St. Philip Neri Church



"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart...
You shall love your neighbor as yourself..."

October 25, 2026 / 30th 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

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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.

Blessings & Congratulations

Ryan Brennan & Erin McMenamin were recently married here at St. Philips! We wish them health, happiness and God's richest blessings as they begin their new life together.



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.

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.



30th Week in Ordinary Time

5PM Vigil, October 24th
Annetta Terreri

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

Monday, October 26th
8:30AM – Deceased Members of Ingram Family

Tuesday, October 27th
8:30AM – Elizabeth Peirce

Wednesday, October 28th
Sts. Simon & Jude
8:30AM – Anne Marie Melough

Thursday, October 29th
8:30AM – James Conway

Friday, October 30th
8:30AM – Carol Tierney

Saturday, October 31st
8:30AM – Claire Bennis
Vigil – Andrew Lins

Sunday, November 1st
7:30AM – Dr. James Madden
9:30AM – Marcia & Mike Marone
11AM – Thomas DiGiacomo, Sr.



1 candle will burn at the statue of the Blessed Mother,
in memory of Barbara Gibson,
req'd by Eileen Gravinese.
1 candle will burn at the statue of St. Joseph,
In memory of Joan Chassey,
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, 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.



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. There is a sign-up sheet in today's bulletin, please take a look.** Contact 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!

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.



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

One of the most beautiful things we learn about God throughout Sacred Scripture is that our God is compassionate, loving, and merciful. He is not a God who abandons us when we struggle or turns away when we cry out to Him. Rather, He is a loving Father who hears our prayers, knows our hearts, and desires to draw us closer to Himself. In the first reading, God reminds His people that He hears the cries of those who suffer and calls us to treat others with compassion, especially the poor, the vulnerable, and those who are in need. We cannot claim to love God while ignoring the needs of our brothers and sisters. The love we receive from the Lord must become the love we share with others. Psalm 18 gives us a beautiful prayer: **"I love you, Lord, my strength."** The Lord is our rock, our fortress, and our deliverer. He is the One in whom we can place our trust, especially during the difficult moments of life. There are times when we feel overwhelmed by our worries, our burdens, or the challenges we face. We may wonder how we will get through another day. Yet the Lord reminds us that we do not have to face these struggles alone. He is our strength when we are weak, our hope when we are discouraged, and our refuge when we need His peace. How important it is for us to turn to the Lord in prayer, not only when things are difficult, but every day of our lives. He desires a personal relationship with each of us. He wants us to know His love, trust in His mercy, and recognize the many blessings He continues to give us. In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us the two greatest commandments: to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. These commandments remind us that our Catholic faith is not simply about following rules or coming to church on Sunday. It is about a relationship of love with God and with one another. If we truly love God, that love must be reflected in the way we treat others. It means being patient when someone tests our patience, offering forgiveness when we have been hurt, reaching out to someone who feels forgotten, and showing kindness even when it is not easy. Sometimes the person who needs our love the most is the person we find most difficult to love. As a parish family, we are called to be people who reflect the compassion and mercy of Jesus Christ. In our homes, our school, our prep, our parish, and our daily encounters, may they recognize something of God's goodness through our words and actions. A simple act of kindness, a listening ear, a word of encouragement, or a prayer offered for someone in need can make a tremendous difference. Let us never forget how deeply God loves us. He hears our cries, forgives our sins, strengthens us in our struggles, and continually invites us to trust in Him. May we always be able to pray with confidence, "I love you, Lord, my strength." Because we have received so much love and mercy from our heavenly Father, may we strive to share that same love and mercy with everyone we meet. Let us love God with our whole heart and love one another as Christ has loved us. In doing so, we will become the people God calls us to be and bring His life, love, hope, and compassion into our world.

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 in November, 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, 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,



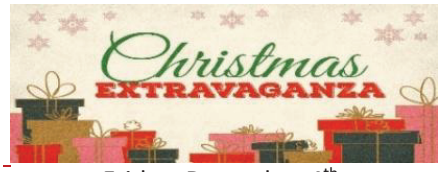
All major food stores and major clothes retailers have cards available; go to the website for a complete list. These programs help **support our school** and is **driven by parishioner participation**…give it a try! GIANT, ACME, SHOP RITE, WEIS, KOHLS, just to name a few. Cards are available in the Office.

St. John the Baptist Parish
Class of 1971 - 8th Grade Reunion

Sat, Nov 7th, 1PM-4PM @Brittingham's
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Call Greg S. at 610-331-2108 with questions.

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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

Metropolitian 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.

Digital copies of *Discover Catholic Philadelphia* are available at DiscoverCatholic.com. click on the Philadelphia icon.

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast



Fall Pancake Breakfast, November 1st. after the 7:30AM & 9:30AM Mass in the school cafeteria.
A free will offering that will benefit the Knight's charitable activity.

American Red Cross

SPN Blood Drive – Nov 6th – 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

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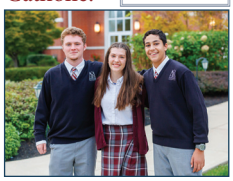
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