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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

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SATURDAY, NOON TO 1:00 PM

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"We have seen His star in the East,

and have come with gifts

to adore the Lord."



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.



This week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of Deceased Members of the Macaitis Family, requested by Chris Macaitis.

+ + + Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Monday, January 10th in the Chapel 9AM to 5PM



Monday

6:30AM Bonnie Menkhaus 8:30AM Jeri Lee Tierney

Tuesday

6:30AM Anthony DiGuglielmo, Sr.

8:30AM Carlotta Fare

Wednesday

6:30AM Souls in Purgatory 8:30AM Tony DiFeo

Thursday

6:30AM Joan Murphy 8:30AM Gene Rumsey

Friday

6:30AM Raymond Quaglia 8:30AM Bonnie Menkhaus

Saturday

8:30AM Josephine Bruno

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, Shaleen Dennis, Charlie Dickman, Clare DiDonato, Susan DeSimone, Dr. Robert Domanski, Emily Donhauser, 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, 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, Kinh Nguyen, 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, Frank Tulino, Mary Vogel, Helen Wade, Wendi Wagoner and for all those who are hoping and praying for organ transplants.

We Pray

For all those who have gone on before us marked with the sign of faith, especially Rev. Ferdinand Buccafurni, Ethel R. Corbett, Rev. William P. Donnelly & Rev. James E. Martiniez, OSA, may God grant them eternal rest and give hopeful peace to those who mourn.



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 second 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.

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.

Block Collection

2021 Annual Block /Census Collection Number of registered families – 2179 Number of envelopes received – 515

Parish Registration: In order to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy 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 with a parish. Young adults who turn 26 or complete higher education and continue to reside within our area should register individually. Call the Church Office at 610-834-1975 for more information.

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 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel next to the Church. For information contact Marianne O'Connor at 610-825-4975 or Rosemary McNichol at 215-247-2267.

Archdiocesan Tribunal

The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church. If you are divorced and want to marry in the Church or remarried outside the Catholic Church please call the Tribunal Office at 215-587-3750 or visit the website: www.archphila.org

SPN Women's Guild Wine Tasting Tour of Italian Wines Friday, January 29 at 7PM in the school hall. Maria Colavita, <u>mariacolavita@comcast.net</u> Christy Haberstroh, chaberstroh1@yahoo.com

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 we need most: Men's sweatpants, jeans & slacks (30-34 waist), men's & women's sneakers (all sizes) plastic grocery bags, DEODORANT, small travel size toiletries, 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, women's underwear (small & medium), instant food items, and toothbrushes. Spray deodorizers/air fresheners, toilet paper, Pine Sol, bleach, diapers (size newborn & size 6), adult sweatshirts, thermal tops & pants, clean warm coats. 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 Whitemarsh Woods or in the box in the Church vestibule. Eternal thanks for all you do to keep us going!



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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 of store brought. The next drop off dates are before and after all Masses on the weekend of January 29th & 30th and before 9AM on pick-up day, Wednesday, February 2nd. 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 Kane. If you have any questions please call Lynn Kennedy at 610-828-6728 or email: Lkennedy 1071 @comcast.net or text to 267-261-0474. Thank you for your kind and generous support!



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 helps support our school and is driven by parishioner participation...give it a try!

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\$335 monthly in groceries with 4% rebate = \$160 earnings/year

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\$250 monthly in fast food / casual dining = \$240 earnings/yearly

Scrip will be available after some of the Masses

in the Church vestibule we are looking for

volunteers to sell Scrip after weekend Masses.

TRIVION NIGHT

Brush up on all things history, pop-culture, current events, and more because SPN Trivia Night is back on January 21st! The event will be held in the St. Philip Neri School Gym at 7:30PM, with doors opening at 6:15PM. Cost is \$40.00 per person for early bird sign up by December 20th, or \$50.00per person afterwards, includes trivia, an Easy Pass (free point one for one for one round) and unlimited beverages. Food is BYO. Space is limited and on a first-come basis, so register today at www.triviaevents.net.

Please contact Maggie Atkins at maggiekatkins@gmail.com or call 724-816-8548 with questions.



Epiphany means "manifestation"; it comes from Greek roots that mean "to show". The epiphany is the manifestation, the showing, of Jesus as the promised Messiah of Israel. The Gospel narrative speaks of Magi who are seeking among the Jews the one who will be king of the nations; they come to Jerusalem (City of David) the center of Judaism. So we have pagans who turn to the Jews to search for the promised Messiah that was foretold in Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament). This merging of cultures testifies to the fact that Jesus came for all, not just the Jewish people, and His destiny to be the salvation of all mankind was freely offered to all nations. The Magi were named in writings of a 6th century monk, St. Bede. Their names were Melchoir, Gaspar and Balthasar. Bede also suggests they represent the three known races at the time: European, Asian and African. St. John Chrysostom describes the gifts they brought, "For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh as man." Legend has it that they were eventually converted by St. Thomas the Apostle and became bishops and at the end of their lives the Christmas Star revisited them for a final reunion. In any case, we have our own epiphany at our Baptism and at every Eucharist where Jesus is manifested / shown to us once again.

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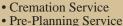
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