

Church of Saint Philip Neri
Pennsburg, PA 18073
October 1, 2017



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Deacon Patrick J. Kennedy
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Church & Rectory Address:

1325 Klinerd Rd; Pennsburg 18073

Hours: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Email Address: ofcmgr@spnparish.org
Website Address: www.spnparish.org

Religious Education Office Summer Hours:

26 E. Sixth Street, East Greenville, PA 18041
Monday & Friday: Offices are closed
Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Wednesday: 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Email address: prep@spnparish.org

Neri Center Address

575 Main Street, East Greenville, PA 18041

Catholic Family Life Center Address

26 E. Sixth Street, East Greenville, PA 18041
Email address: tdeweese@spncflc.org
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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
Saturday:
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

For a floral arrangement to be placed at the altar, please call the rectory.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday – Vigil Mass – 5:00 PM
Sunday – 7:30 AM; 10:00 AM
Holy Day Masses as announced

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE - St. Anne Chapel

The Chapel is open Monday thru Saturday until 7:00 PM for your visits to the Blessed Sacrament.

Daily Mass is celebrated in the Chapel attached to the rectory:
Monday - 5:00 PM
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - 8:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 4:00 – 4:45 PM
or: at the Rectory BY APPOINTMENT.

BAPTISMS: Please call the Rectory to schedule
2nd Sunday Baptisms are held **at** the 10 AM Mass
3rd Sunday Baptisms are held at 11:30 AM

SPONSORS: Sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation need to be at least 16 years of age, to be confirmed, attend Mass weekly, and if married, be in a valid marriage.

PRE-JORDAN CLASSES

Call the Rectory Office to schedule.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements should be made at least SIX MONTHS before the date of the wedding.

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

SHUT-INS

Call the Parish Outreach Office.

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Call the Rectory Office.

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 - Catherine Cahill
Lee Johnson
Priest
Deacon
Doug DiTondo
Linda DiTondo
Mike Dougherty

October 8 **Lectors**

Bob Ellis

5:00 pm - Lisa Edleman
Mike Edleman
Barbara Jaruszewski
Marci Jaman
Claire Holcombe

7:30 am - Charles Doherty
Judith Doherty
Priest
Deacon
Bill Gurgick
Lisa Gurgick

J. Gilmore
T. Gilmore

10:00 am - Hank Brodlo
Marianne Brodlo
Priest
Deacon
Mary Goodfellow
Christine Kemp

R. DeGrassi

Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 1, 2017

Monday, October 2, The Holy Guardian Angels
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Adoration in the Chapel
5:00 pm - George Gilde, (Cindy Gilde and
Karen Kaufmann)

Tuesday, October 3
8:00 am - Irwin Yerger, (Jack & Carol Evanish)
9:00 AM - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel

Wednesday, October 4, Saint Francis of Assisi
8:00 am - Pete Penrose, (Pat Cahill)
9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel

Thursday, October 5, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
8:00 am - 1st Anniversary, Rene Albert
(Janet Albert)
9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel

First Friday, October 6, Saint Bruno,
Blessed Marie Rose Duracher
9:00 am - Irwin Yerger, (Theresa Thayer & family)
10:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel

Saturday, October 7
10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
5:00 pm - Margaret & Joseph Harvey, (Nephew)

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2017

7:30 am - Living and Deceased Members
of the Parish.
10:00 am - Paul & Vera Fronheiser, (Estate)
1:00 pm - Blessing of the Animals
(to be held on Church Parking Lot)

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

The center arrangement of Yellow and White Flowers are in memory of **Anna & Stanley Melcher**, and **Erik Crotzer**; requested by: Leonette Nicolaou.

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:
Philip Myers; Michael Quigley.

For those who have died, and in particular for **Helen Schneider**, (Mother of Marianne Peters) grant them eternal rest and peace.

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 25, 2016	September 24, 2017
Envelopes: \$ 5,587.50	\$ 4,303.00
Online: 2,086.00	2,041.00
Loose: 1,435.00	290.00
Children: 3.00	33.00
Total: \$ 9,111.50	\$ 6,667.00

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.

OCTOBER 2017:

Week at a Glance

Monday – October 2

Adoration in the Chapel	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Holy Rosary Hour	1:00 pm - Chapel
RCIA	7:00 pm - Rectory

Tuesday - October 3

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

Wednesday – October 4

Adoration in the Chapel	9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Garden Club	5:00 pm
Pre-Jordan Baptismal Class	7:00 pm - Rectory
PREP Class	6:30 pm - CFLC

Thursday - October 5

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

Friday - October 6

Adoration in the Chapel	9:00 am 7:00 pm
Bible Study	10:00 am Neri Center
Frontier Girls	6:30 pm Parish Hall

Saturday - October 7

Adoration in the Chapel	10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Breakfast setup	7:00 am Parish Hall

Sunday - October 8

Blessing of the Animals	-1:00 pm Parking Lot
Breakfast	7:00 am - 12:00 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



SPN SENIOR CLUB 2017 CALENDAR

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

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.

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 CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE CENTER

The 2017 Fall program has been mailed to your
home - we have many new programs! Please
check out the Family Option as well!

Registration still open for ALL Programs.

REGISTER online at

www.catholicfamilylifecenter.com, or mail form
from program catalog with check made payable to
CFLC at 26 East 6th St., East Greenville, PA 18041,
or phone 215-679-2237.

Upcoming:

10/2 - Molly Maguires - 7:00 pm

10/3 - Walking Club - 1:00 pm

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

10/5 - Mahjong - 1:00 pm

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

10/5 - Chair Yoga - 7:00 pm

10/6 - Artsy Evening for Kids - 7:00 pm

10/6 - Sing Along with the Man of 5,000 Songs -
7:00 pm

10/6 - Reverse Mortgage - 7:00 pm

10/6 - Historical Series - Phoenixville - 7:00 pm

10/7 - Beginning Spanish - 9:30 am

CANCELLED: WINERY TRIP 10/14

SAVE THE DATE:

11/4 - **Steeple and Steel** - Take a ride through the
South Side of Bethlehem in which steelworkers
lived in the 1800s and early 1900s. Learn about
the churches and cemeteries of their communities;
and ride to the Bethlehem Steel site for a history
of the plant and area.

11/6 - **Hilarious Magic of Sam Sandler** - Enjoy
America's only full-time deaf magician as he
combines magic with comedy with jaw-dropping
illusions and music for the entire family!

11/13 - **Ringing Hills Chorus** - Listen to the
barbershop harmony of this chapter of The Sweet
Adelines International as they perform many
memorable songs from the 1960s!

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 **Alice Poslosky**; requested by:
MaryAnn and John Poslosky.

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



The St. Philip Neri Senior Club Board would like to thank everyone who contributed, in any way, to our Basket Bash Fundraiser held on Sunday, September 24th.

It was through the generosity of our Parish Organizations, local businesses and individual donations that our Event was a huge success!

Again, thank you!
Dawn Ellis - President
SPN Senior Club Board

Thank you from BIRTHRIGHT!

Dear Members of St. Philip Neri Parish,

We were overwhelmed with the generous donations you made to Birthright. So many of the items donated were in short supply at the office; so your donation was very timely.

We send our sincere thanks. May God bless you.

Sincerely,
Birthright of Pottstown

Planning Committee: LENTEN FISH FRY

We are putting together a committee to plan our Parish Lenten Fish Fry for next year.

If anyone would like to be part of this committee, contact Bill Robinson at 215.896.5949 or email to:
wcrobinson2@hotmail.com.

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.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Upcoming Retreats at Malvern Retreat House:

Knights of Immaculata

The son of the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia will be heading to Malvern Retreat House in November to direct the Knights of Immaculata Men of Malvern Retreat. Fr. Paul Scalia will offer several presentations during the retreat that will be held the weekend of November 17-19. The cost for this inspirational, traditional retreat is \$245, including meals. To register, please visit malvernretreat.com/register or call 610-644-0400 for more information.

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. To find an evening, weekday or weekend spiritual retreat that's right for you, call 610-644-0400 or visit us online at malvernretreat.com.

AREA NEWS

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

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

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

Tuesday, October 17 - Theology on Tap at Appalachian Brewing Co., in Collegetown. 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.

Wednesday, November 1 - Mass at St. Titus in East Norriton at 7:00 PM

Tuesday, November 14 - Theology on Tap at Appalachian Brewing Co. Doors open at 7PM; Talks begin at 7:30PM Speaker - Stump the Priest Panel

Tuesday, November 21 - Bible Study at Corpus Christi, Lansdale at 7:30 PM

Tuesday, November 28 - Holy Hour at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer in North Wales: 7:30PM

Tuesday, December 12 - Bible Study at Corpus Christi at 7:30 PM

Tuesday, December 19 - Christmas Party at Appalachian Brewing Co. Doors open at 7PM; Talk begins at 7:30 PM

ORGAN RECITAL

Sunday, October 15th - 3:00 PM at New Goshenhoppen United Church of Christ on Church Road in East Greenville. The organist is going to be Dr. Gordon Turk.

FREE will offering and reception will follow after the Program. For more information, call 215.679.2041 or www.newgoshucc.org.



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

Sunday, Oct 01, 2017

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME; RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

To life!

The call to respect life confronts the multiple ways life is often devalued in our world—war, capital punishment, and abortion, among others. It is not only a call “out there in the world” but also a call within each of us. We can take this message to heart in every situation we encounter, and each day offers many opportunities—large and small—to respect life by the way we treat one another. What is one choice for life that you can make today?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32 (136).* “Complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing.”

Monday, Oct 02, 2017

MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN

ANGELS

Our better angels

The tradition of a guardian angel that guides and protects each person in life developed gradually in the church. Devotion to angels grew in the monastic tradition, beginning with Saint Benedict and getting a big boost from the 12th-century reformer Saint Bernard of Clairvaux. By the 16th century the feast the church celebrates today in honor of guardian angels was well established. Whether you embrace the tradition literally or think of angels as expressions of God’s love and care extended to all of creation—or both—today is a day to be thankful that you do not walk alone in the spiritual life.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Zechariah 8:1-8*

(455); *Matthew 18:1-5, 10 (650)*. “Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Tuesday, Oct 03, 2017

Time to decide

Some things in our lives can be left to float in indecision or even inattention. That’s the pile of stuff on your desk or in the closet you keep adding to but never subtract from. Other things require commitment. And every commitment we make is an act of faith in God, faith that God will see us through, come better or worse. Think of the extraordinary commitments we make to friends, spouses, family, neighbors, and employers. Sometimes it is time to choose. Or, as Yogi Berra quipped: When you come to a fork in the road, take it!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56 (456)*. “When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.”

Wednesday, Oct 04, 2017

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Honor your mother

In his wonderful *Canticle of the Creatures*, Saint Francis of Assisi praises God for the delightful family he has enjoyed in the creatures he calls Sir Brother Sun, Sister Moon, Brother Wind, Sister Water, and Brother Fire. His prayer for Sister Mother Earth includes praise for the one who “sustains and governs us, and who produces varied fruits with colored flowers and

herbs.” Two days ago was “World Habitat Day.” Saint Francis would approve. Find a way this year to commit yourself to the health of our planet who is our sister and mother.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Nehemiah 2:1-8; Luke 9:57-62 (457)*. “Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head.”

Thursday, Oct 05, 2017

MEMORIAL OF BLESSED FRANCIS

XAVIER SEELOS, PRIEST

Be of good cheer

What’s the secret to a joyful life? It is not about enjoying happy circumstances, or all privileged people would be smiling and the rest of us would be in therapy. Joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit, which was very apparent in the life of the “cheerful ascetic” Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos (1819-67). This Redemptorist priest was best known for his simplicity, sincerity, and good cheer in every situation. Once, upon escaping the fate of being named bishop of Pittsburgh, he threw a party! Before he died while serving victims of the yellow fever epidemic in New Orleans, Seelos declared: “To become holy is our only purpose in life.” Pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary today to inhabit the spirit of joy.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10:1-12 (458)*. “The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few.”

Friday, Oct 06, 2017

MEMORIAL OF BLESSED MARIE ROSE

DUROCHER, VIRGIN

Pass the torch with loving attention

Among the short list of most influential people in your life surely there is a teacher or two, most likely from your early years of education. Saint Marie Rose Durocher, who founded an order in Quebec with a strong teaching ministry, was herself deeply influenced by those who taught her along the way. Her first teacher, in fact, was her paternal grandfather, who home-schooled her until the age of 10. The wisdom of tradition is preserved when it is passed from one generation to the next. Honor those who inspired you by doing the same for those who are coming up after you.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16 (459). "If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts."*

eventually by her devotees—with a rosary: around her neck, across her hands, or anywhere it's possible to dangle one. Some statues are so laden with rosaries by the fervent that it's a wonder Our Lady can stand up under the strain! This reality contrasts with the story that it was Mary who *gave* the Rosary to the early Carmelite Saint Simon Stock—and by extension, to all of us. We're the ones who need a little help getting our prayer on, after all! As Rosary Month moves forward, have you found your beads yet?

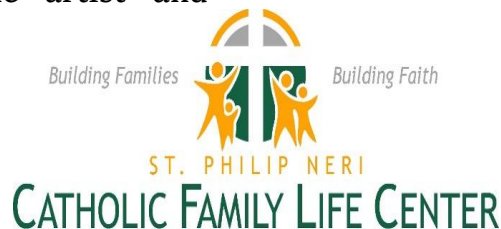
TODAY'S READINGS: *Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24 (460). "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see."*

Saturday, Oct 07, 2017

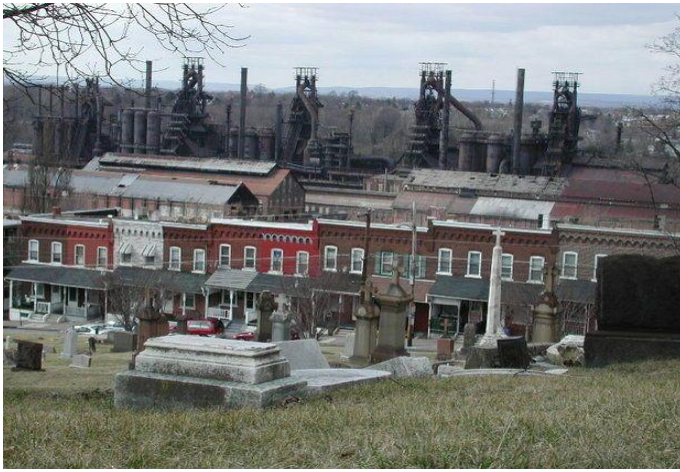
MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Draw a bead on the Rosary

Rarely do we pass a statue of Mary that is not originally draped by the artist—and



**STEEPLES AND STEEL TOUR!
BETHLEHEM, PA
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017
8:30 AM – 1:00 PM**



Join us! These tours take you back to the era of immigration of the late 1800's and early 1900's. We'll learn about the South Side Bethlehem ethnic communities, the steelworkers, and their churches and cemeteries. The first part is led by a South Bethlehem Historical Society guide who will drive us through steelworker churches on Bethlehem's South Side. We'll stop at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church and cemetery to hear the history of the church and cemetery, the final resting place of many steelworkers. From there we'll visit the plant site of Bethlehem Steel to hear the history of the Bethlehem Steel plant. We'll ride back to St. John's Windish Lutheran Church for a short tour and an enjoyable Eastern European goulash lunch! We will board the bus back to CFLC to return by 1:00 pm.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 28

Go to www.catholicfamilylifecenter.com to register!

Cost: \$45 includes transportation, tours, and lunch

Name: _____ *Email: _____

Address: _____ *Home Phone: _____ *Mobile: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

*Required for contact in case of change or cancellation

or send form with check payable to CFLC at 26 East 6th St., East Greenville, PA 18041 or phone 215.679.2237



SPN SENIOR CLUB IS HAVING A HALLOWEEN PARTY

(Costumes are optional)

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF
TRICKS AND TREATS

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25,
2017**

11:30 AM - PARISH HALL

Reservations are a must!

Call Rita at 215.679.7009

Deadline: October 20, 2017

**Suggested Offering for Lunch is \$5.00
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