

# Saint Philip Neri Church

November 24, 2019

Second Collection – Christmas Flowers



## *Christ the King*

This is the last Sunday in the Church's liturgical year. The feast was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to proclaim the premmence of Jesus Christ despite the philosophies of secularization, atheism and communism. The Pope wanted to remind all the faithful that while governments and philosophies come and go, Christ reigns as king forever. His kingdom is foremost and eternal.

*"How worthy is the lamb who was slain,  
To receive power and divinity,  
And wisdom and strength and honor.  
To Him belong glory and power for ever and ever."*



**Holy Mass on Thanksgiving Day - 9AM**  
**Blessing of food immediately following the Mass**

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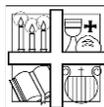


This week our sanctuary lamp will burn in memory of Michael Joseph Kerlin requested by Kerlin Family.

### Block Collection

Thank you to all who have turned in their "Block Collection" envelope. This collection is one of a select few collections (along with Christmas & Easter) that substantially affect the parish's financial position. Thank you in advance for your dependable generous response to this critical fundraiser.

**2019 Annual Block / Census Collection**  
**Number of registered families - 2398**  
**Number of envelopes received - 452**



## *Mass Intentions for the Week*

### **Monday**

6:30AM Adam & Marie Quaglia  
8:30AM Kevin Kirk

### **Tuesday**

6:30AM Dolores Arent  
8:30AM Donna Cannone

### **Wednesday**

6:30AM Sue Crupi  
8:30AM Kevin & Patricia Flanagan

### **Thursday – Thanksgiving Day**

9:00AM Earl Bruce, Nancy, Kevin and Eric Kirk

### **Friday**

6:30AM Walter Palmer  
8:30AM Eric Kirk

### **Saturday**

8:30AM Richard Rothwell, Sr.



## *Prayer Requests*

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, Barry Cahill, 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, Anne Lintner, George, Mary & Molly Lozinak, Hadley Ludwig, 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, 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, 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.



**We Pray:** For those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially Vito Casiello, Denise Geckle, Sr. Eileen M. Haggerty, SSJ, Sr. Daniel Margaret O'Connor, SSJ, Judy Smith and Joseph Suchecki.

**The Church Office will be closed on Friday,  
November 29<sup>th</sup>.**

"Fear not, I am with you; be not dismayed; I am your God. I will strengthen you, and help you, and uphold you with my right hand of justice." Isaiah 41:10



Mark your calendar's this year's Barn Mass will be on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. All are invited to join us at Cedar Grove Park, 100 Cedar Grove Road, Conshohocken.

**Baptismal Instruction / Pre Jordan:** The next session is scheduled for Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Lessons & Carols Sunday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 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.*

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**Schola Voices Needed for Christmas Eve Mass**

*SPN Schola of young voices has a tradition of singing at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. Prelude Music is sung by the Schola beginning at 11:40PM. We would like to have more young voices join our group. Rehearsals are held the week before Christmas to accommodate the availability of college students. Contact Jean Martin: 215-704-0508 or [jeanm1@comcast.net](mailto:jeanm1@comcast.net)*

**St. John's Hospice:** St. John's Hospice and the homeless they feed and clothe are thankful for you, the parishioners of SPN. Your generous donations throughout the year have helped immensely and made a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. If you haven't already done so, please consider donating a casserole to this worthwhile cause.

Casseroles can be homemade or store brought. St. John's is also accepting frozen turkeys for the holiday season. Casseroles, frozen turkeys and/or clothing donations can be dropped off at 2311 Mulberry Lane on Saturday, Nov 30<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, Dec 1<sup>st</sup> before and after all Masses and by 9AM on Wednesday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup>. If you need an alternate drop off day or have any questions please call Lynne Kennedy at 610-828-6728 or email: [kennedy1071@comcast.net](mailto:kennedy1071@comcast.net).

Heartfelt thanks and best wishes for a Blessed Thanksgiving to you and your loved ones!

**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, December 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

"Saints are only sinners who keep trying"  
St. Teresa of Calcutta



Look for the Giving Tree in the Church vestibule! The tree is filled with names of less fortunate children from St. Francis Cabrini Regional Catholic School and The Devereux Kanner Center, a facility for developmentally disabled children in West Chester. Please pick a name off the tree, go shopping for that child and return the wrapped gift with the tag attached as soon as you can. Please check the tag for a drop-off deadline date. Due to scheduling conflicts there are two separate deadline drop off dates one is Dec 11<sup>th</sup> and the other is Dec 20<sup>th</sup> please check your ticket. Thank you.



Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Florence Ward, a member of our parish for 67 years! Blessings and best wishes from your priests and fellow parishioners!

**Gaudeamus Music Ministry:** Christmas Concert on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM at Epiphany of Our Lord Church, contact Connie Steuer with questions.



**SPN Women's Guild**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Annual Cookie & Sweet Exchange & "Yankee Gift Swap"**  
**Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 2PM / SPN School Hall**  
**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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.** For more information contact Amy Antrim at 215-499-8442 or email: [amyantrim@yahoo.com](mailto:amyantrim@yahoo.com)



Knights of Columbus Council 16868

The Knights of Columbus is the largest organization of Catholic men in the world. The Knights have helped countless families through its insurance program, contributed time, energy & financial support, emembership is now available at [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus) or call the Church office for more information.

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March for Life – Washington, DC

January 24<sup>th</sup>

Deluxe Bus w/restroom

Call Church Office to reserve a spot – 610-834-1975.

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Annual Christmas Memorial Lanterns to be placed on the island outside of Church and burn in memory of a loved one. They will be lit Christmas Eve and burn through Christmas Day with the name of your loved one attached, after Christmas you can stop by and take the lantern home.

The cost is \$25.00 and all proceeds will benefit the charitable works of the Knights, sign-up sheets and collection box is in the vestibule or you can call the Church office at 610-834-1975.

**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](mailto: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.

**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!

### Thanksgiving Eve Interfaith Service-Wed, Nov 27<sup>th</sup>

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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Bible Study with the Seminarians:** Join our visiting seminarian's, Chris and Stephen, for the final, informal study of Gospel of St. Mark in the rectory conference room. Meeting will be held Thurs., Dec 5<sup>th</sup> from 7-8PM.

*"The Word of God is not addressed to any one people or to any one period of history... Truth can never be confined to time and culture... it reaches beyond history."*

*Pope St. John Paul II*



## St. Raphaela Retreat Center

### *"Seeking the Light"*

*4PM Dec 13<sup>th</sup> to 1PM Dec 15<sup>th</sup>*

Advent is the season of light, at this retreat we will contemplate the great longing in Hebrew Scriptures; and the light that dawns in the communities and hearts of the followers of Jesus as witnessed in the New Testament. Go to [www.straphaelacenter.org](http://www.straphaelacenter.org) or call 610-642-5715.

**Nourish for Caregivers:** For anyone juggling the challenges of everyday life and caring for a loved one. *Nourish* provides caregivers a faith perspective and practical and emotional support, tools and shared experiences. Contact Mary Sheehan at 610-828-8103.

### **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!

#### **\$5 & \$10 Gift Cards**

Thru Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>...perfect stocking stuffers and small gifts for friends, teachers, coaches, mail carriers, etc!

### **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Bobby Natalini, Jr. Blood Drive**

Wednesday Nov 27<sup>th</sup>, 1PM to 7PM, St. Titus Church  
3006 Keenwood Rd, Norristown.

**Holy Family Christmas Bazar:** Friday 12/6 from 6-10PM  
& Saturday 12/7 from 5-9PM. Food, games, giant tag sale  
and a visit from Santa!