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Rev. William B. Dooner In Residence
Deacon Robert G. Flynn

Rev. Joseph W. Bongard Weekend Assistant
Deacon Michael J. Cipressi

ST. PHILIP NERI MASS SCHEDULE

5:00 PM Vigil
7:00, 8:30, 10:00 And 11:30 AM

BAPTISMS

Second & Fourth Sundays, 12:30 PM

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday, 6:30 AM & 8:30 AM
Saturday, 8:30 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, Noon To 1:00 PM

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Saint Philip Neri Church

December 6, 2020

2nd Sunday of Advent

Second Collection - Retirement Fund for Religious



“One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of His sandals. I have baptized you with water; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

We are currently in the process of updating our sanctuary appointments. The current fixtures are all original and showing signs of their age. If anyone would like to donate an item in memory of a loved one it would be greatly appreciated. We have some fixtures already donated but remaining are a processional candle (\$1500.00) and the Processional Cross (\$3500.00). Thanks, as always for your generous stewardship.
Msgr. Vance

We Pray: For those who have gone on before us marked with the Sign of Faith, especially Ray Bauer, Skip DeGeorge, Mary DiYenno, Dorothy Grochowski, Joan Murphy and Rev. William T. Small may our loving God grant them eternal rest and peace with Him in heaven.

This week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of Thomas McAllister, requested by SPN Class of 2019.



Sacrament of Penance

Confession is rooted in repentance & reconciliation, take advantage of this Sacrament of Healing. Confessions are heard every Saturday from Noon to 1PM, or by appointment, call 610-834-1975 to schedule.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Monday, December 14th in the Chapel, 9AM to 5PM.

10AM Sunday Mass is live streamed every week
www.saintphilipnerichurch.com

Mass Intentions

Monday

6:30AM Patricia Kost
8:30AM Deceased Members of the
Dunn & Perri Families

Tuesday-Feast of the Immaculate Conception

6:30AM John Pacell
8:30AM Stephen Petrukubi
12:05PM Eleanor Ruffenach
7PM Frances Bucci

Wednesday

6:30AM Judy Smith
8:30AM Tom McAllister

Thursday

6:30AM Mary Rosanova
8:30AM Tullio Leomporra

Friday

6:30AM Paul Simone
8:30AM Deceased Members of the
Brennan & Lowry Families

Saturday

8:30AM Lucy Simpson & Lucy Drenkhahn



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: Baby Rayna, Robert Biddle Sr., Ryan Bonner, Jennifer Brands, Audrey Michelle Cacchio, Lou Cacchio, Barry Cahill, Robert Cassel, Ava Love Conley, John Coscia, Sr., Hunter Cranage, Charlie Dickman, Paula DiGiacomo, Susan DeSimone, Dr. Robert Domanski, Emily Donhauser, Andrew Dotzman, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores Downs, George & Roseann Eberwine, Mary Ann Foley, Christopher Greuters, Mary Kay Halecki, Andrea Harrison, Joseph Hoch, Lois Kelly, Rose Marie Klemick, Charles Kropp, Palma Leomporra, Anne Lintner, George, Mary & Molly Lozinak, Phyllis Luther, Greg deGroot Maggetti, James Maggetti, Sue Male, Joan Marine, Julia McLaughlin, Baby Avery McNichols, Steven Merlin, Joe Mulligan, Annie Hope Munn, Joe O'Brien, Doris Palumbo, Baby Addison Pfeffer, William Pinto, Ann Purkin, Jim Rafter, Baby Harper Ann Renshaw, John Reynolds, David Sandy, John Schaifer, Donna Schoen, Tim Schwartz, Michael Shaw, Kristin Shearon, Robert Smith, Brian Stenz, Yvonne Stephens, Amy Swift, Kena Thompson, Jackson Thorburn, Patricia Trioli, Mary Vogel, Wendi Wagoner and for all those who are hoping and praying for organ transplants.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 8th, as with Sunday Mass the obligation has been lifted but Mass will be celebrated at 6:30AM, 8:30AM, 12:05PM & 7PM for those who would like to attend in person. The 8:30AM will be live streamed on the parish website: www.saintphilipnerichurch.com

We Welcome

Jameson Patrick, son of John & Jenna Marie Bernhardt, Milena Violet, daughter of Robert & Devon Brogno and Shaylynn Mae, daughter of Michael & Ashleen Gies all were recently baptized here at St. Philip's



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
2:00PM	7:00AM
4:00PM (live streamed)	8:30AM
5:45PM	10:00AM
7:30PM	11:30AM
Midnight	

Regretfully, there is no Children's Mass this year due to Covid restrictions; all Masses are traditional Christmas Liturgies. There will be an over flow area in the cafeteria for the 4PM Mass (if necessary) with live stream available, Holy Communion will be distributed.



Knights of Columbus Family Rosary: Join our group on Wednesday, Dec 9th at 7PM in the Church. This powerful devotion to Our Lady is only about ½ hour and especially needed in our world today....join us!

Baptismal Instruction / Pre Jordan: The next session will be December 14th at 7:30PM, due to current circumstances these sessions will be virtual. Once you register, Deacon Mike Cipressi will contact you with meeting details. Please call the Church Office at 610-834-1975 to register.

Advent Confessions: Mark your calendars, due to current health concerns there will not be a Parish Penance Service this year. There will be evening confessions on December 21st at 7PM with several guest priests.

2020 Annual Block / Census Collection

Number of registered families - 2101

Number of envelopes received - 541

Thank you for your contribution to this most important collection to keep our parish fiscally sound.

Block Collection / Visitation

This is a vitally important collection and a crucial element in the parish's financial stability. Please be as generous as your budgets allow and as always thank you for your loyal and faithful stewardship of St. Philip Neri Parish.

2022 Announced Mass Book: The 2022 calendar for announced Masses will be available on Monday, January 4th in the Church Office at 8AM.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Liturgical Life

The Advent Wreath is a longstanding Christian tradition dating to the Middle Ages. Most trace it back to Germany as the country of origin. The evergreens used to create the wreath represent continuous life arranged in a circle (no beginning or end) to symbolize the eternity of God, immortality of the soul and everlasting life found in Jesus Christ. One candle is lit on each of the four Sunday's of Advent.



The first symbolizes hope and is called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets who foretold of the birth of Christ. The second is the "Bethlehem Candle" to remind us of the Holy Families trek to Bethlehem. The third is pink and lit on Gaudete (rejoice) Sunday. It symbolizes the joy the world would receive at the coming of the Messiah. The fourth and final candle is known as the "Angel's Candle" symbolizing peace on earth and good will toward men. The Advent Wreath is just another way we prepare our minds and hearts for the coming of the Son of God, in human flesh, into the created world to sanctify and redeem all mankind. Let's be sure we don't get lost in the trappings and recognize the season for what it is....God sending His son into the world to be the atonement for all our sins and to open the gates of heaven for all.

Very special, indeed!



All major food stores and major clothes retailers have cards available; please go to the website for a complete list. This program helps support our school and is driven by parishioner participation...give it a try!

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Adult Faith Formation: Due to the current Covid up-tic, our visiting seminarians, Kevin & Greg are expected to come back on to SPN on January 21st. Keep your eye on the bulletin for updates on the Faith Formation Program.

St. Charles Seminary

Institute for Christian Formation

Beginning Jan 21st at the seminary from 6:45PM to 9:30PM. This 8 week program is \$250.00 and aims to enrich the faith of those attending. There will be dynamic presenters and experienced adult faith formation instructors.

All social distancing protocols will be observed. The program is designed for those seeking holiness of heart, mind and soul.



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. Children who turn 26 years of age or complete higher education and continue to reside within our area should register individually. Call the Church Office at 610-834-1975

RCIA: Individuals interested in exploring and discerning membership in the Catholic Church meet with our RCIA Team to discuss Church teachings in light of Sacred Scripture and Tradition. If interested or if you know of a family member or anyone who might be interested please contact Barney McGee at 610-834-1975 or email at bmcgee@spnchurchlh.org



Go to the parish website to sign up, it's easy, free and can be stopped or adjusted at any time. In these difficult and anxious times please do not forget your parish and help us, if you can, to meet our unchanged financial obligations.

"The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize Him at any moment of your life.
Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord."
Henri Nouwen / Dutch priest & theologian

Shop Rite Receipt's: Do you shop at Shop Rite? If so please save your receipt and drop them off at the Church office or deposit in the collection box under the bulletin board in the Church vestibule, The Brown Families Shop Rite's offer a rebate to help our school. Thank you!



This is a great website that is updated every day with local Catholic news. Stays informed of events in the archdiocese and learn more about your faith. Sign up for their free email newsletter at www.catholicphilly.com/newsletter

Cub Scout Pack 107 is selling Christmas wreaths. This year due to the pandemic they are offering the Gift Forward Option. It's all done on line! All you do is go to the website www.Giftitforward.com and enter coupon # 107PA001. Each wreath sold the Pack will receive \$8.00. Questions call Lynda Toner at 215-435-7401.



St. John's Hospice

For monetary donations please go to their website

The season of Advent brings to light even more how God is present in our everyday lives and in everyday people. We at

St. John's Hospice see that each month through the generous donations of the St. Philip Neri Parish family to those who are less fortunate and in need. Because of your support we have been able to continue to feed the hungry and homeless without disruption despite the current health crisis. If you have never donated, could you consider doing so? Casserole donations can be homemade or store brought and St. John's will also gladly accept frozen turkeys.

Frozen casseroles can be dropped off at 2311 Mulberry Lane all day Saturday & Sunday January 2nd and 3rd and by 9AM on Wednesday, January 6th. If you need an alternate drop off day and time, we work from home and can accommodate almost any request. For questions or to set up an alternate drop off time please call: Lynn Kennedy at 610-828-6728 or email: lkennedy1071@comcast.net. Or text to 267-261-0474. Christmas blessings from St. John's to your families and loved ones!



St. Francis Inn

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www.stfrancisinn.org

We can now accept donations of CLEAN warm clothing, coats, and hats. Men's pants & boots. Items we need: individually wrapped crackers, granola bars, cookies, chips, desserts. Bottled water (lg & sm) drinks like juice boxes & milk (around 6oz), lunch & sandwich bags. Oatmeal (not instant, the 5 minute variety) powdered milk, mac & cheese, white & brown sugar, iced tea mix, canned tuna, chicken & chili, lg cans of crushed tomatoes, ketchup, cans of beef ravioli, spaghetti & meatballs, toilet paper, tissues (lg & individual packs), hand sanitizer, spray deodorizer, Pine Sol & bleach. Feminine products, travel size deodorant, toiletries, toothpaste, soap & shampoo. Pampers (sz preemie/newborn & size 5-6) toiletries, disposable razors. We have an Amazon.com wish list if you would like to send items directly: click on St. Francis Inn. Donations may be dropped off at the Muller's porch, 472 Poplar Ln in Whitmarsh Woods or in the box in the Church vestibule. Complete list of needs can be found on the donation box.
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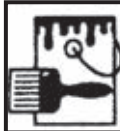
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