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75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



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

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

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## 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 20, 2020

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

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## Merry Christmas



“FOR TODAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID  
A SAVIOR HAS BEEN BORN FOR YOU  
WHO IS CHRIST THE LORD.”



On behalf of myself, Fr. Mike, Fr. Dooner and Deacons Rob & Mike we pray that all our SPN family have a blessed Christmas. Lord knows 2020 was quite a year but despite the challenges the world tossed our way we persevered in faith and trusted in God's providence. We are most grateful for your many ways of support in these difficult times. Your dependable generosity is inspiring and indeed a blessing! God willing 2021 will start us on the road back to what we once knew as normal! God's abundant blessing on all!

Msgr. Vance



### 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 Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7PM with several guest priests. All covid precautions will be strictly observed. Don't miss this opportunity!

## Mass Intentions

### Monday

6:30AM

Santo & Adele Caruso

8:30AM

Thomas F Keane III & Thomas F Keane Jr  
Frank & Concetta Lupinacci & Family

### Tuesday

6:30AM

Frank Giovannone

8:30AM

Deceased Members of the Hartley Family

### Wednesday

6:30AM

Michael J. Ennis, Jr.

8:30AM

Alexander Tarsi Jr & Alexander Tarsi III

### Thursday

6:30AM

Thomas F Keane III & Thomas F Keane Jr  
Frank & Concetta Lupinacci & Family

8:30AM

Rev. Harry Smyth

### Friday- Nativity of the Lord

### Saturday

8:30AM

Bernadette Catania

This week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of  
Kushwara Family, requested by Maryann Hudson.



**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, Baby Leah Carsello, Robert Cassel, Ava Love Conley, John Coscia, Sr., Hunter Cranage, Shaleen Dennis, Charlie Dickman, Paula DiGiacomo, Susan DeSimone, Dr. Robert Domanski, Emily Donhauser, Andrew Dotzman, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores Downs, George & Roseann Eberwine, Mary Ann Foley, Helen Godleski, 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.





**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament**  
Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> in the Chapel, 9AM to 5PM.

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



**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.

**Mask Maintenance:** Several parishioners have raised concerns about proper mask wearing. To be as compliant as possible with state & local guidelines, please be sure your mask completely covers your nose and mouth out of courtesy and concern for all those attending Mass.



**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.

**New Year's Day Schedule**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

New Year's Eve Vigil Mass (12/31) at 5PM  
New Year's Day  
7:30AM, 9:30AM & 11:30AM

**Baptismal Instruction / Pre Jordan:** The next session will be January 11th 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.

**10AM Sunday Mass is live streamed every week**  
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**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.**



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.

**2020 Annual Block / Census Collection**

**Number of registered families - 2101**

**Number of envelopes received - 554**

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

**Liturgical Life**

Christmas is the celebration of God coming into our world, Emmanuel (God is with us). The word Christmas is a shortened form of "Christ's Mass" or "Cristes Maessa" as it was first recorded in 1038. The early Church celebrated Easter & Pentecost as the major feasts on the calendar; it was not until the 4<sup>th</sup> century that Christmas and The Epiphany were added to the Liturgical Calendar. The outline of Sacred Scripture can be broken down to just four events; Creation, The Fall, Incarnation and Restoration. Creation was a world of peace and all things worked according to God's intention. The Fall (Adam & Eve) was man's rejection of God's rule and resulted in physical & spiritual death. Incarnation comes with Christmas, the loving Creator sent His son into the created world to redeem the Fall by His passion & death. Redemption is not complete until a total restoration of creation to the way it was before the Fall (Christ's second coming). The Old Testament contains over 300 prophecies about a coming Messiah, a savior anointed by God to deliver His people from sin, this of course is what we celebrate at Christmas. Most of these prophecies date thousands of years before the event. It seems like a long wait but in God's good time redemption came into the world. One of the Major Prophets, Isaiah, sums Christmas up; "The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh will see the salvation of our God"

God is always...always faithful!

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give Him the throne of David His father, and He will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end"



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 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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@spnchurcglh.org](mailto:bmcgee@spnchurcglh.org)

**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!



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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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and by 9AM on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:lkennedy1071@comcast.net). Or text to 267-261-0474. Christmas blessings from St. John's to your families and loved ones!



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The Inn is still here and running, and YOU, our donors are making sure that we are still open, still feeding and still extending services to the people in most need. That is why, even though this season will be different for many of us, we can enter the Holiday Season with joy. We know that the poor are being fed, the lonely have a friend and hopefully all will be touched by the spirit of the newborn King here at St. Francis Inn thanks to you – our friends and benefactors. We may have widespread poverty, but we are rich in love. Have a Merry Christmas from Fr. Michael and everyone at St. Francis Inn. The collection box is in the Church vestibule year round accepting your donations. We can now accept donations of CLEAN warm clothing, coats, and hats. Men's pants & boots. Canned foods and instant food items are always needed as well as toiletries. Donations may be dropped off at the Muller's porch, 472 Poplar Lane 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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