

SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH
February 24, 2013

Second Sunday in Lent

Second Collection This Weekend:
Operation Rice Bowl

Second Collection Next Weekend:
Easter Flower Collection

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: Fran Bruno, Lou Cacchio, Martha DiCesare, Mary DiDonato, Lillian Doherty, Lisa Dougherty, Sharon Finnegan, Catherine Gansz, C. Clark Hodgson, Jr., Rachel Horvath, Betty Jacobs, Vincent Jacoby, Bill Keenan, Pat Kost, George and Molly Lozinak, James Maggetti, Sue Male, Joan Marine, Barbara Martinick, William McBride, Jr., Joan McGill, John McLaughlin, Julia McLaughlin, Margaret McLaughlin, Jean McLenigan, Steven Merlin, Cecilia Moore, Helen Morelli, John Mullahy, Joseph Mulligan, Lisa O'Brien, Gloria Reilly, Baby Peter Sayegh, Tim Schwartz, Kristin Shearon, 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 Jacqueline Fioravanti, Joanne Mahoney, Helen F. Willard and the deceased members of the military.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS are scheduled for Tuesday, March 5th 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.

We Welcome Elle Claire, daughter of Charles and Natalie Borkowski into the

parish community of Saint Philip Neri Church. Elle was baptized last Sunday.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday

6:30 AM Thomas F. Keane, III
Frank and Concetta Lupinacci
and Family
8:30 AM Margaret Grinnell

Tuesday

6:30AM Frances Pisani
8:30 AM Carol Tierney

Wednesday

6:30 AM Gertrude and Thomas Logue
8:30 AM Rose Rose

Thursday

6:30 AM Sylvia Riles
8:30 AM John and Anne Ciavardone

Friday

6:30 AM Catherine Beck
8:30 AM Marguerite Behr

Saturday

8:30 AM Thomas Jones
2nd Anniversary

Pastor's Note:

I would like to express a sincere Thank You to the parishioners who donated for the purchase of our new vestments.

The statute of the Scourged Christ has arrived at our parish and is displayed in the vestibule. The statue will be here during Lent and leaving March 30th. Please stop and observe this wonderful piece of art.

“Operation Rice Bowl”

All are encouraged to participate in “Operation Rice Bowl,” which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world. Rice bowls are available on the table in the vestibule.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

WEDNESDAYS at 7PM

Father Chuck’s Challenge Pilgrimage to Nicaragua

June 3-8, 2013, Join us on a pilgrimage with **Food for the Poor**, to the mountains of **Northern Nicaragua**. We will visit homes of some of the 4,500 poor now sheltered by donors to **Father Chuck’s Challenge**. We plan to dedicate our two new villages, each with Holy Mass – as well as three newly renovated churches! No physical labor involved! For details please contact Msgr. Francis X. Schmidt at 610-676-0146 or email Connie Hunt at corneliahunt3@gmail.com.

Anointing of the Sick Mass

Saturday, March 9th at 2PM. All are invited whose health is impaired by sickness (physical, mental, and spiritual) or old age and those about to undergo surgery because of a serious illness. Anointing represents the touch of God’s hand in our lives through those around us. Please call 610-834-9868 if you need more information or need transportation.

Marriage Preparation Day On Saturday, March 16, 2013, Saint Philip Neri will have its first Marriage Preparation Day (Pre-Cana). Check out our website at <http://www.saintphilipnerichurch.com> for more details. Contact the Church Office at 610-834-1975 for a registration form. Registration is filling up quickly! Please pray for all couples participating and preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Fresh Brew Bible Study See what’s brewing... After great gatherings in the Fall of 2012, Fresh Brew Bible Study is back for the Spring of 2013! The group will meet on Thursdays at 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM in the Saint Philip Neri Rectory Conference Room.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word for children in grades Pre-K through grade 2. Please contact Nancy Williamson at nlcwilliamson@comcast.net.

Confirmation Service Project Paige Scott will be collecting new or gently used stuffed animals to be donated to the "Stuffy Love" organization. There is a collection box in the rear of church for your donation

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. We welcome you to come and share scripture as it relates to our individual lives. Please call Sister Barbara at 484-213-8177 if you wish to join the group or for more information.

SCRIP GIFT CARD NEWS! Gift cards are sold after the weekend Masses and during church office hours. OR order gift cards at shopwithscrip.com; code 7D53E11E329L. Delivery is on Wednesday. Questions? Contact Patti Hinchey at 215-836-2129 or spnscrip@gmail.com

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.

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.

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 will be March 6th. Please consider this work of mercy in your busy schedule.

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.

SPN Theatre Company Presents **Aladdin, Jr.** in the SPN Auditorium on Friday, March 22nd and Saturday, March 23rd 7PM. Sunday, March 24th 2PM.

A Men's Spirituality Conference On Saturday, March 2nd, at Archbishop Ryan High School the men of our parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the annual Men's Spirituality Conference, As the Father has sent me, so I send you. (John 20:21). Speakers include Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, Christopher West, Jim Towey, Richard Lane, and Don Saleski. For more information and to register go the website: www.ManUpPhilly.com.

SPN Youth Group has reserved tickets to see the Phillies take on the Washington Nationals on Monday June 17th at 7:05 PM. It is Faith and Family night at CBP. We will get the bus at SPN at 5pm and head down to Citizen's Bank Park. RSVP by March 1st with the total number of people attending. The cost is \$30 per person and will cover admission to the game and the bus down to the Park. All payments must be received by March 15. Please make checks payable to SPN. Please contact MaryBeth McGroary with any questions at m.mcgroaryspn@gmail.com.

The Annual Archdiocesan Mass Honoring the Gifts of Persons with Disabilities, The Deaf Community, Family, Friends and Caregivers Saturday, March 23rd at 10:30 AM at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput will be the principal celebrant homilist. We encourage parish participation, individuals, and parish groups to volunteer in assisting with all aspects of the Mass and reception. To RSVP and for more information contact the Department of Pastoral Care for Persons with Disabilities and the Deaf Apostolate at 215-587-3530 (voice),

267-507-1215 (VP), email: srschipa@adphila.org or go to www.archphila.org

St. Francis Inn Prepares for A Loving Lenten Season This Lenten season, do whatever increases your love! Do something positive! If you would like to help us in our mission to share God's love, we are in need of the following: Laundry Soap, Liquid Dish Soap, Coffee, Sugar, Travel-size Toiletries, Disposable Razors, 13&30 gal. Trash Bags, Donations & Lots of Prayers. These items may be placed in the box in the vestibule of church. For more information on St. Francis Inn Ministries, please visit our website www.stfrancisinn.org.

St. Bridget Parish Brother Michael McGrath OSFS, artist and author, will present reflections on Patrick, Bridget and Joseph on Saturday morning, March 16, 2013 from 9 to 12 at St. Bridget Church, 3667 Midvale Ave. Hospitality from 9 to 9:30 followed by Brother Michael's presentation. All are welcome to join us. For added information, you may contact Sister Margaret Jude Sullivan SSJ at smargaret@stbridgeteastfalls.org

LaSalle College High School Mother's Club Invites you to our **Annual Fashion Show and Dinner "Springtime in Paris"** held at Spring Mill Manor, 171 Jacksonville Road Ivyland, Pa. 18974, **Wednesday, March 13th from 5PM – 9:30PM.** Price is \$55 per person. For more information please contact Judy at jameeks7@comcast.net or 267-475-5765.

2013-2014 SPN AUCTION

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, November 16th, 2013

Year of Faith: Our next meeting is Sunday, March 10th at 7:00 in the school library. We are discussing the 5th article of faith, "...and rose again on the third day in accordance with the scriptures." We will be viewing Lesson 7 of the Father Barron DVD Series *Catholicism* called, "Word made flesh, True Bread of Heaven – The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist." What we will learn is that the link between the video lesson and the article of the month is that the death and resurrection of Christ is forever made present in the Eucharist; this is the reason for its centrality in the Christian Life. Please remember, you can join at any time. The Home Study Guide for the Fifth Article of Faith will be available from the parish website: www.saintphilipnerichurch.org

Bible Study: St. Philip Neri will be offering The Great Adventure: Journey Through the Bible. We will be studying the New and Old Testament

Narrative books of the Bible. Our meeting dates are Tuesday evenings at 7:00 in the school library: February 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14. A brief sample presentation given by Jeff Cavins can be found at <http://biblestudyforcatholics.com/video/listing/12/53#>

SSJ Welcome Center Sunday, March 9th Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser from 8am-10am. Cost is \$7.50 a person. Sunday, March 10th, the Keystone State Boy Choir will be performing at the Mount Saint Joseph Convent Chapel beginning at 3pm. Tickets are \$25 a person. For registrations or questions, please contact 1-800-482-6510 or development@ssjphila.org

Bishop McDevitt High School Offers 7th Grade Practice Scholarship Exam. March 16th, 8 AM., 125 Royal Avenue, Wyncote, PA 19095. For more information, please contact Ms. Garrity at 215-887-5575, ext. 257 or mgarrity@mcdevitths.org. For registration, please visit www.mcdevitths.org. \$30 fee is required.

Day of Recollection at IHM Parish with Father Frank Giuffre on March 16th. This will be a time for prayer, reflection, and conversation with God. Additional information is posted on the bulletin boards.

The 17th annual Kelly Ann O'Connor Scholarship Brunch Palm Sunday, March 24th, at a new location, Flourtown Country Club, from 11:30 to 2:00. For more information please contact: Marianne O'Connor 610-825-4975 or oconnor4@comcast.net

Philippian Travelers will be hosting a trip to Canada's Atlantic Coast on October 3rd thru October 12th. If interested please contact Anna Marlin at 215-233-1527.

Sacred Heart Home is a skilled nursing home, providing palliative care to cancer patients. Owned and operated by the Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne since 1930. The home is run by the generosity of benefactors. The Sisters do this work for the love of God and neighbor. For more information, please call 215-329-3222 or www.sacredheartphila.org.
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