

SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH

May 14, 2017

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Respect Life Sunday

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, Maria Brown, Lou Cacchio, Cindi Caponegro, Vincent Cellucci, Rochelle Colucci, Howard Daywalt, Mary DiDonato, Lillian Doherty, Dr. Robert Domanski, Emily Donhauser, Bernadette Dougherty, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores (Dee) Downs, Larry Falkowski, Frank Giovannone, Christopher Greuters, Elizabeth Ann Hill, Jean Keenan, Pat Kost, Nicholas Lannutti, Peter Lello, Anne Lintner, George and Molly Lozinak, Phyllis Luther, James Maggetti, Sue Male, Joan Marine, Barbara Martinick, Peter Marziano, John McCann, Maura McGrath, Julia McLaughlin, Baby Avery McNichols, Steven Merlin, Joe and Betty Mulligan, Joe O'Brien, Lisa O'Brien, Joan O'Connell, John Pacell, Baby Addison Pfeffer, Baby Harper Ann Renshaw, John Reynolds, David Rosenberger, Xavier Ross, Geraldine Rotondo, John Sandy, John Schaifer, Gina Schindler, Tim Schwartz, Eva Seeton, Michael Shaw, Kristin Shearon, Robert Smith, Joseph Specht, Amy Swift, Kena Thompson, Anthony Vitelli, Vito Zeccola, Wendi 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, Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Statkus, Gertrude Powell and Francis Eppard

Holy Day of Obligation: Thursday, May 25th is the feast of the Ascension of Our Lord. Masses will be at 6:30am, 8:30am, 12:05pm and 7pm.

Respect Life: Today, Mother's Day, members of our Respect Life Group will be offering Mother's Day roses and other items to support the Pro-Life Educational Foundation which assists a number of pro-life organizations in our area, such as Generation Life and Legacy of Life. Please be generous with your offering. All Catholic people are called to support this great cause. Thank you.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday

6:30 AM Margaret Ponietowicz
8:30 AM Anthony M. Lario

Tuesday

6:30 AM Anne Marie Popkins
8:30 AM Kathleen Baker

Wednesday

6:30 AM Deceased Members of the Brennan & Lowry Family
8:30 AM Earl Bruce Kirk

Thursday

6:30 AM Frank & Mary Fulginiti
8:30 AM John F. Stachura

Friday

6:30 AM Joseph O'Bara
8:30 AM Michael Stephens

Saturday

8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Julian & Palko Families

Pastors Note I wish to extend our congratulations to Rob Flynn and Mike Cipressi on their institution as acolytes. Rob Flynn will be ordained to the permanent diaconate next year. Please pray for Eric Banecker as well, who was ordained to the transitional diaconate on May 13th. Finally it is with great joy we celebrate the first ordination from our parish in many years. Deacon Brian Connolly will be ordained a priest on May 20th at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul and will celebrate his first Mass here at St. Philip's on May 21st at 3pm. Please keep Brian in your prayers as he begins his priestly ministry.

Mother's Day Cards At the doors of the church there are Mother's Day cards for living and deceased mothers. All Masses during the month of May will be offered for them. Please fill in the information on the enclosed envelope provided and drop it in the collection basket or the Church Office. The card may be given to your mother on Mother's Day, or if your mother is deceased, keep it as a keepsake.

Manna Bags will be distributed at all our Masses this weekend, May 13th & 14th. Kindly return your filled Manna Bag on the weekend of May 20th & 21st. Canned food items in greatest need are: beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups and pork & beans. Thank you for reaching out to people in emergency situations.

Manna Prayer

Jesus, many times throughout your life you fed hungry people and You called others to help. You called the young child with the loaves and fishes to share his gifts. You call each one of us today to see the needs of others open our ears to hear your call to share. Open our hearts to welcome all people to the table of love.

Amen

St. Philip Neri Vacation Bible School

We are starting registration for Vacation Bible School for any child who has completed Pre-k up to an including 3rd grade. We are also looking for volunteers to help at this year's VBS.

Dates: July 17 - 21 from 9 am to 12 Noon

Cost: \$45 a child (tee-shirt included)

Crafts, Games, Snacks, Bible Stories, and FUN!!

Any questions please contact Dane Connelly @ 484-804-1875 or d.connellyspn@gmail.com

St. Francis Inn:

St Francis Inn complete needs lists are located on the front of the donation box in the church vestibule. We are always in need of Prayers, peanut butter & jam, DEODORANT, toothpaste, brushes, sunscreen, aloe, paper towels, toilet tissue, 13 & 30 gallon trash bags, bleach & Pine Sol, laundry, bath & dish soap, men's & women's underwear, men's shoes & metal dinner-size forks! Thank you for your amazing support!

SCRIP Gift Cards: Try It - You'll Like It! SCRIP is a gift card fundraiser that also stretches your budget! Our customers earn up to \$900 per year - and generate significant revenue for SPN! Gift cards are sold during church office hours and after weekend Masses. Questions? Contact Dawn Gale at spnscrip@spnschool.org or call the Church Office.

Message from the Archbishop: Passage of the Conscience Protection Act (CPA) continues to be a top legislative priority for the USCCB Committee for Pro-Life Activities. It will write into permanent law the core policy which protects those who decline to perform, pay for, refer for or provide coverage for abortion. The National Committee for a Human Life Amendment has an initiative called Human Life Action that mobilizes grassroots support for the US Bishop's pro-life agenda. The Archdiocese will be participating in Take Action Sunday (May 20 & 21) to engage the faithful in the legislative process. Through their website www.HumanLifeAction.org, parishioners can easily send an email to their legislative leaders. Thank you for your support in this important endeavor.

We Welcome Bernadette Deborah, daughter of Keith House and Lauren Sohn, Joseph James & Christopher Angelo, sons of Christopher & Lisa Minetti, Frances Maureen, daughter of Michael & Maurita Minetti, Sean Matthew, son of Sean & Angela McBride. These children were baptized this past weekend.

Baptismal Instruction: is scheduled for Monday, June 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. Please call the Church Office (610-834-1975) to sign up.

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. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 16th at 7:00 PM in the rectory conference room. For more information contact: Marianne O'Connor 610-825-4975 or Rosemary McNichol 215- 247-2267.

Parents Support Group: Is held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month (next May 23rd) at 7:00 PM in Rectory Conference Room. The group offers support, education and information about recovery for the Parents and Adult siblings of someone with a Substance Use Disorder (Alcohol or Drug Addiction). For more information or questions contact: Stephen Gallagher, CRS at 610-716-6230 or Email: stevegall444@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.

Women's Prayer Group: All women are welcome to join with us and we are looking for new members! We meet in the St. Philip's rectory dining room on the first and third Thursday of the month from 11:00 AM to 12:00. Sister Regina Kropp, SSJ will be the moderator for this year and can be reached at rkgreginakropp@gmail.com

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. Additional weekday drivers and group leaders are needed.

5th Annual SPN Home & School Flower Sale
Flowers will be available after Masses this weekend May 13th and 14th

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 June 7th.

St. Alphonsus Helping the Needy Ministry (HTN)
Is accepting furniture donations through the end of May. We are most interested in bedroom furniture, kitchen & dining room table and chair sets, smaller sofas, love seats, chairs, end tables and coffee tables. We do not accept beds, appliances, TV's or sofa beds.
For more information about donations or to contact the HTN Ministry: htnministry@gmail.com or by phone at 215-346-6416.



Reboot Live!: Coming in the Fall of 2017!
St. Philip Neri is pleased to announce that Chris Stefanick and his life-changing event Reboot Live! will be held on October 5, 2017 from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM in church.
*****Tickets will be for sale after all masses in the vestibule of church this weekend.***

Let internationally renowned speaker and author Chris Stefanick, along with top performing live music artists, help you REDISCOVER God, and REDISCOVER the life you were made for.

Reboot Live! is the fun, inspiring and practical experience for all (ages 12 and up) of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life, from prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more!

Tickets are \$20.00 and there will be limited amount of tickets available so do not delay before the event is sold out. For more information or to purchase your tickets go to: www.reallifecatholic.com/reboot. On the website you will find more information on the event as well as a listing of the upcoming Reboot Live! events. Look for October 5th and St. Philip Neri Church to purchase online.

Lily's Hope Foundation This is the final weekend of the second annual drive to help premature babies. Last year's drive, as a result of your generosity, allowed 20 families in Montgomery County and Philadelphia to receive urgently needed baby items. Each Bundle of Hope is valued at \$300.00. One out of every 10 babies born in the USA is premature. Lily's Hope Foundation supports premature babies by supporting the families with needed items and will be collecting the following items this weekend, May 13th & 14th.
Baby items needed are: baby wipes, new born size diapers, paper plates, plastic knives, forks and spoons, paper napkins, hand sanitizers, premie size or newborn size clothing and baby blankets. All donations and gifts go directly to the premature babies and their families. Please visit the website to learn more about Lily's Hope Foundation and ways you can help. www.lilyshopefoundation.org.