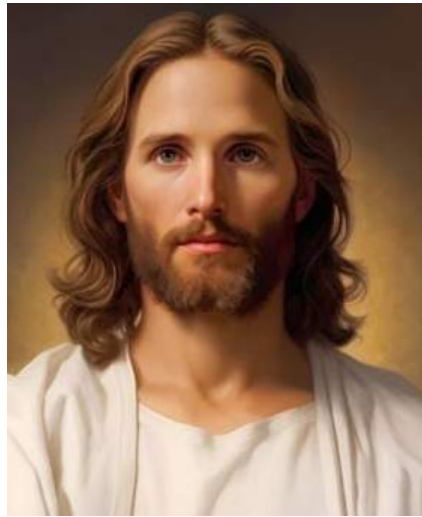


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Please go to our website:

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Parish Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass

5PM

Sunday Morning

7:30AM - No Music

9:30AM & 11:00AM

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday through Saturday 8:30AM

Holy Day Mass Schedule

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



Confessions are heard every Saturday from 3:45PM to 4:45PM 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 Charles "Chuck" Egrich. May God grant them eternal rest and give hopeful peace to those who mourn.



Mass Intentions

Monday, September 11th

8:30AM – Robert Tierney
Rita McFadden

Tuesday, September 12th

Most Holy Name of Mary

8:30AM – Joseph & Mary Petrokubi

Wednesday, September 13th

St. John Chrysostom

8:30AM – Elinor Kollmer
Mary McMenamin

Thursday, September 14th

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:30AM – Thomas F Keane III & Thomas F Keane Jr
Frank & Concetta Lupinacci & Family

Friday, September 15th

Our Lady of Sorrows

8:30AM – Dominic LaPera
Michael Macatitis, Jr

Saturday, September 16th

Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

8:30AM – Ennis & Blunt Family

**Since there is no longer a 6:30AM daily Mass,
6:30 Mass intentions (already reserved) will be
included at the 8:30AM Mass.**

**Announced Masses for 2024 will be available to
reserve for deceased loved one(s) on September
20th at 9AM in the Church Office. The Vigil
Mass and Sunday Masses will be available. On
the first day the limit will be 4 weekday and 1
Sunday Mass per person.**

**The stipend is \$20 for weekday and \$25 for Vigil
& Sunday Masses.**



Sanctuary Memorials



1 candle will burn at the statue of the Blessed Mother.

In memory of Elise S. Maggetti
req'd by Her Daughter

1 candle will burn at the statue of St. Joseph.

In memory of Albert "Mike" Dearoff
req'd by Eileen & Tom Gravinese



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

Dear St. Philip Neri Families & Friends

We give praise and thanks to God for the graces He has given us. In today's readings from the Book of Ezekiel and the Gospel of Matthew, we are reminded of our responsibility as members of the Christian community and the importance of reconciliation within our faith communities. Ezekiel, the prophet, speaks to us about the role of a watchman. In ancient times, a watchman was responsible for alerting the city to impending danger. Similarly, as members of the Church, we are called to be spiritual watchmen for our brothers and sisters in Christ. We have a duty to warn and guide one another when we see someone straying from the path of righteousness. This responsibility is rooted in love and care for our fellow believers. However, this duty is not meant to be self-righteous or judgmental. In Matthew's

Gospel, Jesus provides a clear and compassionate process for addressing conflicts and sins within the community of believers. He instructs us to first go to the person privately, seeking reconciliation. If that does not work, we should involve a few others as witnesses to ensure fairness and accountability. And if the person remains unrepentant, it is the responsibility of the community, led by its spiritual leaders, to address the issue. These passages underscore the significance of community within the Christian faith. We are called to be our brothers' and sisters' keepers, not out of a desire to condemn or shame but out of genuine love and concern for their spiritual well-being. Our goal is always reconciliation and restoration, not punishment. In our modern world, where individualism often prevails, it can be challenging to navigate these principles of fraternal correction and community reconciliation. Still, it is a fundamental aspect of our faith. We must remember that these processes are designed to restore unity and harmony within the Body of Christ. As we reflect on these readings, let us ask ourselves how well we are fulfilling our roles as watchman and women in our faith communities. Are we willing to have those difficult conversations with love and humility? Are we open to reconciliation and forgiveness when we have been wronged? May we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help us live out these teachings in our daily lives, for the greater glory of God and the unity of His Church.

Please invite someone to Mass.

St. Philip Neri pray for us!

Please pray for me, have a blessed week!

Fr. Szparagowski

ADORATION OF THE
MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH IN THE CHAPEL
9AM TO 5PM.



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

George Alburger, Nancy Bogdon, Susan Bonner, Audrey Michelle Cacchio, Lou Cacchio, Ava Love Conley, Elizabeth Cunningham, Charlie Dickman, Clare DiDonato, Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores Downes, Rick Gallagher, Jean Girard, Kathryn Griffin, Andrea Harrison, Winifred Headman, Kathleen Kunes, Ann Litman, Richard Lewis, Mary & Molly Lozinak, Phyllis Luther, Greg deGroot Maggetti, James Maggetti, Robyn Lee Malachefski, Joan Marine, Bernie McLafferty Sr, Julia McLaughlin, Baby Avery McNichols, Steven Merlin, Randolph & Sylvia Miller, Christopher Minetti, Joe McLaughlin, Annie Hope Munn, Joe O'Brien, William Pinto, Remo Pitassi, Maria Prince, Ann Purkin, John Reynolds, David Sandy, John Schaifer, Tim Schwartz, Michael Shaw, Robert Smith, David Sparacino, Betty Sparks, Brian Stenz, Amy Swift, Kena Thompson, Patricia Trioli, Frank Tulino, John Viti, William Wilder, may God strengthen them in their struggle.

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.

To help children feel included and learn more about the Mass, My Picture Missal books are available for use during Mass in a basket in the cry room. Please help yourself and return books when finished.

Church Roof & Concrete Project Update

The sub roof, shingling and gutters are installed! Just some finishing touches and the project will be completed. The concrete replacement in front of the Church will begin soon as the school, rectory and convent have been completed. The parking lot islands have been filled with decorative stones, as grass would not grow nor would mulch stay in place after heavy rains. Detailed pictures are being posted on parish Constant Contact, sign up to see if you haven't already. Your generous donations made all this possible. Thank you!



Baptismal Instruction / Pre Jordan

The next session will be September 11th; 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

Parish Forty Hours

Beginning after the 11AM Mass on September 24th, our devotion will be enhanced at 7PM every evening with prayer and homilies by Fr. Sean O'Neill, pastor of Our Lady of Consolation in Parkesburg. The Solemn Closing will be Tuesday with our Eucharistic Procession at 7PM.

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"Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist"



PREP for children in grades 1-6 begins, Sept 11th or 12th, kindergarten PREP meets on Sundays at 9:30 beginning Oct 1st. Please go to www.spnprep.org

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Catechist Needed for Monday and Tuesday afternoon, 4:15-5:30PM. If interested in this most rewarding work contact Sharron Otto at sharonotto@spnprep.org or 484-804-1875.



Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements must be made with a priest at least 6 months prior to your desired wedding date, contact the Church Office at 610-834-1975 to schedule. The Archdiocese requires that couples attend a Pre-Cana class before marriage. At this time, we ask you to go to www.archphila.org, under marriage preparations to take class on line. Liturgy and musical planning are done through Mrs. Jean Martin our Director of Music (215-704-0508).

We Welcome

Cassius Eli Robinson who was Baptized, Confirmed and received his First Eucharist at the Vigil Mass on September 2nd. Welcome, Cassius to the Catholic Church, you are most welcome!



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 2nd & 4th Sunday of every month immediately following the 11AM 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.



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 information.

Save the Date for the 2023 SPN Auction

Get ready for Gatsby Night! Saturday, November 18th at 6:30PM. Join your fellow parishioners and friends as we take it back to the Roaring Twenties for great food, drinks, music and tons of exciting live and silent auction items! Please check the table in the vestibule for more information on sponsorship opportunities!

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.

St. Monica Club

Have your loved ones drifted away from the Church? Are you worried that they may not return? What are we to do? Follow the example of St. Monica and PRAY WITHOUT CEASING! Join us for the first meeting of the St. Monica Club on September 19, 2023 at 7PM in the Convent Chapel. We will pray together, talk about how to love those who are rejecting the faith and be good witnesses for them, and share the good news when prayers are answered. For more information, please contact Sharon Otto at 484-804-1875.

St. Francis Inn

Many thanks for your continuous support! The listing of current needs is attached to the collection box in the vestibule. They have an amazon wish list for direct donations and a PayPal linked to our website: www.stfrancisinn.org. 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 Whitmarsh Woods.

Cub Scouts

Open for boys, kindergarten to 5th grade, come to our OPEN HOUSE on Sept 13th at 7PM in the cafeteria. We will provide information on our pack and fun activities in the coming year. Contact Lynda Toner at 215-435-7401 or lynda14anne@gmail.com



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! GIANT, ACME, SHOP RITE, WEIS, KOHLS, BOSCOVS, MACY'S & LOWES just to name a few. Cards are available in the Church Office, Monday to Friday, 8AM to 5PM.



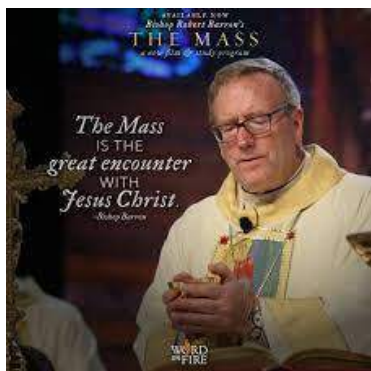
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"I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



THE Mass by Bishop Robert Barron



Fr. Szparagowski will facilitate the presentation beginning October 5th at 7PM in the school cafeteria. For Catholics, the Mass is probably the most familiar part of the Faith. But sometimes, familiarity makes us take things for granted or prevents us from going deeper. Join us as we walk through the Mass with Bishop Barron. We will see how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world into the heavenly realm. We'll come to realize that the Mass is the most privileged and intimate encounter with the Lord, here on earth. Come and see that there is more to the Mass than you ever realized.

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Register by October 1st

Name: _____

Address _____

City _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

(Please cut out registration and drop in collection basket or drop off at the Church Office.)

Pastoral Installation



Fr. Szparagowski will be officially installed as our new pastor on Sunday, October 8th at the 11AM Mass. A representative of the Archbishop will officiate as he becomes our 7th pastor since we were established on September 12, 1945.

A catered luncheon will follow in the School, all are welcome and personally invited to attend this celebration. If you plan to attend, please complete the information below and drop it in the collection basket or send it in or drop it off at the Church Office:

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