

SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH

DECEMBER 18, 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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, Maria Brown, Lou Cacchio, Cindi Caponegro, 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 Pfeiffer, 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, Harry Cappa, Jr. and Stephanie Taglianetti.

Baptismal Instruction: is scheduled for Monday, January 16th 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.

Saint Philip Neri Parish Penance Service
Monday, December 19th 7:00 PM

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday

6:30 AM Alexander Tarsi, Jr.
Alexander Tarsi, III.
8:30 AM William Gallagher

Tuesday

6:30 AM John McLaughlin
8:30 AM Deceased Members of the
Hartley Family

Wednesday

6:30 AM Thomas F. Keane, III
Frank and Concetta Lupinacci
and Family
8:30 AM James R. Fulginiti

Thursday

6:30 AM Charles and Margaret Ponietowicz
8:30 AM Englebert and Stephens Families

Friday

6:30 AM Deceased Members of the
Keane and Lupinacci Families
8:30 AM John Sassi

Saturday

8:30 AM Rev. Harry Smyth

Pastor's Note There will be confessions on
Saturday, December 24th (Christmas Eve) from
9:00 am to 10:00 am. There will be no confessions
from 12:00 to 1:00 on Saturday (Christmas Eve).

We will have a Special Blessing for Expectant
Mothers this weekend at the 10:00 AM Mass.

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

Bambinelli Sunday Christmas is just a few days away and you are preparing your homes. Are your hearts prepared???? Bring your own baby Jesus to Mass this weekend, December 17th and December 18th. We will bless the Baby Jesus figures that will be placed in your nativity scenes at home during the Christmas Season.

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**

485

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.

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 January 4th.

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.

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.

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.

Women's Prayer Group: All women are welcome to join with us. We meet in the St. Philip's rectory dining room on the first and third Thursday of the month. Sister Regina Kropp, SSJ will be the moderator for this year. Sister Regina lives at the St. Philip Convent and can be reached at rkreginakropp@gmail.com

Saint Philip Neri Parish Trip

June 19 – July 1, 2016

Austria – Switzerland – Northern Italy

13 Days – 11 Nights

Father Anthony Hangholt

Tour Host

For More information, please call Emilio Iuliano (Ambler Travel) at (215) 643-1336

We Welcome Joseph Charles, Jr., son of Joseph Austin, Sr. and Allison DiBonaventura, Delaney Rose, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Cheever, Luca Anthony, son of Anthony and Ashley Paciucci and Vincent Joseph, son of Michael and Gina Parisi into the Saint Philip Neri church community. These children were recently baptized.

SPN SCRIP Gift Cards This will be the last weekend to purchase SCRIP Gift Cards for Christmas. Buy gift cards after the weekend Masses or during church office hours. For more selection, order gift cards at shopwithscrip.com. The last day to order SCRIP online is Sunday, December 18th by Midnight. Delivery on Wednesday. There will be no scrip sales for Christmas or for December 30th and January 1st. For more information, please contact Nicole Giacche (610)834-1975 or spnscrip@spnschool.org

The Philipians 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.

**Saint Philip Neri Home and School Association
Presents**

TRIVIA NIGHT XIV

Save the Date: January 20, 2017

LuLu Temple in Plymouth Meeting

Register via www.TriviaEvents.net or Kristi

Johnson at (267) 716-4540 or

Kmjohnson615@yahoo.com

Donation for Trivia Night XIV

If you would like to donate a basket or an item for a basket to be raffled off at Trivia Night. Please contact Kristi Johnson at 267-716-4540 or by email at kmjohnson615@yahoo.com. As always we appreciate the continued generosity of our church community.

**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.

**9th Annual Archdiocesan Men's Spirituality
Conference - REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN**

FOR MAN UP PHILLY 2017! On Saturday, **March 4, 2017** at St Joseph University Hagan Arena. Register now and save \$10 (Early Bird Special) at manupphilly.com.

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.

**For Advent, SPN Fresh Brew Bible Study is
presenting A Powerful Study**

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 on 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.

St. Francis Inn Needs List:

Clothing: Men's & Ladies Thermal Underwear, tops and bottoms New Men's white athletic socks, New Men's underwear, Undershirts ,T-shirts New Ladies slippers Clean, Warm coats, boots, gloves and hats

Food for the Pantry: Coffee, Tea, Hot Cocoa, Sugar, Powdered Milk, Iced Tea Mix, Peanut Butter and Jam, Ketchup, Mac & Cheese, Cereal, Oatmeal(reg) Canned Tuna, Chicken, Chili, Spaghettios, Soup, Vegetables, Large cans of Tomato Sauce (Puree and/or Crushed Tomatoes) Plastic Grocery Handle Bags, Gently-used Dinner Forks and Soup Spoons

For the Homeless:

Clean, warm Blankets, Comforters, Throws

For the Babies:

Disposable Diapers Premie & Sz 4-6, Baby Wipes, Baby Food and Formula

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