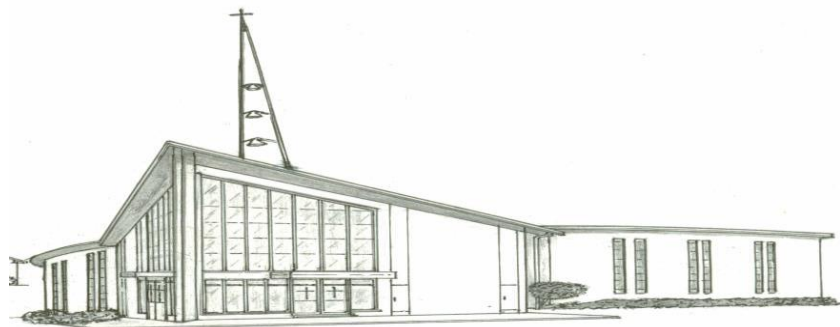


**Church of Saint Philip Neri
Pennsburg, PA 18073
February 19, 2017**



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:

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
Catholic Family Life Center	215.679.8370

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 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

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

1st 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
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

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

February 26
Lectors

5:00 pm - Dawn Ellis
Bob Ellis
Priest
Deacon
LaRue Emmell
Linda Franks

C.Highleyman

7:30 am - Bill Gurgick
Lisa Gurgick
Priest
Deacon
Jo Ellen Carr
Ray Carr
Maureen Moser
Paul Moser
Chuck Rodgers
Mary Weber
Christine Adelsberger
Steve Adelsberger

Pete Frank

10:00 am - Judy Horvath
Matt Horvath
Priest
Deacon
Ken Mayer
Marilynn Mayer

Ed Tryon
Luke Verna

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 19, 2017

Monday, February 20
9:00 am - 5:00 pm - Adoration in Chapel
5:00 pm - Sondra Dykie,
(Tom & Jackie Shewell)

Tuesday, February 21, Saint Peter Damian
9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
8:00 am - Rachael Henry, (Viola Sinisko)

Wednesday, February 22, The Chair of
Saint Peter the Apostle
9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
8:00 am - Connie Marks

Thursday, February 23, Saint Polycarp
9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
8:00 am - Joe Verna, (SPN Holy Rosary Group)

Friday, February 24
9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
8:00 am - Paul & Vera Fronheiser (Estate)

Saturday, February 25
10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
9:00 am - William Walsh, (Bob & Dawn Ellis)
5:00 pm - For the Living and Deceased Members
of the Parish.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 26, 2017

7:30 am - Betty Fronheiser,
(Victor & Veronica Diehl)
10:00 am - Dr. Oscar and
Mrs. Maria Gonzalez,
(Gloria Martell)

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 **Paul Georgeff**, grant them eternal rest and peace.

February 2017:
This week at a glance

Monday - February 20
Adoration in the Chapel: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Holy Rosary Hour 1:00 pm Chapel

Tuesday - February 21
Adoration in the Chapel: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Parish Hall

Wednesday - February 22
Adoration in the Chapel: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
PREP/Religious Education 6:30 pm CFLC
Senior Club Gathering 11:30 am Parish Hall

Thursday, February 23
Adoration in the Chapel: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Bible Study 7:00 pm Neri Center

Friday - February 24
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 25
Adoration in the Chapel: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sunday - February 26
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

PARISH NEWS

SPN AT LARGE PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

Tony Bauer: ajbauer337@gmail.com

Ray Carr: bigdaddy2530@gmail.com

Matthew Fuhs: matthew.fuhs@comcast.net

Karen Katrinak: karenkat1@verizon.net

Theresa Walker: cheg1978@comcast.net

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

<u>February 7, 2016</u>	<u>February 5, 2017</u>
Envelopes: \$ 7,138.00	\$ 5,875.00
Online: 1,986.00	1,831.00
Loose: 1,235.00	1,274.00
Children: 14.00	27.00
Total: \$10,373.00	\$ 9,007.00

<u>February 14, 2016</u>	<u>February 12, 2017</u>
Envelopes: \$ 4,549.00	\$ 5,300.00
Online: 1,696.00	1,791.00
Loose: 1,471.00	1,205.00
Children: 46.00	49.00
Total: \$7,762.00	\$ 8,345.00

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

Reminder:

Any parishioner requesting a copy of their Contribution Statement for 2016, call the rectory office or email to: 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 Catherine Brand; requested by:
Fred & Lynne Scott

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



SPN SENIOR CLUB 2017 CALENDAR

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	Celebrate the 50's
Oct. 10	Trip to Penn's Peak: Tribute to Barbara Streisand
Oct. 25	Halloween Party
*Nov. 15	Salute to Veterans
Dec. 1	American Music Theatre Christmas Show
*Dec. 13	Seraphims from St. Mary Catholic School

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

PARISH OUTREACH

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Your Saint Philip Neri Parish Family cares about you and would like to offer you weekly Bereavement Support Sessions from March 8th up to and including April 26th 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 1PM to 2:30PM and/or the evening sessions will be held from 6:30PM to 8PM. Both sessions will be held in the Parish Outreach Office. Individual sessions can be arranged on an as-needed basis. Contact Joan Lampart: 215.679.9275 for questions.

FRIENDLY VISITORS

Are you recently retired? Are you looking for some type of fulfilling act of kindness that you could do for someone in need on a weekly or bi-weekly basis? We have just the Ministry for you. After a brief Orientation, we only require a willingness to listen. The parish has members who are lonely and in need of a friend. If you feel you would be that person, call Joan Lampart, Parish Outreach Coordinator at: 215.679.9275 and leave your name and phone number. You will find you receive more than you give after you develop a relationship with your fellow parishioner. During 2016, six (6) Friendly Visitors made 211 home visits and logged 265 hours of listening and caring. Think and pray about joining Friendly Visitors.

**AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT
2017**

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, March 1, 2017, 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.

We also encourage you to remember the Parish DORCAS Fund, which helps our fellow parishioners in Financial difficulty. The DORCAS Boxes can be found at every entrance in Church. The DORCAS Fund continues throughout the year.

St. Philip Neri Church

All-You-Can-Eat Buffet Breakfast!

Sunday, March 12th: 7AM - 12PM

215.679.8116

Scrambled eggs . bacon

sausage. scrapple. chipped beef

home fried potatoes . cereal . toast

Milk . coffee . hot tea . 3 juices

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

Make your own Waffles:

Fix'n Bar: yogurt, granola, fresh fruit

Homemade Baked Goods & 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 & major credit cards are accepted.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Ash Wednesday is March 1st; there will be three (3) Masses in Church:

6:30AM; 9AM & 7PM

FIRST FRIDAY

March 3rd is First Friday. Mass is 9:00 AM. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Chapel from 10AM - 7PM.

Please commit to spend some time with Our Lord at the Blessed Sacrament.

PARISH BREAKFAST: FEBRUARY 12

There were 300 people that came out for the February Breakfast and three (3) people won a FREE breakfast; they are:

Cindy Gilde Heather Hilbert & Gerry Zirinsky.

Our next breakfast is March 12th; save the date!

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

PARISH SUPPORT

**for the
SAINT CHARLES SEMINARY APPEAL
as of January 31, 2017**

St. Philip Neri	<u>2015-16 Appeal Final</u>
Amount raised	\$ 6,580
Number of	
Gifts received:	85

St. Philip Neri	<u>2016-17 Appeal as of 1/31:</u>
Amount raised	6,735
Number of	
Gifts received:	81

**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

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CFLC

Friday - February 24th:

The Mystery of Duffy's Cut - Archeology Part II
7PM in the Neri Center (preceded by
complimentary dinner at 6PM also in Neri
Center)

SAVE THE DATES:

Sunday - March 12th:

Special Event #1: Mystery **WHODUNIT?**
2PM in Neri Center
Registration is required by March 8th.

Sunday - March 14th:

Special Event #2: **Philadelphia Flower Show**
9AM departure from CFLC. (Flyer in Bulletin.)
Registration is required by February 26th.

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.

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.

COME-N-GO BINGO

St. Philip Neri Parish Hall

FREE Admission

Saturday - March 18, 2017

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Games begin at 6:30 pm

Cost: \$.25/game

50/50 cash pots and

special bonus & 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!**

Sponsored by: KOC 6614

More info call: 215.679.6405

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Vocation Office for Diocesan Priesthood

Generous hearts change the world. Be generous
to Jesus. Consider the Priesthood.
www.HeedTheCall.org.

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. Continue
your Lenten Season by replenishing your spirit.

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

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.

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2017

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Right neighborly of you

It's easy to love our neighbors when they are friends or family. It gets a little dicier, however, when our neighbor is particularly unpleasant or has wronged us. Jesus invites us to sidestep the temptation of repaying violence or unpleasantness with more of the same and instead to do the unexpected. He calls us to be creative and take a fresh look at the situation and respond with our best selves. Does this mean we become doormats for another's aggression or irrationality? No, but it does mean being willing to love, trusting that love can make a difference even if it is not returned in kind.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18;*
1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48 (79). "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Share the dream

We honor great presidents today who enabled the dream: a land of opportunity for tired, poor, huddled masses "yearning to be free" as the Statue of Liberty proclaims. The United Nations has also designated today as the World Day of Social Justice. Nations must work toward creating a new "economics that respects planetary boundaries," recognizing that our well-being depends "on social relations and fairness." Catholic social teaching calls this goal the "common good." Decide with others in mind.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Sirach 1:1-10;*
Mark 9:14-29 (341). "Jesus said to him, 'If you can!' Everything is possible to one who has faith."

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

MEMORIAL OF PETER DAMIAN, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Sit quietly in God's salon

Peter Damian (1007-72), doctor of reform and renewal, theologian, cardinal, and trusted counselor to popes, was above all a man of prayer. He preferred the hermit's life of austere fasts, detachment, and solitude, in which his cell became the "salon" where he conversed with God. In commenting on Peter Damian, Pope Benedict XVI said: Peter's love of monasticism "is also important for us today, even though we are not monks: To be able to be silent in ourselves to hear the voice of God; to seek a 'salon' where God speaks to us; to learn the Word of God in prayer and meditation is the path for life."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Sirach 2:1-11;*
Mark 9:30-37 (342). "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF PETER THE APOSTLE

Thou art Peter

The church celebrates a couple of feast days for buildings, but today is the only one dedicated to a piece of furniture! Of course the "chair" of Peter is a symbol of the pope's authority, much like a "chairperson" has charge of a meeting. Peter and his successors, the popes, ensure the unity of the church. Because the pope is the "rock" of Matthew's gospel, it is he who affirms what is believed. He holds the "keys

to the kingdom” in that he teaches the world the way of life that leads to fulfillment.

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19* (535). “*You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church.*”

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

MEMORIAL OF POLYCARP, BISHOP AND MARTYR

Faith creates the future

A passage from Philippians says that, “I can do all things through him who strengthens me” (4:13). Faith in God and communion with God in Christ unites us so closely with the Creator that God creates a future to accommodate our faith. God’s creative power is without limit and God’s love for us is infinite. Trusting in God we can literally accomplish anything. Saint Polycarp (d. 155) was so convinced of the power of faith that he chose death rather than renounce his belief. We make the same choice every day when we opt for hope rather than despair.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Sirach 5:1-8; Mark 9:41-50* (344). “*Keep salt in yourselves and you will have peace with one another.*”

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

We’re only human

In a 1976 interview that created quite a stir, then-President Jimmy Carter said: “Christ set some almost impossible standards for us.” Falling into that category would be the gospel teaching that remarriage after divorce is equivalent to adultery. In an age where divorce and remarriage are quite common, how are we to understand this teaching? Perhaps by referencing a phrase President Carter used just before the above-quoted line: “Because I’m human . . .” Because we are

human, our promises—including those exchanged in matrimony—are not always fulfilled. Our imperfect lives are clear evidence of our humanity, just as God’s infinite ability to forgive is clear evidence of God’s divinity. Forgive someone who has fallen short—and start with yourself!

TODAY’S READINGS: *Sirach 6:5-17;*

Mark 10:1-12 (345). “*Faithful friends are a sturdy shelter: whoever finds one has found a treasure.*”

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

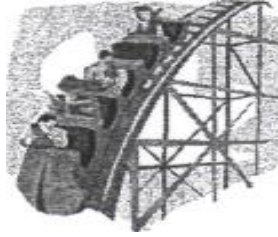
MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Don’t leave hungry

Some folks will always set out food when you visit their homes no matter what time of day it is. If you’re smart you learn to drop by when you’re good and hungry! Jesus never let anyone walk away hungry either—even if it meant setting the table for 5,000. His mother foretold that fact in her great song, the Magnificat: “He has filled the hungry with good things.” When tired of the junk food the world has to offer, pray Mary’s Magnificat (Luke 1:47-55) in faith that God will fill you with good things.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Sirach 17:1-15;*

Mark 10:13-16 (346). “*Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.*”



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.

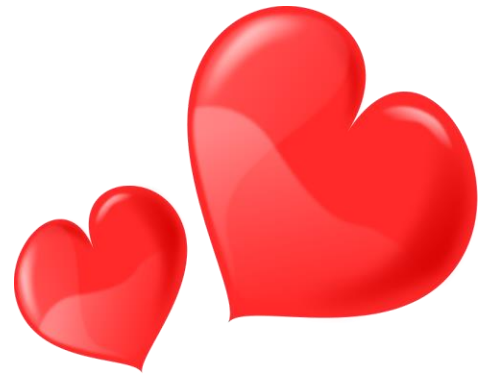
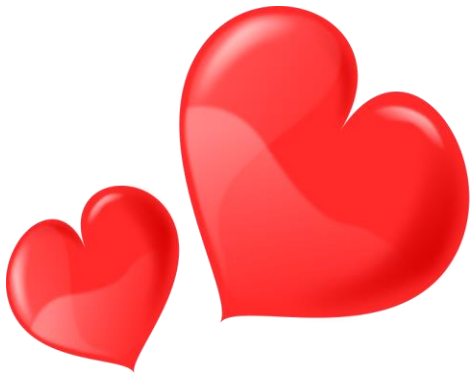
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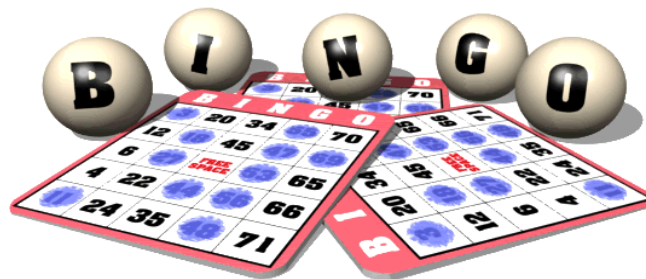
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SPN SENIOR CLUB

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



Come with us on **TUESDAY, MARCH 14**, to the Philadelphia Flower Show to explore this year's theme on Holland!

We will leave from the Catholic Family Life Center at 9AM, returning by 5PM.

Cost: \$45.00 per person includes admission and transportation.

REGISTRATION IS DUE BY MARCH 1, 2017

Register on line at www.catholicfamilylifecenter.com; or mail check payable to CFLC at: 26 E. 6th St., East Greenville, PA 18073. For further information please call (215) 679-2237.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Parish: _____

No. of Tickets @ \$45.00/person: _____

