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Parish Office is open Monday to Friday
from 7:30AM to 5PM.



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

Low Gluten Hosts

Lab certified, under 20 parts per million are available at every Mass. The celebrant will have them available, simply ask him when you present to receive.



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 and active with a parish. Young adults who turn 26 or complete higher education and continue to reside within our area should register individually.



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



We Pray

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



3rd Sunday of Easter

5PM Vigil – Donna Montalvo

Sunday, May 4th

7:30AM – Christopher & Aniela Brown

9:30AM – Giovanni Cesareo

11AM – Joan Regan

Monday, May 5th

8:30AM – Bob Sague

Tuesday, May 6th

8:30AM – William Wilder

Wednesday, May 7th

8:30AM – Paul Muller

Thursday, May 8th

8:30AM – Anthony Maresca

Friday, May 9th

8:30 AM – John Tammany

Saturday, May 10th

Sts. John of Avila & Damien de Veuster

8:30AM – Thomas F Keane III & Thomas F Keane Jr

Frank & Concetta Lupinacci & Family

Vigil – Shirley Gioia



*We joyfully welcome the newest members
of our parish family!*

Weston Peter,

son of Justin Kopp & Melanie Criscuolo.

Brody Charles,

son of Brian & Genevieve Devlin.

Ryan James,

son of Sean & Kelsey Hushon.

Lyla Marie,

daughter of William & Stephanie McDougall.

Wesley J,

son of Patrick & Beatrice Nolan.

Miles Edward,

son of Michael & Ryan Stanton.

Merrick Dyer,

son of James & Hope Toolan.

*All were recently baptized into our Church
and parish family here at St. Philip's.*

*We will be crowning the Blessed Mother at
all Masses this weekend to celebrate her
month of May.*



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

George Alburger, Nancy Bogdon, Rich Brennan,
Charlie Day, Charlie Dickman, Claire DiDonato,
Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores Downes,
Eileen Drab,

Winnie Headman, Johnny Higson, Vic Kost,
Dawn Kownacki, Suzanne Kuliver, Phyllis Luther,
Joan Marine, Terrence Martin, Rowan McNichol,
Randy Milakofsky, Elizabeth Peirce, William Pinto,
Maria Prince, Jim Schroeder, Michael Shaw,
Helen Snyder, David Sparacino, George Szparagowski Sr,
Betty Sparks, Brian Stenz, Amy Swift, Patricia Trioli,
Frank Tulino, and Jamie Zaimes.

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.*

Sanctuary Memorials



2 candles will burn at the statue of the Blessed Mother.

1 for Alexis Drab.

1 in celebration of Peg & Dave Naab's
Wedding Anniversary.

1 candle will burn at the statue of St. Joseph.
In celebration of Peg & Dave Naab's Wedding
Anniversary.

2nd Collection Today - Catholic Home Missions

Pre Jordan / Baptismal Instruction

If you are having your first child baptized, the
archdiocese requires the parents to attend a Pre-
Jordan Class. Deacon Mike Cipressi hosts these
virtual classes on a monthly basis. Call the Church
Office at 610-834-1975.



**We welcome Elizabeth Shin our new Parish Music
Ministry Director, please make her feel welcome as we
look forward to getting to know her as she leads the
music ministry here at St. Philip's!**



We give praise and thanks to God for the graces He has given us! Today's Gospel brings us to a beautiful and tender scene: the Risen Christ appears once more to His disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. They have returned to something familiar – fishing – perhaps unsure what to do next after the overwhelming events of Holy Week and Easter. And yet, even in their confusion, even in their return to old routines, Jesus seeks them out. He calls to them from the shore, providing not only an abundant catch of fish, but also a meal and, most importantly, His mercy and a new mission. Notice first what happens; after a night of fruitless labor, it is Jesus who provides the abundance. He tells them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat", and suddenly they cannot haul in the net because of the great number of fish. Without Jesus, they catch nothing; with Him, their nets overflow. This is a clear reminder for us; without Christ, all our labors are ultimately empty. Our own plans, our own efforts, even when well-intentioned, come to nothing without the blessing and guidance of the Lord. It is only by following His voice – often quiet, often calling to us in the midst of our ordinary days – that our lives bear true fruit. Then comes that simple yet profound moment; "Jesus said to them, 'Come, have breakfast.'" The Risen Lord, conqueror of sin and death, humbly cooks for His friends. This is our God – not distant, not cold – but deeply personal and caring. He knows our needs; not just our spiritual hunger, but our physical and emotional hunger too. He invites us to come to Him for nourishment, rest, and renewal. But the heart of today's Gospel lies in what happens next; the conversation between Jesus and Peter. Three times Jesus asks, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Three times, Peter affirms his love. And three times Jesus entrusts him with a mission; "Feed my lambs. Tend my sheep. Feed my sheep." Just as Jesus looked at Peter with trust, Jesus now looks to the Church to recognize His chosen shepherd – someone who, like Peter, is imperfect, but willing to say,

"Lord, you know that I love you."

Yes, let us pray:

That the Holy Spirit guide the cardinals in their discernment.

That the new pope, like Peter, may be a rock in faith and a shepherd in love with His sheep.

That he will have courage to lead, humility to serve, and a heart open to the will of God.

And so, it is with us. We may think that our sins, our failures, our past mistakes disqualify us from serving God. But Jesus says otherwise. If we love Him – even imperfectly- He can use us. Jesus can build something beautiful out of our brokenness, just as He did with Peter. No matter where we are today – whether we feel strong or weak, confident or confused – Jesus stands on the shore of our lives calling to us. He asks us, "Do you love me?" And if we say yes, even falteringly, He gives us a mission; to care for one another, to love, to witness to the Gospel in our words and in our lives.

May God bless you all.

Please invite someone to Mass today.

St. Philip Neri, pray for us.

Fr. Szparagowski



Baptism

Baptisms are scheduled on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of every month immediately following the 11AM Mass.

Godparents need Letters of Eligibility, for first time parents the Pre-Jordan Class is required. Call the Church Office at 610-834-1975 to make arrangements.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made with a priest at least 6 months prior to wedding date. Pre-Cana classes are required, contact Church office at 610-834-1975.

Anointing of the Sick

Primarily intended as prayers and anointing for healing from serious illness or as a spiritual preparation before surgery. Last Rites or Extreme Unction are for those in danger of imminent death. Call rectory or Church Office.

Are you a Parent who has Lost a Child?

An informal group of moms & dads get together to talk or just listen. Contact Judy Sturm at 610-909-2034 or Karen Montgomery at 215-920-5269.

Project Hope

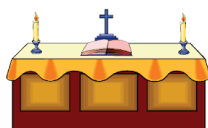
Provides transportation for needy people to a doctor's appointment or Sunday Mass.

Call Brigid at 267-879-6534.



Our parish on-line giving program is easy and can be stopped or adjusted at any time. Go to the parish website to sign up: www.saintphilipnerichurch.com in these busy times please do not forget your parish.

As always, thank you for your generosity!



Announced Masses for 2025 are available as well as Memorial Candles, Sanctuary Lamp, and Altar Bread Memorials. If you would like to check availability please stop by or call the Church Office at 610-834-1975.



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Monday, May 12th in the Church from 9AM to 5PM

Family Rosary

Join the Knights of Columbus on Wednesday, May 14th in the Church for our rosary. Bring your special intentions to our Mother Mary and ask her intercession.

Metropolitan Tribunal

The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church. If you are divorced and want to marry in the Church or remarried outside the Catholic Church, please call the Tribunal Office at 215-587-3750 or visit: www.archphila.org

Mother's Day **Spiritual Bouquets**

Spiritual Bouquet Cards for living or deceased moms are available at the doors of the Church. Please return in the collection basket.
Mother's Day is May 11th.



SPN Blood Drive

St. Philip Neri School Gym

Friday, May 30th

12PM to 5PM

Call 1-800-RED-CROSS or go to:

www.redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment or for information.

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing."

Book of Revelations



Parish Committees

Please prayerfully consider lending your time and talents in helping our parish establish several new outreach programs. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule with collection box. We can only grow as a parish if, together, we all do our part, large or small in achieving our common goal.

Carlo Acutis Raffle Basket

After all Masses this weekend and next (May 10 & 11) members of the Carlo Acutis Committee will be selling raffle tickets to help cover the costs of hosting the exhibition here at SPN. Winner to be announced at conclusion of exhibit, thank you for your support and please be sure to attend the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit May 17th & 18th.



Blessed Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Encounter Event May 17th & 18th

Our parish is honored to host the Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Encounter Event as part of the ongoing Eucharistic Revival in the US. Blessed Carlos is set to be canonized a saint by Pope Francis on April 27th. He had a deep love for the Blessed Sacrament and used his technological abilities to develop a website cataloging all the Extraordinary Eucharistic Miracles that have occurred throughout the world. A display will be presented in the school cafeteria along with opportunities to venerate a first-class relic. Confessions will be available, along with adoration and a documentary video. Do not miss this wonderful opportunity to learn more about this remarkable young man. More details to come!



Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope.
Celebrating the 2025th anniversary of the Incarnation. The Holy Father opened the Holy Door in Rome on Dec 24th, opening the year of joy. Go to www.archphila.org for more information.

Join the St. Monica Club

Are your loved ones drifting away from the Church? Do you worry they may not find their way back? You're not alone, and there is a way to make a difference. Follow the example of St. Monica and pray without ceasing! We'll meet May 20th at 7pm, in the convent chapel. Together we pray for those we care about, share strategies to show love and support to those struggling with their faith. at 484-804-1875, please park in front of the garage and enter through the main door.



All major food stores and major clothes retailers have cards available; 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, **FLOCCO'S**, BOSCOVS, MACY'S & LOWES just to name a few.

Cards are available in the Church Office.

St. John's Hospice

Casseroles can be home made or store bought. The next drop off dates are anytime between May 3rd and May 7th. If you need an alternate date or time call Eileen at 215-939-8368, or email at: hurdles28@hotmail.com drop off is at 2308 Mulberry Lane.

St. Francis Inn

Always looking for volunteers, go to volunteers@stfrancisinn.org

Keep us in your prayers! 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.



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