



God sent
His only
Son to earth
to save us,
because He
loves us!

John 3:16-17

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**SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH
LAFAYETTE HILL, PENNSYLVANIA**

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DECEMBER 18, 2011

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pastors Note....

There will be two collections on Christmas Day. The first collection is for your Christmas Donation and the second collection is your Ordinary Sunday Offering. Thank you.

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: Peter Black, Ray Cleary, Mary Connery, Mary DiDonato, Hector DiGiacomo, Lillian Doherty, Marge Gallagher, Sharon Hofknecht, Rachel Horvath, Vincent Jacoby, Catherine Kershaw, Lauretta Kolb, Pat Kost, George and Molly Lozinak, James Maggetti, Sue Male, Joan Marine, Barbara Martinick, Julia McLaughlin, Margaret McLaughlin, Jean McLenigan, Carmen and Helen Morelli, John Mullahy, Lisa O'Brien, Thomas Mortimore, IV, John Rees, Gloria Reilly, Baby Peter Sayegh, Tim Schwartz, Betty Smith, Gabriel Vereczkei, 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, especially: Louis Melasecca, Benjamin Cruz and Raymond Simmonds.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS are scheduled for Tuesday, January 3, 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.

WE WELCOME John Tyler, son of Timothy and Melissa Kirk and Charlotte Grace, daughter of Bruce and Audrey Carnevale into the Parish Community of Saint Philip Neri Church. These babies were baptized last Sunday.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday

6:30 AM Margaret Ponietowicz
8:30 AM Cecilia Porrino

Tuesday

6:30 AM Brendan Gray
8:30 AM Mary L. and Anthony J. Basile,
Sr.

Wednesday

6:30 AM Thomas F. Keane, III
Frank and Concetta Lupinacci
and Family
8:30 AM William Gallagher

Thursday

6:30 AM Edward Mack
8:30 AM Tullio Leomporra

Friday

6:30 AM Steven S. Staranowski
8:30 AM Englebert and Stephens Families

Saturday

8:30 AM Mary Olivieri

Penitential Services

Regional Penitential Service

Monday, 7:00 PM

St. Mary's Church

W. Elm and Oak Street, Conshohocken

Advent Penitential Service

Wednesday, 7:00 PM

St. Philip Neri Church

Question of the Week

When have you followed the examples of Mary and said, "Let it be done to me as you say?"



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

4:00 PM Children's Mass

Prelude Music Presented by School Choir

5:45 PM Mass

7:30 PM Adult Choir*

Midnight Mass Teen Schola**

Christmas Day

Sunday, 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 Prelude Music.*

**7:15 PM Christmas Eve Adult Choir **11:45 PM*

Christmas Eve – Schola

Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:00 AM Sunday, Preschool Building

nlcwilliamson@comcast.net

CYO PHILLIES FUNDRAISER

Saint Philip Neri CYO is once again selling tickets for a chance at winning (2) full 2012 Phillies Season Tickets. Price is only \$10 per chance and chances may be obtained from any CYO Board Member. Any questions please contact Pete Black at Pblack3rd@aol.com.

Saint Philip Neri Home and School Association

presents

TRIVIA NIGHT 9

Save the Date: January 27

LuLu Temple in Plymouth Meeting

Visit www.triviaevents.net for details

SAINT PHILIP NERI SCHOOL NEWS

Christmas is much more than celebrating the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. We remember that God sent his Son to save us from our sins. Jesus was handed over to us so that we could fulfill God's desire to draw ourselves closer to him. So it is during Advent that we are invited to focus on Jesus' coming, ask God to take away our sins, and prepare to accept his embrace. From this, we can more fully enjoy being with Jesus. Take a walk around SPN to see how the students and faculty are doing this. Whether it's the Advent wreaths, the decorated Christmas trees, or the many Nativity scenes, we are alert and awake to Jesus' coming. In that same spirit, we have participated in a very successful canned food drive for our hot lunch provider, Nutritional Development Services. Numerous donations have been made to St. Francis Inn. Thanks to our wonderful parent volunteers, we organized our annual Children's Advent Mass and celebration. Gifts were donated to Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament, along with our student council's decorating fundraiser to support Father Mike's efforts in funding high school education in Malawi. Amidst all of this we are still studying,

competing in sports and running back and forth to various activities but realize that Advent is a time to center ourselves more in faith. We look at the Nativity and think about all of the lives that were changed as a result of Jesus' birth. We look at how Mary and Joseph said "yes" to God's plan. We learn that we, too, can say "yes" to Jesus and, ultimately, find ourselves doing his will. May God bless you and your families this Advent and Christmas season.

SAVE THE DATE:
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10
FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE
LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION
COMING SOON. Any questions, please
contact Linda Pizzi at 610-940-1331
or Impizzi@verizon.net

Shop with SCRIP Gift Cards

It's Christmas time! Every time you Christmas shop with SCRIP or give SCRIP as a Christmas gift, you spread lots of extra Christmas cheer - vouchers for you and FREE MONEY for SPN! Use the vouchers for SPN tuition or for gift cards. SCRIP gift cards are sold after weekend Masses, at the church office, or at www.shopwithscrip.com SPN enrollment code 7D53E11E329L. Direct questions to Patti Hinchey at spnscrip@gmail.com or 215-836-2129.

Giant A Plus School Rewards Program

Thank you - 70 Giant Bonus Cards are registered for SPN! There's still time for you to sign up! Simply e-mail your name and Giant Bonus Card number to spnscrip@gmail.com, OR jot down your name and Giant card number and drop it in the collection basket. This is a no-cost fundraiser! Your Giant purchases will earn money for SPN school through March 2012. Direct questions to Patti Hinchey at 215-836-2129.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Please consider joining our Women's Prayer Group. We meet from 10:00-11:00 every Thursday morning in the Rectory Conference Room. 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.

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 email: ann59bil@gmail.com, or Loretta Zych at 215-836-1127. Additional weekday drivers and group leaders are needed.

Philippians – Anyone interested in joining our organization, please call Joan Meade at 610-828-6641. New members are always welcomed.

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!

Frozen Casseroles for St. John's Hospice

Could you find time to make a casserole for the homeless of St. John's? Pans, lids and recipes are available in the Church Office and at Barbara McCarthy's (610-828-2058). Frozen casseroles are brought to Barbara's house before 9:00 AM the first Wednesday of each month. The next delivery is Wednesday, January 4. Please consider this work of mercy in your busy schedule.

Volunteers needed... Saint Philip Neri Church is in need of volunteers to help clean the Church. Can you spare one hour on a Friday morning, once a month, to be part of a group that helps keep our Church beautiful? If you are interested please call Mary in the Church Office at 610-834-1975.

ARE YOU A PARENT WHO HAS LOST A CHILD?

An informal group of Moms and Dads get together to talk or just listen to others who understand how you feel. For more information contact: Marianne O'Connor 610-825-4975 or Rosemary McNichol 215-247-2267. This group meets every third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Rectory Conference Room. The next meeting is Tuesday.

CATHOLICS COME HOME

CatholicsComeHome.org's evangelization commercials will be airing nationwide, inviting those away from the practice of their faith to return "home." We encourage our parishioners to pray for those who have left the Church and invite them to join us this Christmas season at Saint Philip Neri Church. We pray for this national campaign to create the largest family

reunion in Church History! To learn more visit www.CatholicsComeHome.org.

The Sisters of Saint Joseph present the Keystone State Boys choir, in conjunction with the Princeton Girls choir, for a concert on Sunday January 8. The concert begins at 3 pm and will be held in Mount Saint Joseph Convent Chapel (9701 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19118). Concert tickets are \$25.00 each. Limited seating is available so please make your purchase promptly. To reserve tickets call 1-800-482-6510 or email development@ssjphila.org. Ticket proceeds benefit the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

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