

Saint Philip Neri Church

December 22, 2019

4th Sunday of Advent



Our parish community extends a warm welcome
to all our guests & visitors.
All are welcome!



*"In the beginning was the Word,
And the Word was with God,
And the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God.
All things came to be through Him,
And without Him nothing came to be.
What came to be through Him was life,
And this life was the light of the human race;
The light shines in the darkness,
And the darkness has not overcome it...
And the Word became flesh
And made His dwelling among us..."*
St. John's Gospel

*With heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for all your
faithfulness and support throughout the year, on behalf of
Fr. Anthony, Fr. Dooner, Fr. Bongard, and Deacons Rob
& Mike, we wish everyone a joyful and faith filled
Christmas. In a world that sometimes seems out of order,
we come together in a common faith that Jesus Christ is
truly Lord and Ruler and at the end of the day all is well.
So enjoy your families and friends and together we will
keep the faith and trust in God's guidance and love for all
of us in the coming year!*

May God Bless and Merry Christmas to all!

Mmgr. Vance

Mass Intentions  for the week

Monday

6:30AM Thomas F Keane & Thomas F Keane III
8:30AM Rev. Harry Smyth

Tuesday

6:30AM Mary Ann Coyle
8:30AM Michael & Mary Ennis

Wednesday – Christmas Day

Thursday

6:30AM No Mass
8:30AM Stephen Petrokubi

Friday

6:30AM No Mass
8:30AM Earl Bruce & Nancy Kirk

Saturday

8:30AM Edward Moser – 8th Anniversary



This week our sanctuary lamp will burn in
memory of Campoli & Gumpper Families
requested by Anne Campoli.



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,
Lori Belardo, Bella Jones Borkowski, Marita Boyce, Jennifer
Brands, Jim Brooks, Audrey Michelle Cacchio, Lou
Cacchio, Barry Cahill, Vince Cellucci, George Clark, Sr.,
Ava Love Conley, 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, 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 Sr. Beatrice Mary Keegan, SSJ
and Sr. Marie Natalie Sommer, SSJ.



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

New Year's Eve

Vigil Mass at 5PM

New Year's Day

7:30AM, 9:30AM & 11:30AM

* January 1st The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Birth of Christ brought God to man



The Cross of Christ brings man to God

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.



Upcoming Anniversary Events

March 8th to 10th – Parish Mission

April 25th – Senior USO Canteen

Spring, 2020 – Family Movie Night

September 13th – Closing Mass & Dinner at Presidential Caterers

Block Collection

Thank you to all who have turned in their contribution.

Number of registered families - 2398

Number of envelopes received - 485

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, January 21st 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.



In order to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist or Matrimony, or to have access to Letters of Eligibility to stand as a godparent at Baptism or Sponsor at Confirmation you need to be registered in a parish. If you are not registered or if you have any questions call the Church office at 610-834-1975.

Archdiocesan Tribunal: The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry or have their marriage blessed by the Catholic Church. Pope Francis has greatly streamlined the process and there are no financial barriers as in the past. Please call the Tribunal Office at 215-587-3750 or visit www.archphila.org

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.

Philippians: We are a social organization for seniors in our area. We offer entertainment, trips, informational programs and opportunities for service projects. For membership information call Angie Berry at 610-260-1211 or 610-608-0358.

St. John's Hospice: St. John's Hospice and the many homeless they feed and clothe send their heartfelt thanks and wish you and your families all of the blessings of the Christmas Season. Your generous donations throughout the year have made a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate and hungry. Could you consider donating a casserole this Christmas? 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? Frozen casseroles, can be dropped off at 2311 Mulberry Lane on Saturday, Jan 4th & Sunday, Jan 5th before and after all Masses and by 9AM on Wednesday, Jan 8th. 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!

Trivia Night

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

"Any one thinking of the Holy Child as born in December would mean by it exactly what we mean by it; that Christ is not merely a summer sun of the prosperous but a winter fire for the unfortunate"

G.K. Chesterton

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!

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!



St. Philip Neri Council 16868



The Knights are organizing a bus for transportation to Washington, D.C. for the annual March for Life on January 24, 2020...stay tuned, details to follow.

Parish Mission - March 8th & 10th - 7PM
Living the Catholic Life / Fullness of Purpose
With international speaker Ken Yasinski



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.

"It is impossible to conceive how different things would have turned out if that birth had not happened...for millions of people who have lived since, the birth of Jesus made possible not just a new way of understanding life but a new way of living it.

Frederick Buechner

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.

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.