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Rev. Michael G. Speziale Parochial Vicar

Rev. William B. Dooner In Residence
Deacon Robert G. Flynn

Rev. Joseph W. Bongard Weekend Assistant
Deacon Michael J. Cipressi

ST. PHILIP NERI MASS SCHEDULE

5:00 PM Vigil
7:00, 8:30, 10:00 And 11:30 AM

BAPTISMS

Second & Fourth Sundays, 12:30 PM

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

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

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, Noon To 1:00 PM

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Saint Philip Neri Church

November 29, 2020

1st Sunday of Advent

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



*“Be watchful! Be Alert! You do not know
when the time will come... Watch!”*

Mark 13

We are currently in the process of updating our sanctuary appointments. The current fixtures are all original and showing signs of their age. If anyone would like to donate an item in memory of a loved one it would be greatly appreciated. We have some fixtures already donated but remaining are a processional candle (\$1500.00) and the Processional Cross (\$3500.00). Thanks, as always for your generous stewardship.

Msgr. Vance

We Pray: For those who have gone on before us marked with the Sign of Faith, especially Marc Burdick, may our loving God grant them eternal peace with Him in heaven.

This week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of Nikki

Kourtis, requested by
Patrice H. Werner.



Sacrament of Penance

Confession 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.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Monday, December 14th in the Chapel, 9AM to 5PM.



Mass Intentions

Monday

6:30AM Patricia Drain
8:30AM Richard Bourcier

Tuesday

6:30AM Walter Palmer
8:30AM Sunny Maria Flocco – 5th Birthday

Wednesday

6:30AM Thomas F. Keane III & Thomas F. Keane Jr
Frank & Concetta Lupinacci & Family
8:30AM Thomas Bee

Thursday

6:30AM Stephanie Lynne Taglianetti
8:30AM Ursula Jones

Friday

6:30AM Adele Caruso
8:30AM Earl Bruce Kirk – 19th Anniversary

Saturday

8:30AM Margaret 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: Baby Rayna, Robert Biddle Sr., Ryan Bonner, Jennifer Brands, Audrey Michelle Cacchio, Lou Cacchio, Barry Cahill, Robert Cassel, Ava Love Conley, John Coscia, Sr., Hunter Cranage, Charlie Dickman, Paula DiGiacomo, Susan DeSimone, Dr. Robert Domanski, Emily Donhauser, Andrew Dotzman, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores Downs, George & Roseann Eberwine, Christopher Greuters, Mary Kay Halecki, Andrea Harrison, Mark Helms, Joseph Hoch, Lois Kelly, Rose Marie Klemick, Charles Kropp, Palma Leomporra, Anne Lintner, George, Mary & Molly Lozinak, Phyllis Luther, Greg deGroot Maggetti, James Maggetti, Sue Male, Joan Marine, Julia McLaughlin, Baby Avery McNichols, Steven Merlin, 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, Donna Schoen, Tim Schwartz, Michael Shaw, Kristin Shearon, Robert Smith, Brian Stenz, Yvonne Stephens, Amy Swift, Kena Thompson, Jackson Thorburn, Patricia Trioli, Mary Vogel, Wendi Wagoner and for all those who are hoping and praying for organ transplants.

10AM Sunday Mass is live streamed every week
www.saintphilipnerichurch.com



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
2:00PM	7:30AM
4:00PM (live streamed)	8:30AM
5:45PM	10:00AM
7:30PM	11:30AM
Midnight	

Regretfully, there is no Children's Mass this year due to Covid restrictions; all Masses are traditional Christmas Liturgies. There will be an over flow area in the cafeteria for the 4PM Mass (if necessary) with live stream available, Holy Communion will be distributed.

Baptismal Instruction / Pre Jordan: The next session will be December 14th at 7:30PM, due to current circumstances these sessions will be virtual. Once you register, Deacon Mike Cipressi will contact you with meeting details. Please call the Church Office at 610-834-1975 to register.

Advent Confessions: Mark your calendars, due to current health concerns there will not be a Parish Penance Service this year. There will be evening confessions on December 21st at 7PM with several guest priests.

2020 Annual Block / Census Collection

Number of registered families – 2101

Number of envelopes received - 529

Thank you for your contribution to this most important collection to keep our parish fiscally sound.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Block Collection / Visitation

You should have received your annual Block Collection envelope by now, please return to Church office or drop in the collection basket. This is a vitally important collection and a crucial element in the parish's financial stability. Please be as generous as your budgets allow and as always thank you for your loyal and faithful stewardship of St. Philip Neri Parish.



The Giving Tree

The giving tree is in the vestibule with names of less fortunate children, if you haven't already done so and all have not been taken, please take a tag and return the gift to the vestibule by December 13th.

Liturgical Life: The word Advent is derived from the Latin *adventus*, meaning "coming", which is a translation of the Greek word *Parousia* meaning arrival. The word *Parousia* is a theologically accepted term for the second coming of Christ. In the early Church, Advent was a time of preparation for those who were to be baptized on the Feast of the Epiphany. By the 5th century Christians had tied Advent to the coming of Christ, specifically His second coming. It was not until the Middle Ages that Advent was linked to Christ's first coming in the manger in Bethlehem. The Sundays of Advent have two distinct messages the first two Sunday's look forward to Christ's second coming and the last two look backward to remember Christ's first coming. The Sunday readings have four themes; the 1st Sunday is hope (promise), the 2nd is preparation (waiting), the 3rd is joy (peace) and the 4th is love (adoration). Scripture readings move from Christ's return in judgement to Old Testament passages foretelling the coming of a Messiah to New Testament verses about John the Baptist announcing the arrival of Christ. The Catechism says, "When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for His second coming." O come, O come, Emmanuel!

Adult Faith Formation

What

Due to the current Covid up-tic, our visiting seminarians, Kevin & Greg are expected to come back on to SPN on January 21st. Keep your eye on the bulletin for updates on the Faith Formation Program.



All major food stores and major clothes retailers have cards 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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"Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at His coming, so that, gathered at His right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom"

Collect – 1st Sunday of Advent

St. Charles Seminary

Institute for Christian Formation

Beginning Jan 21st at the seminary from 6:45PM to 9:30PM. This 8 week program is \$250.00 and aims to enrich the faith of those attending. There will be dynamic presenters and experienced adult faith formation instructors.

All social distancing protocols will be observed. The program is designed for those seeking holiness of heart, mind and soul.

SSJ Chance Drive: Benefit of St. Joseph Villa. Please help us make this year's drive a success! The drawing is December 6th, chances available on line only, please go to website to purchase on line:

<https://ssjphila.networkforgood.com/events/21048-chance-drive-2020>



Join or renew now with special, once a year membership offers! The parish earns money and you save money! Please see flyers in the Church vestibule. Drive ends December 7th.



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. Children who turn 26 years of age or complete higher education and continue to reside within our area should register individually. Call the Church Office at 610-834-1975

RCIA

Individuals interested in exploring and discerning membership in the Catholic Church meet with our RCIA Team on a weekly basis to discuss Church teachings in light of Sacred Scripture and Tradition. This is a relaxed and very conversational approach for people to ask questions and just hear about the teachings of our Church. If interested or if you know of a family member or anyone who might be interested please contact Barney McGee at 610-834-1975 or email bmcgee@spnchurchlh.org



Go to the parish website to sign up, it's easy, free and can be stopped or adjusted at any time. In these difficult and anxious times please do not forget your parish and help us, if you can, to meet our unchanged financial obligations.

The celebration of Advent is possible only to those who are troubled in soul, who know themselves to be poor and imperfect, and who look forward to something greater to come." Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Cub Scout Pack 107 is selling Christmas wreaths. This year due to the pandemic they are offering the Gift Forward Option. It's all done on line! All you do is go to the website www.Giftitforward.com and enter coupon # PK107PA001. Each wreath sold the Pack will receive \$8.00. Questions call Lynda Toner at 215-435-7401.



St. John's Hospice

For monetary donations please go to their website

The season of *Thanks* and *Giving* are upon us! St. John's Hospice would like to thank the St. Philip Neri Parish Family for all of their donations throughout these very difficult times. Because of your support we have been able to continue to feed those in need without disruption. If you have never donated, could you consider doing so?

Casserole donations can be homemade or store brought and St. John's will also gladly accept frozen turkeys. Frozen casseroles can be dropped off at 2311 Mulberry Lane all day Saturday & Sunday November 28th and 29th and by 9AM on Wednesday, December 2nd. If you need an alternate drop off day and time, we work from home and can accommodate almost any request. For questions or to set up an alternate drop off time please call: Lynn Kennedy at 610-828-6728 or email: lkennedy1071@comcast.net. Or text to 267-261-0474. Again, many, many thanks from St.

John's for you generous support for those in great need...now more than ever!



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www.stfrancisinn.org

We can now accept donations of CLEAN warm clothing, coats, and hats. Men's pants & boots. Items we need: individually wrapped crackers, granola bars, cookies, chips, desserts. Bottled water (lg & sm) drinks like juice boxes & milk (around 6oz), lunch & sandwich bags. Oatmeal (not instant, the 5 minute variety) powdered milk, mac & cheese, white & brown sugar, iced tea mix, canned tuna, chicken & chili, lg cans of crushed tomatoes, ketchup, cans of beef ravioli, spaghetti & meatballs, toilet paper, tissues (lg & individual packs), hand sanitizer, spray deodorizer, Pine Sol & bleach. Feminine products, travel size deodorant, toiletries, toothpaste, soap & shampoo. Pampers (sz preemie/newborn & size 5-6) toiletries, disposable razors. We have an Amazon.com wish list if you would like to send items directly: click on St. Francis Inn. Donations may be dropped off at the Muller's porch, 472 Poplar Ln in Whitmarsh Woods or in the box in the Church vestibule. Complete list of needs can be found on the donation box.

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