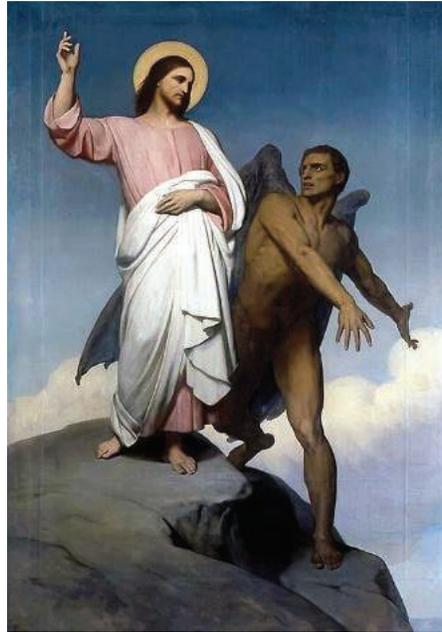


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1st Sunday in Lent
February 22nd, 2026



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Parish Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass

5PM

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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

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Family Rosary

Join the Knights of Columbus on Wednesday, March 11th in the Church for our rosary. Bring your special intentions to our Mother Mary and ask her intercession.

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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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**Confessions are heard every Saturday from
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We Pray for our Beloved Deceased

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

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



1st Sunday of Lent

5PM Vigil

George Szparagowski, Sr.

Sunday, February 22nd

7:30AM – Jim Brooks

9:30AM – Bob Wisniewski

11AM – Peter Conway

Monday, February 23rd

St. Polycarp

8:30AM – Eugene R. & Maria R. Caruso

Tuesday, February 24th

8:30AM – James Foley, Sr.

Wednesday, February 25th

8:30AM – Kathy Fisher – 11th Anniversary

Thursday, February 26th

8:30AM – George Szparagowski, Sr.

Friday, February 27th

St. Gregory of Narek

8:30AM – Carol Tierney

Saturday, February 28th

8:30AM – Joseph & Conchetta Perri

Vigil – Andrew Lins



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of Betty Calbot, req'd by Eileen Gravinese.

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

1 in memory of LoraLee V. Brown, req'd by Eileen Gravinese.

1 in memory of Sarah Trainor.

A candle will burn at the statue of St. Joseph, in memory of Sherry DelGrippe, req'd by Eileen Gravinese.

Lenten Penance Service
March 25th at 7PM



Stations of the Cross
Every Friday in Lent at 7PM



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, Stacey Mullen, William Pinto, Maria Prince, Baby Colson Robert Riday, Patrick Ryan, Nicole Sachs, 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.

***"In the face of my darkness, You are light.
In the face of my mortality, You are life."
St. Gregory of Narek / Feast Day - February 27th***



Dear St. Philip Neri Friends and Family,

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

We have entered into the holy season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we received ashes as a reminder of our mortality and our need for repentance. Now, on this First Sunday of Lent, the Gospel leads us into the desert with Jesus. For forty days, He fasts and prays, and there He is tempted by the devil. This moment reveals not only who Jesus is, but how we are called to live as His followers. Each temptation Jesus faces strikes at something very human. Hunger. Power. Control. The desire for security and recognition. These are not foreign temptations. They are the same struggles we face in our own lives. The devil invites Jesus to satisfy His hunger apart from God, to claim power without obedience, and to test God rather than trust Him. Jesus resists every temptation by turning back to the Father and standing firm in God's Word. This Gospel teaches us that temptation itself is not sin. Jesus was tempted, yet He remained faithful. What matters is how we respond. Lent is not about pretending we are perfect. It is about acknowledging our weaknesses and turning to God for strength. Like Jesus, we are called to face temptation not with pride, but with trust in God. The first reading from Genesis reminds us of the story of Adam and Eve, who gave in to temptation and broke their trust in God. Saint Paul, in the second reading, contrasts Adam with Christ. Where Adam fell, Christ remained faithful. Through Christ's obedience, sin is overcome and grace is poured out abundantly. Lent is a season of grace because it invites us to share in Christ's victory. Prayer strengthens our relationship with God. Fasting helps us detach from what controls us. Almsgiving opens our hearts to the needs of others. These practices are not punishments. They are tools that help us grow in freedom and love. The desert is not a place of despair. It is a place of encounter. In the quiet, distractions fall away and God speaks more clearly. Lent invites us into that sacred space. It asks us to slow down, to listen, and to allow God to shape us anew. Brothers and sisters, as we continue this Lenten journey, let us walk with Christ in the desert. Let us trust that God is with us in our struggles and faithful in His promises. When temptation comes, may we turn to the Lord. When we fall, may we rise again in Christ. When Easter arrives, may we find that our hearts have been renewed by God's mercy and love. May this Lent draw us closer to Christ, strengthen our faith, and prepare us for the joy of the Resurrection.

Please invite someone to Mass today.

St. Philip Neri, pray for us.

Have a blessed day,

Fr. Szparagowski

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"Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned."



Wednesday, March 25th
Penance Service at 7PM

Wednesday April 1st
Stations of the Cross at 7PM

Holy Thursday, April 2nd
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7PM
A concelebrated Mass of the Lord's Supper with the
Washing of Feet. Chapel will be open for adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament until 10PM.

Good Friday, April 3rd
Passion & Death of the Lord at 3PM
During the liturgy, communion will be distributed
and Veneration of the Cross.
&
Tenebrae Service at 7PM

Holy Saturday, April 4th
Confessions from Noon to 1PM
Easter Vigil at 7PM
Liturgy of Light
Liturgy of the Word
Liturgy of the Eucharist

Easter Sunday, April 5th
Masses at 7:30AM, 9:30AM & 11AM



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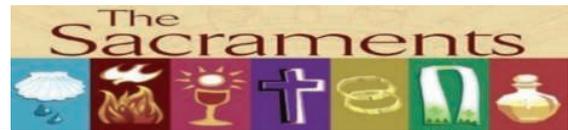
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**"Let us therefore forsake the vanity of the crowd
and their false teachings, and turn back to the word
delivered to us from the beginning."**

St. Polycarp / Feast Day February 23rd



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.

SPN Women's Guild



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Adoration to Pray for Vocations

Spend one hour each week before the Blessed Sacrament praying for vocations. For locations go to: www.heedthecall.org/vocations/resources

St. Monica Club

Do you have a loved ones who have drifted away from the Church? 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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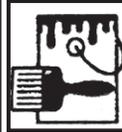
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