

SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH

DECEMBER 26, 2010

The Holy Family
Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Second Collection: Debt Reduction

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, Mary Connery, Patricia Coscia, Susan DiBonaventura, Mary DiDonato, Lillian Doherty 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, Laretta 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, Lisa O'Brien, Thomas Mortimore, IV, 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.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday
8:30 AM Steve Petrokubi

Tuesday
8:30 AM Earl Bruce Kirk

Wednesday
8:30 AM Michael J. Ferki

Thursday
8:30 AM Mary L. and Anthony J. Basile, Sr.

Friday
8:30 AM Mary L. Basile

Saturday
8:30 AM Steve Petrokubi

There will be no 6:30 AM
Masses this week.



**Saturday, January 1,
The Feast of the
Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God,
I s not a Holy Day of Obligation**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Saint Philip Neri School Faculty, staff and students wish everyone a Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year.

School resumes January 3.

SCHOOL NEWS - All of a sudden it's Advent, a season to prepare. It's a time of year to ready our hearts and minds in faith, be nourished in prayer, and believe in the miracle of Jesus Christ. The children's

Advent celebration was a time for kids to do just that. Children gathered for Mass and brought along a gift for those less fortunate. They enjoyed ice cream treats and crafts. Thank you to many of our 6th grade students who collected the gifts and helped at the craft table. The students in grades 1-6 had an opportunity to shop at Santa's Secret Shop, an annual tradition at St. Philip's. Many of Santa's elves helped the kids pick and choose from a nice selection of gifts for their family and friends. Thank you to the older students who helped their younger grade partners! Miss Sassaman, our music teacher, worked very closely with all of our students in putting together our annual Christmas show. Each class sang beautifully along with many solo performances. The show culminates with the Nativity, a beautiful way to "sing" of the miracle at Christmastime. Our first trimester has come to an end and congratulations are in order for all of those students who worked hard enough to achieve honors. Achieving honors is a special distinction that includes the education of the whole child, academically and personally. They give to the less fortunate, deliver to those in need, sing of our savior, and pray throughout the Advent season. May the children of St. Philip's be blessed this Christmas season.

Question of the Week

What can you do this week to help someone in your family feel more secure and loved?



Think About It! Adult Faith Formation

(Contact: 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.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Please consider joining our Women's Prayer Group. We meet from 10:00 to 11:00 every Thursday morning in the Cry Room in the Church. 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. Please call Jeanette Paul at 610-834-9868 jpaul@saintphilipnerschool.com.

SPN Home and School Association

Trivia Night 8

Friday, January 28 – 6:30 PM

**The Irish Center
6815 Emlen Street**

**Price: \$42.50 after Jan.7, \$55.00/each
(includes dinner, dessert and open bar)
Contact Jennifer McMenamin at 610-828-2102
or jsm0282@yahoo.com**

ARE YOU AVAILABLE ON 12/30?

The combined holiday seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas means *Philabundance* is inundated with donated bags and boxes of food. But before it can be distributed to local food cupboards, it needs to be sorted and repacked, and our normal group received a desperate plea to come and help. A group will be going down to the repack center on Thursday to assist in this effort. Morning shift is 8:30 to noon, afternoon shift is 12:30-3:30. Ages 12 and above are welcome. Please contact Cindy Veit at LWVeit@gmail.com or call 610-772-4740 if you are interested. Car pools will be arranged.

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** – Peanut Butter and jelly, 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 and 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



MAGICAL SCRIP

Magical Groceries Every household needs to grocery shop, right? If your St. Philip Neri household purchases \$100 in grocery store gift cards per week, \$4-\$5 of extra revenue is generated (split between half for the parish and half for you in the form

of a voucher for you). Do the math: 50 weeks times 1000 families means \$100,000-\$125,000 is generated for the parish, and each family earns \$100-\$125 -- in a year! It's a great way to stretch your grocery bill budget and reduce the parish deficit. ACME, Giant, ShopRite, and Super Fresh gift cards are for sale after weekend Masses and during church office hours. All of these grocery stores plus Genuardi's gift cards are available if you purchase scrip on-line at www.shopwithscrip.com. See the flyer in today's bulletin for more magical details. Questions? Contact Patti Hinchey, spnscrip@gmail.com

Called to Serve

National Vocation Awareness Week 2011

An Archdiocesan Day of Eucharistic Adoration

For an increase in Priestly Vocations

Monday, January 10

Cardinal Justin Rigali has asked for all the faithful of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to be united in prayer before the Most Blessed Sacrament for an increase in priestly vocations for the benefit of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. There will be Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament in every Parish of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Cardinal Rigali invites you and your family to a special Vicariate **Holy Hour at 7:00 PM** at one of the following parishes.

Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul

SS. Simon and Jude, West Chester

Holy Cross Church, Springfield

St. John Vianney Church, Gladwyne

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Southampton

St. Anselm Church, Philadelphia

HAVE A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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