

Saint Philip Neri Church

First Sunday of Lent / March 10, 2019

Second Collection - Aid to the Church in Latin America

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The term Lent is traced back to the Old English "lencten" meaning "lengthen" and referred to the lengthening of days in the spring. Over time it was shortened to Lent, and became synonymous with the liturgical period. Christians had adopted the term to identify the season of preparation for Easter. The First Sunday of Lent is also called *Quadragesima* from the Latin word for fortieth. The number 40 has special spiritual significance, it's used numerous times in the bible and most often describes a period of trial, testing or probation. Noah spent 40 days on the ark, Moses spent 40 days on Mt. Sini, the Israelites wandered for 40 years, God gave Nineveh 40 days to repent, Jesus spent 40 days in the desert and there were 40 days between the Resurrection and the Ascension to name a few. St. John Paul II called this a time "to renew or reinvigorate our friendship with Jesus in faith, to free ourselves from deceptive promises of earthly happiness and once again to savor the harmony of the interior life in authentic love for Christ"



This week our sanctuary lamp will burn in memory of John & Rita Viti requested by The Viti Family.

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.



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



Monday

6:30 AM Joseph Martosella
8:30 AM Toni Zingaro

Tuesday

6:30AM Jean Clare Garvey
8:30AM Raymond & Mary DiDonato

Wednesday

6:30AM Thomas Woltjen
8:30 AM George Bass

Thursday

6:30AM Deceased Members of the DiPadova Family
8:30AM Theresa O'Bara

Friday

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

Saturday

8:30AM Peter Shields

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, Ryan Bonner, Bella Jones Borkowski, Marita Boyce, Audrey Michelle Cacchio, Lou Cacchio, Vince Cellucci, Ava Love Conley, Frank Craig, Hunter Cranage, Jean Daywalt, Charlie Dickman, Dr. Robert Domanski, Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores Downs, William Drayton, Christopher Greuters, Andrea Harrison, Joseph Hoch, Jean Keenan, Charles Kropp, Nicholas Lannutti, Peter Lello, Anne Lintner, George, Molly & Mary 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, John Pacell, Baby Addison Pfeffer, Ann Purkin, Jim Rafter, Baby Harper Ann Renshaw, John Reynolds, Evelyn Rogers, David Sandy, John Schaifer, Tim Schwartz, Michael Shaw, Kristin Shearon, Robert Smith, Sarah Smith, Brian Stenz, Yvonne Stephens, Amy Swift, Kena Thompson, Mary Vogel 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 Mary Fioravanti.

We Welcome: Alexander Joseph, son of Brian & Giovanna Tye who was recently baptized here at St. Philip's.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH
AT 7PM**



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 this 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.

Baptismal Instruction / Pre Jordan: The next session is scheduled for Monday, March 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.

23rd Annual Kelly Ann O'Connor Fund Brunch

Mark your calendars, this year the brunch is being held on Palm Sunday, April 14th at the Flourtown Country Club from 11:30AM to 2PM. For information and/or to reserve a table please call Marianne O'Connor at 610-825-4975 or email occonnor4@comcast.net

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, March 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.

Knights of Columbus Council #16868



Capt'n Chucky's Seafood Sale

Knights will be in the vestibule after Masses Today to collect order forms (blank forms available outside Church Office).

All orders need to be picked up on Saturday, March 30th in the Church vestibule between Noon & 2PM

Please Help Support the Charitable Efforts of our Council



Thought for Lent

Bring compassion back into fashion.

Let's all give each other a break. Put yourself in another person's shoes. Give Grace...Get Grace.

USCCB: The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are 14 years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Friday's of Lent and Good Friday. All persons 18 years of age or older, up to and including their 59th birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single meal on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday, with the other 2 meals on those days are to be light. All the faithful are encouraged to participate at Mass and receive Holy Communion daily, undertake spiritual reading, especially sacred scripture and participate in parish Lenten devotions.

Do You Want to Fast This Lent?

Fast from hurting words and say kind words,
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude,
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope,
Fast from worries and trust in God,
Fast from pressures and be prayerful,
Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy,
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others,
Fast from grudges and be reconciled,
Fast from words and be silent, so you can listen.

MichelleDeRusha.com

--Pope Francis



JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ON MARCH 14TH AT 7PM FOR OUR FAMILY ROSARY. THERE WILL BE PETITION CARDS FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS. IT ONLY TAKES ABOUT 30 MINUTES PLEASE COME AND PLACE YOUR NEEDS AT MARY'S FEET.

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.

Archdiocesan High School Visitation Day: 7th annual on Wednesday, March 20th. The event gives 7th graders throughout the Archdiocese the opportunity to spend a day touring one of our schools, meeting students & faculty and participating in activities at any AOPS high school. Please visit www.AOPCatholicSchools.org/VisitUs2019.

Archdiocesan Celebrations at the Cathedral

Celebrant - Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap.
Cultural Heritage Mass – Saturday, March 23rd at 2PM
All are welcome to this celebration of all cultures.

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Mass for Persons with Disabilities
Saturday, March 30th at 10:30AM

Reception to follow, please RSVP by March 20th
www.opdarchphilly.org or call 215-587-3530

Frozen Casseroles for St. John's Hospice: As we prepare our hearts and minds during this Lenten Season, could you consider an act of selflessness for 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: kennedy1071@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 April 3rd. The program has seen a substantial increase in the number of casseroles, thank you for your continued generous support!!

St. Francis Inn: We hold you in our prayers for every sacrifice you make for us. During Lent, we pray you find reasons to smile more and enjoy beauty all around you!
L...laundry soap, Lysol
E...every kind of air freshener, every other item on our list
N...new white athletic Socks
T...toiletries, toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, thermal underwear, trash bags (13 & 30 gal), toothbrushes, toothpaste, dish towels
Full lists of our needs are located on our collection box in the Church vestibule. Thank You!

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.

Catholic Leadership Institute: SPN is 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 ending March 18th. Surveys are available in the Church Vestibule along with a collection box for your completed surveys. The survey can be accessed online at: www.disciplemakerindex.com

SPN CYO: Spring Sports sign-ups, registration now open: Baseball grades 5-8, Softball grades 5-8, Track & Field grades K-8, and High School volleyball grades 9-12. Go to www.spncyo.org to sign up!



March Madness...Beef, beer & more, Thursday March 28th at the *Great American Pub* on Fayette St in Conshohocken 6PM to 10PM, \$40.00 pp, see flyer for more information.

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Knights will be selling green carnations in honor of St. Patrick's Day after Masses on March 16th & 17th, they are \$1.00 each and all proceeds go to charitable efforts of St. Philip Neri Knight's.

Volunteers Needed: Since August, a team of people from SPN has been picking up food from local Wawa's and delivering it to 3 local food cupboards, the Missionary Sisters of Charity, and a homeless shelter in Norristown. Currently, folks volunteer twice per month, each "run" takes about 60-90 minutes and happens mid-morning to avoid the breakfast & lunch rush. We are looking for a few more people to serve as substitutes when our regulars have other commitments. If you can drive, carry the provided insulated bags, and have a desire to feed the hungry and reduce food waste, you can do this! Contact Cindy Veit at LWVeit@gmail.com or call 610-772-4740.



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

BJ's Membership Drive: Join / renew with this special offer. Parish benefits and you save money! Offer runs from March 1st to 28th, Please see flyers at church doors and outside Church office. Completed forms should be returned to Church office.

SPN WOMEN'S GUILD -2019 EVENTS
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

Acorn Stair Lift: A parishioner would like to donate two straight stairway stair lifts. One is a 13 step & the other a 5 step, removal and transportation would be recipients responsibility, please call Church Office at 610-834-1975 for details.

SPN Home & School Basketball Slam: March 4th -18th tickets will be sold after all Masses - March 16th & 17th see flyer in today bulletin for details. Contact Denise McNichol at: denise.mcnichol@gmail.com