

Church of Saint Philip Neri
Pennsburg, PA 18073
May 21, 2017



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Parish Phone Numbers:

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Church & Rectory Address:

1325 Kliner 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 thru Thursday: 8:00 am – 4:00 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
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Youth Ministry Office hours: (East Greenville)

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

ROSARY: Prayed in the Chapel

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
First Friday's:
10:00 AM - 7:00 PM followed by Benediction.
Saturday:
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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
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**

**May 28
Lectors**

- 5:00 pm - Locke Highleyman C. Highleyman
Barbara Jaruszewski
Priest
Deacon
Barbara Schwind
Bob Schwind
Janet Kendra
Alice Swift
Sharon Shaak
Diane Kennedy
Renee DeGrassi
- 7:30 am - Judith Doherty B. Bowser
Charles Doherty C. Bowser
Priest
Deacon
Bill Gurgick
Lisa Gurgick
- 10:00 am - Alicia Tryon J. Horvath
Ed Tryon M. Horvath
Priest
Deacon
Terry Quatrani
Ernest Quatrani

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 21, 2017

- Monday, May 22, Saint Rita of Cascia
9:00 am - 5:00 pm - Adoration in Chapel
5:00 pm - Karl Heebner, (Kitty Heebner)
- Tuesday, May 23
8:00 am - Dennis Krause, (Bob & Dawn Ellis)
9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
- Wednesday, May 24
8:00 am - Connie Marks, (Trish Dornisch)
9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
5:00 pm - In Church, Frank Grim,
(Francis & Delia Grim)
- Ascension Thursday, May 25
9:00 am - Theodore & Josephine Mikanowicz,
(Stanley Mikanowicz)
9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
7:00 pm - Eleanor Stecz, (Gwen Roncase)
- Friday, May 26, Saint Philip Neri
8:00 am - Dennis Krause, (Linda & Rick Benko)
9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel

- Saturday, May 27, Saint Augustine of Canterbury
9:00 am - Otto Heimes, (SPN PREP)
10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
5:00 pm - Living and Deceased Members
of the Parish.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 28, 2017

- 7:30 am - Matthew McNamee, (The Henry family)
10:00 am - For the Mothers Names on the Altar.

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,
Peter Duklis, Sr. & Frank Oehmke

MAY 2017:

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday - May 22

Adoration in the Chapel: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
CFLC Committee Meeting 7:00 pm CFLC
Holy Rosary Hour 1:00 pm Chapel

Tuesday - May 23

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

Wednesday - May 24

Adoration in the Chapel: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Vigil Mass for Ascension Thursday 5:00 pm

Ascension Thursday, May 25

Adoration in the Chapel: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Masses for Holy Day 9:00 am & 7:00 pm Church
Praise and Prayer 7:30 pm Chapel

Friday - May 26

Adoration in the Chapel: 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Frontier Girls 6:30 pm Parish Hall

Saturday - May 27

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

Sunday - May 28

Children's Liturgy of the Word at 10:00 am Mass
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

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Matthew Fuhs: matthew.fuhs@comcast.net

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SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

May 15, 2016	May 14, 2017
Envelopes: \$ 5,421.50	\$ 4,852.00
Online: 1,726.00	1,601.00
Loose: 473.50	452.00
Children: 38.00	29.00
Total: \$ 7,659.00	\$ 6,934.00

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:

May 2017

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

Catholic Home Missions; 100th Anniversary; Parish Debt Collection Second Quarter.

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 **Peter Duklis Sr.**, requested by: Gerhart & Gibble families; Tony and Barbara Parestis.

In memory of **Frank Oehmke**; requested by Peter and Linda Frank.

SPN CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE CENTER

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JUNE 3 – Museum of American Revolution. Registration is required by May 21.

JUNE 19-23 - Beginning Spanish for Kids (ages 5-14) - 10-11 am, CFLC - \$20 per child. Registration is required by June 5. Aleica Deterville is a local, native Spanish teacher and was the instructor at CFLC in the spring for Beginning Spanish for adults. Aleica teaches conversational Spanish with interactive and engaging lessons which will include audio, video, and worksheets.

JUNE 21 – CFLC Joyful Heart Lounge and Library OPEN HOUSE – 5:30 pm – Come visit our lounge and library on the ground floor of the CFLC and browse the books, periodicals, and DVDs, as well as the comfortable lounge area for reading, writing, etc. There is a children's section, refreshment/snacks area, and has Wi-Fi accessibility. Refreshments will be served.

JUNE 21 – Neri Nights Out with Dave DeLuca performing "Rat Pack Flashback". Registration is required by June 11.

JULY 15 – Two amazing tours for the price of One! Adventure Aquarium/BB62 Battleship USS New Jersey. Registration is required by June 25.

AUGUST 5 – Reading Fightin Phils and "mega blast" fireworks. Registration is required by July 2.

SUMMER SCHEDULE:

CFLC summer days/times for basketball court, horseshoes area, and playground, as well as other scheduled events, are noted on the CFLC Summer Schedule insert.

The Joyful Heart Lounge and Library on the ground level of the CFLC is now open for the summer from June 19 to August 25 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

Volunteer Library Assistant positions are available; call Tom Dewees at 215.679.2237 if you are interested.



SPN SENIOR CLUB 2017 CALENDAR

May 24	Hopewell Furnace
June 22	Casino Trip to Atlantic City
June 28	Luncheon
July 26	Picnic
August 23	Luncheon
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

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

The Respect Life Ministry will be holding a Socks & Underwear Drive on the weekend of May 27th and 28th. These items may be dropped off at the back of the Church. The Respect Life Ministry will repackage them into separate bags and will distribute them to the homeless in Philly. Matthew's Gospel when you saw Me naked, you clothed Me.

The New Items we are looking for are:

White athletic/crew socks for men size 10

Men's white T-shirts - size Large

Men's white Briefs - size Large

Thank you and may God bless you from Respect Life Ministry on behalf of the homeless.

For more information, call or email Mark Nunan at 610.754.7185 or marknunan@dejazzd.com.

CAR SHOW SIGNS

Please return any Car Show Lawn Signs to the Vestibule of the Church. We need to send them out to be updated with the date for this year's Car Show.

If you have any questions or need your sign to be picked up, contact Barb Jaruszewski at: 484.225.0033 or email to: hockeymom99@comcast.net.

Saint Philip Neri, E. Greenville

STUDENTS EXCEL AT:

Pope John Paul II High School

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students on the Third Quarter Report.

We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence.

Students who achieved **First Honors** include:

Ian Stephens '17;

Thomas Heibeck '19 & Hannah Weil '19

Matthew Souder '17 achieved **Second Honors**.

St. Philip Neri Seniors

RESORTS CASINO in ATLANTIC CITY

June 22, 2017

Itinerary:

9AM depart SPN Church

11AM-5PM Resorts Casino
receive a \$25 free slot play

7:30PM approximate return

Cost p/p \$30
includes deluxe motor coach transportation and Resorts Slot Play, does NOT include driver gratuity.

Full payment due on or before May 26; make checks payable to SPN Parish.

To reserve a seat, contact Gerri Haberacker at: 215.679.8235 or gerriha@comcast.net

PARISH BREAKFAST

The Parish Breakfast was held Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14th with 385 people attending.

There were three (3) winners for a FREE Breakfast:

Cheryl Seip, Andrew Souder & Kathleen Wroblewski.

Our next breakfast is June 11th; save the date!

Note: The Rectory Offices will be closed on Monday, May 29th for the Memorial Day Holiday.

AREA NEWS

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their Insurance Program. We offer a complete Benefits Package with this full-time position.

In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus.

For more information, contact Joseph Grayeske, FICF, General Agent: 215.362.2469 or email to joseph.grayeske@kofc.org.

METANOIA YOUNG ADULTS

Our upcoming events are listed below, contact metanoiayoungadults@gmail.com.

May 2017:

Tuesday, May 23: Theology on Tap at Appalachian Brewing Company in Colledgeville

Thursday, May 25: Ascension Thursday Mass: Location and time TBA.

Tuesday, May 30: Holy Hour at Mary Mother of the Redeemer in North Wales

June 2017:

Tuesday, June 6: FROYO at Swirled Peace in Lansdale: 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, June 13: Bible Study at Corpus Christi Parish, Lansdale at 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, June 20: Theology on Tap at Appalachian Brewing Company, Colledgeville.

Tuesday, June 27: Holy Hour at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer in North Wales: 7:30 PM.

PRO-LIFE ARTICLES

Our Tax Dollars Fund Abortions

Planned Parenthood is the largest abortion provider in the U.S. and advocates and benefits from taxpayer-funded abortion-on demand.

PP opposes any limitations on access to abortion, including partial-birth abortion and also opposes mandatory parental notification for minors to undergo the procedure. Approximately

one third of its clients are girls younger than 18 who live with one or both parents. Some 97 percent of these girls qualify for federal assistance to reimburse a provider of social services. This is because PP teaches its affiliates how to exploit federal "family planning" programs by qualifying as many clients as possible for federal subsidies of pregnancy tests, contraceptives, and abortions covered by Medicaid.

PP receives a large portion of its funding from the U.S. government. There are at least 18 federal statutes and hundreds of state and local programs that authorize tax dollars to be spent for "family planning" programs and procedures. Under the Hyde Amendment, however, tax dollars are not supposed to pay specifically for abortions. But PP capitalizes on the fact that when federal funds for family planning are administered by state agencies, county health departments, and local school districts, compliance with the law is nearly impossible to enforce.

A Civil Rights Issue.

As civilized people, we believe in civil rights. We believe that just because a boy or girl is young and small does not mean we have the right to dispose of him or her. We oppose abortion for the same reason we oppose slavery--it is a fundamental violation of human rights. There is no God-given right to convenience, but there is a God-given right to life.

The concentration camps of Nazi Germany are a testimony to what happens when people start deciding who has the right to live and who does not. The sign at Auschwitz says "Never Again." We hope that someday our country will admit that abortion kills innocent children and is therefore an atrocity and will say "Never Again."

Private Issue...Government Should Not Interfere

Many pro-choice people believe that abortion does not belong in the realm of government and is a "woman's private issue". This raises a fundamental question. Should we, as a nation, protect all human beings, or should we discriminate based on age, race and place of residence---in this case, the mother's womb.

To say that government should let people make all their own choices is neither practical nor desirable. We should not, for example, let people commit rape, steal or drive drunk.

Given the biological fact that the unborn are living human beings, the question is not whether the government has the right to prohibit abortion, but whether it has the right not to. The pertinent question is not whether a woman has a right to privacy, but whether her right to privacy supersedes her innocent child's right to life.

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

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Get into the Spirit

When Jesus was saying farewell to his disciples in the Gospel of John—praying that farewell, really, because what he had to say to them he said to God in prayer—he promised he would not leave them alone. He would send his Spirit, an Advocate, to be present to them until he returned. And lo and behold, at Pentecost it happened. Christ did not go away; he remained in a different form. So if you want to know what the Holy Spirit is, just think of it as Jesus' ongoing presence, which is always with you.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21 (55)*. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you."

MONDAY, MAY 22

MEMORIAL OF RITA OF CASCIA, RELIGIOUS

The holiness code, embodied

The life of Saint Rita (1386-1457) reads like a soap opera. She wanted to be a nun, but she was married against her will at the age of 12 to a cruel and unfaithful husband until his violent death 18 years later. Her two sons took after him. As a widow she was rejected three times trying to enter an Augustinian convent. She persisted and was finally accepted. It is fitting that she is the patroness of desperate situations. In spite of and because of life's difficulties, we can all achieve

some level of holiness. What has happened to you lately that can bring you closer to God?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4a (291)*. "When the Advocate comes, the Spirit of truth, he will testify on my behalf."

TUESDAY, MAY 23

EASTER WEEKDAY

Carry a get-out-of-jail holy card

It's a jail break! Paul and Silas, in the Acts of the Apostles, were arrested, beaten, and thrown into the clink by the authorities. But God caused an earthquake that sprung the doors of the prison and set the apostles free. Their first act was to comfort the jailer who was so upset by the escape that he was ready to kill himself. The jailer, moved by their kindness, brought them home with him, fed them, and bandaged their wounds. We, like the jailer, misjudge others and put them in prisons of our own self-righteousness. Let's not wait for an earthquake to set them free.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11 (292)*. "When the Advocate comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin, righteousness, and judgment."

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

EASTER WEEKDAY

Mi Espiritu es su Espiritu

Very rarely do we give another person complete access to our lives and possessions. "Mi casa es su casa" is something we say only to a spouse, child, or privileged friend. Otherwise, the access people have to our lives is fairly restricted to what we choose to tell them and how long they can stay until we kick them out. Jesus tells us his relationship to the Advocate he is sending is quite intimate. Listening to the Spirit is as good as

hearing it from Jesus himself. Live more thoughtfully attuned to the indwelling Spirit.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15 (293)*. *"The Spirit of truth will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you."*

THURSDAY, MAY 25

MEMORIAL OF BEDE THE VENERABLE, PRIEST

Venerate lifelong learning

Bede the Venerable was the embodiment of the lifelong learner. In his own words, "I ever took delight in learning and teaching and writing." Apart from his many theological works and scriptural commentaries, he wrote on subjects as varied as history, music, arithmetic, medicine, and science. Living in the Dark Ages, Bede's influence was so great that a century later a Swiss monk would write, "God . . . who raised the Sun from the East on the fourth day of Creation, in the sixth day of the world has made Bede rise from the West as a new Sun to illuminate the whole Earth." Bede's example can inspire each of us to continue our own lifelong learning.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20 (294)*. *"A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me."*

FRIDAY, MAY 26

MEMORIAL OF PHILIP NERI, PRIEST

Smile at your own imperfections

Can you imagine a cheerful saint? Saint Philip Neri was one. Born in 1515 in Italy, Neri was an itinerant scholar who grew weary of knowledge for its own sake. He sold his books, gave the money to the poor, and spent his years tending to the sick. He enthusiastically invited others to join in this

holy pursuit. No gloomy Christian, he said, "Cheerfulness strengthens the heart and makes us persevere in a good life. Therefore the servant of God ought always to be in good spirits." He was also realistic about his own imperfections, praying, "Lord, watch Philip, for he will betray you!" A realist with a positive outlook: What a fine holy role model.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23 (295)*. *"I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice."*

SATURDAY, MAY 27

MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP

A Canterbury tale of respect

In the sixth century Pope Gregory I sent Saint Augustine and 40 other Benedictine monks on a daunting journey to bring the gospel to England. As a missionary, Augustine was sensitive to cultural differences and sought not to coerce the English with the Good News, telling the king, Ethelbert, "Do not see us as coming to force upon an unknown people benefits against their will. Be assured that only a great love constrains us to do this." In witnessing to what we believe, we should start where people are at, not where we want them to be, and try to show them that the way of faith will enrich their lives.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28 (296)*. *"Whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you."*



**SPN SENIOR CLUB
WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2017
11:30 AM - Parish Hall**



**HOPEWELL FURNACE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
Berks County, PA**

"FROM OUT OF THE FIERY FURNACE"

Come and hear about this American 19th century rural
"iron Plantation".

Written and performed by Christine Emmert.
this one woman play portrays characters that weave an
intricate tale showing how one woman's life experiences can
be traced through a Hopewell Furnace-made stove. It is a 45-
minute presentation.

A reservation is requested
Call Rita Latshaw at 215-679-7009
The reservation deadline is May 19, 2017

Suggested Offering for the lunch is \$5.00 pp



Come with us on SATURDAY, JUNE 3, for a tour of the new Museum of the American Revolution in historic Philadelphia! We will leave from the Catholic Family Life Center at 8:00 am. After the tour, we will stop at the Cracker Barrel in Plymouth Meeting for lunch, returning to the CFLC by 4:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY MAY 21

Cost: \$30.00/adult; \$10.00/children/teens 6-18 includes admission and transportation.

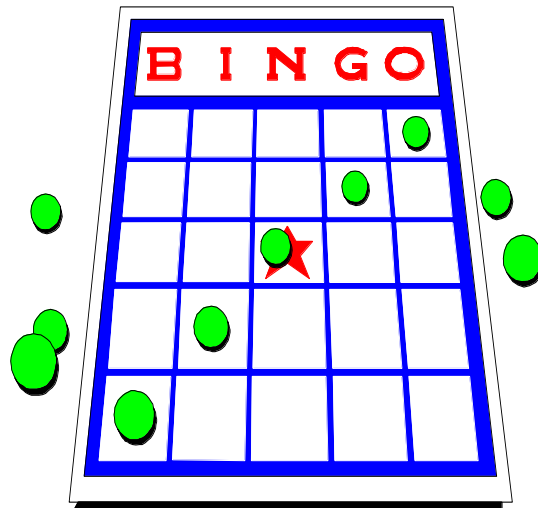
Register on line at www.catholicfamilylifecenter.com, by mail to CFLC at 26 E. 6th St., East Greenville, PA 18073 (make check payable to CFLC), or call: 215.679.2237

Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____
Email: _____
Parish: _____

Tickets: \$ _____

ST. PHILIP NERI – SUNDAY BINGO



June 4, 2017

Working Team #2

Bingo begins at 1PM

Doors open at 12 NOON

Parish Hall

1325 Kliner Rd – Pennsburg

215.679.8116

All Regular Games Prize is \$50

Final Cover All-Special – Prize is \$500

Great food available!!