

St. Philip Neri Church



“Come after me,
and I will make you fishers of men.”

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 25th, 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.

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

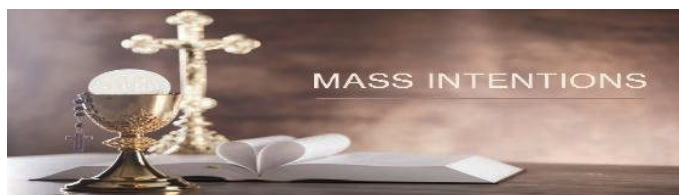
Next Sunday, February 1st we will have the
traditional blessing of throats in recognition of
the feast of St. Blaise on Feb 3rd.



**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,
Mary Ellen Early, Kathleen Kunes and the
souls in purgatory. May God, in His mercy,
grant them eternal rest and give peace to
those who mourn.



3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

5PM Vigil

Winifred McGrath

Sunday, January 25th

7:30AM – Jack Joyce

9:30AM – Souls in Purgatory

11AM – Charles M. Fisher

Monday, January 26th

Sts. Timothy & Titus

8:30AM – James Coll

Tuesday, January 27th

St. Angela Merici

8:30AM – George J. Szparagowski, Sr.

Wednesday, January 28th

St. Thomas Aquinas

8:30AM – Deceased Members of the

Brennan & Lowry Families

Thursday, January 29th

8:30AM – Elizabeth Calbot

Friday, January 30th

8:30AM – Andrew Lins

Saturday, January 31st

St. John Bosco

8:30AM – Joe D'Angelo

Vigil – Bernard Burruano



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in
memory of David S. Loeb, Jr.,
req'd by Eileen Gravinese.

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

for the intentions of of Paul Davis.

A candle will burn at the statue of

St. Joseph,

in memory of Marylou Sparacino,

req'd by Eileen Gravinese.



**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, Kathleen Grundy, Andrew Donohue,
Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores
Downes, Eileen Drab, Kelle Franzen, Catherine
Hangholt, 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.



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 marks a pivotal moment in Jesus' ministry. After John the Baptist is arrested, Jesus begins His public mission. He goes to Galilee and proclaims a simple but powerful message: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." These words are not spoken in anger or condemnation. They are an invitation. God's kingdom is close. God is acting. Now is the time to turn our hearts toward Him. Immediately after this proclamation, Jesus calls His first disciples. He sees Simon Peter and Andrew casting their nets into the sea, then James and John mending theirs. These are ordinary men doing ordinary work. Yet Jesus looks at them and says, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." The gospel tells us something striking. They left their nets at once and followed Him. This response can seem surprising. They do not ask many questions. They do not ask for guarantees. They do not delay. They simply go. Their willingness teaches us something important about the nature of discipleship. Following Jesus requires trust. It requires letting go of what we cling to so tightly and placing our lives in His hands. The nets they left behind represent security, identity, and routine. Then Jesus calls, they choose Him above everything else. The first reading from the Prophet Isaiah sheds light on this moment. Isaiah speaks of a people who lived in darkness but have seen a great light. This prophecy is fulfilled in Jesus. He brings light into places of uncertainty, fear, and confusion. When the disciples respond to His call, they are stepping into that light. They are choosing hope over fear and faith over familiarity. Saint Paul, in the second reading, speaks to the Corinthians about unity. He urges them to be united in mind and purpose and warns against divisions. This call to unity is deeply connected to today's Gospel. When we follow Christ, we do not walk alone. We become part of His Body, the Church. Discipleship is not just a personal relationship with Jesus. It is a communal way of life rooted in love, humility, and shared mission. Today's readings challenge us to ask ourselves some honest questions. How do we respond when Jesus calls us? Do we listen, or do we delay? Do we trust Him enough to let go of the things that keep us from following fully? Our nets may not be fishing nets, but they can be habits, fears, distractions, or attachments that hold us back. Jesus does not call us because we are perfect. He calls us because He loves us and sees who we can become. This Sunday also holds special significance because January 25 is the Conversion of St. Paul--traditionally associated with the call to conversion and mission in the Church. It reminds us that the Christian life is always dynamic. We are always being called, always being invited to grow deeper in faith and more generous in love. Repentance is not just about turning away from sin. It is about turning toward Christ again and again. Just as the apostles had to do during their lives. The apostles did not know where following Jesus would lead. They did not yet know about the Cross, the Resurrection, or the spread of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. They simply trusted the One who called them. That same Jesus calls each of us today. Jesus calls us to follow Him in our families, our workplaces, our parishes, and our communities. Jesus calls us to be witnesses of His love through kindness, forgiveness, and service. Brothers and sisters, the kingdom of heaven is still at hand. Jesus still walks into the ordinary moments of our lives and invites us to follow Him. Let us ask for the grace to respond with our courage and trust. Let us place our lives in His hands, confident that He will lead us into the light and make us instruments of His love for the world.

Please invite someone to Mass today. St. Philip Neri, pray for us. Have a blessed day!
Fr. Szparagowski

1 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.



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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Paula – 610-308-0797 or Deanna – 267-358-8015



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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.

Flocknote

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Our weekly newsletter emailed direct to you!

Go to: www.saintphilipnerichurch.com and follow the instructions to join Flocknote.



Join Fr. Szparagowski & Fr. Micheal Reilly on a Jubilee Journey to Fatima, Lourdes & Barcelona.

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Pro-Life Union Presents

"Living the Gospel of Life in a Culture of Death"

Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine

Saturday, February 14th / Mass at 9AM

Symposium 10AM to 3PM

Light lunch is provided, go to:

www.prolifeunion.org

"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 today, 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

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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!



Women's Lenten Bible Study

Who Do You Say That I Am?: A Catholic Lenten Devotional

Join the women of our parish for a powerful Lenten journey centered on the I AM statements of Jesus. This study invites us to move beyond routine and enter into deeper relationship with Christ as He reveals His divine identity through Scripture.

Together, we will pray, reflect, and grow in faith and fellowship throughout the Lenten season.

Tuesdays | Starting January 27
Evening Study 730pm
Les Petits Cherubs: 7901 Ridge Ave
Philadelphia PA 19128



All women of the parish are welcome.

Come as you are.
Bring a friend.
Contact Liz
lizfets@gmail.com

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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 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 a date to be announced is February 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.

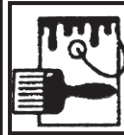
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