



Ghrough **C**hrist we have gained access to the grace
in which we now stand.

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

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

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March 11, 2012

Third Sunday of Lent

Second Collection:
Central and Eastern European Churches

Second Collection Next Weekend:
EASTER FLOWERS

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: Mary Connery, Mary DiDonato, Lillian Doherty, Lisa Dougherty, Marge Gallagher, Emilie Higgins, Sharon Hofknecht, Rachel Horvath, Vincent Jacoby, 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: Sister Theresa Gillespie SSJ and Francis L. Vogelmann, Sr.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS are scheduled for Tuesday, April 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.

ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT

MONDAY

9:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Chapel

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday

6:30 AM Joseph DeVita, Jr.
8:30 AM Ellis Reese

Tuesday

6:30 AM Joseph M. Conti
8:30 AM Mary L. and Anthony J. Basile, Sr.

Wednesday

6:30 AM Hugh Quinn
8:30 AM George T. Bass

Thursday

6:30 AM Peter Shields, Sr.
8:30 AM Jack Mailey

Friday

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

8:30
AM Helen Tatlow

Saturday

8:30 AM Al Busfield

PASTOR'S NOTE:

For your convenience, please find listed below times for confession during the *Lenten Season*:

March 21 and 28, Wednesdays after Stations of the Cross from 7:30 to 8:00 PM or until finished.

**April 2, Monday of Holy Week
Advent Penance Services 7:00 PM**

**April 6, Good Friday, after the 3:00 PM
Passion and Death of our Lord Service.**

**April 7, Holy Saturday, Noon to 1:30
PM**



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

WEDNESDAYS - 7:00 PM

Mass of the Anointing of the Sick

Saturday, March 17, 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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:00 AM Sunday, Preschool Building
nlcwilliamson@comcast.net

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.

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!

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.

Question of the Week

When has the message of the cross seemed absurd to you, and when have you seen its wisdom?

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.

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, April 4. Please consider this work of mercy in your busy schedule.

Faith Formation is a Lifelong Journey

Contact: LindaBaneckerAFF@aol.com
or 610-828-0344

Small Christian Community: We have one running on Tuesday mornings after the 8:30 Mass in the sacristy and one on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM at the Banecker residence. A small time commitment to study and discuss the Sunday Scriptures. Consider joining us as your "something extra" for Lent. It is never too late to join in.

Book Club: *How Big is Your God* by Paul Coutinho on Sunday, March 18th at 7:00 in the school library. Fr. Coutinho will be speaking at Spirituality Under the Dome at Immaculata University on April 14th so we'll take a field trip for anyone interested.

March Madness is coming soon! For those of you unfamiliar with March Madness, it is a unique program that capitalizes on the excitement for the NCAA Men's Basketball tournament. Since 2006, the mymarchmadness fundraiser has raised thousands of dollars for organizations all over the country. Each raffle ticket is printed with teams that are in the Tournament. A point scoring system is used to determine the winning tickets. Multiple cash prize amounts are awarded to the winning tickets. Tickets are valid for the entire Tournament. Odds of winning are determined by total ticket sales. The MyMarchMadness website hosts SPN's raffle information. Tickets will be sold in the back of Church after all Sunday Masses.

Save the date: March 20 at 7:00 PM in SPN's Parish Center, Montgomery County's District Attorney, Risa Vetri Ferman, will speak on internet safety. Everyone is invited to attend.



St. Philip Neri Theatre Company

Presents an original play

Once in a Blue Moon Someone Special Comes Along

*Friday and Saturday, March 23, 24, & 7:30 PM
Sunday, March 25, 2:00PM*

SCRIP = Super tuition Credits and Rebates If you Participate! SCRIP Gift Card Program is an easy and rewarding fundraiser. Parade Magazine (Sunday, Nov. 4, 2011) reported that the average credit card reward is 65 cents for every \$100 spent. For SCRIP, the average reward is \$5.00 for every \$100 spent! (the \$5 is split between you and SPN). All you have to do to get started is buy a grocery store gift card from one of our Sunday Mass SCRIP volunteers. OR register at www.shopwithscrip.com with SPN code 7D53E11E329L. Order gift cards on-line by midnight Sunday, and receive delivery through SPN School, Church Office, or Sunday SCRIP volunteers. Questions? Contact Patti Hinchey 215-836-2129 or spnscrip@gmail.com.

Cell Phone Recycling to Benefit SPN

St. Philip Neri School is collecting used cell phones, blackberry devices, iPhones and others to help earn free money. There is nothing to buy, just clear out your drawers of unused phones and they will be recycled for free money for SPN. Students can give the phones to their teacher, drop the phones in the box outside of the main school office or place them in the box at the back of church. Please help the environment and help SPN too!!

Vacation Bible School

Bible stories Games Crafts Songs Snacks

Place: Saint Philip Neri School Building

Dates: July 16-20

Times: 9:00AM - 12:00 PM

Cost: \$40.00 Per child

Registration March 5 to April 30

Form on Church website and school communication.

For Children age 4 - through Grade 3.

Questions: Jeanette Paul 610-834-9868



The Kelly Ann O'Connor Scholarship Brunch

Palm Sunday, April 1 – Plymouth Country Club
Noon to 3:00 PM. Tickets: \$25 and may be paid at the door. Call for table reservations of six or more. Marianne O'Connor, 610-825-4975 or occonnor4@comcast.net.

PHILABUNDANCE & THIRD THURSDAYS

WE SET THE RECORD!

Last month, our Philabundance crew of 6 helped the volunteers from Bank of America set a record of packing 1,680 senior boxes in the morning shift. (Malvern Prep had the longstanding record). At 30 pounds a box, it means over 25 tons of food would be distributed to the elderly and homebound at the end of the month when their limited monthly income has already been depleted and the cupboards are bare. Sounds an enormous amount, but it is done one cereal box, one can of beef stew, one carton of milk at a time. Want to join the effort? Our next scheduled, third Thursday, is March 15th. We leave at 8am, carpool to South Philadelphia, and return home no later than 12:30 pm. Contact LWVeit@gmail.com for more information. Maybe we could break our own record!

Lenten Journey through the Eyes of Artists

March 30-April 1, IHM Spirituality Center, Immaculata, PA 19345, Enter Holy Week with its cycle of life, death and new life by reflecting on artists' depictions of the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem through His Resurrection. Guided by Sister Helen David Brancato IHM, we will meditate on the works of Rembrandt, Chagall, Kollwitz, Eichenberg, sculptors from Chartres Cathedral as well as the contributions of Third World artists. Participants are welcome for the entire weekend or for Saturday only. For information and/or registration, contact Sister Barbara Cook at 610-647-4136 or at ihmspcenter@hotmail.com

Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School

7th Grade Practice Entrance Test

Saturday, April 28, 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Information: 215-646-8815 X 306

Saint Basil Academy Summer Enrichment Camp

For girls in grades: Pre-7th, Pre 8th, and Pre 9th.

This program combines classes such as creative writing, journalism, math and a choice of elective. Cost: \$400.

Please call Saint Basil Academy Summer

Enrichment Program Office at 215-885-3771 ext.

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URGENT: PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS IN SUPPORT OF SCHOOL CHOICE!

If a school voucher program has been in place 15 or even 10 years ago the recent school restructuring to ensure sustainability would not have been so drastic. Please visit www.pacatholic.org to contact your legislators and ask them to support school choice. The legislature needs to know that you care about vouchers and EITC.

