold from the lower parking lot at Miles Park.

Hours of operation are:

Monday through Friday 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

Saturday and Sunday 9:00 am to 9:00 pm.

THE GIVING TREE During the holiday season it is more rewarding to give than to receive. This year, our giving tree is filled with names of less fortunate children, from St. Frances Cabrini Regional Catholic School located in Philadelphia and The Devereux Kanner Center, a facility for developmentally disabled children in West Chester. Please pick a name off the giving tree. Go shopping for that child, pick out a gift and return the wrapped gift **with the tag attached** to the back of church **as soon** as you have it. **Please make sure if you take a tag you return a gift.** **All gifts are to be RETURNED NO LATER THAN, Monday, December 12th. This will give us time to sort and deliver the gifts before Christmas.**

Thank you for your continued support for this wonderful cause in bringing joy to a child.

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 December 7th.

Please join us for:

The Annual Children's Advent Celebration

Wednesday, December 7th, 7:00 pm

St. Philip Neri Church and School Cafeteria

Celebrate the reason for the season! Please bring a gift (marked with AGE, and either BOY, GIRL or NEUTRAL) that your child can present during the Offertory. If wrapping your gift, use extra tape! Gifts will be donated to less fortunate children in the Philadelphia area.

After the Mass, an ice cream social will be held in the School Cafeteria. The children will continue the "spirit of giving" by coloring holiday pictures to brighten the season of those in need.

This Mass will fulfill the obligation for Thursday's Holy Day, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Jenn Fioravanti at 215-901-4122 or jlfiore@outlook.com.

Confessions:

Saturdays, Noon to 1:00PM

Monday, December 19th 7:00 PM

Saint Philip Neri Church

Join Us As We Celebrate the Birth of Jesus

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24, 2016

4:00 PM Children's Mass

5:45 PM Mass

7:30 PM Mass

Adult Choir Choral Prelude 7:15

Midnight Mass

Teen Schola Choral Prelude 11:40

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25, 2016

7:00 AM

8:30 AM

10:00 AM

11:30 AM

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. The next meeting is Tuesday, December 20th at 7:00 PM in the rectory conference room. For more information contact: Marianne O'Connor 610-825-4975 or Rosemary McNichol 215- 247-2267.

SAVE THE DATE
SPN Women's Guild
21st Annual Cookie/Sweets Exchange
Sunday, December 11th at 2:00pm
Please see insert for more details.

Saint Philip Neri Home and School Association
Presents TRIVIA NIGHT XIII
Save the Date: January 20, 2017
LuLu Temple in Plymouth Meeting
Registration begins **Monday, December 5th** via
www.TriviaEvents.net
Please see insert for more information.

Saint Philip Neri Theater
"Celebrating 20 years"

Will be hosting a
Flea Market

Saturday, January 21, 2017
9:00am-12:00pm

Saint Philip Neri School Cafeteria

To reserve a table, contact Kristi Johnson at
267-716-4540 or by email at

Kmjohnson615@yahoo.com

Table rentals are \$25 (tables are supplied by SPN)

Space is limited, get your table now!

We will start taking reservations on December 7th.

Please make checks out to SPN.

St. Philip Neri Womens Guild Presents...
"A Tour of Italy Wine Tasting Event"

Hosted by Celine Riquelme

from Three Cheers Wine Solutions
International Wine Specialist and Consultant

Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 7 pm

St. Philip Neri School Hall

Cost Per Person - \$25.00

Italian Appetizers will be served

Please reserve your place as soon as possible.

Deadline is January 9, 2017. Any questions, email

pdigiacomio4044@gmail.com or call

Paula @ 610-941-6117 after 7pm.

SPN SCRIP Gift Cards Get a warm feeling in the cold weather when you buy and use SPN SCRIP Gift Cards! Every gift card purchase benefits SPN and you. Buy gift cards after the weekend Masses or during church office hours. For more selection, order gift cards at shopwithscrip.com. Delivery on Wednesday. For more information, please contact Nicole Giacche (610)834-1975 or sponscrip@sponschool.org

For Advent, SPN Fresh Brew Bible Study is presenting A Powerful Study focusing on the opening chapters of Matthew and Luke, the only gospels that describe the wondrous events surrounding the birth of the Messiah. This study also explores the many significant connections these two gospels make between the Old Testament and the birth of the Savior. Rich insights will be made as these two gospels are opened to reveal the special contribution each makes to our understanding of Jesus' nativity. Deepen your longing for the Messiah's coming again and ask God to be Emmanuel, 'God with us.' We will be in the SPN School multi-purpose room for two Thursdays, 12/1 and 12/22, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. For this study, we will be reading selected passages from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke and "Advent of the Savior – A Commentary on the Infancy Narratives of Jesus" by Stephen J. Binz. Pre-registration is requested. If you'd like to register or receive additional information, contact Joe Banecker at 610-828-0344 or at josephbanecker@aol.com.

Choir Notes:

Schola Voices Needed for Christmas Eve Midnight

Mass SPN Schola of young voices has a tradition of singing at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. This group consists of high school and college age girls who give of their time on Christmas Eve to lead the congregation in sung prayer. Prelude Music is sung by the Schola beginning at 11:40 PM. We would like to have more young voices join this group. Rehearsals are held within the last 3 weeks of December depending on availability of the singing group. Please consider being a part of this beautiful Music Ministry. We welcome teenage/young adult voices. If interested, please contact Jean Martin: jeanm1@comcast.net

Choir Microphones The Adult Choir is very fortunate and thankful to have newly installed overhead microphones which enhance the work of the Music Ministry. The microphones have been professionally positioned and installed for the use of the Music Ministry. Please make no attempt to reposition or move the overhead microphones.

Thank you.

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. Additional weekday drivers and group leaders are needed. 014phi