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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time / November 3, 2024

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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

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

We Pray

For all those who have gone on before us marked with the sign of faith, most especially, William Anderson, Emma Patrice Maginnis, and the souls in purgatory.

May God, in His mercy, grant them eternal rest and give hopeful peace to those who mourn.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

Our annual Block Collection is underway, envelopes were sent to all parishioners, and responses have been coming in, please help if you can. This along with the Christmas and Easter Collections are pivotal to the structure of our parish finances. Your generosity has never waivered in the past and we are counting on this year being no different. Your goodness provides a sound base from which we maintain and improve our Church and campus.

You make all this possible!



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

5PM Vigil – All Souls

Sunday, November 3rd

7:30AM – Carol Kearney

9:30AM – Joseph Miller – 1st Anniversary

11AM – Earl Bruce Kirk & Nancy Kirk

Monday, November 4th

St. Charles Borromeo

8:30AM – Carol Kearney

Tuesday, November 5th

8:30AM – Frank Stanczak

Wednesday, November 6th

8:30AM – Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, November 7th

8:30AM – Edie D’Orazio

Friday, November 8th

8:30 AM – Thomas P. Rogers

Saturday, November 9th

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:30AM – St. Philip Neri Guild

Vigil – Donna Carapucci – Romagnole

20th Anniversary

November is the Month of All Souls

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that “every spiritual soul is created immediately by God – it is not “produced” by the parents – and also that it is immortal: it does not perish when it separates from the body at death, and it will be reunited with the body at the final resurrection.”



The Catechism defines purgatory as a “purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven,” which is experienced by those “who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified.”

“It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins.” 2 Maccabees 12:46

Pre Jordan / Baptismal Instruction

If you are having your first child baptized, the Archdiocese requires the parents to attend a Pre-Jordan Class. Deacon Mike Cipressi hosts these virtual classes on a monthly basis. Call the Church Office at 610-834-1975.



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

George Alburger, Richard Bapst, Nancy Bogdon, Emily Carpey, Charlie Dickman, Clare DiDonato, Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores Downes, Eileen Drab, Johnny Higson, Annamarie Koch, Phyllis Luther, Joan Marine, Maria Marley, Terrence Martin, Baby Hadleigh McCarthy, Rowan McNichol, Elizabeth Peirce, William Pinto, Maria Prince, Brenda Royer, Michael Shaw, David Sparacino, Betty Sparks, Brian Stenz, Amy Swift, Patricia Trioli, and 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.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of Earl Burce Kirk & Nancy Kirk, req’d by Kirk Family.

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

1 in memory of Healey & Ryan Families and

1 in memory of William Ryan,
req’d by Kathleen Ryan.

1 candle will burn at the Statue of St. Joseph,
in memory of “Dzia”, req’d by Grandchildren.

Bread & Wine used at all Masses this week in memory of Rev. Timothy A. Healey, SJ, req’d by Kathleen Ryan.

We Welcome

Beau Alexander, son of Michael & Carolyn Ascenzi, Jack Brian, son of Sean & Carolyn Beahan, Brenna Rose, daughter of Gregory & Susan Lavin, Mack Silvio, son of Michael & Sue Ellen Long, Violet Grace, daughter of David & Jaclyn Martosella and Sofia Alessandra, daughter of Jeffery & Marianna Schreiner. All recently baptized here at St. Philip’s!

All Souls Mass, November 6th at 7PM

Our special parish Mass to remember all those who have been called home to God this year. All souls buried from SPN are already included, if you have someone you would like to be remembered please call the parish office at 610-834-1975.



We give praise and thanks to God for the graces and blessings He has given us. Today's Gospel from Mark 12:28-34 is one of the most profound teachings on love in Scripture. When the scribe asks Jesus, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus responds by teaching us what lies at the very heart of our faith: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength", and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." In these two commandments we find the whole path of discipleship – a path of love that is both vertical, to God, and horizontal, to our neighbors. As we reflect on these commandments, we enter into the month of November, dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. This connection is essential because our love of neighbor extends even to those who have passed from this world. The Church teaches us that we can help our brothers and sisters who are in Purgatory by our prayers, sacrifices, and Mass offerings. In this way, we embody Jesus' command to love our neighbors by spiritually supporting those who are being purified before they enter heaven. Loving God with our whole

being is also a call to trust in His mercy and justice. God desires all souls to be saved, and through Purgatory, He mercifully prepares souls for the full vision of heaven. This means that our love for God is shown not only in how we live but also in how we hope and pray for the souls of our departed loved ones.

As we intercede for the Holy Souls, we imitate God's own love and mercy, trusting in His promise of eternal life and showing that we believe in the communion of saints, where we are forever united with God and one another. November invites us to deepen our understanding of love, which reaches beyond the limits of this earthly life. When we pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, we are reminded of our own need for God's mercy, and we draw closer to Him in humility and compassion. Every Mass, every rosary, and every sacrifice we offer this month is a way of living out Jesus' commandments in an eternal sense – loving God, and loving others, even beyond the grave. As we remember the Holy Souls, let us ask ourselves: how can we love God and others more fully, not only in this life but in the next? May this month inspire us to acts of love, intercession, and hope, drawing us closer to God and to the Communion of Saints. By living out these two great commandments, we draw near to the Kingdom of God, where one day we hope to join all those souls we now pray for in eternal life with Christ.

May God bless you all, please invite someone to Mass today.

St. Philip Neri, pray for us.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Szparagowski

My Jesus, by the sorrows you suffered in your agony in the garden, scourging, crowning with thorns and your crucifixion and death, have mercy on the souls in purgatory, and especially on those that are most forsaken; deliver them from the dire torments they endure; call them and admit them to Your most sweet embrace in paradise. Eternal rest give to them, O Lord.

Prayer of St. Gertrude for the release of 1,000 souls in purgatory



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in
the Church on Monday, November 11th from
9AM until 5PM.



Family Rosary, join the Knight of Columbus on
Wednesday, Nov 13th at 7PM in the Church for our
rosary. Bring your special intentions to our Mother
Mary and ask her intercession.

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.

Respect Life Corner

You are in the home stretch with your spiritually adopted baby. Beginning this month the baby uses all four senses. He can see, hear, taste, touch, cough, yawn and hiccup. He now recognizes his mother's voice, and ultrasound reveals that he likes to open his eyes and look around. During this time, he will also receive antibodies from his mother protecting him from a wide variety of diseases.

Contact Joe Manta at josephgmanta@me.com or call 215-353-7577.



Support our School!

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,
FLOCCO'S, BOSCOVS, MACY'S & LOWES
just to name a few.

Cards are available in the Church Office.

Project Hope

A group of concerned parishioners who are willing to assist others in need of transportation to places within the community. Call Brigid at 267-879-6534.

Hurricane Helene Relief

Catholic Relief Services is coordinating the temporal response on behalf of the bishops of the United States.

You can learn more and contribute at:

www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/what-we-do/disaster-relief/hurricane-helene-response



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!



Save the Date!

Saturday, December 7th at 10AM
Details to follow....

Chestnut Hill College

Dr. Marc Schulz, professor of psychology at Bryn Mawr and author of The Good Life: Lessons from the World's Longest Scientific Study of Happiness will discuss why relationships are the foundation of a "good life" and the steps we can take to improve ours. Nov 19th at 7PM.

Contact: kduffy@chc.edu for information

Volunteer Needed

For over 5 years a dedicated crew of "food gleaners" have been rescuing Wawa food from the landfill, and getting it to local food banks Monday thru Friday, in the morning. We need a Tuesday morning gleaner to visit 4 Wawa's and take donations to the Missionary Sisters.

Contact Cindy Veit at: lwveit@gmail.com

Behold Jesus Christ crucified, Who is the only foundation of our hope; He is our Mediator and Advocate; the victim and sacrifice for our sins. He is goodness and patience itself; His mercy is moved by the tears of sinners, and He never refuses pardon and grace to those who ask it with a truly contrite and humbled heart.
St. Charles Borromeo / Feast Day Nov 4th



St. Philip Neri Women's Guild
Designer Bag Bingo Night
Friday, November 8, 2024
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Reserve your seat ASAP!!
No seats sold @ doors on event night. No refunds.

Paula DiGiacomo, 610-308-0797
Deanna Marrone, 267-358-8015

St. Francis Inn

Please help if you can, we are having a difficult time keeping up with increasing need. Men's boxer shorts, hoodies, sweatshirts, winter coats, socks, sweatpants and children's winter clothing.

Always looking for volunteers, go to volunteers@stfrancisinn.org 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.

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.

"Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!"



Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, November 10th in the cafeteria.

After the 7:30AM & 9:30AM Mass

\$10.00/pp, children under 12 are free.

Join the St. Monica Club

A Community of Hope & Prayer

Are your loved ones drifting away from the Church? Do you worry they may not find their way back? You're not alone, and there is a way to make a difference. Follow the example of St. Monica – PRAY WITHOUT CEASING! Join us for our next gathering on Nov 19th at 7PM in the Convent Chapel. Together, we will pray for those we care about, share strategies to show love and support to those struggling with their faith and celebrate the answered prayers. Your presence can be a source of encouragement and strength. Contact Sharon Otto at 484-804-1875, please park in front of the garage and enter through the main door.

Christian Initiation

For individuals interested in exploring and discerning membership in the Catholic Church. Our program (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) is available call Barney McGee in the Church Office at 610-834-1975 for more information.

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 Nov 2nd & 3rd and before 9AM on pick-up day, Wednesday, Nov 6th before 9AM. If you need an alternate day or time call Eileen at 215-939-8368, or email at hurdles28@hotmail.com is 2308 Mulberry Lane.

Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is an enrichment for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. Join us on Nov 15-17 at Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. Go to: www.wwme-philly.org

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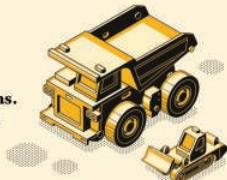
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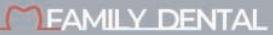
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