

**SAINT PHILIP NERI
CHURCH
October 7, 2012**

Twenty-Seventh in Ordinary Time

Second Collection: Pro Life Union

Today is Respect Life Sunday and the Second Collection will be for the benefit of the Pro-Life Union. Please be generous with your offering. All Catholic people are called to support this great cause. Your generosity will allow the Pro-Life Union and Generation Life to continue and to expand their vital work. 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: Ray Cleary, Mimi Citrone, Ellie DeGeorge, Mary DiDonato, Lillian Doherty, Lisa Dougherty, Jacqueline Fioravanti, Mae Hoch, Rachel Horvath, Vincent Jacoby, Laretta Kolb, Pat Kost, George and Molly Lozinak, James Maggetti, Joanne Mahoney, Sue Male, Joan Marine, Barbara Martinick, William McBride, Jr., Joan McGill, Julia McLaughlin, Margaret McLaughlin, Steven Merlin, Helen Morelli, John Mullahy, Lisa O'Brien, Thomas Mortimore IV, Gloria Reilly, Baby Peter Sayegh, Sr. Mary Scherr, SSJ, Tim Schwartz, Kristin Shearon, Wendall Young, III, and for all those who are hoping and praying for organ transplants. (Please notify the Church Office if you have someone who needs to be removed from this list. Thank you).

PLEASE PRAY for those who died and those we remember in the silence of our hearts, especially: Mary Elizabeth Stearne, SJJ, Sister Joseph Eleanor Motzenburger, SSJ, Sister St. Hubert O'Rourke, SSJ, Albert Yenger and Nicholas Piccaro.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS are scheduled for Tuesday, November 6, 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 Sophia Jasmine and Andrew Ian, children of Minh and Elizabeth Moy, and

Juliette Marie, daughter of James and Rory Koller into the Parish Community of Saint Philip Neri Church. Sophia, Andrew and Rory were baptized last weekend. We also welcome Colin James, son of Joseph and Melissa Guarino who was baptized on September 23.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday

6:30 AM Paula Egrich Harrer
8:30 AM Stephen Petka

Tuesday

6:30 AM Angelo and Maria Donato
Pacifico
8:30 AM Andrew Cafagna

Wednesday

6:30 AM Frank Young
8:30 AM Deceased Members of the
Brennan and Lowry Families

Thursday

6:30 AM Stephen Petrokubi
8:30 AM Frances Williams

Friday

6:30 AM Mildred M. Miller
8:30 AM Kathryn O'Rourke-Conway
3rd Anniversary

Saturday

8:30 AM Peter Shields, Sr.

**2012 ANNUAL CENSUS/BLOCK
COLLECTION REPORT**

**TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED
FAMILIES**

2040

**TOTAL NUMBER OF CENSUS ENVELOPES
RETURNED**

281

Thank you to all the families who have sent in their 2012 Census Envelopes. The Second Collections on October 14 and November 4 will be for those who have not, as yet, returned their envelope. This collection, along with Christmas and Easter, are our major fund raisers, and we greatly depend upon it.

**ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**MONDAY, 9:00 AM TO 7:00 PM –
CHAPEL**

**Sisters of Saint Joseph Annual Chance Drive
October 13-14**

An Opportunity to Remember...
On Friday evening, November 2, at 7:00, there will be a special Mass of Remembrance for all of the St. Philip Neri parishioners who have died within the preceding year. If you are a parishioner with a loved one who passed away and was buried from another parish since *All Souls Day 2011*, and you would like to participate in this liturgy, please contact the church office 610.834.1975 to submit the name of your loved one by Thursday, October 25.

Grandparents/Special Persons Mass

On Sunday, November 4, there will be a blessing at the 10:00 Mass for Grandparents and Special Persons. We honor and bless those people in our parish and our families whose lives of faith help form, nurture and inspire us. Badges will be distributed before Mass to celebrate these beloved individuals.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October is "Respect Life Month". Items for mothers and babies in need may be placed in the crib in the lobby. We will accept your donations such as clothes, blankets, etc. Any large items (walker, cribs, and strollers) please call me before donating them. Do not put them in the church lobby. We cannot accept car seats. Our biggest need is

for larger size diapers and formula. If you would like to lend a hand with this community service, please call Loretta. A sincere thank you for all that you do. Loretta Zych – 215-836-1127.

Fresh Brew Bible Study

Every Wednesday evening starting this Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:00, Rectory Conference Room
Contact: Fr. Ianelli at 610-828-5717 or E-mail:
frbianelli@gmail.com

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 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.

RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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!_

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, October 16..

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. Next delivery is November 7. Please consider this work of mercy in your busy schedule.

Question of the Week

What could keep you from embracing the kingdom of God like a little child?

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.

The Philippians An organization for senior citizens fifty years and older that offers trips, programs, service projects and entertainment. New members are always welcome. If interested in more detailed information please call Joan Meade at 610-828-6641. Next meeting is Thursday, October 11 at 11:00 AM.

Tech "Bytes":

[Check out our updated website!](#)

St. Philip Neri's website has been updated. Visit our site at

<http://www.saintphilipnerichurch.com/> for helpful, church-related resources, calendar updates, and much more! Special thanks to Charlie Nygard for his work on upgrading the website.

St. Philip Neri is now on Facebook!

Go to our site at

<http://www.facebook.com/SaintPhilipNeriChurch> and "like" us. Access our Facebook page for the latest news and information about our parish!

SPN Fall Festival - Friday, October 12

5:30-9:00 PM - School Cafeteria and Parish Center, Contact: Christy Haberstroh at chaberstroh1@yahoo.com or 610-283-1184

THANK YOU, ST. PHILIP NERI PARISHIONERS!

Tuesday through Friday The Thea Bowman Women's Center (of St. Francis Inn) welcomes the women of Kensington. Some are homeless, some are prostitutes, some are addicts or recovering addicts, some have mental health problems. All are welcome!

Sr. Xavier runs a support group at the Center where the women can talk out their cares/concerns and receive feedback/support. They also discuss a mental health topic weekly. Currently, they are focusing on how to stay emotionally and mentally healthy.

On "Flea Market Day" the women earn a chance to win donations that have been received that week. They have currently embarked on a Creative Writing Class where they can express their thoughts and feelings. The women can do laundry and take a shower while enjoying lunch and healthful conversation. The Shelter provides a safe, peaceful place where the women can get away from their situations and rest a while. Many have achieved sobriety through the support they have received. One client just celebrated 10 years 'clean and sober!' Whether it is days, months or years of sobriety, everyone is applauded and encouraged 'to keep on keepin' on,' to quote Thea Bowman. Her spirit inspires Sr. Xavier's efforts

to reach out to all of God's children. Your donations are a constant supporter of the good works at The Thea Bowman Women's Shelter of St. Francis Inn! Sr. Xavier and the ladies pray for you for generously helping them! For more information, visit www.stfrancisinn.org or contact Kathy Muller mullerkathleenb@gmail.com (610) 828-4267.

Giant Bonus Card A plus Program - It's time to sign up your Giant Bonus Cards again! Last year, SPN earned **\$2690** (WOW - first year in the program)! Unfortunately, we are not permitted to save your Bonus Card numbers, so please take the time to sign up again this year. Register before Oct. 8, and all your Giant purchases with the Bonus Card, from Oct 8 through the end of March, will contribute to this year's earnings. Register at www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus_with_SPN_code_04096. Questions? Contact Patti Hinchey at spnscrip@gmail.com or 215-836-2129.

Pathmark Customers

Register your Pathmark Perks Card at www.escrip.com (then click 'my escrip') to earn \$\$\$ for SPN. This is the web site formerly used by Genuardi's. The Pathmark option is new. Use the handy 'Contact Customer Support' button if you have problems logging in. Under Group Selection, select SPN by searching with zip code 19444. OR use the form in this week's bulletin. Questions? Contact Patti Hinchey at spnscrip@gmail.com or 215-836-2129.

SCRIP Gift Cards

Make your ordinary, everyday purchases turn into extraordinary funding for SPN and you! Simply shop with SCRIP gift cards, which are available after the weekend Masses, at the church office during the week, and through SPN School on Wednesday. You will earn about 2.5% (on average) to use towards SPN tuition or new gift cards. SPN will also earn an additional, awesome 2.5%! Start with a grocery gift card! Questions? Contact Patti Hinchey at spnscrip@gmail.com or 215-836-2129.

Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Catholic Life Conference

"Baptized in Christ: Live in the Joy of Believing"

Saturday, November 17 – 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel

Keynote Address: Dr. Jonathan Reyes

For more information and on line registration

www.phillycongress.org or call 215-587-0500

The Catechism and the Year of Faith

The Year of Faith, with its focus on the encounter with Jesus Christ and deepening of faith, calls for a Church wide effort to rediscover the Catholic Faith in its fullness. Knowledge of what the Church believes and teaches is necessary if faith is to be authentic and made entirely one's own. For this reason, the Church will turn her gaze to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* as a "precious and indispensable tool... one of the most important fruits of the Second Vatican Council...

a valid and legitimate instrument for ecclesial communion and a sure norm for teaching the faith” (PF11). In the *Catechism*, we find the full “symphony” of the Catholic faith, made up of many articles, but united as one whole, a seamless garment of truth. Through our study of the *Catechism* we recognize that our love for Jesus Christ matures as we grow in knowledge of all that He taught and entrusted to the Church. The *Catechism* is an especially powerful tool for renewal because it draws from all the major sources of the Faith: Sacred Scripture, the Fathers of the Church, the Doctors of the Church and the saints across the centuries. Ultimately, the *Catechism* has real power to transform our faith because “on page after page, we find that what is presented here is no theory, but an encounter with a Person who lives within the Church.” (PF11). What is contained in the *Catechism* is not merely information, but the Lord Himself whom we desire to encounter more intensely this year.

**Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Office for
Communications**

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High School Open Houses

Saint Basil Academy Open House

Sunday, October 14, 2:00-5:00 PM

Information: 215-885-6952.

Mount Saint Joseph Academy

Sunday, October 21, Noon to 3:00 PM.

Entrance Exam Saturday, November 3.

For more information visit: www.msjacad.org,
admiss@msjacad.org or 215-233-9133.

Archbishop John Carroll High School

Sunday, October 21, Noon to 2:00 PM and

Tuesday, October 23, 5:00-7:00 PM

Information: 610-688-7610 Ext. 131.