

St. Philip Neri Church



Baptism of the Lord

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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 and active with a parish. Young adults who turn 26 or complete higher education and continue to reside within our area should register individually.

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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



**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, Lisa Graham, Veronica Hartnett, Kevin McAllister, Eileen Passanante and the souls in purgatory. May God, in His mercy, grant them eternal rest and give hopeful peace to those who mourn.



We Welcome

Magnolia Rose & Ivy Grace, daughters of Kieth & Elizabeth Fetsurka. Both were recently baptized here at St. Philip's!



Baptism of the Lord

5PM Vigil – Annetta Terreri

Sunday, January 12th

7:30AM – George & Mary Barr

9:30AM – Ann Marie Sanders

11AM – James Crawford

Monday, January 13th

St. Hilary

8:30AM – Rosalie Poiesz

Tuesday, January 14th

8:30AM – Ernesto Eduardo Ramirez

Wednesday, January 15th

8:30AM -Denise J. Carroll

Thursday, January 16th

8:30AM – Gail Pensabene

Friday, January 17th

St. Anthony, Abbott

8:30 AM – Gloria Bello

Saturday, January 18th

8:30AM – Joseph G. Perri

& Joseph G. Perri, Jr

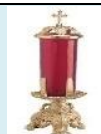
Vigil – Charles George Ruggiero



**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 Chichearo, 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, Hadleigh McCarthy, Susan McLaughlin, Rowan McNichol, William Pinto, Vada Powell, 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.

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



Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of Deceased
Members of the McGee Family.
req'd by The McGee Family.

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

467 Envelopes Received

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

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.

Family Rosary

join the Knights of Columbus on Wednesday,
February 12th in the Church for our rosary.
Bring your special intentions to our Mother
Mary and ask her intercession



Merry Christmas! We give praise and thanks to God for the graces and blessings He has given us. This Sunday, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, a moment that marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and reveals His identity as the beloved Son of God. As Jesus approaches John at the Jordan River, we witness a powerful exchange. John, recognizing Jesus' holiness, feels unworthy to baptize Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" Yet Jesus insists, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." In His baptism, Jesus demonstrates profound humility and solidarity with humanity. Though sinless, He steps into the waters meant for sinners, embracing the fullness of our human condition. This act prefigures His ultimate mission; to bear the sins of the world and reconcile us to the Father. The heavens open, the Spirit descends like a dove, and the Father's voice proclaims, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." This Trinitarian revelation reminds us of our own baptism. Through the waters of baptism, we are united with Christ, anointed with the Holy Spirit, and declared beloved children of God. Baptism is not merely a past event; it is a lifelong call to live as God's beloved, sharing His love and light with the world. Today's feast invites us to reflect on our baptismal promises. Are we living as disciples of Christ, bringing His peace and justice to our families, workplaces, and communities? Do we seek to follow Jesus' example of humility and service, even when it requires stepping out of our comfort zones? Let us ask the Holy Spirit to renew our hearts and strengthen our resolve to live as God's beloved children. May the grace of our baptism inspire us to embrace our mission as disciples, spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and action.

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

St. Philip Neri, pray for us.

Fr. Szparagowski



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Archbishop Pérez's Pastoral Letter

Archbishop Pérez published a Pastoral Letter on Sunday, January 5th. This letter outlines his hopes for the Church of Philadelphia over the coming years. He is asking for your help in being a part of the process. The first thing to do is to visit <https://trustandhope.org> by clicking the link or using the QR code below; watching the video; and then reading the Archbishop's letter to us. After that, please also sign up for one of the Archdiocesan Consultation Sessions and learn even more. We will also have local information sessions here at **St. Philip Neri on Saturday, March 22nd, 10AM to Noon in the school cafeteria.**



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.

“After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened,
And the Spirit descended upon Him like a dove,
And the voice of the Father thundered;
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”



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!



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!

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 and pray without ceasing! Join us for our next gathering on Jan 28th at 7pm in the Convent Chapel. Together we 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 at 484-804-1875, please park in front of the garage and enter through the main door.

SPN Women's Guild has had to cancel the wine tasting scheduled for January 31st, due to unforeseen circumstances. It will be back next year! Sorry for late notice.



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.



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.

The Rosary in a Year Podcast

The Ascension Press's podcast with Fr. Mark-Mary Ames, CFR guides listeners in a step-by-step journey that will change the way you pray, no matter where you are in your spiritual life. By starting small and adding on over time, listeners will find themselves falling in love with this powerful Marian devotion, becoming a source of grace for the whole world. Listen to discover...How to build a daily habit of prayer...How to form a relationship with Jesus and Mary...The Biblical foundations of the Rosary...How to meditate with sacred art (visio divina), saint writings, and scripture (lectio divina)...The power of Mary's influence in your life and more. Go to:

www.youtube.com/@TheRosaryinaYear

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
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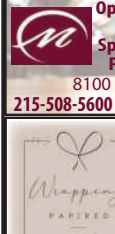
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