

Saint Philip Neri Church

October 6, 2019

Second Collection - Pro Life Educational Foundation



"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea', and it would obey"



This week our sanctuary lamp will burn in memory of Timothy Michael Brickley requested by Mom & Dad.

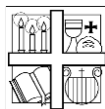
Today's Second Collection: October is Respect Life Month and this weekend, the second collection will be for the benefit of the Pro-Life Educational Foundation a 501(c)(3) charity that provides funding for various programs and groups, such as Generation Life, College pro-life groups and crisis pregnancies centers such as Legacy of Life. Please be generous with your offering, all Catholic people are called to support this great cause. Thank you.

Baptismal Instruction / Pre Jordan: The next session is scheduled for Monday, October 21st 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.

Block Collection

This is a very important collection that enables us to continue to be good stewards of our parish buildings and grounds. Another aspect of returning your yearly Block Collection envelope allows the Church office to update the information we have on file for each of our families. Thank you in advance for your contribution to this critical fundraiser and returning your census information.

2019 Annual Block / Census Collection
Number of registered families - 2398
Number of envelopes received - 271



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday

6:30AM

Thomas F Keane Jr - 2nd Anniversary

8:30AM

Deceased Members of the
Brennan & Lowry Families

Tuesday

6:30AM

Andrew Kuszczak

8:30AM

Anna Marie Czerpak

Wednesday

6:30AM

Mary Richardson

8:30AM

Peg Lafferty

Thursday

6:30AM

Mary Koneski

8:30AM

Tullio Leomporra

Friday

6:30AM

Raymond Garrison, Sr.

8:30AM

Stephen Petrokubi

Saturday

8:30AM

John DeSantis



Prayer Requests

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: Baby Rayna, Michael Basara, Bella Jones Borkowski, Marita Boyce, Jennifer Brands, Audrey Michelle Cacchio, Lou Cacchio, Vince Cellucci, Ava Love Conley, Frank Craig, Hunter Cranage, Charlie Dickman, Dr. Robert Domanski, Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores Downs, William Drayton, Marcella Frick, Christopher Greuters, Andrea Harrison, Joseph Hoch, Charles Kropp, Nicholas Lannutti, Anne Lintner, George, Mary & Molly Lozinak, Phyllis Luther, James Maggetti, Jim Mahoney, Sue Male, Joan Marine, John McCann, Julia McLaughlin, Baby Avery McNichols, Steven Merlin, Baby Jack Muller, Joe Mulligan, Joe O'Brien, Doris Palumbo, John Pacell, Baby Addison Pfeffer, William Pinto, Ann Purkin, Jim Rafter, Baby Harper Ann Renshaw, John Reynolds, David Sandy, John Schaifer, Gena Schindler, Donna Schorn, Tim Schwartz, Michael Shaw, Kristin Shearon, Monica Skrocki, 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.



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Monday, October 14th / 9AM to 5PM

Chapel

October Mass Count: During the month of October, the ushers will be counting the number of people attending each Sunday Mass. These attendance numbers help with archdiocesan short & long term planning.

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 (those 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.

"The grace of God means something like: Here is your life. You might never have been, but you are because the party wouldn't have been complete without you. Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid. I am with you. Nothing can ever separate us...."
Frederick Buechner

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. We are always in need of weekday drivers and group leaders!

Frozen Casseroles for St. John's Hospice: The seasons change and Fall is in full swing but the need to feed the homeless of St. John's Hospice? Casserole donations can be homemade or store bought. Also, did you know that St. John's will gladly accept gently used or new men's clothing donations to help clothe the homeless? Additionally, as the holidays approach St. John's is also very happy to accept donations of frozen turkeys. Frozen casseroles, turkeys and/or clothing donations can be dropped off at 2311 Mulberry Lane on Saturday & Sunday November 2nd & 3rd before and after all Masses and by 9AM on Wednesday, Nov 6th. If you need an alternate drop off day or have any questions please call Lynne Kennedy at 610-828-6728 or email: lkennedy1071@comcast.net. Your continued generous support is much appreciated! Thank you!

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

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 petition.



Class Reunion

SPN Classes of 1956 to 2019

All SPN Graduates from the classes of 1956 to 2019 are welcome to join us on Saturday, November 30th from 6PM to 9PM for an evening of food, music and a walk down memory lane. The celebration begins with the Saturday evening 5PM Mass followed by a reception at the school. Tickets will be available in October. We are looking for pictures for our slideshow or other SPN artifacts to display. We are open to any suggestions that might enhance the celebration. For more information contact Amy Antrim at 215-499-8442 or email: amyantrim@yahoo.com

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

St. Francis Inn: Our immediate Fall needs are: Prayers, men's boxers/underwear all sizes, thermal underwear, men's pants (esp. sizes 30-36), tablespoons & soup spoons (no teaspoons), DEODORANT, hotel-size toiletries, travel size toothpaste & brushes, disposable razor, bath soap, white socks, disposable diapers size PREEMIE & size 3T, 4T, 5T & 6T only, baby wipes, formula & baby food, Pine Sol, bleach & laundry detergent. Iced tea mix, coffee, tea & SUGAR, peanut butter & jam, cans of tuna & chicken, Spaghettios, chili, oatmeal (not instant), cereal & bars, toilet paper, paper towels, gently used costume jewelry for the women's shelter. A detailed list is posted on the front of the donation box in the Church vestibule. Hoping our dedicated supporters had a safe & happy summer! Much love, The Franciscans.

Congratulations to Our School: SPN has been awarded the "Archdiocesan School of Distinction Instruction 2019". The award recognizes that 90% of our students have made a year's academic growth at every grade level tested in every content area of the Terra Nova Standardized Tests. This is determined by an analysis of the Normal Core Equivalent scores of two consecutive years. Thank you to our faculty for your dedication in challenging our students to do their best and engaging them in their learning!



Mayo Society: Members will be at the doors of the Church next Sunday after Masses to sell chances. The proceeds go to aid challenged children & adults. Several SPN families have benefited from these proceeds. All are invited to attend the Mayo Ball on Nov 2nd at 7PM at the Irish Center. Call Maureen Saxon at 610-825-3391 for more details.



Mothers & Babies in Need

October is dedicated to Respect Life causes. Items for mothers & babies in need may be placed in the crib in the lobby during the month of October. Please no car seats and big items will be picked up if necessary. If you would like to lend a hand with this community service call Loretta Zych at 215-836-1127.



Attention School Parents

In order for this program to render the maximum benefit to the school (and thus helping to keep tuition as low as possible) it is crucial to have a large pool of participants. If you are not participating please consider using the program. Scrip can be ordered on line and sent home with your child. If you are spending the money (especially groceries) why not get the added benefit to yourself and SPN. Please think about it!

Scrip is fundraising while you shop! The Scrip Program allows you to earn rebates you can use towards tuition credits, another family's tuition or use to purchase more gift cards while spending the same amount you would have for your purchases., You can buy gift cards for over 780 retailers (www.shopwithscrip.com) and earn a rebate on every card you purchase. Please consider using Scrip for purchases you will be making anyhow! Contact Tammi at spnscrip@spnschool.org for more information.

“Holiness, a message that convinces without the need for words, is the living reflection of the face of Christ.”
Pope St. John Paul II

Philipians: We are a social organization for seniors in our area. We offer entertainment, trips, informational programs and opportunities for service projects. For membership info call Angie Berry at 610-260-1211.

“THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND GOD, AND THAT IS BY PRAYER.”
ST. TERESA OF AVILA

Malvern Retreat House: In today's world of 24/7 sound bites, non-stop commercials, loud music and the like, it can be difficult to hear the really important voices in our life. Sometimes we just need a quiet, safe place where we can listen to our God who knows us, loves us and wants to tell us what is best for us. Malvern is just that place, go to www.malvernretreat.com for more information.

Volunteers for St. Joseph Villa: Persons 14 years or older to help with your time and talents in a number of ways with the residents. Call 215-248-7844 for more details.

SPN Women's Guild Paint Night: Thursday, October 10th at 7PM in School Hall. Cost is \$30.00 and registration is required. For info contact either Chaberstrohl@yahoo.com / 610-283-1184 or kmortelliti@comcast.net / 215-718-4932

Helping the Needy: St. Alphonsus HTN Ministry will be collecting furniture for needy families during the month of September & October. The collection is specifically for bedroom dressers, chests, end tables, lamps, kitchen and dining room room tables & chairs, loveseats and small sofa's. Please call 215-346-6416 or email: htnministry@gmail.com



The Church has dedicated the month of October to Mary & the rosary (Oct 7th is the Feast of the Holy Rosary). The rosary has a long history, first as a practice of saying 150 Our Fathers in imitation of the 150 Psalms. Then a parallel practice of praying 150 Hail Mary's including mysteries of Jesus' life was soon added. Legend has it that Mary gave the rosary to St. Dominic, in any case, the Dominicans were great promoters of this Marian devotion. When was the last time you prayed the rosary...your mother would love to hear from you!



Knights of Columbus Family Rosary
Wednesday, October 9th at 7PM

Villa Chance Drive: SSJ Annual Chance Drive to benefit Saint Joseph Villa. Please help us make this year's chance drive especially successful!

Turn \$1 into \$10,000---11 ways to win!
Grand prize - \$10,000 with 10 prizes of \$500 each!
\$1 each or \$5 for a book of 6 chances.
Chances to be sold after Masses on October 19th & 20th.
Thank you from all the Sisters of St. Joseph!

Chestnut Hill Meals on Wheels: A community based, non-profit devoted to meeting the daily nutritional needs of any of its neighbors challenged by illness, disability or age. The cost is \$9.00 a day for 2meals or \$4.50 for 1 meal, meals can be delivered 1 to 5 days per week. Call them at 215-233-5555 for more information.