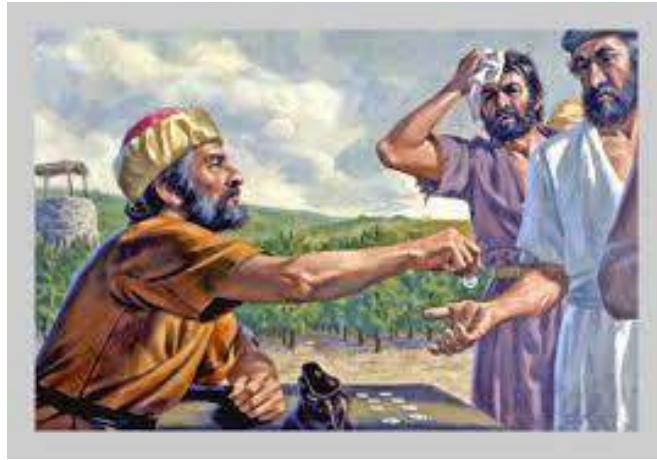


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Our parish community extends a welcome to our guests and visitors. We welcome you to our Church to share our faith and celebrate the Eucharist. Please go to our website: www.saintphilipnerichurch.com for more information or if you have any questions 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.



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. May God grant them eternal rest and give hopeful peace to those who mourn.



Mass Intentions

Monday, September 25th

8:30AM – Andrew Lins

Tuesday, September 26th

Sts. Cosmas & Damian

8:30AM – Joseph Conti

Wednesday, September 27th

St. Vincent dePaul

8:30AM – Katherine Speers

Thursday, September 28th

Sts. Wenceslaus & Lawrence

8:30AM – Janet Mignogna

Friday, September 29th

Sts. Michael & Gabriel

8:30AM – Susan DeSimone

Saturday, September 30th

St. Jerome

8:30AM – Deceased members of the Bucci Families.

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 are available to reserve for deceased loved one(s) in the Church Office. The Vigil Mass & Sunday Masses are available.



Sanctuary Memorials



This week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of
Pisarek & Macaitis Families
requested by Christine Macaitis.

The bread and wine used at all Masses this week are for
special birthday blessings for George Clark, Jr.
Req'd by Mom and Dad.

ADORATION OF THE
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 9TH IN THE CHAPEL
9AM TO 5PM.

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.

Dear St. Philip Neri Families & Friends

We give praise and thanks to God for the graces He has given us. In Matthew 20:1-16a, Jesus tells us a parable that reveals the profound and often challenging nature of God's mercy and grace. This parable, often referred to as the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard, teaches us important lessons about God's generosity and our own attitudes towards it. In the parable, a landowner hires workers at different times throughout the day, from early morning until late afternoon, to work in his vineyard. At the end of the day, he pays each worker the same wage, regardless of how many hours they work. Those who worked all day expected to receive more, but they received the same amount as those who worked only a short time. This understandably upset the early workers, who felt that it was unfair. This parable challenges our human understanding of justice and fairness. The landowner's actions may seem unjust from a worldly perspective, but Jesus is using this parable to convey a deeper spiritual truth about God's kingdom. First and foremost, the landowner represents God, and the vineyard is His kingdom. The workers hired throughout the day represent people who come to faith in God at different stages of their lives. The landowner's decision to pay everyone the same wage symbolizes God's equal and boundless love and grace for all His children, regardless of when they come to Him. The lesson here is that God's grace is not earned or based on our human merit. It is a gift freely given to all who turn to Him, whether early or late in life. Our efforts and good deeds, while important, do not entitle us to greater rewards in God's kingdom. Instead, God's grace is a testament to His love and mercy, which are beyond our comprehension. This parable also highlights the danger of envy and comparison. The workers who toiled all day were upset because they compared themselves to those who worked less and received the same wage. Likewise, in our spiritual journey, we must guard against the temptation to compare ourselves to others, thinking we deserve more because of our efforts. Instead, we should be grateful for God's generosity and focus on our relationship with Him rather than what others receive. In conclusion, the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard reminds us of the incomprehensible depth of God's love and mercy. It challenges our notions of fairness and calls us to embrace God's boundless grace with humility and gratitude. As Catholics, we are called to remember that our salvation is a gift from God, and we should strive to live our lives in a way that reflects His love and mercy to all, regardless of their journey or past.

Please invite someone to Mass. St. Philip Neri pray for us! Please pray for me, have a blessed week!

Fr. Szparagowski



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, Helen Tarsi, 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.

Church Roof & Concrete Project Update
The roofing project is completed!!! The concrete replacement in front of the Church has begun and hopefully within 2 weeks it will be completed as well. Your generous donations made all this possible. Thank you!



Baptismal Instruction / Pre Jordan

The next session will be October 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.

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.

Parish Forty Hours

Beginning after the 11AM Mass today, our annual 40 Hours Parish Devotion will begin. There will be a service at 7PM every evening with prayer and homilies by Fr. Sean O'Neill. The Solemn Closing will be Tuesday with our Eucharistic Procession at 7PM. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed throughout the entire 40 hours, please stop by for a private visit.

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Fr. O'Neill is from the Lawncrest section of Philadelphia before moving to East Norriton. He attended Visitation, Norristown Area HS, and Monto Vo-Tech. Worked as a machinist, and a fire and flood restoration technician. He entered the seminary in 1994 and was ordained in 2003. He has been at Our Lady of Grace (with Fr. Dooner as his pastor). He then worked in the Hispanic Ministry at Incarnation and St. Rocco's. Later as pastor of Incarnation and St. Laurence. He is currently pastor of Our Lady of Consolation in Parkesburg, PA.



Mothers & Babies in Need

October is dedicated to Respect Life causes. Items for mothers & babies in need may be placed in the crib in the Church Vestibule during the month of October. Gently used items are welcome. Size 4 diapers are needed.

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 September 30th and October 1st and before 9AM on pick-up day, Wednesday, October 4th. If you need an alternate day or time call Lynn Kennedy at 610-828-6728, or email at 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!

We Welcome

Harper Grey, daughter of Austin & Maureen Jones and Giustina Marie, daughter of Anthony & Marisa DeLizzio, both were recently baptized here at St. Philip's!

"Conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ."



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).



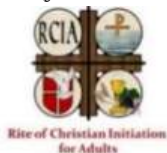
Anointing of the Sick

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.

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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!

Spiritual Adoption Program

Your spiritually adopted baby is developing quite beautifully now. Her weight is approaching 2 pounds. She sits up straight now to accommodate her internal organs which have moved into their final place in her little body. Babies born prematurely at this time have a very good chance of surviving. The medical advances in caring for extremely small newborn infants are extraordinary indeed. Don't forget to pray for your baby. Abortion is legal through all nine months and her mom might still feel pressure to abort.

St. Francis Inn

Many thanks for your continuous support! The listing of current needs is attached to the collection box in the vestibule. 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.



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.

SPN School News

We did it again! Our school has been awarded the Archdiocese of Philadelphia School of Distinguished Instruction 2023 for growth and exceeding potential based on the 2023 Spring Terra Nova Standardized Tests. Well done Faculty and students!

Designer Bag Bingo

Friday, October 13 at 6:45PM in the gym!
\$40pp (\$45 after 10/6)

Deadline is 10/10, no tickets night of event
Deanna Marrone at 267-358-8015
Paula DiGiacomo at 610-308-0797

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



Sunday, October 8th



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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