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if you have love for one another."



5th Sunday of Easter / May 18, 2025

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&

Deacon Michael J. Cipressi



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.

Parish Staff

Michael Pastorius, *Business Manager*

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Mrs. Sharon Otto, *Director of Religious Education*

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Barney McGee, *Parish Accountant*

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.



**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.**



5th Sunday of Easter

5PM Vigil – Annetta & Peter Terreri, Sr.

Sunday, May 18th

7:30AM – Joseph Daywalt - 3rd Anniversary

9:30AM – Fr. Szparagowski – Ordination Anniversary

11AM – Ken Dougherty Family & Stephan

Monday, May 19th

8:30AM – George Summers

Tuesday, May 20th

St. Bernardine of Siena

8:30AM – Alfred Augustine

Wednesday, May 21st

St. Christopher Magallanes

8:30AM – Mary Naab

Thursday, May 22nd

St. Rita of Casia

8:30AM – John Brooks

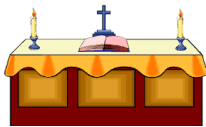
Friday, May 23rd

8:30 AM – Sr. Mary Dacey, SSJ

Saturday, May 24th

8:30AM – Conrad DeLong

Vigil – Roman Dowdy



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, June 9th in the Church from 9AM to 5PM



Heartfelt congratulations to Fr. Szparagowski on the 23rd anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. We are grateful for his service to our parish and God's Church, keep Father and his family in your prayers.



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

George Alburger, Nancy Bogdon, Charlie Day, Charlie Dickman, Claire DiDonato, Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores Downes, Eileen Drab, Kathleen Fritz, Winnie Headman, Johnny Higson, Vic Kost, Dawn Kownacki, Mary Jo Katona, 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



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the intentions of Nina Pontino & Family.

A candle will burn in front of the statues of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph, in thanksgiving for and for the intentions of Fr. Szparagowski in commemoration of his 23rd anniversary of priestly ordination.

A candle will burn at the statue of the Blessed Mother for Dennis Hardy & Family, req'd by Anthony Nunno.

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



We give praise and thanks to God for the graces and blessings He has given us. Today's Gospel brings us back to the Upper Room, to the night of the Last Supper. In these final, intimate moments with His disciples before His Passion, Jesus gives them – and us – a new commandment: *“Love one another, as I have loved you, so you also should love one another.”* At first, this may not sound so new. After all, the command to love appears throughout Scripture. But the way Jesus tells us to love is what is radically different. ***“As I have loved you.”*** Jesus sets Himself as the model. Not just love as you would like to be loved, but love as *He* has loved – selflessly, sacrificially, completely. How did Jesus love? He washed the feet of His disciples, taking the posture of a servant. He broke bread and gave it as His body, offering His very life. He prayed for those who would betray, deny, and abandon Him. He loved to the point of death on a Cross. This is the measure of love that Christ calls us to – not a love of convenience, not a love based on how we feel at the moment, but a love that chooses the good of the other, no matter the cost. A love that forgives. A love that serves. A love that endures. And Jesus tells us something else: ***“This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”*** Love is meant to be our Christian identity card. It is how the world should recognize us – not by our possessions, not by the clothes we wear, not by our achievements, but by the way we love. This is both a beautiful gift and a great responsibility. Imagine if every person who met a Catholic thought, “they are different because of how much the love.” Imagine if the Church, in every time and place, was known first and foremost as the community where no one was left behind, where the lonely found family, where the broken found healing, where enemies found mercy. That is the kind of love that has the power to change the world – and that is the kind of love Christ entrusts to us. But we must remember; we cannot do this on our own. Love like Christ's is not something we can simply will ourselves into by trying harder. It is something we receive first – from Him. It is Christ's love within us that enables us to love beyond our human limits. When we come to Mass, when we pray, when we open our hearts to God's grace, we are filled again and again with His love – not to keep it for ourselves, but to share His love with others. As we continue our journey through the Easter season, let us ask ourselves honestly; **Who in my life needs to experience Christ's love through me?** Is it someone who has hurt me? Someone I have neglected? Someone in my family, my workplace, my parish? Jesus is not asking for perfection. He is asking for faithfulness – for hearts willing to love as He loves, one choice, one moment at a time. May our love – humble, and steadfast – proclaim to the world that Christ is truly risen and alive in us.

Please invite someone to Mass today.

St, Philip Neri, pray for us.

Fr. Szparagowski



We pray for our new pope, Leo XIV. May the Holy Spirit guide his papacy as he leads the Church in the path of the Gospel. We ask the intercession of our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph to protect him always!
Viva il papa!



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.

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

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!



Parish Committees

Thank you to all who responded to our request to participate as a volunteer on a parish committee. We are collating the information and will reach out as soon as we finish. These committees will have a great impact on parish life here at SPN. Thank you!



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.



A Healing Presence

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www.stjosephvilla.org for more details.



Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Manna Bags are due back today, Sunday May 18th in the vestibule. The hard deadline is noon on Monday, May 19th when they will be picked up and taken to the Patrician Society in Norristown.

"The last degree of love is when He gave Himself to us to be our food; because He gave Himself to be united with us in every way."

St. Bernardine of Sienna / Feast Day May 20th

Carlo Acutis Raffle Basket

After all Masses this weekend 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.

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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!

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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 31st and June 4th. 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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