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St. Philip Neri

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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&

Deacon Michael J. Cipressi

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Michael Pastorius, *Business Manager*

Mrs. Betty Venezia, *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

*"Let the peace of Christ control your hearts;
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly."*



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.**

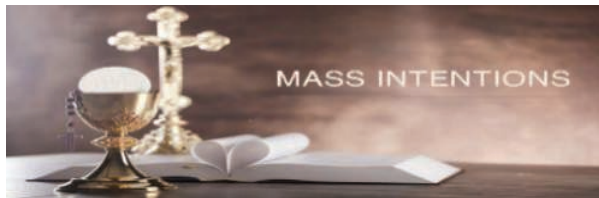


We Pray

For all those souls who have gone on before us marked with the sign of faith, most especially, Sr. Normadie Gaitley SSJ, Teresa Rybicki and the souls in purgatory. May God, in His mercy, grant them eternal rest and give peace to those who mourn.

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, as always, thank you for your generous and unfailing support of our parish.



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5PM Vigil – Roman Dowdy

Sunday, July 6th

7:30AM – Joseph E. Fitzpatrick, Jr.

9:30AM – Ernest Ramirez

11AM – Christopher Yakscoe

Monday, July 7th

8:30AM – Nancy Nelson – 1st Anniversary

Tuesday, July 8th

8:30AM – Sarah Finnegan (living)

Wednesday, July 9th

St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions

8:30AM – Anna Elizabeth Pester

Thursday, July 10th

8:30AM – Dolores McAllister

Friday, July 11th

St. Benedict

8:30 AM – Adele & Peter Terreri

Saturday, July 12th

8:30AM – Mary Jane Walton

Vigil – Lucy DiGiacomo

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 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."

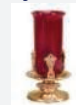
Please pray for our sick, the home-bound, and those in nursing homes, we particularly remember:

George Alburger, Claire Bennis, Charlie Dickman, Claire DiDonato, Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores Downes, Eileen Drab, Johnny Higson, 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, 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



A candle will burn at the statue of the Blessed Mother for the intentions of Sarah Finnegan.

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.

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

Parish 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 Neri Family and Friends,

Today's readings speak powerfully to our mission as disciples and to the deep comfort and joy God offers His people. In the first reading from the prophet Isaiah, we are invited to rejoice with Jerusalem – not because everything is perfect, but because God is present. He is a God who comforts His people like a mother cares for her child. This is such a tender image – God who cradles us, feeds us, carries us through our burdens, and gives peace in the midst of struggle. It is an image of intimacy, of deep love. We are not left alone in our pain or uncertainty. God says, *"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you."* And then, in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus sends out the seventy-two disciples. He does not send them out alone, but two by two, in community. He knows the journey ahead is hard – *like lambs among wolves* – but He reminds them, and us, that the harvest is ready. There is work to do in the world, hearts to heal, peace to proclaim. Let us reflect about this: Jesus says, *"Say to them, 'Peace be with you.' Heal the sick, announce that the Kingdom of God is near."* These disciples did not need wealth, power, or perfect knowledge. What they needed – and what we need – is trust in Christ, and the willingness to go, to be His presence in the world. We are the disciples Jesus is sending out today. Each of us, by our baptism, is called to go out – into our homes, to our families, to our friends, our schools, our workplaces, even our grocery stores – and proclaim the Gospel. To heal division with love. To bear witness to Christ not just with words, but with lives of mercy, compassion, and joy. And notice what happens at the end of the Gospel. The disciples return full of joy – not because of what they did, but because of what God did through them. Jesus reminds them – *"Do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven."* In other words, your joy is not in your accomplishments. Your joy is in your belonging to God.

So today, the Lord gives us two great truths:

- 1) **You are deeply loved by God** – tenderly, personally, like a mother with her child.
- 2) **You are called and sent** – to go out and be witnesses of that love in a world in need.

Let us not be afraid to go where God sends us. Let us carry His peace. Let us speak healing. Let us return always to Him with joy, knowing our names are written in heaven.

Please invite someone to Mass today.

St. Philip Neri, pray for us!

Fr. Szparagowski



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.

“Ora et labora” – Pray and work
St. Benedict’s Motto – Feast Day / July 11th



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- 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.

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



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 required and not simply cosmetic. Thanks to our Building and Grounds Committee we make every attempt to keep ahead of upkeep to our facilities. Thank you for your support of our school!

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.



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.

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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.



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!

Cards are available in the Church Office.

The Scrip Program sent the school over \$15,000.00 in proceeds from last year sales to help offset school expenses! Please think about using Scrip.



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 able to help.

St. John's Hospice

Casseroles can be home made or store bought. The next drop off dates are anytime between August 2nd and August 6th.

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.



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!

RSVP to the Church Office at 610-834-1975.

The world offers comfort.

Christ offers greatness.

Meetings in Rectory Conference Room on Thursday's at 7PM.

July 10, 17, 24 & 31

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

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen"

St. Paul to the Galatians

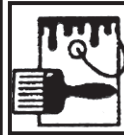
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