



Preparation
means to
'get ready'.
"Help us to be
ready to
welcome
YOU, O GOD!"

Luke 3:4-6

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

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CHURCH
DECEMBER 4, 2011**

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Second Collection: Christmas Decorations

**Second Collection Next Weekend:
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: Peter Black, Mary Connery, Mary DiDonato, Hector DiGiacomo, Lillian Doherty, Marge Gallagher, Sharon Hofknecht, Rachel Horvath, Vincent Jacoby, Catherine Kershaw, Laretta 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 Mae Myers and Geraldine Jones.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS are scheduled for Tuesday, 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 Joseph, son of Jonathan and Bridget Bushnell and Bridget Marie, daughter of Gregory and Sara Stokes

into the Parish Community of Saint Philip Neri Church.

These babies were baptized last week.

Question of the Week

With whom could you be more patient this week,
as God has been patient with you?

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ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday

6:30 AM David Deasy
8:30 AM Earl Bruce Kirk
10th Anniversary

Tuesday

6:30 AM Frank and Mary Fulginiti
8:30 AM Campolongo Family

Wednesday

6:30 AM Albert Busfield
8:30 AM Mary L. Basile

Thursday

6:30 AM Stephen Petrokubi
8:30 AM Anthony Della Porta
12:05 PM Frank English
7:00 PM Loretta Dziuban

Friday

6:30 AM Helen Tatlow
8:30 AM Albert Roscioli

Saturday

8:30 AM Ciammetti and Ricciutti
Families



Thursday, The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be held at 6:30, 8:30AM; 12:05 and 7:00PM.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12
9:00 AM TO 7:00 PM- CHAPEL

Pastor's Note...

**We will have a *Special Blessing* for *Expectant Mothers* at the 5:00PM Mass on December 17. If you wish to receive this blessing, please call the Church Office
610-834-1975.**



ADVENT MASS and SOCIAL

Please join us for the advent Mass on **Wednesday, 7:00 PM** in Church.

Please bring a wrapped gift, clearly labeled boy/girl or neutral with appropriate age group.

After Mass please join us for a social in the School Cafeteria.

Any questions, please contact Jennifer Fioravanti, 215-901-4122.



Giving Tree

During the holiday season it is more rewarding to give than to receive. Please pick a name off the giving tree located in the Lobby of the Church. Please return the wrapped gift with the tag attached as soon as possible or no later than December 13. This will give us time to sort and deliver the gifts to less fortunate children from Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament School located in Philadelphia and The Devereux Kanner

Center in West Chester. Thank you for your continued support for this wonderful cause in bringing joy to a child.

SAINT PHILIP NERI WOMEN'S GUILD

COOKING AND SWEETS EXCHANGE

A wonderful afternoon for the Ladies
Sunday, December 11, 2:00 PM

Just outside library (former gym)

Bring: Seven dozen cookies/sweets

(6) dozen wrapped separately

(1) dozen for tasting

Beverages will be provided

One wrapped present (\$10-\$15 Value)

for the Yankee Swap

For more information: Michelle Abiuso

(610) 828-1850 or AbiusoPHL@aol.com

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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.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

The youth group will have a meeting on Wednesday, 7:00-8:30 PM in the old gym. Hope to see you there! The high school youth group will be volunteering at Operation Santa Clause on Saturday, December 17. We will leave SPN at 9:30 AM and return for a pizza lunch at 12:30 PM. Let's try to make this year as successful as last year! Please RSVP to Mrs. McGroary at mbmcgroary@saintphilipnerschool.com

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 spnscrisp@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 spnscrisp@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.

BJ's Membership Drive is BACK!!!!

It is \$40 for membership, instead of \$50, 15 months instead of 12, plus free household membership card. St. Philip's will get \$5 for every new or renewed membership. Any questions, please feel free to contact Linda Pizzi, lpizzi@verizon.net or 610-940-1331. Applications are available in the back of church on the table.

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.

ADULT Faith Formation is a Lifelong Journey

Contact: LindaBaneckerAFF@aol.com

Or 610-828-0344

Save the Date...

Father James Martin, S.J.

Friday, December 16 at 7:30 PM

Father will be speaking at our parish as well as conducting a book signing. Father is a graduate of Plymouth Whitemarsh High School and Wharton School, editor at American Magazine, commentator for CNN, NPR and Fox News, and renowned author.

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 this Wednesday. Please consider this work of mercy in your busy schedule.

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Music Notes – Wedding/Funeral Music

Please contact Jean Martin 215/704-0508

Please be mindful of the ministry of the parish musicians and their concentration on the liturgy.

“If the space occupied by the choir and instruments is visible to the assembly, it must reflect the sacredness of the music ministry.”

Church Document: Sing to the Lord, *Music in Divine Worship, USCCB*

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.

GAUDEAMUS will be performing on the following dates: Epiphany of Our Lord Church – Plymouth Meeting, Sunday, December 11~ 7:30PM and St. Francis of Assisi Church, Norristown, Sunday, December 18, ~ 3:00PM. *Gaudeamus* is a ten-piece musical group featuring Connie Cannon Steuer as pianist, Sarah Agnew Norman and Kelly Brobson as vocalists, and an ensemble of professional musicians. The concerts will consist of sacred, traditional and classical Christmas music and will include many of your holiday favorites! Both concerts are free and open to the public. For additional information, please visit the Gaudeamus website at letusrejoice.net or contact Connie at (610) 291-4255.

LaSalle College High School

Christmas Shopping Spectacular, Sunday from 12:00-4:00 PM. This event is open to all shoppers,

so call your girlfriends and join us. Walk-ins welcomed. \$25 includes spectacular shopping and a lunch. Any questions contact Joanne Quinn at 215-793-9934.

joannevquinn@verizon.net.

The Catholic Tour, a 30 year old Catholic Pilgrimage Apostolate is pleased to announce its monthly departures to the Holy Land, following the footsteps of Our Lord. The pilgrimage is being done to introduce all to “The Beginnings of Our Catholic Church” at prices that include all land arrangements, superior tourist hotels throughout the Holy Land, most meals, deluxe motor coach, tour guild, and airfare from JFK airport in New York. Call 1-877-627-4288 (988 Marian Tour) toll free for more information.

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