

Saint Philip Neri Church

Sunday, December 9, 2018 / 2nd Sunday of Advent

Second Collection – Debt Reduction



Advent is a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays, before Christmas. The word *Advent* comes from the Latin, “*advenio*” or “to come to”, and refers to the coming of Christ. This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Christ’s birth at Christmas; but second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and Eucharist, and finally His second coming at the end of time. Advent is sometimes referred to as “little lent” and the season should be marked with prayer, fasting and good works.

Please Pray: For those who died and those we remember in the silence of our hearts especially Rose Bateman, Margaret Gill and Josephine Wellman.

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

We Welcome: Ford Thomas, son of Thomas & Laurel Bennett and Frederick Peter, son of Sean & Colleen McMenamin both were recently baptized here at St. Philip’s.

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.



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Monday, December 10th in the Chapel
9AM to 5PM

Pastor’s Note: We will have a special blessing for expectant mothers at the 10AM Mass on Sunday, December 23rd. If you wish to receive this blessing, please call the Church office at 610-834-1975.

Mass Intentions

Monday

6:30 AM Pat Kost – 1st Anniversary
8:30 AM Charles J. Stihli

Tuesday

6:30 AM Helen Staffieri
8:30 AM Helen Finn

Wednesday

6:30 AM Raymond Quaglia
8:30 AM Louise Gillin

Thursday

6:30AM Barbara Oliva
8:30AM Tullio Leomporra

Friday

6:30AM Frank English
8:30AM Englebert & Stephens Families

Saturday

8:30AM Frank Stanczak

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, Andrea Harrison, 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, Remo Pitassi, John Pacell, Baby Addison Pfeffer, Ann Purkin, Jim Rafter, Baby Harper Ann Renshaw, John Reynolds, David Sandy, John Schaifer, Tim Schwartz, Eva Seeton, Michael Shaw, Kristin Shearon, 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.



Parish Penance Service

Wednesday, December 19th at 7PM.

One message of Advent is to prepare the way of the Lord, what better way than the Sacrament of Penance to clear the way in our own lives for the Christmas Miracle. Extra priests will be available to hear confessions



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

2018 Annual Block / Census Collection

Number of registered Families

2343

Number of Envelopes Received

499

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 (perhaps the most important next to Sunday collections) 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. The suggested offering is just that, suggested, the parish is sincerely grateful for all donations no matter the amount. God Bless you for your generosity!

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, Dec 11th 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.

Thanks to our 8th Grade: A special thank you to Mrs. Desimone & Mrs. Amoroso and their 8th grade students who changed the missal’s in the pews for the new Church year. They were a great help! As a point of order please put the missal’s in the storage area with the open end down and the binding facing upward.

Sisters of St. Joseph Chance Drive: A big thank you to all who purchased a chance to benefit the Villa! Sorry we had no winners from SPN but we truly appreciate your support. A list of the winners is posted on the church bulletin boards.



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 January 3rd.

Philippians: The Philippians is a social organization for seniors in our area. We offer entertainment, trips, informational programs, and opportunities for service projects for our parish and the wider community. The group meets on the second Thursday of each month (except July & August) at 11AM, contact Anna Marlin @ 215-233-1527

March for Life: Washington, DC scheduled for Friday, Jan 18th, Epiphany Parish will have a bus for transport. Please call Bernie Toth at 610-279-2788 for details.



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

St. Francis Inn: There is no way we can find a proper way to express our gratitude to all of you thoughtful parishioners who fill our donation box each and every week here at St. Philip’s. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts and we hold you in our prayers. When there is no more “room at the inn” we know that God’s angels on earth (that means YOU) are working to make just a little more room! And so are we! A complete list of our needs is located on the front on the donation box in the Church vestibule. Donations may be dropped off on the Muller Family porch at 472 Poplar Lane in Whitmarsh Woods or in the bin located in the church vestibule. Thank you, God bless you, and a very Merry Christmas!

Kathy & Paul Muller & the Franciscans

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.

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 write down your intention so the group can pray for your intentions.



Schola Voices needed for Midnight Mass

SPN Schola of young voices has a tradition of singing at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. This group consists of high school and college age girls. 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. Please consider being a part of this beautiful Music Ministry. Contact Jean Martin at jeanm1@comcast.net

Trivia Night

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



Please make sure if you took a tag you return a gift. Deadline for returns is Dec 16th, 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. As always here at St. Philip's all the tags were taken guaranteeing a much happier Christmas for those in need! Thanks to all who participated!

Preparing for Christ's Coming: During Advent we should be focused on preparing for the coming of Christ. On Tuesday mornings from 9:10AM to 10AM we will meet in the "cry room" to talk about the Sunday Scriptures, and discuss "points to ponder". Join us for this Advent reflection. Contact Joe Banecker at 610-828-0344 or email at josephbanecker@aol.com.



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

Walking with Purpose: 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. Meetings will start in January of 2019. Contact Karen Kopecky Karen@sosportsmarketing.com or 267-205-6865 or Linda Banecker at lmbanecker1@aol.com.



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.



Knights of Columbus Sponsors Parish Family Photo Album Knights will be in the vestibule today!

Our past drive to have parishioners sign up to have their photograph taken in late summer fell quite a bit short of our expectation. We assume timing was the issue and are going to give it a second try! Hopefully with the Christmas breaks and families being all together we can accomplish our goal. This is absolutely free unless you choose to order additional prints. Please sign up and help make this 75th anniversary edition as complete as it can be! We will be in the vestibule this weekend and Dec 15th & 16th and 22nd & 23rd. You can also sign up on line: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/ydh6ztlc>