

# SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH

Sunday, December 3, 2017

1st Sunday of Advent

**Second Collection  
Retirement Fund for Religious**

**This fund enables religious congregations to support their elderly members. Thank you for your loyal support!**

**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: Elena Alvarez, Bella Jones Borkowski, Marita Boyce, Maria Brown, Lou Cacchio, Vincent Cellucci, Rochelle Colucci, Hunter Cranage, Rick Czerwin, Jean Daywalt, Joe DiGovani, 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, 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, Lou Rambo, 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, Brian Stenz, Amy Swift, Kena Thompson, and Wendi Wagoner, 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 Elizabeth Cipressi, Helen Finn and Denise Westwood.

**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.

**Pastor's Note:** We will have a special blessing for expectant mothers at the **8:30 AM Mass** on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to receive this blessing, please call the church office at 610-834-1975.

## ANNOUNCED MASSES

### **Monday**

6:30 AM Joseph Chrostowski  
8:30 AM Earl Bruce Kirk -16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### **Tuesday**

6:30 AM Santo & Adele Caruso  
8:30 AM Stephanie Taglianetti

### **Wednesday**

6:30 AM Frank & Mary Fulginiti  
8:30 AM Marie Mattocchia

### **Thursday**

6:30 AM Harry Cappa, Jr. – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
8:30 AM Robert A. Glascott – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

### **Friday**

**Immaculate Conception of the BVM**  
6:30 AM Steve Petrokubi  
8:30 AM Glenn P. Chassey  
12:05 PM Marco Montalvo  
7 PM Sonnie & Stella Travagline  
Johnnie & Pauline DiCiurcio

### **Saturday**

8:30 AM Margaret & Charles Ponietowicz

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**Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

**Masses at 6:30am, 8:30am, 12:05pm & 7:00pm**

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**Annual Children's Advent Celebration Mass**  
**Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 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 cream 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. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Jenn Fioravanti at 215-901-4122 or email: [jlfior@outlook.com](mailto:jlfior@outlook.com)



**Join Us as We Celebrate the Birth of Jesus**

**Christmas Eve**

**Sunday, December 24th**

**4:00 pm Children's Mass**

**5:45 pm Mass**

**7:30 pm Mass**

**Adult Choir Choral Prelude 7:15 pm**

**Midnight Mass**

**Teen Schola Choral Prelude 11:40 pm**

**Christmas Day**

**Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 am**

**8:30 am**

**10:00 am**

**11:30 am**

**Gluten-Free Hosts:** More and more people are in need of gluten-free hosts. 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.

**2017 Day of Sanctification for Priests**

The priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia assemble each year for a day of prayer and reflection on the Sacred Priesthood. This year our priests will gather with Archbishop Chaput at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for all priests of the Archdiocese.

*Prayer for Priests*

*Lord our God, who in governing your people*

*Make use of the ministry of Priests,  
Grant to these men a persevering  
obedience to your will*

*So that by their ministry and life  
They may gain glory for you in Christ.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever  
and ever.  
Amen.*



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Monday, December 11th**

**9:00 AM to 6:00 PM**

**Chapel**

*The Giving Tree*



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 15<sup>th</sup>, this will give us time to sort and deliver the gifts before Christmas. Thank you!

**2017 ANNUAL CENSUS/BLOCK  
COLLECTION**

**NUMBER OF REGISTERED FAMILIES**

**2271**

**NUMBER OF ENVELOPES RECEIVED**

**514**

**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.

**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 Wednesday, December 20th 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](mailto:ann59bil@gmail.com). Additional weekday drivers and group leaders are needed.

**Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale:** Troop 12 is having their annual Christmas Tree sale through Dec 24<sup>th</sup>. Trees are being sold at the lower parking lot at Miles Park, Monday through Friday 5:30pm to 9pm and Sat & Sun 9am to 9pm. This is their only fundraiser and the proceeds will send the scouts to summer camp.

**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:** There is no way we can express our gratitude to all the thoughtful people who fill our donation box each and every week at St. Philip's! We thank you from the bottom of our hearts and we hold you in prayer. When there is no more "room at the Inn" we know that God's angels here on earth (that means YOU) are working overtime and so are we! A complete list of our needs is located on the front of our donation box in the Church vestibule.

THANK YOU! GOD BLESS YOU! MERRY CHRISTMAS!

**Annual Christmas Concert:** Gaudeamus Music Ministry presents the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas concert at Epiphany of Our Lord Church in Plymouth Meeting on Dec 17<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

**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 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Religious Education Teachers Needed:** Come share your faith and knowledge of God with the children of our parish. The St. Philips Religious Education Program is looking for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers. We could also use classroom substitutes for Monday and Tuesday classes. If you or anyone you know is interested please contact Dane Connelly at 484-804-1875 or email: [d.connelyspn@gmail.com](mailto:d.connelyspn@gmail.com)

**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. We meet at 7PM in the rectory conference room as we casually explore the Sacred Scriptures and apply them to our daily lives.

### **Choir Notes**

**Schola voices needed for Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve**  
SPN Schola of young voices has a tradition of singing at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. This group consists of high school and college age girls who give of their time on Christmas Eve to lead the congregation in sung prayer. Prelude Music is sung by the Schola beginning at 11:40PM. We would like to have more young voices join this group. Rehearsals are held within the last 2 weeks of December depending on availability of this singing group. Please consider being a part of this beautiful Music Ministry. Please contact Jean Martin at [jeanm1@comcast.net](mailto:jeanm1@comcast.net)

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### **St. Philip Neri Home & School Association**

Flex your brain power!

TRIVIA Night XIV

Save the date: Jan 19, 2018 - 6:15 PM to 10:30PM

Lu Lu Temple in Plymouth Meeting

\$50.00 pp for early bird purchases until Jan 10, 2018

Registration begins December 4, 2017

[www.TriviaEvents.net](http://www.TriviaEvents.net)

Call 267-716-4540 or email

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