

Saint Philip Neri Church

December 1, 2019

1st Sunday of Advent

Second Collection Next Weekend
Religious Retirement Fund

The Sisters of St. Joseph will be speaking after all Masses this weekend to describe the many beneficiaries of this very important collection next weekend.



The priests of the Archdiocese assemble each year for a day of prayer and reflection on the Sacred Priesthood. This year our priests will gather with the Archbishop at the seminary on Monday, December 2nd. Please pray for all priests especially on Monday.

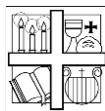


*Lord our God, who in governing your people
Make use of the ministry of Priests,
Grant to these men
A persevering obedience to your will,
So that by their ministry and life
They may gain glory for you in Christ.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one
God, for ever and ever.
Amen*

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



Monday

6:30AM

Thomas F Keane III & Thomas F Keane Jr
Frank & Concetta Lupinacci & Family
Sunny Maria Folcco - 4th Birthday

8:30AM

Tuesday

6:30AM

Frank Craig, Sr.

8:30AM

Anthony Chickearo, Sr.

Wednesday

6:30AM

Walter Palmer

8:30AM

Earl Bruce Kirk - 18th Anniversary

Thursday

6:30AM

Deceased Members of the
Santo Caruso Family
Ursula Jones

8:30AM

Friday

6:30AM

Pat Kost - 2nd Anniversary

8:30AM

Frank & Mary Fulginiti

Saturday

8:30AM

Marie & Francis Sirchio



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



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: 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, 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.

We Pray: For those who have gone before us marked with the sigh of faith, especially John Pacell and Edward J. Stemporosky.

Congratulations: Anthony Antonello & Margot Finnegan were united in Holy Matrimony here at St. Philip's on November 22rd. Blessings and Congratulations!



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

4PM Children's Mass

5:45PM Mass

7:30PM Mass

(Adult Choir Choral Prelude 7:15PM)

Midnight Mass

(Schola Choral Prelude 11:45PM)

Christmas Day

7AM, 8:30AM, 10AM & 11:30AM



ADVENT

The word "Advent" is from the Latin *adventus*, meaning "coming", which is a translation of the Greek word *parousia*. The "coming" the early Christians had in mind was not Christ's first coming in a manger in Bethlehem, but His second coming as judge of the world. It was not until the Middle Ages that the Advent Season was explicitly linked to Christ's first coming at Christmas. To balance the two elements of remembrance and anticipation, the first two Sundays in Advent look to Christ's second coming and the last two to His first coming.



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.

Schola Voices Needed for Christmas Eve Mass

SPN Schola of young voices has a tradition of singing at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. Prelude Music is sung by the Schola beginning at 11:40PM. We would like to have more young voices join our group. Rehearsals are held the week before Christmas to accommodate the availability of college students. Contact Jean Martin: 215-704-0508 or email jeanm1@comcast.net



Parish Penance Service

Wednesday, December 18th at 7PM

The theme of Advent to prepare the way of the Lord, what better way than the Sacrament of Penance to clear that way in our own lives for the Christmas miracle. Extra priests will be available to hear confessions



We will have a special blessing for expectant mothers at the 10AM Mass on Sunday, December 22nd. If you wish to receive this blessing, please call the Church office at 610-834-1975.



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Monday, December 9th

9AM to 5PM in the Chapel

St. John's Hospice: The seasons change and Fall is in full swing but the need to feed the homeless never changes; it is ever present. Could you consider donating a casserole to help feed the homeless of St. John's Hospice? Casserole donations can be homemade or store bought. Also, did you know that St. John's will gladly accept gently used or new men's clothing donations to help clothe the homeless? Additionally, as the holidays approach St. John's is also very happy to accept donations of frozen turkeys. Frozen casseroles, 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. Your continued generous support is much appreciated! Thank you!



Join the Knights of Columbus on Dec 11th in the Church at 7pm and pray the rosary for your intentions and those of the whole community.

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

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, December 10th 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.

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!



SPN Women's Guild

**24th Annual Cookie & Sweet Exchange
& "Yankee Gift Swap"**

Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 2PM / SPN School Hall

Official flyer to follow soon...

Contact Dara Varrone 484-919-6725 or

Tish Bellingham 484-868-1749

"The season of Advent is like springtime in nature, when everything is renewed and so is fresh and healthy. Advent is also meant to do this to us...to be able to receive Christ in whatever form He may come to us!"
St. Teresa of Calcutta

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 Whitmarsh 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!

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.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Many thanks to all those who supported SPN's blood drive on Nov 14th. Through your continued efforts the Red Cross was able to collect 38 units of blood. Each donation can help save up to three lives, we helped as many as 114 people. Thanks for taking time from your busy schedule to come and donate!

"God became man to turn creatures into sons; not simply to produce better men of the old kind but to produce a new kind of man."

C.S. Lewis



Knights of Columbus / Memorial Lanterns

Lanterns will be placed on the island outside Church and burn in memory of a loved one. They will be lit Christmas Eve through Christmas Day. The name of the person being remembered will be on a ribbon attached to the lantern, 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. The deadline is December 20th, sign up sheets and a collection box is in the vestibule outside the Church office.



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!

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.



"May forgiveness and brotherly love take root in human hearts. May every weapon be laid down, and all hatred and violence put aside. May everyone see in his brother not an enemy to be fought, but a brother to be accepted and loved, so that we may join in building a better world!"

Pope St. John Paul II

Trivia Night

Home & School Association Presents Annual Trivia Night
Save the date! Friday, January 17th
SPN Gym – details to follow...