

SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH

APRIL 3, 2016

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

SPN Scholarship Fund

The second collection the weekend of **April 16th & April 17th** will be for the benefit of the SPN Scholarship fund. Please be generous as this money is used to offset the cost of tuition for those families in need.

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, Joan Chassey, Bill Coogan, Howard Daywalt, Kathy DiRusso, Mary DiDonato, Lillian Doherty, Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores (Dee) Downs, Phyllis Galanti, Christopher Greuters, Larry Falkowski, Jean Keenan, Pat Kost, Nicholas Lannutti, George and Molly Lozinak, Phyllis Luther, James Maggetti, Sue Male, Joan Marine, Barbara Martinick, Toby Merrill, Julia McLaughlin, Steven Merlin, Melanie Moletsky, Joe and Betty Mulligan, Joan Murphy, Lisa O'Brien, Joan O'Connell, John Olivieri, John Pacell, Baby Addison Pfeffer, Baby Harper Ann Renshaw, Sue Rocchia, Xavier Ross, Tim Schwartz, Eva Seeton, Kristin Shearon, Robert Smith, Kena Thompson, Mike Whitaker, Paul Willemin and for all those who are hoping and praying for organ transplants.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS are scheduled for Monday, April 11th, 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 Genevieve Scollin, daughter of Christopher and Juliet Curci into the Saint Philip Neri Church Community. Genevieve was baptized last Sunday.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2016
9:00 AM TO 7:00 PM
CHAPEL**

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday

6:30 AM Mary and George Barr
8:30 AM Walter Goeke

Tuesday

6:30 AM John McLaughlin
8:30 AM Assunta and Vittorio Roncella

Wednesday

6:30 AM Frank Stanczak
8:30 AM Mario Fare
60th Anniversary

Thursday

6:30 AM Wilma Coxe
8:30 AM Tullio Leomporra

Friday

6:30 AM Thomas Kopach
8:30 AM Joseph Canning
William B. Eden, Sr.

Saturday

8:30 AM Andrew and Gertrude Clark

Rectory Cook Position

St. Philip Neri is currently seeking someone to cook evening meals in the Rectory during the week. The schedule is random depending on the priest's schedule but generally includes anywhere from 2-4 nights per week. For more details or if you are interested please call Michael Pastorius in the church office at 610-834-1975 or by email at mcpastorius@comcast.net.

St. Philip's Vacation Bible School is now holding registration for all parish children just completing Preschool (age 4) to 3rd grade. The date and time for VBS are everyday 9 a.m. to 12 noon, July 18-22. We are also interested in parent and student volunteers to help with this week of fun. Registration forms for VBS can be found in the back of the Church or on the St. Philip Church webpage. Any questions please call Dane Connelly: 484-804-1875.



SPN SCRIP Gift Cards Purchase gifts cards for everyday purchases like groceries, clothing and restaurants. Did you know you can pay your Kohl's bill using Scrip! You will earn free gift cards, SPN tuition credits and generate revenue for the SPN community. The church office stocks a great selection of gift cards that can be purchased in the church office during the week or after the weekend Masses in the narthex. For even more retailers, register online at www.shopwithscrip.com (SPN code 7D53E11E329L). For more information, contact Nicole Giacche (610) 834-1975, e-mail spnscrp@spnschool.org, or stop in the church office.

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 April 6th.

Women's Prayer Group The next meeting will be Thursday, April 7th 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 AM to 8:30 AM. 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.

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 call 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.

NEEDS of St Francis Inn: Deodorant! Hotel toiletries, Coffee, Oatmeal, Laundry Soap, Sugar, Big Bars of Bath Soap, Preemie-Newborn Diapers, Size 4 Baby Diapers, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Prayers! You keep us going, St Philip Neri parishioners!

Saint Philip Neri Adult Faith Formation presents: Luke's Parables of Mercy...*Fresh Brewed*. During this Year of Mercy take some time to grow in your own "call to be merciful" as you deepen your understanding of God's mercy through the Sacred Scripture. The parables from the Gospel of Luke like the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son will be seen in a new way...recognizing ourselves in the stories. We will be meeting on five Thursday Nights, starting April 28th, from 7:30 to 9 pm in the Saint Philip Neri Rectory Basement. If you have any questions, contact Joe Banecker on 610-828-0344 or by email at josephbanecker@aol.com.

Matthew Kelly Event Saturday, September 17th, 2016- 9:00am – 1:30 pm Matthew Kelly, author of "Rediscover Jesus" is giving a discussion at St Alphonsus in Maple Glen Tickets can be purchased online at <http://cart.dynamiccatholic.com/passion-and-purpose-Maple-Glen-Pa-p/pp091716.htm>

Mother of Mercy, Make Our Hearts Like Yours!
Catholic Women's Conference
 National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa
 Doylestown, PA
 Saturday, October 29, 2016
 8:30am to 4pm



ATTENTION ALL CAHILLITES

Roman Catholic High School
Malvern Retreat
www.malvernretreat.com

I have been attending the Malvern, St Josephs in the Hills Holy Week Retreat for 25 years. It is an annual event in my life that is of great benefit to me.

Vince Catrambone, a Cahillite, is recruiting Roman Alumni for a Roman Catholic High School Malvern Retreat group. The retreat will be held this August 12th-13th and 14th, (Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday morning). Please contact Vince at: VCAT1@comcast.net or call at 484 883 9026.

If I can help or answer any questions, please contact Jim Bonner at: jimbonnerret@aol.com or 610-832-1330

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at the 5:15 pm Vigil Mass with Archbishop Charles Chaput presiding. This mass is to pray for and with all married couples who are newlyweds, or who have been married 25 years or more, or 50 years or more. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED** To register visit: www.phillycatholiclife.org or Call 215-587-0500

Chosen Fathers: A Retreat for Fathers of Children with Disabilities: Saturday, April 30, 2016 at St. Charles Seminary, the Office for Life and Family and the Office for Persons with Disabilities will host a retreat for fathers and grandfathers of children with disabilities. The retreat will be led by Doug Keck, a *Chosen Father*, who is the president of EWTN and an award winning TV/Radio host. To register online go to www.opdarchphilly.org . For more information call 215-587-3530 or email mcullinan@archphila.org .

Mothers of Children with Disabilities

Retreat: Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at Malvern Retreat House, Fr. Dennis O'Donnell will direct a retreat for mothers and grandmothers who are raising children with disabilities and also those who have adult children with disabilities. There will be time to pray, reflect, and chat with other mothers. To register online go to www.opdarchphilly.com. For more information please contact Malvern Retreat House at 610-644-0400 or the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 215-587-3530.

The Holy Spirit, Fountain of Mercy



Mercy lies at the heart of the Christian faith. Catholics believe in a God of Mercy. He manifested His Mercy, first and foremost, in the Incarnation of his Word in the Person of Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for our sins. When he walked this earth, Jesus lived for others and

greeted everyone he met with mercy and compassion. Mercy was the reason he entered this world. Mercy was why he forgave sins. Mercy was why he cured people of their physical ailments. Mercy was why he cast out demons. Mercy was why he suffered and died for us. Mercy for others was what he asked of his Father from the cross. Mercy was what flowed from his pierced side in the form of blood and water. Mercy was why he sent his Spirit to dwell in the hearts of the members of his body, the Church. Mercy was the reason for the sending of his Spirit at Pentecost.

The Holy Spirit is the Fountain of Mercy. He is the soul of the Church, the sacrament of Christ. He is invoked at the celebration of every sacrament. He is the source of Mercy, because he is the Bond of Love shared by the Father and the Son. From that Bond everything else flows: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Orders, Matrimony, Anointing. These sacraments give honor and glory to the Father. They are actions of Christ. They are the works of the Spirit. Through them we receive his manifold gifts and fruits. Holy Spirit, Fountain of Mercy, pray for us.

– Rev. Dennis J. Billy, C.Ss.R., Krol Chair of Moral Theology, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

How to Live It

During the Holy Year of Mercy, begin the practice of invoking the Holy Spirit as soon as you wake up in the morning. Use the *Veni, Sancte Spiritus* or similar prayer to the Holy Spirit. Take note of the special daily mercies that result from this simple act of dependence on the Third Person of the Trinity.

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