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75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



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**Rev. Joseph W. Bongard** Weekend Assistant

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## ST. PHILIP NERI MASS SCHEDULE

5:00 PM Vigil

7:00, 8:30, 10:00 And 11:30 AM

## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday, 6:30 AM & 8:30 AM

Saturday, 8:30 AM

## BAPTISMS

Second & Fourth Sundays, 12:30 PM

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday, Noon To 1:00 PM

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# Saint Philip Neri Church

March 29, 2020

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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As we all experience these unprecedented times in our lives please know I am praying for all of you to remain healthy spiritually, physically and mentally. As you may have seen in the news, Archbishop Perez has, after much prayer and contemplation, decided to suspend all public Masses throughout the Archdiocese. My hope is that you will be able to continue to financially support St. Philip Neri as you have always done. As I have said many times, the parishioners of St. Philip's are some of the best in the entire Archdiocese! Donations can be mailed to the Church Office or you can take advantage of our online donation program "Parish Giving", more information can be found on our website:

[www.saintphilipnerichurch.com](http://www.saintphilipnerichurch.com)

*Msgr. Vance*

## Please Take Notice

In light of Governor Wolf's announcement and growing concerns around the Caronavirus the following are now in effect for our parish:

\*SPN School is closed, will potentially reopen on April 6th

\*The Bishops of Pennsylvania has dispensed the faithful from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

\*All public Masses have been suspended until further notice.

\*All non-liturgical meetings, activities, socials, CYO activities and gatherings in Church & School are cancelled until further notice.



This week our sanctuary lamp will burn in memory of Mary Kehoe requested by Eileen Gravinese.



### Monday

6:30AM James Clearkin

8:30AM Gayle Flannery

### Tuesday

6:30AM Mary Bronti

8:30AM Timothy McNichol – 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### Wednesday

6:30AM Clara & Frank Pisarek

8:30AM Deceased Members of the Brennan & Lowry Families

### Thursday

6:30AM Mary Weber

8:30AM Donald Duffy

### Friday

6:30AM Sr. Maureen James Barr, SSJ

8:30AM Helen Gillen

### Saturday

8:30AM Margaret & Charles Ponietowicz



**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, Andrew Bambrick, Marita Boyce, Jennifer Brands, Marc Burdick, Audrey Michelle Cacchio, Lou Cacchio, Barry Cahill, Vince Cellucci, Ava Love Conley, Hunter Cranage, Charlie Dickman, Dr. Robert Domanski, Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores Downs, George & Roseann Eberwine, Christopher Greuters, Andrea Harrison, Joseph Hoch, Charles Kropp, Anne Lintner, George, Mary & Molly Lozinak, Phyllis Luther, James Maggetti, Sue Male, Joan Marine, John McCann, Julia McLaughlin, Baby Avery McNichols, Steven Merlin, Baby Jack Muller, Joe Mulligan, Annie Hope Munn, 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, Sr. Marian Scranton. SSJ, Baby Liyana Selvanathan, Michael Shaw, Kristin Shearon, Monica Skrocki, Robert Smith, Brian Stenz, Yvonne Stephens, Amy Swift, Kena Thompson, Patricia Trioli, Mary Vogel, Wendi Wagoner, and for all those who are hoping and praying for organ transplants.

### *Please Pray*

For those who have gone on before us marked with the Sign of Faith, especially Sr. Mary Bradley, SSJ.

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We will be videotaping Sunday Mass celebrated by Msgr. Vance this week, there will be a link on our website for you to watch.



### **Sacrament of Penance**

Lent is rooted in repentance & reconciliation, take advantage of this Sacrament of Healing. Confessions are heard every Saturday from Noon to 1PM, or by appointment, call 610-834-1975 to schedule.

### **Palm Sunday**

We will be making blessed Palm available, weather permitting, outside the doors of Church Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM to Noon. If the weather does not cooperate it will be available in the vestibule of Church. Please be aware of the social distancing guidelines.

### **Parish Penance Service**

We are still planning to have the Penance Service on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> in Church at 7:00PM. We will have several priests available and they will be spread around the Church with as much "social distancing" precautions taken as possible.



### **We Welcome**

Oliver Thomas, son of Alexander & Jennifer Lynch who was recently Baptized here at St. Philip's.

### **Stations of the Cross & Rosary**

Has been postponed until further notice.



### **Prayer to Mary for her intercession**

*Mary our Mother and intercessor  
Hear the prayers of your children  
And ask your son to protect all our  
Families and loved ones in this our time of need.  
May He comfort those afflicted and  
bless and strengthen  
Those who dedicate themselves to their care.  
May He grant wisdom and singleness of purpose  
to our civic leaders as they  
Work to guard and protect all people. We ask this  
through your son, Jesus  
Amen*

The Lord is my strength and my shield: my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped. Psalm 28



Go to the parish website to sign up, it's easy, free and can be stopped or adjusted at any time. Your support is as important now as it has ever been and we are deeply appreciative for all that you can afford to donate!

**Day of Recollection & Conference:** This event, scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral has been cancelled.



*Over the last several weeks, the potential spread of the Coronavirus has dramatically impacted our lives and our communities. As the number of cases grows exponentially each day, government and health officials are diligently working to contain the virus. During this pandemic, we are reminded that life is truly precious and that we all are one family under God. As Christians, we should respond to this pandemic with great faith and prudence. The CDC has developed guidelines to help slow the spread of the virus. We should incorporate their strategies into our daily lives in an effort to protect ourselves as well as others, especially those most vulnerable, including the elderly and individuals with compromised immune systems. God is always by our side. He never abandons us. I invite you to join me in prayerful solidarity during this uncertain time. I remind you to keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ the crucified and Christ the merciful and to encounter others with charity and understanding. Let us pray for the sick, suffering, and their caregivers as well as government and health officials. With God's grace and blessing, we will navigate the difficult waters of this challenge as a united human family, for after all is said and done, we are a people of Hope!*

Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez  
Archbishop of Philadelphia

### **24<sup>th</sup> Annual Kelly Ann O'Connor Scholarship Brunch**

We are sorry to announce the cancellation of the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Kelly Ann O'Connor Scholarship Brunch scheduled for Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. This has always been a bitter/sweet day for our family and we will miss seeing all of our friends and families. If you feel so inclined to send a donation we would greatly appreciate it via check to Marianne O'Connor, 4053 N. Warner Road, Lafayette Hill 19444 or Venmo @Kaoc-fund. Thank you!  
The O'Connor Family.

### **SCRIP**

Easter is coming! Family meals...Easter outfits for the family, don't forget Scrip can be used for these purchases! All major food stores and major clothes retailers have card available, please go to the website for a complete list. This program helps support our school and is driven by parishioner participation...give it a try!



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**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 March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting has been cancelled and the next meeting is **tentatively** scheduled for Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Donating Easter Baskets:** To benefit the Patrician Society in Norristown that is experiencing a higher volume of families in need, please consider making an Easter Basket for needy families in our area. The non-perishable items including a **canned** ham, trimmings, etc. can be dropped off in the vestibule March 28<sup>th</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>. Call Sharon Otto at 484-804-1875 with any questions. Gift cards and monetary donations will also be accepted.

**Baptismal Instruction / Pre Jordan:** The next session is scheduled for Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



### **Wedding Anniversary Mass**

Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? Annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral will take place on Saturday, May 2nd at the 5:15PM Vigil Mass with Archbishop Perez. Call 215-587-0500 or email: [www.phillycatholiclife.org](http://www.phillycatholiclife.org) for reservations.

**"Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you,  
He will never let the righteous fall"**

**Psalm 55**

### **St. John's Hospice**

#### **For monetary donations please go to their website**

The season of Lent is upon us. One of the many things we do during Lent is to fast, but can you imagine if going without food was not your choice but your daily reality? Lent is also a time about giving and self-sacrifice. Could you consider giving of yourself by donating a casserole to St. John's Hospice? Your casseroles go directly to feed the hungry and homeless. Additionally, St. John's is happy to accept donations of gently used or new men's clothing. Casserole donations can be homemade or store bought. Frozen casseroles and/or clothing donations can be dropped off at 2311 Mulberry Lane before or after all Masses on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> and by 9AM on Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto:lkennedy1071@comcast.net). Thank you for your generous support!

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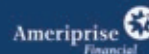
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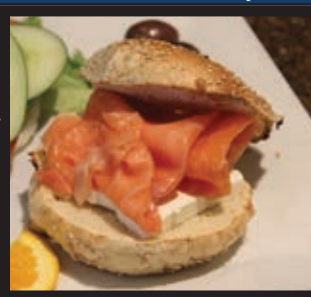
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