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CHRIST THE KING

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE Saturday 5PM VIGIL

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

BAPTISMS

SECOND & FOURTH SUNDAYS, 12:30 PM

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

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

SATURDAY AT 8:30AM

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November 20, 2022 Solemnity of Christ the King

 $2^{\rm nd}$ Collection – Capital Replacement $2^{\rm nd}$ Collection Next Weekend – Christmas Flowers



Thoughts from Fr. Szparagowskí

We give praise and thanks to God for the graces He has given us. Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. Jesus is different from any other king, He is our Lord and God, our Savior and Redeemer. No other king can claim to have done the same for his people. There is an image of Christ the King that reminds me of the sacrifice Christ made for us. The image is Christ as a king and on the brow of His crown is a crown of thorns. Christ is the only king that bears the wounds of His sacrifice for all eternity. Let us all surrender our hearts to Christ the King. The king who loves us, forgives us our sins, heals our wounds and offers His Body and Blood to us for eternal life. What a loving and merciful king we have in Jesus. We will have our own seminarian, Peter Wilder sharing with us his experience of the spirituality year at St. Charles Seminary. I want to thank all of you for your very generous financial support of the Seminary Collection. Working in the formation of our seminarians for 6 years as their Dean of Men and Director of Pastoral and Apostolic Formation. I can tell you our seminarians are men of prayer and have a heart

You may have noticed we had all of our Church doors painted. They were in need of a fresh coat of paint. This week I was given a full tour of our convent by the eight Sisters of St. Joseph who live there. Our convent is in need of some repairs and refreshing of rooms. Some areas of our convent have not been updated since the convent was built 70 years ago. I do have a couple of people who offered to work with me on this project. I am always looking for volunteers. Our SPN Women's

of service for others. Thank you for your prayers and

support of our seminarians.

Guild had the dining room and kitchen cabinets painted. The cabinet handles were also replaced. Thank you, Women's Guild! In the future I will be asking if you could possibly assist in any way to make our convent a warm and comfortable home for the sisters.

The good sisters deserve it!

Last Friday our SPN students gave a very prayerful and respectful tribute to our veterans at our school Mass.

You are always invited to attend our Friday School Masses, they start about 9:15AM.

Please invite someone to Mass today.

Saint Philip Neri, pray for us!

Fr. Szparagowski



Monday, November 20th

6:30AM – Geraldine Hydock 8:30AM – Theodore Jaskier

Tuesday, November 21st

6:30AM – Samuel LaPera

8:30AM – Kevin & Patricia Flanagan

Wednesday, November 22nd

6:30AM – John Rees

8:30AM – Deceased Members of the Ciammetti & Ricciutti Families.

Thursday, November 23rd – Thanksgiving Day

9AM Mass of Thanksgiving Earl Bruce Kirk & Nancy Kirk, Eric & Kevin Kirk

Friday, November 24th

No 6:30AM Mass.

8:30AM – Adam & Marie Quaglia

Saturday, November 25th

8:30AM – Donna & Arnold Cannone



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, Richard Baker, Nancy Bogdon, Ryan Bonner, Ginny Boyle, Audrey Michelle Cacchio, Lou Cacchio, Gary Citrone, Joan Coldwell, Ava Love Conley, John Coscia Sr, Hunter Cranage, Charlie Dickman, Clare DiDonato, Emily Donhauser, Dolores Downes, Susan Fisher, Margie Ganter, Jean Girard, Christopher Greuters, Debra Hall, Andrea Harrison, Joseph Hoch, Katherine (young child), Ann Litman, George, Mary & Molly Lozinak, Phyllis Luther, Greg deGroot Maggetti, James Maggetti, Sue Male, Joan Marine, Tom McEnaney, Bernie McLafferty Sr, Julia McLaughlin, Baby Avery McNichols, Steven Merlin, Randolf & Sylvia Miller, Christopher Minetti, Joseph & Anne Navarra, Thomas Nguyen, Christine Petrokubi Monroe, Joe McLaughlin, Annie Hope Munn, Joe O'Brien, Doris Palumbo, Remo Pitassi, Baby Addison Pfeffer, William Pinto, Ann Purkin, Jim Rafter, John Reynolds, Ann Marie Sanders, David Sandy, John Schaifer, Tim Schwartz, Michael Shaw, Robert Smith, Betty Sparks, Brian Stenz, Yvonne Stephens, Amy Swift, Kena Thompson, Jackson Thorburn, Patricia Trioli, Frank Tulino, Mary Vogel, Wendy Wagoner, Eileen Weiss Woerner, William Wilder may God strengthen them in their struggle and bring them healing.

Thanksgiving Day Mass, Nov 24th at 9AM, food items will be blessed immediately after Mass.

We Pray

For all those who have gone on before us marked with the sign of faith, especially, Sr. Helen Gilbert Mann SSJ and Isabel Zeoli, may God grant them eternal rest and give hopeful peace to those who mourn.



This week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of John & Patricia Drain requested by John & Dena Drain.

October Mass Count

Every October throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia we are asked to take attendance at our Sunday Masses. This assists the Archdiocese in trying to figure out a percentage of Catholics attending Sunday Mass. Throughout the years less Catholics are attending Sunday Mass. The covid pandemic drastically affected Mass attendance. At our Archdiocesan workshop in October, **Archbishop Perez informed us the percentage of Catholics** attending Sunday Mass in the Archdiocese is between 10 to 12%. I know how much we want to change this trend and see our brothers and sisters attend Mass with us. We need to encourage our Catholic friends and family members to please come back to Mass and receive Jesus in the most Blessed Sacrament. I do realize having this conversation at times with people is not easy. However, it is a personal invitation that is most effective in encouraging a person to come back to Mass. We must keep our hope and faith. Thank you for keeping your relationship with Jesus alive in your heart and receiving Him at Mass.

Please invite someone to attend Mass with you this week!

Average Weekly Mass Attendance

2022 - 1047 people

2021 - 1152 people

2017 – 1631 people

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.

Block Collection

2022 Annual Block / Census Collection
Number of registered families – 2179
Number of responses received – 391
Thank you for your contribution to this most important collection to keep our parish fiscally sound!

Project Hope

If you or anyone you know, needs transportation to Mass or a doctor's appointment, please call the Church Office at 610-834-1975. We are always looking for volunteer drivers; days and times are very flexible.

Shop Rite Receipts: Do you shop at Shop Rite? If so, please think about using our *Scrip Program* and save your receipt and drop them off at the Church office or put in the collection box under the bulletin board in the vestibule. Our school receives a rebate on the total amount turned in!

Sanctuary Memorials



Altar candles used this week at all Masses were donated in memory of Charles Richardson &

Mary Long Family req'd by Elaine Richardson. 2 candles will burn this week at the statue of St. Joseph in memory of Joe Gravinese & Mary Marcozzi, req'd by the Foster Family.

2 candles will burn this week at the statue of the Blessed
Mother in memory of

Rosemary & Joseph Marino req'd by Reina Marino.



Baptismal Instruction / Pre Jordan

The next session will be November 14th; 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.

<u>We Welcome</u>

Owen Joseph, son of Steven & Brigid DiSciullo, Maela Elizabeth, daughter of Eric & Michaela Ellinger, Noah Edward, son of Jonathan & Catherine Loeb and Jacob Michael, son of Michael & Katie weber. All were recently baptized here at St. Philip's!

Children are invited to offer canned goods and nonperishable items right after the Prayer of the Faithful as part of our offertory. They will be invited to come forward with their offering for the needy and place it in the baskets at the foot of the altar. These items will be donated to local food banks.



Our parish community extends a welcome to our guests and visitors. We welcome you to our Church to share our faith and celebrate the Eucharist. Please go to our website: www.saintphilipnerichurch.com for more information or if you have any questions or want to register call the Church Office at 610-834-1975.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for individuals interested in exploring and discerning membership in the Catholic Church. This program is for non-Catholics who may or may not have been baptized in another Christian Church and wish to receive the Sacraments of Penance, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. It is also for those who were baptized in the Catholic Church but never received the other Sacraments of Initiation. Call Barney McGee in the Church office at 610-834-1975 for more details.



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As always, thank you for your generosity.

Envelopes & Weekly Offering: All parishioners are encouraged to make use of the weekly parish donation envelopes which assist us in predicting our income and preparing our budget to meet expenses. Only your generosity sustains our parish for which we are truly grateful, our parishioners have always risen to meet our needs. A record of yearly contributions is kept for you in the Church Office and can be provided at any time.

SPN Women's Guild Presents 26th Annual Holiday Cookie Exchange & Yankee Gift Swap

Sunday, December 11, 2022 2PM – SPN School Hall Official Flyer to follow soon... Contact Dara Varrone at 484-919-6725 or Tish Bellingham at 484-868-1749 for info.

Calling all Bonus Turkey's

Major food chains are offering free turkey promotions if you have reached a minimum spending goal. If you would like to donate your turkey, the Patrician Society will gladly take it off your hands! Cindy Veit will be collecting them on Sunday, Nov 20th from Noon to 5PM in her driveway at 3033 Mathers Mill Road. If you prefer to simply turn in your coupon, just drop it off at the Church office (be sure you indicate which store and list the phone number associated with the account) Contact Cindy at: lwveit@gmail.com with questions.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CAPT'N CHUCKIES FUNDRAISER

We are taking orders for our Capt'n Chuckies Advent Fundraiser. Drop your order form in the collection basket, drop it off in the Church Office or drop it in the collection box in the vestibule. The deadline for orders is Dec 2nd with a pick-up date of Dec 10th in the Church vestibule from noon to 2pm. Last year the Knights donated over \$5000.00 to charities and Catholic School Scholarships...all thanks to your support!



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 are before and after all Masses on the weekend of December 3rd & 4th and before 9AM on pickup day, Wednesday, December 7th. If you need an alternate day or time please call or text to make arrangements, frozen casseroles can be dropped off at 2311 Mulberry Lane, 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!

Mother of Divine Providence Fair & Bazaar

Mother of Divine Providence in King of Prussia is holding their 21st annual Christmas Craft Fair & Bazaar on Saturday, November 19th from 9AM to 3PM in their school facility. Go to https://www.mdpparish.com/craftfair

St. Francis Inn

Many thanks for your continuous support! Items we need most; 10lb bags of rice, 5 minute oat meal, coffee, sugar large tea bags, canned food, plastic grocery bags, reusable store bags, paper towels, toilet paper, air fresheners, PineSol, bleach. DEODORANT (no roll on please), small travel size toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, toothpaste), toothbrushes, hand sanitizer, laundry soap, diapers size 6 & newborn, blue disposable face masks, twin size blankets, towels and washcloths. Winter clothing (coats, men's jeans, sweatpants, belts, sweatshirts & hoodies). Health inspector requires all coats, clothing and linens donations be laundered. Please label these bags "clean". The collection box is in the Church vestibule year-round accepting your donations. Donations may also be dropped off at the Muller's porch. 472 Poplar Lane in Whitemarsh Woods. Eternal thanks for all you do to keep us going! Donations can also be dropped off at the Muller's porch, 472 Poplar Lane in Whitemarsh Woods. Eternal thanks for all you do to keep us going!



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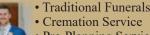
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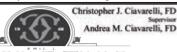
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