

SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH

FEBRUARY 27, 2011

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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., Vincent Cellucci, Gregory Cenevino, Ed Coach, Mary Connery, Patricia Coscia, Susan DiBonaventura, Mary DiDonato, Lillian Doherty, Charles Di Lullo, Jr., 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, Jacqueline Leflar, James Maggetti, Margaret McLaughlin, Elyse Manley, Joan Marine, Mary McLean, Julia McLaughlin, 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 Smith, Lorraine Sirianni, Tim Schwartz, 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, especially: Stephen Jablonski, Jane Silverthorn, Joseph Laferty and Martin Donze.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 9

Masses: 6:30, 8:30, 9:30 AM, 7:00 PM
Ashes will be distributed within the Masses.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday

6:30 AM Francis Crippen
8:30 AM Sally Henkel Alford

Tuesday

6:30 AM Edward Mack
8:30 AM Charles P. Vance, Sr.

Wednesday

6:30 AM Thomas Jones
8:30 AM Maureen Minetti

Thursday

6:30 AM Mary Whalon
8:30 AM Albert Granese

Friday

6:30 AM George Barr, Sr.
8:30 AM Anna and Neil McMenamin

Saturday

8:30 AM Evelyn Thomas

World Day of Prayer

Friday, 12:30 PM, *Saint Philip Neri Church*
Please call Janice Swan if you have any questions
at 610-828-8943.

Mass of the Anointing of the Sick Saturday, 2:00 PM

Those who are expecting surgery, are chronically ill, are experiencing anxiety or distress, are undergoing testing for an illness or those in a weakened condition are all called to be present at this Mass. Please call Jeanette Paul at 610-834-9868 if you need transportation. A reception will follow the Mass.

Question of the Week

What things do you worry about most frequently?
How do you deal with your worry?



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

WEDNESDAYS

Beginning – March 16, 7:00 PM

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 at 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. Please consider this work of mercy in your busy schedule. They are greatly needed and appreciated.

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.

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.



SCHOOL NEWS

Catholic School's Week was a huge success. It began with a special liturgy with Monsignor Vance asking students what makes St. Philip's so unique. From great teachers and priests, to kind, caring people, to the best choir around, it is clear that our students are very proud. While reminded that going to a Catholic school is a privilege, students used this week to reflect on faith education, giving to others, supporting our troops, and appreciating our freedom. *February's Wellness Wednesday* activity introduced the kids to something new. Desiree Smith, a parent at SPN, presented the kids with a Zumba demonstration. It didn't take long for the kids to catch on. They learned some new dance and fitness steps while, at the same time, helping to contribute to the ongoing success of SPN's Wellness Program. Next week, SPN will take part in a major reading initiative called *One School, One Book*. The entire school will be reading the same book, at the same time. In addition, every family will be asked to reread the assigned sections with their child/children each night. We hope to create a school wide "reading buzz" where all students will be able to reflect on the wonderful message from the book, *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*. Our winter sports season has drawn to a close. Congratulations to all of the teams on their efforts for a successful season!



Think About It! Adult Faith Formation

LindaBaneckerAFF@aol.com or 610-828-0344

Book Club: Sunday, March 6 at 7:00 PM in the School Library: *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henri Nouwen. Read pages 1-45 The Younger Son. Reflect with Nouwen on Rembrandt's painting The Return of the Prodigal Son. Perhaps you can relate to the younger son? Is the Father longing for you to return home this Lent? Are you reluctant to do so because you are unsure of the welcome? This book is for you! Please join us!

Lenten Bible Study: Join in the Great Adventure Bible Study March 16, 23, April 6, 13, 27 at 7:00 in the school library where we will study Numbers, Joshua, Judges, 1,2 Samuel and 1 Kings. This is a continuation of what we covered last year, but not to worry, we will review it all so everyone is welcome and no one will be behind. Material cost is \$30.

Women's Mini-Retreat: May 7 from 8:30-12:00 with Sr. Marie Michele Donnelly from Mercy Ministries in the church and school hall.

March 6, 13, 20

The High School Youth Group will be having a board game night on Wednesday, from 7:00-8:30 PM outside the school library. Please bring one or two of your favorite board games or card games. Feel free to invite friends from other parishes. Email Mrs. McGroary with any questions. Hope to see you there!
mbmcgroary@saintphilipnerschool.com

Saint Philip Neri Theatre Company
Presents - South Pacific
Weekend of March 25 – 27

Send a message to your favorite actor by buying a patron. (Handwritten notes are fine; all messages are retyped in proper format) \$1 – One line, \$5 – Quarter of Page, 10 – Half of Page, \$20 – Full Page. Forward message and payment no later than Tuesday, C/O School Office, Attn: Jennifer McMenamin

Saint Philip Neri Women's Guild

Donut "Fastnacht" Weekend
March 5 and 6

Delicious, Suzy Jo glazed doughnuts will be sold after all the Masses in the church foyer.
Cost: \$9.00 dozen. All proceeds benefit our Church and School. No need to pre-order...first come, first served! Info: Marcy Pichola mhpichola@comast.net or Deanna Marrone dmdm31796@aol.com.

Covered Dish Dinner
Thursday, March 10 – 7:00 PM
SPN School Cafeteria

Bring a main course, side dish, salad, vegetable or dessert that serves eight. For more information contact: Rose Boneck, roseboneck@yahoo.com, 610-825-1550 or Loretta Gallagher lorbgal@yahoo.com, 610-825-6209.



MAGICAL SCRIP

Compare this deal to your bank and credit card incentives... Use SCRIP gift cards to pay for groceries and other 'everyday' expenses to generate 'magical' revenue for SPN and you. On average, SPN and you will each earn a 2.5% return on your expenses if you do! SCRIP is sold at weekend Masses, parish office, SPN school on Wednesdays, and www.shopwithscrip.com (enroll with SPN code 7D53E11E329L). For more info, go to www.saintphilipnerschool.com, click on Programs, and select 'Scrip'; OR call Patti Hinchey at 215-836-2129.

Magical Redemption: For each \$50 gift card purchase, you earn (1) \$1.25 voucher. Your \$200 gift card purchase entitles you to (8) green vouchers - enough to redeem for a \$10 gift card.

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul will be at Saint Philip Neri on **Wednesday, March 16** from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, to collect donations of usable men's, women's and children clothing. They will also be accepting small household goods. You are invited to take all donations to the Society's trailer in the parking lot. Tax receipts are available upon request. The Society also offers pick up service for furniture/large appliances and vehicle donations. For more information, please call 215-288-8160.

Clavinoa Concert

Sunday, March 13 at 12:30–2:30 PM

Whitemarsh Parks and Recreation Building
Fee: \$10 advance registration, \$15 at the door.
Vocalists **Frank Gallagher** and **Rose Ann Westerfer** along with accompanist **Richard West** will be performing popular show tunes. The Recreation Office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. 610-828-7276.

Epiphany's Adult Faith Formation
March 21 – 7:00 PM - Epiphany Parish Life
Long Process of Transformation: Aligning Ourselves with Jesus' Teachings

The Annual Archdiocesan
Eucharistic Liturgy

honoring the gifts of Persons with Disabilities, The Deaf Community, Family, Friends and Caregivers is scheduled for Sunday, March 20 at 2:30 PM at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul. Cardinal Justin Rigali will be principal celebrant and homilist. There will be a light reception immediately following. All are welcome. We encourage parish participation, individuals and parish groups to volunteer in assisting with all aspects of the Mass and reception. Please contact the Department for Pastoral Care for Persons with Disabilities and the Deaf Apostolate for more information at 215-587-3530 (voice), 267-507-1215 (VP), email: jlavende@adphila.org or go to www.archphila.org (click: Respect Life Office).

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