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Deacon Michael J. Cipressi

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

January 3, 2021

Epiphany of the Lord



Come let us
Adore
Him



*“We have seen His star in the East,
and have come with gifts to adore
the Lord”*



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Monday, January 11th in the Chapel, 9AM to 5PM.



*This week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of
Deacon Armand & Theresa Maresca requested by
George & Carolyn Clark.*

Catholic Relief Services Collection: The collection will be taken up on Jan 16th & 17th. The Catholic Relief Services funds Catholic agencies that work for the benefit of our brothers and sisters around the world. It provides humanitarian aid, resettling displaced families and advocates on behalf of victims of atrocities such as human trafficking. Please help make the collection a success. Thank you as always for your generosity.

Mass Intentions

Monday

6:30AM Katherine Connolly
8:30AM Dorothy & Frank Braun

Tuesday

6:30AM James Brooks
8:30AM Jerri Lee Tierney

Wednesday

6:30AM Katherine Connolly
8:30AM Florence Ward

Thursday

6:30AM James Brooks
8:30AM Thomas F Keane III & Thomas F Keane Jr
Frank & Concetta Lupinacci & Family

Friday

6:30AM Jim Brooks
8:30AM Alice O'Neill

Saturday

8:30AM Harry Rosinski



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, Robert Burt Jr, Audrey Michelle Cacchio, Lou Cacchio, Barry Cahill, Baby Leah Carsello, Robert Cassel, Ava Love Conley, John Coscia, Sr, Frank Craig, Hunter Cranage, Shaleen Dennis, Charlie Dickman, Paula DiGiacomo, Susan DeSimone, Dr. Robert Domanski, Emily Donhauser, Andrew Dotzman, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores Downs, George & Roseann Eberwine, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mary Ann Foley, Helen Godleski, Christopher Greuters, Mary Kay Halecki, Debra Hall, 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, Sarah Neve, 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.

We Pray: For those who have gone on before us marked with the sign of faith, especially Dolores Ahern, Tom Brennan III, Edward Givnish, Rev. Joseph Jung and Mary Sue Monte may our loving God grant them eternal rest and peace with Him in heaven.



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.

Baptismal Instruction / Pre Jordan: The next session will be January 11th 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.

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

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.

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



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.



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.

2020 Annual Block / Census Collection
Number of registered families – 2101
Number of envelopes received - 565
Thank you for your contribution to this most important collection to keep our parish fiscally sound.

Liturgical Life



Epiphany means “manifestation”; it comes from Greek roots that mean “to show”. The Epiphany is the manifestation, the showing, of Jesus as the promised Messiah of Israel. The Gospel narrative speaks of Magi who are seeking among the Jews the one who will be king of the nations; they come to Jerusalem (City of David) and center of Judaism. So we have pagans who turn to the Jews to search for the promised messiah that was foretold in Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament). This merging of cultures testifies to the fact that Jesus came for all, not just the Jewish people, and His destiny to be the salvation of all mankind was freely offered to all nations. The Magi were named in writings of a 6th century monk, St. Bede. Their names were Melchoir, Gaspar & Balthasar. Bede also suggests they represent the three known races at the time; European, Asian & African. The gifts they brought were gold (kingship), frankincense (divinity) & myrrh (death). Legend has it that they were eventually converted by St. Thomas the Apostle and became bishops and at the end of their lives the Christmas Star revisited them for a final reunion. In any case, we all have our own epiphany at our Baptism and at every Eucharist where Jesus is manifested / shown to us once again.



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

We saw His star at its rising and have come to do Him homage.

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

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!



This is a great website that is updated every day with local Catholic news. Stay informed of events in the archdiocese and learn more about your faith. Sign up for their free email newsletter at www.catholicphilly.com/newsletter

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries: March 5th - 7th we will be hosting a retreat for healing after abortion. It is designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. It will help you focus on the buried emotions of the past and begin healing in a non-judgmental, safe, loving and confidential environment. Please call Georgeann at 484-955-4278 or Susan at 610-716-4795 for more information.



St. John's Hospice

For monetary donations please go to their website

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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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.

Eternal thanks for all you do to keep us going!

For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; accordingly they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man.

St. John Chrysostom

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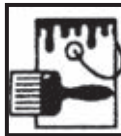
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