

SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH

Sunday, March 18, 2018

Second Collection - Easter Flowers*

2nd Collection Next Sunday – Debt Reduction

*Due to a mistake by the company that produces our contribution envelopes the date for the Easter Flower Collection was listed as March 4th on the envelopes you received in your bi-monthly mailing. The actual second collection is this weekend, March 17th & 18th. You can always drop it off or send it in to the church office as well. Thank you to everyone that has already returned their Easter Flower envelopes!



Our parish community extends a warm welcome to all our guests and visitors. If you would like to register as a member of our parish community, please contact the Church office at 610-834-1975



Please consider coming to Confession during this Lenten Season and truly prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mysteries at Easter. We have confessions every Saturday from Noon to 1PM, after Stations of the Cross on March 21st & 28th and at our Penance Service with additional priests on March 26th at 7PM.

Msgr. Vance



Please Pray: for those who died and those we remember in the silence of our hearts, especially, Maria Brown, Msgr. John A. Close, Deacon George Kletzel, Jr. and Phyllis Teti.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday

6:30 AM Nan Burrus
8:30 AM Tullio Leomporra

Tuesday

6:30 AM Sue & Joe Thomas
8:30 AM Steve Petrokubi

Wednesday

6:30 AM James Gallagher, Sr.
8:30 AM Joseph McNichol, Sr.

Thursday

6:30 AM Michael Koneski
8:30 AM Josephine & Louis Cucchi

Friday

6:30 AM Michael Koneski
8:30 AM Walt Dunsmore

Saturday

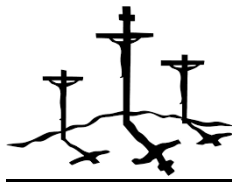
8:30 AM Angeline & Michael DeAngelis

Remember our sick

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, Lou Cacchio, Vincent Cellucci, Hunter Cranage, Rick Czerwin, Jean Daywalt, Charlie Dickman, Lillian Doherty, Dr. Robert Domanski, Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores (Dee) Downs, Patricia Durkin, 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, John Pacell, Baby Addison Pfeffer, Ann Purkin, Jim Rafter, Baby Harper Ann Renshaw, John Reynolds, David Sandy, John Schaifer, Gina Schindler, Tim Schwartz, Eva Seeton, Michael Shaw, Kristin Shearon, Donna Schoen, Robert Smith, Brian Stenz, Amy Swift, Kena Thompson and Wendi Wagoner and for all those who are hoping and praying for organ transplants.

We Welcome: Luca Joseph & Nicholas Philip, sons of Dennis & Jennifer Di Giovanni, Jordan Antoni, son of John & Julie Skrocki and Bryson Edward son of Edward & Christina Smith all were baptized here at St. Philip's.

Easter Food Baskets: Would you consider putting together an Easter Basket for needy families in our area? Nonperishable items including canned ham, pineapple, potatoes, vegetables, biscuit mix, puddings, pies, etc. (gift cards are great). You can make a family project out of it! Collection will be in the church vestibule on the weekend of March 24th & 25th. Call Dane Connelly with questions at 484-804-1875.



Stations of the Cross
Wednesday night at 7pm
Confessions immediately following

Blessing of Easter Food: A cherished Catholic ritual for centuries among families of Eastern European origin and adopted by people of all ethnicities. On Holy Saturday, families would prepare their Easter meal to be later blessed at Church. After Mass on Easter Sunday, the family and guests would share this blessed food and exchange good wishes. Please join us as we bless our Easter food at 9:30AM on Holy Saturday following the Prayer Service.

Collection of Rice Bowls: Thank you to all who took a donation box home at the beginning of Lent. Please drop off boxes in the church office or take it to the sacristy on Palm Sunday, March 25th.

Baptismal Instruction / Pre Jordan: The next session is scheduled for Saturday, April 21st at 11AM 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.

Marriage Preparation Day /Pre Cana Class: The next Pre Cana class will be on Saturday, April 7, 2018 here at St. Philip. Please call 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 and Dads get together to talk or just listen to others who understand how you feel. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 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.



Schedule of Solemn Liturgies

MONDAY, MARCH 26TH

PARISH Penance SERVICE AT 7PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28TH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & CONFESSIONS AT 7PM

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 29TH

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT 7:30PM
 CONCELEBRATED MASS WITH THE WASHING OF FEET AND EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION. THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR VISITS TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT UNTIL 10PM AT THE REPOSITORY IN THE CHAPEL.

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30TH

LITURGY OF THE PASSION & DEATH OF THE LORD AT 3PM
 LITURGY OF THE WORD, ADORATION OF THE CROSS AND HOLY EUCHARIST
 COLLECTION FOR HOLY LAND SHRINES &
 STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 7:30PM
 FOLLOWED BY VENERATION OF THE CROSS

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST

CONFESSIONS FROM NOON TO 1:30PM

THE EASTER VIGIL AT 7:30PM
 THIS ANCIENT AND MOST SOLEMN OF LITURGIES CELEBRATES THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD.
 BLESSING OF THE EASTER FIRE & PASCHAL CANDLE.
 EASTER PROCLAMATION (EXSULTET)
 LITURGY OF THE WORD
 RECEPTION OF THE ELECT INTO FULL COMMUNION
 LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST

MASSES AT 7AM, 8:30AM, 10AM & 11:30AM

IN CELEBRATING THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM, WHICH STARTS ON HOLY THURSDAY EVENING AND CONCLUDES EASTER SUNDAY EVENING, WE ARE COMMEMORATING THE CENTRAL MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND THESE MOST SACRED EVENTS TO FAITHFULLY RECALL ALL THAT OUR GOD HAS DONE FOR US THROUGH HIS SON JESUS CHRIST.

Comcast Cares: Save the date! Comcast Cares is coming to our parish on Saturday, April 21, 2018. They are partnering with us for a campus clean-up and beautification day. More details to follow for this special day of volunteerism!

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: Consider dedicating your Lent to one of our guests who is caught in addiction, praying for him or her daily, to identify in some small measure with their battle. May your Lent be blessed as you walk in spiritual companionship. A complete list of our ongoing needs is posted on the front of your donation box in the church vestibule. May God bless you abundantly!



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. The faithful are encouraged, when possible; to participate at Mass and to receive Holy Eucharist daily, to frequently attend the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially sacred scripture and to participate in parish Lenten devotions



Wedding Anniversary Mass

Saturday, April 28, 2018

Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at the 5:15pm Vigil Mass with Archbishop Charles Chaput, O.F.M., Cap. presiding. This mass is to pray for and with all married couples who are newlyweds, or who have been married 25 years or more. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend. Registration required, visit www.phillycatholiclife.org or call: 215-587-0500.

Men's Prayer Group: Men of different ages meet every Wednesday morning in the rectory conference room from 7:30AM to 8:30AM. If you are 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 write down your intentions so the group can pray for all listed petitions.



**St. Philip's Knights of Columbus
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).**

**Please help support our newly formed council so
we can begin to take on community projects!
All orders need to be picked up on Saturday,
March 24th at the school cafeteria between
Noon & 2PM**

Scrip Gift Card Program

Easter is coming!

**Why not use Scrip to purchase your supplies?
This is a great fundraiser for SPN!**

Ordinary purchases become extraordinary when you use SCRIP gift cards to pay! Buy \$100.00 per week of grocery Scrip cards for one year and earn \$125.00 in free tuition credits (or gift cards) for you and an additional awesome \$125.00 in free revenue for St. Philip's! If you choose you can give your Scrip credits to whomever you like, a niece or a nephew, grandchildren, a neighbor or a needy school family to help them with their tuition. Cards are available in the church vestibule after all weekend Masses, in the church office Monday thru Friday 8AM to 5PM, or on line. Any questions please call Tom or Dawn Gale at 610-733-1878 or email at spnscrip@spnschool.org. There are informational flyers on the bulletin boards at the church entrances. Please consider this worthwhile fundraiser for SPN, its easy and user friendly!

Position Available: Our extraordinary long time secretary has decided to retire and relax. We are looking for her replacement to work 2-3 days per week at our family funeral home. Please contact Koller Funeral Home at 215-482-5200 for further information.

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 April 4th.

