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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 Shinn, *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, Charlie McElwee 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



Most Holy Trinity

5PM Vigil – Joe Walters

Sunday, June 15th

7:30AM – Walter J. Palmer, Jr.

9:30AM – Christopher McKenna & Stephen Passio

11AM – Ann Marie Sanders

Monday, June 16th

8:30AM – David Bartynski

Tuesday, June 17th

8:30AM – Paul Muller

Wednesday, June 18th

8:30AM – James Conway

Thursday, June 19th

St. Romuald

8:30AM – Joseph O'Brien

Friday, June 20th

8:30 AM – Deceased members of the

Brennan & Lowry Families

Saturday, June 21st

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

8:30AM – William Dougherty

Vigil – Regina Ciotti

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 – Peter's Pence



On behalf of myself, Fr. Dooner, Fr. Redcay and Deacons Mike & Rob we wish all our dad's a very special Father's Day. May St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, intercede for all fathers as they care for their families. May God bless them with strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience and give them the ability to love in a way that reflects God's love.
Fr. Szparagowski

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,

Charlie Dickman, Claire DiDonato,

Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty,

Dolores Downes, Eileen Drab, Kathleen Fritz,

Winnie 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 Zaimes, and Muriel Zwicker.

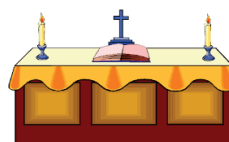
May God strengthen them in their struggle.

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 St. Joseph,
1 in memory of Russell D. Giangulio and
1 in memory of John P. Howley.



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 one of the central mysteries of our faith, the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. It is a mystery we profess every time we make the Sign of the Cross; “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” But what does it really mean? And more importantly, what does it mean for our lives? The doctrine of the Trinity teaches us that there is one God in three Divine Persons; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Not three gods. Not one God wearing three different masks. But one God who is a communion of Divine Persons. This is not a puzzle to be solved. It is a mystery to be received with awe and reverence. In the Gospel today, Jesus tells His disciples, “I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when He comes, the Spirit of truth, He will guide you to all truth.” Notice how gently Jesus leads us into the mystery. The Father sends the Son. The Son reveals the Father.

The Holy Spirit reminds us of all Jesus taught and helps us understand more deeply over time. The divine relationship is not just about theology; it is about love. God is not a solitary being far off in the clouds. God is love itself, a living relationship. From all eternity, the Father loves the Son, the Son loves the Father, and the Holy Spirit is that love poured out. That means God’s very nature is not power or control. It is love, relationship, and communion. We were made in the image of this Triune God. That means we were made for love, made for relationship, made not to be alone. We reflect the Trinity every time we build bridges instead of walls, every time we forgive instead of holding a grudge, every time we serve others instead of turning inward. St. Paul reminds us in the second reading that through Jesus Christ, “we have peace with God”, and that “the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit”. This is not just abstract language. It is real. God does not remain distant. The Trinity comes to dwell within us. We become temples of the Holy Spirit. We are beloved adopted sons and daughters of the Father. We are brothers and sisters of Christ. In other words, the life of the Trinity is not locked away in heaven. It is meant to take root in our lives here and now. Think of the Sign of the Cross. It is so simple that even a child can make it, yet it proclaims this great mystery every time we trace it over ourselves.

We begin everything in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – our meals, our prayers, our liturgies, our lives. It is a reminder that we belong to God. It is also a call to live in the image of God; to love like the Father, to serve like the Son, and to be led by the Spirit. So, on this Holy Trinity Sunday, let us not be overwhelmed by the complexity of the mystery. Let us be drawn into its beauty. Let us rejoice that the God who created us, who saved us, and who sanctifies us is not far away, but close. He is with us. He is for us. And in the Holy Trinity, He shows us who we are and what we are made for, eternal communion with Him and with one another.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. 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 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!

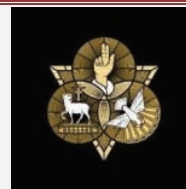
- It's **fun** and rewarding-grow in a vibrant community!
- Your **faith will come alive** as you teach.
- It's an **honor** to share the Gospel and shape young hearts.
- You'll be a voice of **truth** in a world that needs it.
- The best way to **learn** is to teach!

Interested? Let's talk! Contact Sharon Otto at sharonotto@spnprep.org or call 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.



*God our Father, who, by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification, made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty. 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.*

“God loves us, God loves you all, 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



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.



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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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 2nd.

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 weights 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



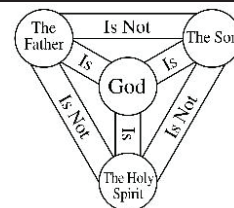
Church Cleaners

Can you spare an hour the first Thursday or Friday of the month? We are looking for someone to help the current crew for light cleaning of the Church. Call the Church Office at 610-834-1975 if interested.



The SSJ Welcome Center is committed to community and education. In the spirit of St. Joseph, we offer opportunities that enable immigrants and other to improve the quality of their lives through education, support services, and programs leading to self-sufficiency.

Go to <https://ssjwelcomecenter.org>



"A great mystery, a mystery of love, an ineffable mystery, before which words must give way to the silence of wonder and worship."

Pope St. John Paul II

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