



Through one man's obedience all shall become just

Romans 5:12-19

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SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH
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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Second Collection:
Central and Eastern European Churches

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 DiLullo, 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, Lauren Lamar, Jacqueline Leflar, James Maggetti, Margaret McLaughlin, Elyse Manley, Joan Marine, 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, 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: Rev. James J. Murphy, Mary McLean and Lucille B. Griffin.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS are scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, 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 Lila Therese, daughter of Richard and Paula Sharkey into the Parish Community of Saint Philip Neri Church. Lila was baptized last Sunday.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday

6:30 AM Anthony J. Basile, Sr.
8:30 AM George T. Bass

Tuesday

6:30 AM Mary Ellen Clarke
8:30 AM Gloria DiNardo
Philomena DiNardo
Nicholas DiNardo

Wednesday

6:30 AM Maureen Minetti
John McAllister
8:30 AM Carol Dembeck

Thursday

6:30 AM Thomas F. Keane, III
Frank and Concetta Lupinacci
and Family
8:30 AM Mary L. and Anthony J. Basile, Sr.

Friday

6:30 AM Mary Ellen Clarke
8:30 AM Marta L. Detwiler

Saturday

8:30 AM Joseph P. McNichol

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MONDAY

9:00 AM TO 7:00 PM - CHAPEL



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

WEDNESDAY - 7:00 PM

Question of the Week

When or how could you step away from your daily responsibilities to renew yourself, so that you can do a better job of following in the footsteps of Jesus?



We are pleased to announce that our Parish Family of Saint Philip Neri Church will be hosting a Parish Retreat. The dates for our Retreat are March 28, 29, 30. The theme for this Retreat is ***Working with God Toward Personal Healing***. Many people travel great distances to attend a retreat. We are pleased to offer this Retreat not only to our parishioners but to your family and friends. Each night of our three-night Parish Retreat will begin at 7:30 PM and last about an hour. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

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, April 6. 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.

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 p.m. in the Rectory Conference Room. The next meeting is Tuesday.



Think About It! Adult Faith Formation

LindaBaneckerAFF@aol.com or 610-828-0344

Book Club Sunday, March 13 at 7:00 PM in the School Library: *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henri Nouwen. Read pages 62-88 *The Elder Son*. Reflect with Nouwen on Rembrandt's painting *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. Perhaps you can relate to the elder son? Do you feel resentful because you've been the "good one" in the family and watched all of the attention go to the wayward members? Do you wonder if the Father loves you at all? This book has something for everyone. It's not too late to join in. For next week complete the book by reading pages 89-139, *The Father*.

Lenten Bible Study: Join in the Great Adventure Bible Study March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20, 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.

Small Christian Community: Reflect on the Sunday Scriptures Tuesday mornings after the 8:30 Mass in the Sacristy. A simple, educational, inspirational activity for Lent. Material Cost is \$6. Register now so materials can be ordered.

Educational Series: Join with Epiphany's Adult Faith Formation on March 21, 7:00 PM in the Epiphany Parish Hall for teaching on *The Life Long Process of Transformation: Aligning Ourselves with Jesus' Teachings*.

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. **All women of the parish are invited.** Husbands/Dads, it would make a great mother's day gift...beats a massage because it will last a whole lot longer!

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul will be at Saint Philip Neri on **Wednesday**, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, to collect donations of usable men's, women's and children's 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.

St. Philip Neri Theatre Company



Friday, March 25, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 26, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 27, 2:00 p.m.

Doors open ½ hour before show time
General Admission - Donations accepted at the door.

Vacation Bible School Mark your calendars Bible stories Games Crafts Songs Snacks

Place: Saint Philip Neri School Building

Dates: July 18-22, Times: 9:00AM - 12:00 PM

Cost: \$40.00 per child

Registration March 16 to April 30

Open: Children age 4 - through Grade 3

Questions: Jeanette Paul 610-834-9868



Magical SCRIP Spring is in the air... Home improvements? Spring parties? You can earn FREE money for SPN and FREE tuition credits or gift cards for you when you use SCRIP gift cards at checkout. Better than a credit card because there is no risk of late fees! On average, SPN and you will EACH earn a 2.5% return 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.saintphilipnerischool.com, click on Programs, and select 'SCRIP Programs etc.' OR call Patti Hinchey at 215-836-2129. **Magical Redemption:** For each \$50 gift card purchase, you earn (1) \$1.25 voucher. Your \$400 gift card purchase entitles you to (8) green vouchers - enough to redeem for a \$10 gift card, \$10 tuition voucher, or cash.

MARCH MADNESS St. Philip Neri CYO and Home & School Association are running their Annual March Madness Fund Raiser. We will be selling tickets after Mass this weekend. Tickets are \$10 with \$3,000 in cash prizes. Contact Tim Koenig at timandkath@comcast.net or 215.301.7774. Please help support our fund raising efforts. Visit our web site to follow all the action. <http://marchmadness.net>. Every raffle ticket buyer uses the above website to track their ticket's place in the raffle.

High School Youth Group News

The high school youth group will be attending a Philadelphia Union Game on Saturday, June 25. Bus will leave SPN at 6:00 PM, after the 5:00 PM Mass, and return after the game. The cost is \$35 per person, which includes the ticket to the game and the bus. Parents, siblings, and friends are all welcome! Please email Mary Beth McGroary if interested. mbmcgroary@saintphilipnerischool.com. Hope to see you there!

St. Joseph's Villa

Thank you to everyone who has donated magazines for St. Joseph's Villa. Please be advised that we will no longer be accepting magazines in the Church Lobby.

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).

Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Masses

Sunday, May 15, Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul
11:00 AM for couples celebrating 50 or more years of marriage from Philadelphia and Montgomery Counties.
2:30 PM for couples celebrating 50 or more years of marriage from Bucks, Chester and Delaware Counties and for couples celebrating **25 years** of marriage from **ALL** counties. For persons with disabilities, there is an access ramp on the parking lot side of the Cathedral. Please contact the Family Life Office at 215-587-3516 if anyone will be attending in a wheelchair or will need special seating.

Pancake Breakfast

Join the staff and volunteers of the **Sisters of Saint Joseph Welcome Center** as they host an *all-you-can eat* Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's on Saturday, March 19, St. Joseph's Day, from 8:00-10:00 AM. The SSJ Welcome Center staff and volunteers will be serving pancakes at the Applebee's in the Andorra Shopping Center located at 8601 Henry Avenue. The cost of the breakfast, which includes pancakes and beverages, will be \$6.50 per person and proceeds directly benefit the Sisters of Saint Joseph Welcome Center. Call the Welcome Center for tickets 215-634-1696 or ntrevino@ssjphila.org.

"Race to Nowhere" Moving Screening
Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School Auditorium
Wednesday, March 23, 7:00-9:00 PM. Tickets \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door. Purchase on line <http://rtngwyneddmercy.evenbrite.com>. For more information go to www.racetonowhere.com. This critically acclaimed movie is a call to action for families, educators, and policy makers to challenge current assumptions on how to best prepare the youth of American to become healthy, bright, contributing and leading citizens. *Sponsored by the Gwynedd Mercy High School Mercy Fathers' and Mothers' Clubs.*

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