

St. Philip Neri Church



“I am the gate...I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”

4th Sunday of Easter

April 26th, 2026



**“The love of God makes
us do great things”
St. Philip Neri**

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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

Parish Staff

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Parish Office is open Monday to Friday

from 7:30AM to 5PM.

Are you a Parent who has Lost a Child?

An informal group of moms & dads get together to talk or just listen. Contact Jeanne Keough at 215-200-6070 or Karen Montgomery at 215-920-5269.

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, May 13th at the Lady of Mt. Carmel Shrine (or the Church for bad weather) 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.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.

Low Gluten Hosts

Lab certified, under 20 parts per million are available at every Mass. The celebrant will have them available, simply ask him when you present to receive.



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



We Pray for our Beloved Deceased

For all those souls who have gone on before us marked with the sign of faith, most especially, Jimmy Breen, Gerald J. Dieckhaus Jr, and the souls in purgatory. May God, in His mercy, grant them eternal rest and give peace to those who mourn.



Mass Intentions

4th Sunday of Easter

5PM Vigil

Connie Sackett

Sunday, April 26th

7:30AM – Albert & Thelma Kaleda

9:30AM – Chal & Jeana Blunt

11AM – Leo & Grace Riley

Monday, April 27th

8:30AM – Elaine Wood

Tuesday, April 28th

Sts. Peter Chanel & Louis Grignion de Montfort

8:30AM – Thomas J. Gursky

Wednesday, April 29th

St. Catherine of Siena

8:30AM – Philomena Rush

Thursday, April 30th

St. Pius V

8:30AM – Frank Stanczak

Friday, May 1st

St. Joseph the Worker

8:30AM – Anne Marie Melough

Saturday, May 2nd

St. Athanasius

8:30AM – Patrick Morley

Vigil – George & Julia Kolchak



1 candle will burn at the statue of the Blessed Mother,

in memory of Mildred & Frank Miller, req'd by Eileen Graninese.

A candle will burn at the statue of St. Joseph, in memory of

James J. Miller,

req'd by Eileen Gravinese.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Church on Monday, May 11th, 9AM to 5PM.

We Welcome

Gunnar Michael and Garrett John, sons of John & Sherri Gambill. Both were recently baptized here at St. Philip's!

Prayer Request

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

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

George Alburger, Elisa Berry, Marty & Nancy Bogdon, Tom Bonk, Charlie Dickman, Claire DiDonato, Kathleen Grundy, Andrew Donohue, Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores Downes, Eileen Drab, Anna Marie Forte, Catherine Hangholt, Johnny Higson, Suzanne Kulliver, Ed Kortonick, Judith Lins, Phyllis Luther, Joan Marine, Terrence Martin, Rowan McNichol, Randy Milakofsky, Donovan Mitchell, Anne Navarra, William Pinto, Maria Prince, Baby Colson Robert Riday, Patrick Ryan, Nicole Sachs, Michael Shaw, Chris Solarski, David Sparacino, Betty Sparks, Brian Stenz, Amy Swift, Patricia Trioli, Frank Tulino, and Dyane Westerfer.

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.

Thankful * Grateful * Blessed

It's time to say good-bye to Deacon Mirenda, we thank him for his year of service to our parish, his thoughtful homilies and the many good memories our school children have of his visits to their classrooms and schoolyard. We pray for God's blessing on him as he is ordained and begins his priesthood.

Then Fr. Mirenda, will be back to offer Mass for us on Sunday, May 31st at 11AM.

Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for him!



Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquets

Spiritual Bouquets Cards are available at the doors of the Church for Mother's Day gifts or memorials for deceased moms. Please return envelope in Sunday collection or drop off at the Church Office.



Dear St. Philip Neri Family and Friends,
We give praise and thanks to God for the graces and blessings.

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter,
the Church places before us the comforting and powerful image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In a world filled with noise, competing voices, and uncertainty, this Gospel speaks directly to the deepest longing of the human heart: to be known, to be guided, and to be safe.

Jesus says, “The sheep hear his voice, as he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” Notice that—He calls them by name. Our relationship with Christ is never distant or impersonal. He knows each of us intimately—our struggles, our fears, our hopes, and even the parts of our lives we would rather hide. And still, Jesus calls us. But the question for us today is simple: Do we recognize His voice? There are many voices in our lives—voices of fear, doubt, distraction, and even false promises. The Gospel warns us about “thieves and robbers”—those influences that pull us away from God, that promise fulfillment but leave us empty. These can be habits, attitudes, or even the pressures of our culture. The voice of the Good Shepherd is different. It is steady. It is faithful. It is filled with truth and love. Jesus does not drive us—He leads us. He walks ahead of us. That means wherever we go, whatever we face, He has already been there. There is no darkness we encounter that He has not already entered. There is no suffering we carry that He has not already borne. And this is where trust becomes essential. To follow the Good Shepherd means to trust Him—even when the path is unclear. Even when we don’t understand. Even when we are tempted to go our own way. Trust is not about having all the answers; it is about knowing the One who does. Jesus assures us:

“I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”

Not just existence—but abundant life. A life filled with grace, purpose, peace, and ultimately, eternal joy. This abundant life is not something we create on our own. It is a gift—given through His presence, His guidance, and His faithfulness. Jesus never abandons His flock. Even when we wander, Jesus seeks us. Even when we fall, He lifts us. Even when we are faithless, He remains faithful.

So today, we are invited to do three simple but profound things:

First, listen—take time in prayer to recognize His voice.

Second, trust—believe that He truly is leading you, even now.

Third, follow—have the courage to go where He leads, even if it stretches you.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd is not distant. He is here. He is calling you—by name.

Please invite someone to Mass today,
St. Philip Neri, pray for us.
Have a blessed Easter,
Fr. Szparagowski

*Announced Mass Book for 2027 will open on Monday, May 4th at 9AM.
Stop by the Church Office to schedule a Mass.*



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.

SPN Mamas & Minis

A casual gathering for moms and their little ones, rooted in our parish, open to the community.

Tuesdays, 9:30AM – 11:30AM

Miles Park starting May 5th

Newborns through not yet in kindergarten

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Rooted in the Catholic Faith, we provide retreats, programs and events that help people deepen their relationship with God and find peace and healing.

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St. Francis Inn

The Inn is running short of supplies. Especially needed are large tea bags, paper towels, cooking oil, soup, sugar, travel size toiletries, razors, deodorant, blankets, jackets, backpacks, hoodies, sneakers, sweatpants and children's clothes. Collection box is in Church vestibule.



Join Fr. Szparagowski & Fr. Michael Reilly on a jubilee journey to Fatima, Lourdes & Barcelona.

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After 7:30AM & 9:30AM Masses
In school cafeteria
Children under 10 are free
\$10.00/pp**



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St. Philip Neri School Gym

Friday, May 29th

1PM to 6PM

Call 1-800-RED-CROSS or go to:

www.redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment or for information.

“All the way to heaven is heaven, because Jesus said, "I am the way.”

St. Catherine of Siena / Feast Day April 29th

We thank Mrs. Veneziale for her service and wish her God's continued blessings as she begins this new chapter in her life. We ask as a parish family to please add the following prayer to your daily prayers.

Prayer for a New Catholic School Principal
Heavenly Father, We come before You with trust in Your loving providence, asking You to guide us as we seek a new principal for our school. Send us a leader who reflects the heart of Your Son, Jesus—one who is compassionate and kind, gentle in spirit and strong in faith, filled with wisdom and guided by truth. Lord Jesus, Divine Teacher, You led with humility, patience, and love. Grant us a principal who mirrors these same virtues—one who listens with care, leads with integrity, and inspires our students to grow in knowledge and holiness. Holy Spirit, source of wisdom and understanding, enlighten those entrusted with this decision. Give them clarity, discernment, and peace, so that the one chosen may be Your will for our community. May this new principal nurture a school rooted in faith, where every child is known, loved, and guided closer to You. We entrust this intention to the intercession of Mary, our Mother, and St. Philip Neri and ask all this through Christ our Lord. Amen



Our parish on-line giving program is easy and can be stopped or adjusted at any time. Go to the parish website to sign up: www.saintphilipnerichurch.com in these busy times please do not forget your parish.

Use the QR code below to sign-up.

As always, thank you for your generosity!



St. John's Hospice

Casseroles can be home made or store bought.

The next drop off dates are anytime between May 1st & May 6th. 1st pickup is Wednesday May 6th. 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.



Adoration to Pray for Vocations

Spend one hour each week before the Blessed Sacrament praying for vocations. For locations go to: www.heedthecall.org/vocations/resources



Curious about the Catholic Faith?

For more information, contact Barney McGee at 610-834-1975 or email bmcgee@spnchurchlh.org



The annual parish Manna Bag Collection will be held on May 30th & 31st. Manna bags are available at the doors of the Church. Please take one home.

Metropolitan Tribunal

The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Church. If you are divorced and want to marry in the Church or remarried outside the Church call 215-587-3750 or go to: www.archphila.org

Our Church is open for "visits" Monday to Friday until 5PM and all day on Saturday.

Project H.O.P.E.

A group of concerned parishioners who are willing to assist others in need of rides to doctor's appointments or to Church, Call Brigid Isackman at 267-879-6534.



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