

SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH

December 22, 2013

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Second Collection Next Weekend
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: 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, Michael Koneski, Pat Kost, Nicholas Lannutti, 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.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS are scheduled for Tuesday, January 7th, 2014 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.

Dear Parishioners,
This past week, as you can see, we have begun preparing the church for the birth of our Lord. This year the decorating has been a bit tedious, as we took great steps to protect our beautiful marble floor. We ask that if you approach the creche, that you view it from the bottom step and do not allow your children to step into the manger. We have to be very careful to keep the sand contained, because if it is tracked out of its designated area, it will scratch the marble. We appreciate your help with this. The Decorating Committee

Pastor's Note...We will have a Special Blessing for Expectant Mothers at the 11:30 AM Mass on December 22nd.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday

6:30 AM The Keane and Lupinacci Families
8:30 AM John Shertz

Tuesday

6:30 AM John J. Cahill
Frank J. Cahill
Kathleen A. Cahill
8:30 AM Rev. Harry Smyth

Wednesday Merry Christmas

Thursday

6:30 AM No Mass
8:30 AM Stephen Petrokubi

Friday

6:30 AM No Mass
8:30 AM Kelly O'Connor

Saturday

8:30 AM Earl Bruce Kirk

There will be no 6:30 AM Masses Wednesday through Friday this week. 6:30 AM Masses will resume on January 2nd.

<u>2013 ANNUAL CENSUS/BLOCK COLLECTION REPORT</u>
TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED FAMILIES
2115
TOTAL NUMBER OF CENSUS ENVELOPES RETURNED
512

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.

A Special Thank You to Deanna Marrone and the church decorators for the wonderful job in decorating the Church for the Advent and Christmas Seasons.

Church Office Hours

Monday, December 23rd 8 AM to 5 PM
Tuesday, December 24th 8 AM to 2 PM
Wednesday, December 25th Closed
Thursday, December 26th 8 AM to 5 PM
Friday, December 27th 8 AM to 5 PM

Penitential Services

Regional Penitential Service
Monday, December 23rd, 7:00 PM
St. Mary Church
W. Elm and Oak Sts., Conshohocken



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
Tuesday, December 24, 2013

Join Us As We Celebrate the Birth of Jesus

4:00 PM Children's Mass

5:45 PM Mass

7:30 PM Mass

Adult Choir - Choral Prelude 7:15

Midnight Mass

Teen Schola - Choral Prelude 11:45

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25, 2013

7:00 AM

8:30 AM

10:00 AM

11:30 AM

Boy Scouts Troop 12 Christmas Tree Sale

Boy Scout Troop 12 is having their annual Christmas Tree Sale. Tree sale is running from December 1, 2013 through December 24, 2013 (or until they are sold out). Trees are being sold from the lower parking lot at Miles Park. **Hours of operation are:**

Monday through Friday 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

Saturday and Sunday 9:00 am to 9:00 pm.



**Tuesday, January 1st is
the Solemnity of Mary
and is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

Vigil Mass will be held

Monday, December 31st at 5:00 PM.

**Tuesday, January 1st, masses will be held
at**

**7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, and
11:30 AM.**

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. The box is located on the Blessed Virgin Mary side of the vestibule. 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



Christmas Note from SCRIP

THANK YOU to our wonderful SCRIP customers, to our terrific volunteers who sell SCRIP after Mass, to Dawn Snyder our awesome volunteer coordinator, and to our dedicated church office! The SCRIP program raised \$23,000 last year because of you!

SCRIP can help with your last minute shopping!

SCRIP is a gift card fundraiser for SPN parish and school. SCRIP gift cards are sold after the weekend Masses, during church office hours, and on-line at shopwithscrip.com (SPN code 7D53E11E329L).

Questions? Contact Patti Hinchey 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.

St. Philip Neri Women's Guild Nutrition, Exercise & Well-Being Night will be held Thursday, January 9th at 7:00pm in the school hall (cafeteria). Event will feature yoga, massage therapy, and a nutrition lecture. For more information, please contact AnnMarie DeLucca at annmarie1013@verizon.net.

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. **Due to New Year's Day, the next delivery will be Thursday, January 2nd.**

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.

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 The Team at **St. Francis Inn Ministries** would like to wish you a blessed and joyful Christmas Season! Thank you for continually providing and praying for us! May Christ's peace be with you and your family!

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!
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).

Saint Philip Neri Home and School Association

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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

Baskets for Trivia Night We are looking for individuals and/or families to donate a basket or items to make up a basket for trivia night. If you are interested in donating please contact Kristi Johnson at 267-716-4540 or at Kristijohnson615@comcast.net



HAVE A BLESSED AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

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