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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Rev. William B. Dooner
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&

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

*"Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life;
You have the words of everlasting life."*



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, Janet Maresca, Sr. Anne William SSJ 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.



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5PM Vigil – Lucy DiGiacomo

Sunday, July 13th

7:30AM – Elizabeth Cipressi

9:30AM – Richard Bapst

11AM – Anthony Chichearo

Monday, July 14th

St. Kateri Tekakwitha

8:30AM – John J. McMenamin

Tuesday, July 15th

St. Bonaventure

8:30AM – Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, July 16th

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:30AM – Andrew Lins

Thursday, July 17th

8:30AM – Angelo Minetti

Friday, July 18th

St. Camillus de Lellis

8:30 AM – Deceased Members of the
Brennan & Lowry Families.

Saturday, July 19th

8:30AM – Catherine Dougherty & Family
13th Anniversary

Vigil – Frank & Theresa Smith

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.

Prayer Request

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

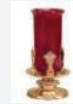
Please pray for our sick, the home-bound, and those in nursing homes, we particularly remember:

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, Josh Orkin, 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 a special intention.*

Parish Announced Mass Book

The parish announced Mass Book for 2026 will be opened at 9AM 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.

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



Dear St. Philip Neri Friends and Family,

We give praise and thanks to God for the graces and blessings He has given us. Today's Gospel presents one of the most well-known and beloved parables in all of Scripture; the Parable of the Good Samaritan. We have heard it so many times that we might think we have mastered the message. Help those in need.

Do not pass by. Be kind. That is all true. But Jesus always invites us deeper. His parables are not just stories with morals. They are mirrors that reflect who we are, and doors that show us who we are called to become.

The Gospel begins with a question from a scholar of the law; "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus turns the question back to him, and the man answers with the Shema, the great commandment from Deuteronomy; love God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind; and love your neighbor as yourself. So far, so good. But when the scholar, "wanting to justify himself", asks, "and who is my neighbor?". That's when Jesus tells the parable. Notice how the question shifts. The scholar wants a clear category. He wants a checklist. Who counts as a neighbor? Who doesn't? Jesus doesn't give him a list. Instead tells a story that destroys the question entirely! In the story, a man is

beaten, robbed, and left half-dead. A priest passes by. Then a Levite. Both religious men. Both presumably upstanding. Both pass by. They may have had good reasons. The road was dangerous. Touching a half-dead body could have rendered them unclean. Their religious duties may have seemed to come first. But here comes a Samaritan. A man despised by Jews. Considered a heretic. An outsider. And it is this Samaritan who stops. Who sees. Who has compassion. Who binds the man's wounds, lifts

him onto his animal, takes him to safety, and pays for his care. Jesus flips the expected roles. The neighbor is not identified by blood, by race, by religion, or by status. The neighbor is the one who shows mercy. At the end, Jesus does not ask, "Which person was a neighbor to the Samaritan?" Instead, He asks, "Which of these was *neighbor* to the man in need?" in other words, the better question is not "Who is my neighbor?" but rather "How can *I* be a neighbor?" That is a question of the heart. And what does it mean to be a neighbor? It means to see suffering and not look away. It means to let compassion interrupt your schedule, your comfort, and even your security. It means to act, not just feel. In our own

lives, we pass by many people lying "half-dead" on the road. Some are physically suffering. Others emotional broken. Some are strangers. Others live under our own roof. But we must also remember. Jesus is not just giving us a moral challenge. Jesus is revealing His own heart. Jesus Himself is the true Good Samaritan. He saw us beaten and broken by sin. He didn't pass us by. He came to us. He entered our world, bound our wounds, lifted us up, and paid for our healing with His very life. And now Jesus says to us, "Go and do likewise." Not because we are trying to earn heaven, but because we have been loved so deeply that we cannot help but love in return. So today, let us not ask, "who is my neighbor?" Let us ask, "Lord, how can I be a neighbor like You?" May our eyes be open to those in need. May our hearts be moved by compassion. May our lives reflect the mercy of the One who first had mercy on us.

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.



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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.



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 Parton of the Universal Church. Thank you!



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.



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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.



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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.

"If you do not know your own dignity and condition,
you cannot value anything at its proper worth."

St. Bonaventure / Feast Day July 15th

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 Miranda for this presentation 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 you are 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 seminar has already started but all are welcome to join any night they choose.

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

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:

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