Saint Philip Neri Church

November 17, 2019

Second Collection - Capital Replacement Second Collection Next Weekend - Christmas Flowers



Presentation of Mary in the Temple

This feast highlights the holiness of Mary from the beginning of her life on earth that continued through her early childhood and beyond. It stresses that from the beginning of her life she was dedicated to God. She became a greater temple than any made by human hands. God came to dwell in her in a marvelous way and sanctified her for her unique role in God's saving work. The Church celebrates this Memorial on November 21st.

"Haíl, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King who rules heaven and earth forever"



Holy Mass on Thanksgiving Day - 9AM Blessing of food immediately following the Mass





This week our sanctuary lamp will burn in memory of Frank Pisarek requested by Christine Macaitis.

Block Collection

Thank you to all who have turned in their "Block Collection" envelope. This collection is one of a select few collections (along with Christmas & Easter) that substantially affect the parish's financial position. Your contribution enables us to continue to be good stewards of our parish buildings and grounds. Another aspect of returning your yearly Block Collection envelope allows the Church office to update the information we have on file for each of our families. Thank you in advance for your dependable generous response to this critical fundraiser.

2019 Annual Block / Census Collection Number of registered families - 2398 Number of envelopes received - 438



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday 6:30AM Rachel Sarnoski 8:30AM Janet Domanski

Tuesday

6:30AM Mary & George Barr 8:30AM Rosemary Fitzpatrick

Wednesday

6:30AM Lillian Linton 8:30AM William C. Stephens

Thursday

6:30AM Kellcher & McNamara Families

8:30AM John Duffey

Friday

6:30AM Mary Koneski 8:30AM Francis Sirchio

Saturday

8:30AM Theodore Jaskier



For the sick so that they may be comforted by the concern and love of their families and the family of the Church: Angelo Amoroso, Baby Rayna, Michael Basara, Bella Jones Borkowski, Marita Boyce, Jennifer Brands, Jim Brooks, Audrey Michelle Cacchio, Lou Cacchio, Barry Cahill, Vince Cellucci, Ava Love Conley, Frank Craig, Hunter Cranage, Charlie Dickman, Dr. Robert Domanski, Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores Downs, William Drayton, George & Roseann Eberwine, Peter Gallagher, 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, Baby Addison Pfeffer, William Pinto, Ann Purkin, Jim Rafter, Baby Harper Ann Renshaw, John Reynolds, David Sandy, John Schaifer, Gena Schindler, Donna Schoen, Tim Schwartz, Michael Shaw, Kristin Shearon, Monica Skrocki, Robert Smith, Sarah Smith, Brian Stenz, Yvonne Stephens, Amy Swift, Kena Thompson, Mary Vogel, Wendi Wagoner and Loretta Zych and for all those who are hoping and praying for organ transplants.

<u>We Pray:</u> For those who have gone before us marked with the sigh of faith, especially David Fellin, Rosemarie Gollhofer, Mary Kehoe, Rev. John E. Mulgreen and Daniel Wellman, Sr.

Baptismal Instruction / Pre Jordan: The next session is scheduled for Monday, November 18th 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.



Lessons & Carols Sunday, Dec 8th at 4:00PM

Please join us this Advent Season as St. Philip's Choir offers a traditional prayer service of Lessons & Carols. The story of the Fall of Humanity, the Promise of the Messiah and the Birth of Jesus is told in nine short scripture readings interspersed with the singing of Christmas Carols, Hymns and Choral Music. Enter the holy season of preparation with this beautiful and meditative service.



Look for the Giving Tree in the Church vestibule! The tree is filled with names of less fortunate children from St. Francis Cabrini Regional Catholic School 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 and return the wrapped gift with the tag attached as soon as you can. Please check the tag for a dropoff deadline date. Due to scheduling conflicts there are two separate deadline drop off dates one is Dec 13th and the other is Dec 20th please check your ticket. Thank you.

"Do not let a day pass without doing some good during it!"

St. Philip Neri

St. John's Hospice: St. John's Hospice and the homeless they feed and clothe are thankful for you, the parishioners of SPN. Your generous donations throughout the year have helped immensely and made a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. If you haven't already done so, please consider donating a casserole to this worthwhile cause. Casseroles can be homemade or store brought. St. John's is also accepting frozen turkeys for the holiday season. Casseroles, frozen turkeys and/or clothing donations can be dropped off at 2311 Mulberry Lane on Saturday, Nov 30th & Sunday, Dec 1st before and after all Masses and by 9AM on Wednesday, Dec 4th. 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.

Heartfelt thanks and best wishes for a Blessed Thanksgiving to you and your loved ones!

Are you a parent who has lost a child: An informal group of Moms & Dads get together to talk or to just listen to others who understand how you feel. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 19th 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.

"I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love."

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



SPN Women's Guild
24th Annual Cookie & Sweet Exchange
& "Yankee Gift Swap"
Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 2PM / SPN School Hall
Contact Dara Varrone 484-919-6725 or
Tish Bellingham 484-868-1749





All SPN Graduates from the classes of 1956 to 2019 are welcome to join us on Saturday, November 30th from 6PM to 9PM for an evening of food, music and a walk down memory lane. The celebration begins with the Saturday evening 5PM Vigil Mass followed by a reception at the school. **Tickets on sale in the Church vestibule after all Masses**. For more information contact Amy Antrim at 215-499-8442 or email; amyantrim@yahoo.com



Mark you calendar's this years Barn Mass will be on December 6th. All are invited to join us at Cedar Grove Park, 100 Cedar Grove Road, Conshohocken.

<u>Project Hope:</u> 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!

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: This Thanksgiving, we are thankful to you as you accompany us in our work! We are currently in the most need of Prayers, cold weather gear, THERMAL UNDERWEAR (tops & bottoms, men's & ladies). Clean warm coats, hats, scarves, gloves, shoes & boots, clean blankets, throws, comforters, new white athletic socks, new ladies slippers, men's boxers & ladies underwear, hooded sweatshirts (L & XL). Coffee, lg tea bags, sugar, powdered milk, oatmeal (not instant, reg 5min variety). Deodorant, hotel toiletries, tissues, paper towels, baby formula, diapers (Sz preemie & Sz 6, pull-ups Sz 3T & 5T). Dish towels, spray air freshener and cleaning supplies. Check our Amazon Wish List: St Francis Inn. Donations may be dropped off at the Muller's porch, 472 Poplar Lane in Whitemarsh Woods or in the box in the Church vestibule. Our complete list of needs can be found on the front of our donation box. May God Bless you always abundantly!

Thanksgiving Eve Interfaith Service-Wed, Nov 27th

The Plymouth-Whitemarsh Ministerium comes together every year for a Thanksgiving Eve Service. St. Philip's is hosting the Ecumenical Prayer Service this year on Wednesday, Nov 27th at 7:30PM. Please join us as we welcome our neighbors from surrounding congregations. Refreshments will be served after the service in the cafeteria; a bus will be supplied as transport from the church to the school.

Bible Study with the Seminarians: Join our visiting seminarian's, Chris and Stephen, for an informal study of the Gospel of St. Mark in the rectory conference room. Meetings are held Thursday evenings from 7-8PM on 11/21 & 12/5. All are welcome!



Knights of Columbus Council 16868
The Knights of Columbus is the largest organization of Catholic men in the world. The Knights have helped countless families through its insurance program, contributed time, energy & financial support, emembership is now available at www.kofc.org/joinus or call the Church office for more information.

March for Life – Washington, DC January 24th - \$20.00/pp Deluxe Bus w/restroom

Call Church Office to reserve a spot – 610-834-1975.

Annual Christmas Memorial Lanterns to be placed on the island outside of Church and burn in memory of a loved one. They will be lit Christmas Eve and burn through Christmas Day with the name of your loved one attached, after Christmas you can stop by and take the lantern home. The cost is \$25.00 and all proceeds will benefit the charitable works of the Knights, sign-up sheets and collection box is in the vestibule or you can call the Church office at 610-834-1975.

Attention School Parents

In order for this program to render the maximum benefit to the school (and thus helping to keep tuition as low as possible) it is crucial to have a large pool of participants. If you are not participating please consider using the program. Scrip can be ordered on line and sent home with your child. If you are spending the money (especially groceries) why not get the added benefit to yourself and SPN. Please think about it!

\$5 & \$10 Gift Cards

Thru Dec 23rd...perfect stocking stuffers and small gifts for friends, teachers, coaches, mail carriers, etc!

ThanksScriping Day

Nov 21st, a huge event that only happens 3 times a year, earn the biggest bonus rebates of the season on dozens of eGift cards and reloads for one day only!

Flocco's Uniform Supplies & Shoes

We have Scrip Cards in the Church Office & on sale in the vestibule after Masses.

You can buy gift cards for over 780 retailers (www.shopwithscrip.com) and earn a rebate on every card.

Catholic Social Services of Montgomery County: They are hoping to provide Thanksgiving dinners for 300 families in need. We are in need of frozen turkeys, mashed potatoes, gravey, etc to provide a dinner for a family (gift cards are welcome). Drop off donations at 353 E. Johnson Hwy Monday, Nov 11th through Friday, Nov 22nd between 9AM & 4PM. Any questions call CSC at 610-279-7372. Thank you!

"Dear families, you too should be fearless, ever ready to give witness to the hope that is in you, since the Good Shepherd has put that hope in your hearts through the Gospel. You should be ready to follow Christ toward the pastures of life..."

Pope St. John Paul II

Nourish for Caregivers: For anyone juggling the challenges of everyday life and caring for a loved one. Nourish provides a faith perspective and practicle & emotional support. Meeting held at Epiphany of Our Lord Parish rectory meeting room, contact Mary Sheehan at 610-828-8103 or www.nourishforcaregivers.com for info.



Be strengthened. Be healed. Be freed.
Attend our solem novena from Nov 18th to 26th, and experience the healing power of Reconciliation. For more information regarding this event go to:
www.MiraculousMedal.org/shrine-novena