

Church of Saint Philip Neri
Pennsburg, PA 18073
December 24, 2017



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Deacon Michael J. Franks
Deacon Patrick J. Kennedy
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Rev. John J. Scarcia, Pastor Emeritus
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Parish Phone Numbers:

Rectory	215.679.9275
Youth Ministry	267.733.2572
Religious Education/PREP	215.679.7839
Catholic Family Life Center	215.679.2237
Parish Hall	215.679.8116

Fax Numbers:

Rectory	215.679.0386
Religious Education/PREP	215.679.8370
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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

575 Main Street, East Greenville, PA 18041

Catholic Family Life Center Address

26 E. Sixth Street, East Greenville, PA 18041
Email address: tdeweese@spncflc.org
Website Address: www.catholicfamilylifecenter.com

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

Saturday after the 9:00 AM Mass
Monday at 1:00 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION in St. Anne Chapel

Monday:
9:00 am - 5:00 PM
Tuesday - Friday:
9:00 am - 7:00 PM
Saturday:
10:00 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 - 5:00 PM
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, to be confirmed, 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.

Serving at Mass Extraordinary Ministers

Dec. 31 Lectors

5:00 pm – Judy Horvath
Matt Horvath
Priest
Deacon
Mike Misiak
Mike Dougherty

L. Franks

7:30 am – Lori Brozena
Barbara Jaruszewski
Priest
Deacon
Mary R. Giambrone
Mary Weber

P. Frank

10:00 am – Andrew Souder
Marlene Leidy
Priest
Deacon
Keith Greczek
Stephanie Greczek

M. Gehringer
M. Souder

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017

Monday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord
NO Adoration in the Chapel
9:00 AM – Mass in Church, NO Intention

Tuesday, December 26, Saint Stephen –
The First Martyr

8:00 am – Claude Balduzzi,
(Ken & Jeanette Miller)
9:00 AM - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel

Wednesday, December 27, Saint John

8:00 am – Justina Pellerite,
(Tony & Dolores Arnao)
9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel

Thursday, December 28, The Holy Innocents

8:00 am – Claude Balduzzi,
(Craig & Mary Schuster)
9:00 AM – 7:00 PM - Adoration in the Chapel

Friday, December 29

8:00 am – Claude Balduzzi,
(Mike & Janet Macenka)
9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel

Saturday, December 30

10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel

5:00 pm – Irwin Yerger,
(Richard & Kathy Henry)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

December 31, 2017

7:30 am – Claude Balduzzi,
(Nan Danielson)

10:00 am – Robert A. Roncase Sr., (Son)

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:

Pat D'Amico; Philip Myers; Michael Quigley.

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

PARISH NEWS

SPN AT LARGE PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS -

Welcome any questions or comments you may have.

Tony Bauer: ajbauer337@gmail.com

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Karen Katrinak: karenkat1@verizon.net

Theresa Walker: cheg1978@comcast.net

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Our Sunday collections for December 17th will be posted in the Bulletin dated December 31st. Sunday collections for December 24th, 25th and 31st will be posted in the Bulletin dated January 7th; this is due to the holiday schedule with our publisher.

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.

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

Please put checks in separate envelopes.

SPN CHURCH BREAKFAST HELP

Wanted: person/s to wash, sort, cook potatoes. Start at 8:00 AM on Thursday. Person/s to peel potatoes. Start at 10AM Thursday prior to monthly Breakfasts.

Contact Bill Robinson: 215.896.5949 or email: wrobinson2@hotmail.com.

Note that beginning in January, Breakfast hours are going to be 8AM - 12PM with the exception of Mother's Day and Christmas, it will continue to be 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

PLANNING COMMITTEE: LENTEN FISH FRY

Our next committee meeting will be on Thursday, January 4, 2018 in the Parish Hall Meeting Rooms. Anyone wishing to be part of the planning, call or come and join us at the meeting. Contact Bill Robinson: 215.896.5949 or email to: wrobinson2@hotmail.com.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: 2017

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

FREE THROW CONTEST

Sponsored by: KOC 6614

St. Philip Neri Parish Hall

Monday - January 15, 2018

Registrations begin at 6:30 PM

This contest is for boys and girls ages nine thru fourteen years old. Any questions, call Steve at: 610.675.5633.

KOC COME-N-GO BINGO

SPN PARISH HALL

FREE ADMISSION

Saturday - January 20, 2018

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Games begin at 6:30 PM

Cost: .25/game

50/50 cash pots and special bonus and gift prize pots.

Menu: hot/cold foods & drinks

If you bring a non-perishable item to benefit Open Link, you play two free games of Bingo!

Call Ray at: 215.679.6405 for more information.

SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH

All-You-Can-Eat Buffet Breakfast!

Sunday, January 14, 2018

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Menu:

**Scrambled eggs. Bacon. Sausage.
Scrapple. Chipped beef.
Home fried potatoes. French Toast.
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. 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.

SPN CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE CENTER

The 2018 Spring Catalog will be mailed to homes in January – many new programs for the entire family to enjoy!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesdays, Jan. 9, Jan. 16, Jan. 23, Jan. 30, Feb. 6, Feb. 13 – Catholicism:

The Pivotal Players (Bishop Barron Series) Hear about the lives and works of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Catherine of Siena, Bl. John Henry Newman, G.K. Chesterton, and Michelangelo in this series. Cost: \$25.00 covers the cost of the study guide. 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the CFLC.

(SPN CFLC) continued

PRE-REGISTER:

www.catholicfamilylifecenter.com or call 215-679-2237.

Joyful Heart Lounge and Library – open
Tuesdays: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
Thursdays: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
Fridays: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
Other days/times by appointment only.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS
COMING IN LENT 2018!

The Cross and the Light Passion Play
Encounter Christ anew through The Cross and the Light Passion Play in Lent 2018.

This is an international, critically acclaimed musical and video surround experience of the greatest love story of all time. “The Cross and the Light opens the floodgates of God’s mercy and love . . . You can’t deliver the Good News of Jesus in a more dynamic and sensational way in our present time! All ages will be drawn to Jesus and His unconditional love for each and every person.”

Don’t miss this opportunity to experience the joy of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

To watch videos, see performance schedule and to purchase tickets online: www.crossandlight.com/stjohnbosco

Performance Schedule:
St. John Bosco in Hatboro, PA

March 8, 2018 at 10AM
March 8, 2018 at 7PM
March 9, 2018 at 10AM
March 9, 2018 at 7PM
March 10, 2018 at 1PM
March 10, 2018 at 7PM

Were you born at Misericordia Hospital?

Mercy Philadelphia Hospital, formally Misericordia, is celebrating 100 years of service.

We invite those born at Misericordia to discover their birthplace and our proud heritage. Join us on Sunday – January 28, 2018, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM for an Open House Tour and reception, including cake and a birthday toast to celebrate our Centennial. RSVP is required. Call Mercy Philadelphia Hospital Administration at: 215.748.9300 by January 21, 2018.

Free parking is available in our parking garage located at 501 S. 54th Street.

AREA NEWS

METANOIA

(metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com)

January 2018:

Saturday, January 6:

Rock Climbing at Philadelphia Rock Gym in Oaks, PA.

Cost is \$10/person arriving at 11:45 AM

Tuesday, January 9:

Bible Study at St. Rose of Lima in North Wales

Tuesday, January 16:

Theology on Tap at Appalachian Brewing Company in Collegeville.

Doors open at 7PM, talk starts at 7:30 PM

Tuesday, January 23:

Holy Hour at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales.

RETREAT FOR HEALING ABUSE

Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse. Our upcoming Philadelphia area Program Retreat will be held February 18th-23rd.

This is a fully integrated spiritual and psychological program for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse.

Offered in the privacy of a Christian retreat setting, the 5 day program offers a very unique process for helping survivors of abuse to grieve the past and discover healing and transformation. This retreat is helpful to people of every religious background and practice, as well as those who have lost their faith in God because of the betrayal of abuse. Call Jeanne at info@griefftograce.org or 610.203.2002.



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

Sunday, Dec 24, 2017

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT,
CHRISTMAS EVE**

Yes, yes, yes!

2017 can seem like a litany of bad news. Floods, famine, and earthquakes. Conflicts, threats, and shootings. Headlines fixed our gaze on horror, relentless as it was real. Our personal lives may be just as anxious, logging

illnesses, financial upsets, imperiled relationships. While it's natural to recall difficult events in blazing detail, it takes more effort to compose a litany of good news that's just as true. Give yourself a present that will last all year. Begin a grace box, jotting down something wonderful you hear, see, or receive every day. You'll have 365 reasons to be merry next year!

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38 (11). "And coming to her, the angel said, 'Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.'"*

Monday, Dec 25, 2017

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

Word is spreading!

Words are powerful things. They encourage love, underscore hate, and kindle fear. Words create reality because what we speak does take on flesh and live with us. Have you not wished for the chance to say what was left unsaid, in a moment that is gone forever? When God spoke a word into being in Genesis, the whole world resulted. Later, God spoke Divinity into Mary's body and the world was saved from itself. This Christmas, give voice to your heart and say what needs to be said to those you love.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Vigil: Isaiah 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25 (13); Night: Isaiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 (14); Dawn: Isaiah 62:11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20 (15); Day: Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18 (16). "And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory."*

Tuesday, Dec 26, 2017

FEAST OF STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

Follow Stephen's lead

Some things, we feel sure, are impossible to forgive. But then we reluctantly recall that Jesus forgave his crucifiers, and Stephen, the first martyr of the church, forgave his murders in faithful imitation of his Lord. Believe it or not, today Stephen (d. 35) is known as the patron saint of masons and bricklayers—a strange role for a man who was stoned to death! Yet, why not? We are all pledged to bless those who curse us. What better way to do that than to take up the cause of your old enemy? Pray for your persecutors today.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22 (696). "You will be dragged before governors and kings because of me."*

Wednesday, Dec 27, 2017

FEAST OF JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

Time to see the light

Today is a day to celebrate the unique perspective on Jesus the writings of John have to offer. In particular, light and darkness. John sees Jesus as the light of the world, and so it is customary to light candles on this day. As the evening falls today, light a candle and say a favorite prayer in honor of the One who said, "I have come as light into the world" (John 12:46).

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a, 2-8 (697). "The life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it."*

Thursday, Dec 28, 2017

**FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS,
MARTYRS**

Stand up for the least of these

No sooner do we celebrate the birth of one baby when the Bible recalls the slaughter of other babies. Like the infant Moses before him, the Messiah escapes to Egypt with his family. Let's not look the other way as this reading comes up each year, but let it be a reminder: Children still are victimized by adults who abuse their power—personally, professionally, or politically. Let's change that. What can you do today to be an advocate for children? Check out .org for some ideas.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 1:5–2:2; Matthew 2:13-18 (698)*. “*Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.*”

Friday, Dec 29, 2017

**MEMORIAL OF THOMAS BECKET,
BISHOP, MARTYR**

Get your priorities straight

In the 12th century, Thomas Becket, the archbishop of Canterbury, stood firm against King Henry II in the latter's efforts to establish himself as absolute ruler over everything in his kingdom, including the church. Becket's refusal to submit to the king's ultimate authority cost him his life. The stakes are not always that high in the tensions between church and state, but people of faith must prepare themselves for difficult choices. Be clear about which of your loyalties are temporal—finite and fleeting—and which are eternal—

everlasting and true for all time.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35 (202)*. “*This child is destined to be a sign that will be opposed so the inner thoughts of many will be revealed.*”

Saturday, Dec 30, 2017

**SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

We all have a role to play

Anna is one of nine female prophets noted in the Bible. She was also a widow who spent most of her life in the work of worship and proclamation at the temple. This was unusual, because in Hebrew tradition, widows were more often looked upon as problems: Who would marry them, support their children, and feed them? In the early church, the fortunes of widows were reversed. The holy office of widows became an honored station in life. Those formally consecrated as widows became ministers of charity, freed from accountability to men as they used their own wealth, traveled, and played a vital public role in the community. How might your station in life be “consecrated”?

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40 (203)*. “*There was also a prophet, Anna, who never left the temple.*”

Bishop Robert Barron's
CATHOLICISM
THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS
VOLUME I



Bishop Robert Barron continues his journey around the world to explore a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church, but changed the course of western civilization.

CATHOLICISM: *The Pivotal Players* features six people who responded to the grace of God to make a difference.

ST. FRANCIS of ASSISI: *The Reformer*
radically and literally lived as Jesus commanded to transform the Church.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS: *The Theologian*
demonstrated that faith and reason are not at odds, as they come from the same source.

ST. CATHERINE of SIENA: *The Mystic*
gave testimony to the reality of the spiritual dimension here and beyond.

BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN: *The Convert*
left a prestigious career to seek and preach the apostolic faith.

G. K. CHESTERTON: *The Evangelist*
publicly, humbly, and humorously announced the paradoxes and truth of Christianity.

MICHELANGELO: *The Artist*
dramatically demonstrated that beauty and creativity are a primary route of access to God.



www.WordOnFire.org ✦ www.PivotalPlayers.com

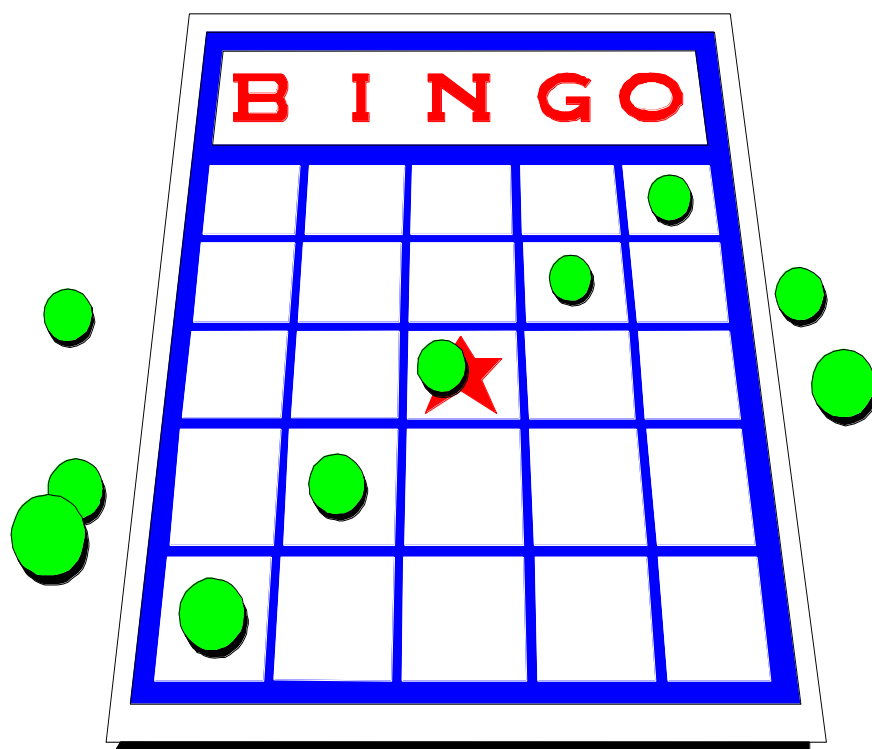
TUESDAY EVENINGS AT THE CFLC FROM 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM:

JANUARY 9, JANUARY 16, JANUARY 23, JANUARY 30, 2018

FEBRUARY 6, FEBRUARY 13, 2018

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.CATHOLICFAMILYLIFECENTER.COM OR PHONE 215-679-2237

SPN SUNDAY BINGO



January 7, 2018

Working Team #1

Bingo begins at 1PM -

Doors open at 12 NOON

Parish Hall: 215.679.8116

All Regular Games Prize is \$50

Final Cover All-Special - Prize is \$500

Great food available!!



Fourth Week of Advent

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