St. Philip Neri Church



"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Ceasar and to God what belongs to God."

October 18, 2026 / 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"The love of God makes us do great things"

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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 monthly. Call the Church Office at 610-834-1975.

Congratulations

The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony for Christopher Esparza-Gonzales and Emma Manley was celebrated here at St. Philip's on October 10th!



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 Thomas Carroll and the souls in purgatory. May God, in His mercy, grant them eternal rest and give peace to those who mourn.

We Welcome

Patrick O'Connor, son of Daniel & Emily Corr, Sofia Alessandra, daughter of Timothy & Jailene Flynn, Theodore William, son of Eric & Maura Schwarz, Cameron Sophia, daughter of Ryan Williams & Cassidy Hale. All were recently baptized here at St. Philips!



29th Week in Ordinary Time

5PM Vigil, October 17th
Kay Speers

Sunday, October 18th
7:30AM – Audrey Padova
9:30AM – Marie Macaitis
11AM – Molly Sabia – 5th Anniversary

Monday, October 19th
Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues & Companions
8:30AM – Joseph & Yolanda DeVita

Tuesday, October 20th
St. Paul of the Cross
8:30AM – John Link – 20th Anniversary

Wednesday, October 21st
8:30AM – Carmella Dziura

Thursday, October 22nd
St. John Paul II
8:30AM – Thomas Vezzosi

Friday, October 23rd
St. John of Capistrano
8:30AM – Jim Ingram – 31st Anniversary

Saturday, October 24th
St. Anthony Mary Claret
8:30AM – Stephano DeRobertis
Vigil – Annetta Terreri

Sunday, October 25th
7:30AM – Ann Padova
9:30AM – Claire Bennis
11AM – Joan Regan



1 candle will burn at the statue of the Blessed Mother,
in memory of Loralee V. Brown,
req'd by Eileen Gravinese.
1 candle will burn at the statue of St. Joseph,
In memory of Anthony Swiatek,
req'd by Jankowski Family.

Our Sisters of St. Joseph will be in the vestibule Oct 31st & Nov 1st after all Masses selling chances to benefit St. Joseph Villa in Flourtown.



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.

Parish Giving

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 sigh-up.
As always, thank you for your generosity!

"Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the Word of Life."



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

We give praise and thanks to God for His graces and blessings. In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God. The people were trying to trap Jesus with a difficult question, but He reminds them of an important truth: while we have responsibilities in this world; we must never forget that our first responsibility is to God. There are many things in our lives that compete for our attention. We can become caught up in our work, our responsibilities, our worries, and the things we want to accomplish. Sometimes, we can even allow these things to become more important than our relationship with God. Today, Jesus asks us to remember who we are and to whom we belong. There is only one God, and He is good, loving, and gracious to us. Think about how much God gives us each day. He gives us the gift of life, the people who love us, the blessings we sometimes take for granted, and the grace to get through difficult moments. He gives us His Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us and continues to nourish us in the Holy Eucharist. Even when we struggle, when we fall short, or when we turn away from Him, God never stops offering us His love and mercy. God does not ask us to repay Him for every blessing we receive. Rather, He asks us to respond to His goodness with a heart filled with love. He wants us to place our trust in Him, to make room for Him in our daily lives, and to share His love with the people around us. The greatest gift we can offer God is not simply our time, our possessions, or our words. It is our heart. We might ask ourselves today: What place does God have in my life? Do I turn to Him only when I need something, or do I remember to thank Him for His goodness every day? Do my words and actions show that I belong to Him? God has given us so much, and He patiently waits for us to respond with love. As we gather for the celebration of the Eucharist, let us remember that everything we have is ultimately a gift from God. We come before Him with our joys and sorrows, our hopes and fears, and all that we carry in our hearts. We offer Him our prayers, our struggles, and our gratitude, trusting that He will continue to provide what we truly need. Who will never abandon us. Let us give to God what belongs to God. Let us give Him our hearts, our love, our faith, and our lives. May we never take His goodness for granted, but instead seek to love Him more deeply each day. And may our lives become a beautiful response to the One who has loved us first and who will never abandon 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.
St. Philip Neri, pray for us. Have a blessed week,
Fr. Szparagowski

Blessing of all cars today after all Masses.
Ridge Pike & Germantown Pike Exits.



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, Nov 11th at 7PM in the Church 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, November 9th from 9AM to 5PM

Block Collection

If you haven't already received it, you will soon receive the annual Block Collection envelope / parish update form. This is a pivotal collection in the fiscal structure of our parish. Your past support has never wavered and we are most hopeful this year will be no different. Your generosity provides a sound base from which we maintain and grow our Parish Campus.

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

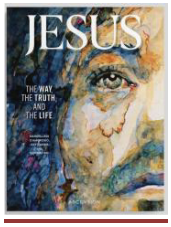
Items for mothers and babies in need may be placed in the crib in the vestibule during October. Most needed is diaper wipes, lg. diapers & new or used children's winter coats (12 & under). Used car seats, strollers,



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

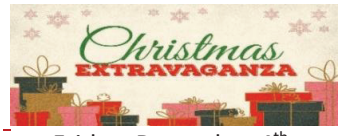
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Call Greg S. at 610-331-2108 with questions.



Jesus - The Way, the Truth and the Life

Experience a fresh, life-changing encounter with Christ. This 9-session Catholic Bible study filmed on location in the Holy Land. Presented in two parts!

Fall Schedule:
Thursdays, Oct 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.

"When you stop chasing the wrong things you give the right things a chance to catch you."
"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!"
Isaiah 43:18-19

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.

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Knights of Columbus – Upcoming Events

Fall Pancake Breakfast, November 1st.
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Capt'n Chuckies Seafood Sale in December
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Christmas Memorial Lanterns
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Annual Chance Drive



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