

Saint Philip Neri Church

Sunday, January 6, 2019 / Epiphany of the Lord



"Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come"

Epiphany means "manifestation". This feast celebrates the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. An outward sign of Christ's desire to save all people, not just the Jewish people. The story of the Magi (means "sage") appears only in St. Matthew's Gospel. St. Bede, a 6th century monk, tells us their names were Melchior, Gaspar & Balthasar. The first an old man with a long beard, the second young and ruddy and the third was a black man with a heavy beard. Bede also suggests they represent the three known races at the time; European, Asian & African. Their gifts of gold (kingship), frankincense (divinity) & myrrh (an embalming oil / symbol of death) were very valuable then as now. Legend has it that they eventually were converted by St. Thomas the Apostle and became bishops and at the end of their lives the Christmas Star revisited them for a final reunion. In any case, we all have our own epiphany at Baptism and in the Eucharist when Jesus is made known to us.

Sanctuary Lamp Intention: This week our sanctuary lamp will burn in memory of Nikki Kourtis requested by Patrice H. Werner.

Baptismal Instruction / Pre Jordan: The next session is scheduled for Monday, January 17th at 7:30PM 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.

2020 Mass Intentions Book: The announced Mass Book is open, please stop in the Church office to reserve Masses for your deceased loved ones.

The Giving Tree: Once again this was a gigantic success! Every tag was taken and gifts (usually more than requested) were dropped off and delivered in time for Christmas. 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.

Mass Intentions

Monday

6:30 AM Thomas F Keane III & Thomas F Keane Jr
Frank & Concetta Lupinacci & Family
8:30 AM Theresa O'Bara

Tuesday

6:30AM Raymond Quaglia
8:30AM Joseph Gill

Wednesday

6:30AM James Johnson
8:30 AM Bernadette Caruso

Thursday

6:30AM Harry Rosinski
8:30AM Tullio Leomporra

Friday

6:30AM Joseph P. Gravinese
8:30AM Frank Stanczak, Sr.

Saturday

8:30AM Jack Campoli

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: Michael Basara, Bella Jones Borkowski, Marita Boyce, Lou Cacchio, Vincent Cellucci, Hunter Cranage, Rosemary Crawford, Jean Daywalt, Charlie Dickman, Dr. Robert Domanski, Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores (Dee) Downs, Christopher Greuters, Baby Warren Hargadon, Andrea Harrison, Joseph Hoch, Jean Keenan, John & Kathleen Kunes, Nicholas Lannutti, Peter Lello, Anne Lintner, George and Molly Lozinak, Phyllis Luther, James Maggetti, Sue Male, Joan Marine, John McCann, Julia McLaughlin, Baby Avery McNichols, Steven Merlin, Joe Mulligan, Joe O'Brien, Doris Palumbo, Remo Pitassi, John Pacell, Baby Addison Pfeffer, Ann Purkin, Jim Rafter, Baby Harper Ann Renshaw, John Reynolds, David Sandy, John Schaifer, Tim Schwartz, Eva Seeton, Michael Shaw, Kristin Shearon, Robert Smith, Brian Stenz, Yvonne Stephens, Amy Swift, Kena Thompson and Wendi Wagoner and for all those who are hoping and praying for organ transplants.



This is a program for those interested in discerning membership in the Catholic Church. This is a process for non-Catholics who wish to receive the Sacraments of Initiation or baptized Catholics who have not received all their Sacraments of Initiation. This is a wonderful program with a dedicated group of parishioners who make all feel most welcome. Contact Barney McGee at 610-834-1975 for information.



Join the Knights of Columbus for the rosary on Jan 10th at 7PM. For centuries this powerful prayer has aided so many who have gone to Mary asking for her intercession. Something in your life you could bring? There will be petition cards that will be placed at the foot of Mary's statue in the Church. It only takes about 30 minutes, don't go it alone, Mary stands ready to help!

Frozen Casseroles for St. John's Hospice: During the Christmas season please consider donating a casserole to the homeless of St. John's Hospice. Casseroles can be homemade or store brought. Any questions call Lynne Kennedy at 610-828-6728 or email: lkennedy@comcast.net Frozen casseroles can be brought to Lynne's home at 2311 Mulberry Lane before or after all weekend Masses or by 9AM on the pick-up day, the next pick-up date is Feb 6th. Thank you for your generous and delicious donations and blessings for the New Year!

Project HOPE: 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 always needed.

Are you a parent who has lost a child: An informal group of Moms & Dads get together to talk or just listen to others who understand how you feel. The next meeting is Tuesday, Jan 15th 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

Men's Prayer Group: Men of different ages meet every Wednesday morning in the rectory conference room from 7:30AM to 8:30AM. If interested please call Duane McCarthy at 610-825-5237. There is a prayer petition book in the rear of the Church for your intentions, please note your intention so the group can pray for your intentions



Save the Date
SPN's Father / Daughter Dance
February 8, 2018
Details to follow

2018 Annual Block / Census Collection

Number of registered Families
2343

Number of Envelopes Received
517

Please fill out & 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 know that the block collection is an important fundraising tool of the parish (perhaps the most important next to Sunday collections) as well as one of our only means of updating parishioner information. If you haven't already donated, please consider contributing to this major fundraising collection. The suggested offering is just that, suggested, the parish is sincerely grateful for all donations no matter the amount. God Bless you for your generosity!

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.



Pilgrimage to Portugal & Spain
 Join Fr. Anthony on this 11 day pilgrimage to the shrines of Portugal & Spain. May 20th – May 31st, for more info contact Select Int'l Tours at 800-842-4842 or email

March for Life: The annual March for Life in Washington, DC is scheduled for Friday, January 18th. Epiphany of Our Lord Parish will be providing a bus for transportation. To reserve a seat or for any questions call Bernie Toth at 610-279-2788.

Trivia Night

Home & School Announces – Trivia Night XVI
 Friday, January 18, 2019 at the Lu Lu Temple
 Doors open at 6:15PM
 \$50.00/pp until 1/13/19
 \$65.00/pp after 1/13/19
 Contact Gina Maletta-Sannicandro:
 215-817-6169 / Gbug77@aol.com



Save the Date...

St. Philip Neri Women's Guild Presents
"A Taste of Spain" Wine Tasting Event

Thursday, January 31, 2019

7:00pm @SPN School Hall

Flyer to Follow

Questions – Maria Colavita

mariacolavita@comcast.net or

Christy Haberstroh chaberstroh1@yahoo.com

St. Francis Inn: There is no way we can find a proper way to express our gratitude to all of you thoughtful parishioners who fill our donation box each and every week here at St. Philip's. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts and we hold you in our prayers. When there is no more "room at the inn" we know that God's angels on earth (that means YOU) are working to make just a little more room! And so are we! A complete list of our needs is located on the front on the donation box in the Church vestibule. Donations may be dropped off on the Muller Family porch at 472 Poplar Lane in Whitmarsh Woods or in the bin located in the church vestibule. Thank you, God bless you, and a very Happy New Year!

SPN PREP (CCD) Program: Make a New Year's resolution to help the young people in our parish discover their faith! SPN PREP is looking for faithful, enthusiastic adults to assist teachers in the classrooms in the afternoons on Monday or Tuesdays, and to assist with Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday mornings. For more information, please contact Sharon Otto at spnprep@spnschool.org or call 484-804-1875.

Philippians: The Philippians is a social organization for seniors in our area. We offer entertainment, trips, info programs, and opportunities for service projects. The group meets on the second Thursday of each month (except July & August) at 11AM, contact Anna Marlin @ 267-815-2215

Walking with Purpose: We invite you to consider joining *Walking with Purpose*. This is a weekly reflection that aims to bring women to a deeper relationship with Christ. Meeting on Jan 9th at 6pm in the SPN Cafeteria. Contact Karen Kopecky Karen@sosssportsmarketing.com or 267-205-6865 or Linda Banecker at lmbanecker1@aol.com.

Holy Hour for Vocations: We invite you to join us for a Holy Hour for Vocations to be held at 12:30PM on Sunday Jan 6th. It will be at St. Anthony of Padua, 259 Forest Ave, Ambler, PA 19002. Go to www.heedthecall.org/holyhour

Automated External Defibrillator (AED): We have added a second unit to supplement our existing unit in the sacristy. The new unit is in the cry room next to the rest room.



Did you know the time you spend driving in your car can be an opportunity to grow in faith? Simply tune into Relevant Radio, 640AM. Relevant Radio is a modern, Catholic radio station open to listeners of all ages, cultures, and faith backgrounds who are interested in learning the truth about the Catholic Faith. You'll find inspiring, uplifting conversation that bridges the gap between faith and everyday life.



Bonus Card Points

Giant offers customers with a bonus card to support SPN School with every purchase! Sign in to your account (or register for an account) to link your Bonus Card to SPN, our ID # is 24096; SPN earns money from your qualified purchases until March 16, 2019. Call customer care at 888-814-4268 (option #1) for more information.

After-Christmas Sales

Scrip Cards can be used for the inevitable after-Christmas Sales! Macy's, Lowes, Best Buy, Bed Bath & Beyond and Amazon just to name a few. We have close to 800 retailers to purchase from including many fantastic restaurants. Go to website for complete list. For those on the go now there is "MySCRIPWallet", it can be instant orders or orders directly from your phone, go to MyScripWallet.com for details.



Knights of Columbus

It is now easier to join the Knights through eMembership. Please visit www.kofc.org/joinus for details.

The Knight of Columbus is the largest organization of Catholic men in the world. It has helped countless families through its insurance programs and has contributed time, energy and financial support to people in need around the world. Their superior-rated life insurance products are now available to all Catholic men and their families. For more information, please contact dexter.delarosa@kocc.org or 917-941-5381.