

SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH
 JANUARY 12, 2020

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND
 CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
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OUR PARISH COMMUNITY EXTENDS A WARM WELCOME
 TO ALL OUR GUESTS & VISITORS.
 ALL ARE WELCOME!

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Baptism of the Lord



*“This is my beloved Son,
 with whom I am well pleased”*

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This week our sanctuary lamp will burn in memory of Jim Johnson requested by Helene Johnson.

Parish Mission - March 8th to 10th - 7PM
Living the Catholic Life / Fullness of Purpose
 With international speaker Ken Yasinski.

Baptismal Instruction / Pre Jordan: The next session is scheduled for Monday, January 13th 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.

Dear Parishioners,
I know this is the lazy and the easy option I'm taking but I'll use my age as the excuse! I sincerely thank all who sent me gifts and wished me well at Christmas. I truly enjoy being here at St. Philip's with all of you, although I (we) will miss Fr. Anthony in this New Year. As always I will be praying for all in 2020.

Father Dooner

Mass Intentions

- Monday**
 6:30AM Sr. Kathleen Brabson, SSJ
 8:30AM Donald McCall
- Tuesday**
 6:30AM Joseph S. Jankowski
 8:30AM Deceased Members of the Fisher & Gallagher Families
- Wednesday**
 6:30AM Ted Rogers – 1st Anniversary
 8:30AM Louise Della Porta
- Thursday**
 6:30AM Souls in Purgatory
 8:30AM Ted Rogers
- Friday**
 6:30AM Thomas McCloskey
 8:30AM Louise Della Porta
- Saturday**
 8:30AM Raymond Quaglia



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, Lori Belardo, Bella Jones Borkowski, Marita Boyce, Jennifer Brands, Jim Brooks, Audrey Michelle Cacchio, Lou Cacchio, Barry Cahill, Vince Cellucci, Ava Love Conley, Hunter Cranage, Charlie Dickman, Joseph DiGiovanni, Dr. Robert Domanski, Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores Downs, William Drayton, George & Roseann Eberwine, Peter Gallagher, Christopher Greuters, Andrea Harrison, Joseph Hoch, Charles Kropp, 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, 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.

We Pray: For those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially Martha Carlin, Sr. Mary Darrah, SSJ, Sr. Anne LaHart, SSJ, Sr. Dana E. McCambley, SSJ, Sr. Anita Daniel McLaughlin, SSJ, Sr. Rose Anita O'Donnell, SSJ. and Sarah Smith.



Fr. Anthony's Send-Off Reception

There will be a reception in the school cafeteria on Saturday, January 18th after the 5PM Vigil Mass. Assorted refreshments & beverages will be served, please come and wish Fr. Anthony all the very best in his new assignment. If you can't make the reception and would like to send a card or note, Fr. Anthony's new address:
Rev. Anthony Hangholt
c/o St. Philip Neri Parish
1325 Klinerd Road
Pensburg, PA 18073

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, January 21st 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.



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.

SPN PREP Program: Did you make a New Year's resolution to be more active? To get more involved in your Church? Meet new families? We have immediate openings for classroom aides and catechists on Tuesday afternoons from 4PM to 5:30PM. All training material will be provided and you will be connected to an experienced volunteer as a mentor. You'll meet and get to know many of our parish families and you will be answering God's call to evangelize! Call Sharon Otto at 484-804-1875 or email: spnprep@spnschool.org, please don't wait for someone else to step up...we need you!



Please join the Knights of Columbus for our family Rosary on Feb 12th at 7PM. Start off the New Year with renewed devotion to our Blessed Mother.

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.

Philippians: We are a social organization for seniors in our area. We offer entertainment, trips, informational programs and opportunities for service projects. For membership information call Angie Berry at 610-260-1211 or 610-608-0358.

St. John's Hospice: Many thanks and a wish for a blessed and Happy New Year from St. John's Hospice and the homeless they feed and clothe! Your generous donations throughout 2019 have made a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate and hungry. If you haven't made a donation yet, could you consider the gift of a casserole donation in 2020? Casserole donations can be homemade or store bought. Additionally, St. John's is very happy to accept donations of new or gently used men's clothing. Frozen casseroles and/or clothing donations can be dropped off at 2311 Mulberry Lane on Saturday, Feb 1st & Sunday, Feb 2nd before and after all Masses and by 9AM on Wednesday, Feb 5th. 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!

Trivia Night

Home & School Association Presents Annual Trivia Night
Save the date! SPN Gym on Friday, January 17th
Doors open at 6:15PM
\$50.00/pp early bird rate until 1/13/20
\$65.00/pp after 1/13/20
Contact: Gina Maletta-Sannicandro
Gbug77@aol.com or 215-817-6169

"Give yourself fully to God. He will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that you believe much more in His love than in your own weakness." Mother Teresa



Why was Jesus Baptized?

Jesus, who had no need of baptism (from the Greek "to immerse"), came to be baptized by John as a symbolic gesture connecting Himself to the broken world of humanity into which He came to redeem and save. He was setting a precedent for those who would follow Him showing them the necessity of Baptism for their own salvation. It has been observed that just as Jesus' baptism marked the beginning of His public ministry, so our baptism marks a new beginning for us on our road back to God, our Father. Our baptism symbolizes our death in the Lord and resurrection into new life.

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!

Knights of Columbus Memorial Lanterns: If you purchased a lantern at Christmas and did not take it or could not find it please call the church office at 610-834-1975 to get your lantern.



Can you help keep the breakfast bowl in our community filled this winter? Will you donate a box of cereal or cereal bars? Collection boxes will be in the vestibule on Jan 25th thru Feb 2nd. All food collected will be distributed by *Martha's Choice Marketplace*, a pantry at Catholic Social Services in Norristown that provides food to an average of over 900 families in need each month. What makes *Martha's Choice* different is that seniors, the disabled and struggling families *shop* once a month and *choose* the groceries they need. THANK YOU for helping keep the shelves stocked!



Upcoming Anniversary Events

March 8th to 10th – Parish Mission
 April 25th – Senior USO Canteen
 Spring, 2020 – Family Movie Night
 September 13th – Closing Mass & Dinner at Presidential Caterers

St. Francis Inn: With the New Year brings new challenges at the Inn. Out most urgently needed items are: DEODORANT, moisturizer, POWDERED MILK, coffee, large tea bags, SUGAR, oatmeal (5 minute only), THERMAL UNDERWEAR (men's & women's), diapers (sz PREEMIE, newborn & sz 6), pull ups (sz 3T-5T), baby formula & wipes, spray air freshener/deodorizers, spray cleaners (disinfectant, cleanser, etc.), toilet paper, paper towels, tissues (boxes & pocket size), Chapstick, men's (boxers) & women's underwear (all sizes), men's shoes & boots, warm clothing, cloth dish towels, non-perishable food & lots of PRAYERS. We have an Amazon.com wish list if you would like to send us items directly: click on 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!



The Fire Marshall has notified the Church Office that they have been made aware of people parking in no parking zones in the Church parking lot, especially in front of the Church on the circle. They will start issuing violations to any vehicle parked in a no parking zone. Please do not park in these zones. Thank you.

"Humility is the mother of giants. One sees great things from the valley, only small things from the peak"
 CK Chesterton

"The most beautiful and stirring adventure that can happen to you is the personal meeting with Jesus, who is the only one who gives real meaning to our lives."
 Pope St. John Paul II

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.



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.