

Saint Philip Neri Church

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 10, 2019

*Second Collection Next Weekend
Care for Aging & Infirm Priests*



"I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise" Psalm 138

Second Collection Next Weekend

Our annual 2019 Collection for the Care of Aging and Retired Priests of the Archdiocese will take place next weekend. Your past generosity to this collection has been tremendous, we are truly grateful. We recognize your generosity as a symbol of your love and gratitude to the priests who have served so well. Through your continued kindness we can be assured that they will be watched over and cared for in their retirement.

From the Pastor: Over the last few weeks there have been several incidents of someone finding consecrated Hosts in the Church. Recently a Host was found in the church parking lot. This is a desecration of the Blessed Sacrament and is a grievous sin. I ask our parishioners to please be aware of those around you to see if they consume the Host and if they don't, or you suspect anyone of not properly consuming the Host in a timely manner, please try to identify the person and tell one of our priests or deacon.

Baptismal Instruction / Pre Jordan: The next session is scheduled for Monday, February 18th 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.



**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Monday, February 11th
9AM - 5PM in the Chapel**

Please pray: For those who died and those we remember in the silence of our hearts, especially Rev. Msgr. James E. Mortimer, Sr. Dorothy L. Payne, SSJ, and Edward Shertz.

Mass Intentions

Monday

6:30 AM Jim Johnson
8:30 AM Joseph Gill

Tuesday

6:30AM Mary Weber
8:30AM Lauren Robb

Wednesday

6:30AM Raymond Quaglia – 1st Anniversary
8:30 AM Theresa O'Bara

Thursday

6:30AM Thomas F Keane & Thomas F Keane Jr
Frank & Concetta Lupinacci & Family
8:30AM Stephen Petrokubi

Friday

6:30AM Louis Rambo III
8:30AM Tullio Leomporra

Saturday

8:30AM Robert Getz

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, Jeanne Bass, Bella Jones Borkowski, Marita Boyce, Lou Cacchio, Vince Cellucci, Frank Craig, Hunter Cranage, Jean Daywalt, Charlie Dickman, Dr. Robert Domanski, Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores Downs, William Drayton, Christopher Greuters, Baby Warren Hargadon, Andrea Harrison, Joseph Hoch, Jean Keenan, Charles Kropp, Nicholas Lannutti, Peter Lello, Anne Lintner, George and Molly Lozinak, Phyllis Luther, James Maggetti, Sue Male, Joan Marine, John McCann, Patricia McCool, 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, Evelyn Rogers, David Sandy, John Schaifer, Tim Schwartz, Eva Seeton, Michael Shaw, Kristin Shearon, Robert Smith, Sarah Smith, Brian Stenz, Yvonne Stephens, Amy Swift, Kena Thompson and Wendi Wagoner and for all those who are hoping and praying for organ transplants.

Sanctuary Lamp Intention: This week our sanctuary lamp will burn in memory of Mary & Joseph Petrokubi requested by Carole Petrokubi.

We Welcome: Virginia Elizabeth, daughter of Philip and Sheila Bruce, who was recently baptized here at St. Philip's.

Marriage Preparation Day / Pre Cana Classes: The next Pre Cana Class will be on Saturday, March 30, 2019 here at St. Philip's. Please call the Church office at 610-834-1975 for more information and to register. Please pray for all couples participating and preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

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, Feb 19th 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.

Apartment / Room Needed: A fellow parishioner is looking for an apartment or room in or close to the parish. This middle-aged man of very good character and reputation finds himself in need of such accommodations, he would be an ideal tenant and very easy to get along with, if you or anyone you know, knows of any availability please contact Msgr. Vance or call the Church office at 610-834-1975

Family Rosary: Join the Knights of Columbus for the rosary on Feb 13th at 7PM. 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 these cold winter months, could you consider helping to warm the homeless by donating a casserole to St. John's Hospice Casserole Program? Casseroles can be homemade or store brought. Any questions call Lynne Kennedy at 610-828-6728 or email: lkennedy1071@comcast.net. Frozen casseroles can be brought to Lynne's home at 2311 Mulberry Lane before or after all weekend Masses and by 9am on the pick-up day, the next scheduled date is March 6th. Thank you for your continued generous support!!

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.

Music Notes: St. Philip's Choir is now preparing for the 75th Anniversary of the Parish. Join us as we sing for the Opening Mass, September 15, 2019 through the Closing Mass in September, 2020. The Choir will offer an Advent Service of *Lessons and Carols* on December 8th. Rehearsals are Tuesday evening. Consider joining the 75th Anniversary Choir! Call Jean Martin at 215-704-0508 or email: jeanm1@comcast.net



Anointing the sick

A Mass for the Anointing of the sick will be held March 16th at 2PM. All are invited whose health is impaired physically, mentally or spiritually, old age, or those about to have surgery. Anyone who would benefit from this act of faith in the power of God and the strength of the sacrament are welcome. A reception with light refreshments will follow in the Church vestibule. Please call Sharon Otto at 484-804-1875 for information or help with transportation.

RCIA: 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.

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

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.

Knights of Columbus Council #16868: Our council always looking to increase membership to help us in our charitable activities. We have had several successful fundraisers already and have plans for future events. This is a great group of men who get together once a month to put their faith into action. Please think about it, it does not require any hard commitment. Your attendance at meetings and participation at events can be as your time allows. Please call the Church office if interested (610-834-1975).



SPN will be participating in a parish-wide survey on discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute. Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey running from February 26th to March 18th it can be accessed online at: www.disciplemakerindex.com



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



SPN School Parents

We make it as easy as possible for our school families to participate in this program and save on tuition costs. Simply order on line and your order will be sent home with your child within days! This is money you are going to spend anyway, why not help SPN and your family budget.

If you spend \$200 per week in groceries thru the Scrip Program you could accumulate \$260 in yearly credits toward tuition. Use the vouchers for yourself or give them to family, friends or neighbors. Cards are available for all sorts of stores as well. This program is under-used and great benefits are being missed, please give it a try! Go to the website and check it out at spnscrip@spnschool.org or call Dawn or Tom Gale at 610-733-1878

St. Raphaela Center

Join us for a retreat March 1st-3rd for men & women in their 20's & 30's. Considering making a transition in life, unsure about what lies ahead for you, trying to find meaning in your experiences? Grow in Faith, connect with others, and encounter God. For more information, contact us at ignatianyaretreats@straphaelacenter.org

St. Mary by-the-Sea Retreat House: A retreat center in Cape May, NJ sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph. Volunteers are needed for various one week programs this summer. We welcome new, as well as experienced staffers, and we'd welcome young volunteers 18 years of age and over. All you need is good physical stamina and a willing heart to help others! Call Sr. Sharon at 609-884-8708 or email www.stmarybythesea.org/smbts

Aid for Friends Service Project: Join us at the Miraculous Medal Shrine in Germantown on Saturday, February 23rd at 9:30AM. With the help of the Bucks County Youth Group, participants will be assembling breakfast bags for Aid for Friends to deliver to shut-ins. We start with continental breakfast, opening prayer, assembling of breakfast bags, and closing with Mass at 12:05PM. We ask you to register if you plan to participate by emailing Deacon James Mahoney at: jmahoney@cammonline.org

New Beginnings II: Organization which seeks to afford anyone who is widowed the opportunity to socialize with people from similar circumstances through activities, events and travel. We meet monthly at St. Helena's School cafeteria in Blue Bell. Please contact Janice Baker at 610-278-9916 or email at janlb@comcast.net for more information.

SPN Women's Guild 2019 Events Save these dates...

Annual Donut Sale, After each Mass in Church Vestibule
March 2nd & 3rd Church Lobby

Annual Covered Dish Night

Thursday, March 14, 2019

7PM – Cafeteria

Christy Haberstroh @ chaberstroh1@yahoo.com

Maria Colavita @ marialcolavita@comcast.net

Kristen Mortelliti @ kmortelliti@comcast.net

Designer Bag Bingo, Friday April 12, 2019

6:30PM – Cafeteria, \$30.00pp

BYOB & snacks, Great Door Prizes

Deanna Marrone, 267-358-8015

Paula DiGiacomo 610-308-0797

Look for flyers in upcoming bulletins, on our Facebook page and at our school communications page. Thank you for your continued support of our Women's Guild. We look forward to seeing you at our events!

Paula DiGiacomo, President

St. Francis Inn: At St. Francis inn we depend so much on the generosity of friends like you, providing all kinds of material goods to share with our guests. You are the heart of our operation! We are extremely grateful for all the support we receive throughout the year.

Pantry Items Needed: Oatmeal (not instant), powdered milk, Mac & Cheese, coffee, LG tea bags, sugar, brown sugar, Iced tea mix, canned tuna & chicken, lg cans of crushed tomatoes, ketchup, toilet paper & tissues *Pine Sol* cleaner and bleach

Hygiene Items: Feminine products, travel size toiletries deodorant, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, Pampers sz preemie & 4-6 and disposable

Full lists of our needs are located on our collection box in the Church vestibule. Thank You!

Helping the Needy: St. Alphonsus HTN Ministry will begin collecting furniture for the needy starting Feb. 9th. Bedroom dressers, chests, end tables, lamps, chairs, kitchen & dining room tables are all needed. Call 215-346-6416 or email htnministry@gmail.com