

SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH

Sunday, November 25, 2018 / 34nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Second Collection - Christmas Flowers
Second Collection Next Weekend
Religious Retirement Fund

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“I came into the world to testify to the truth.
Every one who belongs to the truth listens to
my voice.”

Please Pray: For those who died and those we remember in the silence of our hearts especially Guy DiCesare, Bernadette Ginkiewicz and Philomena Roscioli.

Sanctuary Lamp Intention: This week our sanctuary lamp will burn in memory of Christopher Campoli, requested by Anne Campoli.

Baptismal Instruction / Pre Jordan: The next session is scheduled for Monday, December 17th 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.

National Religious Retirement Fund: The Sisters of St. Joseph will speak at all Masses today 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 next weekend. Thank you for your loyal and dependable support!



Saturday, December 8th

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

5PM Vigil Mass on Friday, Dec 7th

7AM, 8:30AM & 10AM on Sat, Dec 8th



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday

6:30 AM Elizabeth Cipressi
8:30 AM Donna Cannone

Tuesday

6:30 AM Gretchen Frick
8:30 AM Roberta Kolkka

Wednesday

6:30 AM Charlotte Manheim
8:30 AM Anna Knittel

Thursday

6:30AM Stephanie Taglianetti
8:30AM Walter Palmer

Friday

6:30AM William J. Hayes
8:30AM Harriet Decker

Saturday

8:30 AM Sunny Maria Flocco – 3rd Birthday

A group rosary is said every morning, Monday to Saturday at 8AM, join us and entrust your intentions to Our Blessed Mother.



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: Michael Basara, Bella Jones Borkowski, Marita Boyce, Lou Cacchio, Vincent Cellucci, Hunter Cranage, Rosemary Crawford, Jean Daywalt, Charlie Dickman, Dr. Robert Domanski, Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores (Dee) Downs, Christopher Greuters, Baby Warren Hargadon, Elizabeth Ann Hill, Joseph Hoch, Jean Keenan, John & Kathleen Kunes, Nicholas Lannutti, Peter Lello, Anne Lintner, George and Molly Lozinak, Phyllis Luther, James Maggetti, Sue Male, Joan Marine, John McCann, Julia McLaughlin, Baby Avery McNichols, Steven Merlin, Joe Mulligan, Joe O'Brien, John Pacell, Baby Addison Pfeffer, Ann Purkin, Jim Rafter, Baby Harper Ann Renshaw, John Reynolds, David Sandy, John Schaifer, Gina Schindler, Tim Schwartz, Eva Seeton, Michael Shaw, Kristin Shearon, Edward Shertz, Robert Smith, Brian Stenz, Yvonne Stephens, Amy Swift, Kena Thompson and Wendi Wagoner and for all those who are hoping and praying for organ transplants.

Children's Advent Mass: Friday, December 7th at 7PM, This Mass helps children understand the true spirit of giving during the Christmas Season. They will present gifts at the Offertory, to be donated to the less fortunate in the Philadelphia area. Join us for this great SPN Christmas tradition. Contact Jenn Fioravanit at 215-901-4122 or email jlfior@outlook.com



Join us for the Rosary on Dec 13th at 7PM. For centuries this powerful prayer has aided so many who have gone to Mary asking for her intercession. Something in your life you could bring? There will be petition cards that will be placed at the foot of Mary's statue in the Church. It only takes about 30 minutes, don't go it alone, Mary stands ready to help!

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. Any questions call Lynne Kennedy at 610-828-6728 or email: lkennedy1071@comcast.net. Frozen casseroles are brought to Lynne's home at 2311 Mulberry Lane by 9AM. Next pick-up date is December 5th.

2018 Annual Block / Census Collection

Number of registered Families
2343

Number of Envelopes Received
452

Please fill out & 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 know that the block collection is an important fundraising tool of the parish as well as one of our only means of updating parishioner information. If you haven't already donated, please consider contributing to this major fundraising collection. Thank you.

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

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.



Pilgrimage to Portugal & Spain
Join Fr. Anthony on this 11 day pilgrimage to the shrines of Portugal & Spain. May 20th – May 31st, for more info contact Select Int'l Tours at 800-842-4842 or email

Walk through the Liturgy: Join Fr. Anthony and our seminarian, Joseph Allen as we watch the short videos and have a lively group discussion on Bishop Barron's acclaimed video on the Mass and our role and relationship in this Eucharistic encounter. Next meeting is Nov 29th at 7pm in the rectory conference room.

Women's Prayer Group: We meet in the convent from 11AM to Noon on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month. Women of all ages are welcome. Call Sr. Regina Kropp at 610-828-2866 for information.

Men's Prayer Group: Men of different ages meet every Wednesday morning in the rectory conference room from 7:30AM to 8:30AM. If you are 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 write down your intentions so the group can pray for all listed petitions.

St. Francis Inn: We are thankful to you, as you accompany us in our work! We are currently in the most need of prayers and cold weather gear. Thermal underwear (tops & bottoms), clean warm coats, hats, scarves, gloves & boots. Clean blankets, throws, comforters, new white athletic socks, ladies slippers, men's boxers (S & M), hooded sweatshirts (L & XL). Coffee, large tea bags, sugar, powdered milk. Oatmeal (not instant). Deodorant & hotel toiletries, tissues, diapers (Preemie & 6), pull ups (3T & 5T) and of course grocery gift cards. Donations may be dropped off on the Muller Family porch at 472 Poplar Lane in Whitemarsh Woods or in the bin located in the church vestibule. Our complete list of needs are on the front of the collection bin in the church vestibule. **Christmas is coming and several of our families are in need of gifts this year. If you are interested in adopting a family for Christmas please give us a call at 215-423-5845.

Preparing for Christ's Coming: During Advent we should be focused of preparing ourselves for the coming of Christ. We will read the Sunday readings along with "points to ponder". Tuesday mornings starting 11/27 from 9:10AM to 10AM in the "cry room" in the back of Church. To register or for any questions contact Joe Banecker at 610-828-0344 or email josephbanecker@aol.com

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 Additional weekday drivers and group leaders are always needed.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for individuals interested in exploring membership in the Catholic Church. For information contact Barney McGee at 610-834-1975 or email bmcgee@spnchurchlh.org




SPN Womens Guild...
Save the Date!!!!
Sunday, December 16, 2018
School Cafeteria
Please join us for our annual
Cookie Exchange / Yankee Swap
Flyer w/ addt'l details to follow

Home & School Announces – Trivia Night XVI
Friday, January 18, 2019 at the Lu Lu Temple
Doors open at 6:15PM
\$50.00/pp until 1/13/19
\$65.00/pp after 1/13/19
Contact Gina Maletta-Sannicandro:
215-817-6169 / Gbug77@aol.com

Walking with Purpose: Are you interested in getting together with a group of women to explore your faith? If so, we invite you to consider joining *Walking with Purpose*. This is a weekly reflection that aims to bring women to a deeper relationship with Christ. Please join us on Nov 28th at Linda Banecker's home (4131 Buttercup Lane, Plymouth Meeting) from 6:30 to 8:30 to find out what it's all about! Meetings will start in January, 2019. Contact Karen Kopecky Karen@sosportsmarketing.com or 267-205-6865 or Linda Banecker at lmbanecker1@aol.com or visit www.walkingwithpurpose.com for more information.



Look for the Giving Tree in the back of church today! 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 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.



Bonus Card Points

Giant offers customers with a bonus card to support SPN School with every purchase! Sign in to your account (or register for an account) to link your Bonus Card to SPN, our ID # is 24096; SPN earns money from your qualified purchases until March 16, 2019. Call customer care at 888-814-4268 (option #1) for more information.

Christmas Gifts

Scrip Cards make wonderful Christmas gifts, Macy's, Lowes, Best Buy, Bed Bath & Beyond and Amazon just to name a few. We have close to 800 retailers to purchase from including many fantastic restaurants. Go to website for complete list. For those on the go now there is "MySCRIPWallet", it can be instant orders or orders directly from your phone, go to MyScripWallet.com for details.

Thank You

Finally, thanks to all of our faithful Scrip customers. The Scrip Program is a sizeable fundraiser for our school and allows us to keep tuition as affordable as possible. Please give it a try if you haven't already. Scrip is an easy way to use the same money you would spend on groceries and shopping all while getting tuition credits for yourself and fundraising dollars for the school! Please contact Tom Gale at spnscrip@spnschool.org



Knights of Columbus Council 16868

St. Philip is pleased to announce that the Knights of Columbus has now made it easier to join their fraternal order through emembership. Please visit them at www.kofc.org/joinus The Knights are the largest organization of Catholic men in the world. It has helped countless families through its insurance programs and contributed time, energy and financial support to people in need around the world. Contact dexter.delarosa@kofc.org or call 917-941-5381.

New Beginnings II: Local organization that seeks to afford anyone who is widowed the opportunity to socialize with people from similar circumstances in a supportive environment through activities, events and travel. Monthly meetings at St. Helena's School in Blue Bell. Contact Janice Baker at 610-278-9916 / janlb@comcast.net

Archbishop Carroll Theatre Society: This season we are performing *Godspell*, a modernized telling of Christ's passion & death according to St. Matthew's Gospel, tickets are \$15 at the door

Thursday, November 29th at 7PM
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Saturday, December 1st at 7PM
Sunday, December 2nd at 2PM