

**SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH**  
**OCTOBER 4, 2015**  
**TWENTY – SEVENTH SUNDAY IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME**

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

Today is Respect Life Sunday and the Second Collection will be the benefit of the **Pro-Life Education**

**Foundation** a 501©(3) Charity that provides funding for various programs and groups, such as Generation Life, College pro-life groups, Crisis Pregnancies centers, such as Legacy of Life, and internet advertising directed at abortion-minded women. Please be generous with your offering. All Catholic people are called to support this great cause. Your generosity will allow these groups to continue and 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: Jose Alvarez, Bella Jones Borkowski, Dolores Bucci, Kathy Caputo, Bill Coogan, Howard Daywalt, Mary DiDonato, Lillian Doherty, Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty, Christopher Greuters, Larry Falkowski, Irene Foley, Jean Keenan, Pat Kost, Patricia Kucheruk, Nicholas Lannutti, George and Molly Lozinak, Phyllis Luther, James Maggetti, Sue Male, Joan Marine, Barbara Martinick, Toby Merrill, Julia McLaughlin, Stephen Merlin, Melanie Moletsky, Joe and Betty Mulligan, Catherine Niche, Lisa O'Brien, Baby Addison Pfeffer, Baby Harper Ann Renshaw, Sue Roccia, Xavier Ross, Tim Schwartz, Eva Seeton, Kristin Shearon, Robert Smith, Janice Swan, Kena Thompson, Mike Whitaker 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, Colleen Downey, Bill Keenan, Sister Francis Paula Ford, SSJ, Sister Eleanor Shields, SSJ, Sister Helene A. Gardner, SSJ, James R. Fulginitti and Rowland Myers.

**Marriage Preparation Day** Saturday, October 24th. For more information and to register please contact the Church Office at 610-834-1975. Please pray for all couples participating and preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

**Monday**

6:30 AM Valentine and Harriet Macy  
8:30 AM Geraldine Lampe

**Tuesday**

6:30 AM Thomas Kopach  
8:30 AM Tad Sowa

**Wednesday**

6:30 AM Elaine Donley  
8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Brennan and Lowry Families

**Thursday**

6:30 AM Roland and Lydia Redmond  
8:30 AM Ward Finn

**Friday**

6:30 AM John McLaughlin  
8:30 AM Henry Sullivan

**Saturday**

8:30 AM Kevin Flynn

**Census Envelope Mailing:**

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.

**October Count** Please Note: During all weekend Masses in October; the ushers will be counting the number of people attending each Mass. These attendance numbers are reported to the Archdiocese to use for long-term planning.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS . . .**  
**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH 2:00 PM**  
**(FRONT OF CHURCH)**

**Sisters of St. Joseph Chance Drive** The Sisters of St. Joseph are inviting you once again to participate in our Annual Chance Drive on October 17 and October 18<sup>th</sup>, after all the Masses. The drive benefits our sisters at the Villa and supports the many works of the SSJs. You have always been most generous and we are very grateful. WHO KNOWS? This year's winner of \$10,000 might just be a SPN parishioner!

**Forty Hours Celebration**

**Speaker: Rev John Masson**

**Sunday, October 4**

**11:30 AM Mass**

**1:30 PM Solemn Exposition**

**7:30 PM Evening Service**

**All Night Adoration**

**Monday**

**8:00 AM Rosary, 7:30 Evening Service**

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**7:30 PM Evening Service**

**Benediction and Procession**

**8:30 PM Reception - Parish Hall**

**Can you not spend one hour with me?**

The sign-up sheets are in the back of the church, near the doors. Please place your name on the schedule to spend an hour in prayer. Just as our Lord sent his disciples out two by two, the hope is that there will be at least two "disciples" at all times during the Forty Hours. Will you be one of them?

**Women's Prayer Group** The next meeting will be Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> in the Rectory Dining Room from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. All are invited! Join us and bring a friend. Sister Therese Michele, SSJ.

**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!

**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 by 9:00 AM. The next delivery date is October 7<sup>th</sup>

**We Welcome** Thomas Augustus, son of Daniel and Kimberly Falcione and Alex Vincent, son of Alfonso and Sandra Marchetta into the St. Philip Neri Church Community. These babies were baptized last weekend.

**BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS** are scheduled for Monday, October 12th 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.

**RESPECT LIFE MONTH** October is "Respect Life Month." Items for mothers and babies in need may be placed in the crib in the lobby during the month of October. 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.

**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.

**SCRIP = Spectacular gift Cards for Retail and Internet Purchases!** Really! For every \$50 you purchase, you earn \$1.25, and SPN earns an additional \$1.25. SCRIP is sold after the weekend Masses and during church office hours. Or go high tech and order at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com). Use code 7D53E11E329L. Questions? Contact Patti Hinchey at 215-836-2129 or [spnscrip@gmail.com](mailto:spnscrip@gmail.com).

**Fresh Brew Bible Study.** Join us as we serve up the New Testament Letters of Peter, James and Jude and see how each of them strengthens the Early Christian Communities as well as our own Community Today. On Wednesday, 9/30 we will be learning about the First Letter of Peter. Our Study is from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Saint Philip Neri Rectory Basement. If you have any questions, contact Joe Banecker by email at [josephbanecker@aol.com](mailto:josephbanecker@aol.com) or call on 610-828-0344. **Walk-ins are welcome!!!**

**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 will be in October.

**ST FRANCIS INN** the chilly weather is upon us and our supply of warm blankets is dwindling. Clean Blankets, warm Coats, Socks and Thermal Underwear for men and women top our priority list. Coffee, Tea, Sugar, 5-min Oatmeal, Tuna, Soup, Chili and Spaghettios will help restock our pantry. You have been living Pope Francis' message to care for the poor! We are blessed to be the recipient of your generosity! St. Philip Neri Parish is constantly in our prayers! May God Bless You Abundantly! *The Franciscans*  
[www.stfrancisinn.org](http://www.stfrancisinn.org)



**SPN SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION**  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
**NOVEMBER 14, 2015**

We are looking for people who are willing to contribute their time during the auction hours to help with distributing the auction items to the winners. Please contact [spnauction19444@gmail.com](mailto:spnauction19444@gmail.com) if you are able to give some help. Also, not able to attend the auction but would like to contribute? Consider making a monetary donation towards the super gift. This will be a big ticket item that will be auctioned off the night of the auction.

**“Passion & Purpose for Marriage”**

led by renown speaker and author **Dr. Allen Hunt**  
Saturday October 24, 2015  
9AM-1:30PM  
St. Helena Church, Blue Bell, PA

Come for a great morning of listening, learning, scripture, and prayer. Don't worry, no one will be asked to share their feelings with the group. This is an opportunity to learn and grow as a person of faith who strives to love in all their relationships. As a bonus, you will receive a great swag bag to take home!

For more information, please contact Event Tickets (\$25/person) – payable to Dynamic Catholic  
BEST WAY for Event Tickets ONLY is **Online:**  
[www.dynamiccatholic.com/events](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com/events)  
Call the St Helena Parish office at (610) 275-7711;  
Email the parish office at [parish@sainthelenachurch.org](mailto:parish@sainthelenachurch.org)  
Post-Event Optional Buffet Lunch Tickets (\$20/per person), and sold separately. Contact John Schmidt at [schmidt@udbell.org](mailto:schmidt@udbell.org) for reservations. Checks payable to St. Helena Church.

**Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, Northeast Philadelphia is offering a Weekend Retreat with Thomas Merton** on October 23-25, 2015. This retreat will be an opportunity to pray with Thomas Merton as we explore his teachings on personal growth, contemplation, social justice and interfaith dialogue. Please call (267) 350-1830 for more information or to register by October 13<sup>th</sup>.

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