

ST. PHILIP NERI CHURCH



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August 10, 2025

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"The love of God makes us do great things"

St. Philip Neri

19TH 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
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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

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 our Beloved Deceased
For all those souls who have gone on before us marked with the sign of faith, most especially, MarySue Dougherty, Earl Bruce Kirk Jr., Ruthanne Riviezzo 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.



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5PM Vigil – Geraldine Banecker

Sunday, August 10th
7:30AM – Charles Ponietowicz
9:30AM – James J. Schroeder
11AM – Dominick Quinn

Monday, August 11th
St. Clare
8:30AM – Michael Paduana

Tuesday, August 12th
St. Jane Frances de Chantal
8:30AM – Celia Flannery

Wednesday, August 13th
Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus
8:30AM – Santo & Adele Caruso

Thursday, August 14th
St. Maximilian Kolbe
8:30AM – Ken Gallagher – 43rd Anniversary

Friday, August 15th
Assumption of Blessed Virgin
6:30 AM – Joseph Macaitis
8:30AM – Annetta Terreri
7PM – Ann Marie Sanders

Saturday, August 16th
St. Stephan of Hungary
8:30AM – Michael Paduano, Sr.
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.

*"A single act of love makes the soul return to life."
St. Maximilian Kolbe / Feast Day August 14th*

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,
Suzanne 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



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of Michael & Joseph Macaitis, req'd by Macaitis Family.
2 candles will burn at the statue of the Blessed Mother
1 in memory of Mary C. Krier,
req'd by Joanne & Frank Hein.
1 for Peter Meo's special intention.

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.

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.



Dear St. Philip Neri Friends and Family,

We give praise and thanks to God for the graces and blessings He has given us! In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks words of both comfort and challenge. He tells us, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom." What a powerful message of love and reassurance. Our Father in heaven is not reluctant or distant. He is generous, ready to give us His kingdom. Jesus does not stop there. Jesus immediately follows with the call to stay alert, to be watchful, and to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord. This message of spiritual readiness is not meant to instill fear, but to awaken hope and responsibility. Jesus uses the image of servants awaiting their master's return. He tells us to gird our loins and light our lamps – to be like faithful stewards who remain watchful, even when the hour is unknown. The faithful servant is the one who is found doing the master's will, not one who becomes careless or lazy when he thinks no one is watching. This is a good moment to pause and ask ourselves: what kind of servants are we? Are we living each day as if we truly believe the Lord could return at any time? Or have we grown spiritually sleepy, putting off prayer, delaying repentance, or ignoring the needs of others? Jesus warns that those who have been given much, much will be required. All of us have received blessings – some more obvious than others – but all of us have been entrusted with time, talents, and opportunities to grow in holiness and serve our neighbor. We do not know the hour when we will be called to give an account of our lives. That is why Christ urges us to live each day with hearts open to God, and hands ready to serve. As we reflect on these teachings, we are also reminded that this coming Friday, August 15th, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. On this day, we celebrate that Mary, the mother of our Savior, was assumed body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life. Her Assumption is a sign of hope for us. Where she has gone, we hope to follow. Her life was one of quite faith, constant readiness, and humble obedience to the will of God. Mary lived her earthly life always prepared. She welcomed the Word of God at the Annunciation. She remained faithful through the joys and sorrows of her Son's life. Mary stood at the foot of the Cross, offering her heart fully to God. Because of her faithfulness, God lifted her up. Mary's Assumption is not only a gift to her; it is a promise to us. If we live like Mary, with trust in God and readiness for His will, we too can share in the glory of heaven. She is our model for how to stay awake spiritually, how to live each day in readiness, and how to surrender everything to God with love. So let us not be afraid. Let us not delay. Let us be faithful stewards, keeping our lamps lit, our hearts open, and our eyes fixed on Christ. As we prepare to celebrate the Assumption, let us ask our Blessed Mother to pray for us, so that we may follow her example and one day join her in the joy of the kingdom the Father is so pleased to give us.

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 Assumption 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.

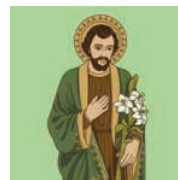
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Come and see, the doors wide open!

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

"Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to Him.
That is all the doing you have to worry about."
St. Jane Frances de Chantal / Feast Day August 12th



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.



Extensive repairs / renovations are nearly complete in the boys rest room. Tiles, flooring and fixtures are all but completed.

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.

Note from the Patrician Society

Fr. Szparagowski,

Thank you so much for your weekly food collections for the Patrician Society Cupboard. Our resources dwindle greatly in the summer, but St. Philip's parishioners are always there for us year-round!

Thank you for continuing to be a part of our mission to serve the neediest in our area.

Sincerely,

Liam Murphy

Executive Director



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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.

St. John's Hospice

Casseroles can be home made or store bought. The next drop off dates are anytime between August 30th and September 3rd.

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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