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Epiphany of the Lord

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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.**

We Pray

For all those souls who have gone on before us marked with the sign of faith, most especially, the souls in purgatory.

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



We Welcome

Cade Eric, son of Gavin & Alyssa Hermanson, Dylan James, son of Michael & Ashley Joyce, Christopher Martin, son of Paul & Lauren Laderman, Maxwell Wyatt, son of Daniel & Taylor Mingle and Evelyn Elizabeth, daughter of Jeffrey & Marissa Starr. All were recently baptized here at St. Philip's!



Epiphany of Our Lord

5PM Vigil – Thomas “Bud” Greenfield

Sunday, January 5th

7:30AM – John Golas, Jr.

9:30AM – Bernadette Dougherty

11AM – Bridget Radaszewski

Monday, January 6th

St. Andre Bessette

8:30AM – Patrick & Sarah McGinley

Tuesday, January 7th

St. Raymond of Penyafort

8:30AM – Raymond & Mary DiDonato

Wednesday, January 8th

8:30AM -Raymond & Mary DiDonato

Thursday, January 9th

8:30AM – Marie Tighe

Friday, January 10th

8:30 AM – Walter D’Alessio

Saturday, January 11th

8:30AM – Gloria Bello

Vigil – Annetta Terreri

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Church
on Monday, January 13th, 9AM to 5PM.

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.

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 goodness provides a sound base from which we maintain and improve our Church and campus.

Thank you!

2345 Registered Families

447 Envelopes Received



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

George Alburger, Richard Bapst, Nancy Bogdon, Charlotte Craven, Valerie Carlisle, Betty Chichear, Charlie Dickman, Clare DiDonato, Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores Downes, Eileen Drab, Johnny Higson, Annamarie Koch, Phyllis Luther, Joan Marine, Maria Marley, Anna Marlin, Terrence Martin, Baby Hadleigh McCarthy, Susan McLaughlin, Rowan McNichol, William Pinto, Maria Prince, Michael Shaw, David Sparacino, Betty Sparks, Brian Stenz, Amy Swift, Patricia Trioli, Frank Tulino and James Williams. 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.



1 candle will burn at the statue of the Blessed Mother, in memory of Troy Engle, req'd by Mom, Dad & Glenn.

1 candle will burn at the statue of St. Joseph in memory of Louis Cappelli, req'd by Jennifer Hoffman.

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



Merry Christmas! We give praise and thanks to God for the graces and blessings He has given us. The Feast of the Epiphany invites us to meditate on the radiant Light of Christ, a light that reaches beyond borders and shines into the hearts of all people. On this holy day, we recall the journey of the Magi, who followed a star to the Christ Child. Their pilgrimage reminds us that the Light of Christ is a beacon, calling each of us to leave behind the darkness of sin and follow Him in faith.

The Magi represent all nations, illustrating that the Light of Christ is universal. It transcends cultural and geographical boundaries, offering salvation to everyone who seeks it. Their journey was not without challenges, yet they persevered, motivated by the hope of encountering the Savior. In the same way, we are called to follow the Light of Christ, even when the path is difficult or uncertain. His light illuminates our way, guiding us to truth, peace, and love.

As we draw closer to the Light of Christ, we begin to experience His love more profoundly. The Love of Christ is transformative, inviting us into a deeper relationship with Him and with others. It is a love that calls us to humility, generosity, and service. Like the Magi, who offered their finest gifts to Jesus, we are called to offer our lives in loving service to God and our neighbors. This love is not only an earthly calling but a foretaste of the eternal love we will experience in heaven.

The Light of Christ leads to the Love of Christ, and this love ultimately leads to the Life of Christ – our eternal life. The Magi’s journey did not end in Bethlehem; their encounter with Jesus transformed their lives. They returned to their homeland by a different route, symbolizing the new direction their lives had taken. So, it is with us. When we encounter Christ and embrace His light and love, we are on a path that leads to eternal joy in heaven.

As we celebrate the Epiphany, let us recommit ourselves to seeking the light of Christ in our daily lives. May His Light guide us, His Love transform us, and His promise of eternal life fill us with hope. Like the Magi, may we always seek Him with open hearts and share His light with the world. Let us also remember the three “L’s”; the Light of Christ, the Love of Christ, and the Life He promises in eternity.

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

St. Philip Neri, pray for us.

Fr. Szparagowski

Happy New Year to all!

Prayers for a healthy & prosperous 2025

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.

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.



Test your knowledge of history, pop-culture, and current events at SPN Trivia Night. The event is Friday, January 17th at 7PM in the school gym. Doors open at 6PM. Cost is \$40/pp for early bird sign up by January 3rd, or \$50/pp afterwards, and includes trivia, two EasyPasses for the table (a free answer) and unlimited beer, hard seltzer, and non-alcoholic beverages. Food is BYO. Space is limited and on a first-come basis, so register today at: <https://tinyurl.com/spn2025trivia>. You can register as individuals or teams of up to 10. Please contact Maggie Atkins at: maggiekatkins@gmail.com with questions.



This program 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.

Scrip Cards will soon be available in the vestibule after Masses.



School News

Our parish maintenance garage roof has been replaced and our gym roof has received two coatings to insure years of protection. The cost was \$100,000.00, only your generosity makes these maintenance projects possible....thank you!

Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope.
Celebrating the 2025th anniversary of the Incarnation. The Holy Father opened the Holy Door in Rome on Dec 24th, opening the year of joy. Go to www.archphila.org for more information.



The Sisters of St. Joseph, from St. Philip Neri Convent, wish our parishioners a happy and blessed new year. We remember you daily in our prayers. If you want to have us pray for a special intention, please email

mbambrick1941@gmail.com, God Bless you.

**Sr. Marie Bambrick, Sr. Colleen Dauerbach,
Sr. Carol Heffner, Sr. Mary Elizabeth Karatis,
Sr. Lourdes Kennedy, Sr. Margret Mary Smith
& Sr. Kathi Szpila.**



A new organ for our parish!

We are thrilled to announce that our parish now has a beautiful, refurbished organ to enhance our worship! Our old organ, which served us faithfully for many years, was nearing the end of its life. But through God's providence and the generosity of a parish family, we are blessed with a new organ, including installation and new speakers, fully funded by their charitable donation. This generous family, who wishes to remain anonymous, has shared an extraordinary gift with our parish. Their kindness reflects the great love and charity of God that shines through the hearts of so many in our parish family. I am deeply grateful for this donation, which will allow our music ministry to flourish and bring even greater beauty to our liturgies. Fittingly, this blessing unfolded on the Feast of St. Cecilia, the patron saint of music and musicians. Inspired by the generosity of this gift and the intercession of St. Cecilia and St. Philip Neri. May our music always glorify the Lord and uplift our parish community.

St. Cecilia & St. Philip Neri, pray for us!



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!

**"We have seen His star in the East,
And have come with gifts to adore the Lord."**

Respect Life Corner

Your spiritually adopted baby was born this month...nine months after her mother conceived her. The only change at birth is a change in the external life support system of the baby. She is no different now than before birth except she breathes and eats differently. She is truly a miracle. She began as a 46-chromosome cell and has grown over the past nine months into this unique human baby we can see. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist who is exactly like your baby. Your prayers saved her life. Thank you on behalf of all the little babies and their parents for your loving prayers that helped to bring them to birth, "so that they might have life and have it to the full!"

Knights of Columbus



Tickets are \$100.00 / Maximum of 400 tickets sold.

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(or 1.25% of all sales)

Drawing is March 30, 2025

Proceeds go to support the parish general fund and Knights charities. Tickets will be sold after Masses on Sundays at the doors of the Church, they are always available in the Church Office, Monday to Friday 8AM to 5PM. Makes a great stocking stuffer!

Thanks for your support of our parish and the Knights of Columbus charities!

St. Francis Inn

Please help if you can, we are having a difficult time keeping up with need. 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 Whitmarsh Woods.

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 December 28th and 29th or any time between Dec 28th And Jan 2nd. If you need an alternate date or time call Eileen at 215-939-8368, or email at:

**hurdles28@hotmail.com drop off is at
2308 Mulberry Lane.**

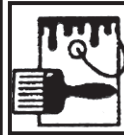
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