

SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH

October 8, 2017

Second Collection: Virgin Island Relief

Pastor's Note:

I don't have to tell you of the terrible devastation that the recent hurricanes have caused so many people. Hurricane Irma was especially devastating to the Virgin Islands. Bishop Bevard is the Bishop of the Virgin Islands as well as a priest from Philadelphia. He has put out an emergency call for help as most of his diocese has been destroyed. With that in mind we will take up a collection on October 7th & 8th for the needs of his diocese. I hope that you will be as generous as possible since most of his people are very poor.

Although we will not be having a special collection for those people suffering in Puerto Rico we would like to offer the ability to make donations for those devastated by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. If you choose to make a donation on behalf of the people of Puerto Rico, please mark your envelope "Puerto Rico" and we will be sure to get your donations to Catholic Relief Services. Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

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, Marita Boyce, Maria Brown, Lou Cacchio, Vincent Cellucci, Rochelle Colucci, Hunter Cranage, Jean Daywalt, Lillian Doherty, Dr. Robert Domanski, Emily Donhauser, Bernadette Dougherty, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores (Dee) Downs, Patricia Durkin, Larry Falkowski, Christopher Greuters, Elizabeth Ann Hill, Thomas Keane, Jean Keenan, Anna Knittle, 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, Anna Paulina Oliveras Irizarry, John Pacell, Baby Addison Pfeffer, Jim Rafter, Baby Harper Ann Renshaw, John Reynolds, David Rosenberger, Xavier Ross, Geraldine Rotondo, John Sandy, John Schaifer, Gina Schindler, Tim Schwartz, Eva Seeton, Michael Shaw, Kristin Shearon, Robert Smith, Joseph Specht, Brian Stenz, Amy Swift, Kena Thompson, Wendi Wagoner, Denise Westwood and for all those who are hoping and praying for organ transplants.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday

6:30 AM Focer Family
8:30 AM Sunny Maria Flocco

Tuesday

6:30 AM Joan Chassey
8:30 AM Gerald DeStefano

Wednesday

6:30 AM Steve Petrokubi
8:30 AM Anna Saber

Thursday

6:30 AM Genevieve Chrostowski
8:30 AM Tullio Leomporra

Friday

6:30 AM Joan Chassey
8:30 AM Helen Gillin

Saturday

8:30 AM Thomas Beaty

We Welcome: Lucy Mae, daughter of Mathew and Sherri Bolger, who was recently baptized here at St. Philip's.

Please Pray: for those who died and those we remember in the silence of our hearts, especially, Josephine "Joey" Flounders.

2017 ANNUAL CENSUS/BLOCK COLLECTION

NUMBER OF REGISTERED FAMILIES

2271

NUMBER OF ENVELOPES RECEIVED

364

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday, October 9th

Chapel 9:00AM - 6PM

Baptismal Instruction: The next session is scheduled for October 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 (610-834-1975) to sign up.

A Casual Walk through the Old Testament: Join our Seminarians David Buffam and Carson Kane along with Father Anthony for a relaxing and enjoyable Bible Study. This fall, we will be exploring the major events of the Old Testament through weekly meetings. Join us on Thursday evenings this fall at 7PM as we casually explore the Sacred Scriptures and apply them to our daily lives. More information will follow in future bulletins.

Pre Cana: Next meeting for those preparing for marriage is Oct 14th, for more information call the church office at 610-834-1975. Please pray for all couples participating and preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Cow Plop Bingo: The SPN Annual Cow Plop Bingo will return to the SPN soccer field on Sunday, Oct 15th from 1PM to 4PM. Each square of the 400 square grid will provide the owner with a chance to win \$1,500.00! Tickets for each square are \$20.00 and will be on sale in the back of the church, after every Mass from 9/23/17 to 10/15/17. Join us for games, food and a DJ dance party. All proceeds will benefit the SPN Youth Group.

Women's Prayer Group: We meet in the rectory dining room from 11AM to Noon on the first and third Thursday of each month. Women of all ages are welcome. Come join us! For further information, call Sr.Regina Kropp at 610-828-2866.

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.

October Count: During the month of October, the ushers will be counting the number of people attending each Mass. These attendance numbers are reported to the Archdiocese to use for long-term planning.

H.O.P.E: If you, or anyone you know, needs transportation to a doctor or dentist appointment, or to Mass 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.

Mothers & Babies in Need: Please keep in mind the month of October is for Respect Life. Items for mothers and babies in need may be placed in the crib in the lobby during the month of October. If you would like to lend a hand with this community service, please call Loretta Zych at 215-836-1127.

Pro Life Educational Foundation: expresses its deep gratitude to St. Philip Neri parishioners for their tremendous generosity which resulted in nearly \$3,000.00 being donated on Respect Life Weekend to support pro-life and pro-family work done in our area. Thank you.

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, October 17th at **6:30pm (note change in time)** in the rectory conference room. For more information contact Marianne O'Connor at 610-825-4975 or Rosemary McNichol at 215-247-2267.

Shut-In Members: Anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please call the church office as we have a couple of Eucharistic Ministers who take communion on Sundays. Anyone who would like to see a priest for an anointing or confession, call the church office at 610-834-1975.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for individuals interested in exploring and discerning membership in the Catholic Church. We meet on a weekly basis to discuss Church teachings in light of Sacred Scripture and Church Tradition. If you are interested contact Barney McGee at 610-834-1975 or email: bmcgee@spnchurchlh.org, we look forward to speaking with you!

Knights of Columbus: The membership drive to establish a Knights of Columbus council at St. Philip Neri was a success. They will be having their swearing-in ceremony and first official meeting on Thursday, October 12th in the rectory conference room. New inquiries are welcome. Our sincerest gratitude to Msgr. Vance, priests of the parish and the parish office staff for making this possible. Please contact Dexter de La Rosa at dexter.delarosa@kofc.org or call 917-941-5381 for more information.

Responding to Moral Relativism: SPN Adult Faith Formation presents, “Who am I to Judge responding to Relativism with Logic and Love.” Edward Sri, Ph.d. is a well-known Catholic speaker and author of several best-selling books as well as a professor of Theology & Scripture at the Augustine Institute. The course starts Tuesday, Oct 24th at 7PM and goes for eight weeks. Most sessions will be held in the school all-purpose room. “Who am I to Judge responding to relativism with Logic and Love” is the recommended book available at Amazon. See bulletin boards for more information or contact Joe Banecker at 610-804-7603 or email josephbanecker@aol.com

St. Francis Inn: With cool weather upon us, we are in need of clean blankets, throws & afghans for our homeless clients, thermal underwear and new, white athletic socks. Coffee, tea, sugar, iced tea, tuna, canned chicken, chili, Spaghettios, peanut butter and jam. PineSol, Clorox Anywhere, bleach, toilet paper, paper towels and tissues. Diapers (size 6 & preemie only), wipes, baby food & formula. Most of all, PRAYERS!

Women’s Guild: The Women’s Guild presents “Paint Night” on Thursday, October 12th in the school cafeteria, doors open at 7PM and space is limited. The cost is \$30.00 per person and no payments will be taken at the door, please contact Christy Haberstroh at Chaberstroh1@yahoo.com .

The Fall Shopping Fair is scheduled for Sunday, November 12th in the school cafeteria from 12:30PM to 4PM. If you or anyone you know is interested in purchasing space for this event please contact Deanna Marrone at dmdm31796@aol.com or call 267-358-8015. Please mark your calendars and thank you for your support.

Philippians: We are a social organization for seniors in our area. Meetings are in the school hall and will resume on October 12th from 11:30 AM to 1 PM. For membership info please call Angie Berry at 610-260-1211 or 610-608-0358.

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 October 4th.

Sisters of St. Joseph Annual Chance Drive:

St. Joseph Villa’s 50th Anniversary! Please help us make this year’s chance drive especially successful! Turn \$1.00 into \$10,000.00 with 11 ways to win! Grand prize is \$10,000.00 with 110 prizes of \$500.00 each. Chances are \$1.00 each or a book of 6 for \$5.00. Chances will be sold after Masses here at St. Philip’s on October 28th & 29th. We thank you in advance for all of the support you have given to the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Weekend Retreat: Missionaries of the Eucharist, Nov 3rd to the 5th. Offered by Sr. Joan Noreen of EWTN’s “Eucharistic Journey” program. To be held at Ave Maria Retreat House in Doylestown, daily Eucharist, adoration, conferences on Catholic Spirituality and prayer. Call 610-582-3333 or email www.olme.org

St. Philip Neri Home & School Auction: The auction theme this year is “Hoedown” and will be held on November 4th in the school cafeteria. We are looking for donations of golf outings, concert tickets, sports tickets, jewelry, electronics, gift certificates, vacation homes (in/out of season) and more. Please go to the website: spnauction19444@gmail.com or call Tracy at 215-519-3317. Any help would be appreciated.

Public Square Rosary Crusade: All are invited to participate at the 100th Anniversary of the Fatima Miracle of the Sun. On Saturday, October 14th at 12:00 Noon at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Andorra on the front lawn. The public square rosary is sponsored by *America Needs Fatima* and will occur across the United States on that day to pray for conversions in the United States, and to make reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Nat’l Catholic Women’s Conference: *Drawn by Love: Sent on Fire.* Saturday, October 21st, 8:30AM to 4PM at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. Join women from around the archdiocese and throughout the country for a day of inspiration, faith, fellowship and fun. The cost is \$65.00, please contact Annemarie@CatholicVineyard.com or call 267-684-5281 for information.