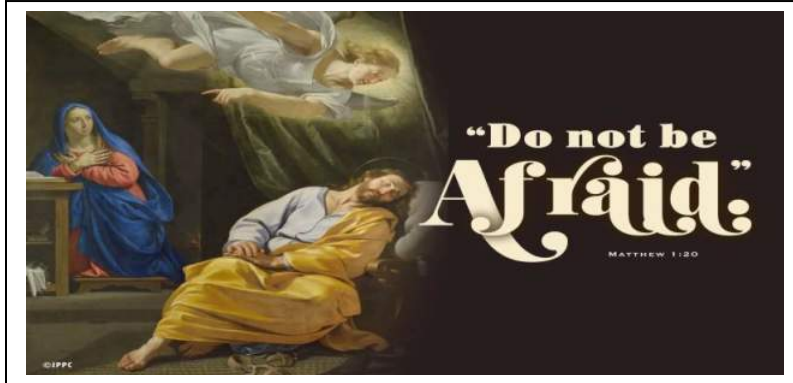


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4th Sunday of Advent

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5PM VIGIL

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

BAPTISMS

SECOND & FOURTH SUNDAYS, 12:30 PM

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

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

SATURDAY AT 8:30AM

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY, NOON TO 1PM

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Saint Philip Neri Church

December 18, 2022

4th Sunday of Advent

2nd Collection – Capital Replacement

2nd Collection Next Sunday – Christmas Collection



Christmas Schedule

Parish Penance Service – Monday, Dec 19th at 7PM

Christmas Eve

4PM, 5:45PM, 7:30PM (Choir Prelude at 7:15PM)
& Midnight (Choir Prelude at 11:45PM)

Christmas Day

7AM, 8:30AM, 10AM & 11:30AM

New Year's Eve

5PM

New Year's Day

7AM, 8:30AM, 10AM & 11:30AM

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 Thomas Hudson, Sr. requested by
Maryann Hudson.*

We Pray

**For all those who have gone on before us marked with the
sign of faith, may God grant them eternal rest and give
hopeful peace to those who mourn.**



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

**The 2024 announced Mass Book will not be opened in
January, it will open later in the year. There are
candles and bread & wine available for 2023.**



Mass Intentions

Monday, December 19th

6:30AM – Tom McAllister, Sr.

8:30AM – George Naab

Tuesday, December 20th

6:30AM – Andrew Lins

8:30AM – Edward A. Givnish – 1st Anniversary

Wednesday, December 21st - St. Peter Canisius

6:30AM – Thomas F Keane III & Thomas F Keane Jr

Frank & Concetta Lupinacci & Family

8:30AM – Ann Welch

Thursday, December 22nd

6:30AM – Kenneth Haywood

8:30AM – Deceased Members of the Hartley Family

Friday, December 23rd - St. John of Kanty

6:30AM – Michael J. Ennis, Jr.

8:30AM – William Gallagher – 54th Anniversary

Saturday, December 24th – Christmas Eve

8:30AM – Charles & Margaret Ponietowicz



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, Nancy Bogdon, Ryan Bonner, Ginny Boyle, Audrey Michelle Cacchio, Lou Cacchio, Gary Citrone, Joan Coldwell, Ava Love Conley, John Coscia Sr, Hunter Cranage, Charlie Dickman, Clare DiDonato, Emily Donhauser, Dolores Downes, Susan Fisher, Margie Ganter, Jean Girard, Christopher Greuters, Debra Hall, Andrea Harrison, Joseph Hoch, Katherine (young child), Ann Litman, George, Mary & Molly Lozinak, Phyllis Luther, Dawn Madaffari, Greg deGroot Maggetti, James Maggetti, Sue Male, Joan Marine, Bernie McLafferty Sr, Julia McLaughlin, Baby Avery McNichols, Steven Merlin, Randolph & Sylvia Miller, Christopher Minetti, Joseph & Anne Navarra, Thomas Nguyen, Christine Petrokubi Monroe, Joe McLaughlin, Annie Hope Munn, Joe O'Brien, Doris Palumbo, Remo Pitassi, Baby Addison Pfeffer, William Pinto, Ann Purkin, Jim Rafter, John Reynolds, Ann Marie Sanders, David Sandy, John Schaifer, Tim Schwartz, Michael Shaw, Robert Smith, Betty Sparks, Brian Stenz, Yvonne Stephens, Amy Swift, Kena Thompson, Jackson Thorburn, Patricia Trioli, Frank Tulino, Mary Vogel, Wendy Wagoner, Eileen Weiss Woerner, William Wilder may God strengthen them in their struggle and bring them healing.

Family Rosary

**Join the Knights of Columbus on Wednesday, January
11th at 7PM in the Church for the rosary, take ½ hour
this Christmas to ask for
Mary's intercession.**

Block Collection

2022 Annual Block / Census Collection

Number of registered families – 2179

Number of responses received – 430

Thank you for your contribution to this most important collection to keep our parish fiscally sound, if you haven't already responded please consider doing so today.

Thoughts from Fr. Szparagowski

We give praise and thanks to God for the graces He has given us. As we enter the fourth Sunday of Advent the psalmist today gives a good way to respond to Our Lord's coming; "let the Lord enter; He is king of glory." We all know the many things we want to accomplish to make Christmas joyful for our families and friends. Now in the midst of preparing for Christmas we open our hearts to Jesus and welcome Him as the psalmist instructs us. However, this can be a challenge at times; for example, when the Christmas lights are not working properly "enter my heart Lord", the toy our child wants for Christmas is on backorder "enter my heart Lord", long shopping lines "enter my heart Lord". When we are missing ingredients for our Christmas cookies or dinner "enter my heart Lord". As the psalmist teaches, invite God into our hearts for He is the king of glory who provides for His children. Our school children did a wonderful Christmas show, which reminded us of the love and graces we receive from the birth of Jesus.

Monday, we have our parish penance service, there will be several gentle and compassionate priests assisting with confessions. Please come and get our hearts ready for the birth of Jesus.

Please invite someone to Mass today.

Saint Philip Neri, pray for us!

Have a blessed day!

Fr. Szparagowski

Project Hope

If you or anyone you know, needs transportation to Mass or a doctor's appointment, please call the Church Office at 610-834-1975. We are always looking for volunteer drivers; days and times are very flexible.

There are complementary 2023 calendars available at the doors of the Church compliments of Lownes Family Funeral Home.

New Beginnings / Widows & Widowers

Come join us for friendship and fun on Wednesday's at 7PM at St. Helena's in Blue Bell (no meetings in December). Call Joseph Smerecki at 610-457-4993 for information.

Sanctuary Memorials



Bread & wine used this week at all Masses was donated in memory of John Howley, req'd by Lorraine Howley.

2 candles will burn this week at the statue of the Blessed Mother one in memory of Reggie Evans, req'd by Maryann & Barbara and the other in memory of Doris Colligas, req'd by Marie Conti.

2 candles will burn at the statue of St. Joseph one in memory of Doris Colligas, req'd by Marie Conti and one in memory of Joan & Tom McEnaney & Tom III, req'd by Siobhan McEnaney Hayes.



Baptismal Instruction / Pre Jordan

The next session will be January 9th, 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.

Children are invited to offer canned goods and non-perishable items right after the Prayer of the Faithful as part of our offertory. They will be invited to come forward with their offering for the needy and place it in the baskets at the foot of the altar. These items will be donated to local food banks.



Our parish community extends a welcome to our guests and visitors. We welcome you to our Church to share our faith and celebrate the Eucharist. Please go to our website: www.saintphilipnerichurch.com for more information or if you have any questions or want to register call the Church Office at 610-834-1975.



"The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
And they shall name him Emmanuel"



Test your knowledge of history, pop-culture, and current events at SPN Trivia Night. The event is Friday, Jan 20th at 7PM in the gym, doors open at 6PM. The cost is \$40/pp for signups before Dec 21st, \$50 afterward, and includes two easy passes for the table (a free answer) and unlimited beer, hard seltzer, and non-alcoholic beverages. First come – first served so register today, contact Maggie Atkins at maggiekatkins@gmail.com



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS LANTERNS

The Knights are running their annual Christmas Memorial Lanterns. The lanterns will be placed outside the Church, the name of the person to be remembered on the attached bow. The cost is \$25 each and the deadline is December 20th. Drop your reservation in the collection basket or in the collection box in the Church vestibule or drop it off at the Church Office. Last year the Knights donated over \$5000.00 to charities and Catholic School Scholarships...See flyer in today's bulletin to reserve a Christmas Lantern, thanks to your support!



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 are before and after all Masses on the weekend of December 31st & January 1st and before 9AM on pick-up day, Wednesday, January 4th. If you need an alternate day or time please call or text to make arrangements, frozen casseroles can be dropped off at 2311 Mulberry Lane, any questions please call Lynn Kennedy at 610-828-6728 or email: Lkennedy1071@comcast.net or text to 267-261-0474. On behalf of St. John's, we would like to thank you for your generous support over the year. We wish you all blessings of the Christmas season and a very happy and healthy New Year!

Metropolitan 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 go to www.archphila.org

Stop by for a Visit

Our Church is opened every day until 5PM...stop by and have a "visit" with our Lord, it's a busy time of year and this is a wonderful opportunity to focus on the real meaning of Christmas!

St. Francis Inn

Many thanks for your continuous support! Items we need most; 10lb bags of rice, 5 minute oat meal, coffee, sugar large tea bags, canned food, plastic grocery bags, reusable store bags, paper towels, toilet paper, air fresheners, PineSol, bleach. DEODORANT (no roll on please), small travel size toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, toothpaste), toothbrushes, hand sanitizer, laundry soap, diapers size 6 & newborn, blue disposable face masks, twin size blankets, towels and washcloths. Winter clothing (coats, men's jeans, sweatpants, belts, sweatshirts & hoodies). **Health inspector requires all coats, clothing and linens donations be laundered.** Please label these bags "clean". The collection box is in the Church vestibule year-round accepting your donations. Donations may also be dropped off at the Muller's porch. 472 Poplar Lane in Whitmarsh Woods. Eternal thanks for all you do to keep us going! Donations can also be dropped off at the Muller's porch, 472 Poplar Lane in Whitmarsh Woods. Eternal thanks for all you do to keep us going!



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