

**Church of Saint Philip Neri  
Pennsburg, PA 18073  
February 11, 2018**



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**Religious Education Office Summer Hours:**

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**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

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Baptisms are held at the 10 AM Mass

3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

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 16<sup>th</sup>** and continuing every Friday thereafter until **Good Friday Mar 30<sup>th</sup>**.

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:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Services</b>
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 15<sup>th</sup>, continuing each day Monday through Friday, with the last service **ending on Wed Mar 28<sup>th</sup>**. 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**

5:00 pm – Lisa Edleman  
Mike Edleman  
Priest  
Deacon  
Dawn Ellis  
Bob Ellis

### **February 18** **Lectors**

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7:30 am – Marlene Leidy                      B. Leidy  
Lori Brozena  
Priest  
Deacon  
Jan Valeriano  
Mary Weber

10:00 am – Dawn McCausland              E. Tryon  
Amanda Charlton                              L. Verna  
Priest  
Deacon  
Kevin Charlton  
Maryanne Charlton  
Terry Benner  
Wendy Benner  
Bob Brennan  
Eleanor Brennan  
Madeleine Gehringer  
Leonette Nicolaou

### **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** **February 11, 2018**

Monday, February 12  
9:00 AM – 7:00 PM - Adoration in the Chapel  
8:00 AM – Communion Service

Tuesday, February 13  
8:00 am – Teresa Harvey, (Grandson)  
9:00 AM - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel

Ash Wednesday, February 14  
6:30 am – (Chapel)  
9:00 am – Pat Meinzer, (Bob & Dawn Ellis)  
7:00 pm – Helen DeAngelis,  
(Andrew & Mary Souder)  
10:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel

Thursday, February 15  
8:00 am – Mike Metzinger,  
(SPN Holy Rosary Group)  
4:30 pm – Communion Service  
9:00 AM – 7:00 PM - Adoration in the Chapel

Friday, February 16  
6:30 am – Communion Service  
8:00 am – Joseph Bintner Sr. (Joan Mullaney)  
9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel  
7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 17  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel  
5:00 pm - For the Living and Deceased Members  
of the Parish.

### **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**February 18, 2018**

7:30 am - Ron DiGirolamo, (KOC #6614 Council)  
10:00 am - Dolores Bucci, (Cathy & Jeff Wieand)

#### **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 and  
Barbara Schwind.**

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

#### **PARISH NEWS**

##### **SAINT PHILIP NERI**

##### **AT LARGE PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Welcome any questions or comments you  
may have.

Tony Bauer: [ajbauer337@gmail.com](mailto:ajbauer337@gmail.com)

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Theresa Walker: [cheg1978@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:deaconpat@spnparish.org), 215.901.8446  
(cell number) or contact Shirley at the  
rectory: [ofcmgr@spnparish.org](mailto:ofcmgr@spnparish.org).

#### **SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

February 5, 2017	February 4, 2018
Envelopes: \$ 5,875.00	\$ 5,846.00
Online: 1,831.00	1,587.00
Loose: 144.00	463.00
Children: 27.00	6.00
Total: \$7,877.00	\$7,902.00

#### **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; 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Parish  
Debt Collection 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter.**

#### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## **FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

### **AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT**

**2018**

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten Education Programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.

### **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: SPN Daily Chapel Mass Attendees.

In memory of Beatrice Dzurenda; requested by: Mary Jane Dzurenda.

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

## **CAR SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Car Show Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall at 7:00 PM.

If anyone would like to be part of this committee, call Pete Frank: 215.679.6942 or just come out to the meeting; everyone is welcome!

## **SPN CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE CENTER**



### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**(Registration required for all Events/Programs)**

**Friday, February 16** - Friday Night Free Movie: *Hidden Figures* - The incredible story of 3 brilliant African-American women working at NASA. They served as the brains behind the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit, a stunning achievement that restored the nation's confidence and turned around the Space Race!

7:00 pm - Neri Center - Refreshments will be served!

**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 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"

**Calendar** (continued)

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

**ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS**

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday, April 28 at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul at the 5:15 PM Vigil Mass with Archbishop Charles Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., presiding. This mass is to pray for and with all married couples who are newlyweds, or who have been married 25 years or more, or 50 years and more. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend. Registration required.

**March 3, 2018 7:30 AM- 4:30 PM**  
**Event: Man-Up Spirituality Conference "Christ Crucified - the Power and Wisdom of God"**  
This year, we celebrate the 10th Annual Man Up Spirituality Conference in the Archdiocese.

The conference provides an opportunity for men to come together in true Christian brotherhood and to hear inspirational talks from fellow men on the journey of faith. **Location:** Mirenda Center – Neumann University in Aston.

To learn more: [manupphilly.com](http://manupphilly.com)

**AREA NEWS**

**LENTEN PARISH MISSION**

**MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH**

**610 Pine Street – Bally**

**February 18 – 21**

**7:00 PM Prayer Service each evening**  
**Confessions 6:00-6:30 PM each evening**  
**Mass at 8:00 AM each morning**

**Our restless hearts need God’s GPS from here to Eternity! With Fr. Denis Wilde, OSA, Associate Director – Priests for Life**

**Daily Themes:**

**Sunday – Where is that GPS when I need it? Our destiny is mapped with the compass of Conscience and Creed.**

**Monday – That GPS is handed on to us! Our Church lavishes Sacraments to set our eternal blessings.**

**Tuesday – People of Life leave no one by the wayside! All lives matter – born and unborn – rescued, welcomed and revered on the Way.**

**Wednesday – Our Life, Our Sweetness and Our Hope! Our Lady points us to her Son, the Way on Our Journey, who in turn offers Truth and Life Forever!**

**\*Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament all day Tuesday.**

**\*Wine and Cheese Social Wednesday after the last Service.**

**METANOIA ([metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com))**

Tuesday, February 13:  
Bible Study @ St. Rose of Lima: 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, February 20:  
Theology on Tap @ Appalachian Brewing Co., Colledgeville. Doors open at 7PM; talk starts 7:30PM.  
Speaker is: Megan Mastroianni

Tuesday, February 27:  
Holy Hour @ Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales at 7:30 PM



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

**Sunday, Feb 11, 2018**

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Walk into the desert**

Fans of Maria Muldaur recall the song “Midnight at the Oasis” and its incongruous line about sneaking off to a desert frolic amid the cacti. Ouch! A better reason to head out to the desert is to drink from the still and empty silence. It’s one of those thin places where the veil between you and God becomes rapidly transparent. But you don’t need arid terrain to meet your Maker. Find some local still space and visit there often.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31–11:1; Mark 1:40-45 (77).*  
*“[Jesus] remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.”*

**Monday, Feb 12, 2018**

**Time to go to trial**

Everyone experiences difficulties at some point in their lives. No matter how fortunate a person may be, going a lifetime without adversity is next to impossible. The early church from time to time went through trials of a different sort: hostility, persecution, and the general tension of living in a world that did not share its beliefs. These days there is still friction between a life of faith and an increasingly skeptical world. The response of some is to condemn that world rather than engage it. On this score, however, contemporary Christians can learn from the first ones, who saw in trials the opportunity to grow in virtue and develop their faith.

TODAY'S READINGS: *James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13 (335).* “*Consider it all joy, my brothers and sisters, when you encounter various trials.*”

**Tuesday, Feb 13, 2018**

**Rise up in faith**

As any baker can tell you, a small amount of leaven—yeast—goes a long way, working its effect on a much larger mass of dough. For this reason Jews of Jesus’ age saw the fermentation process brought on by leaven as a metaphor for a corrupting influence, something that in excess was in danger of overflowing its container. Jesus warned his disciples to be on guard against the “leaven” of leaders—religious or political—who sought to manipulate the people by exercising authority beyond proper boundaries. Jesus had a healthy skepticism about authority not grounded in humility and respect. And that’s a wise attitude, history teaches us.

TODAY'S READINGS: *James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21 (336).* “*Guard against the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.*”

**Wednesday, Feb 14, 2018**

**ASH WEDNESDAY; DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

**A day for lovers of mercy and kindness**

From the time many of us were kids, our Lenten practice began with giving something up. This is the core of an ancient tradition of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. In the words of fifth-century Doctor of the church Peter Chrysologus: “When you fast, see the fasting of others. If you want God to know you are hungry, know that another is hungry. If you hope for mercy, show mercy. If you look for kindness, show kindness. If you want to receive, give. . . . Let us use fasting to make up for what we have lost by despising others.”

TODAY'S READINGS: *Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20–6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 (219).* “*And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites who show others they are fasting.*”

**Thursday, Feb 15, 2018**

**THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY**

**Discernment is a gift**

Some multiple-choice questions require no research whatsoever. When Moses sets life and death before the people and asks them to choose, the right answer is not obscure. When he likewise offers them blessings and curses, we know for sure which we would prefer. So why does human history so often swerve into the “death and curses” lane anyway? Because these options don’t always come with truthful labels. Death-dealing situations arrive disguised as necessary evils, and curse-laden choices are sugarcoated with false promises. Discerning the true nature of things requires the Holy Spirit’s guidance.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25 (220).* “*Today I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses.*”

**Friday, Feb 16, 2018**

**FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY; DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

**Be fast to offer assistance**

Lent is just getting under way, a good time to carefully consider one of its key traditions: *fasting*. What can fasting mean in our health-conscious culture? The fasting of Lent is not about eating less for its own sake. In the Book of Isaiah, God addresses the mistake of settling for the outward trappings of penance. “Is not this the fast that I choose: to lose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free?” We’re encouraged to

fast by sharing our bread with the hungry and bringing the homeless into our own homes. Now that’s some serious fasting!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15 (221).* “*Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?*”

**Saturday, Feb 17, 2018**

**SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY;**

**MEMORIAL OF THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER, RELIGIOUS**

**How can I be of service?**

Imagine if seven of the leading citizens of New York, London, or Paris suddenly left it all behind and headed to the hills to dedicate their lives to God. That is how the Servite Order was founded in 13th-century Florence, a city flourishing with culture, trade, and political and religious intrigue. In 1240 seven noblemen of the city decided to withdraw from urban life to a solitary place for prayer and service of God. In their monastery they led a life of prayer, work, and silence while in the active apostolate they engaged in parish work, teaching, preaching, and other ministries. God calls all of us to service and prayer; at the end of the day, these are the actions that ennoble us all. How will you serve?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32 (222).* “*Those who are healthy do not need a physician, but the sick do.*”





## **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](http://www.catholicfamilylifecenter.com); or mail form with check payable to SPN CFLC to:  
SPN Catholic Family Life Center, 26 East 6<sup>th</sup> 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