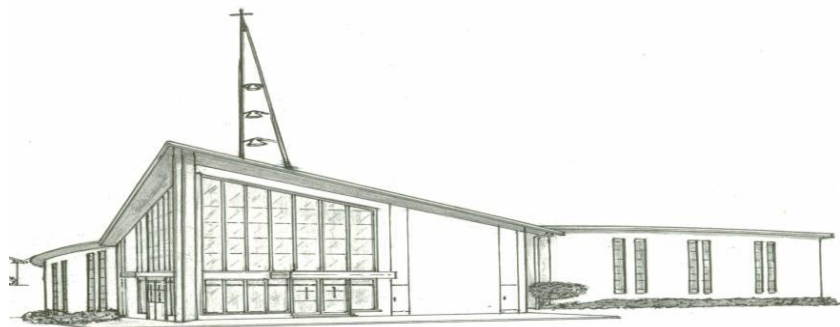


**Church of Saint Philip Neri  
Pennsburg, PA 18073  
February 12, 2017**



**Rev. Robert A. Roncase**, Pastor  
**Rev. Raymond W. Smart**, retired; resident  
**Deacon Michael J. Franks**  
**Deacon Mark J. Meinzer**, Business Manager  
**Rev. Edmond J. Speitel**, Pastor Emeritus  
**Rev. John J. Scarcia**, Retired Pastor  
**Shirley Misiak**, Office Manager  
**Catherine E. Faust**, Director of Music  
**Wendy Benner**, Coordinator of PREP/Religious ED  
**Tom Dewees**, Director Catholic Family Life Center  
**Dianne Linden**, Administrative Assistant CFLC  
**Anita Fuhs**, Youth Minister

**Parish Phone Numbers:**

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

**Fax Numbers:**

<b>Rectory</b>	215.679.0386
<b>Religious Education/PREP</b>	215.679.8370
<b>Catholic Family Life Center</b>	215.679.8370

**Church & Rectory Address:**

1325 Klinerd Rd; Pennsburg 18073

**Hours:** 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
**Email Address:** [ofcmgr@spnparish.org](mailto:ofcmgr@spnparish.org)  
**Website Address:** [www.spnparish.org](http://www.spnparish.org)

**Religious Education Office address & 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](mailto: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:** [tdewees@spncflc.org](mailto:tdewees@spncflc.org)  
**Website Address:** [www.catholicfamilylifecenter.com](http://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](mailto:youthministry@spnparish.org)

**ROSARY: Prayed in the Chapel**

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

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

1<sup>st</sup> Friday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the Chapel,  
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  
Saturday - 9:00 AM

**CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays: 4:00 – 4:45 PM  
Sunday: 9:15 - 9:45 AM or:  
at the Rectory BY APPOINTMENT anytime.

**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, 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**

Welcome to your new home!  
Please stop by or call the rectory between 9:00 am -  
4:00 pm to fill out a registration card.

**SHUT-INS**

Please call the Parish Outreach Office.

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Please call the Rectory.

## **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**

5:00 pm - Dawn McCausland  
Renee DeGrassi  
Priest  
Deacon  
Catherine Cahill  
Lee Johnson

7:30 am - Beverly Bowser  
Cameron Bowser  
Priest  
Deacon  
Mary R. Giambrone  
Joan Pongia

10:00 am - Bob Brennan  
Eleanor Brennan  
Priest  
Deacon  
Rose Anderson  
Mary E. Paulk  
Marianne Peters  
Christine Kemp  
Marlene Leidy  
Mary Goodfellow  
Lillian Hewitt  
Joshua Hewitt

### **February 19** **Lectors**

Linda Franks

Eileen Davis

Judy Horvath  
Matt Horvath

## **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 12, 2017**

Monday, February 13

9:00 am - 5:00 pm - Adoration in Chapel  
5:00 pm - Teresa Harvey, (Grandson)

Tuesday, February 14, Saints Cyril, Monk  
and Methodius

9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel  
8:00 am - Joseph Kaiser, (Gloria Kaiser)

Wednesday, February 15

9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel  
8:00 am - Mrs. Catherine Humphries,  
(Joan & Sam Varano)

Thursday, February 16

9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel  
8:00 am - Joseph Verna, (Joe & Marianne Shibilski)

Friday, February 17, The Seven Holy Founders  
of the Servite Order

9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel  
8:00 am - Connie Marks, (Viola Sinisko)

Saturday, February 18

10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel  
9:00 am - Betty Fronheiser, (Stephen Gardian)  
5:00 pm - Rachael Henry, (Mike & Linda Franks)

## **SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**February 19, 2017**

7:30 am - For the Living and Deceased Members  
of the Parish.

10:00 am - Frank Moore, Francine Moore  
(Bill & Pat Coughlin)

### **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:

**Michael Quigley**

For those who have died, and in particular for  
**Adam Gajewski & Anthony Morrelli**, grant  
them eternal rest and peace.

### **February 2017:** **This week at a glance**

#### **Monday - February 13**

Adoration in the Chapel: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Charismatic Prayer Group 7:00 pm Chapel  
Holy Rosary Hour 1:00 pm Chapel  
Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 pm Neri Center

#### **Tuesday - February 14**

Adoration in the Chapel: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm  
Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Parish Hall

#### **Wednesday - February 15**

Adoration in the Chapel: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm  
PREP/Religious Education 6:30 pm CFLC

#### **Thursday, February 16**

Adoration in the Chapel: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm  
Bible Study 7:00 pm Neri Center

#### **Friday - February 17**

Adoration in the Chapel: 10:00 am - 7:00 pm  
Bible Study 9:00 am Neri Center  
Frontier Girls Meeting 7:00 pm Parish Hall

#### **Saturday - February 18**

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

#### **Sunday - February 19**

Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10:00 am Mass  
Little Church 10:00 am Parish Hall  
Men's Basketball 8:00 pm Parish Hall  
Youth Ministry 5:30 pm Parish Hall

## PARISH NEWS

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

SPN Parish Council At-Large Members welcome any questions or comments you may have.

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Karen Katrinak: [karenkat1@verizon.net](mailto:karenkat1@verizon.net)

Theresa Walker: [cheg1978@comcast.net](mailto:cheg1978@comcast.net)

### **SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

February 7, 2016	February 5, 2017
Envelopes: \$ 7,138.00	\$ 5,875.00
Online: 1,986.00	1,831.00
Loose: 1,235.00	144.00
Children: 14.00	27.00
Total: \$10,373.00	\$ 7,877.00

### **ONLINE GIVING**

**Go green** with St. Philip Neri Church by signing up for **Online Giving**.

This is a secure and personalized way of giving to the Parish. You have the option to keep receiving your regular offering envelope packets if you wish.

### **Special Second Collections:**

February 2017

For those who do not receive Sunday collection envelopes or if you are an On-Line giver, the following special collections are:

**Care of Aging/Ill Priests; Parish Debt Collection 1st Quarter; 100th Anniversary.**

### **CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: 2016**

Any parishioner requesting a copy of their Contribution Statement for 2016, call the rectory office or email to: [ofcmgr@spnparish.org](mailto:ofcmgr@spnparish.org). Statements are mailed upon request only.

### **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 Connie Marks; requested by: SPN Holy Rosary Group.

### **HOMEMADE EGG ROLLS**

Orders of fifty (50) or more can be placed by calling or emailing the rectory office and are one (1) dollar each. Call or email the rectory office. Give a few days for orders to be filled.

These egg rolls are not pre-made, but, are made when ordered by a parishioner who very generously gives all profits to the Parish.

Note: Egg Rolls are **NOT** Gluten Free.

### **BIBLE STUDY RESUMES**

Thursday, February 16th - 7PM

Friday, February 17th - 9AM

Duration: Eight (8) weeks

Location: Neri Center - East Greenville

Topic: Bible Timeline - Sessions 9 - 16

If you have not been part of Sessions 1 - 8, contact Joan Lampart at: 215.529.5686 or email [jmlampart@verizon.net](mailto:jmlampart@verizon.net) if you have questions.



### **SPN SENIOR CLUB 2017 CALENDAR**

January 25	Rhoads Opera House
February 22	BINGO
March 22	SPN Senior Club 2nd Anniversary
April 26	Sheila Ruth from Senior Center
May 24	Hopewell Furnace
June 22	Casino Trip to Atlantic City
June 28	Luncheon
July 26	Picnic
August 23	Dr. Eiss ("Aging Eyes")
Sept. 24	Basket Bash
Sept. 27	50's Dance
Oct. 10	Trip to Penn's Peak
Oct. 25	Halloween Party
<b>*Nov. 15</b>	Salute to Veterans
Dec. 1	American Music Theatre
	Christmas Show
<b>*Dec. 13</b>	Seraphims from St. Mary Catholic School

**\*: Note change of date due to holidays**



**Attention:**

**SPN BASKET BASH MEETING**

Since there have been a number of people who have expressed an interest in helping with the upcoming Basket Bash, there will be an Informational Meeting on **Wednesday, February 15th at 7PM in the Parish Hall.**

All Board Members, luncheon attendees, those who have already volunteered and anyone interested in helping are invited to this meeting. Come and see where your time and talents can be used!

If you have any questions, contact Dawn Ellis at 215.679.2160.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

Your Saint Philip Neri Parish Family cares about you and would like to offer you weekly Bereavement Support Sessions from March 8, 2017 up to, and including April 26, 2017 so that we can share in your sorrow and loss and support you through the grieving process.

The day time sessions will be held from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM and the evening sessions will be held from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

Both sessions will be held in the Parish Outreach Office. Individual sessions can be arranged on an as-needed basis. Please contact Joan Lampart at: 215.679.9275 if you have any questions or concerns.

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CFLC**

Friday, February 17th at 7PM  
Movie: "The Singing Nun"  
Location: Neri Center

The CFLC is seeking several book loving volunteers to help in our Joyful Heart Library and Lounge.  
Contact Tom Dewees for additional information at 215.679.2237.

**SPN CHURCH HOAGIE SALE**

**CHEESE, HAM, ITALIAN OR TURKEY**

**\$5.00/EACH**

Tuesday, March 7th 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Orders due February 28

Call Rita: 215.679.7009 or Pat: 215.679.5675

**DORNEY PARK TICKETS**

Check out Flyer in today's Bulletin. All details are provided.

Ticket orders are due to the Rectory Office by Friday, March 31st. No late orders will be accepted.

Call or email the rectory office for questions.

**ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS**

**Vocation Office for Diocesan Priesthood**

Mary's "yes" changed the world.  
Make a difference, say "yes" to Jesus.  
Consider the Priesthood.  
[www.HeedtheCall.org](http://www.HeedtheCall.org).

**ARCHDIOCESE of PHILADELPHIA**

**Office for the New Evangelization**

Ninth Annual Men's Spirituality Conference - March 4, 2017 at St. Joseph University Hagan Arena; the men of your parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the 9th Annual Archdiocesan Men's Spirituality Conference. Speakers include EWTN's Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, inspirational Speaker, Kevin Reilly, former Philadelphia Eagle whose career was ended by a rare cancer that led to the removal of his left arm, and Damon Owens, director of JoyTOB and international Speaker on the Theology of the Body.

Acclaimed Irish Tenor, Mark Forrest, will provide inspirational accompaniment during a special directed Eucharistic Adoration.

Register now and save \$10 (Early Bird Special) at: [manupphilly.com](http://manupphilly.com).

## **Office of the Archbishop**

February 12, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

### **"PRESENT"**

This is the simple response a man makes to the Call of the Church as he is about to be ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. The simple response which is his "Yes" to the invitation of Our Lord to begin to live a life of service to the Church and to all of his sisters and brothers.

We are blessed in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to have had many men utter their "present" and then responded by generously and joyfully ministering to the needs of our Parishes, hospitals, schools and various other ministries. We are blessed by priests who have preached the Word of God, celebrated the Sacraments and offered us the guidance and support we needed throughout our lives. We are blessed by priests who have given their lives to support your life in Christ. Their "Present" on their Ordination Day has been for them to travel to many different places and ministries. For some, however, their "Present" now finds them depending on you for your generous care and support. Villa Saint Joseph in Darby, Regina Coeli in Warminster, as well as various other health care facilities provide a home and health care for our priests who are retired or in ill health and are no longer able to serve you in active ministry. They now depend on you for your prayers and financial support.

Our annual 2017 collection for the Care of Aging & Infirm Priests of the diocese will be taken up on February 18/19. In the past your generosity to this important collection has been both generous and heartwarming. We are truly grateful. We recognize it as a sign of your own love and gratitude to these priests who have served so well. Through your continued gratitude and generosity we can be sure that they will be watched over and cared for in their remaining days. Please know that your kindness is remembered daily in their Masses, Intentions and Prayers. We ask that you continue to remember them in yours.

Gratefully and with best wishes in Christ,  
Most Rev. Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M., Cap.

## **MOM Heart of the Home Day of Renewal**

Registration is OPEN for our 23rd Annual MOM-Heart of the Home Day of Renewal on March 18, 2017 from 9 AM to 3:30 PM at Sts. Simon and Jude Meehan Center, West Chester. Calling MOMS of all ages and types: new moms, seasoned moms, grandmothers, step-mothers. Even if you are not a MOM, you are still welcome! Continue your Lenten Season by replenishing your spirit. Come listen to two amazing, inspirational morning and afternoon speakers Lisa Mladinich and Eleanor Farzetta.

See our registration form for all details by going to: [www.mom-heartofthehome.org/events.html](http://www.mom-heartofthehome.org/events.html), or by calling: 484.798.7368 or 610.384.4933 for more information.

## **"Pro-Life Articles": Abortion in America:**

"America you are beautiful and blessed. The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless. If you want equal justice for all and true freedom and lasting peace, then America, defend life". ... Pope John Paul II. America was founded upon the "self-evident truth" that all humans are endowed with the unalienable right to LIFE. Yet a baby is aborted every 23 seconds in the U.S. Over 4,000 babies are aborted every day. About 60 million babies have been aborted since the decision of Roe VS Ware in January 1973. Abortion is truly "America's Holocaust". As a result of Roe VS Wade and sister case, Doe V Bolton, America has some of the most liberal laws on abortion in the world, effectively allowing abortion on demand throughout the whole nine months of pregnancy. The abortion rate in the U.S. is higher than Western Europe and Canada. It is not as high as the rates in China, Cuba and the former Soviet Union countries which have reached epidemic levels.

Teenagers constitute around 20% of all abortions in the U.S. About 55% of minors who have abortions do not tell their parents.

Seventeen states use public funds to pay for abortions, so about 15% of all abortions in the U.S. are paid for with public money. Our tax dollars fund Planned Parenthood, the nations largest abortion provider and promoter of casual sex and abortion.

## "Pro-Life Articles"

### **A quote from Mother Teresa:**

"How can there be too many children? That is like saying there are too many flowers."

### **A quote from Diane Abbot:**

"I believe every abortion is a tragedy."

### **A quote from Birthright International:**

"It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth . . . and the right of every child to be born."

### **A quote from Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, USCCB:**

"Catholics must never abandon the moral requirement to seek full protection for all human life from the moment of conception until natural death."

### **"Right to Choose"-----Choose What?**

Abortion advocates often say, "It's a woman's right to choose". However, once a woman is pregnant, she already has a child; the choice is what to do with him or her. Although the word "choice" sounds so positive and harmless, the actual choice is whether to have a live child or a dead child.

Abortion advocates also argue that, "You cannot legislate morality". Interestingly, this is exactly the same argument that the civil rights' movement faced.

The response of Martin Luther King Jr. was: "We hear the familiar cry that morals cannot be legislated. This may be true, but behavior can be regulated. The law may not be able to make a man love me, but it can keep him from lynching me".

Similarly, pro-life advocates are trying to regulate behavior, not legislate morality. We cannot force some people to love all children, but we can and should use our influence to stop abortionists destroying innocent babies.

## **AREA PARISH NEWS**

### **Saint Aloysius Parish Pottstown PA**

#### **IMPORTANT CEMETERY NEWS**

Please be sure to clear any decorations from the Cemetery that you wish to keep from your family Plots by Sunday, March 5th.

Our cemetery personnel will begin the Spring clean-up for Lent on Monday, March 6th. Anything that remains will be removed and disposed of.

## **AREA NEWS**

### **METANOIA YOUNG ADULTS: EVENTS**

INFO: [metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com)

#### **February 2017 Events:**

Tuesday, February 21:

Theology on Tap at Appalachian Brewing Company, Collegeville. Doors open at 7PM; Talk starts at 7:30 PM - Speaker is Tom Whittingham.

Tuesday, February 28:

Holy Hour at:

Mother, Mary of the Redeemer, 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, FEBRUARY 12, 2017**

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Celebrate marriage**

**Marriage isn't for everyone, and current trends may point to a declining appeal. But for those who have said, "I do," the rest of us say, "Thank you." Your bold act of casting lots together for better or worse until death offers all of us insight into the joyful and sorrowful mysteries of divine love and the**

nature and power of God, who is love. Whether or not you're married, do what you can to support the marriages in your midst—today, World Marriage Day, and every day.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Sirach 15:15-20;*

*1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37 (76). "Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."*

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

### In the world but not of it

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 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 secular world. The response of some is to condemn that world rather than engage it. 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: *Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Mark 8:11-13 (335). "He sighed from the depth of his spirit and said, 'Why does this generation seek a sign?'"*

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

MEMORIAL OF CYRIL, MONK, AND METHIDIUS,  
BISHOP

### In their own words

There's a small detail in the gospel story of how Jesus fed 4,000 people with a few loaves and fish: "Some of them have come from a great distance." "Great distance" here was a code word for "outsider." Even outsiders, like Gentiles, were welcome at God's table. Eight centuries later the brothers Cyril and Methodius were called to be missionaries. They not only evangelized, at great distances, but also translated scripture and liturgy into the language of the people. These saints recognized that truly welcoming everyone to God's kingdom called for moving out of established boundaries. And that's a miracle we, too, can be part of.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mark 8:14-21 (336). "Do you not remember, when I broke the five loaves for the five thousand."*

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

### Knowing God is the moment of truth

As any teacher can attest, not everyone comprehends a lesson on the first teaching: Instructions need to be repeated. The same holds true for Christian enlightenment: Some people have a sudden moment of clarity when they know Jesus as their savior; others need continual signs before they realize that through Jesus their lives have been restored. No matter how a person reaches this moment of truth, conversion is the central message of Christianity. We must come to know God, feel the presence of the divine in our lives, and strive for holiness in which we give glory to God and are of service to others.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22; Mark 8:22-26* (337). "Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he looked intently and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly."

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

##### Take a united stand against being divided

At a time in our country when we most need unity, we are divided. We face many difficult issues at one time—war and national security, healthcare, immigration, fiscal policies—each demanding serious attention. Yet our political debate has become toxic. We no longer seem willing to listen carefully, argue dispassionately, or disagree respectfully—much less reach for a compromise of any kind. The internet plays an important role here. In both bread and politics a little yeast goes a long way. Remember, then, to read widely and pay attention to your sources. Where are your "facts" coming from?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 9:1-13; Mark 8:27-33* (338). "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

##### MEMORIAL OF THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER

Do you want to know a secret? Pray.

A good number of religious orders started out as a small group of people looking for a simpler life of prayer and fellowship. Originally a group of seven successful cloth merchants from Florence, the founders of the Servite order started to meet in 1233

to pray and do penance. In time they left their wealthy lifestyles to reside in a dilapidated structure outside the city. Because of their holiness, though, people started coming to them for prayers and spiritual advice. Eventually the community grew into an order that today serves around the world. Make time for an inner life of prayer—and then live out that prayer in the world.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 11:1-9; Mark 8:34-9:1* (339). "What profit is there for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

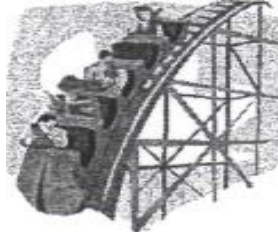
##### MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Be not afraid!

Children often ask why Mary, the mother of Jesus, stands on a snake in many of her images—they're afraid of snakes; why isn't she? Tradition has long interpreted the divine saying to Eve in Genesis as a prophecy that one day a woman would come to wage war on the serpent who tricked her weaker sister. This woman would have no fear of the snake because she would never experience the bondage of sin. This story explains the origin of the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception. Offer the traditional prayer today:  
*O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you.*

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hebrews 11:1-7; Mark 9:2-13* (340). "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."





**DISCOUNT DORNEY PARK TICKETS**

Dorney Park opens its regular season this year from Saturday, April 29th to Sunday, October 29th for both Parks.

Tickets are good for any one regular admission (all age groups) to both Dorney Park and Wild Water Kingdom. Cost is \$30/ticket. Order forms are available anywhere SCRIP is sold; at Church after Masses or call the rectory office: 215.679.9275 between 10:00 am & 4:00 pm. **ALL** ticket orders must be received and paid for IN FULL by Friday, March 31st (noon time) and cannot be returned once purchased. **NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

**Tickets will be available in April before Opening Day.**

Payment is by cash, check or credit card. **Checks are to be made payable to ST. PHILIP NERI CHURCH.** Discount tickets are sold to our parishioners as a courtesy and **IS NOT** a Fund Raising Event.

**Detach and return with payment anywhere SCRIP is sold.**

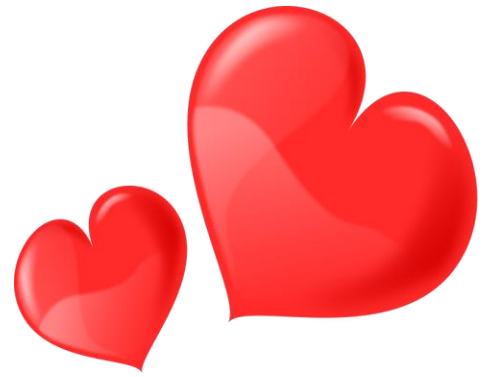
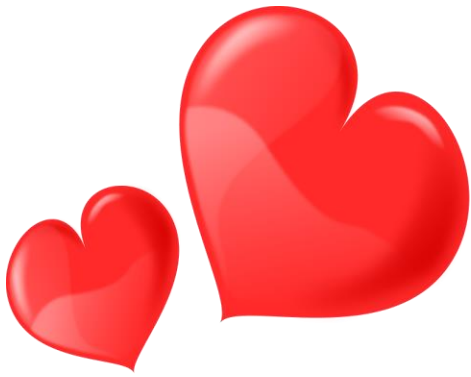
**ORDER FORM**

Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

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Tel # \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount paid \_\_\_\_\_

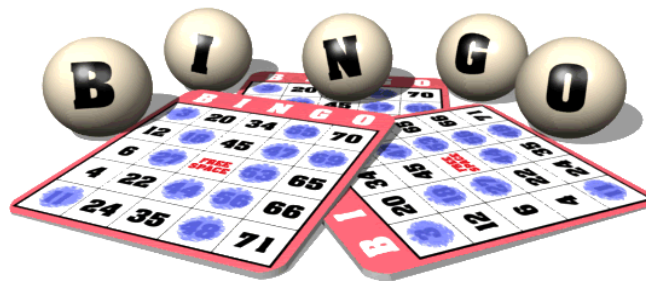
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# **SPN SENIOR CLUB**

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, FEBRUARY 22, 2017  
11:30 AM - St. Philip Neri Parish Hall**



**COME AND ENJOY A GREAT LUNCH AND PLAY BINGO\***

**\*Cost of Bingo - Only \$2.00 for six games**

**(For those who do not play bingo, just come and socialize)**

**To make your reservation please call  
Rita Latshaw at 215.679.7009  
The reservation deadline is February 17, 2017**

**Suggested offering for the lunch is \$5.00 per person**