

Church of Saint Philip Neri
Pennsburg, PA 18073
February 4, 2018



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Church & Rectory Address:

1325 Klinerd Rd; Pennsburg 18073

Hours: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Email Address: ofcmgr@spnparish.org
Website Address: www.spnparish.org

Religious Education Office Summer Hours:

26 E. Sixth Street, East Greenville, PA 18041
Monday & Friday: Offices are closed
Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Wednesday: 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Email address: prep@spnparish.org

Neri Center Address

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Catholic Family Life Center Address

26 E. Sixth Street, East Greenville, PA 18041
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Youth Ministry Office hours: (East Greenville)

Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Wednesday: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Email address: youthministry@spnparish.org

ROSARY: Prayed in the Chapel

Monday's at 1:00 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION in St. Anne Chapel

Monday – Friday:

9:00 am - 7:00 PM

Saturday:

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

First Friday's:

10:00 AM - 7:00 PM followed by Benediction.

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

For a floral arrangement to be placed at the altar, please call the rectory.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday – Vigil Mass – 5:00 PM

Sunday – 7:30 AM; 10:00 AM

Holy Day Masses as announced

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE - St. Anne Chapel

The Chapel is open Monday thru Saturday until 7:00 PM for your visits to the Blessed Sacrament.

Daily Mass is celebrated in the Chapel attached to the rectory:

Monday's: Communion Service: 8:00 AM

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - 8:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 4:00 – 4:45 PM

or: at the Rectory BY APPOINTMENT.

BAPTISMS: Please call the Rectory to schedule

2nd Sunday Baptisms are held at the 10 AM Mass

3rd Sunday Baptisms are held at 11:30 AM

SPONSORS: Sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation

need to be at least 16 years of age, be baptized and

Receive the Sacraments of Communion

and Confirmation, attend Mass weekly, and if

married, be in a valid Marriage.

PRE-JORDAN CLASSES

Call the Rectory Office to schedule.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements should be made at least SIX

MONTHS before the date of the wedding.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Stop by or call the rectory between 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

SHUT-INS

Call the Parish Outreach Office.

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Call the Rectory Office.

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are the Catholic Parish Community of St. Philip Neri, answering Christ's call to discipleship through Word, Sacrament and Service. We proclaim God's hope and love to all.

Station of the Cross and Benediction will be held every Friday during lent beginning on **Friday, Feb 16th** and continuing every Friday thereafter until **Good Friday Mar 30th**.

The starting times will alternate each week as listed below, with the services lasting approximately 45-60 min. It is our hope that by altering the starting time, individuals and families will find more opportunities to participate in these services as a way to walk and draw closer to Christ during the Lenten season. Any questions contact the rectory, or see Fr. Roncase, Deacons Mike or Pat.

Lent 2018 - Stations of the Cross and Benediction Schedule:

Date	Time	Services
Friday, Feb 16th	7 -8 PM	Stations & Benediction
Friday, Feb 23rd	3-4 PM	Stations & Benediction
Friday, Mar 2nd	7 -8 PM	Stations & Benediction
Friday, Mar 9th	3-4 PM	Stations & Benediction
Friday, Mar 16th	7 -8 PM	Stations & Benediction
Friday, Mar 23rd	3-4 PM	Stations & Benediction
Friday, Mar 30th	3PM	Out-door Stations (weather permitting)

Communion Services during Lent:

Communion services will be made available in the Chapel during the Lenten season beginning on Thursday Feb 15th, continuing each day Monday through Friday, with the last service **ending on Wed Mar 28th**. The starting times will vary with the day, whereas, on **Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays**, services will begin at **6:30 AM** (morning); and on **Tuesday and Thursdays**, services will begin at **4:30 PM** (afternoon). Duration of the services are expected to last approx. 20 min. Any questions contact the rectory or see Fr. Roncase, Deacons Mike or Pat.

Serving at Mass
Extraordinary Ministers

February 11
Lectors

5:00 pm – Sharon Shaak
Alice Swift
Priest
Deacon
Dave Boone
Teri Boone
Linda Benko
John Burke
Catherine Cahill
Lee Johnson
Doug DiTondo
Linda DiTondo

J. Warnas

7:30 am – Maureen Moser
Paul Moser
Priest
Deacon
Anthony Pongia
Joan Pongia

C. Mullaney

10:00 am – Christine Adelsberger
Stephan Adelsberger
Priest
Deacon
Rose Anderson
Mary E. Paulk

B. Lear
B. Keeley

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 4, 2018

Monday, February 5, Saint Agatha
9:00 AM – 7:00 PM - Adoration in the Chapel
8:00 AM – Communion Service

Tuesday, February 6, Saint Paul Miki
8:00 am – Mildred Giambrone,
(James & Mary R. Giambrone)
9:00 AM - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel

Wednesday, February 7
8:00 am – Barbara Geist, (“Advent Angel”)
9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel

Thursday, February 8, Saint Jerome Emilani,
Saint Josephine Bakhita
8:00 am – Dorene Juers, (Tom & Cheryl Pirri)
9:00 AM – 7:00 PM - Adoration in the Chapel

Friday, February 9
8:00 am – Shirley Preston, (Joan Mullaney)
9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel

Saturday, February 10, Saint Scholastica
10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
5:00 pm – Stanley Misiak

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2018

7:30 am – Virginia Piechocki, (Lori Brozena)

10:00 am – For the Living and Deceased
Members of the Parish.

WE INVITE YOUR PRAYERS

For the sick, those in hospitals, nursing homes, also for their caregivers; and all those we hold close in our hearts.

Please pray in particular for:

Philip Myers; Michael Quigley.

For those who have died, and in particular for, grant them eternal rest and peace.

PARISH NEWS

SAINT PHILIP NERI

AT LARGE PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Welcome any questions or comments you may have.

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Theresa Walker: cheg1978@comcast.net

HOUSE BLESSINGS

House Blessings can be arranged by calling or emailing Shirley Misiak at the rectory during business hours, Monday thru Friday (9:30 AM – 4:30 PM) (215.679.9275) or email to:

ofcmgr@spnparish.org to make a request.

The request will then be recorded and then forwarded to one of the Deacons who will follow up with a phone call to schedule a visit.

LECTORS NEEDED

We are in need of more Lectors to assist at Mass and various Liturgies; therefore, are inviting all parishioners, age 16 years and older to consider becoming a Lector. The only qualifications are a willingness to open yourself to the Holy Spirit and become a voice in the service of our Lord. Training will be offered to help everyone become comfortable before being scheduled to read. Please consider this Calling; if you are interested or would like more information, contact Deacon Pat: deaconpat@spnparish.org, 215.901.8446 (cell number) or contact Shirley at the rectory: ofcmgr@spnparish.org.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

January 29, 2017	January 28, 2018
Envelopes: \$ 5,662.00	\$ 6,619.00
Online: 1,537.00	1,308.00
Loose: 869.00	752.00
Children: 46.00	5.00
Total: \$8,114.00	\$8,684.00

Catholic Relief Services: \$1,574.00

SPECIAL SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:

February 2018

For those who do not receive Sunday collection envelopes or if you are an on-line giver, the following special collections are: **Ash Wednesday; Care of Aging/Ill Priests; 100th Anniversary & Parish Debt Collection 1st Quarter.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Prayer and Praise Group will now meet on Wednesday evenings in the Saint Anne Chapel from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM. If anyone is interested in joining the group, call Jan Valeriano at: 215.668.3854 for further information.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: 2017

Any parishioner requesting a copy of their contribution statement for 2017, call the rectory office between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM or email to: ofcmgr@spnparish.org. Statements are mailed upon request only.

PARISH IMPROVEMENTS

In response to parishioner's inquiries, if you would like to make a donation to a specific project being considered by the Church, please put your check or cash in an envelope and place the project you want to donate to on the front of the envelope and put it in the Sunday collection or drop off at the Rectory.

Your dollars will be put towards your specific project. The top four (4) projects currently being looked into are:

1. New Church Roof
2. New Church AC
3. Repaving Church Parking Lot
4. Refurbishing of Church Organ

BIBLE STUDY

Beginning February 15, 2018, for six (6) weeks, the St. Philip Neri Bible Study Group will be studying Journey Through the Scriptures Series - **The Bible and Virgin Mary.**

As in the past, there will be two (2) six (6) week sessions: Thursday evenings starting at 7:00 PM and Friday mornings at 9:00 AM (with the exception of First Friday) will start at 10:00 AM.

Our Bible Study sessions are held at the Neri Center in East Greenville.

If you are interested in joining the group, call Joan Lampart at: 215.529.5686 or email to: jmlampart@verizon.net.

The cost is \$25 dollars for the Study Book.

H.O.P.E.

H.O.P.E. Ministry is looking for someone to bring a newly registered parishioner to Mass.

She lives in Pennsburg and has no specific preference for Saturday or Sunday. Can you help? If available, call Mary Ellen Paulk at 215.679.6641.

H.O.P.E. SCHEDULES

Just a reminder that the H.O.P.E. Schedules for 2018 have been printed and now ready for pickup in small room of the Church Vestibule.

SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH

All-You-Can-Eat Buffet Breakfast!

Sunday - February 11, 2018

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Menu: Scrambled eggs. Bacon. Sausage.
Scrapple. Chipped beef.
Home fried potatoes.
Pancakes (plain and one topping).
Cereal. Toast
Milk. Coffee. Hot tea. 3 juices.**

Omelette Station: prepared to order - always with a minimum of four (4) different ingredients.

Make your own Waffles:

Fix'n Bar:

Yogurt, Granola and Fresh Fruit

Homemade Egg Rolls for sale!

For every 100 sold breakfasts, one FREE will be given away!

Seniors (60 & up):	\$ 8.00
Adults (11 - 60)	\$ 9.00
Ages: 4 - 11	\$ 5.00
4 & under:	\$ 1.00

Checks and major credit cards are accepted.

FRIENDLY VISITORS

Thanks to all who volunteer their time to keep company with people who are lonely and in need of emotional support.

If anyone is interested in volunteering in this ministry, call LaRue Emmell at: 215.679.3086.

Give a St. Philip Neri Memorial Gift!

For a donation of \$35 or more, there is a beautiful Folder recording the gift and donor to be presented to the family.

In memory of **Patricia Meinzer**; requested by: Carol Bradley; Pete & Linda Frank; Bob and Marianne Peters; Mary Rose & Jim Giambrone; Kitty Heebner & Dave and Trudy Moser.

We also have Living Memorials for those special occasions in life.

In Honor of **Sister Patricia Kelly, M.S.B.T.** on her Retirement; requested by: Joanna Zappala and Rose Devitt.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 6614



St. Philip Neri Knights of Columbus Father Letterhouse Council 6614 is running a Food Drive on the weekend of February 10/11; and we need your help to stock the shelves at the Open Link's Food Cupboard!

Join us in our efforts by donating canned goods and non-perishable food items such as: Boxed meals, canned vegetables, juice, soup/stew, canned meats, canned pasta, boxed pasta, canned fruits, cereal and peanut butter. We will also be accepting monetary donations that will go directly to The Open Link. Together, we can make sure that NO child, adult or senior in the Upper Perkiomen Valley goes hungry.

Collection sites: SPN Church after Masses, Parish Hall, of the Catholic Family Life Center. Contact Matt Fuhs at 267.218.2755 or email to matthew.fuhs@comcast.net.

CALLING ALL MEN!!

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

Are you looking to enrich your faith journey? Are you interested in serving God, your Parish, your Pastor, your Community? Are you looking for more fellowship with other male parishioners? Consider joining the Knights of Columbus. The KOC Leo Letterhouse Council 6614 will be holding a Membership Drive at all Mass on the weekend of February 10/11. Any Catholic male 18 years of age and older in good Catholic Standing is eligible. Knights will be at the doors of all Masses to answer any questions and to hand out applications. Call Terry Benner - 215.234.0354 for more info.

SPN CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE CENTER



UPCOMING EVENTS:

(Registration required for all Events/Programs)

Saturday, February 17 - Lehigh Valley Phantoms vs. Hartford Wolf Pack at PPL Center, Allentown, PA

It's "Go for Gold" night between these two great rivals! Cost: \$47/adult; \$22/child (includes ticket and transportation). 6:00 pm - 10:30 pm

Wednesday, March 7 - Philadelphia Flower Show - Philadelphia Convention Center

This year's theme is "Wonder of Water"! Wander around an amazing world of great gardening/design dating back to 1829! Cost is \$52 (includes ticket and transportation). 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Saturday, March 10 - "Cross & Light" - St. John Bosco's, Hatboro, PA - This is an international, critically acclaimed musical and video surround experience on the Passion and Resurrection of Christ and the coming of the Holy Spirit! Cost: \$40.00 (includes ticket and transportation). 11:45 am - 3:30 pm.

Saturday, April 14 – Museum of the Bible – Washington, DC - Enjoy an immersive and personalized experience as you explore one of the world's largest assemblies of biblical artifacts and texts in the world!

Cost: \$57 (includes tickets and transportation). Lunch and dinner are not included. 7:00 am – 6:00 pm. Registration due Mar. 30.

JOYFUL HEART LOUNGE AND LIBRARY –

All DVD Blu-Ray movies shown on Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons are available to rent out for free! Also check out our periodicals and magazines; e.g., *Our Sunday Visitor*, *Catholic Digest*, *Good News*, *Reminisce*, *America*, and *Town & Country!* Hours are Tues/Wed/Thurs 8:30 am – 2:00 pm and Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

SPN SENIOR CLUB NEWS

The SPN Senior Club held its monthly Gathering on Wednesday, January 24th with 109 members in attendance.

Birthday winner was Rosalie Morgan; Door prize winner of an Eagles Football Candy Machine and 50/50 winner was Kim Jacobs.

Don't forget to call with your reservation by February 23rd for the next luncheon. See Flyer in today's Bulletin.

SPN SENIOR CLUB CALENDAR 2018

February 28:
Luncheon – Celebrate MARDI GRAS
Speaker: Roseanne Strang from TransNet

March 28:
Third Anniversary Luncheon:
Wearin' of the Green

April 9:
Bus Trip to Atlantic City Casino

April 25:
Luncheon
Speaker: Dr. Stephen Eiss on Aging Eyes

May 23:
Luncheon
Mother's & Father's Day Celebration

June 27:
Lunch
Maintaining Physical Balance – David Brewer

July 10:
Bus Trip to Atlantic City Casino

August 20:
Bus Trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse –
“Nun sense”

August 22:
Luncheon
Speaker: Kevin Crilley – Green Lane Park:
“Then and Now”

September 26:
Luncheon
“Navigating the Government Systems for Senior Services”

October 11:
Bus trip to Penn's Peak:
“An afternoon with Dolly & Kenny”

October 24:
Luncheon/Halloween Party

November 14:
*Luncheon:
Honoring our Veterans – Missing Man

November 30:
Bus Trip to American Music Theatre:
“The First Noel”

December 19:
*Luncheon:
St. Mary's School/Children's Choir

*not 4th week due to holidays

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Every Man Has This Mission

It is the mission of every man to guide his sons and other boys into mature manhood. Are you equipped to accomplish this? Come learn about Fraternus, a parish-based ministry in which adult Catholic men are formed to be "True Mentors" to help guide boys into authentic, virtue-based manhood rooted in Jesus Christ.

Catholic Men are invited to learn more at a Fraternus Information Session on **Monday, February 12, 2018 at 7pm** at St. Charles Seminary in Wynnewood. No charge to attend.

Please RSVP at phillyevang.org/events. To learn more about Fraternus, visit fraternus.net.



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

Sunday, Feb 04, 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Let's magnify our unity

These days the game seems to be to capitalize on differences. Do you belong to the other (morally reprehensible) political party? Are you a member of the wrong religion—or no religion at all? Are you part of that bone-headed (fill-in-the-blank) generation? Are you less American than I am because of X, Y, or Z? Saint Paul chose a more challenging method of dialogue. He sought common ground: Are you from the Jewish or the Greek worldview? So am I! Are you a sinner or believer? Me too! Join the human race, and find family everywhere.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39 (74). "I have become all things to all, to save at least some."*

Monday, Feb 05, 2018

MEMORIAL OF AGATHA, VIRGIN, MARTYR

Inner peace be with you

It's stories like that of Agatha, a young virgin from Sicily (d. 251) who was tortured by having her breasts cut off, that make following in the footsteps of the saints seem so, well, horrible. But what's often missing from popular accounts of the lives of saints is their ability to find God, and therefore joy, in all things—including those experiences that an observer might consider unbearable. Today as we contemplate our own voluntary deprivations during the upcoming season of Lent, we can glimpse the inner peace

that conquers hardship when our intention is, as Agatha put it, that "Christ possess alone all that I am."

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56 (329). "They . . . began to bring in the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was."*

Tuesday, Feb 06, 2018

MEMORIAL OF PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Give your all

Japanese-born Paul Miki (1562-97) was baptized at age 5. A man of his culture with a profound knowledge of Buddhism, he made an effective and affectionate preacher among the Japanese. When his fellow Jesuits were expelled from Japan, he remained and was eventually crucified with 25 others in Nagasaki. For each generation of Christians the demands of faith and the promises of Christ remain the same: Love God and love one another and you will live in love eternally.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13 (330). "You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."*

Wednesday, Feb 07, 2018

What's for break-fast?

With the season of Lent and its practice of fasting arriving next week, it's a little puzzling to remember that Jesus was a great *breaker* of fasts and violator of religious food rules—that was one thing that got him into trouble with the authorities. His followers gathered grain on the Sabbath because they were hungry. He ate with sinners and outcasts. He simply *did not follow the rules*, but for a purpose: to show how the rules should not control but rather serve to bring a person into a more loving relationship with God and neighbor. What makes a person holy is not external observance but internal faith

and love, which leads to right behavior.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23 (331)*. "Everything that goes into a person from outside cannot defile But what comes out of the man, that is what defiles."

Thursday, Feb 08, 2018

MEMORIAL OF JEROME EMILIANI

Let the children come

Born into a noble family, Jerome Emiliani (1481-1537) led the life of a carefree and dissolute soldier. After being captured and imprisoned, however, he underwent a conversion. Upon release he began devoting his resources to overseeing the educations of his nephews and caring for the sick and poor. Eventually he dedicated himself to abandoned children, of whom he is now the patron saint. Jerome helps us to remember that unwanted children are all around us, and that all children need care and support.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30 (332)*. "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

Friday, Feb 09, 2018

Embody mercy

Abraham Maslow's hierarchy of needs is a theory in psychology that proposes that human beings must have their basic physical and emotional needs met before they can realize their fullest potential. Catholics are expected to help others satisfy those needs through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, which include feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and visiting the sick as well as teaching those who lack education, forgiving offenses willingly, and comforting the afflicted. Through works of mercy the world gets closer to reaching its fullest potential. Let's all get to work!

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Mark 7:31-37 (333)*. "He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Saturday, Feb 10, 2018

MEMORIAL OF SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

Devote yourself from beginning to end

We know few facts about Saint Scholastica: She lived in Italy in the fifth and sixth centuries, was the sister of Saint Benedict, became a nun and a prioress, and helped found Benedictine monasticism. Yet, thanks to two brief comments by Saint Gregory the Great, we know volumes about *how* she lived her life. Of her childhood Gregory wrote: "She was devoted to God from a very early age," and a few paragraphs later he added that when she died "her soul ascended into heaven in the likeness of a dove." Though seemingly innocuous, these comments are like bookends of Scholastica's existence and give us a sense of the rich content of her biography. As you think about your life's journey, what do your bookends look like?

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10 (334)*. "My heart is moved with pity for the crowd."



SPN SENIOR CLUB LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2018

11:30 AM - PARISH HALL

Our speaker will be Roseanne Strang

From:

TRANSNET

Reservations are a must!

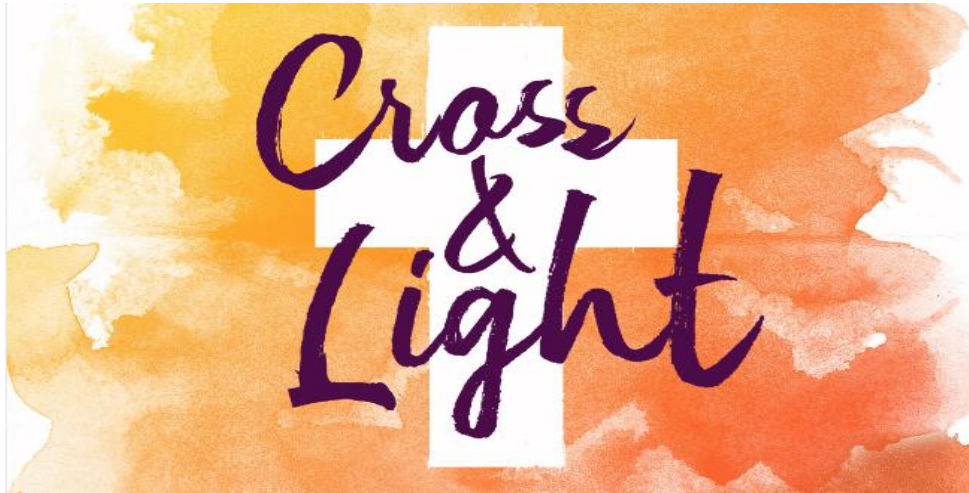
Call Rita Latshaw at 215.679.7009

Reservation deadline is February 23, 2018

Suggested lunch offering is \$5.00 pp



CROSS & LIGHT MUSICAL AND VIDEO EXPERIENCE
ST. JOHN BOSCO'S CHURCH, HATBORO, PA
SATURDAY, MARCH 10
11:45 AM - 3:30 PM



REGISTRATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 24

A bus ride is planned to this international, critically acclaimed musical and video surround experience of Christ's Passion, Resurrection, and the coming of the Holy Spirit!

Its powerful evangelism portrays the story of who Jesus is, what He did for us, and how He calls us to live!

Cost: \$40 includes tickets and transportation

REGISTER: www.catholicfamilylifecenter.com; or mail form with check payable to SPN CFLC to:
SPN Catholic Family Life Center, 26 East 6th St., East Greenville, PA 18041; or phone 215-679-2237.

Name: _____

*Email: _____

Address: _____

*Phone: _____

City/State: _____

Zip Code: _____

*Required for notification of change or cancellation