

St. Philip Neri Church



“Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on sin no more.”

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5th Sunday of Lent

April 6, 2025

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St. Philip Neri

Parish Penance Service – Wed, April 9th - 7PM

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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

Family Rosary

Join the Knights of Columbus on **Tuesday, April 8th at 7PM** in the Church for our rosary.
Bring your special intentions to our Mother Mary and ask her intercession.



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.saintphilipnericchurch.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, Maureen Dieckhaus and the souls in purgatory. May God, in His mercy, grant them eternal rest and give hopeful peace to those who mourn.

Jesus made Himself like the grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies to give life. Our hope springs from that love-filled life Pope Francis



5th Sunday of Lent

5PM Vigil – Joseph Giulli

Sunday, April 6th

7:30AM – Marybeth Murzasky Faiss

9:30AM – Donna Montalvo

11AM – Suzanne Whitlock

Monday, April 7th

St. John Baptist de la Salle

8:30AM – Paul Muller

Tuesday, April 8th

8:30AM – Jack Hoffman – 11th Anniversary

Wednesday, April 9th

8:30AM – Anthony Conti

Thursday, April 10th

8:30AM – Rose Marie Klemick

Friday, April 11th

St. Stanislaus

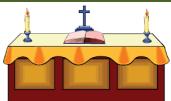
8:30 AM – Louis & Fortunata Vitacolonna

Saturday, April 12th

St. Vincent Ferrer

8:30AM – William Wilder

Vigil – Walter J. Palmer, Jr.



Announced Masses for 2025 are available as well as Memorial Candles, Sanctuary Lamp, and Altar Bread Memorials. If you would like to check availability please stop by or call the Church Office at 610-834-1975.

Parish Committees

Please prayerfully consider lending your time and talents in helping our parish establish several new outreach programs. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule with collection box. We can only grow as a parish if, together, we all do our part, large or small in achieving our common goal.



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Church on Monday, April 14th, 9AM to 5PM.

"God has chosen you to make Him known to others."
St. John Baptist de la Salle / Feast Day April 7th



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,

Charlie Day, Charlie Dickman, Emily Donhauser,

Lisa Dougherty, Dolores Downes, Eileen Drab,

Winnie Headman, Johnny Higson, Vic Kost,

Suzanne Kuliver, Phyllis Luther, Joan Marine,

Terrence Martin, Hadleigh McCarthy,

Rowan McNichol, Elizabeth Peirce, William Pinto,

Maria Prince, Jim Schroeder, Michael Shaw,

Helen Snyder, David Sparacino,

George Szparagowski Sr, Betty Sparks, Brian Stenz,

Amy Swift, Patricia Trioli, Frank Tulino,

and Jamie Zaines.

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.



Wednesday, April 9th

Penance Service at 7PM

Wednesday April 16th

Stations of the Cross at 7PM

Holy Thursday, April 17th

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7PM

A concelebrated Mass of the Lord's Supper with the Washing of Feet. Church will be open for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10PM.

Good Friday, April 18th

Passion & Death of the Lord at 3PM

During the liturgy, communion will be distributed and Veneration of the Cross.

&

Tenebrae Service at 7PM

Holy Saturday, April 19th

Confessions from Noon to 1PM

Easter Vigil at 7PM

Liturgy of Light

Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Easter Sunday, April 20th

Masses at 7:30AM, 9:30AM & 11AM



We give praise and thanks to God for the graces and blessings He has given us! On this 5th Sunday of Lent, today's Gospel presents one of the most tender and powerful images of God's mercy. A woman, caught in adultery, is brought before Jesus. Her guilt is not in question. She stands in shame, surrounded by people ready to condemn her, but Jesus does something unexpected. He does not condemn,

He shows mercy. He speaks those life-changing words;

"Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."

This is the heart of the Gospel, Jesus doesn't deny the reality of sin, but He responds with mercy that is deeper than any sin, more powerful than any failure, more enduring than any shame. **God's mercy is not limited. It is not cautious. It is not conditional. It is an ocean – endless, unfathomable, and always ready to receive us.**

That same ocean of mercy is open to each one of us – especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is the season of return to God with open hearts. It is a time when Jesus is calling us, not to beat ourselves up, but to come home. He longs to forgive, to heal, and to free us. Like the woman in the Gospel, we don't need to hide our sins – we need to bring them to Jesus.

Some of us may feel like it's been too long. Or maybe we're afraid. But confession is not a place of judgement – it is a place of mercy and healing. It is the heart of Christ opened to us. When we kneel in that confessional, we do not meet a harsh judge - we meet our Savior, stooping down, writing in the dust, lifting us up.

If it has been months, years, or even decades, this is the time to come back! Don't be afraid. Jesus is waiting – not to scold you, but to forgive you. His words are the same; *"Neither do I condemn you."*

Let us not let this Lent pass without diving into that ocean of mercy. Make time for Confession. Bring your burdens, lay them at the feet of Jesus, and leave the confessional like that woman – freed, forgiven, and deeply loved.

Our Parish penance Service is on Wednesday, April 9th at 7PM.

Please invite someone to Mass today

St. Philip Neri, pray for us.

May God bless you all.

Fr. Szparagowski



**Stations of the Cross
Fridays in Lent at 7PM.**

"With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption."



**Parish Penance Service
Wednesday, April 9th at 7PM**

Scripture readings, homily and more than 10 priests will be available to hear confessions. Lent is a time of reparation and preparation, don't miss this opportunity to receive the healing sacramental grace Our Lord wants to give us in this Sacrament of Healing.

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.

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.

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.

Project Hope

Provides transportation for needy people to a doctor's appointment or Sunday Mass.

Call Brigid at 267-879-6534

"I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus."
St. Paul to the Philippians

Join the St. Monica Club

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! We'll meet April 22nd 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. at 484-804-1875, please park in front of the garage and enter through the main door.

Tenebrae / Service of Darkness

Lamentations of the Lamb

Good Friday at 7PM

An ancient service of readings and meditations on the Passion of Christ. Music by Schola Cantorum with flute, oboe, cello & piano will perform at this spiritually moving Good Friday Service, come join us in this solemn commemoration of Our Lord's Passion.



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DMI / Disciple Maker Index

If you're a parishioner and haven't already taken the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey, NOW is the time! It's the important 1st step in SPN growing in our discipleship. We are accessing our parish's greatest strengths and opportunities, and need you response to better prepare us for the future. Surveys are in the vestibule with a collection box or go to:

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/x8t2a6>

St. Francis Inn

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.

LaSalle College High School Service Mission's

Thank you to all who donated to this cause, the students who were at the doors of the Church were amazed at the warmhearted response and good wishes. It will go a long way in funding their trips to help the poorest among us here at home and in Puerto Rico. As always, thank you for your big-hearted reply to their call for help!



Blessed Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Encounter Event

May 17th & 18th

Our parish is honored to host the Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Encounter Event as part of the ongoing Eucharistic Revival in the US. Blessed Carlos is set to be canonized a saint by Pope Francis on April 27th. He had a deep love for the Blessed Sacrament and used his technological abilities to develop a website cataloging all the Extraordinary Eucharistic Miracles that have occurred throughout the world. A display will be presented in the school cafeteria along with opportunities to venerate a first-class relic. Confessions will be available, along with adoration and a documentary video. Do not miss this wonderful opportunity to learn more about this remarkable young man. More details to come!



Save the Date!!!

**SPN Women's Guild
Children's Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 12th
12 Noon Rain or shine
SPN Playground / Ball Field
Please RSVP as soon as possible!**

COOK NEEDED

There is an opening available for a cook to prepare dinner three days a week (Mon, Tues & Thurs) for 14

Sisters of St. Joseph at Assumption Hall, the convent on the grounds of Norwood-Fontbonne Academy.

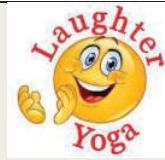
If interested call 267-206-3045.

Exposition of Sacred Relics

**Holy Martyrs Parish in Oreland
Sunday, April 6th, following 9AM Mass
Over 200 relics on display
Call 215-884-8575 for information.**

"Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life, allowing us to know the fundamental truth; who we are, where we come from, where we must go, and what path we must take in life.

Popes Benedict XVI



Save the date...

SPN Women's Guild presents

"Laughter Yoga"

Sunday, May 4th at 2PM

School Hall, Cost is \$20pp

Refreshments served after yoga

Flyer to RSVP will follow

Questions? Call...

Paula DiGiacomo at 610-308-0797



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All major food stores and major clothes retailers have cards available; go to the website for a complete list.

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just to name a few.

Cards are available in the Church Office.

St. John's Hospice

Casseroles can be home made or store bought. The next drop off dates are anytime between March 29th and April 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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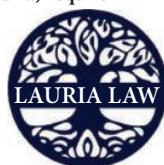
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