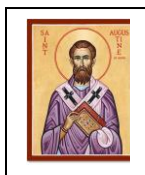


Saint Philip Neri Church

August 25, 2019

Our parish extends a welcome to all our guests and visitors!

Second Collection – Capital Replacement



This week we celebrate the feast days of St. Monica & St. Augustine. Much like his father Augustine led an immoral life and followed heretical sects, Monica was disheartened and disappointed but never gave up on her son. She pursued him from city to city trying to get him to leave his immoral lifestyle and turn to Christ. After 17 years of pursuit and prayer Augustine finally heard the preaching of St. Ambrose and was greatly moved, he was baptized in 387AD. He grew to become one of the most significant and influential thinkers in the Church and eventually declared a Doctor of the Church. Not surprisingly St. Monica is the patron saint of wives & mothers!



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament September 9th in the Chapel from 9AM to 5PM.



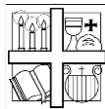
This week our sanctuary lamp will burn in memory of Joseph A. Saggiomo, Jr., requested by Patrice H. Werner.



Baptismal Instruction / Pre Jordan: The next session is scheduled for Monday, September 16th at 7:30PM 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.

SPECIAL NOTE

There will be no 11:30AM Mass on Sunday, September 15th due to the 75th Anniversary procession at 2PM and opening Mass at 3PM. We hope a great many parishioners will attend this benchmark event to celebrate our parish. The picnic will be a chance for families to get together and have some fun & food while sharing and creating memories. Mark your calendar now and get your ticket for this great celebration!



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday
8:30AM S. Jay Javie

Tuesday
8:30AM Anita Coletta & Karen Coletta DeGennaro

Wednesday
8:30AM John Paul Giosa – 8th Anniversary

Thursday
8:30AM Paul Zych – 5th Anniversary

Friday
8:30AM Sharon Hofknecht

Saturday
8:30AM Sharon Kofknecht

Please Note

The 6:30AM Daily Mass will resume every morning Monday to Friday starting Tuesday, September 3rd.



Prayer Requests

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: Margaret Mary Asman, Baby Rayna, Michael Basara, Jim Bonner, Bella Jones Borkowski, Marita Boyce, Audrey Michelle Cacchio, Lou Cacchio, Vince Cellucci, Ava Love Conley, Frank Craig, Hunter Cranage, Charlie Dickman, Dr. Robert Domanski, Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores Downs, William Drayton, Christopher Greuters, Andrea Harrison, Joseph Hoch, Charles Kropp, Nicholas Lannutti, Anne Lintner, George, Mary & Molly Lozinak, Phyllis Luther, James Maggetti, Jim Mahoney, Sue Male, Joan Marine, John McCann, Julia McLaughlin, Baby Avery McNichols, Steven Merlin, Baby Jack Muller, Joe Mulligan, Joe O'Brien, Doris Palumbo, John Pacell, Nancy Pease, Baby Addison Pfeffer, William Pinto, Ann Purkin, Jim Rafter, Baby Harper Ann Renshaw, John Reynolds, David Sandy, John Schaifer, Gena Schindler, Donna Schorn, Tim Schwartz, Michael Shaw, Kristin Shearon, Monica Skrocki, Robert Smith, Sarah Smith, Brian Stenz, Yvonne Stephens, Amy Swift, Kena Thompson, Mary Vogel and Wendi Wagoner and for all those who are hoping and praying for organ transplants.

Please Pray: For those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially Regina Keenan, Stella J. Wesley.



Join the Knights of Columbus on Wednesday, Sept 11th at 7PM for a family rosary in the Church. Lay your prayers at Mary's feet and ask her powerful intercession



Once again there are emails circulating under my name requesting some sort of help at my request. Please do not respond, I never have nor will I ever send such an email. This is just another scam perpetrated by who knows in an effort to extort money from innocent people.
 Msgr. Vance

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 (those 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.

Parish Registration: In order to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist or Matrimony, or to have access to Letters of Eligibility to stand as a godparent at Baptism or Sponsor at Confirmation you need to be registered in a parish. If you are not registered or if you have any questions call the Church office at 610-834-1975.

Summer Repairs

If you have not already done so, please consider contributing to this important collection that helps to fund large improvement projects around the parish. Property maintenance is, as everyone knows, expensive and on-going! Donations can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the Church office. As always, thank you for your support of our efforts to keep the property and grounds in the best possible condition.

“Today is a most unusual day, because we have never lived it before; we will never live it again; it is the only day we have”

William Arthur Ward

Project Hope: 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 . We are always in need of weekday drivers and group leaders!



Thanks to the generosity of a parishioner, construction of our shrine to Our Lady of Mount Carmel is nearing completion. This skillfully built structure will grace our parish for generations to come! The shrine will be dedicated on September 15th as part of the opening of our 75th anniversary celebration.



Save the date!
Sunday, September 15th

75th Anniversary Procession, Opening Mass & Parish Picnic Kick-off Celebration
Procession will begin at 2PM at Miles Park, Mass at 3PM with a picnic immediately following in the SPN gym.
For tickets & information please visit spnpicnic.ticketleap.com
Tickets on sale after Masses beginning Aug 10th to Sept 8th in the vestibule
Adults (13 & older) \$10.00
Children \$5.00 (3 and under are free)
Any questions email us at: spnjubille@gmail.com
Please come out and support this parish milestone and help make it a great success

SPN Classes of 1956 to 2019: All SPN Graduates from the classes of 1956 to 2019 are welcome to join us for an evening of food, music and a walk down memory lane. The celebration begins with the Saturday evening 5PM Mass followed by a reception at the school. Tickets will be available in October. We are looking for pictures for our slideshow or other SPN artifacts to display. We are open to any suggestions that might enhance the celebration. For more information contact Amy Antrim at 215-499-8442 or email: amyantrim@yahoo.com

Frozen Casseroles for St. John’s Hospice: Summer is flying by and Labor Day is almost here! But the need to feed the homeless is ever present. Could you consider donating a casserole to St. John’s Hospice this month? Casserole donations can be homemade or store brought. Also, did you know that St. John’s will gladly accept gently used or new men’s clothing donations to help cloth the homeless? Frozen casseroles and/or clothing donations can be dropped off at 2311 Mulberry Lane on Saturday & Sunday August 31st and September 1st before and after all Masses and by 9AM on Wednesday, September 4th. If you need an alternate drop off day or have any questions please call Lynne Kennedy at 610-828-6728 or email: kennedy1071@comcast.net. Your continued generous support is much appreciated! Thank you!

“Cast yourself into the arms of God and be very sure that if He wants anything of you, He will fit you for the work and give you strength.”

St. Philip Neri

MUSIC NOTES

Our Parish Music Ministry provides beauty, joy, comfort, inspiration and musical prayer for our communal liturgies and parish celebrations. This is possible due to the generous sharing of time and talent of committed members. If you can carry a tune and want to learn...come sing with us! Rehearsals for the Adult Choir are held Tuesday evenings in the Chapel beginning on August 27th from 7PM to 9PM. We are looking for all voices: soprano, alto, tenor & bass. St. Philip's *Schola* of young adult voices has been a great success. We would like to welcome more high school, college/young adult parishioners to join our group and sing for Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. If interested contact Jean Martin at 215-704-0508 or jeanm1@comcast.net

RCIA: Program for individuals interested in exploring & discerning membership in the Catholic Church. Any questions call Barney McGee at 610-834-1975.

“Keep in mind that prayer is not designed so much to change God’s mind or to tell God something He doesn’t already know...Rather, He is the one who wants nothing other than to give us good things – thought they might not always be the things we want.”

Bishop Robert Barren

Men’s Prayer Group: Men of different ages meet every Wednesday morning in the rectory conference room from 7:30AM to 8:30AM. If interested please call Duane McCarthy at 610-825-5237. There is a prayer petition book in the rear of the Church for your intentions, please note your intention so the group can pray for your petition.

St. Francis Inn: To prepare our children clients for back to school, we are in need of folders, marble copy books, school bags, rulers, pencil boxes/cases, highlighters, markers and loose leaf paper (not college ruled). Cold breakfast cereal & bars, powdered milk, peanut butter & jam, cans of tuna, chicken, Spaghettios & chili. Our complete NEEDS LIST is posted on the side of our box in the Church vestibule. Donations may be dropped on the Muller’s porch at 472 Poplar Lane in Whitemarsh Woods or in our collection box in the vestibule. In addition, we now have an amazon.com wish list: St Francis Inn. May God bless you abundantly. The Franciscans.

Shut-In Members: Anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please call the church office as we have 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.

PREP News: If you would like join this vibrant team you would be most welcome. We teach because we love Jesus, and we want to help our children love Him, especially in the Eucharist. There is so much you can do in just a few hours on a Monday or Tuesday afternoon. We need classroom aids, lead teachers and cafeteria volunteers. Call Sharon Otto at 484-804-1875 or email her at: spnprep@spschool.org for more information



Scrip is fundraising while you shop! The Scrip Program allows you to earn rebates you can use towards tuition credits, another family’s tuition or use to purchase more gift cards while spending the same amount you would have for your purchases., You can buy gift cards for over 780 retailers (www.shopwithscrip.com) and earn a rebate on every card you purchase. Please consider using Scrip for purchases you will be making anyhow! Contact Tom Gale at spnscrip@spschool.org for more information.

We are short on sellers after weekend Masses, it only takes 10-15 minutes please consider volunteering for this parish fundraiser

Malvern Retreat House: In today’s world of 24/7 sound bites, non-stop commercials, loud music and the like, it can be difficult to hear the really important voices in our life. Sometimes we just need a quiet, safe place where we can listen to our God who knows us, loves us and wants to tell us what is best for us. Malvern is just that place. Join the men/women of the parish the weekend of 9/6-9/8 for a retreat. Call Erik Toner at 215-435-1937 or email eriktoner@gmail.com, he will be in the vestibule after Masses on 8/24-8/25 to answer any questions.

St. Joseph Villa: The Villa welcomes persons at least fourteen years of age to serve the Villa community by volunteering your time and talents. The gifts of volunteers enhance life at the Villa in a number of ways, such as visiting one-on-one with residents, escorting residents to in-house appointments and serving as Extraordinary Ministers at daily Liturgy. Contact the office at 215-248-7844 or email: hartf@stjosephvilla.org

“Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays!”
Sorren Kjerkggaard