

St. Philip Neri Church



“The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.”

October 11, 2026 / 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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



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.

Parish Staff

Michael Pastorius, *Business Manager*

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Mrs. Sharon Otto, *Director of Religious Education*

Elizabeth Shin, *Director of Music Ministry*

Barney McGee, *Parish Accountant*

**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.



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**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 Lisa L. Keane, Dyane Westerfer 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 10th

David Bartynski

Sunday, October 11th

7:30AM – Paul Davis (L)

9:30AM – John Connolly, Sr.

11AM – Sean Donnelly & Family

10th Anniversary

Monday, October 12th

8:30AM – Max Ryan

Tuesday, October 13th

8:30AM – Sophia & Witold Suchoicki

Wednesday, October 14th

St. Callistus I

8:30AM – Albert Francis Kuchler

Thursday, October 15th

St. Teresa of Jesus

8:30AM – Adeline Mandel

Friday, October 16th

Sts. Hedwig & Margaret Mary Alacoque

8:30AM – A.J. McGee

Saturday, October 17th

St. Ignatius of Antioch

8:30AM – Joseph M. Williams

Vigil – Kay Speers

Sunday, October 18th

7:30AM – Audrey Padova

9:30AM – Marie Macaitis

11AM – Molly Sabia – 5th Anniversary



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

in memory of Betty Calbot,
req'd by Eileen Gravinese.

2 candles will burn at the statue of St. Joseph,

1 memory of Bernadette Galanaugh,
req'd by Eileen Gravinese.

1 in memory of Barbara A. Stuhl,
2nd anniversary, req'd by her family.

We Welcome

Audrey Kay and Louis Raymond, daughter
and son of Louis & Vanessa Ciccolone. Both
were recently baptized here at St. Philip's!



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, Joan McGill, Rowan McNichol,
Anne Navarra, William Pinto, Patrick Ryan,
Chris Solarski, David Sparacino,
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.*

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.



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.

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.



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!



**"I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life."**



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 the great goodness of God. Isaiah gives us the beautiful image of a banquet prepared by the Lord, a feast of abundance, joy, and love. God desires to gather His children together and share His life with them. This is who our God is. He is a God who gives. He is a God who loves. He is a God who prepares a place for us. The Gospel speaks about a king who prepares a wedding feast for his son. The king sends his servants to call the invited guests, but some refuse to come. Others are too busy with the things of this world. Yet the king continues to open the doors and welcome others to the celebration. There is something here for each of us. God has given us the gift of life, and throughout our lives He calls us closer to Himself. He speaks to us through His Word, through the Church, through the Eucharist, through other people, and through the quiet moments of our hearts. The important thing is that we recognize His voice and open our hearts to Him. The readings also encourage us to remember something we often prefer not to think about: one day we will die. Our earthly journey will come to an end. For the Christian, death is not the end of the story. We have a Shepherd. As the Psalm says, **"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."** Christ, our Good Shepherd, does not abandon us. He walks beside us through every moment of our life even through the valley of death. When our strength fails, He remains faithful. When we are afraid, He remains near. This is why we can entrust our future to Him. Isaiah gives us a wonderful promise: God will destroy death forever, and He will wipe away the tears from every eye. Think of all the tears that have been shed in this life, tears caused by sickness, grief, loneliness, disappointment, and the loss of people we love. God sees them all. He promises that those tears will not have the final word. One day, for those who remain faithful to Him, there will be no more sorrow and no more death. There will be rejoicing, peace, and love in the presence of God. The banquet is the fullness of eternal life and the joy of being home with our Father. So, while we are still on this earth, let us live with our hearts turned toward that heavenly home. Let us not become so occupied with the things of this world that we forget where we are ultimately going. When God calls us closer to Him, let us respond with a generous yes. Let us welcome Christ into our hearts and allow the Good Shepherd to guide our lives. When the day comes for us to leave this world, may we be able to place ourselves peacefully into the hands of the Good Shepherd, trusting that He will lead us safely home.

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

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary.



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.

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 October 20th 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.



Fourth Annual Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 5, 2026

SPN Cafeteria

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Ticket information coming soon!

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

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.

St. John's Hospice

Casseroles can be home made or store bought. The next drop off dates are anytime between

Oct 31st & Nov 4th pickup is Wednesday Nov 4th.

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.**



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 (12 & under). Used car seats, strollers,



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.

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

Email: SJB7155@outlook.com

Call Greg S. at 610-331-2108 with questions.

Exposition of Sacred Relics

Holy Martyrs Church, Oreland

All Saints Day, Sunday, November 1st

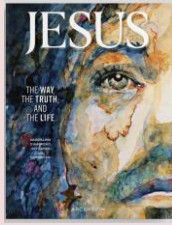
After 9AM Mass until noon.

All Souls Day, Monday, November 2nd

After 8:30AM Mass until noon,

and from 4PM to 7PM.

**"When the Lord appears, we shall be like Him,
for we shall see Him as He is."**



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Fall Schedule:

**Thursdays, Oct 15, 22, 29, and Nov 5
7 PM in the School Cafeteria**

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

Christmas Extravaganza 10AM -4PM

Breakfast with Santa 9AM – 11AM

spnchristmasextravaganza@gmail.com



Save the Date!! SPN Women's Guild

**"A Tasting Tour & Food
Pairing of Portugal"**

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

SPN School Hall, space is limited

Questions call Paula D.,

610-308-0797 or Deanna M.,

267-358-8015.

**"Look upon yourself as a tree planted beside the
water, which bears its fruit in due season; the
more it is shaken by the wind, the deeper it strikes
its roots into the ground."**

St. Margaret Mary / Feast Day Oct 16th



**American
Red Cross**

**SPN Blood Drive – Nov6th – Noon to 5PM
in the school gym**

**Call 1-800-RED-Cross or go to
www.redcrossblood.org and enter St. Philip
Neri to schedule appointment.**

**Copies of *Discover Catholic Philadelphia* are
available in the back of Church. We ask that you take
one per family as supplies are limited. Digital copies
can be downloaded free at DiscoverCatholic.com.
click on the Philadelphia icon.**

Knights of Columbus – Upcoming Events

Fall Pancake Breakfast, date to be announced.

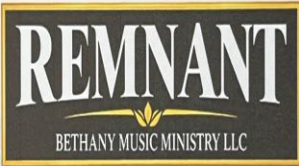
Capt'n Chuckies Seafood Sale in December

Christmas Memorial Lanterns

Annual Chance Drive

**Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Catholic Charismatic Renewal
Leadership Day**
**Saturday, November 7, 2026
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

Epiphany of Our Lord Church, 3050 Walton Rd., Ply. Mtg., PA



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