

SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH

JANUARY 5, 2020



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



Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem...
Caravans of camels shall fill you,
Dromedaries from Midian and Ephah;
All from Sheba shall come bearing
Gold and frankincense and proclaiming the
Praises of the Lord!



Epiphany means "manifestation", it comes from the Greek root that means "to show, to display". It describes a time when something is shown, displayed, or manifested to an audience. Jesus' Epiphany is His displaying Himself as the Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world.

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

Baptismal Instruction / Pre Jordan: The next session is scheduled for Monday, January 13th 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
6:30AM James Fox
8:30AM Thomas F Keane III & Thomas F Keane Jr.
Frank & Concetta Lupinacci & Family

Tuesday
6:30AM Silvio Marucci
8:30AM Giovanna Muriella

Wednesday
6:30AM Chester & Agnes Nanartwoitz
8:30AM Alice O'Neill

Thursday
6:30AM Liam Houston
8:30AM Tullio Leomporra

Friday
6:30AM Mary Bronti
8:30AM Harry Rosinski – 3rd Anniversary

Saturday
8:30AM Frank Stanczak, Sr.



This week our sanctuary lamp will burn in
memory of **Mary & George Barr** requested
by **Foster 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, Lori Belardo, Bella Jones Borkowski, Marita Boyce, Jennifer Brands, Jim Brooks, Audrey Michelle Cacchio, Lou Cacchio, Barry Cahill, Vince Cellucci, 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 and Wendi Wagoner 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. Margaret Gavaghan, SSJ and Mary Lou Miles.

We Welcome: Adrian Francis, son of Jeffery & Sarah Bostic, Iris Ann, daughter of Joseph Decker & Lilly Small, Charles Grayson, son of Christopher & Courtney Dunne, June Everly, daughter of Matthew & Christina Massey and James William, son of James & Hope Toolan who were recently baptized her at St. Philip's.



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 - 493

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



Please join the Knights of Columbus for our family Rosary on Jan 8th at 7PM. Start off the New Year with renewed devotion to our Blessed Mother.

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! SPN Gym on Friday, January 17th
 Doors open at 6:15PM
 \$50.00/pp early bird rate until 1/13/20
 \$65.00/pp after 1/13/20
 Contact: Gina Maletta-Sannicandro
Gbug77@aol.com or 215-817-6169

"To have a right to do a thing is not the same as to be right in doing it." G.K. Chesterton



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.



The concept of “*Magi*” has several interpretations, in Matthew’s Gospel they are understood to be members of the Persian priestly cast. They were custodians of religious and philosophical knowledge that developed in the East. They apparently had material of a prophetic nature (some suggest they got it from an eastern Jewish community), that allowed them to identify the birth of the new “king of the Jews” astronomically, by the unique (supernatural) “Star of Bethlehem”.

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!

“The way Jesus shows you is not easy. Rather, it is like a path winding up a mountain. Do not lose heart! The steeper the road, the faster it rises towards ever wider horizons.”

Pope St. John Paul II



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.

“Even when it is celebrated on the humble altar of a country Church, The Eucharist is always in some way celebrated on the altar of the world. It unites heaven and earth.

It embraces and permeates all creation.”

Pope St. John Paul II

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.



The Fire Marshall has notified the Church Office that they have been made aware of people parking in no parking zones in the Church parking lot, especially in front of the Church on the circle. They will start issuing violations to any vehicle parked in a no parking zone. Please do not park in these zones. Thank you.