

St. Philip Neri Church



The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone....

October 4th, 2026 / 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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

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 monthly.

Call the Church Office at 610-834-1975.

We Welcome

Juliette Conchetta, daughter of Nicholas & Jordyn Carl, John Lawrence, son of Ryan & Gina Kenney, Colette Marie, daughter of Nicholas & Alexa Sejda.

All were recently baptized here at St. Philip's!



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 Michael Dungan, Thomas Fare, Lola Fragachan, Rosemarie Mazzochetti and the souls in purgatory. May God, in His mercy, grant them eternal rest and give peace to those who mourn.



26th Week in Ordinary Time

5PM Vigil, October 3rd

Joseph P. Falatek, Jr.

Sunday, October 4th

7:30AM – Teresa Rybicki

9:30AM – Lola McKenna, Charles McKenna
& Josephine Grasso

11AM – Souls in Purgatory

Monday, October 5th

St. Faustina Kowalska & Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

8:30AM – Nancy Liberato – 5th Anniversary

Tuesday, October 6th

Sts. Bruno & Marie Rose Durocher

8:30AM – Mary Ellen Earley

Wednesday, October 7th

Our Lady of the Rosary

8:30AM – Anna Marie Cudgma

Thursday, October 8th

8:30AM – Joe D'Angelo

Friday, October 9th

Sts. Denis & Companions & John Leonardi

8:30AM – Deceased Members of the
Brennan & Lowry Families

Saturday, October 10th

8:30AM – John Rush

Vigil – David Bartynski

Sunday, October 11th

7:30AM – Paul Davis (L)

9:30AM – John Connolly, Sr.

11AM – Sean Donnelly & Family
10th Anniversary



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of
Nancy Liberato – 5th Anniversary,
req'd by Liberato Family.

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

1 in memory of David Bartynski,
req'd by Donna Bartynski.

1 in memory of Eleanor McDevitt,
req'd by Weber Family.

1 candle will burn at the statue of St. Joseph
in memory of Sherry DelGrippe,
req'd by Eileen Gravinese.



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

George Alburger, Marty & Nancy Bogdon,

Charlie Dickman, Eileen Donnelly,

Lisa Dougherty, Eileen Drab, Joanne Fitzgerald,

Robert Fuhrmeister, Dorothy L. Golas, Tom Gravinese,

Johnny Higson, Lisa Keane, Joan McGill,

Rowan McNichol, Anne Navarra, William Pinto,

Patrick Ryan, Chris Solarski, David Sparacino,

Dyane Westerfer and Shantel Weikel.

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.

**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Church
on Monday, October 12th from 9AM to 5PM**



Feast of St. Francis
Blessing of Animals

**1PM this afternoon at the front
doors of the Church.**

All pets are welcome!

**"The past does not belong to me; the future is
not mine; with all my soul I try to make use of
the present moment."**

St. Faustina Kowalska / Feast Day October 5th



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

The readings today remind us that God has given us so many blessings, so much love, and so many opportunities to live in His grace. There are times, we turn away. At times, like the tenants in the Gospel, we refuse what God is offering us. We choose our own way. We choose sin. We choose things that can take us farther away from God. What is so beautiful about God is that He never gives up on us.

Even when we turn away from Him, God continues to come back to us. He continues to offer His love, His mercy, His pardon, and His forgiveness. He continually calls us home. He desires to reconcile our relationship with Him and to bring us closer to His heart. Think about how many times we have wounded the heart of God through our sins, our failures, our selfishness, or the times we have refused to listen to Him. Yet, God does not turn His back on us. He does not say, you have failed too many times. Instead, He looks upon us with gentle, loving, and caring eyes and says, come back to Me. This is the mercy of God. Sometimes we may think that we have to do something extraordinary before God will forgive us. The truth is that God is already waiting for us. In many ways, His mercy is there before we even think to ask for it. His heart is already open. His arms are already extended. The grace is already being offered. We simply have to receive it, Jesus is always there for us, calling us back home.

He calls us to trust Him again. He calls us to place our lives into His hands. He calls us to come to Confession, to receive His forgiveness, to receive the Eucharist, and to remain close to Him. How great is the love of Christ! His grace, His blessings, His mercy, and His love are greater than anything we could ever imagine. Today, we also remember the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi, who died in 1226. St. Francis, known as the Poor Little One, gave his heart completely to God.

He sought to live simply, humbly, and obediently, trusting that God would provide everything he needed. St. Francis understood something very important: everything comes from God, and everything should lead us back to God. As we remember St. Francis, let us ask him to pray and intercede for us. May his example help us to become more humble, more trusting, more loving, and more obedient to the Lord. May we, like St. Francis, be able to say with our whole heart: Lord, take my life, take my heart, and use me for Your glory. May God give us the grace to remain close to Him, to follow Him faithfully, and to receive with gratitude the love, mercy, grace, and blessings He is continually pouring into our lives. St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us.

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

Today is Respect Life Sunday



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.

Lunch / Recess Monitor Needed

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! [This is a paid position.](#)

Please call 610-828-3082 or Glanzmannb@spnschool.org

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 in October, date to be announced at 7PM, in the convent chapel. Call Sharon Otto at 484-804-1875.

Family Rosary

Join the Knights of Columbus on Wed, Oct 14th at 7PM at our shrine to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (or the Church for bad weather) for our rosary.



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Summer repair projects were all completed.

The cost of these projects is approx. \$400,000.00, we are only able to undertake these projects due to your support of the Summer Repairs Collection. Thank you for your faithful support.

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!



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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.

"Never do something permanently foolish just because you are temporarily upset."
"Whoever is slow to anger has great understanding..." Proverbs 14



October is Pro-Life Month

Items for mothers and babies in need may be placed in the crib in the vestibule during October. Most needed is diaper wipes, lg. diapers & new or used children's winter coats.



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

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.

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 we are also looking for volunteers to offer rides when they can, please call Brigid Isackman at 267-879-6534.

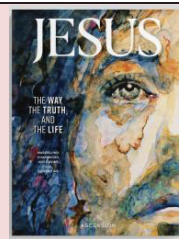
Exposition of Sacred Relics Holy Martyrs Church, Oreland

All Saints Day, Sunday, November 1st

After 9AM Mass until noon.

All Souls Day, Monday, November 2nd

After 8:30AM Mass until noon,
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**Thursdays, Oct 15, 22, 29, and Nov 5
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Winter/Spring schedule for Part 2 begins Feb 11th

Free will offering.

Light refreshments provided.

**Contact Barney McGee at 610-834-1975
or Sharon Otto at 484-804-1875
for more info.**



Friday, December 4th

Sip & Shop 6PM -9:30PM (adults only)

Saturday, December 5th

Breakfast with Santa 10AM – 4PM

spnchristmasextravaganza@gmail.com



Save the Date!!

SPN Women's Guild Presents

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Friday, 11/6/26, 7:00pm

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