

St. Philip Neri Church



“Behold the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world.”

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 18th, 2026



“The love of God makes
us do great things”
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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.

Parish Staff

Michael Pastorius, *Business Manager*

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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 11th in the
Church for our rosary. Bring your
special intentions to our Mother Mary
and ask her intercession.



Vivienne Marie, daughter of Matthew & Jacqueline Flannery and Catalina Marie, daughter of Michael & Kerry Maginnis both were recently baptized here at St. Philip's!

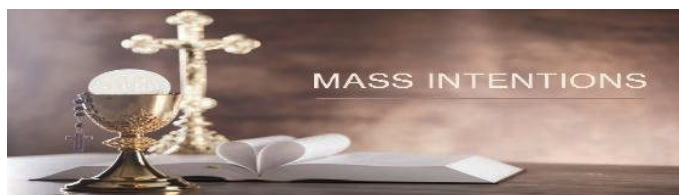


**Confessions are heard every Saturday from
3:45PM to 4:45PM
or by appointment,
call 610-834-1975 to schedule.**



We Pray for our Beloved Deceased

For all those souls who have gone on before us marked with the sign of faith, most especially, Kathleen Kunes and the souls in purgatory. May God, in His mercy, grant them eternal rest and give peace to those who mourn.



2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

5PM Vigil

Barbara Petruzzelli

Sunday, January 18th

7:30AM –David Bartynski

9:30AM – Molly Sabia

11AM – Joseph F. Donohue

Monday, January 19th

8:30AM – Joseph G. Perri & Joseph G. Perri, Jr.

Tuesday, January 20th

Sts. Fabian & Sebastian

8:30AM – Andrew Dotzman

Wednesday, January 21th

St. Agnes

8:30AM – Earl Bruce Kirk, Jr.

Thursday, January 22th

Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:30AM – Serena Cruthers

Friday, January 23rd

St. Vincent & St. Marianne Cope

8:30AM – George Szparagowski, Sr.

Saturday, January 24th

St. Francis de Sales

8:30AM – Margaret Nunno

Vigil – Winifred McGrath



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of David Bartynski, req'd by Donna Bartynski.

2 candles will burn at the statue of the Blessed Mother.

1 in memory of Teresa Rybicki

1 in memory of Margaret Nunno, both req'd by the Tootchen Family.

1 candle will burn at the statue of St. Joseph, in memory of George Stuhl, req'd by his family.



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,

Kelle Franzen, Johnny Higson, Suzanne Kulliver,

Ed Kortonick, Phyllis Luther, Joan Marine,

Terrence Martin, Kathleen McGill,

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.

Many thanks to all who so generously contributed to the Christmas Collection, this is a crucial collection in the parish budget.

Thank you!



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, John the Baptist does something very important—and very humble. He points away from himself and toward Jesus. When he sees Jesus coming toward him, he proclaims, "*Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.*" John's mission is not to draw attention to himself, but to reveal Christ. John is not presenting a theory or an idea. He is pointing to a person. "*This is the one.*" And that is the heart of Christian discipleship: to recognize Jesus and to point Him out to others. What is striking is John's honesty. He says, "*I did not know him.*" This may surprise us. John and Jesus are relatives. John has been preparing the way for the Messiah. And yet he admits that he did not fully recognize Jesus at first. It was only when the Spirit descended upon Him that John understood who Jesus truly was. This is an important truth for us. There are moments in our own lives when we do not recognize Jesus at work. There are times when God seems silent, distant, or hidden. But just because we do not recognize Him does not mean He is absent. Jesus is still with us—guiding us, protecting us, walking beside us—even when we fail to see Him clearly. Isaiah speaks to this in the first reading. The servant of the Lord is called not only to gather Israel but to be "*a light to the nations.*" God's work is often greater than we imagine, and His presence extends beyond what we can immediately perceive. Even when the servant feels small or uncertain, God is still accomplishing His saving plan. John the Baptist reminds us that recognizing Jesus is not something we do alone. It is the work of the Holy Spirit. And once John recognizes Him, he testifies. "*Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.*" John does not keep this revelation to himself. He speaks it aloud so others may come to believe. That is our calling as well. We are asked to point out Jesus—to our children, our families, our friends, and our world. We do this not only with words, but with the way we live: through compassion, forgiveness, patience, and faithfulness. Every act of love becomes a way of saying, "*Behold the Lamb of God.*" Testifying to Jesus does not mean having all the answers. John himself grew into understanding. What it means is being willing to say, "*This is where I have seen God at work in my life.*" Even in our doubts, even in our struggles, we can witness to a God who is faithful. Today, let us ask for the grace to recognize Jesus more clearly in our lives, especially when He comes in unexpected ways. And like John the Baptist, may we have the humility and courage to point beyond ourselves and testify: *He is here. He is with us. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world*

Please invite someone to Mass today.

St. Philip Neri, pray for us.

Fr. Szparagowski

I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in
the Church on Monday, February 9th,
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...
"A Tasting Tour and Food Pairing of Fine Wines"
Hosted by Marc Supsic, Wine Living LLC
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Friday, January 30, 2026 at 7:00pm
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Cost - \$65.00 per person
(Space limited to 40 guests; reserve your seat ASAP)
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.

A New Way to Stay in Touch!

Coming Soon...our weekly newsletter emailed direct to you!



2 Ways to Join:

- **Text to Join:** Send a text message using keyword **STPHILIP1** to the number **84576** Text **STOP** to 84576 to stop txt notifications at any time. Text **HELP** for help. There is no charge for this service, but your carrier message and data rates may apply. View privacy policy & terms at flocknote.com/txt.
- **On our website:** www.saintphilipnerichurch.com and follow the instructions to join Flocknote.
- **NOTE:** If you already receive emails through our current communication platform, you don't need to sign up again.

"United in faith and community"

Catholic Schools Week January 25th to 31st

The theme is "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community". We will be having an open house on Sunday, January 25th from 9AM to 11AM. All parishioners, alumni, families, friends and prospective students along with parents are welcome to stop by for a tour, meet the faculty and see what our students are learning.

Thank you for your support of our school!



Can you help keep the breakfast bowls in our community filled this winter? Cereal or cereal bars for Martha's Choice Marketplace, largest and most visited food pantry sponsored by the Archdiocese.

Collection box will be in the vestibule,
January 31st to February 8th.

Knights of Columbus Raffle



Tickets are \$100.00 / Maximum of 400 tickets sold.
1 grand prize winner of \$10,000 or 25% of all sales
20 second place winners of \$500 or 1.25% of all sales

Drawing is February 15, 2026

Proceeds go to support the parish general fund and Knights charities. Tickets will be sold after Masses on Sunday's to be announced, they are always available in the Church Office, 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!



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.

St. John's Hospice

Casseroles can be home made or store bought. The next drop off dates are anytime between January 31st & Feb 1st pickup is Wednesday February 4th. 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.

Tuition Care & Educational Tax Credit (ETC)

This allows you to redirect your PA Income Tax dollars to help your family (grandchildren) and other qualified families. For a minimum \$1000 donation, you earn a 90% state tax credit, federal deduction for remaining 10% and school families receive an additional \$1000 tuition reduction grant. Go to RA-EITC@PA.gov for more information.

 **FLAME**, a Ministry for Catholics in their 40s & 50s
Presents:

Love of Lent

Lent is a time to journey with our Lord as He brings Himself into complete submission to the Father's will. In this seminar, psychologist and theologian Dr. Andrea LaFontaine teaches us to join Christ with sacrifice of heart, soul and mind as a testimony of our love to Him.

Cost: \$27 - Cash will be accepted as payment - Breakfast will be available starting at 8:30 AM.

Saturday, February 7
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
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Wallingford, PA 19086

Please scan the QR code to sign up. Send your questions to KindledFlame@yahoo.com





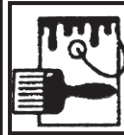
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