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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Priests & Deacons

Rev. George J. Szparagowski
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Rev. Msgr. Charles P. Vance,
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Rev. William B. Dooner
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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

We Welcome

Juliana Grace, daughter of Michael & Rebecca McBride
who was recently baptized here at St. Philip's!



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, Peter O'Neil, Joseph Navaro, Sr. Grace Pino 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. 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 unflinching support of our parish.



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5PM Vigil – Margaret Nunno

Sunday, August 3rd

7:30AM – Charles Ponietowicz

9:30AM – Bridget Radaszewski

11AM – Dominick Quinn

Monday, August 4th

St. John Vianney

8:30AM – Duffy English

Tuesday, August 5th

Dedication of St. Mary Major

8:30AM – Elaine Loughran Boyle

Wednesday, August 6th

Transfiguration of the Lord

8:30AM – Maureen Dieckhaus

Thursday, August 7th

St. Sixtus II

8:30AM – George & Caroline Clark

Friday, August 8th

St. Dominic

8:30 AM – Joe D'Angelo

Saturday, August 9th

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

8:30AM – John Egan

Vigil – Geraldine Banecker

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.

Thank you to Fr. Sebastian for his visit last weekend, he was most grateful for the generous contributions and your support of his ministry. He asked for your prayers for him and the kids benefiting through his ministry.

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, 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 Westerfer, 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 St. Joseph.

1 for a special intention,

1 in memory of John Waskiewicz,

req'd by Cybulski Family

Parish Announced Mass Book

The parish announced Mass Book for 2026 is open.

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.



Thank you to the Lownes Family for sponsoring the cost of our two new benches outside the front doors of the Church.



Dear St. Philip Neri Friends and Family,

We give praise and thanks to God for the graces and blessings He has given us! As we begin the month of August, we enter a time the Church has traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This devotion invites us to draw close to the tender, humble, and faithful heart of our Blessed Mother. Her heart is completely united to the will of God. It is a heart that treasures the Divine Word, that ponders the mysteries of life with God, and that always points us to her Son, Jesus. Today's Gospel stands in sharp contrast to that kind of heart. Jesus tells the parable of a man whose life is completely wrapped up in himself. His land has produced a bountiful harvest. He has more than enough. But rather than seeing his abundance as a gift from God or as an opportunity to bless others, he only thinks about building bigger barns. He speaks only to himself, makes plans for himself, and never once thanks God or considers the need of others. Then comes the voice of God; "You fool. This night your life will be demanded of you." These are sobering words. Not because wealth or success are evil in themselves, but because when they become our focus, they blind us to what really matters. Jesus concludes, "Thus will it be for the one who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich in what matters to God." So, we must ask; what does it mean to be rich in what matters to God? To be rich in what matters to God means having a heart that is generous, grateful, merciful, and aware that everything we have is a gift from God. It means knowing that our value is not found in our possessions, our titles, or our plans, but in our relationship with God and our love for others. It means living with eternity in mind. And this is where the Immaculate Heart of Mary offers us a perfect example. Her life was not about accumulating anything for herself. She lived in simplicity, in trust, and in full openness to God's will. When the angel announced that she would bear the Son of God, she did not ask, "How will this benefit me?" but rather, "Let it be done to me according to your word." Our Blessed Mother's heart is not filled with anxiety or greed. It is filled with peace, humility, and a deep love for God and neighbor. To be rich in what matters to God is to have a heart like Mary's – a heart that puts God first, others second, and self, last. This Gospel, especially at the start of August, is a perfect opportunity to examine our own hearts. What are we building? What are we storing? Where is our treasure? If we were to stand before God today, what would we have to offer Him? Let us not be like the rich man, so busy with his barns that he forgets the Giver. Let us ask Mary to help us order our priorities, so we place eternal things above passing ones, and people above possessions. Mary's Immaculate Heart can teach us how to live not for ourselves, but for God. This week, we come to the altar of the Lord, not with barns full of grain, but with open hearts ready to be filled with His grace. Let us ask for the wisdom to seek what truly lasts, and the courage to be rich in what matters to God.

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

Have a blessed day,

Fr. Szparagowski

Friday, August the 15th is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Masses are at 6:30AM, 8:30AM and 7PM

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 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.

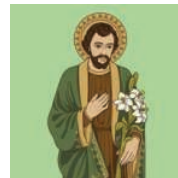
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Come and see, the doors wide open!

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



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!

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



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.



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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!



SPN 55+ Women's Bowling League

We are looking for new members. The league bowls at 11AM on Wednesday's at Our Town Alley at 2912 Swede Road, East Norriton. If interested call Suzanne Lilly at 610-825-8142.



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 Whitmarsh Woods.

"The good God will pardon a repentant sinner more quickly than a mother would snatch her child out of the fire."

St. John Vianney / Feast Day August 4th



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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 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.



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