



The angels
sang a
message
of JOY!

Luke 2:7-15

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SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH
LAFAYETTE HILL, PENNSYLVANIA

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DECEMBER 12, 2010

Third Sunday of Advent

Second Collection:
Retirement Fund for Religious

PLEASE PRAY for the sick so that they may be comforted by the concern and love of their families and the family of the Church: Joie Nicole Barr, Addison Birney, John Cacchio, Jr., John Cahill, Vincent Cellucci, Gregory Cenevino, Ed Coach, Maryellen Clarke, Mary Connery, Patricia Coscia, Susan DiBonaventura, Mary DiDonato, Charles Di Lullo, Jr., Lillian Doherty, Michael Egan, Kevin Flanagan, Claire Fleming, Marge Gallagher, Bill Geppert, Jason Hamilton, Arthur Hellebusch, Sharon Hofknecht, Vincent Jacoby, Catherine Kershaw, Lauretta Kolb, George and Molly Lozinak, James Maggetti, Margaret McLaughlin, Joan Marine, Mary McLean, Sue Male, Barbara Martinick, Peg Mateja, Carmen and Helen Morelli, John Mullahy Thomas Mortimore, IV, Lisa O'Brien, Dolores O'Neill, James V. Pienkowski, Barbie Preston, John Rees, Gloria Reilly, Erica Roberts, Peter Shields, Sr., Betty Skibjak, Betty Smith, Lorraine Sirianni, Tim Schwartz, Frank Stanczak, Sr., Rhonda Younglove and for all those who are hoping and praying for organ transplants.

PLEASE PRAY for those who died and those we remember in the silence of our hearts.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS are scheduled for Tuesday, January 4, 7:30 PM, in the Rectory Conference Room. Your baby is always welcome in Church, however, for the instruction itself, please try to schedule a babysitter so you may be free to concentrate. Also, please call the Church Office at 610-834-1975 for sign up purposes.

Question of the Week

What would Jesus see to praise about you right now?

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT -
MONDAY
9:00 AM TO 7:00 PM- CHAPEL

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday
6:30 AM Lucy Simpson
Lucy Drenkhahn
8:30 AM Mary L. and Anthony J. Basile, Sr.

Tuesday
6:30 AM Norman Malone
8:30 AM Alfred and Cecilia Porrino

Wednesday
6:30 AM Anna Calamia
8:30 AM William Gallagher
Joseph Hartley

Thursday
6:30 AM Mary Olivieri
8:30 AM J. Walter and Catherine Carroll
and Family

Friday
6:30 AM Mary L. Basile
8:30 AM Joseph and Dorothy Gill

Saturday
8:30 AM Maureen Minetti
John McAllister

Pastor's Note...

We will have a Special Blessing for Expectant Mothers at the 11:30 AM Mass on December 19. If you wish to receive this blessing, please call the Church Office 610-834-1975.

Parish Penance Service

Our annual Advent Penance Service will take place on Tuesday, December 21, at 7:00 PM. As usual, we will have a number of priests hearing confession. If you have not gone to confession in a while, this would be a good time and an excellent way to prepare for the coming of Christ.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
Friday, December 24

4:00 PM Children's Mass
Prelude Music Presented by School Choir
and Hand Chime Ringers 3:50 PM

5:45 PM Mass

7:30 PM Adult Choir*

Midnight Mass Teen Schola**

Christmas Day
Saturday, December 25

7:00 AM

8:30 AM

10:00 AM

11:30 AM

Join Us as We Celebrate the Birth of Jesus With Choral and Brass
Prelude Music. *7:10 PM Christmas Eve - Adult Choir
**11:40 PM Christmas Eve - Schola

Choir Notes & News

We are happy to have additional musicians celebrate the Mass with us on Christmas. It is necessary then to expand the music space into the window aisle. Traffic will be directed around this area. *Please be considerate of the ministry of the organists, musicians and singers and their concentration on the liturgy.*

The Giving Tree

Please make sure you return the tag when you return the gift. The gifts should be returned no later than **TUESDAY**. Thank you for your continued support for this wonderful cause.



Think About It! Adult Faith Formation

(Contact: [LindaBanecker AFF@aol.com](mailto:LindaBanecker_AFF@aol.com) or 610-828-0344)
Small Christian Community: It's not too late to join in discussing the Sunday scriptures on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 AM in the Church Sacristy. Contact Bobby Cefaratti 610-828-5363.

Adult Religious Education: Wednesday, December 15 at 7:00 PM in the Epiphany Parish Center and the topic is Centering Prayer and Consciousness Examen. Some of you may know that this is part of the spirituality of St. Ignatius. The sessions are being taught by two Sisters of Mercy, Maureen Michelle Donnelly and Mary Anne Nolan. Since December 15th is in Advent, it would be a great way to help prepare for the great feast of Christmas. I'd be happy to carpool or pick someone up if needed.

Thank You! My personal gratitude to Bobby Cefaratti, Joan Gallagher, Rick Gallagher and Joe Banecker for their help with the Family Advent Celebration, and to John Connolly for his help with the Men's Pub Night. There is no way these events could have taken place without you. I would be grateful to those of you who attended either of these events if you would shoot me an e-mail or stop me and let me know your honest thoughts. It would be good to know if our AFF program is meeting your needs. Thank you!

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Please consider joining our Women's Prayer Group. We meet from 10:00 to 11:00 every Thursday morning. We would be glad to have you join us.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Men of different ages meet every Wednesday morning in the Rectory Conference Room from 7:30 to 8:30. There are no experts, just men searching for a deeper relationship with God. If you are interested in joining and wish more information, call Duane McCarthy at 610.825.5237.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? If you are interested in becoming a member of the faith community here at St. Philip Neri, call the Religious Education Office at 610-834-9868. We are interested in learning more about you too!

H.O.P.E.

If you, or anyone you know, needs transportation to a doctor or dentist appointment, or to Church on Sunday, please call Anne or Bill Franks at 610-828-2530 or (E-mail: ann59bil@gmail.com), or Loretta Zych at 215-836-1127. Note: Additional weekday drivers and group leaders are needed.

The Philippians are going to Our National Parks June 2011. All are welcome! For more information contact Anna Marlin at 267-307-6238.

Can You Help?

One of our families recently experienced a devastating fire that killed the father and left the family without a home. The Parish Religious Education Program would like to ask for your support. During this season of giving, we are asking that you consider making a donation through Saint Philip's to help them. You can make a check to Saint Philip's or donate a gift card so that we can help them with the basic necessities of life. This can be done through the Church office or by contacting Jeanette Paul through the Program or school office. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated, and may the peace of Christ bless all of our families. 610-834-9868 / jpaul@saintphilipnerschool.com

Saint Philip Neri Youth Group

The SPN Youth Group will be heading to Operation Santa Claus Headquarters run by the Archdiocese on Sunday, December 19. We will attend 8:30 Mass and depart from SPN following the Mass. We will wrap gifts and help organize things for Operation Santa Claus. This will be a great way to serve others during the Christmas Season. Feel free to bring friends from other parishes to this event. Please RSVP for this event by Wednesday by contacting Mrs. McGroary at mbmcgroary@saintphilipnerschool.com. We will also be Christmas Caroling on Wednesday, December 22 from 7-8:30 PM. We will walk to some local spots including Sunrise Assisted Living Facility, and then finish the night off with some cookies and hot chocolate. All high school students are welcome and please feel free to bring friends from other parishes. Hope you can make it!

SPN Home and School Association Trivia Night 8

Tickets on sale now, for more information McM.Entertain@gamil.com or 610-828-2102.

A SIMPLE WISH LIST

If the Franciscans had the time to visit Santa, they would ask for gifts to give those who visit their Inn. *To keep them fed* - PB & J, canned tuna &

chicken, oatmeal, powdered milk, coffee, tea, sugar, baby food and formula, *to keep them warm* gloves & hats, long undies, gently used blankets & coats, *to keep them healthy* - vitamins, ibuprofen, acetaminophen, alcohol free cough & cold medicines, cough drops, Chapstick & Vaseline, *to keep them (and the Inn) clean* - toiletries, feminine products, washcloths, paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, 13 gallon trash bags, Clorox & Pine-Sol. Shopping is as easy as a trip to the dollar store or throwing a few extra items in your grocery cart. Boxes will be at all doors of the church during the Advent and Christmas seasons to accept your donations. Thank you in advance for helping to welcome each guest as Christ himself.

*It's never too early to send a thank you to you wonderful parishioners who continually support our ministry to the poor. We are delighted to receive all the food, toiletries, warm items, etc. you so generously share with the less fortunate. Many, many thanks! May God bless you most abundantly during this Advent Season. Peace and joy, The Franciscans
@ St. Francis Inn*



BJ's Wholesale Club Supports St. Philip Neri School

*Join or Renew through this special membership offer:
\$10 off the regular \$45 Membership fee
(\$35 basic membership) Applications on the table
in the back of the Church.*

*3 free months (15 month membership vs. 12)
Plus, receive a free household member card*

Bonus: BJ's will donate \$5 of your membership fee to: Saint Philip Neri School

Deadline for this offer: December 21.



MAGICAL SCRIP

SCRIP = Gift Cards. The St. Philip Neri (SPN) gift cards are magical - every SPN gift card purchase generates revenue for the parish and for you. Shop with SPN gift cards; give SPN gift cards as gifts. You will help reduce the parish deficit and stretch your budget! Questions? Contact Patti Hinchey, sponscrip@gmail.com.

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