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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. In order to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy 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 with a parish. Young adults who turn 26 or complete higher education and continue to reside within our area should register individually.



Parish Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass

5PM

Sunday Morning

7:30AM - No Music
9:30AM & 11:00AM

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday through Saturday 8:30AM

Holy Day Mass Schedule

6:30AM, 8:30AM, & 7PM



Confessions are heard every Saturday from 3:45PM to 4:45PM or by appointment, call 610-834-1975 to schedule.

Gluten Free Hosts

Gluten free hosts are available at every Mass. The celebrant will have them available; simply ask him when you present to receive Holy Communion.

We Pray

For all those who have gone on before us marked with the sign of faith, especially the souls in purgatory. May God grant them eternal rest and give hopeful peace to those who mourn.

Dear St. Philip Neri Families & Friends

The readings from 1 Kings and Matthew 14 invite us to reflect on the profound experience of encountering God in the quiet moments of our lives. Both stories share a common theme of finding God's presence amidst turbulent times and the storms

of life. As disciples of Christ, we are reminded of the importance of seeking God's solace and guidance in prayer, especially during moments of doubt and fear. In the passage from 1 Kings, we witness the prophet Elijah seeking refuge from troubles of His ministry. Faced with persecution and despair, He journeys to the mountain of Horeb, where He longs to hear the voice of God. In the stillness of the cave,

God manifests Himself not through powerful winds, earthquakes, or fires, but in a gentle whisper. This subtle encounter with the Divine reminds us that God's presence is often found in the quiet moments, away from the noise and distractions of the world. It emphasizes the importance of setting aside time for prayer and reflection, for it is in the silence that we can hear God's voice and find solace in His loving embrace. The gospel narrative recounts the miraculous event of Jesus walking on water and Peter's bold attempt to join Him. Initially, Peter steps out of the boat in faith and confidently walks towards Jesus. However, as he becomes aware of the fierce winds and turbulent waters, fear creeps in and he begins to sink. Jesus stretches out His hand to save Peter and gently rebukes his doubt. This passage reminds us that faith can lead us to extraordinary experiences with God, but our human weaknesses may also cause us to falter. Yet, Jesus, in His infinite mercy, is always there to extend His hand and lift us up when we turn to Him in trust. Combining these two passages, we discover a beautiful message of faith, trust, and finding God's presence in the midst of life's storms. Like

Elijah, we may sometimes feel overwhelmed by the challenges we face or seek answers to our questions. In these

moments, it is essential to follow Elijah's example and withdraw to a quiet place in prayer, attentively listening for God's whisper. The story of Peter walking on water offers a parallel lesson. When we step out in faith, leaving behind the safety of our comfort zones, we may encounter storms that shake our confidence. However, just as Jesus did not abandon Peter in his moment of doubt, He will never forsake us when we call out to Him with sincere hearts. In both narratives, God shows that His power is made perfect in our weakness. He does not need grand displays of strength or miracles to reach us; rather, He meets us in our vulnerability and reveals

His presence in the stillness of our hearts. As disciples of Christ, we are encouraged to cultivate a habit of prayer and trust, knowing that God is always with us, even when we cannot perceive His presence. We are reminded to seek God in the quiet moments of our lives and to trust in Him during the storms. God's whisper can transform our fears into courage, and His outstretched hand will lift us up when we stumble. Let us be like Elijah, finding God in the silence of prayer, and like Peter, stepping out in faith even when the waves seem overwhelming. Through unwavering faith and constant prayer, we can navigate life's challenges.

Please invite someone to Mass. St. Philip Neri pray for us!

Please pray for me, have a blessed week!

Fr. Szparagowski



Mass Intentions

Monday, August 14th

St. Maximilian Kolbe

8:30AM – Santo (50th Anniversary) & Adele Caruso

Tuesday, August 15th

Assumption of Our Blessed Mother

6:30AM – Edward Givnish

8:30AM – Rita McFadden-Lofgren

7PM – Mr. & Mrs. Ray Nanartowicz

Wednesday, August 16th

St. Stephen of Hungary

8:30AM – Margaret Fitzhenry

Thursday, August 17th

8:30AM – Bill Hengemihle, Sr.

Friday, August 18th

8:30AM – John Pacell

Saturday, August 19th

St. John Eudes

8:30AM – Andrew Dotzman



Sanctuary Memorials



1 candle will burn at the statue of the Blessed Mother for Karen Rinaldi req'd by Frank & Maryellen Bucci.

2 candles will burn at the statue of St. Joseph
1 for John P. McCarthy Sr., req'd by McCarthy Family
1 for Robert Getz, req'd by Carol Getz & Family.

Bread & wine used at all Masses this week are for the intentions of Martin G. Hamburger,
reg'd by Maryann & Barbara.



This week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of John Paul Giosa, req'd by Giosa Family.

2nd Collection Today – Catholic University



Please pray for our sick, the home-bound, and those in nursing homes, we particularly remember:

George Alburger, Nancy Bogdon, Susan Bonner, Audrey Michelle Cacchio, Lou Cacchio, Ava Love Conley, Elizabeth Cunningham, Charlie Dickman, Clare DiDonato, Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores Downes, Jean Girard, Kathryn Griffin, Andrea Harrison, Winifred Headman, Kathleen Kunes, Ann Litman, Richard Lewis, Mary & Molly Lozinak, Phyllis Luther, Greg deGroot Maggetti, James Maggetti, Robyn Lee Malachebski, Joan Marine, Bernie McLafferty Sr, Julia McLaughlin, Baby Avery McNichols, Steven Merlin, Randolph & Sylvia Miller, Christopher Minetti, Joe McLaughlin, Annie Hope Munn, Joe O'Brien, Baby Addison Pfeffer, William Pinto, Remo Pitassi, Maria Prince, Ann Purkin, John Reynolds, David Sandy, John Schaifer, Tim Schwartz, Michael Shaw, Robert Smith, David Sparacino, Betty Sparks, Brian Stenz, Amy Swift, Kena Thompson, Patricia Trioli, Frank Tulino, William Wilder, may God strengthen them in their struggle.

Our bulletin sick list will list the names of the sick for a 6-week period, if additional time is needed, please call the Church Office at 610-834-1975.

The 2024 Announced Mass Book has not been opened yet, the opening date will be published in the bulletin a couple of weeks beforehand. However, there are other memorials available, sanctuary lamp, BVM and St. Joseph candles, altar candles, bread & wine used for Masses. Stop by or call the Church Office (610-834-1975) to reserve in someone's memory.



Feast of the Assumption - Tuesday, August 15th
Holy Day of Obligation
Masses at 6:30AM, 8:30AM & 7:00PM

Our Church is open Monday thru Friday from 7:30AM to 5PM, its cool, its quiet and Christ is present in the tabernacle...in a world spinning in all directions, why not stop by and find calm in the storm...recharge.

Summer Repairs

Thank you to all who, as usual, generously contributed to our summer repairs collection. The collection helps to offset the expense of extensive concrete work that is being completed around the parish grounds. A much-needed upgrade to the Church microphone system is in the works as well. If you wish to contribute, please use the envelope that was sent to parishioners or simply drop your contribution in the Sunday collection.

Thank you for your faithful support!

Church Roof & Concrete Project Update

Five large sections are completed already, just a couple more weeks and the job will be completed! Detailed pictures are being posted on parish constant contact, sign up to see if you haven't already. The concrete replacement has begun as well at the Germantown Pike entrance to the property. Access to the Church will be kept clear but just be aware of contractors equipment. Thank you!



For information call Fr. David Friel at 610-667-5778



Baptismal Instruction / Pre Jordan

The next session will be August 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

PROJECT HOPE

HOPE is a group of concerned people who are willing to assist others with transportation to places within the community such as doctor's offices, therapy centers and Church. Please call Brigid at 267-879-6534 to see if we can help with any of these needs. We are always in need of new volunteers, please consider offering some of your time.

St. Monica Club

Have your loved ones drifted away from the Church? Are you worried that they may not return? What are we to do? Follow the example of St. Monica and PRAY WITHOUT CEASING! Join us for the first meeting of the St. Monica Club on September 19, 2023 at 7PM in the Convent Chapel. We will pray together, talk about how to love those who are rejecting the faith and be good witnesses for them, and share the good news when prayers are answered. For more information, please contact Sharon Otto at 484-804-1875.



Do you have a good voice? Now is the time to join SPN's Music Ministry and share your gifts with our parish community. Soprano, alto, tenor & bass are all welcome. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings 7-9PM.

Contact Jean at 215-704-0508 or

www.jeanmartin@spnlh.org



Anointing of the Sick

Primarily intended as prayers for healing from serious illness or as a spiritual preparation before surgery, it can involve multiple sacraments; Penance, Anointing & Eucharist. When death is imminent, it serves as "Last Rites" which include a special Apostolic Pardon. Please do not delay in calling for your elderly or chronically ill family member.

Call the Church Office to schedule an anointing.



Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are scheduled for the 2nd & 4th Sunday of every month immediately following the 11AM Mass. For first time parents, Pre-Jordan classes are required. Deacon Mike Cipressi conducts these classes via zoom appointments, they are offered on the 2nd Monday of the month. Godparents are required to obtain Letters of Eligibility; these letters are due at the Parish Office at least one week before the scheduled baptismal date. Call the Church Office at 610-834-1975 to schedule a Baptism and/or to register for the Pre-Jordan Class.



Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements must be made with a priest at least 6 months prior to your desired wedding date, contact the Church Office at 610-834-1975 to schedule. The Archdiocese requires that couples attend a Pre-Cana class before marriage. At this time, we ask you to go to www.archphila.org, under marriage preparations to take class on line. Liturgy and musical planning are done through Mrs. Jean Martin our Director of Music (215-704-0508).

Nourish for Caregivers

Legal & practical aspects of caregiving, Wednesday, Sept 20th 1:30PM to 2:45PM at Epiphany of Our Lord Church. RSVP by Sept 6th by calling 610-828-8634.



National Eucharistic Revival

This second year of the revival is directed to parishes, institutions, and communities in an effort to cultivate a deeper appreciation for the Eucharist. The archdiocese has developed a wonderful website with videos, commentaries, prayers & devotions, etc. for people of all ages.

Please go to revival@archphila.org



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 information.



Please know your weekly contribution is most appreciated and essential to the financial health of the parish. On line giving is easy and time saving, go to the parish website to sign up.

Be Encouraged / Catholic Support for Mental Health

Resources to assist with healing, accompaniment, and flourishing. The archdiocese has launched a website with resources to support those who are experiencing mental health struggles and those who love them. The website offers links to find Catholic clinicians, local crisis response phone numbers and ministries that can assist with recovery and healing. Visit Be Encouraged at:

www.archphila.org/support

PREP Program

We need some help; do you love Jesus? Do you want to help children love Him, too, especially in the Eucharist?

Then you need to join our vibrant team of faith-filled catechists and aides. There is so much you can do in just a few hours in an afternoon! On Mondays & Tuesdays, we have positions for a level 4 & 5 classroom lead teachers and aides, yard monitors, and a snack volunteer. We also have 2 aid positions for level 2 & 3. We begin PREP in September, but if you call now, we can help you prepare to receive the children in His name. All training will be provided. Call Sharon Otto at 484-804-1875 or www.spnprep@spnschool.org

Women's Guild News

Happy summer everyone! I would like to take time to thank everyone who supported and attended our Guild events this past year. Our membership drive will begin

in September, we hope you consider becoming a member. Keep an eye out for our flyer in the bulletin with more details. All are welcome! I would also like to thank Fr. Szparagowski for his continued support and guidance. To be included on our mailing list contact Paula DiGiacomo @ pdigiacomo1952@yahoo.com or Deanna Marrone @ dmdm3179@aol.com

St. Francis Inn

Many thanks for your continuous support! The listing of current needs is attached to the collection box in the vestibule. They have an amazon wish list for direct donations and a PayPal linked to our website: www.stfrancisinn.org. The collection box is in the Church vestibule year-round accepting your donations. Donations can also be dropped off at the Muller's porch, 472 Poplar Lane in Whitemarsh Woods.

Help Wanted - Rectory Cook

Eating is necessary but cooking is an art! Local parish rectory seeks to hire a part-time (2-3 Days weekly, 3:30PM-6PM, hourly rate) experienced cook who will plan& serve healthy, well-balanced meals within a budget, shop & keep kitchen stocked and maintain the kitchen & dining areas.

To apply go to: agoodcook4u@gmail.com



School News

Our school is looking for middle school teachers. Interested candidates should email their letter of interest along with their resume to the principal at: venezialee@spnschool.org



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!

GIANT, ACME, SHOP RITE, WEIS, KOHLS, BOSCOVS, MACY'S & LOWES just to name a few. Cards are available in the Church Office, Monday to Friday, 8AM to 5PM.



Pregnant? You are not alone! Get the help you need, scan the QR code then enter your zip code to find local resources.

Retrouvaille

This program helps couples in hurting marriages put the pieces back together and rebuild loving relationships. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, Retrouvaille may be able to help. For information call 1-800-587-4505.

St. John's Hospice

St. John's Hospice casserole donation program is looking for casseroles. The next drop off dates are before and after all Masses on the weekend of Sept 2nd & 3rd, and before 9AM on pick-up day, Wednesday, Sept 6th. If you need an alternate day or time call Lynn Kennedy at 610-828-6728, or email at lkennedy1071@comcast.net. Dropoff address is 2311 Mulberry Lane (right across Ridge Pike from the Church).

Spiritual Adoption Update

Your baby is quite active in the womb now...although the mother won't feel him for another couple of months. If his mother's womb had a window, you could watch your spiritually adopted baby squint, swallow and move his tongue. He can make a tight fist if you touch his palm. He is breathing amniotic fluid which continues until birth, although he obtains oxygen his body needs through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for weighs one ounce. Early this month, at just 9 weeks, he began to suck his thumb.

8th Annual Padre Pio Festival

St. Bede the Venerable in Holland, PA welcomes all to the festival on Sept 16th & 17th. Starting Saturday with the all-American Picnic (tickets sold at event), games and amusements for children, food & craft vendors, and live music. The highlight is the 5:30 Vigil Mass followed by blessings with relics of Padre Pio. Go to: Padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com or call 215-357-5720.

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