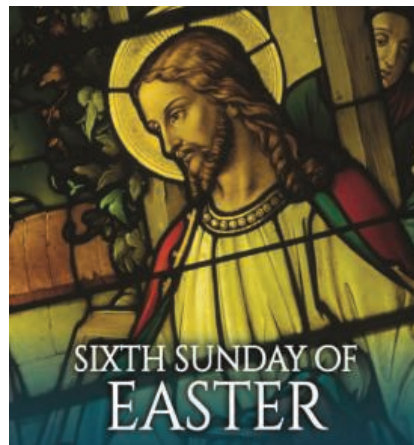


# St. Philip Neri Church



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Please go to our website:

[www.saintphilipnerichurch.com](http://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.



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

### **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.

### **We Pray**

For all those who have gone on before us marked with the sign of faith especially Sr Mary Denise Clifford SSJ and Sr Ignatia Maria Smith SSJ. May God grant them eternal rest and give hopeful peace to those who mourn.



### **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



### **Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament**

Monday, June 12th

9AM to 5PM in the Church



### **Baptismal Instruction / Pre Jordan**

The next session will be June 12th; 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.

There is but one and only one  
on earth there is no other.  
In heaven a noble work was done  
when God gave us a mother.  
Happy Mother's Day  
To all our SPN moms!

Ascension of the Lord, Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup>  
Holy Day of Obligation  
Masses: 6:30AM, 8:30AM, 12:05PM & 7PM



### Dear St. Philip Neri Families & Friends

We give praise and thanks to God for the graces He has given us. Today's Gospel reminds us of the promise that Jesus made to His disciples before His departure. Jesus says, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." This statement is a clear indication that the love of Jesus is not just a matter of feelings but also a matter of actions. As Catholics, we are called to love God above all things, and this love should be manifested in our actions toward others. This means that we must obey Jesus' commandments and live our lives in accordance with His teachings. We cannot claim to love Jesus if we are not willing to follow His example and live as He lived. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to His disciples as a helper and advocate. The Holy Spirit is not just a mere presence but a Divine Person, who empowers us to live a life that pleased God. The Holy Spirit guides us, strengthens us, and helps us to understand the teachings of Christ. Jesus says, "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you." These words are a source of comfort and hope for us. Even though Jesus physically left this world, He promised to be with us always, through the Holy Spirit. We are never alone, and we should never feel abandoned or forsaken. During trying times, it is important to remember that God is always with us. He is our source of strength and hope, and we should always turn to Him in times of need. As we continue to navigate the challenges of this world. Let us remember to love God above all things, follow His commandments, and trust in the Holy Spirit to guide and empower us to live a life that is pleasing to God. May God bless all mothers, godmothers, aunts and those who are like mothers to others with His love, peace and strength. Last Saturday 100 of our children made their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion. It was a joyous day for their families and our parish. May their hearts always hunger for Jesus present in Holy Communion.

St. Philip Neri, pray for us.  
Please invite someone to Mass.  
Please pray for me.  
Have a blessed Easter Season.  
Fr. Szparagowski

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Today** **Roof Replacement Fund**

Holy Mary, Mother of Jesus, intercede for all our mothers. Ask your Son to bless them with grace and strength to say yes to the call for sacrificial love in their vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.  
Amen



## Mass Intentions

### Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>

#### **St. Isidore**

6:30AM – Anne Lambert  
8:30AM – Thomas Keating

### Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

6:30AM – Daniel & Sally Pergine  
8:30AM – Jean Butler

### Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

6:30AM – Joe Gravinese  
8:30AM – Earl Bruce Kirk & Nancy Kirk

### Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

#### **Ascension of the Lord**

6:30AM – Sabina Navaretta  
8:30AM – Molly Sabia  
12:05PM – Michael Stephens  
7:00PM – Jean Butler

### Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

6:30AM – Souls in Purgatory  
8:30AM – Deceased Members of the  
Brennan & Lowry Families.

### Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

#### **St. Bernardine of Siena**

8:30AM – Mary Naab



### Church Roof Update

Today's second collection is for our roof replacement project. This is the second collection for this cause for those who perhaps were not aware of the first one in April. The project is costly, especially in these inflationary times, but as the saying goes, it is what it is! Total donations to date come to \$51,746.00...Thank you!

We are getting required permits and approvals from local and archdiocesan authorities. Your past donations to the Capital Replacement Fund has allowed us to set aside monies for extraordinary expenses such as this, however it will not cover the total cost. Thanks to all who have already donated. Please be as generous as your budgets allow. In the past you have always come through with great generosity, and relying on that spirit of support, we as a parish family will get our roof replaced.

Fr. Szparagowski

### Sanctuary Memorials



2 candles will burn at the statue of the Blessed Mother  
1 memory of Rita Tursi & Edith D'Alessandro  
req'd by Pat & Joe D'Alessandro  
1 in intercession for our priests, deacons & religious  
req'd by The Clark Family



This week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of  
Earl Bruce Kirk & Nancy Kirk  
req'd by Kirk Family



### **Please pray for our sick, the home -bound, and those in nursing homes.**

Baby Rayna, Nancy Bogdon, Ryan Bonner, Audrey Michelle Cacchio, Lou Cacchio, Joan Coldwell, Ava Love Conley, John Coscia Sr, Hunter Cranage, Charlie Dickman, Clare DiDonato, Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores Downes, Margie Ganter, Joyce Gil, Jean Girard, Christopher Greuters, Andrea Harrison, Winifred Headman, Kathleen Kunes, Ann Litman, Mary & Molly Lozinak, Phyllis Luther, Greg deGroot Maggetti, James Maggetti, Robyn Lee Malachefski, Sue Male, Joan Marine, Bernie McLafferty Sr, Julia McLaughlin, Baby Avery McNichols, Steven Merlin, Randolph & Sylvia Miller, Christopher Minetti, Rosemary Moran, Thomas Nguyen, Christine Petrokubi Monroe, Joe McLaughlin, Trey Miville, Annie Hope Munn, Joe O'Brien, Doris Palumbo, Baby Addison Pfeffer, William Pinto, Remo Pitassi, Maria Prinze, Ann Purkin, Jim Rafter, John Reynolds, Ann Marie Sanders, David Sandy, John Schaifer, Tim Schwartz, Michael Shaw, Robert Smith, David Sparacino. Betty Sparks, Brian Stenz, Yvonne Stephens, Amy Swift, Kena Thompson, Jackson Thorburn, Patricia Trioli, Frank Tulino, Wendy Wagoner, William Wilder, Deb Wilson may God strengthen them in their struggle and bring them healing.

*Our bulletin sick list will list the names of the sick for a 6-week period, if additional time is needed, please call the Church Office at 610-834-1975.*

The last mailing of Church envelopes were reportedly received very late at parishioners homes. The printing company mails them 3 weeks in advance! The issue seems to be with the postal service who are having a difficult time finding employees. We have contacted the printer and are working on a solution. Thank you.



### **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.



### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Baptisms are scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 are done through Mrs. Jean Martin our Director of Music (215-704-0508).

### We Welcome

**Mason William, son of Kevin & Christine Bogert, Riley Elizabeth, daughter of Francis & Karen Gereci, Connor Michael, son of Sean & Kelsey Hushon, Sophia Elizabeth, daughter of Brandon & Brooke Irvin, Henry Patrick, son of Ryan & Kaitlyn Kirk, Beau Aloysuis, son of Francis & Rosemary Lapowsky and Thomas Karl, son of Jeffery & Maddie Liberatore, all were recently baptized.**

"We as Catholics are not permitted to believe anything of our own will, nor to choose what someone has believed of his. We have God's apostles as authorities, who did not themselves of their own wills choose anything of what they wanted to believe, but faithfully transmitted to the nations, the teachings of Christ."

St. Isadore / Feast Day, May 15th



### Don't forget your Manna bag.

Manna Bags are available in the vestibule and doors of the Church. Kindly return your filled Mana Bag on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Canned food items: beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups and the like. If you are not able to bring a filled bag, you can donate on line at <https://yougivegoods.com>. Thank you for reaching out to needy people.



### Respect Life Committee

Today, Mother's Day, members of our parish's Respect Life Committee will be offering Mother's Day roses and other items in support of local pro-life groups. We ask you to be generous with your offering. We Catholic people are called to always be faithful to this great cause.



### Knights of Columbus

For the upcoming commemoration of Memorial Day on May 30<sup>th</sup> the knights will be offering lawn flags that will be placed in the circle in front of Church. The flags will be displayed on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July & Veterans Day as well. We ask for a \$5.00 donation per flag. Reservation forms are available in the Church vestibule, drop completed forms and donation in collection box in vestibule. Any names submitted will be listed on a poster display in the vestibule. Deadline is May 26<sup>th</sup>.

### Calling New Lectors

Do you find yourself wanting to develop a deeper love and knowledge of Scripture? It is amazing what you can discover about your faith when you focus on a particular section of Scripture when preparing to proclaim it from the ambo at Mass. Have you been looking for a way to answer the call to serve your parish and the Church? Have you considered the positive role model you are setting for your family and friends when you serve as lector? These are all the benefits of a lector described after serving in this parish for more than 25 years. We need some fresh voices; lectors are needed for all the Masses (you can choose) for both the Sunday and daily Masses-particularly the 8:30AM. Please consider joining this ministry, reach out to Cindy Veit at [lwveit@gmail.com](mailto:lwveit@gmail.com) for more details.

### New Beginnings, Widows and Widowers

Join us for some fun and friendship, we meet at St. Helena's Church in the cafeteria the first Wednesday of the month at 7PM. Any questions please call Joseph Smerecki at 610-457-4993.

## Spiritual Adoption Program

Development of Your Baby / My heart is Beating!  
Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of his brain, spinal cord, and nervous system by the 20<sup>th</sup> day. His heart began to beat on the 21<sup>st</sup>, pumpin blood through its own circulatory system and the blood type can be different from his mother's. Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month of being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of his mother to give him the most precious gift of all—the gift of life.



## School News

The cast and crew of Annie, Jr. deserve a great big well done! The show was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Bravo to all cast and crew, they did an awesome job! Thank you to our teachers, Miss Gannon, Mrs. Kelly, and Miss McMenamin, for your hours of preparation and great effort to make this musical possible and successful! A special thank you to volunteers who assisted: Sara McMenamin, Owen McMenamin, Tyler Meil and Don Visser along with the parents of the cast and crew. Thank you all!

### PROJECT HOPE

HOPE is a group of concerned people who are willing to assist others with transportation to places within the community such as doctor's offices, therapy centers and Church. Please call Brigid at 267-879-6534 to see if we can help with any of these needs. We are always in need of new volunteers, please consider offering some of your time.

### Catholic Charismatic Renewal for Montgomery County

Would you like to discover the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in your life and develop a personal relationship with Jesus? The Service Committee for the Archdiocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal invites you to join us for Montgomery County's *Life in the Spirit* Seminar. It will be seven consecutive weeks of talks starting May 2<sup>nd</sup> and ending June 13<sup>th</sup>. The seminar is being hosted by Epiphany of Our Lord Church at 3050 Walton Road and will meet at 7PM in the Church. To register or any questions call Bobbie Cefaratti at 267-261-8995.

### Marian Apparations

The Church is very careful when it comes to approving Marian apparations. For the benefit of the bishops, Church officials, and the faithful, the Vatican released a set of guidelines to the public on approving apparitions. First, was the apparition and revelations given during the appearance positive or negative, showing honesty of moral values, docility to Church authority, and capacity of returning to a normal regimen of the Faith. Second, if the apparition proves to be of a positive nature, the Church will go forward in allowing some type of public devotion.

Lastly, the authorities at hand decide what level of authenticity and supernatural character the apparation displays, keeping in mind the possible offspring of ideas that could come from it. There have been hundreds of reported apparations over the centuries, but under the guidance of the Church, relatively few have been “officially” recognized. Fatima, Lourdes, Guadalupe, Knock, and Paris (miraculous medal) being the most well known to western cultures. In any case, Mary’s message always points back to her Son, asking for reparations for sin and a rekindling of faithfulness to Jesus her Son and His Gospel message.

### Celebration of Confirmation

Archbishop Perez will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation here at St. Philip’s on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Baptized Catholics in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and above may be confirmed at this Mass. If you are an adult who has not yet been confirmed, contact Barney McGee at 610-834-1975. Student needing Confirmation preparation should contact Sharon Otto at 484-804-1875.

### St. Francis Inn

Many thanks for your continuous support!

Items we need most: 10 lb. bags of rice, 5-minute oatmeal, coffee, sugar, large tea bags, canned food, plastic grocery bags & reusable store bags, paper towels, toilet paper, air fresheners, Pine Sol & 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, washcloths, winter clothing (coats, men’s jeans, sweatpants, belts, thermal underwear, sweatshirts & hoodies). \*\*Health inspectors require all coats, clothing & linen donations be laundered to stem the spread of Monkey Pox, please label your bags as “clean”. But most of all keep us in your prayers! The collection box is in the Church vestibule year-round accepting your donations. Donations can also be dropped off at the Muller’s porch, 472 Poplar Lane in Whitemarsh Woods.

### Sisters of St. Joseph Welcome Center

A sponsored ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Chestnut Hill, located in the heart of the Kensington section of Philadelphia, thanks to your support! Last July we asked your community for volunteers to teach some of our English and citizenship preparation classes. Members of your parish stepped up and have been volunteering with us this year. We will seek more volunteers in the near future and we look forward to connecting with you again.



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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Cards are available in the Church Office, Monday to Friday, 8AM to 5PM.

### St. John’s Hospice

St. John’s Hospice casserole program is a donation program that has been supported by the generous parishioners at SPN for many years. Casseroles can be home made or store brought. The next drop off dates are before and after all Masses on the weekend of May 27<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> and before 9AM on pick-up day, Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. If you need an alternate day or time call Lynn Kennedy at 610-828-6728, or email at [lkennedy1071@comcast.net](mailto:lkennedy1071@comcast.net). Dropoff address is 2311 Mulberry Lane (right across from the Church). St. John’s thanks you for your generous donations and wishes all of the blessings of Easter to you and your families!



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.

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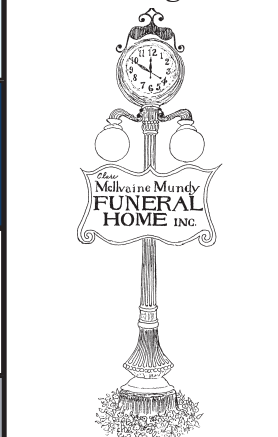
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