

St. Philip Neri Church



“Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in heaven.”

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1st, 2026



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

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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.

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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.

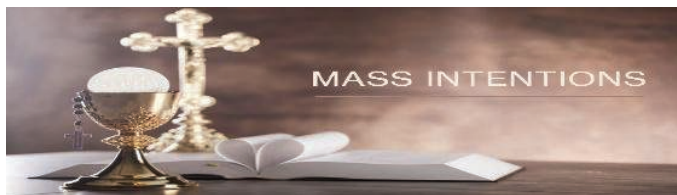


**Confessions are heard every Saturday from
3:45PM to 4:45PM
or by appointment,
call 610-834-1975 to schedule.**



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



4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

5PM Vigil

Bernard Burruano

Sunday, February 1st

7:30AM – Gregory C. Moffitt

9:30AM – Debbie Reichart Eckhardt

Michael & Marilyn Williams

11AM – Joseph Pizzico

Monday, February 2nd

Presentation of the Lord

8:30AM – Alfred Coletta

Tuesday, February 3rd

Sts. Blasé & Ansgar

8:30AM – Eileen A. Szparagowski

Wednesday, February 4th

8:30AM – Eileen A. Szparagowski

Thursday, February 5th

St. Agatha

8:30AM – Mary McGee

Friday, February 6th

St. Paul Miki & Companions

8:30AM – Phylis & John Kennedy

Saturday, February 7th

8:30AM – John M. & Marie D. Travaline

Vigil – Carol Hylinski-Pishock



The bread & wine used at all Masses this week are in memory of

Russell Giangliulo.

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

for the intentions of Eileen Szparagowski.

A candle will burn at the statue of St. Joseph, for the intentions of Eileen Szparagowski.



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.

2nd Collection Today -Aged & Infirm Priests



Dear St. Philip Neri Friends and Family,

We give praise and thanks to God for the graces and blessings He has given us!

Today we hear one of the most well-known passages in all of Scripture: the Beatitudes. Jesus goes up the mountain, sits down, and begins to teach. What He teaches is not what the world expects. He speaks of the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, the peacemakers, and those who suffer persecution. These are the ones He calls blessed. In the world's eyes, these qualities do not always look like blessings. The world values strength, success, power, and recognition. Jesus turns that way of thinking upside down. He shows us that true happiness is not found in wealth, status, or control, but in humility, mercy, and trust. Now when Jesus says "blessed," He is not saying life will be easy. He is saying that God is near. The Beatitudes reveal what life looks like when God is at the center. They show us the heart of Jesus Himself. He is poor in spirit, gentle, merciful, and obedient to the Father even unto death. The Beatitudes are not just rules to follow. They are a portrait of Christ. The first reading from the prophet Zephaniah speaks to those who are humble and lowly, encouraging them to seek the Lord. God does not overlook the quiet and the faithful. He lifts them up. Saint Paul echoes this message when he reminds the Corinthians that God often chooses what is weak in the eyes of the world to reveal His glory. Our value does not come from what we achieve. It comes from belonging to God. The Beatitudes invite us to examine our hearts. Where do we seek happiness? What do we chase after? Jesus invites us to a deeper joy; a joy rooted in relationship with God. This joy does not disappear when life becomes difficult. In fact, it often grows stronger through suffering, forgiveness, and sacrifice. Living the Beatitudes is not easy. It requires daily conversion. It means choosing mercy when anger feels easier. It means choosing humility when pride tempts us. It means trusting God even when the path is unclear. But Jesus assures us that those who live this way are not forgotten. The Kingdom of Heaven belongs to them. Brothers and sisters, the Beatitudes remind us who we are called to be. They call us to live differently, to love generously, and to trust deeply. When we do, we discover that true blessedness comes not from what we hold onto, but from what we place in God's hands.

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



Join Fr. Szparagowski & Fr. Micheal Reilly on a Jubilee Journey
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"Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs."

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



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



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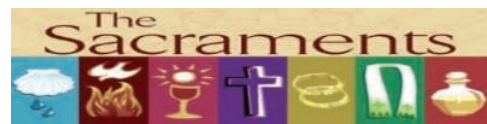
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Baptism

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.



Robert Michael, son of Michael & Caitlyn Fasano, Samuel Gerard, son of Matthew & Megan McGarry and Aleksandra Ann, daughter of Nando & Michelle Varviale. All were recently baptized here at St. Philip's!

Flocknote

A New Way to Stay in Touch!

Our weekly newsletter emailed direct to you!

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

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

"Father of mercy and God of all consolation, graciously look upon me and impart to me the blessing which flows from this holy Sacrament. Overshadow me with your loving kindness, and let this divine Mystery bear fruit in me."

St. Blaise / Feast Day February 3rd



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

RAFFLE TICKETS

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!



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Archbishop Perez has proposed a bold vision for the future of the Church in Philadelphia. Detailed information can be found at TrustandHope.org. To plan its future, the Archdiocese is working with the Steier Group, a national Catholic fundraising firm, to conduct a campaign planning study. Please share your feedback on proposed plans. Your voice matters! To take the survey go to:

<https://forms.office.com/r/9fcs95U5B4>

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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.

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All women of the parish are welcome.

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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.

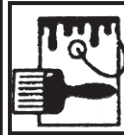
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