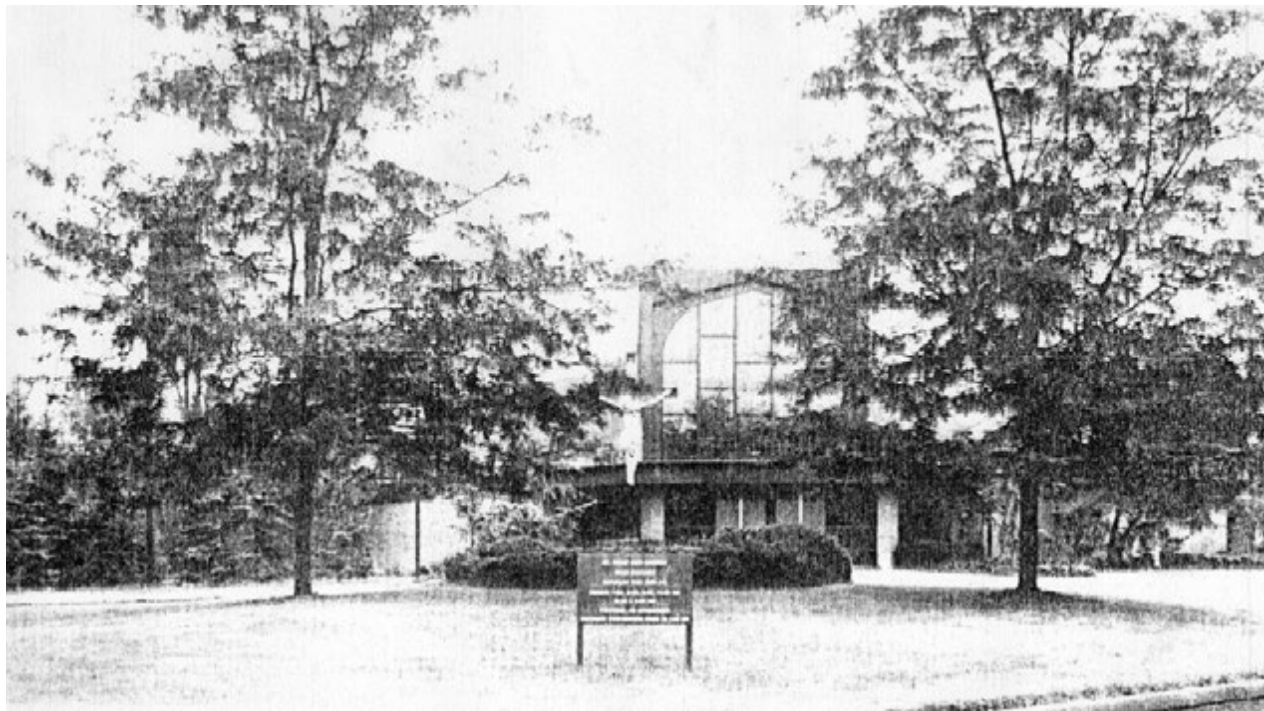


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7:00, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 AM

BAPTISMS

SECOND & FOURTH SUNDAYS, 12:30 PM

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 6:30 AM AND 8:30 AM

SATURDAY, 8:30 AM

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Sunday, December 17, 2017

Second Collection Today- Debt Reduction

3rd Sunday of Advent

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: Elena Alvarez, Mary Armillei, Bella Jones Borkowski, Marita Boyce, Maria Brown, Lou Cacchio, Donald Caldwell, Vincent Cellucci, Rochelle Colucci, Hunter Cranage, Rick Czerwin, Jean Daywalt, Charlie Dickman, Lillian Doherty, Dr. Robert Domanski, Emily Donhauser, Bernadette Dougherty, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores (Dee) Downs, Patricia Durkin, Larry Falkowski, Christopher Greuters, Baby Warren Hargadon, Elizabeth Ann Hill, Jean Keenan, Nicholas Lannutti, Peter Lello, Anne Lintner, George and Molly Lozinak, Phyllis Luther, James Maggetti, Sue Male, Joan Marine, Barbara Martinick, John McCann, Maura McGrath, Julia McLaughlin, Baby Avery McNichols, Steven Merlin, Joe and Betty Mulligan, Joe O'Brien, Lisa O'Brien, Joan O'Connell, Anna Paulina Oliveras Irizarry, John Pacell, Baby Addison Pfeffer, Ann Purkin, Jim Rafter, Lou Rambo, 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, Brian Stenz, Amy Swift, Kena Thompson, Maria Van Haute and 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 Isabel Matozza, Mary Richardson and Joseph E. Slawek, Jr.

Baptismal Instruction: The next session is scheduled for January 8th, 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.

2019 Mass Book: Announced Mass Book will open Tuesday, January 2, 2018. Please stop in the Church office to reserve Masses for your deceased loved ones.

**The Church Office will be closed on
Tuesday, December 26th.**

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday

6:30 AM Salvatore Mattoccia
8:30 AM Charles Primavera

Tuesday

6:30 AM Margaret Ponietowicz
8:30 AM William Gallagher – 49th Anniversary

Wednesday

6:30 AM Deceased Members of the
Brennan & Lowry Families
8:30 AM Englebert & Stephen Families

Thursday

6:30 AM Thomas F Keane Jr & Thomas F Keane III
Frank & Concetta Lupinacci Family

8:30 AM Daniel N. DiSepio

Friday

6:30 AM Keane & Lupinacci Families
8:30 AM Alexander Tarsi – 30th Anniversary

Saturday

8:30 AM Alexander Tarsi III



Parish Penance Service
Wednesday, December 20th at 7PM.
Confessions on Sat, Dec 23rd 12 to 1PM

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We Welcome: Brendan Patrick, son of Eamon & Susanne Knittel, Charley Sofia, daughter of Nicholas & Magdalena Chiccino, Emmeline Grace, daughter of Timothy & Brigid Fagan, Stella Marshall & Dylan MacInnes, children of Daniel & Amanda Moher, Keira Adley, daughter of Brian & Sarah Hartsell, Luke Richard, son of Eric & Amy Garabedian, Alexis Marie, daughter of Anthony & Maureen Dabrowski, James Eberhard, son of Anton & Catherine Jarkowsky, Lennon Grace, daughter of Michael & Kaitlyn Fitzgerald, Fiona Lee, daughter of John & Bernadette Hasson, Josie Rose, daughter of Joseph & Jill King, Luke Joseph, son of Stephen & Kellianne Parsons, John Vincent, son of Gerald & Gina Fleming, Ethan Patrick, son of Stephen Sague & Vera Kosaputski, and Ethan Chase & Olivia Quinn, children of Timothy & Mary Jane Nienhuis, all these children were recently baptized here at St. Philip's.



Join Us as We Celebrate the Birth of Jesus

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24th

4:00 pm Children's Mass

5:45 pm Mass

7:30 pm Mass

Adult Choir Choral Prelude 7:15 pm

Midnight Mass

Teen Schola Choral Prelude 11:45 pm

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25th

7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10 am & 11:30 am

The Giving Tree



All of the tags have been taken! Thank you to all who took a tag and purchased a gift. Thank you for your kindness to the less fortunate children from St. Frances Cabrini in Philadelphia and the developmentally disabled children from the Devereux Kanner Center. The program was, as always, a great success!

SPN Women's Guild Presents

Our 2nd Annual Wine Tasting Event

Friday, January 26, 2018

7:00 PM in the School Hall

Additional information to follow, please contact Maria Colavita at mariacolavita@comcast.net or Christy Haberstroh at chaberstroh1@yahoo.com

Annual Christmas Concert: Gaudeamus Music Ministry presents the 26th annual Christmas concert at Epiphany of Our Lord Church in Plymouth Meeting on Dec 17th at 7PM.

Who's a Smarty Pants?

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Get your teams together!!!

The Home and School is excited to announce

Trivia Night XV

January 19, 2018 at Lu Lu Temple

Doors open at 6:15pm

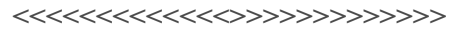
www.TriviaEvents.net

Cost is \$50 per person for early bird purchases until 1/10/2018.

After 1/10/2018 price per person will be \$65.

Please contact me if you have any questions

@ Kmjohnson615@yahoo.com or at [267-716-4540](tel:267-716-4540)



Home and School is looking for donations

for our baskets for Trivia Night.

We have always appreciated the generosity of our parishioners.

We are looking for Gift Certificates, or actual items that can be made into a basket.

We are looking to get items collected by January 12, 2018

If you would like to donate or have questions please contact Kristi Johnson at

KmJohnson615@yahoo.com or at [267-716-4540](tel:267-716-4540)

2017 ANNUAL CENSUS/BLOCK COLLECTION

**NUMBER OF REGISTERED FAMILIES
2271**

**NUMBER OF ENVELOPES RECEIVED
522**

Please remember to fill out and return your census envelope as soon as possible. It can be mailed to the church office or you can place it in the collection basket.

Block Collection: As you can see in the recap there are quite a few census envelopes that have not been returned to date. Please remember that the census is an important fundraising part of the parish as well as one of our only means of updating parishioner information.



Women's Prayer Group: Beginning January 4th we will begin a new topic to enhance our spiritual life. Please see today's insert for more details. We meet in the rectory dining room from 11AM to Noon on the first and third Thursday of each month. Women of all ages are welcome. Come join us! For further information, call Sr.Regina Kropp at 610-828-2866.

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. The next meeting is Wednesday, December 20th at 6:30pm in the rectory conference room. For more information contact Marianne O'Connor at 610-825-4975 or Rosemary McNichol at 215-247-2267.

H.O.P.E: If you, or anyone you know, needs transportation to a doctor or dentist appointment, or to Mass 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.

Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale: Troop 12 is having their annual Christmas Tree sale through Dec 24th. Trees are being sold at the lower parking lot at Miles Park, Monday through Friday 5:30pm to 9pm and Sat & Sun 9am to 9pm. This is their only fundraiser and the proceeds will send the scouts to summer camp.

Shut-In Members: Anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please call the church office as we have a couple of Eucharistic Ministers who take communion on Sundays. Anyone who would like to see a priest for an anointing or confession, call the church office at 610-834-1975.

St. Francis Inn: There is no way we can express our gratitude to all the thoughtful people who fill our donation box each and every week at St. Philip's! We thank you from the bottom of our hearts and we hold you in prayer. When there is no more "room at the Inn" we know that God's angels here on earth (that means YOU) are working overtime and so are we! A complete list of our needs is located on the front of our donation box in the Church vestibule.

THANK YOU! GOD BLESS YOU! MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Gluten-Free Hosts: More and more people are in need of gluten-free hosts. The celebrant will always have a few gluten-free hosts available (these hosts are stored in separate vessels; they are not in contact with traditional hosts). If you are in need of one, simply receive communion from the celebrant and mention that you need a gluten-free host.

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 9AM. The next delivery date is Jan 3rd.

A Casual Walk through the Old Testament: Join our Seminarians David Buffam and Carson Kane along with Father Anthony for a relaxing and enjoyable Bible Study. Next meeting is Feb 1st at 7PM in the rectory conference room as we casually explore the Sacred Scriptures and apply them to our daily lives.

Choir Notes

Schola voices needed for Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve

SPN Schola of young voices has a tradition of singing at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. This group consists of high school and college age girls who give of their time on Christmas Eve to lead the congregation in sung prayer. Prelude Music is sung by the Schola beginning at 11:40PM. We would like to have more young voices join this group. Rehearsals are held within the last 2 weeks of December depending on availability of this singing group. Please consider being a part of this beautiful Music Ministry. Please contact Jean Martin at jeanm1@comcast.net

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