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Pentecost Sunday

Priests & Deacons

Rev. George J. Szparagowski
Pastor

Rev. Christopher Redcay
Sunday Assistant

Rev. Msgr. Charles P. Vance,
Pastor Emeritus

Rev. William B. Dooner
In Residence, Retired

Deacon Robert G. Flynn
&

Deacon Michael J. Cipressi

Parish Staff

Michael Pastorius, *Business Manager*

Mrs. Betty Veneziale, *School Principal*

Mrs. Sharon Otto, *Director of Religious Education*

Elizabeth Shin, *Director of Music*

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.



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. Patricia Cashman SSJ, Charlotte Craven, Robert Wisniewski, Sr. James Xavier SSJ and the souls in purgatory. May God, in His mercy, grant them eternal rest and give peace to those who mourn.

Metropolitan Tribunal

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



Pentecost Sunday
5PM Vigil – Cathy Kopach

Sunday, June 8th
7:30AM – Charles Ponietowicz
9:30AM – Ann Marie Sanders
11AM – Luci Biccherai & Family
2nd Anniversary

Monday, June 9th
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
8:30AM – Christopher Cybulski

Tuesday, June 10th
8:30AM – Walter J. Palmer, Jr.

Wednesday, June 11th
St. Barnabas
8:30AM – Andrew Cottone

Thursday, June 12th
8:30AM – Souls in Purgatory

Friday, June 13th
St. Anthony of Padua
8:30 AM – Annetta & Peter Terreri, Sr.

Saturday, June 14th
8:30AM – Dolores McAllister
Vigil – Joe Walters



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

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.

2nd Collection Next Weekend – Peter's Pence

Prayer Request

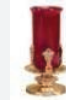
"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

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

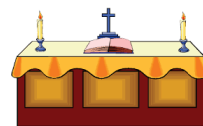
George Alburger, Claire Bennis, Nancy Bogdon,
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Headman, Johnny Higson, Vic Kost,
Suzanne Kuliver, Phyllis Luther, Joan Marine,
Terrence Martin, Rowan McNichol,
Randy Milakofsky, Donovan Mitchell,
Elizabeth Peirce, William Pinto, Maria Prince,
Jim Schroeder, 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



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of the deceased members of the Pisarek & Macaitis Families, req'd by their families.
1 candle will burn at the Statue of the Blessed Mother in memory of Catherine Conway,
1 candle will burn at the statue of St. Joseph in memory of Peter Conway, req'd by Maureen Conway



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.

Project Hope

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



We give praise and thanks to God for the graces and blessings He has given us! Today we celebrate the great Solemnity of Pentecost, often called the birthday of the Church. Fifty days after Easter, the Risen Jesus fulfills His promise to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, upon the Apostles. This is not just a dramatic event with wind and tongues of fire; it is the moment when fear gives way to courage, when silence becomes proclamation, and when a small group of disciples becomes a missionary Church. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear how the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples who were gathered together in the upper room. This moment reverses what happened at the Tower of Babel. There, language became a source of division. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit unites people of all languages and nations.

Everyone hears the Gospel in their own tongue; not just through words, but through the Spirit's power. What we see is not simply a miracle of communication, but a miracle of communion. The Holy Spirit does not come to make the Apostles feel spiritually cozy or safe. He comes to send them. Jesus had told them, "As the father has sent me, so I send you." With that, He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." Notice the connection; the Holy Spirit and mission go hand in hand. You cannot receive the Holy Spirit and remain still. The Holy Spirit propels, ignites, animates, and moves the Church outward. What does this mean for us today? For many Catholics, the Holy Spirit can feel abstract. We often understand God as Father and God as Son more easily. But the Holy Spirit? Sometimes we imagine Him as a dove, a flame, or a breath.

But the Holy Spirit is not a vague force or a poetic image. He is God. He is the One who speaks in the silence of our hearts. He is the one who gives us strength to forgive, wisdom to discern, courage to witness, and joy even in suffering. St. Paul reminds us in today's second reading that "there are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same spirit." The Holy Spirit does not give everyone the same gifts, but He gives each of us a unique gift for the good of the Church. You might not preach or speak in tongues, but perhaps you have the gift of encouragement, service, or quiet faithfulness. All of these are empowered by the same Spirit.

But we must be willing to receive Him. That means letting go of fear, just as the disciples had to do when they were locked in the upper room. It means letting the Spirit interrupt our comfortable routines. The Holy Spirit is not tame. He moves like the wind. He burns like fire. If we truly let Him in, He will change us. So today, ask yourself: What gift has the Spirit given me? Am I using it? Am I willing to be sent like the Apostles, into the world around me – into my home, my workplace, my school – with the fire of Faith?

Come, Holy Spirit. Fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and we shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. Amen.

Please invite someone to Mass today.

St, Philip Neri, pray for us.

Fr. Szparagowski

Big SPN Welcome for Deacon Dominic Mirenda

Join me in welcoming Deacon Dominic to our parish. He will be with us 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 for food, cleaning supplies or clothes 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.



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!

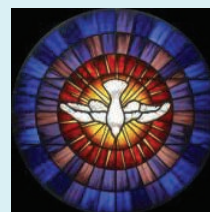
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Go to www.malvernRetreat.com or call 610-644-0400.



*Oh God, who by the mystery of today's great feast
sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation,
pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit
across the face of the earth and,
with the divine grace that was at work
when the Gospel was first proclaimed,
fill now once more the hearts of believers.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.*

Amen.



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!



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.

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.

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 June 28th and July 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.

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.

Knights of Columbus

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 causes!

Be Encouraged

Catholic Support for Mental Health Website

Resources to assist with healing, accompaniment and flourishing. The archdiocese has launched a website to help support those who are experiencing mental health struggles and those who love them. Visit the Be Encouraged website at www.archphila.org/support

St. Barnabas

We meet St. Barnabas in the Acts of the Apostles. He was a Jew, born in Cypress and his name was Joseph. The Apostles named him Barnabas which means "son of encouragement or consolation". He sold his property, gave the proceeds to the Apostles, and lived in common with the earliest converts to Christianity.

He took Paul, after his conversion, to the Apostles and recommended him as a bold preacher in the name of Jesus. He also brought Paul to Antioch where they worked together for a year teaching the faith. He attended the Jerusalem Council to discuss the transition of new gentile converts into the early Church. Barnabas was a tireless witness to Christ and instrumental in His early Church. While he was not one of the original Apostles, he is believed to be one of the 72 commissioned by Jesus to preach His Gospel.

He was martyred in Cyprus around 61AD.

His Feast Day is June 11th.

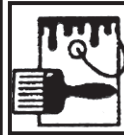
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