

**Church of Saint Philip Neri**  
**Pennsburg, PA 18073**  
**September 24, 2017**



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**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

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**

Stop by or call the rectory between 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

**SHUT-INS**

Call the Parish Outreach Office.

**SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Call the Rectory Office.

**100th Anniversary of Our Parish**

St. Philip Neri Parish was canonically established as a parish on October 8, 1919. In two short years, we will be celebrating our 100th Anniversary. The past few years we have made a pledge to raise a minimum of \$100,000 dollars on our 100th Anniversary as a gift to the poor. I am pleased to announce that with fifteen (15) months to go, we have passed \$91,000 dollars. This has been our pre 100th Anniversary activity.

**The next Phase for our 100th Anniversary**

A Working Committee to arrange and plan the activities for the Anniversary. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the 100th Anniversary Working Committee, please call the rectory with your name and contact information. It is my hope that we will be established and running by the beginning of November.

The following will take place during the Anniversary Year that needs to be planned. The committee will be involved with these tasks:

- Opening Mass and Luncheon
- A major Event each month from: October 2019 to October 2020.
- A 100th Anniversary Book and Mementos.
- Light Pole Banners for all of our sites.
- Closing Mass and Dinner Dance.
- and much more

Next week look for more information about the Anniversary Year and the 100th Anniversary Chalice. Today, call the rectory to join the 100th Parish Anniversary Working Committee.

Father Roncase

**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 - Linda Benko
- John Burke
- Priest
- Deacon
- Dave Boone
- Teri Boone

**October 1  
Lectors**

S. Hunsberger

- 7:30 am - Beverly Bowser                      A. Canigiani
- Cameron Bowser
- Priest
- Deacon
- Lori Brozena
- Mary R. Giambrone
  
- 10:00 am - Leonette Nicolaou                Terry Benner
- Amanda Charlton                              Wendy Benner
- Priest
- Deacon
- Maryann Charlton
- Kevin Charlton
- Rose Anderson
- Mary E. Paulk
- Christine Adelsberger
- Steve Adelsberger
- Bob Brennan
- Eleanor Brennan

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**September 24, 2017**

- Monday, September 25
- 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Adoration in the Chapel
- 5:00 pm - Lt. Col. Christopher Kaiser,  
(Gloria Kaiser)
  
- Tuesday, September 26, Saint Cosmas & Damian
- 8:00 am - William C. Bradley,  
(Tony & Joan Pongia)
- 9:00 AM - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
  
- Wednesday, September 27, Saint Vincent de Paul
- 8:00 am - Irwin Yerger, (SPN Martha Ministry)
- 9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
  
- Thursday, September 28, Saint Wencelaus;  
Saint Lawrence Ruiz & companions
- 8:00 am - James Bambrick,  
(Peggy Bambrick)
- 9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
  
- Friday, September 29, Saints Michael, Gabriel  
and Raphael, Archangels
- 8:00 am - Pete Penrose, (Bob & Dawn Ellis)
- 9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
  
- Saturday, September 30, Saint Jerome
- 10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
- 5:00 pm - Living and Deceased Members  
of the Parish.

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 1, 2017**

- 7:30 am - Peter Duklis, Sr., (Curt & Mary Walter)
- 10:00 am - Anna & Stanley Melcher and  
Erik Crotzer, (Terry & Wendy Benner)

## FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

The White Roses placed at the Blessed Mother and Sacred Heart Altars are in memory of **Jerry and Cecelia Vanim**; requested by Florence Stump.

### FIRST FRIDAY

October 6th is First Friday. Mass is 9:00 AM in the St. Anne Chapel. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Chapel from 10AM - 7PM. Please commit to spend some time with Our Lord at the Blessed Sacrament.

## 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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### SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

	September 17, 2017
September 18, 2016	September 17, 2017
Envelopes: \$ 5,083.50	\$ 5,195.00
Online: 1,761.00	1,676.00
Loose: 613.00	915.00
Children: 10.00	35.00
Total: \$ 7,467.50	\$ 7,821.00
Hurricane Harvey Victims: \$ 1,772.00	

### Special Second Collections: October

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

All Souls; Mission Sunday; 100th Anniversary.

### SPECIAL SECOND COLLETION

There will be a special Second Collection taken on the weekend of September 30th and October 1st (next weekend) for the victims of Hurricane Irma in the Caribbean and Florida.

This collection will take place immediately following the first collection.

## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2017:

### Week at a Glance

#### Monday – September 25

Holy Rosary Hour 1:00 pm - Chapel

#### Tuesday - September 26

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

#### Wednesday – September 27

Adoration in the Chapel: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm  
 Garden Club 5:00 pm  
 PREP Class 6:30 pm CFLC  
 Senior Club Luncheon 11:30 am Parish Hall

#### Thursday - September 28

Adoration in the Chapel: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm  
 Bible Study 7:00 pm Neri Center  
 Praise and Prayer 7:30 pm Chapel  
 RCIA 7:00 pm Rectory

#### Friday - September 29

Adoration in the Chapel: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm  
 Bible Study 9:00 am Neri Center  
 Frontier Girls 6:30 pm Parish Hall

#### Saturday - September 30

Adoration in the Chapel: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
 Parish Hall NOT AVAILABLE

#### Sunday - October 1

Bingo 1:00 pm Parish Hall  
 Children's Liturgy of the Word at 10AM Mass  
 Little Church 10:00 am Parish Hall  
 Men's Basketball 8:00 pm Parish Hall  
 Youth Ministry 5:30 pm Parish Hall



### SPN SENIOR CLUB 2017 CALENDAR

Sept. 27	Celebrate the 50's
Oct. 10	Trip to Penn's Peak: Tribute to Barbara Streisand
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

**St. Philip Neri Church**

**All-You-Can-Eat Buffet Breakfast!**

**Sunday, October 8 ... 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.

**Pancakes - plain & one topping**

**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 & major credit cards are accepted.

**ONLINE GIVING**

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

Online giving is a secure and personalized way  
to give to the parish.

It also can stand on its own as a means of a  
donation or can be used in conjunction with  
your offering envelopes.

**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 **Claude Balduzzi**; requested by:  
Kenneth & Donna Bozzelli.

In memory of **Alfred Alexy Jr.**; requested by:  
Anthony & Barbara Parestis.

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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Our Knights of Columbus will be distributing  
Pro-Life Lapel Roses next weekend (September  
30th/October 1st) at all of the Masses. Please  
take one or two and wear them to show your  
Support for Life.

All donations go to support Women Center's in  
the area. These Centers help hundreds of  
women and their babies every year. God bless  
you and your families.

**COME-N-GO BINGO**

**St. Philip Neri Parish Hall**

**FREE Admission**

**Saturday - October 21, 2017**

**Doors open at 6:00 pm**

**Games begin at 6:30 pm**

**Cost: \$.25/game**

**50/50 cash pots;**

**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**

**SPN SUNDAY BINGO**



**October 1, 2017**

**Working Team #2**

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!!

**SPN CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

The 2017 Fall/Winter Program Catalog will be  
mailed soon to your homes - there are new  
Programs and Events the entire family will enjoy!

Registration is now open online.  
go to: [www.catholicfamilylifecenter.com](http://www.catholicfamilylifecenter.com) or call:  
215.679.2237

**CFLC FALL KICK-OFF EVENT:**

**Sunday, 10/1 - Celebration of St. Therese of Lisieux:** Shower of Roses St. Therese of Lisieux - Carmelite Monastery - Benediction and shower of roses procession on the Feast Day of St. Therese of Lisieux - 1:30 - 5:00 pm - Coopersburg  
Cost: \$5.00. Seats are still available!

**CANCELLATION: Saturday, October 14 - Warren County Winery Train and Tour is cancelled.**

Upcoming Programs at CFLC:

9/30 - Beginning Spanish - 9:30 am

10/2 - Molly Maguires - 7:00 pm

10/3 - Walking Club Challenge - 1:00 pm

10/3 - Venerable Solanus Casey - 7:00 pm

10/5 - Walking Club Challenge - 11:00 am

10/5 - Mahjong - 1:00 pm

10/5 - Sally's Music Circle - 6:00 pm

10/5 - Chair Yoga - 7:00 pm

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Saturday, November 4 - Steeples and Steel Tour!** Take a look back at the immigration of the 1800-1900s and learn about the Bethlehem Steel Mill, communities, and their churches and cemeteries.

This tour includes St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church and Bethlehem Steel. Cost: \$45 includes transportation, tours, and lunch.

**PARISH OUTREACH**

**FRIENDLY VISITOR MINISTRY'S APPEAL**

The Friendly Visitor Ministry is a Social Service Program which began in August 2001. SPN Friendly Visitors visit the homebound either in their home or in the local Nursing Home on a routine basis.

Due to the response from our parishioners during our recent appeal, we now have thirteen (13) visitors **but are in need of more!** If you feel this might be your calling to provide companionship to a person in need, call the Parish Outreach Office - Joan Lampart: 215.679.9275 or the Ministry Leader, LaRue Emmell at: 215.679.3086. There is a short Orientation Program.

**THANK YOU**

A big Thank You to Carl Slonaker who generously arranged and paid for the cleaning of the three (3) Priest Grave Stones at our Parish Cemetery.

Currently, there are three (3) Priests buried in our Priest Circle: Father Letterhouse; Father Brown and the Founding Pastor of St. Columbkill.

The grave stones of these Priests had become dirty and covered with algae. Carl Slonaker graciously arranged for the grave stones to be clean and repaired at his own expense.

Thank you so very much Carl!

**ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS**

**Upcoming Retreats at Malvern Retreat House: Dorothy Day Retreat**

This unique mid-week retreat for men and women will be held September 26-28 at Malvern Retreat House.

It will offer an experience of the Benedictine spirituality of Dorothy Day, who in her life integrated her love of God, neighbor, and nature.

Retreatant's will experience this integration through spiritual talks, quiet time, and some light hands-on work (if interested - spinning wool fleece into yarn) - the "ora et labora" of St. Benedict. The themes of the retreat include simplicity of life, hospitality, and appreciation for God's creation. Participants will be given resources for incorporating Benedictine spirituality into their busy lives.

**Women's 24-Hour Retreat - Walking in Confidence, Trusting in God's Promises**

Malvern Retreat House is holding a 24-hour women's retreat September 29-30 with phenomenal speaker Jennifer Hubbard, who shares a message about the mercy and hope God provides us, even in the face of unexpected life events. Hubbard is a mother who lost her 6-year old daughter Catherine Violet Hubbard during the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting that occurred in 2012. Since that day, Jennifer and her husband Matt have turned to their faith in their search for peace, and they found that God has provided them with the answers they needed. This retreat will make you think, and it will leave you joyful as the realization of God's everyday presence unfolds. For more information or to register, please visit [malvernretreat.com](http://malvernretreat.com) or call 610-644-0400.

### **Evening of Reflection with Gary Zimak**

On Thursday, October 5, Malvern Retreat House will host an evening retreat that will focus on how to overcome negative thinking and believe in God's promises. During the retreat, Catholic speaker, author and radio host Gary Zimak will offer simple and practical steps for moving away from negativity and moving closer to Christ. Zimak is the author of several books, including "A Worrier's Guide To The Bible," and "From Fear To Faith." This 6pm-9pm retreat includes dinner. For more information or to register for this retreat, please visit [malvernretreat.com](http://malvernretreat.com) or call 610-644-0400.

### **About Malvern Retreat House**

Owned and operated by Catholic lay leadership since 1912, Malvern is the oldest and largest Catholic retreat house in the country - hosting 20,000 people annually at 250 retreats on 125 acres in beautiful Chester County, Pennsylvania. We invite you to come to Malvern to reflect, refresh and rejoice in your faith. Call 610-644-0400 or visit us online at [malvernretreat.com](http://malvernretreat.com).

### **Vocation Office for Diocesan Priesthood**

"Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." Jesus speaks these words today. Have you considered being a priest?  
Be a Fisher of Men.  
[www.HeedTheCall.org](http://www.HeedTheCall.org)

## **AREA NEWS**

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

Tuesday, September 26 - Holy Hour at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, North Wales - 7:30PM.

Tuesday, October 10 - Bible Study at Corpus Christi Parish, Lansdale at 7:30 PM

Friday, October 13 - Campfire at St. Eleanor's Parish, Collegeville at 7:30 PM

Tuesday, October 17 - Theology on Tap at Appalachian Brewing Co., in Collegeville. Doors open at 7:00 PM and Talks begin at 7:30 PM - Guest Speaker is Dr. John Brehaney

Tuesday, October 24 - Holy Hour at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish, North Wales - 7:30 PM.

Friday, October 27 - Pumpkin Carving Social at The Rose's House, Audubon - 7:30 PM.



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

### **Sunday, Sep 24, 2017**

#### **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

#### **Ours is not to know**

Life is a puzzle; there are so many things we do not understand: Why is there evil? Why do bad things happen to good people? Why do some people live to a ripe old age while others die before they've had a chance to live? Why can't we seem to get along? Why are some people fabulously wealthy or healthy or fortunate or all of these while others struggle simply to survive? Oddly, there is some freedom in not having all the answers. We don't have to be able to see the whole picture in order to know that "all shall be well, all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well," as the medieval mystic Julian of Norwich put it. Practice surrendering to the mystery.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians*

1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a (133). “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.”

## Monday, Sep 25, 2017

### Quantum hints of God

In her *Revelations of Divine Love*, 14th-century mystic Julian of Norwich describes how she came to understand that God is light, “our endless Day.” Seven centuries later, physicist Bernard Haisch came to the same understanding: “The solid, stable world of matter appears to be sustained at every instant by an underlying sea of quantum light,” which Haisch concludes gives “Let there be light” profound meaning and a clue to the nature of God and the mysteries of the universe. The light that shines within you is God. Let others see that light in everything you do.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18 (449)*. “No one after lighting a lamp hides it under a bed, but puts it on a lampstand.”

## Tuesday, Sep 26, 2017

### MEMORIAL OF COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS

#### Let's care for one another

Cosmas and Damian are said to have been brothers, perhaps even twins, who were trained as physicians. Tradition says that, motivated by Christian charity, they would take no money for their services. They are the patron saints of doctors, surgeons, druggists—and twins. While most healthcare professionals are not in a position to refuse payment, there are other ways to make healthcare accessible to all. The USCCB Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development established criteria for fair and just healthcare reform: a truly universal health policy with respect for human life and dignity; access for all with a special concern for the poor and inclusion of legal immigrants; pursuing the common good

and preserving pluralism including freedom of conscience and available options; and restraining costs and applying them equitably across the spectrum of payers. What can you do to bring these reforms to life?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21 (450)*. “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it.”

## Wednesday, Sep 27, 2017

### MEMORIAL OF VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST

#### There's always more to be done

Toward the end of his life, Vincent de Paul (1580-1660) sat with one of his many wealthy patronesses, who recounted all the good works of charity Vincent had initiated and supervised throughout his priesthood. She asked him what else he could possibly hope to do. “More,” he replied benignly. His relentless enthusiasm for the relief of human suffering was infectious and led to the founding of the society that bears his name by layman Frederic Ozanam two centuries later. In his name—and through your generosity—the St. Vincent de Paul Society continues to do “more.”

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6 (451)*. “Then they set out and went from village to village proclaiming the Good News and curing diseases everywhere.”

## Thursday, Sep 28, 2017

### MEMORIAL OF WENCESLAUS, MARTYR

#### Live generously

Legend surrounds the brief life of Saint Wenceslaus I, duke of Bohemia (907-935), originally venerated because of his martyrdom but most remembered today because of a Christmas carol from the 16th century that celebrated him as

a model of generosity. Separating fact from fiction may be difficult after 1,000 years, but your own track record with regard to generosity should be easier to tally. Will anyone sing praises of your generosity a millennium from now? A hundred years? Ten minutes after you're gone? If not, what can you do today to start building your own lasting legacy?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9 (452)*. "Who then is this about whom I hear such things?"

### Friday, Sep 29, 2017

#### FEAST OF MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

##### Eyes on the prize

According to Saint Augustine, the word *angel* (from the Greek *angelos*—"messenger") is basically a job description—that is, angels serve as messengers of God's purposes. They are reliable, says Jesus, because they "always behold the face of my father in heaven." We can trust such messengers because they do not lose sight of God. Today we celebrate the feast of three archangels—Michael, who spoke regularly to the prophets; Gabriel, who announced the births of John the Baptist and Jesus; and Raphael, whose name means "God has healed." Let's learn from them to keep our eyes on God.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12ab; John 1:47-51 (647)*. "You will see heaven opened and the angels ascending and descending upon the Son of

*Man.*"

### Saturday, Sep 30, 2017

#### MEMORIAL OF JEROME, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

##### Dig deep

Saint Jerome (c. 340-420) lived out his dictum: "Ignorance of the scriptures is ignorance of Christ." At the encouragement of the pope he made a new translation of the Old Testament into Latin and revised the existing translation of the New Testament. He also wrote commentaries on biblical books, including the prophets. He knew that the more deeply one explores scripture, the closer to Christ one gets. And to get the message of the Bible makes us messengers ourselves, just like Saint Jerome. What can you do to deepen your knowledge and understanding of scripture—and also of God—and pass that along?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45 (454)*. "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men."

## SPN SENIOR CLUB LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2017





IF YOU LOVE ROCK N' ROLL  
COME AND 'PUT A DIME IN THE JUKEBOX' AND  
'STROLL' DOWN MEMORY LANE

11:30 AM - Parish Hall

**RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!** Deadline September 22, 2017

Call Rita Latshaw at 215.679.7009



Suggested Offering for the lunch is \$5.00 pp



## **CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX**

**PART ONE: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017, 7:00 – 8:30 PM - CFLC**

**St. Therese of Lisieux:**

**The Saint of Peace and Love for Our Time of Conflict and Violence**

Brother Joseph Schmidt, FSC, will focus on Therese's life and spirituality and how we might follow her famous Little Way of non-violent love in our own lives.



*O glorious Saint Therese, whom Almighty God  
has raised up to aid and counsel mankind,  
I implore thy Merciful Intercession.*

## **PART TWO: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017, 1:30 – 5:00 PM - COOPERSBURG Shower of Roses Celebration**

We will depart the CFLC at 1:30 pm for the Carmelite Monastery in Coopersburg for refreshments and Benediction, followed by a procession of a shower of roses to the outdoor Chapel of St. Therese of Lisieux. Each person will be presented with a blessed rose. Refreshments will be available after the procession.

Total Cost: \$5.00 per person (includes Part One and Part Two)

Register online at [catholicfamilylifecenter.com](http://catholicfamilylifecenter.com), by mail (make check payable to CFLC) at 26 East 6<sup>th</sup> St., East Greenville, PA 18041, or phone (215) 679-2237.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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