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as we also are one.”

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER / JUNE 1, 2025

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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, Sr. Bernard Joseph Howe SSJ, Thomas Burke and the souls in purgatory. May God, in His mercy, grant them eternal rest and give hopeful peace to those who mourn.

"In her voyage across the ocean of this world, the Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship but to keep her on course."

St. Boniface / Feast Day June 5th



7th Sunday of Easter

5PM Vigil – Jeanne Testa

Sunday, June 1st

7:30AM – Sonnie & Stella Travagline
Johnnie & Pauline DiCiurcio

9:30AM – Michael & Ann Halloran

11AM – Joseph & Yolanda DeVita

Monday, June 2nd

Ss. Marcellinus & Peter

8:30AM – Ellen Ann Willemin

Tuesday, June 3rd

St. Charles Lwanga & Companions

8:30AM – Patricia Byrne Rappucci

Wednesday, June 4th

8:30AM – Bob Sague

Thursday, June 5th

St. Boniface

8:30AM – Cathy Kopach

Friday, June 6th

St. Norbert

8:30 AM – Carol M. Kearney

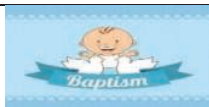
Saturday, June 7th

8:30AM – Dolores McAllister

Vigil – Cathy Kopach



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



**We welcome Quinn Maia, daughter of Kevin &
Kaitlyn O'Neill who was recently baptized into
our faith and our parish community!**

**"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first
and the last, the beginning and the end."**

Book of Revelation

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,

Chris Solarski, David Sparacino,

George Szparagowski Sr, Betty Sparks,

Brian Stenz, Amy Swift, Patricia Trioli,

Frank Tulino, Jamie Zaines, and Muriel Zwicker.

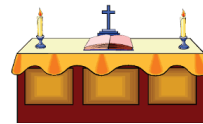
May God strengthen them in their struggle.

*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 in memory of Bob Sague,
req'd by Abiuso Family.



**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.**

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 give praise and thanks to God for the graces and blessings He has given us. As we come to the final Sunday before Pentecost, the Church gives us a powerful window into the heart of Jesus. Today's Gospel is taken from what is often called "High Priestly Prayer" of Jesus; a deeply intimate prayer He prays to the Father on the night before His Passion, and at the center of this prayer is a plea; "That they may all be one." Jesus is not praying for uniformity. He is praying for unity. And there is a difference. Uniformity demands that we all look, sound, and think alike, but unity is richer; it is the harmony of many voices singing in tune, the Church as one body with many parts, living in love and truth. Notice, too, that Jesus is not just praying for His apostles. He says: "I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word". That is us! Jesus was thinking of *you* and *me* in that Upper Room. He prayed for our unity, not just as a theological ideal, but as a lived witness to the world. "That they may be one...so that the world may believe." In a world so fractured by division whether it be political, social, even personal, Jesus offers a radically different vision. The Church, by its very nature, is meant to be a sign of communion: communion with God and with one another. The early Church knew this well, and we see it lived out dramatically in our first reading from Acts. Stephen, the first martyr, is being stoned to death, but he is not filled with bitterness or vengeance. Instead, like Jesus, he prays, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them: Stephen's death is not just about courage, it is about communion. He is so united with Christ that he echoes Jesus' mercy even in his last breath. That is unity born of love. But this kind of unity does not come from us alone. It is a grace. It is the gift that comes from staying rooted in Jesus through prayer, and the sacraments; especially the Eucharist. In the Eucharist, we are drawn into the very life of God, into the love between the Father and the Son. That is why Jesus says. "I in them and you in me...that they may be brought to perfection as one."

Unity begins not with programs or debates, but with *relationship* – our relationship with Christ and our willingness to live His love in the ordinary moments of life; in our families, in our parishes, in how we speak of others, especially those we find difficult. Today's second reading from Revelation gives us a beautiful and hopeful image. Jesus says. "I am coming soon." And the Holy Spirit and the Bride, the Church, respond, "Come!". That is the cry of a Church that is united in love and waiting in hope. So, let us ask ourselves; How am I answering Jesus' prayer for unity? Do I sow peace or division? Do I build bridges or walls? Do I allow the love of Christ to shape how I treat those around me, especially when it is inconvenient? As we prepare for Pentecost next week, let us remember; the Holy Spirit is the bond of unity and love. May He fill our hearts anew and help us to live in such a way that the world may believe that Jesus truly is Lord, and that in Him, all things, and all people, can be made one.

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.

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!



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.

*"I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord.
I will come back to you,
and your hearts will rejoice."*



Pass on the faith – Become a catechist!

We're looking for passionate, faithful volunteers to teach on **Mondays or Tuesday's** from 4:15 to 5:30PM.

Top 5 reasons to say Yes!

- It's **fun** and rewarding-grow in a vibrant community!
- Your **faith will come alive** as you teach.
- It's an **honor** to share the Gospel and shape young hearts.
- You'll be a voice of **truth** in a world that needs it.
- The best way to **learn** is to teach!

Interested? Let's talk!

Contact Sharon Otto at

sharonotto@spnprep.org or 484-804-1875



Rooted in the Catholic Faith, we provide retreats, programs and events that help people deepen their relationship with God and find peace and healing.

Go to www.malvernRetreat.com or call 610-644-0400.

Carlos Acutis Exhibit

Thank you to our parish committee who planned and organized last week's exhibit. The display was very well done and many people came to venerate the relic of our newest, soon to be, saint. Congratulations to the Manning Family who was picked as the winner of the raffle basket!



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!

Project Hope

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

Pro-Life Corner

Month 3 – Developing Baby

Your baby is quite active in the womb now – although his 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 the 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.



Manna Bags

Thank you to all who dropped off a filled Manna Bag. As usual the collection was a success and all food collected was given to the Patrician Society in Norristown who serves over 2,000 families in our area. The food collected will help them keep their shelves full this summer. Well done St. Philip's once again when the call came you answered!

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 meet at 7pm, in the convent chapel, June date to be announced. Together we pray for those we care about, share strategies to show love and support to those struggling with their faith.

Call 484-804-1875 for more information.



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**, BOSCOV'S, 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 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.



Knights of Columbus

Thanks to all who participated in our Memorial Day Flag fundraiser. We had over 120 flags in the circle in front of Church! They will be put out again for the 4th of July and Veterans Day.

Pancake Breakfast today in the cafeteria after the 7:30AM & 9:30AM Masses

Our Council donated over \$5,000.00 to charities and scholarships last year and with the success of our recent chance drive we plan on at least doubling that number. These donations / scholarships are due to your support of our various fundraisers, thank you by supporting us you are helping others!



The Church has dedicated the month of June to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Sacred Heart is a profound and enduring symbol in our Church, representing the immense love and mercy of Jesus. A symbol of His redemptive suffering for the whole world. There are many different devotions and novenas to the Sacred Heart, especially notable are the 12 promises of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. In a series of apparitions between 1673 and 1675, Our Lord gave her these promises for those who would make an effort to return His love. Feast of the Sacred Heart is June 27th.

*O most holy heart of Jesus
fountain of every blessing,
I adore you, I love you, and
with lively sorrow for my sins,
I offer you this poor heart of mine.
Make me humble, patient, pure
and wholly obedient to your will.
grant, good Jesus,
that I may live in you and for you.
Protect me in the midst of danger.
Comfort me in my afflictions.
Give me health of body,
assistance in my temporal needs,
your blessing on all that I do,
and the grace of a holy death.
Amen.*

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