

Saint Philip Neri Church

Sunday, December 23, 2018 / 4th Sunday of Advent

Christmas Blessings

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests"



On behalf of myself, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Dooner and Deacon Rob I would like to extend our merriest of Christmas wishes. Praying God blesses and protects all in the coming year. Your participation and generosity throughout the year makes St. Philip's the vibrant place it is, and together we can move the parish forward into the future, continuing our mission...to be the Church in our corner of the world witnessing to the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Know you are in our prayers always, God Bless one and all!

Msgr. Vance

Please Pray: For those who died and those we remember in the silence of our hearts especially Sr. Kathleen S. Bonawitz, SSJ, Sr. Margaret K. Siegfried, SSJ, Sr. Mary Regina Steffe, SSJ, Sr. Marian L. Steiner, SSJ and Sr. Leona Tucker, SSJ.

Sanctuary Lamp Intention: This week our sanctuary lamp will burn in memory of Kushwara Family requested by Mary Ann Hudson.

Baptismal Instruction / Pre Jordan: The next session is scheduled for Monday, January 17th 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.

Mass Intentions

Monday

6:30 AM Thomas F Keane & Thomas F Keane III
Frank & Concetta Lupinacci & Family
8:30 AM Rev. Harry Smyth

Tuesday – Christmas Day

Wednesday

8:30 AM Steve Petrokubi

Thursday

8:30AM Raymond M. Ferki & Michael J. Ferki

Friday

8:30AM Edward Moser – 7th Anniversary

Saturday

8:30AM Earl Bruce Kirk

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: Michael Basara, Bella Jones Borkowski, Marita Boyce, Lou Cacchio, Vincent Cellucci, Hunter Cranage, Rosemary Crawford, Jean Daywalt, Charlie Dickman, Dr. Robert Domanski, Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores (Dee) Downs, Christopher Greuters, Baby Warren Hargadon, Andrea Harrison, Joseph Hoch, Jean Keenan, John & Kathleen Kunes, Nicholas Lannutti, Peter Lello, Anne Lintner, George and Molly Lozinak, Phyllis Luther, James Maggetti, Sue Male, Joan Marine, John McCann, Julia McLaughlin, Baby Avery McNichols, Steven Merlin, Joe Mulligan, Joe O'Brien, Remo Pitassi, John Pacell, Baby Addison Pfeffer, Ann Purkin, Jim Rafter, Baby Harper Ann Renshaw, John Reynolds, David Sandy, John Schaifer, Tim Schwartz, Eva Seeton, Michael Shaw, Kristin Shearon, Robert Smith, Brian Stenz, Yvonne Stephens, Amy Swift, Kena Thompson and Wendi Wagoner and for all those who are hoping and praying for organ transplants.



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

Solemnity of Mary / January 1st: This is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a Vigil Mass on Dec 31st at 5PM. Masses on Jan 1st will be at 6:30AM, 8:30AM and 12:05PM.

Church Office – Holiday Hours

December 24th – 7:30AM to Noon
 December 25th & 26th – Closed
 December 27th & 28th – 7AM to 4PM

 December 31st – 7:30AM to Noon
 January 1st – Closed
 January 2nd, 3rd & 4th – Regular Hours

2020 Mass Intentions Book: The announced Mass Book will open Wednesday, January 2nd. Please stop in the Church office to reserve Masses for your deceased loved ones.



This is a program for those interested in discerning membership in the Catholic Church. This is a process for non-Catholics who wish to receive the Sacraments of Initiation or baptized Catholics who have not received all their Sacraments of Initiation. This is a wonderful program with a dedicated group of parishioners who make all feel most welcome. Contact Barney McGee at 610-834-1975 for information.



Join the Knights of Columbus for the rosary on Jan 10th at 7PM. For centuries this powerful prayer has aided so many who have gone to Mary asking for her intercession. Something in your life you could bring? There will be petition cards that will be placed at the foot of Mary's statue in the Church. It only takes about 30 minutes, don't go it alone, Mary stands ready to help!

Frozen Casseroles for St. John's Hospice: During the Christmas season please consider donating a casserole to the homeless of St. John's Hospice. Casseroles can be homemade or store brought. Any questions call Lynne Kennedy at 610-828-6728 or email: lkennedy@comcast.net Frozen casseroles can be brought to Lynne's home at 2311 Mulberry Lane before or after all weekend Masses or by 9AM on the pick-up day, the next pick-up date is Jan 2nd. Thank you for your generous and delicious donations and blessings for the New Year!



As Christmas is a time for counting our blessings this would be a good time to show our gratitude to our priests here at St. Philip's. They baptize our children, hear our confessions, anoint our sick, bury our loved ones and bring us the Eucharist daily. So thanks Msgr. Vanez, Fr. Anthony and Fr. Dooner for your "yes" to priesthood and all you do to minister to the parishioners here at St. Philip's. Wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas and healthy & holy New Year!

2018 Annual Block / Census Collection

Number of registered Families
2343

Number of Envelopes Received
510

Please fill out & return your census envelope as soon as possible. It can be mailed to the church office or you can place it in the collection basket

Block Collection: As you can see in the recap there are quite a few census envelopes that have not been returned to date. Please know that the block collection is an important fundraising tool of the parish (perhaps the most important next to Sunday collections) as well as one of our only means of updating parishioner information. If you haven't already donated, please consider contributing to this major fundraising collection. The suggested offering is just that, suggested, the parish is sincerely grateful for all donations no matter the amount. God Bless you for your generosity!

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



Pilgrimage to Portugal & Spain
 Join Fr. Anthony on this 11 day pilgrimage to the shrines of Portugal & Spain. May 20th – May 31st, for more info contact Select Int'l Tours at 800-842-4842 or email

March for Life: The annual March for Life in Washington, DC is scheduled for Friday, January 18th. Epiphany of Our Lord Parish will be providing a bus for transportation. To reserve a seat or for any questions call Bernie Toth at 610-279-2788.

Trivia Night

Home & School Announces – Trivia Night XVI
Friday, January 18, 2019 at the Lu Lu Temple

Doors open at 6:15PM

\$50.00/pp until 1/13/19

\$65.00/pp after 1/13/19

Contact Gina Maletta-Sannicandro:

215-817-6169 / Gbug77@aol.com

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 Additional weekday drivers and group leaders are always needed.

St. Francis Inn: There is no way we can find a proper way to express our gratitude to all of you thoughtful parishioners who fill our donation box each and every week here at St. Philip's. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts and we hold you in our prayers. When there is no more "room at the inn" we know that God's angels on earth (that means YOU) are working to make just a little more room! And so are we! A complete list of our needs is located on the front on the donation box in the Church vestibule. Donations may be dropped off on the Muller Family porch at 472 Poplar Lane in Whitmarsh Woods or in the bin located in the church vestibule. Thank you, God bless you, and a very Merry Christmas!

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

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 intentions.

SPN PREP (CCD) Program: Make a New Year's resolution to help the young people in our parish discover their faith! SPN PREP is looking for faithful, enthusiastic adults to assist teachers in the classrooms in the afternoons on Monday or Tuesdays, and to assist with Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday mornings. For more information, please contact Sharon Otto at spnprep@spnschool.org or call 484-804-1875.

Philippians: The Philippians is a social organization for seniors in our area. We offer entertainment, trips, info programs, and opportunities for service projects. The group meets on the second Thursday of each month (except July & August) at 11AM, contact Anna Marlin @ 215-233-1527

Walking with Purpose: We invite you to consider joining *Walking with Purpose*. This is a weekly reflection that aims to bring women to a deeper relationship with Christ. Meetings will start in January of 2019. Contact Karen Kopecky Karen@soassportsmarketing.com or 267-205-6865 or Linda Banecker at lmbanecker1@aol.com.



Bonus Card Points

Giant offers customers with a bonus card to support SPN School with every purchase! Sign in to your account (or register for an account) to link your Bonus Card to SPN, our ID # is 24096; SPN earns money from your qualified purchases until March 16, 2019. Call customer care at 888-814-4268 (option #1) for more information.

After-Christmas Sales

Scrip Cards can be used for the inevitable after-Christmas Sales! Macy's, Lowes, Best Buy, Bed Bath & Beyond and Amazon just to name a few. We have close to 800 retailers to purchase from including many fantastic restaurants. Go to website for complete list. For those on the go now there is "MySCRIPWallet", it can be instant orders or orders directly from your phone, go to MyScripWallet.com for details.



Knights of Columbus Parish Family Photo Album Knights will be in the vestibule today!

Our past drive to have parishioners sign up to have their photograph taken in late summer fell quite a bit short of our expectation. We assume timing was the issue and are going to give it a second try! Hopefully with the Christmas breaks and families being all together we can accomplish our goal. This is absolutely free unless you choose to order additional prints. Please sign up and help make this 75th anniversary edition as complete as it can be! We will be in the vestibule this weekend. You can also sign up on line: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/ydh6ztlc>

It is now easier to join the Knights through eMembership. Please visit www.kofc.org/joinus for details. There superior-rated life insurance products are now available to all Catholic men and their families, please contact dexter.delarosa@kocc.org or 917-941-5381.