

St. Philip Neri Church



*"I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work you gave me...
now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began."*

**7th Sunday of Easter
May 17th, 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, June 10th 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, especially the souls in purgatory. May God, in His mercy, grant them eternal rest and give peace to those who mourn.



Mass Intentions

7th Sunday of Easter

5PM Vigil

Thomas DiGiacomo, Jr.

Sunday, May 17th

7:30AM – Joseph & Olga Falatek

9:30AM – Souls in Purgatory

11AM – Hank Darragh

Monday, May 18th

Pope St. John I

8:30AM – Fr. Szparagowski

24th Anniversary of Ordination

Tuesday, May 19th

8:30AM – Raymond & Mary DiDonato

Wednesday, May 20th

St. Bernardine of Siena

8:30AM – Raymond & Mary DiDonato

Thursday, May 21st

St. Christopher Magallanes

8:30AM – Mary Naab

Friday, May 22nd

St. Rita of Cascia

8:30AM – Deceased Members of the

Brennan & Lowry Families

Saturday, May 23rd

8:30AM – George Szparagowski, Sr.

Vigil – Joseph Sr. & Joseph Jr. Pasquarello



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

1 in memory of Glen Miller,

Req'd by Eileen Gravinese

1 in memory of Dolores Buzby

Req'd by Pat & Debbie Stewart

1 candle will burn at the statue of

St. Joseph,

in memory of Barbara Gibson,

req'd by Eileen Gravinese.

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

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, Joyce Antrim, Baby Leo, Elisa Berry, Marty & Nancy Bogdon, Tom Bonk, Charlie Dickman, Claire DiDonato, Johanna DiLarso, Kathleen Grundy, Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores Downes, Eileen Drab, Anna Marie Forte, Veronica Bennett Gibbins, Catherine Hangholt, Johnny Higson, Ed Kortonick, Judith Lins, Phyllis Luther, Joan Marine, Terrence Martin, Rowan McNichol, 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.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Church on Monday, June 8th, 9AM to 5PM.

We Welcome

Declan Patrick, son of Brian & Lauren Heenan who was recently baptized here at St. Philips!



Curious about the Catholic Faith?

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



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

2nd Collection Today – Catholic Home Missions
2nd Collection Next Weekend – Capital Replacement



Dear St. Philip Neri Family and Friends, we give praise and thanks to God for His graces and blessings. Today's Gospel brings us into a sacred moment of prayer. Jesus lifts His eyes to heaven and speaks to the Father. We hear the loving relationship between the Son and the Father. Jesus praises the Father and prays for His disciples. He knows He is returning to the Father, yet His heart remains with those He loves. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we see the Apostles gathered together in prayer after the Ascension of the Lord. They are not alone. The Blessed Mother is there with them. Mary, the Mother of Jesus, prays with the Church. She encourages them to trust in God's promises and to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. What a beautiful image for us today: the Apostles praying together, united in faith, with Mary beside them. The Church is always strongest when she is praying. Jesus reminds us in today's Gospel that our relationship with the Father is not built on fear, but on love. Jesus reveals the goodness of the Father. All the works of God are good. God desires life, mercy, healing, forgiveness, and salvation for His people. Jesus came so that we might know the Father and remain united with Him. Today, in a special way, we also pray for Deacon Dominic, who has now been ordained to the priesthood of Jesus Christ as Father Mirenda. What a joyful blessing for the Church. God has called him to continue the mission of Christ the Good Shepherd. We pray that the Lord will bless Father Mirenda with a shepherd's heart — a heart filled with compassion, humility, patience, and love for God's people. May he always preach the Gospel faithfully and bring the mercy of God to others, especially through the Sacraments. Through the Eucharist, may he nourish God's people with the Body and Blood of Christ. Through Reconciliation, may he bring healing and forgiveness to souls. Through his prayers and presence, may others come to know the love of Jesus. The priesthood is not simply a job or profession. It is a sharing in the priesthood of Jesus Christ Himself. A priest is called to stand with people in moments of joy and sorrow, at baptisms and funerals, weddings and hospital bedsides, always bringing Christ to His people. And just as the Apostles were never alone because Mary prayed with them, Father Mirenda will never walk alone. The Blessed Mother will always be with him. Mary always leads her children closer to Jesus. May she protect him, guide him, and intercede for him throughout his priesthood. My brothers and sisters, today's readings remind all of us of the importance of prayer, unity, and trust in God. Like the Apostles, we are called to remain faithful in prayer. Like Mary, we are called to trust God completely. Like Jesus, we are called to glorify the Father through lives of love and goodness. May we continue to pray for our priests, for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and for one another. And may Jesus, who prayed for His disciples, continue to pray for us today. During the month of May, we will especially pray for all mothers at our Masses.

Please invite someone to Mass today,

St. Philip Neri, pray for us.

Have a blessed Easter Season,

Fr. Szparagowski

*The Announced Mass Book for 2027 has been opened,
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.



Announced Masses for 2027 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.

St. Monica Club

Do you have family or friends who have drifted from the Church? You don't have to carry the concern alone. Join us of Tuesday, May 19 at 7PM in the Convent Chapel. We follow St. Monica's example by praying simply and persistently for those we love. No "perfect" prayers required...just a heart of hope. Call Sharon Otto at 484-804-1875 with questions.

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. Sept. 2nd to 13th, 11 days, 10 nights Daily breakfast, transfers between destinations, guided visits to Catholic sites & landmarks, daily Mass, religious sites and cultural tours and much more!
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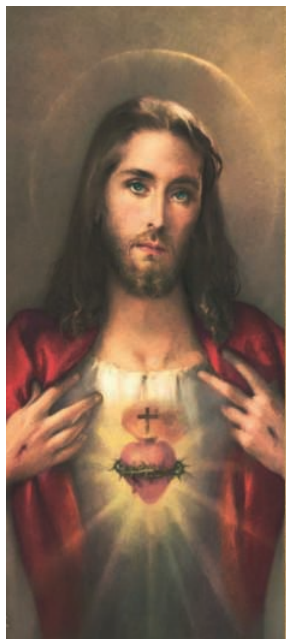


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FLAGS
Our council will be placing flags around the Church this Memorial Day, July 4th & Veterans Day. If you would like to remember a loved one, please complete a request form, they are available in the vestibule. The suggested offering is \$10.00 benefitting knight's charities. There is a collection box in the vestibule for responses. Thank you for your faithful support!



SPN Blood Drive
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.

**"God loves us, God loves all of you, and evil will not prevail! We are all in God's hands. Therefore, without fear, united hand in hand with God and each other - let us go forward."
Pope Leo XIV**



In honor of the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States of America, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will consecrate our nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in June 2026. To enter into the graces of this consecration, consider the following:

ENTHRONE

an image of the Sacred Heart in your home, parish, school or workplace

CONSECRATE

yourself or your family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Find resources and more information at
ARCHPHILA.ORG/UNDERGOD

The Knights of Columbus has more info:

<https://files.kofc.org/download/assets/Enthronement+Trifold/d373d3a49d8311f0bc79e2ae56999950>

Important Note About Signing Up for Our Parish e-Newsletter Flocknote

To receive our weekly newsletter, you must complete

- 1) Sign up for Flocknote either through the email address, or text code provided. These can be found on our parish website <https://www.saintphilipnerichurch.com/> On the right-hand side of the home page, you will see a section "Stay Connected" with directions.
- 2) Once you sign up, look for an email verifying your address, open and click the link to begin receiving our newsletter.

A few hints if you do not see the verification email:

- Double-check that you have entered the correct email address in Flocknote. For example, if you forget to type that final "m" in ".com", your email will not go through.
- Add mail@flocknote.com to your address book. For instructions, go to:
<https://help.flocknote.com/article/310-how-do-i-add-to-my-email-contact-list>
- Routinely double-check your junk/spam folders and mark your Flocknote email notes as 'not junk'.
- Confirm that the phone number you listed is valid and up to date.

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.

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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These programs help **support our school** and is **driven by parishioner participation**...give it a try!
GIANT, ACME, SHOP RITE, WEIS, KOHLS,
just to name a few. Cards are available in the Office.

Why is May dedicated to Our Blessed Mother?

A month of spring symbolizing life, beauty and new life. As Mary brought new life to the world through Jesus the analogy was the same. Early Christians were trying to re-channel festivals honoring pagan gods of fertility and blooms redirected these events toward Mary. This practice promoted by the popes took hold and now the universal Church recognizes and celebrates May as Mary's month.

"The last degree of love is when He gave Himself to us to be our Food; because He gave Himself to be united with us in every way."

St. Bernardine / Feat Day May 20th

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