

St. Philip Neri Church



“You are the salt of the earth...
your light must shine before others.”

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 8th, 2026



“The love of God makes
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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

Parish Staff

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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.**

Ash Wednesday – February 18th

Masses at 6:30AM, 8:30AM & 7PM

Ashes distributed during Mass.

**Liturgy of the Word and distribution of ashes
with no Mass at 12:05PM**



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.



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

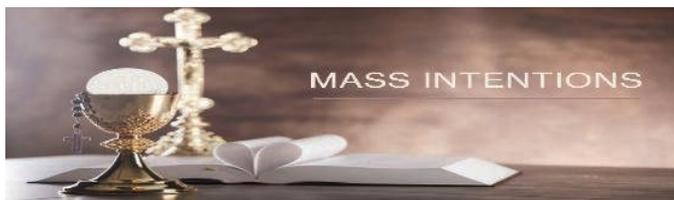


We Pray for our Beloved Deceased

**For all those souls who have gone on before us
marked with the sign of faith, most especially,
Kelle Franzen, Ann Miller, Robert McWilliams and
the souls in purgatory. May God, in His mercy,
grant them eternal rest and give peace to those
who mourn.**



**Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!
Feast Day / February 11th**



5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

5PM Vigil

Carol Hylinski-Pishock

Sunday, February 8th

7:30AM – Mary & Larry Prisco

9:30AM – Rosemary Lawrence

11AM – George Stuhl

Monday, February 9th

8:30AM – Peter Lofgren

Tuesday, February 10th

St. Scholastica

8:30AM – Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, February 12th

Our Lady of Lourdes

8:30AM – Louisa Dowling

Thursday, February 13th

8:30AM – George Szparagowski, Sr.

Friday, February 14th

8:30AM – Raymond Quaglia

8th Anniversary

Saturday, February 15th

Sts. Cyril & Methodius

8:30AM – Hank Darragh

Vigil – Walter Palmer, Jr.



A candle will burn at the statue of the Blessed Mother, in memory of Frank Miller, req'd by Eileen Gravinese.

A candle will burn at the statue of St. Joseph, in memory of Barbara R. Loeb, 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, Jimmy Breen, Nancy Bogdon, Tom Bonk, Charlie Dickman, Claire DiDonato, Kathleen Grundy, Andrew Donohue, Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores Downes, Eileen Drab, 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, 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.



Next weekend a special blessing will be offered for all our SPN couples at all Masses.



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 gives us two powerful images: salt and light. These are simple things, ordinary things, yet they are essential. Salt preserves and gives flavor. Light reveals and guides. Jesus tells His disciples, and He tells us, "You are the salt of the earth" and "You are the light of the world." Notice what Jesus does not say. He does not say you should become salt or you should try to be light. He says you are. This is our identity as followers of Christ. Through baptism, we are called to make a difference in the world by the way we live. Salt only works when it is mixed in. Light only works when it shines. Jesus is clear that faith is not meant to be hidden or kept private. Our relationship with God should shape our words, our actions, and our choices. When we live with faith, integrity, kindness, and compassion, we give the world a taste of God's goodness and a glimpse of His truth. The first reading from the prophet Isaiah reminds us what this looks like in practice. God calls us to care for the hungry, shelter the oppressed, and clothe the naked. When we do these things, Isaiah says, light will rise for us in the darkness. Faith that does not lead to love and service is incomplete. Saint Paul, in the second reading, speaks about humility in preaching the Gospel. He does not rely on clever words or human wisdom. He relies on the power of God. This reminds us that being salt and light does not mean drawing attention to ourselves. It means leading others to Christ. When we live our faith sincerely, God works through us. Jesus also gives us a warning. Salt can lose its flavor. Light can be hidden. This happens when we allow fear, complacency, or indifference to dull our witness. We may begin to blend in too much, afraid to stand out as Christians. Jesus reminds us that the world needs what we have been given. It needs faith lived with courage and love. Being salt and light does not require perfection. It requires faithfulness. It means showing up each day and choosing love. It means forgiving when it is hard, speaking truth with charity, and serving others quietly and generously. Brothers and sisters, Jesus calls us to shine, not for our own glory, but so that others may see our good works and give glory to God. Let us ask for the grace to live our faith boldly and joyfully, trusting that even small acts of love can bring light into the darkness.

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
to Fatima, Lourdes & Barcelona. Sept 2nd to 13th, 11 days, 10 nights
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"The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright."

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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Sunday, February 15th, 2026, after each Mass
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Lenten Evening Reflections Retreat

Friday, March 20th at Daylesford Abbey in Paoli.
Features: inspiring talks, prayer time, fellowship,
confessions and a delicious dinner!

Go to: <https://www.nonnatus.org/retreats>



Super Bowl Hoagie Sale

The Knights of Columbus will be selling hoagies in the vestibule after all Masses today. Thank you for your 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.

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.



The Church dedicates the month of February to the Holy Family of Nazareth. We ask their blessing on all our families.

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



Philly's Annual Catholic Men's Conference.
Saturday, February 28th at Cardinal O'Hara H.S.

For more information or register go to:

www.ManUpPhilly.com

Knights of Columbus Raffle

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Tickets are \$100.00 / Maximum of 400 tickets sold.
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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!



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>

or scan QR code



"As two pieces of wax fused together make one, so he who receives Holy Communion is so united with Christ that Christ is in him and he is in Christ."

St. Cyril / Feast Day February 15th

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 Whitemarsh Woods.

St. John's Hospice

Casseroles can be home made or store bought.

The next drop off dates are anytime between Feb 28 & Mar 1st pickup is Wednesday March 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 February 24th 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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