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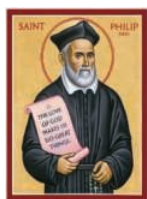
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“The love of God makes us do great things”
St. Philip Neri

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Michael Pastorius, *Business Manager*
Mrs. Betty Venziale, *School Principal*
Mrs. Jean Martin, *Director of Music*
Mrs. Sharon Otto, *Director of Religious Education*



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



Parish Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass

5PM

Sunday Morning

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

Daily Mass Schedule

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

Saturday 8:30AM only

Holy Day Mass Schedule

6:30AM, 8:30AM, 12:05PM & 7PM



Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are scheduled for the 2nd & 4th Sunday of every month immediately following the 11:30AM Mass. For first time parents, Pre-Jordan classes are required. Deacon Mike Cipressi conducts these classes via zoom appointments, they are offered on the 2nd Monday of the month. Godparents are required to obtain Letters of Eligibility; these letters are due at the Parish Office at least one week before the scheduled baptismal date. Call the Church Office at 610-834-1975 to schedule a Baptism and/or to register for the Pre-Jordan Class.



Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements must be made with a priest at least 6 months prior to your desired wedding date. A Pre-Cana Class is required and held here at St. Philip's twice per year, usually in the spring and again in the fall. Please call the Church Office at 610-834-1975 to schedule a meeting with a priest and to obtain information on the Pre-Cana Class. Liturgy and musical planning is done through Mrs. Jean Martin our Director of Music.



Anointing of the Sick

Primarily intended as prayers for healing from serious illness or as a spiritual preparation before surgery, it can involve multiple sacraments; Penance, Anointing & Eucharist. When death is imminent, it serves as "Last Rites" which include a special Apostolic Pardon. Please do not delay in calling for your elderly or chronically ill family member. Call the Church Office to schedule an anointing.



We have registered over 100 new families over the course of 2022. We hope they have found a good spiritual Home here at St. Philip's, they are certainly most welcome!



Monday, December 26th - St. Stephen

6:30AM – No Mass

8:30AM – Stephen Petrokubi

Tuesday, December 27th -St. John the Apostle

6:30AM – No Mass

8:30AM – Helen Godleski

Wednesday, December 28th – Holy Innocents

6:30AM – No Mass

8:30AM – Earl Bruce Kirk & Nancy Kirk

Thursday, December 29th - St. Thomas Becket

6:30AM –No Mass

8:30AM – John & Bernadette Cantania

Friday, December 30th – The Holy Family

6:30AM – No Mass

8:30AM – William J. Sullivan

21st Anniversary

Saturday, December 31st – St. Sylvester

8:30AM – Deceased Members of the

Porrino & LaFontaine Families

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.**

The Church Office will be closed Dec 26th & Jan 2nd



Thoughts from Fr. Szparagowski

We give praise and thanks to God for the graces He has given us. Christmas is a graceful time of the year, we can all sense the Christmas spirit in different forms. Whether it be in Christmas carols, Christmas decorations, or Christmas gatherings with family and friends. For with the birth of Christ, it is time when heaven touches the earth. The Christ Child brings His love, peace and blessings to all. Our Father asks us to just open our hearts to His beloved Son, Jesus. On Christmas Day we can all take a quiet moment to close our eyes and like Mary and Joseph hold baby Jesus close to our hearts.

I am looking forward to celebrating my 1st Christmas with all of you. I will be praying for you and your loved ones when I am at the altar for Christmas Masses.

Seeing all the gifts from our parish Giving Tree to be given to children in need at Christmas is an outward expression of the love and charity in your hearts. Your generosity and caring for people in need is inspiring.

Our 1st annual Christmas Tree lighting was a great success, so nice to see so many parishioners come out and celebrate Christmas together!

Invite someone to Mass today.
St. Philip Neri, pray for us.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year
to you and your loved ones!

Fr. Szparagowski



Please pray for our sick, the home-bound, and those in nursing homes, we particularly remember:

Baby Rayna, Nancy Bogdon, Ryan Bonner, Ginny Boyle, Audrey Michelle Cacchio, Lou Cacchio, Joan Coldwell, Ava Love Conley, John Coscia Sr, Hunter Cranage, Charlie Dickman, Clare DiDonato, Maria DiFilippo, Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty, 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, Greg deGroot Maggetti, James Maggetti, Sue Male, Joan Marine, Tom McEnaney, Bernie McLafferty Sr, Julia McLaughlin, Baby Avery McNichols, Steven Merlin, Randolph & Sylvia Miller, Christopher Minetti, Thomas Nguyen, Christine Petrokubi Monroe, Joe McLaughlin, Annie Hope Munn, Joe O'Brien, Doris Palumbo, 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.

Gluten Free Hosts: Gluten free hosts are available at every Mass. The celebrant will have them available; simply ask him when you present to receive Holy Communion.



*This week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn
in memory of Earl Bruce Kirk & Nancy
Kirk requested by
The Kirk Family.*

"I proclaim to you good news of great joy; today a Savior is
born for us, Christ the Lord."



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

**Monday, January 9th
9AM to 5PM in the Church**



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.

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.



Children will be able 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

Are you a Parent who has Lost a Child?

An informal group of moms & dads get together to talk or just listen. Contact Judy Sturm at 610-909-2034 or Karen Montgomery at 215-920-5269 for more details.

New Beginning II – Widow & Widowers

Come join us for fun and friendship at 7PM at St. Helena's on the first Wednesday of the month in the cafeteria, contact John Smerecki at 610-457-4993 for details.



All our Knights would like to wish all parishioners a very Merry Christmas. We are so very grateful for you support throughout the year of all our fundraisers. Capt'n' Chuckies, Christmas Lanterns, COAL Chances, Memorial Flags, etc are all successful thanks to your support and generosity. We have some new ideas for next year so please keep your eye on the bulletin for details. Last year the Knights donated over \$5000 to Catholic school scholarships and various Catholic Charities, together we can make the community just a little bit better. May God bless you and your families. We are planning a pancake breakfast for the end of January... keep your eye on the bulletin for details!



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

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.



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. 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.

Sanctuary Memorials



Bread and wine used at all Masses this week were donated in memory of Russell Giangulio, req'd by Pat Giangulio.

Altar candles used this week at all Masses were donated in memory of Martin Hamberger, req'd by Maryann Hudson.

2 candles will burn this week at the statue of the Blessed Mother, one in memory of Edward Moser, req'd by Moser Family and one for a special intention, req'd by Maryann Hudson.

2 candles will burn this week at the statue of St. Joseph, one in memory of Joseph Miller, req'd by Cybulski Family, and one for a special intention, req'd by Maryann Hudson.

Stop by for a visit

Our Church is open every day and remains open until 5PM.. Stop by and have a talk with our Lord, it's a busy world and this is a wonderful opportunity to step away for some quiet time.

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 remarry in the Church or remarried outside the Catholic Church, please call the tribunal Office at 215-587-3750 or go to: www.archphila.org

Shop Rite Receipts: Do you shop at Shop Rite? If so, save your receipts and drop them off at the Church office or put in the collection box under the bulletin board in the vestibule. Our school receives a rebate on the total amount turned in!

Welcome

Lindsay Grace, daughter of Andrew & Marlene Kolb,
Malcolm Michael, son of Anthony & Sarah May,
Julian Yiannis, son of Charles & Siena Myrsiades,
Benjamin Francis & Elena Kathleen, son & daughter
of Thomas & Sara Reeb and Vaughn Frances,
daughter of James & Hope Toolan, all were recently
baptized here at St. Philip's!



Rite of Christian Initiation
for Adults

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for individuals interested in exploring and discerning membership in the Catholic Church. This program is for non-Catholics who may or may not have been baptized in another Christian Church and wish to receive the Sacraments of Penance, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. It is also for those who were baptized in the Catholic Church but never received the other Sacraments of Initiation. Call Barney McGee in the Church office at 610-834-1975 for more details.

St. Francis Inn

We are eternally grateful for your unbelievable generosity. Items we need most: Powdered drink mix (iced tea & lemonade), 10lb bags rice and MASKS! (blue one time use please). Children's spring and summer clothing (including bathing suits), sneakers and sandals (all genders and sizes), men's sweatpants, jeans and slacks (30-36 waist), men's belts, bed sheets (all sizes), towels and washcloths, plastic grocery bags, DEODORANT, small travel size toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste), large tea bags (preferably tag less), hand sanitizer, laundry soap, small drinks like juice or milk cartons, bottled water (lg & small), paper towels, toilet paper, canned food, men's large size underwear, women's underwear (small and medium), women's bras, instant food items and toothbrushes. Spray deodorizers / air fresheners, Pine Sol, bleach, diapers (size newborn & size 6), sunscreen and aloe, but most of all prayers! The collection box is in the Church vestibule year-round accepting your donations. Please be sure all used clothing donations are laundered (health inspector requirement). 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!

Envelopes / Weekly Offering: First of all, many thanks to all who support our parish, your generosity is carefully managed and we are grateful! We encourage all to make use of the parish envelopes for budgeting purposes and so we can supply an accurate summary of donations at tax time. Together we can keep St. Philip's in good repair and be good stewards of our parish.

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