

SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH

April 2, 2017

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND
EASTER FLOWERS

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, Rochelle Colucci, Howard Daywalt, Mary DiDonato, Lillian Doherty, Emily Donhauser, Bernadette Dougherty, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores (Dee) Downs, Larry Falkowski, 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, Peter Marziano, 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, Geraldine Rotondo, John Sandy, John Schaifer, Tim Schwartz, Eva Seeton, Michael Shaw, Kristin Shearon, Robert Smith, Joseph Specht, Amy Swift, Kena Thompson, 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, Edward J. Mulligan.

Saint Philip Neri Parish Trip

June 19 – July 1, 2017

Austria – Switzerland – Northern Italy

13 Days – 11 Nights

Father Anthony Hangholt

Tour Host

Total Cost Per Double Occupancy \$4,150 includes
airfare and travel to the airport.

For More information, please call

Emilio Iuliano (Ambler Travel) at (215) 643-1336

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday

6:30 AM Dick Lownes
8:30 AM Jim Koller

Tuesday

6:30 AM Mary & George Barr
8:30 AM Elizabeth Carline

Wednesday

6:30 AM Bud Reigner
8:30 AM Deceased Members of
Brennan & Lowry Families

Thursday

6:30 AM John Catania
8:30 AM Janet Huggan

Friday

6:30 AM Louis & Fortunata
Vitacolonna
8:30 AM Mike Helms

Saturday

8:30 AM Andrew & Gertrude
Clark

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WEDNESDAY'S, 7:00 PM

Pastor's Note:

Please take advantage of receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lenten season. To try and give you as many opportunities as possible we will be hearing Confessions after Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, April 5th and April 12th. The Parish Penance Service will be on Monday April 10th at 7:00 PM and we are also extending our normal confession schedule on Holy Saturday, April 15th from 12:00 – 1:30 PM.

The Blessing of Easter Food has been a cherished Catholic ritual for centuries among families of Eastern European origin and adopted by people of all ethnic backgrounds who enjoy this richly symbolic custom. On Holy Saturday, families would prepare their Easter Food to be later blessed at church. After Easter Sunday's Resurrection Mass, the family and guests would share this blessed food and exchange good wishes. Please join the St. Philip Neri Community as we bless the Easter Food at 9:30 AM on Holy Saturday directly following the Prayer Service.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, April 10th

7:00 PM Parish Penance Service

Wednesday, April 12th

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Confessions after Stations

Holy Thursday

7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

A concelebrated Mass of the Lord's Supper with Washing of the Feet. Church will be open for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from after Mass until 10:00 PM at the Repository in the Chapel.

10:00 PM Night Prayer at closing of Holy Thursday in the Chapel.

Good Friday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer in Church

12:00 Midday Prayer in Church

3:00 PM Passion and Death of the Lord

During the Liturgy, Communion will be distributed and Veneration of the Cross will take place. The Good Friday Collection will be for the upkeep of the Shrines in the Holy Land.

7:30 PM Traditional Stations of the Cross, followed by Veneration of the Cross.

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence for everyone 14 years of age and older.

Holy Saturday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer in Church

Noon to 1:30 PM Confessions

Easter Vigil

7:30 PM Liturgy of Light

Liturgy of Word

Liturgy of Eucharist

Easter Sunday Masses

7:00, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 AM

Kelly O'Connor Scholarship Fund Brunch

The Kelly O'Connor Brunch will be held on Palm Sunday, April 9th at Flourtown Country Club from 11:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. To reserve a table please contact Marianne O'Connor at occonnor4@comcast.net or call 610-825-4975.

EASTER FOOD BASKETS Would you consider putting together an Easter Basket for needy families in our area? The meal should consist of nonperishable items including a canned ham and all the trimmings: pineapple, rice, potatoes, vegetables, biscuit mix, puddings, pies, soups, nuts, etc. You can make a family project out of it and decorate a basket or box. The collection will take place in the vestibule of Church on the weekend of April 8th & 9th. Call Dane Connelly with questions at (484 804-1875) (No refrigerated hams, please ~ gift certificates for Shop Rite, Weis, Giant, Acme, etc. would be great!)

St. Philip Neri Women's Guild

"Designer Bag Bingo"

Friday, April 7, 2017

Doors open 7pm; Bingo begins 7:30pm

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Light Refreshments served

All reservations must be made in advance of deadline date - April 5, 2017

No ticket sales @ door on event night

For information contact Paula DiGiacomo

610-941-6117 after 7pm or

pdigiacomo4044@gmail.com

SPN CYO

Please join us for a night of Comedy!

Joe Conklin and Friends

When: Saturday April 8th

Doors open at 6:45 pm

Comedy beginning at 8:00 pm.

Tickets: \$45 (beef and beer style)

Where: SPN School cafeteria

Questions: Dee Higgins (610) 828-4955 or

Deehigginspix@yahoo.com

For more information, please see flyers located at all the doors of church.

40th Anniversary Mass

Please come join us as our St. Philip Neri prayer group celebrates our 40th Anniversary on Thursday, April 6th. We will be hosting a charismatic mass beginning with prayer and praise at 7 P.M. followed by mass starting at 7:30. Rev. Joseph Bongard will be the celebrant. Joe Coyle and the Archdiocesan band will provide the music. Refreshments will be served following mass.

2nd Annual Don't Stall, Just Call

5K/1 Mile Walk

Saturday, April 22, 2017

Information on registration and donations

<https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Ambler/dontstalljustcall5k>

For more information contact Bridget Sutcliffe:
bsutcliffe15@gmail.com or 610-551-5656

St. Philip Neri Vacation Bible School

We are starting registration for Vacation Bible School for any child who has completed Pre-k up to an including 3rd grade. We are also looking for volunteers to help at this year's VBS.

Dates: July 17 - 21 from 9 am to 12 Noon

Cost: \$45 a child (tee-shirt included)

Crafts, Games, Snacks, Bible Stories, and FUN!!

Any questions please contact Dane Connelly @ 484 804 1875 or d.connelyspn@gmail.com

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, April 18th 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.

Parents Support Group: Is for parents and adult siblings whose loved one has, or is recovering from, drug and alcohol problems. This group will provide families with a confidential safe place to find support, education, encouragement, and information about recovery resources. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11th at 7:00 PM in the Rectory Conference Room. For more information or questions contact: Stephen Gallagher, CRS at 610-716-6230 or email: sgallagher@harpTreatmentCenter.com

St. Francis Inn Needs List:

Deodorant! Hotel toiletries, Coffee, Oatmeal, Laundry Soap, Sugar, Big Bars of Bath Soap, Preemie-Newborn Diapers, Size 4 Baby Diapers, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Prayers!

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 April 6th.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT 2017

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as a minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily and to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance

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 and we are looking for new members! We meet in the St. Philip's rectory dining room on the first and third Thursday of the month from 11:00 AM to 12:00. Sister Regina Kropp, SSJ will be the moderator for this year and can be reached at rkreginakropp@gmail.com

Baptismal Instruction: is scheduled for Monday, April 10th 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 for sign up purposes. 610-834-1975

SCRIP Gift Cards: Try It - You'll Like It! SCRIP is a gift card fundraiser that also stretches your budget! 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. Questions? Contact Dawn Gale at spnscrip@spnschool.org or call the Church Office.

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.

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