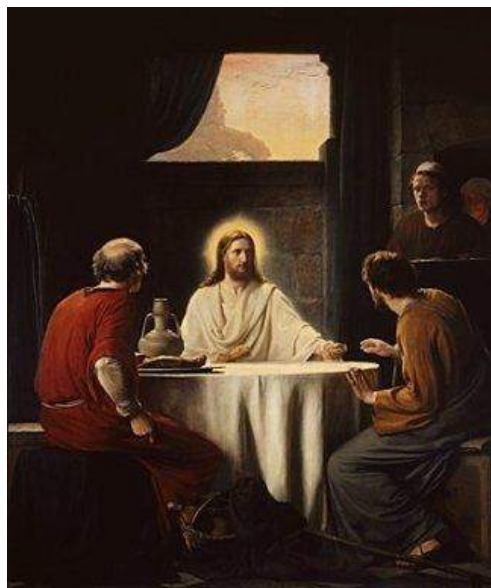


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Parish Mass Schedule

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



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.



Confessions are heard every Saturday from 3:45PM to 4:45PM or by appointment, call 610-834-1975 to schedule.

Low Gluten Hosts

Low gluten 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 Jack Brown, Rev. Joseph J. Meehan, Rev. Gus Puleo and the souls in purgatory. May God grant them eternal rest and give hopeful peace to those who mourn.



2 candles will burn at the statue of the Blessed Mother

1 for Fr. Szparagowski, req'd by Mom & Dad.

1 in memory of Brendan Gray, req'd by Frank Gray.

1 candle will burn at the statue of St. Joseph for Fr. Szparagowski, req'd by Mom & Dad.



3rd Sunday of Easter

5PM Vigil – Edward Oakes

Sunday, April 14th

7:30AM – Nanartowicz, Gribbin,
Caruso & Pelosi Families
9:30AM – John Chiavacci
11AM – John & Helen Gillin

Monday, April 15th

8:30AM – Helen Waskiewicz – 1st Anniversary

Tuesday, April 16th

8:30AM – Deceased Members of the
Fisher & Gallagher Families

Wednesday, April 17th

8:30AM – Deceased Members of the
Witalec & Kuszczak Families

Thursday, April 18th

8:30AM – Deceased Members of the
Brennan & Lowry Families

Friday, April 19th

8:30AM – Bernard T. Rogers

Saturday, April 20th

St. Martin I

8:30AM – St. Philip Neri Guild
5PM Vigil – Rosemary Brown



St. Philip Neri Guild

This is a guild of living and deceased persons, prayer intentions or any special occasion, that are listed and prayed for every Saturday at the 8:30AM Mass. This Mass is offered for guild members and their intentions. Please call the Church Office to include your intention(s). Suggested offering is \$20.00, which goes to support our sanctuary fund.

**“Jesus was made known to them in the
breaking of the bread”**



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

George Alburger, Nancy Bogdon, Charlie Dickman, Clare DiDonato, Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores Downes, Eileen Drab, Kerin Dungan, Bernadette Fisher, Winnie Headman, Donna Little, Phyllis Luther, Kerry Macaitis, Joan Marine, Baby Hadleigh McCarthy, Joe McGrath, Elizabeth Peirce, Sloane Porcaro, Barbara Pester, William Pinto, Maria Prince, Ann Marie Sanders, Martine Schaffer, Michael Shaw, David Sparacino, Betty Sparks, Barbara Stuhl, Brian Stenz, Amy Swift, Patricia Trioli, Frank Tulino, 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.



2024 Mass Book is Open

Masses and Intention Candles are available for the deceased, the living, a special intention or to commemorate a birthday or an occasion.

Sunday Masses are also available.

Please call 610-834-1975 or stop by the Church Office to reserve a date.

Would you like to remember St. Philip in your will?

Ask your attorney to include such words as these: “I give, or bequeath to St. Philip Neri Church, 437 Ridge Pike, Lafayette Hill, PA for its general purposes all, or state percentage of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, whether real or personal.” OR “I give to St. Philip Neri Church \$X to be used for the general purposes of St. Philip Neri Church.”

Dear St. Philip Neri Families & Friends



We give praise and thanks to God for the graces
He has given us!

Christ has risen, Alleluia! He has risen indeed. Alleluia!

Today St. Luke invites us to reflect on the profound mystery of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. As we journey through this sacred text, let us open our hearts to the message of hope and transformation that it offers us. In today's Gospel, we encounter the two disciples who had just returned from Emmaus, where they had encountered the Risen Christ on the road. Filled with amazement and joy, they share their experience with the other disciples, only to be met with disbelief and doubt.

It is in this moment that Jesus appears among them, offering them His peace and reassurance. Jesus' presence among the disciples is not merely a ghostly apparition; rather, He stands before them in His glorified body, bearing the wounds of His crucifixion. He invites them to touch His hands and feet, inviting them to see that He is not a spirit but truly alive. In this encounter, Jesus confirms the reality of His resurrection, fulfilling the prophecies of scripture. Furthermore, Jesus opens the

minds of His disciples to understand the Scriptures, revealing how His passion, suffering, death, and resurrection, were foretold. He reminds them that everything written about Him in the law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled. Through this revelation, Jesus empowers His disciples to become witnesses of these events, proclaiming repentance and forgiveness of sins to all nations. Brothers and sisters, just as the disciples were transformed by their encounter with the risen Christ, so too are we called to be witnesses of the Resurrection in our own lives. Like the disciples, we may encounter doubt and disbelief, both within ourselves and in the world around us. Yet, through faith and perseverance, we can come to recognize the presence of the Risen Christ in our midst. As witnesses of the resurrection, we are called to share the good news of Jesus Christ with others. We are called to proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins, inviting all people to encounter the mercy and love of God. In doing so, we participate in the mission of the Church, spreading the message of hope and salvation to the ends of the earth.

Please invite someone to Mass.
St. Philip Neri, pray for us!
Have a blessed week,
Fr. Szparagowski

"...we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world."



Sacraments

Baptism

Baptisms are scheduled on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of every month immediately following the 11AM Mass.

Godparents need Letters of Eligibility, for first time parents the Pre-Jordan Class is required. Call the Church Office at 610-834-1975 to make arrangements.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made with a priest at least 6 months prior to wedding date. Pre-Cana classes are required, contact Church office at 610-834-1975.

Anointing of the Sick

Primarily intended as prayers and anointing for healing from serious illness or as a spiritual preparation before surgery. Last Rites or Extreme Unction are for those in danger of imminent death.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

2nd Monday of the month in the chapel.

Next is May 13th from 9AM to 5PM.

Come and spend some time with Our Lord, have a quite talk, He's waiting!



Erin Elizabeth and Colleen Marie, daughters of Shawn and Mary Kate Haines and Patrick James, son of Christopher and Colleen Wynne, all were recently baptized here at St. Philips!

Office for Nutritional Development

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Manna bags will be distributed at all Masses on the weekend of May 11th & 12th. Kindly return your filled Manna Bag on the following weekend of May 18th & 19th. Canned items in greatest need are: beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups, and pork & beans. If you are not able to bring a filled bag, feel free to donate online at:

www.nutritionaldevelopmentservices.org

Thank you for reaching out to people in emergency situations.

Pre-Cana Classes



The archdiocese requires that all couples attend a Pre-Cana class before marriage. Please go to the website: www.archphila.org under marriage preparations to take the class on line or at locations of in person classes.

Wedding Anniversary Mass Saturday, May 4 at 5:15PM

The annual Wedding Anniversary Mass is celebrated with couples in the archdiocese who have been married 1-5 years, 25 years and 50 years. Call 215-587-0500 to RSVP.

PROJECT HOPE

If you or anyone you know, needs transportation to Mass or a doctor's appointment, please call Brigid at 267-879-6534. We are always looking for volunteer drivers; days and times are very flexible.

Young Adult Ministry

The next Praise & Worship Holy Hour will take place on Wednesday, April 17th at 7PM in the Church.

The theme will be "Joy" as we celebrate the Easter season. All parishioners are invited to join the young adults in the parish spending time together in prayer and reflection. Attendees are invited to a social gathering at the Ale House (405 Germantown Pike) following the holy hour. The Young Adult Ministry Group also invites all parishioners and guests to attend the second session of "Living Joy", on April 18th at 7PM in the rectory conference room. This video series was produced by Chris Stefanick at Real Life Catholic and aims to help people deepen connections with others, embrace the profound love of God and unlock joy in their lives. Attendees can expect time for conversation, reflection and light refreshments.

Please join us for this series! For more information, contact Francesco Cesareo at francescocesareo@spnprep.org
We hope to see you there!

Metropolitan Tribunal

The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Church. If you are divorced and want to marry in the Church or remarried outside the Church call 215-587-3750 or go to www.archphila.org

Respect Life Corner **St. Philip Neri Respect Life Committee** **Day 1 – Life Begins!**

Thank you for participating in this Spiritual Adoption Program! We hope you enjoy it. You will receive information with updates on your spiritually adopted baby's development each month.

Already, your spiritually adopted baby is a wonder! Even though she is only one cell, everything about this little person is already present: eye color, blood type, how tall she will be, hair color – everything! This baby will play a role in our community only she can play! This baby's parents do not even know she exists yet – please pray for them to safely bring their baby to birth so she can fulfill the mission God has planned for her.

Contact: Joe Manta at josephgmanta@me.com

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 are encouraged to bring canned goods and non-perishable items to be placed in the baskets on the altar step right after the Prayer of the Faithful. These items are given to the Patrician Society in Norristown.

Married Couples

When's the last time you gave your marriage a tune-up? Keep your engines running by getting away together on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next in-person experiences are April 19-21 and July 12-14 at Our Lady of Czestochowa. For more information: www.wwme-philly.org

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.



The Red Cross will be having a blood drive on May 23rd, from 2PM to 7PM in the school gym.
Go to the red cross website to reserve a time:
www.redcross.com



SPN 2024 Annual Golf Outing

Sponsors needed!

Monday, April 29, 2024

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\$45/pp for happy hour only ticket

See flyer at doors of Church for more information,

contact Tim Wilkinson at:

Timothy.h.wilkinson@gmail.com

The Food Gleaners

An invitation to help feed the hungry, the Food Gleaners have an opportunity to glean the meat trimmings from

Eddie V's steakhouse in King of Prussia. The

Missionary Sisters of Charity would love to make hearty

stews and soups for their guests. The donation is

available on Fridays at 1PM at the back door of the

restaurant. It needs to be delivered to the sisters on

DeKalb Pike, if interested in getting involved contact

Cindy Veit at LWVeit@gmail.com



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.



Mark your calendars!

The Knights of Columbus are hosting another pancake breakfast on April 28th, after the 7:30AM & 9:30AM Masses. It will be in the school cafeteria, more details to follow.

Father Judge High School Reunion

Class of 1974 – Saturday, April 27th from 6-10PM

Cost is \$80.00/pp

Contact: khuckel@fatherjudge.com

St. Francis Inn

Many thanks for your continuous support!

Items we need most are listed on the collection box in the vestibule. 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 Whitmarsh Woods.



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St. John's Hospice

Casseroles can be home made or store bought. The next drop off dates are before and after all Masses on the weekend of April 27th & 28th and before 9AM on pick-up day, Wednesday, May 1st before 9AM. 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.

Bishop Neumann & St. Maria Goretti Reunion

Classes of 1974 are planning a reunion for Sept 13, 2024. In order to update our database, we are gathering address and email info from alumni.

Contacts are Janet Ricci Tomasco at jriccit@aol.com,

Denise LaRosa at martini121856@yahoo.com &

Anthony DeFrancesco at

anthonydefrancesco@outlook.com

Hallahan Class of 1974 Reunion

Sunday, May 19th, 12 Noon brunch at Panache

Contact: hallahanclassof1974@gmail.com

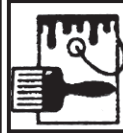
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