

St. Philip Neri Church



“For where two or three are gathered together in my name,
there am I in the midst of them.”

September 6th, 2026
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



“The love of God makes us do great things”

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Deacon Michael J. Cipressi



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

Michael Pastorius, *Business Manager*

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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.

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.



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 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.**

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



23rd Week in Ordinary Time

5PM Vigil

Elizabeth Calbot

Sunday, September 6th

7:30AM – Carol Kearney – 3rd Anniversary

9:30AM – Souls in Purgatory

11AM – Gerald Maier

Monday, September 7th

8:30AM – John Naab

Tuesday, September 8th

Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30AM – George J. Szparagowski, Sr.

Wednesday, September 9th

St. Peter Claver

8:30AM – Julia Terlesky

Thursday, September 10th

8:30AM – Nellie Herron

Friday, September 11th

8:30AM – Elinor Kollmer

Saturday, September 12th

Most Holy Name of Mary

8:30AM – Robert Tierney

Vigil – Joseph T. Robinson

Sunday, September 13th

7:30AM – Eleanor Marion

9:30AM – Mary P. McMenamin

11AM – Sean Donnelly &
Stephan Hagelauer



The sanctuary lamp will burn
in memory of

Steve & Jean Muschynka,
req'd by Patrice Werner.

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

1 in memory of Mary Marcozzi. and

1 in memory of Jean Daywalt,
req'd by Georgeann Foster.

1 candle will burn at the
statue of St. Joseph,
for the intentions of Paul Davis.



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

George Alburger, Marty & Nancy Bogdon,
Charlie Dickman, Claire DiDonato, Eileen Donnelly,
Lisa Dougherty, Eileen Drab, Joanne Fitzgerald,
Dorothy L. Golas, Johnny Higson, Lisa Keane,
Rowan McNichol, Anne Navarra, William Pinto,
Patrick Ryan, Chris Solariski, David Sparacino,
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.*



**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 the Church Office.**

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.

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St. Monica Club

**Do you have family or friends who have drifted from
the Church? You don't have to carry the concern
alone. We follow St. Monica's example by praying
simply and persistently for those we love. No
"perfect" prayers required...just a heart of hope.**

Next meeting is September 22nd at 7PM

in the convent chapel.

Call Sharon Otto at 484-804-1875.

**"Love does no evil to the neighbor;
hence, love is the fulfillment of the law."**

St. Paul to the Romans



Dear St. Philip Neri Family and Friends,

We give praise and thanks to God for His graces and blessings!

Today's readings remind us of something very important about being a Christian: we are responsible for one another. God does not ask us simply to take care of ourselves and our own relationship with Him. He calls us to watch over one another, to encourage one another, and sometimes, with love and humility, to help one another see what we may not see in ourselves. In the first reading, God tells Ezekiel that he has been appointed as a watchman for the people. A watchman stands on the walls and looks out for danger. He sees what others may not see, and when there is danger, he has a responsibility to speak. That can be difficult. Sometimes it is easier to remain silent. We may think, *It's none of my business*, or *Who am I to say something?* Jesus reminds us in today's Gospel that there are moments when love requires us to speak. Yet notice how Jesus tells us to do it. He doesn't tell us to embarrass someone, condemn them, or tell everyone else about their faults. He says, ***"Go and tell him his fault between you and him alone."*** This is a beautiful lesson for all of us. Christian correction should always come from love, not anger; from concern, not judgment; from the desire to help someone come closer to God. At times we also need to hear the other side of the Gospel. Sometimes we are the ones who need to be corrected. It takes humility to listen when someone who loves us says, *I think you may be going in the wrong direction*. We should not immediately become defensive. Perhaps God is speaking to us through that person. Then Jesus gives us those beautiful words: ***"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."*** What a consolation! Jesus is not only present when everything is going well. He is present when families struggle, when friendships are difficult, when we are carrying burdens, and when we gather together to pray for someone who needs God's grace. This is why our faith is never meant to be lived alone. We need one another. We need people who will pray for us, encourage us, forgive us, and sometimes lovingly tell us the truth. As I am visiting the shrines of Our Lady, especially Fatima and Lourdes, I want you to know that I will be praying for all of you and for your intentions. I will bring with me the prayers, needs, hopes, and struggles of our parish family. At Fatima and Lourdes, so many people have gone before us asking Our Lady to intercede for their families, their loved ones, their healing, and their faith. I will remember you there as well, especially at Mass. Maybe sometime today we can ask ourselves: Who has God placed in my life that I need to pray for? Who needs my encouragement? Who might need me to speak a word of truth with love? And who is God sending into my life to help me grow closer to Him? May we always remember the words of Jesus: ***"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."***

I pray for you every day, especially at Mass. Please pray for me.

Please invite someone to Mass today.

St. Philip Neri, pray for us.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Szparagowski

Parish Forty Hours

Our annual parish Forty Hours Devotion will be held from September 27th to the 29th, Fr. Joseph Okonski will be our speaker. Forty Hours has been a Catholic Tradition for centuries, the forty hours recalls the time Jesus spent in the tomb and also recalls the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert. Go to Sign-up genius to sign up for hourly adoration at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0544ADAD2CA3F85-65365893-stphilip>



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.

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



St. Philip Neri School is looking for a caring and dependable candidate to serve as a **Lunch / Recess Moderator**. This role helps supervise students during lunch and recess, ensuring a safe, positive, and welcoming environment for all. If you enjoy working with children and can give your time during the school day, we would love to have you join us! Please call 610-828-3082 or Email Glanzmannb@spnschool.org



Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine, Doylestown
Go to: www.theabbeyfest.com for information.
Event date is September 19, 2026

Family Rosary

Join the Knights of Columbus on Wednesday, September 9th at 7PM at our shrine to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (or the Church for bad weather) for our rosary. Bring your special intentions to our Mother Mary and ask her intercession.



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Summer repair projects are being completed on schedule. Remodeling & updating 2 girl's rest rooms, the 5th grade classrooms, lighting, ventilation, electrical outlets, flooring, windows, carpeting, and fresh paint. New carpeting will be installed throughout our school hallways. ZeroEyes, a proactive visual gun detection and situational awareness platform, working alongside digital security cameras to rapidly detect dangerous suspicious situations, providing valuable time for individuals to move to safety.

DefenSafe/DefenseLite security film will be installed on glass entrances on 1st floor windows throughout our Church and school.

The cost of these projects is approx. \$400,000.00, we are only able to undertake these projects because of your support. Thank you for your faithful support of our parish!

Summer Repairs Collection

Thank you to all who contributed to the Summer Repairs Collection. Your generosity helps subsidize the many repairs being completed on the campus over the summer. Thank you!

St. Francis Inn

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.



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!



New light standard banners have been put up throughout the campus in our ongoing efforts to keep our grounds looking in tip-top condition.



Padre Pio Festival
St. Bede the Venerable Church
Holland, PA
Sat & Sun, Sept 26th & 27th
Go to: www.padrepiofestival.org
Catt: 215-357-5720

St. John the Baptist Parish
Class of 1971 - 8th Grade Reunion
Sat, Nov 7th, 1PM-4PM @Brittingham's
Cost is \$60.00 includes buffet w/ cash bar
RSVP by Oct 1st
Email: SJB7155@outlook.com
Call Greg S. at 610-331-2108 with questions.

"The Road Ahead"
Navigating the Journey with Dementia
Presented by Melody Karick, Dementia Educator
Sept 24th, Oct 12th, Nov 10th, Nov 23rd & Dec 9th
St. Joseph Villa Auditorium
Thomasam@stjosephvilla.org



North Catholic 100th Anniversary
All class reunion Saturday, Oct 3rd, 1PM to 5PM
Cannstatter, 9130 Academy Rd
Call: 215-543-1051
Go to: necathalum@aol.com

St. John's Hospice
Casseroles can be home made or store bought. The
next drop off dates are anytime between
Oct 3rd & Oct 7th pickup is Wednesday Oct 7th.
Aluminum pans are available in the Church Office.
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.

Seven Sisters Apostolate
There is a women's prayer group starting at our
parish for Father Szparagowski. We will offer
prayer for him in the form of Holy Hours, using a
simple structure by the Seven Sisters Apostolate,
an international ministry that has at least one
prayer group in every USA state and several
countries! Want to learn more? Contact: Kayla
Donahue, kayladonahue810@gmail.com

Veneration of Major 1st Class Relics of
St. Margaret Alacoque at the Cathedral.

September 12th & 13th

St. Margaret Mary received messages from Jesus through
apparitions about promoting devotion to His Sacred Heart.

Go to: <https://cathedralphila.org>



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

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.

Hallahan Class of 1976 – 50th Reunion

Saturday, Oct 17th, 6:30 -9:30

Adelphia Restaurant, Deptford, NJ

Sunday, Oct 18th, 11AM Mass at Cathedral

Followed by brunch at Kite & Key restaurant.

Call: Debi Myers-Sparks 445-444-1732

Newman Connection

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service, Newman Connection helps you stay
connected to your Catholic faith.

Go to: www.newmanconnection.org

Retrouvaille

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thousands have healed their marriages. Oct 2-4 at
Malvern Retreat House. Call 215-766-3944 or
email: www.marriagehelpdelval.org

Ciara Kelly Higgins Annual Charity

All proceeds benefit Ciara Kelly Higgins for CP, helping provide
therapy, care, and resources for children and adults with Cerebral
Palsy. Monday, Oct 19th at North Hills Country Club.

Call 484-868-1645 for information.

St. Titus Parish Flea Market

September 12th, 8AM to 1PM

Go to: StTitusFlea@gmail.com

Or call: 610-279-4990

Life is 10% of what happens to you and
90% of how you react to it.

"Count it all joy...for the testing of your faith
produces steadfastness." *James 1*

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