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Fourth Sunday in Advent

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 VIGIL

Sunday 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 AM

BAPTISMS

SECOND & FOURTH SUNDAYS, 12:30 PM

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 6:30AM & 8:30AM

SATURDAY 8:30AM

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY, NOON TO 1:00 PM

CHURCH OFFICE

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Saint Philip Neri Church

December 19, 2021

Second Collection – Capital Replacement



“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb...”

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Sacrament of Penance

Confessions are heard every Saturday from Noon to 1pm, or by appointment, call 610-834-1975 to schedule a date and time.



We pray for all those who have gone on before us marked with the sign of faith, especially William T. Cole, may God grant them eternal rest and peace to those who mourn.



This week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of John & Patricia Drain requested by John & Dena Drain.

Parish Penance Service will be on Monday, December 20th at 7PM. This is not a Mass but a liturgy designed around the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be additional priests available to hear confessions.

Church Office Schedule

Christmas Eve 7AM to 3PM
December 27th to 30th 7AM to 4PM
December 31st 7AM to 3PM



Mass Intentions

Monday

6:30AM

Deceased Members of the
Porrino & LaFontaine Families

8:30AM

Deceased Members of the Hartley Family

Tuesday

6:30AM

Alexander Tarsi Jr & Alexander Tarsi III

8:30AM

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

Wednesday

6:30AM

Frank Giovannone

8:30AM

Earl Bruce Kirk & Nancy Kirk

Thursday

6:30AM

Charles & Margaret Ponietowicz

8:30AM

William Gallagher - 53rd Anniversary

Friday

6:30AM

Michael & Mary Ennis

8:30AM

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

Saturday - Christmas Day

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, George Alburger, Robert Biddle Sr, Nancy Bogdon, Ryan Bonner, Jean Butler, Audrey Michelle Cacchio, Lou Cacchio, Barry Cahill, Robert Cassel, Ava Love Conley, John Coscia Sr, Hunter Cranage, Shaleen Dennis, Charlie Dickman, Clare DiDonato, Susan DeSimone, Emily Donhauser, Eileen Donnelly, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores Downs, George Eberwine, Christopher Greuters, Mary Kay Halecki, Debra Hall, Andrea Harrison, Joseph Hoch, Katherine (young child), Rose Marie Klemick, Peg Kohler, Anne Lintner, Ann Litman, George, Mary & Molly Lozinak, Phyllis Luther, Greg deGroot Maggetti, James Maggetti, Sue Male, Joan Marine, Tom McEnaney, Julia McLaughlin, Anne Marie Melough, Baby Avery McNichols, Steven Merlin, Randolph & Sylvia Miller, Christopher Minetti, Christine Petrokubi Monroe, 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, Ann Marie Sanders, David Sandy, John Schaifer, Donna Schoen, Tim Schwartz, Sr. Judy Scranton SSJ, Michael Shaw, Kristin Shearon, Robert Smith, Betty Sparks, Brian Stenz, Yvonne Stephens, Amy Swift, Kena Thompson, Jackson Thorburn, Patricia Trioli, Mary Vogel, Helen Wade, Wendi Wagoner, Howard Wilson and for all those who are hoping and praying for organ transplants.

2023 Announced Mass Book will be available on Monday, January 3rd in the Church Office at 8AM.



Come Home to Him

We have been living in a “different world” for well over a year now, we have gotten used to staying home and living in a more virtual world. We all realize this is a wonderful option but we also know something is missing. Primarily we miss the Eucharist and secondly a sense of sharing a common community of Faith. We belong in communion with each other and the Lord. We urge you to return to the pews! Please wear a mask if you wish and be respectful of surrounding people, but make the effort to rekindle the holy practice of experiencing the Living God in the eternal event of the Mass.

Baptismal Instruction / Pre Jordan: The next session will be January 10th at 7:30PM, these sessions are virtual. Once you register, Deacon Mike Cipressi will contact you with meeting details. Please call the Church Office at 610-834-1975 to register.

Block Collection

2021 Annual Block /Census Collection
Number of registered families – 2179
Number of envelopes received - 505
Thank you for your support of this collection

Calling all Bonus Turkeys & Hams: If you are earning a free turkey or ham and care to share your bounty with the needy, bring it to 3033 Mathers Mill Rd on Wednesday December 22rd from 7AM to Noon. Place it in the open trunk and it will be given to the Patrician Society for their holiday distribution. Contact Cindy at LWVeit@gmail.com

St. John’s Hospice

St. John’s Hospice casserole program is a donation program that has been supported by the generous parishioners of St. Philip Neri for many years. Casserole donations can be homemade or store brought. The next drop off dates is before and after all Masses on the weekend of January 1st & 2nd and before 9AM on pick-up day, Wednesday, January 5th. If you need an alternate day or time, please call or text to make specific arrangements. If you have never donated to the program, please consider doing so! Frozen casseroles can be dropped off at 2311 Mulberry Lane. If you have any questions please call Lynn Kennedy at 610-828-6728 or email:Lkennedy1071@comcast.net or text to 267-261-0474. Thank you for your kind and generous support!

“In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Canticle of Zechariah / Gospel of Luke



Christmas Mass Schedule

<u>Christmas Eve</u>	<u>Christmas Day</u>
4:00PM (live streamed)	7:00AM
5:45PM	8:30AM
7:30PM (Choral prelude at 7:15)	10:00AM
Midnight (Choral prelude 11:45)	11:30AM

Sunday, December 26th there will be a regular Sunday schedule; 7AM, 8:30AM, 10AM & 11:30AM, there will not be a 5PM Vigil Mass on Christmas Day.

On New Year’s Eve, the daily Mass will be at 8:30AM. New Year’s Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation so daily Mass will be at 8:30AM and a Vigil Mass at 5PM, January 2nd will be a regular Sunday schedule.

Parish Giving. Simple. Secure. Convenient.

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.

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 date is Jan 18th at 6PM; we will meet in the rectory conference room. For information contact Marianne O’Connor at 610-825-4975 or Rosemary McNichol at 215-247-2267.

CatholicPhilly.com is a great website that is updated daily with local Catholic news. Stay informed of events in the archdiocese and learn more about the Faith.

Men’s Prayer Group: Men of different ages meet every Wednesday morning in the rectory conference room from 7:30AM to 8:30AM. If you are 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 write down your intentions so the group can pray for all listed petitions.



Thank you so very much for you tremendous support of our recent *Capt’n’ Chuckies* & Memorial Christmas Lanterns fundraisers. As always they had a great response and enable our council to contribute to charitable causes and provide scholarships for Catholic school students. We can always depend on the generosity of SPN parishioners!

A very Merry Christmas to all!

In Advent we are hearing a lot from John the Baptist; he was the last of the Old Testament Prophets and bridged the gap between the Old and New Testaments. John was the last prophet because once Christ arrived all would be fulfilled and there was no further need to announce what was coming because it was now present. We know Luke's Gospel tells us that John and Jesus were cousins and John "leapt" in the womb of Elizabeth at the Visitation of Mary. Jesus says he is not only a prophet but the greatest of all and goes on to say how John himself was the fulfillment of a prophecy by Isaiah foretelling of the one who would announce the Messiah. No other prophet was the fulfillment of a prophesy. John was the last of a long line of prophets; they are traditionally split into two categories, major and minor. The Major Prophets were Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel; the remaining twelve are referred to as Minor Prophets. The difference between the two is simply the length of their writings, the majors were more prolific and the minor's less so. The Hebrew word for prophet is *Nebi* (to bubble forth like a fountain); the Greek word is *prophetes* (to speak for another). In any case, throughout the centuries (indeed recorded time) these men never spoke on their own authority but only shared God's message as revealed to them and as He wanted it revealed.

TRIVIA NIGHT

SPN Trivia Night is back, brush up on all things history, pop-culture, current events and more because trivia night is on January 21st at 7:30PM in the gym, with doors opening at 6:15PM. Cost is \$40/pp for early bird sign up by December 20th or \$50/pp afterward. Includes trivia, an easy pass (free point one for one round) and unlimited beverages. Food is BYO. Space is limited and on a first-come basis, register at www.triviaevents.net or contact Maggie Atkins at maggiekatkins@gmail.com or 724-816-8548.

Women's Guild –Tasting Tour of Italian Wines

Friday, January 28th at 7PM in School Hall
Christy Haberstroh at chaberstroh1@yahoo.com
Maria Colavita at mariacolavita@comcast.net

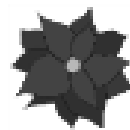
SPN 55+ Women's Bowling League

We are looking for new members. The league bowls at 11AM on Wednesdays at Our Town Alley at 2912 Swede Rd (Germantown Pike & Swede Rd.) in East Norriton. If interested, or for more information, please contact Suzanne Lilly at 610-825-8142.

SPN Contributions Letter: If you need a letter detailing your contributions to the parish for tax purposes, please call the Church Office at 610-835-1975.

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 put in the collection box under the bulletin board in the vestibule.

Job Opportunity: Tuition Officer at Archbishop Carroll High School in Radnor, PA. Requirements include general office experience, accounts receivable, customer service and collections with knowledge of Excel. Great benefits! If interested in learning more please send resume and letter of interest to Mary Gillooly at mgillooly@archphila.org



St. Francis Inn

We could not have survived this past year without your unbelievable generosity. We are now entering a "new normal" and serving meals inside! Items need the most: DEODORANT, men's & women's sneakers all sizes, small travel size toiletries, sunscreen, aloe, tea bags (preferably tag less), hand sanitizer, laundry soap, small drinks like juice or milk cartons, bottled water (lg & small), paper towels, canned food, men's boxers, men's pants, jeans' (size 30-36), men's sneakers, women's underwear (small & medium), instant food items, toothbrushes and toiletries. Gently used backpacks and elementary school copy books (no spiral please). The collection box is in the Church vestibule year round accepting your donations. Donations may be dropped off at the Muller's porch, 472 Poplar Lane in Whitmarsh Woods or in the box in the Church vestibule.

Eternal thanks for all you do to keep us going!



SPN Scrip Program

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

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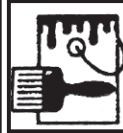
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