

# ST. PHILIP NERI CHURCH



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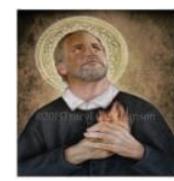
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“The love of God makes us do great things”

St. Philip Neri

16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 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 Dominic W. Mirenda  
*Transitional Deacon*

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



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](http://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, Louisa Dowling, Grace Riley 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.



# Mass Intentions

## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5PM Vigil – Frank & Theresa Smith

### Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>

7:30AM – Margaret Sague

9:30AM – Margaret Sague

11AM – James Whitaker

### Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>

**St. Lawrence Brindisi**

8:30AM – Michael Macaitis, Sr.

### Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>

**St. Mary Magdalene**

8:30AM – John & Joyce Hough

### Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

**St. Bridget**

8:30AM – Angelo Minetti

### Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>

**St. Sharbel**

8:30AM – Jean Daywalt

### Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>

**St. James the Apostle**

8:30 AM – Francis Barrett & Mary

### Latta Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>

**Sts. Joachim & Anne**

8:30AM – John Patrick McGinley

Vigil – Andrew Lins

## 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.

## 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](http://www.archphila.org)

# 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, Tom Bonk, Charlie Dickman, Claire DiDonato, Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores Downes, Eileen Drab, Johnny Higson, Suxanne Kulliver, Phyllis Luther, Joan Marine, Terrence Martin, Rowan McNichol, Randy Milakofsky, Donovan Mitchell, Josh Orkin, Elizabeth Peirce, William Pinto, Maria Prince, Baby Colson Robert Riday, Michael Shaw, Helen Snyder, Chris Solarski, David Sparacino, George Szparagowski Sr, Betty Sparks, Brian Stenz, Amy Swift, Patricia Trioli, Frank Tulino, Dyana Westerfe, James Williams, Jr.

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 the Blessed Mother

1 in memory of Rachel & Troy Engle,  
req'd by Mom, Dad & Glenn.

1 in memory of Peg Sague,  
req'd by the Abiuso Family.

1 candle will burn at the statue of St. Joseph  
for Mary Lou Sparacino.

## Parish Announced Mass Book

**The parish announced Mass Book for 2026 was opened on July 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**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.**

We Welcome  
Linda Mae, daughter of Domenic & Bailee Russo who was recently baptized here at St. Philip's!



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 brings us into the home of two sisters, Martha and Mary. It is a familiar scene. Jesus arrives, and each sister responds to Him in her own way. Martha busies herself with the work of hospitality. She prepares the meal, serves the guests, and makes sure everything is in order. Mary, on the other hand, simply sits at the feet of Jesus, listening to Him speak.

It is not hard to relate to Martha. Many of us live in a world full of responsibilities, deadlines, and constant motion. We know the importance of getting things done. We often measure our value by how productive we are, Martha is doing something good. She is serving Jesus. But in her busyness, she becomes frustrated, even resentful. She complains to Jesus, asking Him to tell Mary to help her. Jesus responds gently, but firmly. "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken from her."

This moment in the Gospel is not a criticism of service, nor is it a condemnation of Martha. After all, service and hospitality are important parts of the Christian life. Jesus Himself says He came not to be served, but to serve. The issue is not what Martha is doing, but what is going on in her heart. She is anxious. She is distracted. She is missing the presence of the very person she is working so hard to serve. In trying to do things *for* Jesus, she is missing the opportunity to be *with* Him. Mary in contrast, places herself at the feet of the Lord. She is still. She is listening. She is present. She has chosen the better part – not because sitting is better than serving, but because being in relationship with Christ is the foundation of everything we do. This Gospel is a reminder that our special lives are not defined by how busy we are, but by how present we are to God. Prayer, silence, and contemplation are not luxuries for the few, but necessities for all. If we try to serve the Lord without first spending time with Him, we will end up like Martha, anxious, resentful, and burned out.

We live in a noisy world that prizes speed and productivity. But Jesus invites us to slow down. He invites us to sit with Him, listen to His voice, to let Him love us. From that place of intimacy, all our actions flow with peace and purpose. The story of Martha and Mary is not an either-or. It is not a competition between action and contemplation. It is a call to balance. We are called to be both active and prayerful. But everything we do should flow from our relationship with Christ. So, today, let us ask ourselves: Are we too busy to sit at the feet of Jesus? Are we doing good things, but missing the better part? Let us not allow our work to become a substitute for worship. Let us be people who serve with joyful hearts because we have first received the love of God in silence and prayer. May we, like Mary, choose the better part, time with Jesus, and may that choice shape everything else we do.

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

Have a blessed day,

Fr. Szparagowski

## Religious Education

### **Pass on the faith – Become a catechist!**

Our PREP Program is looking for passionate, faithful volunteer teachers and aides to join our program on **Mondays or Tuesday's from 4:15 to 5:30PM.**

**Interested? Let's talk!** Contact Sharon Otto at [sharonotto@spnprep.org](mailto:sharonotto@spnprep.org) or call 484-804-1875.



### **Curious about the Catholic Faith?**

Have you been coming to Mass and wondering what it means to be Catholic?

Do you feel the Holy Spirit drawing you closer to the Church?

Unbaptized or baptized in another Christian tradition?  
Baptized Catholic but never received the other sacraments?

This is a great program to explore and discern along with other like-minded people the truths of the Faith and have all your questions answered. We'll walk together, in faith, toward full communion with the Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist.

Whether you're ready to begin your journey or just inquiring, we'd love to speak with you and provide details of the process.

For more information, contact Barney McGee at 610-834-1975 or email [bmcgee@spnchurchlh.org](mailto:bmcgee@spnchurchlh.org)

Come and see, the doors wide open!

### **Pro Life Corner**

Well, your little baby now weighs six ounces. She has fingernails and eyelashes. She has her own unique fingerprints, which will remain the same until she dies. Her taste buds are working. Her sense of hearing is developing and present at 14 weeks. There are no major developments anymore. At this month rapid eye movements (REM's) can be detected – a sign of dreaming. Your spiritually adopted baby is already well-formed, internally and externally. All she needs now is time to gain weight and grow strong!

**What a miracle she is!**



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!

### **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](http://www.archphila.org/support)



### **Baptism**

Baptisms are scheduled on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



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](http://www.malvernRetreat.com) or call 610-644-0400.



## ST. PHILIP NERI CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Lafayette Hill, PA

Extensive repairs / renovations are ongoing in the boys rest room. Plumbing fixtures, flooring, new wall tiles are being installed, and extensive repair of plumbing and sewage pipes buried in the concrete flooring has been completed! 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 Summer Repairs Collection!

### 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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.**

### St. John's Hospice

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

If you need an alternate date or time call Eileen at 215-939-8368, or email at: [hurdles28@hotmail.com](mailto:hurdles28@hotmail.com) drop off is at: 2308 Mulberry Lane.



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or to express your interest contact Nancy st:

[KindledFlame@yahoo.com](mailto:KindledFlame@yahoo.com)

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The logo for Slawek Orthodontics. It features a large, stylized 'S' icon composed of overlapping blue and green semi-circles on the left. To the right of the 'S' is a vertical grey bar. Next to the bar, the word 'SLAWEK' is written in a large, bold, blue serif font. Below 'SLAWEK', the words 'ORTHODONTICS' are written in a smaller, blue serif font. Below the main name, the words 'BRACES • INVISALIGN' are centered in a large, bold, blue sans-serif font.

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A collage of five business cards from various real estate agents in Massachusetts, including Maria Sison, Susan Bilotto, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, and others.

A photograph of a smiling senior couple. The man on the right has white hair and glasses, and is wearing a light-colored jacket over a dark shirt. The woman on the left is wearing a dark top and glasses. They are both smiling warmly at the camera.

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The image is a horizontal collage consisting of three separate photographs. From left to right: a portrait of a woman with shoulder-length blonde hair; a circular emblem featuring intricate, symmetrical patterns resembling a stylized tree or mandala; and a portrait of a man with short, dark hair.

The logo for Ciavarelli Funeral Homes and Crematory Inc. It features a circular emblem with a stylized 'C' and 'I' intertwined at the top, with '1948' on the left and 'EMIL J.' on the right. Below the emblem, the word 'CIAVARELLI' is written in large, serif capital letters. Underneath that, in smaller red capital letters, is 'FAMILY FUNERAL HOMES AND CREMATORIAL INC.'. To the left of the emblem, there is text for 'William L. Ciavarelli, FD Supervisor' and 'William E. Ciavarelli, FD'. To the right, there is text for 'Christopher J. Ciavarelli, FD Supervisor' and 'Andrea M. Ciavarelli Scotti, FD'. Below the main title, the words 'COMFORT, VALUE, CONVENIENCE' are centered. At the bottom, the address '516 Fayette Street Conshohocken, PA' and phone number '610-828-1336' are listed next to 'Family Owned • Private Crematory • Pre-Planning • Burial'. The address '951 E. Butler Pike Ambler, PA' and phone number '215-646-1155' are listed next to 'Family Owned • Private Crematory • Pre-Planning • Burial'. The website 'www.ciavarellifuneralhomes.com' is prominently displayed at the bottom.

The image displays three business cards side-by-side. On the left, Anne Judge Aesthetics features a logo with 'AJ' and 'AESTHETICS', followed by services like Botox, HydraFacial, Filler, Morpheus, EZ Gel, Medical Weight Loss, IPL, Laser Hair Removal, Makeup, and Waxing, along with a phone number 484-368-3396. In the center, Lauria Law has a logo with a shield containing scales and text, with contact information www.lauria-law.com, (215) 461-4610, and 3031 Walton Rd, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462. On the right, Keller Williams Real Estate shows a photo of a man and a woman, with text for Al & Ursula LaBrusciano, Full Time Realtors for 40 Years, and contact information 610.828.2224, Parishioners, and a phone number 215.817.0220.