SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH

April 9, 2017

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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, Frank Giovannone, 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, Sister Arleen Renshaw, SSJ.

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 Thomas F. Keane, III

Frank & Concetta Lupinacci

and Family

8:30 AM Jack Hoffman

3rd Anniversary

Tuesday

6:30 AM Josephine Murphy 8:30 AM Assunta and Vittorio

Roncella

Wednesday

6:30 AM Keane & Lupinacci

Families

8:30 AM Tullio Leomporra

Holy Thursday

Good Friday

Holy Saturday

Please see the schedule on the next page for a complete listing of Holy Week and Easter Services.

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 the Parish Penance Service will be on Monday April 10th at 7:00 PM and we will be hearing Confessions after Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, April 12th. 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 9:00 AM 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

EASTER FOOD BASKETS

*Are being collected this weekend in the vestibule of Church.

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. 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!)

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

<u>Upcoming: SPN COW PLOP BINGO 2017</u> benefits the SPN Youth Group. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased in the Vestibule of Church on the weekends of April 23rd, 30th and May 7th. Winner will take home \$1,500.00. The event will take place on May 7th at the Soccer Field from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

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: <u>bsutcliffe15@gmail.com</u> or 610-551-5656

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!

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.connellyspn@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

ARE YOU A PARENT WHO HAS LOST A

<u>CHILD?</u> 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 held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month (April 11th & 25th) in Rectory Conference Room. On April 25th the speaker will be Patrick Brown CIP, Interventionist from Malvern Institute. Support, education and information about recovery for the Parents and Adult siblings of someone with a Substance Use Disorder. Alcohol or Drug Addiction. For more information or questions contact: Stephen Gallagher, CRS at 610-716-6230 or Email: stevegall444@gmail.com

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 May 3rd.

We Welcome: Aubrey Claire, daughter of Michael and Alyson Hilts, Jameson Maverick, son of Timothy and Jaclyn Murphy, Briella Danielle and Adalina Rose, twin daughters of Daniel and Rachel Cianci, James Patrick, son of James and Courtney McCarty, Adrienne Christina, daughter of Daniel and Dana Marchozzi, Violet Adaline and Paige Alexandria, daughters of Richard and Elizabeth Lauro, Mae Morrison and Grace Catherine, twin daughters of Lee and Brigid Bink, Madelyne Ann, daughter of David and Lyne Alvarez into the Saint Philip Neri Church Community. These children were recently baptized.

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

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.

Sisters of St. Joseph: Women's Wellness Weekend

The Sisters of Saint Joseph will host two Women's Wellness Weekends in lovely Cape May Point, New Jersey on the weekends of June 2-4 and September 8-10, 2017. For additional information please email the SSJ Development Office at development@ssiphila.org or call 1-800-482-6510. Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged.

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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