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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.**



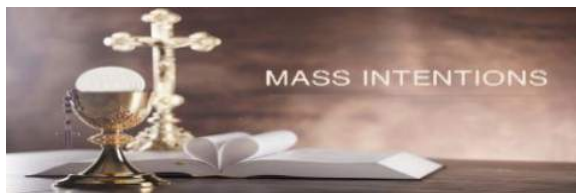
We Pray

For all those souls who have gone on before us marked with the sign of faith, most especially, Joan T. Jones, Sr. Theresa McKenna SSJ, Sr. Roseann Treston SSJ and the souls in purgatory. May God, in His mercy, grant them eternal rest and give hopeful peace to those who mourn.

"God loves us, god loves all of you, and evil will not prevail!

We are all in God's hands. Therefore, without fear, united hand in hand with God and each other – let us go forward."

Pope Leo XIV



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5PM Vigil – Roman Dowdy

Sunday, May 25th

7:30AM – Michael Paduano, Sr.

9:30AM – Alice Reiff

11AM – Gerry Costello

Monday, May 26th

St. Philip Neri

8:30AM – Timothy McNichol

Tuesday, May 27th

St. Augustine of Canterbury

8:30AM – Gloria Bello

Wednesday, May 28th

8:30AM – David Bartynski

Thursday, May 29th

Ascension of the Lord

6:30AM – George Szparagowski, Sr.

8:30AM – Hank Fisher – 47th Anniversary

7PM – Catherine Conway

Friday, May 30th

8:30 AM – Joe D'Angelo

Saturday, May 31st

8:30AM – Ann Marie Sanders

Vigil – Jeanne Testa



**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
on June 9th, 9AM to 5PM in the Church.**



**We welcome Madeline Anne, daughter of
James & Erin Ellis who was recently
baptized into our faith and our parish
communitycongratulations!**

Prayer Request

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

**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, Suzanne Kuliver, Phyllis Luther,

Joan Marine, Terrence Martin, Rowan McNichol,

Randy Milakofsky, Donovan Mitchell,

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 in memory of
Dominick Quinn, req'd by Rosemary Eberwine.

A candle will burn in front of the statue of the
Blessed Mother in celebration & thanksgiving
for the 58th Wedding Anniversary of
Rich & Ann Gregory.

A candle will burn at the Statue of the Blessed
Mother in memory of Sadie Brannigan,
req'd by Brian & Beth Barlow.



**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.**



We give praise and thanks to God for the graces and blessings He has given us. The Gospel of John brings us deep into the heart of Jesus' farewell discourse. As he prepares to leave His Apostles through His Passion and Resurrection, He makes a promise that would have filled their fearful hearts with hope; *"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."* And then He says; *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you."* Jesus promises **His peace** – not a temporary peace, not a fragile truce, but a peace that no suffering, no confusion, no loss can destroy. It is the peace that comes from knowing that even when life feels uncertain, even when the path ahead is unclear, God is faithful to us. He is with us. He has given us His Spirit to guide, teach, and strengthen us. The Holy Spirit is the living presence of God within us. It is the Spirit who reminds us of the truth when we are tempted to forget. It is the Spirit who brings us courage when fear paralyzes us. It is the Spirit who makes Christ alive in His Church and alive in our hearts. Today, we also remember **St. Philip Neri**, often called the *"Apostle of Rome."* St. Philip lived in the 1500's, a time when Rome was suffering from spiritual darkness and corruption. Yet he responded not with anger or despair, but with charity, joy, simplicity, and contagious love. Guided by the Holy Spirit, St. Philip rebuilt the Church not by grand political moves, but by winning souls one by one – with kindness, charity, mercy, laughter, humor, prayer, and deep holiness. He once said, *Cheerfulness strengthens the heart and makes us persevere in a good life. Therefore, the servant of God should always be in good spirits."* St. Philip understood that Christian joy – real joy – is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. It is not based on having a perfect life, but on trusting that God holds us in His hands no matter what. He taught that holiness and happiness are not opposites. In fact, the saints are the happiest people, because they are the freest people – free from fear, from the chains of sin, and from the world's empty promises. What does this mean for us today? It means that Jesus' promise in the Gospel is still real. The Holy Spirit is still at work – in the Church, and in our own lives. If we stay close to Christ through prayer, the sacraments, and acts of charity, the Spirit will continue to teach us, guide us, and give us a peace that cannot be taken away. And like St. Philip Neri, we are called to share that peace and joy with a weary world. There are so many people today longing for peace – real peace, not the shallow version the world offers. There are so many who have never experienced the joy that comes from knowing they are deeply loved by God. We are called to be instruments of that peace and witnesses of that joy. So today. Let us pray; Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts. Remind us of Christ's love. Make us instruments of His peace and His joy in the world. Through the example of St. Philip Neri, may we live our faith not with heavy burdens, but with hearts on fire with charity, love, laughter, and holiness.

Please invite someone to Mass today.

St, Philip Neri, pray for us.

Fr. Szparagowski

Big SPN Welcome for Deacon Dominic Miranda

Join me in welcoming Deacon Dominic to our parish. He will be with us for 6 weeks over the summer and on the weekends during the school year. We look forward to getting to know him and to join him on his road to priestly ordination in May, 2026.



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.



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.

Use the QR code below to sign-up.

As always, thank you for your generosity!



Pope Leo XIV has chosen a motto that reflects his Augustinian background: *In Illo uno unum*, which means "In the One, we are one." The phrase is taken from Saint Augustine's Exposition on Psalm 127, where he explains that "although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one."



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.



St. Joseph Villa in Flourtown, is a well-respected Catholic senior living community and sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph. They provide short- and long-term care with skilled nursing in a resident-centered environment. Call 215-248-7847 or go to: www.stjosephvilla.org for more details.

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

Project Hope

Provides transportation for needy people to a doctor's appointment or Sunday Mass.
Call Brigid at 267-879-6534.

"He who wishes for anything but Christ, does not know what he wishes; he who asks for anything but Christ, does not know what he is asking; he who works, and not for Christ, does not know what he is doing!
St. Philip Neri / Feast Day – May 26th



With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, five Transitional Deacons were ordained to the Sacred Order of Priesthood. The Solemn Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Nelson Perez at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul on Saturday, May 17th Please pray for these new priests who follow in the footsteps of so many.

Rev. Robert T. Bollinger
Rev. Peter Nho V. Nguyen
Rev. Przemyslaw L. Rozestwinski
Rev. Edward G. Town
Rev. Richard S. Withers

Our Lady of the Clergy, pray for them!



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 Whitmarsh Woods.



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Pope Leo XIV's coat of arms offers a clear reflection of his Augustinian roots and the values he seeks to promote during his pontificate, particularly unity and communion within the Church.

The shield is divided diagonally into two sections. The upper half features a blue background with a white lily. The lower half of the shield has a light background and displays an image that recalls the Order of Saint Augustine: a closed book with a heart pierced by an arrow. This is a direct reference to the conversion experience of Saint Augustine himself, who described his personal encounter with God's Word using the phrase: "*Vulnerasti cor meum verbo tuo*" – "*You have pierced my heart with your Word.*"

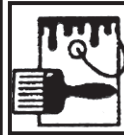
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