

St. Philip Neri Church



11th Sunday in Ordinary Time / June 16, 2024

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Happy Father's Day

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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 and active 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, most especially, Carole Petrokubi & Ernest Ramirez and the souls in purgatory. May God, in His mercy, grant them eternal rest and give hopeful peace to those who
mourn



Sanctuary Memorials

2 candles will burn at the statue of the Blessed Mother.

I for the intentions of the Rybicki Family,
req'd by The Crone Family.

I in memory of Rita Tursi and Edith D'Alessandro,
req'd by Joe & Pat D'Alessandro.

I candle will burn at the statue of the St. Joseph
in memory of Joseph Tursi & Vincent D'Alessandro
req'd by Joe & Pat D'Alessandro.

The 2025 Announced Mass Book will be opened on Monday, July 8th in the Church Office. The hours are 9AM to 5PM, please stop by if you would like to schedule Masses for 2025.



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5PM Vigil – Deborah Gownley

Sunday, June 16th

7:30AM – Charles Ponietowicz

9:30AM – Walter J. Palmer, Jr.

11AM – Jim & Alberta Regan and
Betty & Neill Miles

Monday, June 17th

8:30AM – Louis Rambo III

Tuesday, June 18th

8:30AM – Jay Kunaszuk

Wednesday, June 19th

St. Romuald

8:30AM – George Strouse

Thursday, June 20th

8:30AM – Jay Kunaszuk

Friday, June 21st

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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

Saturday, June 15th

St. Paulinus, Sts. John Fisher & Thomas More

8:30AM – St. Philip Neri Guild

5PM Vigil – Robert Pester



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. Please call the Church Office to include your intention(s). Suggested offering is \$20.00, which goes to support our sanctuary fund.

2nd Collection Today – Peter's Pence
2nd Collection Next Weekend
Capital Replacement



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

George Alburger, Nancy Bogdon, Thomas Capizzi,
Charlie Dickman, Clare DiDonato, Emily Donhauser,
Lisa Dougherty, Dolores Downes,

Eileen Drab, Kerin Dungan, Landon Michael Frick, Richard Green, Winnie Headman, Johnny Higson, Annamarie Koch, Phyllis Luther, Kerry Macaitis, Joan Marine, Baby Hadleigh McCarthy, Joe McGrath, Sloane Porcaro, William Pinto, Shawn Reim, Ann Marie Sanders, Michael Shaw, Michael Sheehy, David Sparacino, Betty Sparks, Barbara Stuhl, Brian Stenz, Amy Swift, Joseph Thomas, Patricia Trioli, Frank Tulino, 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.*



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.



Mia Marie, daughter of William & Ashley Ciammetti, Raymond Michael Jr, son of Raymond & Taylor Clarkson, Patrick James, son of Michael & Caroline Curley, Nunzio Sinatra, son of Giovanni & Carol DiSalvatore, Emerson Layne, daughter of Matthew & Megan Gorman, Connor James, son of Seth & Alexandria Gorman, Peyton James, son of Patrick & Deanna Haggerty, Grace Ann, daughter of William & Tiffany Kay, Maxwell Hayes, son of Eric & Nicole Schoeffling, and Annie Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph & Hannah Volgraf.

All recently received Holy Baptism here at St. Philips!

Dear St. Philip Neri Families & Friends



We give praise and thanks to God for the graces He has given us. Today, our readings from Ezekiel and the Gospel of Mark invite us to reflect on the mystery and growth of God's Kingdom. These passages, though separated by centuries and context, beautifully converge to offer us a profound understanding of God's work in our lives and in the world. In the first reading from Ezekiel, we hear a divine promise; "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar...on the mountain height of Israel I will plant it...and it will produce boughs and bear fruit and become a noble cedar." This imagery of a small, tender sprig growing into a mighty tree illustrates the transformative power of God's intervention. The passage ends with a declaration of God's sovereignty; "I the Lord have spoken, and I will accomplish it." Here, Ezekiel reassures us of God's control and His ability to bring about great things from humble beginnings. Turning to the Gospel of Mark, Jesus presents us with two parables about the Kingdom of God. The first likens the Kingdom to a seed that a man scatters on the land. It grows mysteriously and inevitably, whether the man sleeps or wakes. The second compares the Kingdom to a mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds, which grows into the largest of plants, providing shelter for the birds of the air. Both parables emphasize the seemingly insignificant beginnings and the astonishing, almost incomprehensible growth that follows. Together, these readings reveal several key insights about the Kingdom of God:

God's Kingdom Begins Small but Grows Great: Just as the cedar tree in Ezekiel's prophecy starts as a small sprig, and the mustard seed in Jesus' parable is the smallest of seeds, the Kingdom of God often begins in the most unassuming and humble ways. This is true in our personal spiritual lives and in the broader mission of the Church. We may feel insignificant, our efforts may seem small, but God's grace can transform these into something majestic and life-giving.

The Mysterious Work of God: Both Ezekiel and Mark highlight the mystery of growth. In the Gospel, the farmer does not know how the seed grows; it happens quietly, almost invisibly. This mystery invites us to trust in God's providence. We may not always see the fruits of our labors immediately, or understand how God is working through us, but we are called to have faith that He is indeed at work.

Transformation and Renewal: The imagery of growth in both readings signifies transformation. God promises to bring low the high tree and make high the low tree. This is echoed in the Gospel, where the smallest seed becomes the largest plant. God's Kingdom is about radical transformation – of individuals, of communities, of the entire world. In our daily lives, let us take these lessons to heart. Let us recognize that every act of kindness, every moment of prayer, every small effort to live out the Gospel is like a tiny seed planted in the soil of our world. We may not always see immediate results, but we can trust that God's nurturing these seeds, and in His time, they will grow into something beautiful and life-giving.

On this Father's Day, we give thanks to God for our fathers. May He bestow His love, blessings, grace,

compassion, wisdom, and knowledge upon them. As our fathers serve as role models, may they inspire children by living out the Catholic faith with integrity and love. May God bless you all!

Please invite someone to Mass.

St. Philip Neri, pray for us!

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Szparagowski

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. Call rectory or Church Office.

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."



On behalf of myself, Fr. Dooner, Fr. Redcay and Deacons Mike & Rob we wish all our dad's a very special Father's Day. May St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, intercede for all fathers as they care for their families. May God bless them with strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience and give them the ability to love in a way that reflects God's love.
Fr. Szparagowski

Confirmation November 4, 2024

Bishop McIntyre will be coming to SPN for the Sacrament of Confirmation on November 4, 2024. If anyone who has been baptized but has not been confirmed would like to receive the sacrament, please call the Church Office at 610-834-1975 for information on sacramental preparation.

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 marry in the Church or remarried outside the Catholic Church, please call the Tribunal Office at 215-587-3750 or visit: www.archphila.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.



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!

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.



Are you called to be a catechist? In 2021, Pope Francis formally recognized the lay ministry of the Catechist. If you hear the Lord calling you to teach our children in the faith and want to know more, please contact Sharon Otto at 484-804-1875 or sharonotto@spnprep.org. Open positions for 2024-25 include level 2 (not sacramental preparation), level 3, and level 5 on Monday and Tuesdays; Confirmation PREP on Sunday, and tutoring.

I will gladly talk to you about this opportunity to volunteer your time and talent, make a difference in children's lives and ultimately yours. Spiritual benefits guaranteed. No experience needed, training will be provided and free religious education tuition for your child for the year.

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 July 12-14 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, go to: <https://www.wwme-philly.org>

Young Adult Ministry

The next Praise and Worship Holy Hour will take place on Thursday, June 27th at 7PM in the Church. This will be the last Holy Hour prior to the summer break. In anticipation of the National Eucharistic Congress sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the theme will be "The Eucharist; Source and Summit of the Christian Life." We invite all parishioners to join the young adults in the parish and the Church throughout the U.S. spending time together in prayer and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament. We hope you will join us. For more information, contact Francesco Cesareo at: francescocesareo@spnprep.org



All major food stores and major clothes retailers have cards available; 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.

Project Hope

A group of concerned parishioners who are willing to assist others in need of transportation to places within the community such as doctor's offices, therapy centers and Church. Please call Brigid at 267-879-6534.



*In Service to One.
In Service to All.*

Our council always welcomes new members, if interested in joining call the Church Office at 610-834-1975 for information.

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.

Bishop Neumann & St. Maria Goretti Reunion

Looking for contact info for alumni for a reunion on September 13, 2024 for the class of 1974.

Contact Janet Ricci Tomasco at: jriccit@aol.com,

Denise LaRosa at: martini121856@yahoo.com

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 June 29th & 30th and before 9AM on pick-up day, Wednesday, July 3rd 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.



When is the last time you spent time alone with the Lord? If your spiritual life is secondary to your daily life, a retreat will help you to restore balance to your life. It is virtually a time-out to renew your relationship with God, self and others.
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The archdiocese has launched a website with resources to support those who are experiencing mental health struggles and those who love them. The website offers links to find Catholic clinicians, local crisis response phone numbers and ministries that can assist with recovery and healing.
Visit: www.archphila.org/support.

Sisters of St. Joseph Welcome Center

They are looking for volunteers to teach online and in-person classes on English and citizenship. In the spirit of St. Joseph, we are committed to community and education, we offer opportunities that enable immigrants and others to improve the quality of their lives through education, support services, and programs leading to self-sufficiency.
Call Maureen Lafferty Cawley at 215-634-1696.

Job Opening

IHM summer help, full time (7AM to 3:30PM) to help with cleaning of the school. Duties include moving furniture, mopping, sweeping, dusting, and commercial cleaning of the floors. Applicants must be at least 17 years old. Call Emily Miller at 215-483-1000.



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Corpus Christi Catholic Church

For Details go to: stpaulcenter.com/lansdale2024



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