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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 VIGIL

Sunday 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 AM

BAPTISMS

SECOND & FOURTH SUNDAYS, 12:30 PM

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 6:30AM & 8:30AM

SATURDAY 8:30AM

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY, NOON TO 1:00 PM

CHURCH OFFICE

610-834-1975

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610-828-5717

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December 26, 2021



“And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we saw His glory, the glory as of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth.”

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This week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of John & Bernadette Cantania requested by Their Loving Family.



On behalf of myself, Fr. McFadden, Fr. Dooner and Deacons Rob & Mike we pray that all our SPN family have a blessed Christmas. Despite the challenges of our time we persevere in faith and trust in God’s providence. We are very grateful for your support of the parish and the many charitable events we hold throughout the year. Your generosity is always dependable! May God bless each and everyone of you and give you peace and health in the New Year!
Msgr. Vance



Mass Intentions

- Monday**
8:30AM Steve Petrokubi

- Tuesday**
8:30AM Edward W. Moser

- Wednesday**
8:30AM Jennie Giammarino

- Thursday**
8:30AM Deceased Members of the
Dune & Rosinski Families

- Friday**
8:30AM Katherine Connolly

- Saturday**
8:30AM New Year’s Day
John Geisheimer

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, George Alburger, Robert Biddle Sr, Nancy Bogdon, Ryan Bonner, Jean Butler, Audrey Michelle Cacchio, Lou Cacchio, Barry Cahill, Robert Cassel, Ava Love Conley, John Coscia Sr, Hunter Cranage, Shaleen Dennis, Charlie Dickman, Clare DiDonato, Susan DeSimone, Emily Donhauser, Eileen Donnelly, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores Downs, George Eberwine, Christopher Greuters, Mary Kay Halecki, Debra Hall, Andrea Harrison, Joseph Hoch, Katherine (young child), Rose Marie Klemick, Peg Kohler, Anne Lintner, Ann Litman, George, Mary & Molly Lozinak, Phyllis Luther, Greg deGroot Maggetti, James Maggetti, Sue Male, Joan Marine, Tom McEnaney, Julia McLaughlin, Anne Marie Melough, Baby Avery McNichols, Steven Merlin, Randolph & Sylvia Miller, Christopher Minetti, Christine Petrokubi Monroe, 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, Ann Marie Sanders, David Sandy, John Schaifer, Donna Schoen, Tim Schwartz, Sr. Judy Scranton SSJ, Michael Shaw, Kristin Shearon, Robert Smith, Betty Sparks, Brian Stenz, Yvonne Stephens, Amy Swift, Kena Thompson, Jackson Thorburn, Patricia Trioli, Mary Vogel, Helen Wade, Wendi Wagoner, Howard Wilson and for all those who are hoping and praying for organ transplants.

We Welcome

Nash Charles, son of Charles & Jessica Hobson who was recently baptized here at St. Philip’s!

Sacrament of Penance

Confessions are heard every Saturday from Noon to 1pm, or by appointment, call 610-834-1975 to schedule a date and time.

2023 Announced Mass Book will be available on Monday, January 3rd in the Church Office at 8AM.

New Year Eve / Day Mass Schedule

On New Year's Eve, the daily Mass will be at 8:30AM. New Year's Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation so daily Mass will be at 8:30AM and a Vigil Mass at 5PM, January 2nd will be a regular Sunday schedule.



Come Home to Him

We have been living in a "different world" for well over a year now, we have gotten used to staying home and living in a more virtual world. We all realize this is a wonderful option but we also know something is missing. Primarily we miss the Eucharist and secondly a sense of sharing a common community of Faith. We belong in communion with each other and the Lord. We urge you to return to the pews!

Please wear a mask if you wish and be respectful of surrounding people, but make the effort to rekindle the holy practice of experiencing the Living God in the eternal event of the Mass.

Baptismal Instruction / Pre Jordan: The next session will be January 10th at 7:30PM, these sessions are virtual. Once you register, Deacon Mike Cipressi will contact you with meeting details. Please call the Church Office at 610-834-1975 to register.

Block Collection

2021 Annual Block /Census Collection

Number of registered families – 2179

Number of envelopes received - 515

Thank you for your support of this collection

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give Him the throne of David His father, and He will rule over the House of Jacob forever, and of His Kingdom there will be no end."



Church Office Schedule

December 27th to 30th 7AM to 4PM

December 31st 7AM to 3PM

Women's Guild –Tasting Tour of Italian Wines

Friday, January 28th at 7PM in School Hall

Christy Haberstroh at chaberstroh1@yahoo.com

Maria Colavita at mariacolavita@comcast.net

St. John's Hospice

St. John's Hospice casserole program is a donation program that has been supported by the generous parishioners of St. Philip Neri for many years. Casserole donations can be homemade or store brought. The next drop off dates is before and after all Masses on the weekend of January 1st & 2nd and before 9AM on pick-up day, Wednesday, January 5th. If you need an alternate day or time, please call or text to make specific arrangements. If you have never donated to the program, please consider doing so! Frozen casseroles can be dropped off at 2311 Mulberry Lane. If you have any questions please call Lynn Kennedy at 610-828-6728 or email: Lkennedy1071@comcast.net or text to 267-261-0474. Thank you for your kind and generous support!



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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 next meeting date is Jan 18th at 6PM; we will meet in the rectory conference room. For information contact Marianne O'Connor at 610-825-4975 or Rosemary McNichol at 215-247-2267.

CatholicPhilly.com is a great website that is updated daily with local Catholic news. Stay informed of events in the archdiocese and learn more about the Faith.

Men's Prayer Group: Men of different ages meet every Wednesday morning in the rectory conference room from 7:30AM to 8:30AM. If you are 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 write down your intentions so the group can pray for all listed petitions.



Thank you so very much for your tremendous support of our recent *Capt'n' Chuckies* & Memorial Christmas Lanterns fundraisers. As always they had a great response and enable our council to contribute to charitable causes and provide scholarships for Catholic school students. We can always depend on the generosity of SPN parishioners! We regret the lanterns were not the "usual" lanterns but due to current manufacturing and distribution issues they were simply unavailable, hopefully next year they'll be available.

A very Merry Christmas to all!

TRIVIA NIGHT

SPN Trivia Night is back, brush up on all things history, pop-culture, current events and more because trivia night is on January 21st at 7:30PM in the gym, with doors opening at 6:15PM. Cost is \$40/pp for early bird sign up by Dec 20th or \$50/pp afterward. Includes trivia, an easy pass (free point one for one round) and unlimited beverages. Food is BYO. Space is limited and on a first-come basis, register at www.triviaevents.net or contact Maggie Atkins at maggiekatkins@gmail.com or 724-816-8548.

SPN Contributions Letter: If you need a letter detailing your contributions to the parish for tax purposes, please call the Church Office at 610-835-1975.

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 put in the collection box under the bulletin board in the vestibule.

Job Opportunity: Tuition Officer at Archbishop Carroll High School in Radnor, PA. Requirements include general office experience, accounts receivable, customer service and collections with knowledge of Excel. Great benefits! If interested in learning more please send resume and letter of interest to Mary Gillooly at mgillooly@archphila.org



St. Francis Inn

We could not have survived this past year without your unbelievable generosity. We are now entering a "new normal" and serving meals inside! Items needed the most: DEODORANT, men's & women's sneakers all sizes, small travel size toiletries, sunscreen, aloe, tea bags (preferably tag less), hand sanitizer, laundry soap, small drinks like juice or milk cartons, bottled water (lg & small), paper towels, canned food, men's boxers, men's pants, jeans' (size 30-36), men's sneakers, women's underwear (small & medium), instant food items, toothbrushes and toiletries. Gently used backpacks and elementary school copy books (no spiral please). The collection box is in the Church vestibule year round accepting your donations. Donations may be dropped off at the Muller's porch, 472 Poplar Lane in Whitemarsh Woods or in the box in the Church vestibule. Eternal thanks for all you do to keep us going!

Dearly beloved, today our Savior is born, let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness. No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all.

Pope St. Leo the Great



Christmas is the celebration of God coming into His created world, *Emmanuel* (God is with us). The word Christmas is a shortened form of "Christ's Mass" or "Cristes Maessa" as it was first recorded in 1038. The Early Church celebrated Easter & Pentecost as the major feasts on the calendar; it was not until the 4th century that Christmas and the Epiphany were added to the Liturgical Calendar. The outline of Sacred Scripture can be broken down to just four events; Creation, The Fall, Incarnation and the passion, death & resurrection of Christ. Creation was a world of peace and all things worked according to God's intention. The Fall (Adam & Eve) was man's rejection of God's rule and resulted in physical & spiritual death. Incarnation comes with Christmas, the loving Creator sent His Son into the created world to redeem the Fall by His passion & death. Redemption is not complete until a total restoration of creation to the way it was before the Fall (Christ's second coming). The Old Testament contains over 300 prophecies about the coming Messiah, a savior anointed by God to deliver His people from sin; this of course is what we celebrate at Christmas. Most of these prophecies date thousands of years before the event. It seems like a long wait but in God's good time redemption came into the world. One of the Major Prophets, Isaiah, sums Christmas up; "The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh will see the salvation of our God."



SPN Scrip Program

All major food stores and major clothes retailers have cards available; please go to the website for a complete list. These programs help support our school and is driven by parishioner participation...give it a try!

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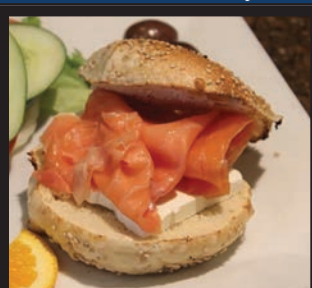
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