

# Saint Philip Neri Church

September 8, 2019

Second Collection – Black & Indian Missions



*Hail Mary  
Full of Grace,  
the Lord is with thee!*

On September 8<sup>th</sup> the Church celebrates the birthday of Mary, nine months after December 8<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Catechism tells us, “From among the descendants of Eve, God chose the Virgin Mary to be the mother of his Son. ‘Full of grace’, Mary is ‘the most excellent fruit of redemption’ from the first instant of her conception, she was totally preserved from the stain of original sin and she remained pure from all personal sin throughout her life” Take some time today to wish Mary a Happy Birthday!



*Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament September 9<sup>th</sup> in the Chapel from 9AM to 5PM.*



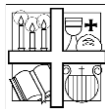
This week our sanctuary lamp will burn in memory of Michael Macaitis, Jr., requested by Christine Macaitis.



**Baptismal Instruction / Pre Jordan:** The next session is scheduled for Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> 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 Next Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> due to the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary procession at 2PM and opening Mass at 3PM (satisfies Sunday obligation). 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

6:30AM Elinor Kollmer  
8:30AM Edward & Stella Hook

### Tuesday

6:30AM Robert Tierney  
8:30AM Tom Morrison

### Wednesday

6:30AM Joseph Gravinese  
8:30AM Tullio Leomporra

### Thursday

6:30AM Mary P. McMenamin  
8:30AM Joseph & Mary Petrokubi

### Friday

6:30AM Thomas F Keane III & Thomas F Keane Jr  
Frank & Concetta Lupinacci & Family  
8:30AM Mary Weber

### Saturday

8:30AM Domenic LaPera



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 Mary Rodriguez and Joan Porrino Vetterlein.

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

**We Welcome:** Rhys Robert, son of Robert & Elizabeth Cheever, Skylar Rose, daughter of Cameron Moore & Joelle Elenback and Aurelia Marie, daughter of St. Martin & Tara Torrence all were recently baptized here at St. Philip's.

**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**

Summer may be winding down, but it's not too late to support this important collection that helps fund large improvement projects around the parish. Our new sign at the Germantown Pike entrance is an example of ongoing upgrades and maintenance. Donations can be placed in the collection or dropped off at the Church Office. As always, thank you for your generous support of your parish!

*"There is nothing with which every man is so afraid as getting to know how enormously much he is capable of doing and becoming." Soren Kierkegaard*

**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](mailto:ann59bil@gmail.com). We are always in need of weekday drivers and group leaders!

**Feeding the Hungry:** The food runners of SPN recently passed the one year mark of rescuing food prepared by 4 local Wawa's and delivering it to five local sites, one site per weekday. The runs happen between 10AM & Noon each day and insulated bags are provided to help with the pickup and storage. Right now we need volunteers on Monday, Tuesday & Fridays. If being a "regular" is not possible, we welcome substitutes to cover as needed. For info contact Cindy Veit at [LWVeit@gmail.com](mailto:LWVeit@gmail.com) or 610-772-4740



**Next 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 [snpicnic.ticketleap.com](http://snpicnic.ticketleap.com)**  
**Tickets on sale after Masses in the vestibule**  
**Adults (13 & older) \$10.00**  
**Children \$5.00 (3 and under are free)**  
**Any questions email us at: [snpjubille@gmail.com](mailto:snpjubille@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](mailto:amyantrim@yahoo.com)

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

#### **John W. Hallahan High School Class of 1969 – 50 Years!**

Reunion is Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, Noon to 4PM  
Swan Caterers, South Philadelphia  
For more information contact:  
Paula DiGiacomo at 610-308-0797

**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: [snpnprep@spsnschool.org](mailto:snpnprep@spsnschool.org) for more information

**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 31<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup> before and after all Masses and by 9AM on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. If you need an alternate drop off day or have any questions please call Lynne Kennedy at 610-828-6728 or email: [lkennedy1071@comcast.net](mailto:lkennedy1071@comcast.net). Your continued generous support is much appreciated! Thank you!

“Do not grieve over the temptations you suffer. When the Lord intends to bestow a particular virtue on us, He often permits us first to be tempted by the opposite vice. Therefore, look upon every temptation as an invitation to grow in a particular virtue and a promise by God that you will be successful, if you only stand fast”  
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 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

*“It is not the actual physical exertion that counts towards one's progress, nor the nature of the task, but by the spirit of faith with which it is undertaken.”*  
St. Francis Xavier

**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 clients children 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.



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](http://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@spnschool.org](mailto:spnscrip@spnschool.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](mailto:eriktoner@gmail.com) for information.

**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](mailto:hartf@stjosephvilla.org)

“If life and death are to retain their true value the depths of Christ's sacrifice must be understood and we must unite ourselves to that sacrifice if we are to hold firm”  
John Paul II