

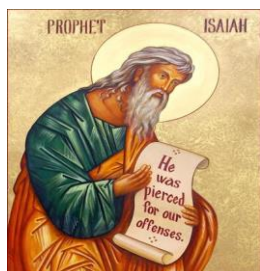
Saint Philip Neri Church

December 8, 2019

2nd Sunday of Advent

Second Collection - Religious Retirement Fund

Second Collection Next Weekend - Capital Replacement



“On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him”
Prophet Isaiah

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.

Number of registered families - 2398

Number of envelopes received - 482

We Welcome: Brady Warren, son of Tom & Kelsey Corr, Eli Francis, son of George & Leah DiPeriso, Maeve Elizabeth Catherine daughter of Kevin & Maura McCool, David Scott, son of David & Kaitlyn McGuigan, Luca Nicholas, son of Kevin & Diane Veneziale and Nathan Daniel, son of Brandon & Victoria Wilson all were recently baptized here at St. Philip’s.



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Monday, December 9th

9AM to 5PM in the Chapel



There will be a special blessing for expectant mothers at the 10AM Mass on Sunday, Dec 22nd. If you wish to receive this blessing, please call the Church office at 610-834-1975.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday

6:30AM

Stephen Petrokubi

8:30AM

Lillian Linton

Tuesday

6:30AM

Bishop Louis DeSimone

8:30AM

Louis Rambo III

Wednesday

6:30AM

Vincent Reilly

8:30AM

Salvatico Family

Thursday

6:30AM

John Devita & Joseph Devita Jr.

8:30AM

Tullio Leomporra

Friday

6:30AM

Frank English

8:30AM

Gretchen Frick

Saturday

8:30AM

Margaret Ponietowicz



This week our sanctuary lamp will burn in memory of John & Bernadette Catania requested by Their Loving Family.



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, Barry Cahill, Vince Cellucci, Ava Love Conley, Frank Craig, Hunter Cranage, Charlie Dickman, Joseph DiGiovanni, 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, 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 Robert Caruso, Doris Smith, Ida Varrone and Florence Ward.



This afternoon at 4PM our choir will present "Lessons & Carols", this is the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of a Messiah and the birth of Jesus told in short Scripture readings dispersed amongst carols, hymns and choral music. Please join us with your family for this beautiful Christmas Concert and help prepare for the Christmas miracle.



Today is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Not a holy day of obligation this year since it fell on a Sunday. The Church is observing the feast day on Monday Dec 9th. Under this title Mary is the patroness of the United States, ask Mary to bless our nation and our people.

Many Thanks to our 7th Grade: Thank you to all our 7th graders and their teachers Mrs. Sexton and Mr. Rotondo for placing the new Missalettes in the pews. They made short work of an arduous task! Please place Missalettes with open end down and binding facing up, this is the best position to keep them in good shape throughout the year. Thank you.

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 10th 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.

"When we were children we were grateful to those who filled our stockings at Christmas time. Why are we not grateful to God for filling our stockings with legs?"
G.K. Chesterton



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

4PM Children's Mass
5:45PM Mass
7:30PM Mass
(Adult Choir Choral Prelude 7:15PM)
Midnight Mass
(Schola Choral Prelude 11:45PM)

Christmas Day

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



Parish Penance Service

Wednesday, December 18th at 7PM

The theme of Advent to prepare the way of the Lord, what better way than the Sacrament of Penance to clear that way in our own lives for the Christmas miracle. Extra priests will be available to hear confessions.

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



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 email jeanm1@comcast.net



Join the Knights of Columbus on Dec 11th in the Church at 7pm and pray the rosary for your intentions and those of the whole community.

Gaudeamus Music Ministry: Sunday, December 15th at 7:30PM at Epiphany of Our Lord Church, Plymouth Meeting. Admission is free and any free will offerings will benefit *A Baby's Breath*.

A Friendly Reminder: Gifts from the Giving Tree are due back soon! Some of the tags had a deadline date of December 11th, if your tag has this date on it please have the gift in Church by that date. Other tags had no date and the deadline for those is December 20th, if your tag has no deadline date please have your gift in Church by December 20th. Many, many thanks for your generosity!

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.

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!

Women's Guild

SPN Women's Guild

24th 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

"We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do!"
St. Teresa of Calcutta

St. Francis Inn: There is not just one cause of hunger, which means there is not just one solution. But one thing is clear; St. Philip Neri Parish is making a huge difference in the lives of clients who rely on St. Francis Inn. We pray for you, our generous benefactors, who make it possible for us to care for God's people in Kensington. We are especially remembering your sacrifice with heartfelt gratitude. Merry Christmas from everyone at the Inn! We are in the most need of 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 Whitmarsh 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!



Knights of Columbus / Memorial Lanterns

Lanterns will be placed on the island outside Church and burn in memory of a loved one. They will be lit Christmas Eve through Christmas Day. The name of the person being remembered will be on a ribbon attached to the lantern, 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. The deadline is December 20th, sign up sheets and a collection box is in the vestibule outside the Church office.



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 23rd...perfect stocking stuffers and small gifts for friends, teachers, coaches, mail carriers, etc!

Flocco's Uniform Supplies & Shoes

We have Scrip Cards in the Church Office & on sale in the vestibule after Masses.

You can buy gift cards for over 780 retailers (www.shopwithscrip.com) and earn a rebate on every card.

"Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch"

Pope St. John Paul II

Trivia Night

Home & School Association Presents Annual Trivia Night
Save the date! Friday, January 17th
SPN Gym – details to follow...

Missionary Volunteers Needed: Are you looking for a chance to do a little bit of missionary work to help the poor and the needy? Is God calling you? Father Chuck's Challenge is inviting you to join us in our funding campaign for homes that are to be built for the poor in Haiti and Nicaragua. We are in need of volunteers. We will be having a Q & A meeting on Jan 12th, for info contact Kathy John at 215-646-1399.