

SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH

Sunday, November 19, 2017

Second Collection Today – St. Charles Seminary

**Second Collection Next Sunday
Christmas 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, Marita Boyce, Maria Brown, Lou Cacchio, Vincent Cellucci, Rochelle Colucci, Hunter Cranage, Rick Czerwin, Jean Daywalt, Lillian Doherty, Dr. Robert Domanski, Emily Donhauser, Bernadette Dougherty, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores (Dee) Downs, Patricia Durkin, Larry Falkowski, Christopher Greuters, Baby Warren Hargadon, Elizabeth Ann Hill, Jean Keenan, Vick 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, Ann Purkin, 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, and Wendi Wagoner, and for all those who are hoping and praying for organ transplants.

Baptismal Instruction: The next session is scheduled for December 11th 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.

**Thanksgiving Day
Mass of Thanksgiving
9:00AM**

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday

6:30 AM Kevin & Patricia Flanagan
8:30 AM William Stephens

Tuesday

6:30 AM Mary Weber
8:30 AM Joseph Cave

Wednesday

6:30 AM Ciammetti & Ricciutti Families
8:30 AM Theodore Jaskier

Thursday Thanksgiving Day

9:00 AM Earl Bruce Kirk, Kevin Kirk & Eric Kirk

Friday

6:30 AM Horace LaCagnina
8:30 AM Joseph Lubber

Saturday

8:30 AM Michael Joseph Kerlin

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday, December 11th

9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Chapel

2017 ANNUAL CENSUS/BLOCK COLLECTION

NUMBER OF REGISTERED FAMILIES

2271

NUMBER OF ENVELOPES RECEIVED

480

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.

Block Collection: As you can see in the recap there are quite a few census envelopes that have not been returned to date. 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.

National Religious Retirement Fund: The Sisters of St. Joseph will speak at all Masses on the weekend of, December 2nd & 3rd on behalf of the National Religious Retirement Fund, an annual collection sponsored by the Bishops of the United States to enable religious congregations to support and care for their elderly members. This collection has been scheduled for December 9th & 10th. Thank you for your loyal support!

The Sisters at St. Philip Neri Convent

Gluten-Free Hosts: More and more people are in need of gluten-free hosts. We have always had them in the tabernacle, however to better facilitate distribution, the celebrant will always have a few gluten-free hosts available (these hosts are stored in separate vessels; they are not in contact with traditional hosts). If you are in need of one, simply receive communion from the celebrant and mention that you need a gluten-free host. I hope this will enable everyone who wishes to receive Holy Communion to be able to do so.

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.

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, November 21st at 6:30pm in the rectory conference room. For more information contact Marianne O'Connor at 610-825-4975 or Rosemary McNichol at 215-247-2267.

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.

The Giving Tree



Look for the giving tree in the back of church this weekend.

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 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.** Deadline for returns is Dec 15th, 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.

Annual Children's Advent Celebration Mass: On Thursday, December 7th at 7PM, 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 the less fortunate children in the Philadelphia area.

After the Mass, an ice crème 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 Friday's Holy Day, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

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.

St. Francis Inn: Thanksgiving is celebrated every day, every meal here at St. Francis! We are most grateful to you for your prayers and constant generosity! A detailed list of our year around needs can be found on the front of our donation box in the church vestibule. Our immediate needs are: men's under ware (S&M), Men's coats, coffee, tea, sugar, deodorant, toiletries, diapers (preemie, 4,5,6,& pull-ups), clean blankets, adult thermal under ware, new athletic socks, canned food, peanut butter, jam, Pine Sol, bleach, toilet paper. Paper towels and tissues. Praying you enjoy a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving! The Franciscans and volunteers at St. Francis Inn.

Preparing for Christ's Coming: The Church stresses that Advent is a time of reflection, meditation and preparation. Our study will concentrate on the Sunday Mass Readings and incorporate the ancient method of Lectio Divina (praying the Scriptures). For this Advent study we will be meeting on four Tuesday mornings, starting Nov 28th from 9:15AM to 10:30AM. Most sessions will be held in the Church. If you have any questions or would like to register contact Joe Banecker at 610-804-7603 or email josephbanecker@aol.com

FILL-A-BUS: Thank you for your food donations during our FILL-A-BUS weekend. We were able to drop off 6,900 pounds of food to help families in our own backyard through Conshohocken/Colonial Neighborhood Council. The generosity of St. Philip parishioners always amazes me! THANK YOU, THANK YOU...Michell Sague Abiuso.

Holy Family Parish Christmas Bazaar: Come and enjoy great food, games, giant tag sale, crafts and Santa! Friday, Dec 1st from 6PM to 10PM and Saturday, Dec 2nd from 5PM to 9PM.

LaSalle College High School: Christmas shopping spectacular at LaSalle! On Sunday, December 3rd from Noon to 4:00PM this event is open to all shoppers. Tickets cost \$25.00 which includes a spectacular shopping experience and a delicious buffet lunch with drinks! Student tickets are \$15.00, tickets at the door are \$30.00, walk-ins are welcome! Tickets can be purchased online at www.lschs.org/shopping and then click on the register button. Any questions please email Eireann Marzarella at eireannmarzarella@gmail.com or Donna Marzullo at dtmarzullo4@aol.com. Hope to see you there!

**SPN Women's Guild / Annual Cookie Exchange
Sunday, December 17th at 2:00PM
Details to follow in next week's bulletin**

St Raphaela Center

Advent Retreat week/weekend retreats for an extended time of prayer and silence, accompanied by a spiritual director. Weekend date is Dec 8th-10th and weeklong date is Dec 8th-15th. *Spiritual direction* is available; in the midst of a busy life many people find it difficult to notice God's action in their daily affairs. Spiritual direction helps us to develop a more conscious experience of God's presence and love in our daily affairs. Please call 610-642-5715 for information.

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 9AM. The next delivery date is Dec 6th.

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. Next meeting is Nov 30th at 7PM in the rectory conference room as we casually explore the Sacred Scriptures and apply them to our daily lives.

Archdiocesan Holy Land Pilgrimage: Walk where Jesus walked. Pray at the site of Jesus's conception at Nazareth's Basilica of the Annunciation and His birth in Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity. Share the trip of a lifetime with fellow pilgrims from the Archdiocese from February 1-11, 2018. For more information contact Susan at 800-842-4842 or email her at susan@select-intl.com.

The Philippians: An organization of senior citizens, fifty years and older that offer trips, programs, service projects and entertainment. New members are always welcome! For information on becoming a member, please contact Angela Berry at 610-260-1211.

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 \$900.00 per year and generate significant revenue for St. Philip's. Gift cards are sold during church office hours and after weekend Masses.