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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*
Elizabeth Shin, Director of Music
Barney McGee, *Parish Accountant*
Parish Office is open Monday to Friday
from 7:30AM to 5PM.



**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. Mary Fineran SSJ, Robert Johnstone, Sr. Lillian Needham SSJ, Katherine "Kit" Wilson and the souls in purgatory. May God, in His mercy, grant them eternal rest and give peace to those who mourn.



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

Summer Repairs Collection

The annual Summer Repairs Collection envelope has been sent to all parishioner's. If you haven't received yours please call the Church Office at 610-834-1975. This critical collection is for higher priced repairs over and above routine maintenance. As our campus ages these special maintenance projects, unfortunately, become more plentiful. Please be as generous as your budget's allow, and ,as always, thank you for your generous and unfailing support of our parish.

"The greatest gift we can give is forgiveness, for it sets both the giver and the receiver free."

St. Junipero Serra / Feast Day July 1



SS. Peter & Paul

5PM Vigil – Steve Tannenbaum

Sunday, June 29th

7:30AM – Jim & Rosemary Fitzpatrick

9:30AM – Maureen & Angelo Minetti

11AM – Joan Wood McEnaney

Monday, June 30th

1st Martyrs of Holy Roman Church

8:30AM – Dolores McAllister

Tuesday, July 1st

St. Junipero Serra

8:30AM – Donna Beitko McEnaney

Wednesday, July 2nd

8:30AM – Dominic & Lucy Catullo

Thursday, July 3rd

St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30AM – LaFontaine & Porrino Families

Friday, July 4th

Independence Day

8:30 AM – Andrew Lins

Saturday, July 5th

SS. Anthony Zaccaria & Elizabeth of Portugal

8:30AM – Paul & Anna Sobol

Vigil – Roman Dowdy

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.

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.



We have a new shrine dedicated to St. Joseph next to main entrance to Church. Thank you to the Haber Family who donated the statue and the Knights of Columbus who help subsidized the site preparation. This is a beautiful addition to our parish and hopefully enkindles devotion to St. Joseph, the Patron of the Universal Church.
Thank you!

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, Michael Shaw, Helen Snyder, Chris Solarski, David Sparacino, George Szparagowski Sr, Betty Sparks, Brian Stenz, Amy Swift, Patricia Trioli, Frank Tulino, Dyana Westerfer, 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



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of Anna & Paul Sobol, req'd by their family.

2026 Announced Mass Book

The parish announced Mass Book for 2026 will be opened July 16th in the Church Office.

Memorial Candles, Sanctuary Lamp, and Altar Bread Memorials are also available. If you would like to check availability please stop by or call the Church Office at 610-834-1975.





Dear St. Philip Family & Friends,

We give praise and thanks to God for the graces and blessings He has given us! Today we celebrate the great Solemnity of Sts. Peter & Paul, two pillars of the Church and faithful apostles of Jesus Christ. Though they were very different in background and temperament, the Church honors them together because their lives and their martyrdoms stand as a united witness to the truth of the Gospel. Peter was a fisherman, a simple man who often spoke before he thought, yet one whom Jesus called “the rock” upon which He would build His Church. Paul was a scholar, a former persecutor of Christians, fiercely intelligent and passionate. Despite their differences, both were chosen, transformed, and sent by the Lord to proclaim the

Good News. Both laid down their lives for Christ, even to be martyred. In today’s Gospel, we hear the moment when Peter makes his great confession of faith: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus responds not with a compliment, but with a mission. He gives Peter the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter, who had moments of weakness and fear, is still entrusted with the care of the Church. This

tells us something important. Jesus does not choose people based on their perfection, but on their willingness to follow Him. Grace builds on weakness when it is surrendered in trust. In the first reading, we hear of Peter’s imprisonment. The early Church was under persecution. Yet even in chains, Peter is not abandoned. An angel of the Lord comes to him in the night, breaks his bonds, and leads him out into freedom. This image of Peter being led from darkness into light reminds us that God is always faithful. Even when we are surrounded by difficulty, God opens paths we cannot see. In the second reading, St. Paul speaks near the end of his life. “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” There is no bitterness in his words, only peace. Paul looks back, not with regret, but with confidence in the Lord’s mercy. He knows that his strength came not from himself, but from God. “The Lord stood by me and gave me strength” he says. What a beautiful testimony of trust. Both Peter and Paul teach us that being a Christian means living with conviction. It means speaking the truth even when it is unpopular. It means forgiving those who hurt us and loving those who disagree with us. Their lives were not easy, but they were faithful. They made mistakes, they suffered, and they gave everything for Christ. And through their faithfulness, the Church spread throughout the world. So, what can we learn from these two great saints today?

First, we are reminded that God can use any of us, no matter our past, our weaknesses, or our failures. Peter denied Jesus. Paul persecuted His followers. Yet both became saints. Second, we are reminded that our faith is not private. It is meant to be proclaimed. Whether we are at home, at work, or in the public square, we are called to stand with Christ, as Peter and Paul did. Finally, we are reminded that holiness is not about being perfect. It is about being faithful. It is about getting up when we fall, about trusting in God’s mercy, and about finishing the race with our eyes fixed on heaven. Saints Peter and Paul, pray for us. Help us to be strong in faith, bold in witness, and humble in service, so that we too may one day receive the crown of righteousness that the Lord has prepared for all who love Him.

Please invite someone to Mass today. St. Philip Neri, pray for us.

Have a blessed day,

Fr. Szwarcowski



Oliver Harper, son of Brooks & Danielle Altman, Lillia James, daughter of Patrick & Christine Balster, Elle James, daughter of Kevin & Christina Bogert, Hank Graham, son of Brian & Stephanie Collins, Santino Timothy Dean, son of Tyler & Rachael Fabrizio, Mabel Eileen, daughter of Matthew & Mary McFall. All were recently baptized into our faith and welcomed into our parish.

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



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.



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Extensive repairs / renovations have begun in the boys rest room. After a competitive bid process a contractor was chosen. Plumbing fixtures, flooring, new wall tiles will be installed, not to mention extensive repair of plumbing and sewage pipes buried in the concrete flooring! The 70 year old building is showing signs of wear and these repairs are more required than cosmetic. Thank you for your support of our school!

Religious Education



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.

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.

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me"
St. Paul to Philippians

Knights of Columbus

Our Council awarded two graduates of our school \$1,000.00 scholarships to assist with their tuition at LaSalle College High School and Gwynedd Mercy Academy. Students had to write an essay on what being Catholic means to them, they were judged anonymously. It was truly difficult as all the submissions were very well written. These scholarships are due to your support of our various fundraisers, thank you for you help!

Knights of Columbus Council 16868

Interested in joining? Go to our website www.spnkofc.com or email at: spnkofc@yahoo.com

Peter the Apostle, and Paul the teacher of the Gentiles, these have taught us your law, O Lord.



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!



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.

Hope for a Better Marriage Retrouvaille Marriage Program

Retrouvaille, a French word meaning "rediscovery", is a program rooted in Christian values and Catholic tradition.

Couples interested in deepening their love for Jesus and their Catholic faith. Couples are taught to communicate in a deeper, more meaningful way, healing hurts and rebuilding trust and intimacy. No relationship is beyond help. Call 800-470-2230 or email:

www.HelpOurMarriage.org

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.



Rite of Christian Initiation
for Adults

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is for individuals interested in exploring and discerning membership in the Catholic Church. This program is for non-Catholics who may or may not have been baptized in another Christian Church and wish to receive the Sacraments of Penance, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. It is also for those who were baptized in the Catholic Church but never received the other Sacraments of Initiation. Call Barney McGee in the Church office at 610-834-1975 for more details.



Navigating the Good Life

Join Deacon Mirenda for this four-session journey that explores the surest path to joy, freedom, and true beatitude. Rooted in Catholic wisdom and real-life application, this series will help you chart the course of the life God has planned for you, your family, and your friends. Whether your seeking direction, renewal, or just a richer understanding of what it means *to live life well*, this series is for you!

Call the Church Office at 610-834-1975 with any questions.

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Meetings in Rectory Conference Room on
Thursday's at 7PM.
July 10, 17, 24 & 31



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 (mostly vacuuming & dusting) of the Church. Call the Church Office at 610-834-1975 if interested.

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