

Saint Philip Neri Church

November 3, 2019

2nd Collection Today - St. Charles Seminary



"Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost."



Each year for All Souls Day we have a special Mass for all those in our parish who have been called home to God during the past year. Everyone is welcome to come and pray for a deceased loved one on Monday, Nov 4th at 7PM. If you would like to add the name of a loved one please call the Office at 610-834-1975.



This week our sanctuary lamp will burn in memory of Bernadette Catania requested by Michele McRae.

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 - 354



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Monday, November 11th in the Chapel
9AM to 5PM



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday

6:30AM Matthew Kuszczak
8:30AM Frank Stanczak

Tuesday

6:30AM Mary Koneski
8:30AM Michael & Mary Ennis

Wednesday

6:30AM Betty Mulligan
8:30AM Souls in Purgatory

Thursday

6:30AM Wally Flamm
8:30AM Joseph & Mary Petrokubi

Friday

6:30AM Rosemary Fitzpatrick
8:30AM Adrienne Conway

Saturday

8:30AM Richard Rothwell, Jr.



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: Angelo Amoroso, Baby Rayna, Michael Basara, Bella Jones Borkowski, Marita Boyce, Jennifer Brands, Jim Brooks, 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, George & Roseann Eberwine, Peter Gallagher, 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 Schoen, Tim Schwartz, John Scranton, Michael Shaw, Kristin Shearon, Monica Skrocki, Robert Smith, Sarah Smith, Brian Stenz, Yvonne Stephens, Amy Swift, Kena Thompson, Mary Vogel, Wendi Wagoner and Loretta Zych and for all those who are hoping and praying for organ transplants.



Please Pray: For those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially Raffaella Celano, Sr. Joan Grey, SSJ, Ralph Kelly and Rev. Thomas Murphy, OSFS.

We Welcome: Cade Stephen, son of Stephen & Amanda Bennis, Mary Genevieve, daughter of Brendan & Colleen Dolan, Thomas Michael, son of Thomas & Dana Heleniak, Michael Jonathon, son of Sean & Angela McBride, Kaelin Ann, daughter of Sean & Jennifer McCracken, Callie Alexandria, daughter of Patrick & Adrienne Reed, Viera Mae, daughter of David Scheuring & Aprille Rokosz, Luke Jonathan, son of Edward & Kristy Swift and William Manuel, son of Paulo & Caitlin Vitoria all were recently baptized here at St. Philip's.

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

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.



Family Rosary

Join the Knights of Columbus on Nov 13th in the Church at 7PM and pray for your special intentions and those of the whole community.



Do you love decorating your home for the Holiday Season? If so, please consider having your house on this year's Holiday House Tour benefiting **For Pete's Sake Cancer Respite Foundation**. The tour will take place on Dec 8th from 1PM to 4PM. If interested, please email Caitlin Quon at Caitlin@takeabreakfromcancer.org or call 267-

Frozen Casseroles for St. John's Hospice: The seasons change and Fall is in full swing but the need to feed the homeless never changes; it is ever present. Could you consider donating a casserole to help 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!



The American Red Cross will be in our gym on Thursday, Nov 14th from 2PM to 7PM. Please take this opportunity to give the gift of life, call Bob Dunne at 610-941-9162(H), 610-542-3063(C) or email rdunne@devereux.org to make an appointment. If you have any questions about eligibility to give, please visit the Red Cross website at www.redcross.org

6th Annual FILL-A-BUS: November 2nd & 3rd, benefits Colonial Neighborhood Council in collecting non-perishable food and toiletries. Sague school bus will be in parking lot to accept your donations. Thank you!

Women's Guild

SPN Women's Guild
24th Annual Cookie & Sweet Exchange
& "Yankee Gift Swap"
Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 2PM / SPN School Hall
Official flyer to follow soon...
Contact Dara Varrone 484-919-6725 or
Tish Bellingham 484-868-1749



Class Reunion

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 Vigil Mass followed by a reception at the school. **Tickets on sale in the Church vestibule after all Masses.** 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 Tuesday, November 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.

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!

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.

"God takes special delight in the humility of those who believe that they have not yet begun to do good!"

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St. Francis Inn: This Thanksgiving, we are thankful to you as you accompany us in our work! We are currently in the most need of Prayers, cold weather gear, THERMAL UNDERWEAR (tops & bottoms, men's & ladies). Clean warm coats, hats, scarves, gloves, shoes & boots, clean blankets, throws, comforters, new white athletic socks, new ladies slippers, men's boxers & ladies underwear, hooded sweatshirts (L & XL). Coffee, lg tea bags, sugar, powdered milk, oatmeal (not instant, reg 5min variety). Deodorant, hotel toiletries, tissues, paper towels, baby formula, diapers (Sz preemie & Sz 6, pull-ups Sz 3T & 5T). Dish towels, spray air freshener and cleaning supplies. Check our Amazon Wish List: St Francis Inn. Donations may be dropped off at the Muller's porch, 472 Poplar Lane in Whitemarsh Woods or in the box in the Church vestibule. Our complete list of needs can be found on the front of our donation box. May God Bless you always abundantly!

The Franciscans

Thanksgiving Eve Interfaith Service **Wednesday, November 27th**

The Plymouth-Whitemarsh Ministerium comes together every year for a Thanksgiving Eve Service. St. Philip's is hosting the Ecumenical Prayer Service this year on Wednesday, Nov 27th at 7:30PM. Please join us as we welcome our neighbors from surrounding congregations.

Refreshments will be served after the service in the cafeteria; a bus will be supplied as transport from the church to the school.

Knights of Columbus Council 16868

The SPN Chapter of the Knights of Columbus will conduct an open house immediately following all Masses on Sunday, Nov 10th, in the school cafeteria. This will be a great opportunity to learn about the Knights, and specifically, what our chapter of the K of C is doing to support our parish community. Feel free to bring your families, wives are welcome and we will provide activities for any children attending. Thank you and God Bless.

Bible Study with the Seminarians: Join our visiting seminarian's, Chris and Stephen, for an informal study of the Gospel of St. Mark in the rectory conference room. Meetings are held Thursday evenings from 7-8PM on 11/7, 11/14, 11/21 & 12/5. All are welcome!



Lessons & Carols Sunday, Dec 8th at 4:00PM

Please join us this Advent Season as St. Philip's Choir offers a traditional prayer service of Lessons & Carols. The story of the Fall of Humanity, the Promise of the Messiah and the Birth of Jesus is told in nine short scripture readings interspersed with the singing of Christmas Carols, Hymns and Choral Music. Enter the holy season of preparation with this beautiful and meditative service.

The Valley Forge Marine Corps League will be giving out US flags this weekend outside church. Donations will be used in their efforts to help veterans and the larger community as well, especially the *Toys for Tots* program.

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!

Christmas is coming and why not use the Scrip Program for some of your gift 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.



Catholic Social Services of Montgomery County is once again hoping to provide Thanksgiving dinners for 300 families in need. We are in need of frozen turkeys, mashed potatoes, gravy, etc to provide a dinner for a family. Drop off donations at 353 E. Johnson Hwy Monday, Nov 11th through Friday, Nov 22nd between 9AM & 4PM. Any questions call CSC at 610-279-7372. Thank you!

Women's Prayer Group: We meet in the convent from 11AM to Noon on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month. Women of all ages are welcome; call sr. Regina Kropp at 610-828-2866 for information.

"Meeting the Risen One in faith is truly a light on man's journey, a light which calls one's whole life into question. On the shining face of Christ, God's truth manifests itself in a spectacular way. May we too keep our gaze upon the Lord!"

Pope St. John Paul II