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Epiphany of the Lord
January 4th, 2026



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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 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.

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.

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**Parish Office is open Monday to Friday
from 7:30AM to 5PM.**

Family Rosary

**Join the Knights of Columbus on Wednesday,
February 12th in the Church for our rosary.
Bring your special intentions to our Mother
Mary and ask her intercession.**



*Siena Jo, daughter of Adam & Nicole Chalfant,
James Patrick and William Alexander, sons of
Alexander & Elizabeth Evans, Wrenley Rose,
daughter of Michael & Kimberly Gramlich and
Robert Andrew and Dominic Michael, sons of
Mary Kate Kohler. All were recently baptized here
at St. Philips!*



**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,
Rosemary Smith and the souls in purgatory.
May God, in His mercy, grant them eternal rest
and give peace to those who mourn.**



Epiphany of the Lord

5PM Vigil

Carlotta Fare & Mario

Sunday, January 4th

7:30AM – Intentions of Paul Davis

9:30AM – Bob & Peggy Sague

11AM – George J. Szparagowski, Sr.

Monday, January 5th

St. John Neuman

8:30AM – Tony Spinelli

Tuesday, January 6th

St. Andre Bessette

8:30AM – Patrick & Sarah McGinley

Wednesday, January 7th

St. Raymond of Penyafort

8:30AM – Michael Paduano

Thursday, January 8th

8:30AM – Thomas DiGiacomo, Sr.

Friday, January 9th

8:30AM – Connie Perri

Saturday, January 10th

8:30AM – Annetta Terreri

Vigil – Lawrence & Teresa Rosenberger



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for a special intention, MMS & Family.

1 candle will burn at the statue of the Blessed Mother.

for a special intention,
req'd by Eileen Gravinese.

1 candle will burn at the statue of
St. Joseph, in memory of Troy Engle,
req'd by Gammy, Poppie & Glenn.



Congratulations

Adam Remyszewski & Sara McMenamin who
were united in the Sacrament of Holy
Matrimony on December 27th
here at St. Philips!



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,
Andrew Donohue, Emily Donhauser,
Lisa Dougherty, Dolores Downes, Eileen Drab,
Maureen Fitzgerald, Kelle Franzen, Johnny Higson,
Ed Kortonick, Phyllis Luther,
Joan Marine, Terrence Martin, Rowan McNichol,
Randy Milakofsky, Donovan Mitchell, William Pinto,
Maria Prince, Baby Colson Robert Riday,
Patrick Ryan, Michael Shaw, Chris Solarski,
David Sparacino, Betty Sparks, Brian Stenz,
Amy Swift, Joe Thomas, Patricia Trioli, Frank
Tulino, and Dyane Westerfer,
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.*

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.

Project H.O.P.E.

A group of concerned parishioners who are willing
to assist others in need of rides to doctor's
appointments or to Church, Call Brigid Isackman at
267-879-6534

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.

Complimentary 2026 calendars are available
at the doors of the Church, please take one.
Courtesy of Lownes Family Funeral Home.



Dear St. Philip Neri Friends and Family,

We give praise and thanks to God for the graces and blessings He has given us! On this beautiful feast of the Epiphany, the Church proclaims a simple but life-changing truth: Jesus is not only for some—He is for all. God reveals His Son not just to Israel, not just to the religious insiders, but to the whole world. In the first reading from the prophet Isaiah, we hear a vision of hope: “Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. “Isaiah is speaking to a people who are tired, discouraged, and surrounded by darkness. And yet God says to them: Arise. Shine. Not because the darkness is gone—but because the light has come.

That light is Christ.

In the Gospel, we see this prophecy fulfilled. The Magi—foreigners, outsiders, Gentiles—are guided by a star. They do not belong to the chosen people. They do not worship in the Temple. And yet they are the ones who travel far, who search, who kneel, and who adore Christ. This tells us something important: God meets people where they are, but He never leaves them where they are. The Magi follow the light they are given. It is imperfect. It leads them first to Jerusalem, to Herod, to confusion and danger. And yet God uses even that imperfect search to lead them to Christ. When they finally arrive in Bethlehem, they do not find a palace. They do not find power or prestige. They find a child—poor, vulnerable, and small. Then they fall down and worship Him. That moment is the heart of Epiphany. The manifestation of God’s glory does not come with force or fear. It comes in humility and love. The King of the universe reveals Himself as a child who must be received, not conquered. Herod, on the other hand, shows us a very different response. He hears about the newborn king and is “greatly troubled.” Why? Because the light threatens his control. Herod pretends he wants to worship, but in truth, he wants to eliminate the light. And that tension remains until today. The light of Christ still reveals what is true—and that can be uncomfortable. Christ exposes our fears, our compromises, our desire to remain in control. Like Herod, we can hear about Jesus and keep Him at a distance. Or like the Magi, we can allow the light to lead us to our knees. Epiphany asks us a personal question: Which path are we on? Are we willing to search for Christ, even when the journey is long? Are we willing to follow the light, even when it leads us somewhere unexpected? Are we willing to open our treasures—not gold, frankincense, and myrrh—but our time, our hearts, our obedience? Isaiah tells us: “Your light has come.” That light is not meant to be hidden. It is meant to be reflected. The Church exists for Epiphany moments—to reveal Christ to the nations, to our neighbors, to our families, and to a world still walking in darkness. Every baptized person is called to be a star—quietly, faithfully pointing others to Jesus. The Magi leave by a different route. Once you truly encounter Christ, you never go home the same way. The light changes your direction. Today, we ask for the grace to arise and shine—not with our own light, but with Christ. And like the Magi, may we recognize Him, adore Him, and offer Him our lives.

Please invite someone to Mass today.

St. Philip Neri, pray for us!

Have a blessed day,

Fr. Szparagowski

They prostrated themselves and did Him homage.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in
the Church on Monday, January 12th,
9AM to 5PM.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

Our annual Block Collection is underway, envelopes were sent to all parishioners, and responses have been coming in, please help if you can. This along with the Christmas and Easter Collections are pivotal to the structure of our parish finances. Your generosity has never waived in the past and we are counting on this year being no different. Your goodness provides a sound base from which we maintain and improve our Church and campus. You make all this possible!



Curious about the Catholic Faith?

For more information, contact Barney McGee at
610-834-1975 or email bmcgee@spnchurchlh.org



St. Philip Neri Women's Guild Presents...
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Wine Gift Baskets Raffle Tickets \$5 each
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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.

Thursday, January 22nd

Day of Prayer of Protection of Unborn Children

"Only with Prayer – prayer that storms the heavens

for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls – will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life."

US Conference of Catholic Bishops

Metropolitan Tribunal

The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church. If you are divorced and want to marry in the Church or remarried outside the Catholic Church, please call the Tribunal Office at 215-587-3750 or visit: www.archphila.org



A New Way to Stay in Touch!
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**Our weekly newsletter emailed direct to you! See
Flyer in today's bulletin.**



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on Sunday's to be announced, they are always
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Monday to Friday 8AM to 5PM.

Thanks for your support of our parish and the
Knights of Columbus charities!



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!



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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.

St. John's Hospice

Casseroles can be home made or store bought.

The next drop off dates are anytime between

January 3rd & 4th pickup is Wednesday January

7th. 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.

St. Monica Club

Do you have a loved ones who have drifted away
from the Church? Follow the example of St. Monica
and pray without ceasing! Join us on Tuesday Jan 20th
at 7PM in the Convent Chapel as we pray together,
support one another, and share hope in God's
faithfulness. For more info contact: Sharon Otto at
484-804-1875.

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Go to RA-EITC@PA.gov for more information.

SIGN UP FOR SPN TRIVIA NIGHT

Test your knowledge of history, pop-culture, and
current events at SPN Trivia Night. The event
is Friday, January 16 at 7:00pm. in the St. Philip Neri
School gym. Doors open at 6:00pm. Cost
is \$40 per person for Early Bird sign up by January 9,
or \$50 per person after, and includes
trivia, two Easy Passes for the table (a free answer)
and unlimited beer, hard seltzer, and non-
alcoholic beverages. Food is BYO. Space is limited and
on a first-come basis, so register today
at <https://tinyurl.com/spn2026trivia>. You can
register as individuals or teams of up to 10. Please
contact Maggie Atkins at maggiekatkins@gmail.com
with questions.

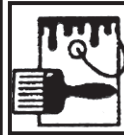
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