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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

December 13, 2020

3rd Sunday of Advent / Gaudete Sunday

Second Collection Next Weekend - Capital Replacement



**"I AM THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING
OUT IN THE DESERT, MAKE STRAIGHT
THE WAY OF THE LORD"**



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 Monday, December 21st at 7PM with several guest priests. All covid precautions will be strictly observed. Don't miss this opportunity!

We Pray: For those who have gone on before us marked with the Sign of Faith, especially Rev. Msgr. James F. Connelly, Rev. Raymond J. Himsforth and Dorothy M. Lavan may our loving God grant them eternal rest and peace with Him in heaven.

This week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of Thomas T. Hudson Sr. , requested by Maryann Hudson.

Expectant Mothers Blessing

This special blessing of our expectant mothers was scheduled for Sunday, December 20th at the 10AM Mass. Due to Covid concerns we have decided to cancel this special blessing, the 10AM Mass will be celebrated as scheduled.

Mass Intentions

Monday

6:30AM Phyllis F. Galanti
8:30AM Frank English

Tuesday

6:30AM Joe Rauscher
8:30AM Frank Stanczak

Wednesday

6:30AM Florence Ward
8:30AM Elinor Kollmer

Thursday

6:30AM Florence Ward
8:30AM Deceased Members of the
Englebert & Stephens Families

Friday

6:30AM Deceased Members of the
Alburger & Teesdale Families
8:30AM William Gallagher – 52nd Anniversary

Saturday

8:30AM Brendan Gray



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, Shaleen Dennis, Charlie Dickman, Paula DiGiacomo, Susan DeSimone, Dr. Robert Domanski, Emily Donhauser, Andrew Dotzman, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores Downs, George & Roseann Eberwine, Mary Ann Foley, Helen Godleski, Christopher Greuters, Mary Kay Halecki, Andrea Harrison, 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.



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

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

2022 Announced Mass Book: The 2022 calendar for announced Masses will be available on Monday, January 4th in the Church Office at 8AM.

Giving Tree gifts are due back today!



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.

Mask Maintenance: Several parishioners have raised concerns about proper mask wearing. To be as compliant as possible with state & local guidelines, please be sure your mask completely covers your nose and mouth out of courtesy and concern for all those attending Mass.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
2:00PM	7:00AM
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.

New Year's Day Schedule

Holy Day of Obligation

New Year's Eve Vigil Mass (12/31) at 5PM
New Year's Day
7:30AM, 9:30AM & 11:30AM

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.

2020 Annual Block / Census Collection
Number of registered families – 2101
Number of envelopes received - 554
Thank you for your contribution to this most important collection to keep our parish fiscally sound.

10AM Sunday Mass is live streamed every week
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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.

Liturgical Life

In Advent we are hearing a lot from John the Baptist; he was the last of the Old Testament Prophets and bridged the gap between the Old & New Testaments. John was the last because once Christ arrived all would be fulfilled and there was no further need to announce what was coming because it was now present. We know Luke's Gospel tells us that John & Jesus were cousins and John "leapt" in the womb of Elizabeth at the Visitation of Mary. Jesus says he is not only a prophet but the greatest prophet of all and goes on to say how John himself was the fulfillment of a prophecy by Isaiah foretelling of the one who would announce the Messiah. No other prophet was the fulfillment of a prophecy. John was the last of a long line of prophets. They are traditionally split into two categories, major and minor. The Major Prophets were Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel; the remaining twelve are referred to as Minor Prophets. The difference between the two is simply the length of their writings, the majors were more prolific and the minor's less so. The Hebrew word for prophet is *Nebi* (to bubble forth like a fountain); the Greek word is *prophetes* (to speak for another). In any case, throughout the centuries (indeed recorded time) these men never spoke on their own authority but only shared God's message as revealed to them and as He wanted it revealed.



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!

GIANT, ACME, SHOP RITE, WEIS, KOHLS, BOSCOVS, MACY'S & LOWES just to name a few. We have Scrip Cards in the Church Office & on line sales.

You can buy gift cards for over 780 retailers (www.shopwithscrip.com) and earn a rebate on every card. Families who use Scrip faithfully are saving hundreds in tuition expenses!

Adult Faith Formation: 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.

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.



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

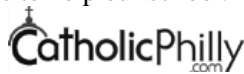
RCIA: Individuals interested in exploring and discerning membership in the Catholic Church meet with our RCIA Team to discuss Church teachings in light of Sacred Scripture and Tradition. If interested or if you know of a family member or anyone who might be interested please contact Barney McGee at 610-834-1975 or email at bmcgee@spnchurcglh.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.

"In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace."
Canticle of Zechariah / Gospel of Luke

Shop Rite Receipt's: Do you shop at Shop Rite? If so please save your receipt and drop them off at the Church office or deposit in the collection box under the bulletin board in the Church vestibule, The Brown Families Shop Rite's offer a rebate to help our school. Thank you!



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The season of Advent brings to light even more how God is present in our everyday lives and in everyday people. We at

St. John's Hospice see that each month through the generous donations of the St. Philip Neri Parish family to those who are less fortunate and in need. Because of your support we have been able to continue to feed the hungry and homeless without disruption despite the current health crisis. 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 January 2nd and 3rd and by 9AM on Wednesday, January 6th. 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. Christmas blessings from St. John's to your families and loved ones!



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www.stfrancisinn.org

The Inn is still here and running, and YOU, our donors are making sure that we are still open, still feeding and still extending services to the people in most need. That is why, even though this season will be different for many of us, we can enter the Holiday Season with joy. We know that the poor are being fed, the lonely have a friend and hopefully all will be touched by the spirit of the newborn King here at St. Francis Inn thanks to you – our friends and benefactors.

We may have widespread poverty, but we are rich in love. Have a Merry Christmas from Fr. Michael and everyone at St. Francis Inn. The collection box is in the Church vestibule year round accepting your donations. We can now accept donations of CLEAN warm clothing, coats, and hats. Men's pants & boots. Canned foods and instant food items are always needed as well as toiletries. Donations may be dropped off at the Muller's porch, 472 Poplar Lane 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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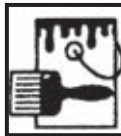
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