

SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH

December 1, 2013

First Sunday of Advent

Second Collection This Weekend
Christmas Flowers

Second Collection Next Weekend
Religious Retirement

Pastor's Note We will have a special collection for the relief effort in the Philippines on December 15th. If you wish to give sooner, please place your envelope in the collection basket marked "Philippines Relief" and we will forward it to Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Thank you, Msgr. Vance

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: Bella Jones Borkowski, Brian Bennett, Martha DiCesare, Mary DiDonato, Lillian Doherty, Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty, Barbara Guldner, Steve Hedrick, Rachel Horvath, Vincent Jacoby, Bill Keenan, Roberta Kolkka, Michael Koneski, Pat Kost, George and Molly Lozinak, James Maggetti, Sue Male, Joan Marine, Barbara Martinick, James McBride, Jr., Joan McGill, John McLaughlin, Julia McLaughlin, Margaret McLaughlin, Stephen Merlin, Cecilia Moore, John Mullahy, Betty Mulligan, Lisa O'Brien, Jean Marie O'Pella, Baby Harper Ann Renshaw, Sue Roccia, Baby Peter Sayegh, Tim Schwartz, Kristin Shearon, Yvonne Stephens, Janice Swan, Kena Thompson, Connie Wagoner 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, Eileen Retter and the deceased members of the military.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3rd at 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.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday

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

8:30 AM Glenn P. Chassey
5th Anniversary

Tuesday

6:30 AM Henry and Cecelia Kropp

8:30 AM Helen and Ray Tatlow

Wednesday

6:30 AM Catherine Beck

8:30 AM Earl Bruce Kirk
12th Anniversary

Thursday

6:30 AM Adam and Marie Quaglia

8:30 AM Mary L. and Anthony J. Basile, Sr.

Friday

6:30 AM Frank and Mary Fulginiti

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

Saturday

8:30 AM Charles J. Pastorius

2013 ANNUAL CENSUS/BLOCK COLLECTION REPORT

TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED FAMILIES

2115

TOTAL NUMBER OF CENSUS ENVELOPES RETURNED

441

Please remember to fill-out and return your census envelope as soon as possible. It can be returned by mail to the church office or you can place it in the collection basket on Sunday.

Bulletin Deadlines

Items for the **December 22nd** bulletin are **due by Monday, December 9th by 5:00 pm.**

Items for the **December 29th** bulletin are **due by Monday, December 16th by 5:00 PM.**

Items for the **January 5th** bulletin are **due by Friday, December 20th by 5:00 PM.**

BJ's MEMBERSHIP DRIVE Last Chance

Memberships are \$40 instead of \$50; 15 months instead of 12 months. St. Philip Neri School gets \$5 for every new and renewed membership. If your membership is due to expire in the next 6-7 months, please renew now. BJ's will add the 15 months on to your current membership. Please don't wait until your membership is due to expire. You can check your membership date at BJ's or the top of any receipt. Please drop these forms off at the church office, school office or my home, 104 Cardinal Drive, Conshohocken, PA 19428. Any questions, please contact Linda Pizzi, lpizzi@verizon.net or 610-940-1331. **Deadline is this Friday, December 6th.**

The Children's Advent Celebration St. Philip Neri Church, Monday, December 9th, 7 PM followed by a social in the School Cafeteria.

Celebrate the reason for the season! Please bring a wrapped gift (marked with age, and either BOY, GIRL or NEUTRAL) that your child can present during the Offertory. Use extra tape! Gifts will be donated to less fortunate children in the Philadelphia area. After the Mass, a social will be held in the School Cafeteria. The children will continue the "spirit of giving" by coloring holiday pictures to brighten the season for those in need. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Jen Fioravanti at 215-901-4122 or jlfior@comcast.net.

SPN SCRIP Gift Cards For more choices, order at shopwithscrip.com; use SPN code 7D53E11E329L. For more info, contact Patti at spnscrip@gmail.com or 215-836-2129.

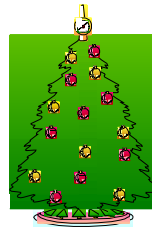
Fresh Brew Bible Study The group meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM in the SPN Rectory Conference Room.

Saint Philip Neri Home and School Association presents

TRIVIA NIGHT 11

Save the Date: January 24
LuLu Temple in Plymouth Meeting
Registration begins Monday, December 9th at 8 AM via www.triviaevents.net

The Giving Tree During the holiday season it is




more rewarding to give than to receive. This year, our giving tree is filled with names of less fortunate children, from St. Frances Cabrini Regional Catholic School located in Philadelphia and The Devereux Kanner

Center, a facility for developmentally disabled children in West Chester. Please pick a name off the giving tree. Go shopping for that child, pick out a gift and return the wrapped gift with the tag attached to the back of church as soon as you have it. **Please make sure if you take a tag you return a gift.** All gifts are to be..... **RETURNED NO LATER THAN, Dec. 16th.**

This will give us time to sort and deliver the gifts before Christmas. Thank you for your continued support for this wonderful cause in bringing joy to a child. Look for the Giving tree in the back of church.

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 as early as 6:00AM and before 9:00 AM the first Wednesday of each month. The next delivery will be December 4th. Please consider this work of mercy in your busy schedule.



St. Philip Neri Women's Guild
18th Annual
Cookie & Sweets Exchange

a wonderful afternoon for the Ladies
Sunday, December 15, 2013
2:00pm
outside library area in school


Bring:
seven dozen cookies/sweets
(6) dozen wrapped separately
(1) dozen for tasting

beverages will be provided

*One wrapped present (\$15-\$20 value)
for the Yankee Swap*

For more information:

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



2013 DAY OF SANCTIFICATION FOR

PRIESTS The priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia assemble each year for a day of prayer and reflection on the Sacred Priesthood. This year our priests will gather with Archbishop Chaput at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary on Monday, December 2nd, for the 2013 Day of Sanctification for Priests. Please pray for all priests of the Archdiocese, especially this weekend and Monday, with the following prayer from the Roman Missal.

Lord our God, who in governing your people
Make use of the ministry of Priests, grant to these men a preserving obedience to your will, so that by their ministry and life they may gain glory for you in Christ. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, forever and ever. Amen.

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. For information on becoming a member, please contact Angela Berry (610) 260-1211.

Women's Prayer Group Our Women's Prayer Group meets on the first Thursday of the month from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM in the Rectory Conference Room. Please call Sister Barbara at 484-213-8177 if you wish to join the group or for more information.

Men's Prayer Group Men of different ages meet every Wednesday morning in the Rectory Conference Room from 7:30 to 8:30. If you are interested in joining and wish for 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.

St. Francis Inn Our Christmas Wish List: Warm Men's & Women's winter Coats, Hats, Scarves and Thermal Underwear; Adult & Kids Gloves; Blankets & Quilts; small size Toiletries and lots of Prayers!

Wishing St. Philip Neri Parish a Blessed Christmas,
The Franciscans

We are collecting clean, gently-used coats, blankets, throws & comforters, hats and gloves for the homeless at St. Francis Inn. Inn's constant needs: Baby Formula, **DEODORANT**(regular and travel-size), travel-size toothpaste, Disposable Razors(opened pkgs are great), Shower products including Powder & Fragrances; Sugar, Cereal, regular stove-top, **Oatmeal**, Peanut Butter & Jam, Powdered Milk, Coffee, & Lg. Tea Bags; Metal Soup Spoons & Dinner Forks; Sz 5&6 Disposable Diapers (opened pkgs are great!), Feminine Protection Products, esp. POISE pads (opened pkgs are ok).

Our Mother of Consolation Spirituality & Theology Book Group Time: December 4th, 2013, at 7:30 PM
For more info contact Ted Forrence at forrence4@verizon.net All are most welcome!

Guardian Angels Service Project

Guardian Angels is a home for young mothers and their children. To help these unfortunate mothers we are collecting items to give to them. We hope you will help by donating.....Clothing – Onesies, Crib and Twin Sheets, Bath Towels/ Washcloths, Children's Books and Coloring Books, Bibs/Pacifiers, Sippy Cups/ Baby Spoons and Forks, Teething Rings, Baby/Toddler Toys, Diapers, Umbrellas, Scarves and Gloves/Mittens, Duffel Bags
The children's ages range from one month to one year. For more information contact Kayla Gallagher at 215-233-4704 or Caitlin Friel at 215-482-8278

