

**Church of Saint Philip Neri
Pennsburg, PA 18073
January 7, 2018**



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Parish Phone Numbers:

Rectory	215.679.9275
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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 & 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 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.

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 – Doug DiTondo
Linda DiTondo
Priest
Deacon
Catherine Cahill
Lee Johnson
Lisa Edleman
Mike Edleman
Mike Dougherty
Courtney Highleyman
Claire Holcombe
Marci Jaman

7:30 am – Jo Ellen Carr
Ray Carr
Priest
Deacon
Charles Doherty
Judith Doherty

10:00 am – Bob Brennan
Eleanor Brennan
Priest
Deacon
LaRue Emmell
Karen Garland

January 14 Lectors

S. Hunsberger

A. Canigiani

E. Davis
R. DeGrassi

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2018

Monday, January 8, The Baptism of The Lord
9:00 AM – 7:00 PM - Adoration in the Chapel
8:00 AM – Communion Service

Tuesday, January 9
8:00 am – Dolores Bucci,
(Rita Latshaw)
9:00 AM - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel

Wednesday, January 10
8:00 am – 10th Anniversary, Joseph F. Josko Jr.
(Family)
9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel

Thursday, January 11
8:00 am – James Lowrie, (Joe & Barbara Henry)
9:00 AM – 7:00 PM - Adoration in the Chapel

Friday, January 12

8:00 am – Morris Amato, (Mary R. Giambrone)

9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel

Saturday, January 13, St. Hilary

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

5:00 pm – Donald Lammers, (John Burke)

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2018

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

10:00 am – Charles & Mary Sailer,
(Mary Ellen Paulk & family)

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:

**Virginia Kelly; Philip Myers;
Michael Quigley and Genevieve
Sieber.**

For those who have died, and in
particular for **Conrad Kozak &
Michael Metzinger**, grant them
eternal rest and peace.

PARISH NEWS

SAINT PHILIP NERI AT LARGE PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Welcome any questions or comments you
may have.

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Ray Carr: bigdaddy2530@gmail.com

Kevin Charlton: mpcharlton@comcast.net

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SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:

Collections for December 24th; 25th & 31st and January 1st will be posted in the Bulletin dated January 14th; this is due to the holiday schedule with our publisher.

SPECIAL SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:

January 2018

For those who do not receive Sunday collection envelopes or if you are an on-line giver, the following special collections are: Catholic Relief Services, 100th Anniversary.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: 2017

Any parishioner requesting a copy of their contribution statement for 2017, call the rectory office between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM or email to: ofcmgr@spnparish.org. Statements are mailed upon request only.

HOUSE BLESSINGS

House Blessings can be arranged by calling or emailing Shirley Misiak at the rectory during business hours, Monday thru Friday (9:30 AM - 4:30 PM) (215.679.9275) or email to:

ofcmgr@spnparish.org to make a request. The request will then be recorded and then forwarded to one of the Deacons who will follow up with a phone call to schedule a visit.

PARISH IMPROVEMENTS

In response to parishioner's inquiries, if you would like to make a donation to a specific project being considered by the Church, please put your check or cash in an envelope and place the project you want to donate to on the front of the envelope and put it in the Sunday collection or drop off at the Rectory. Your dollars will be put towards your specific project. The top four (4) projects currently being looked into are:

1. New Church Roof
2. New Church AC
3. Repaving Church Parking Lot
4. Refurbishing of Church Organ

SPN CHURCH BREAKFAST HELP

Wanted: person/s to wash, sort, cook potatoes. Start at 8:00 AM on Thursday. Person/s to peel potatoes. Start at 10AM Thursday prior to monthly Breakfasts.

Contact Bill Robinson: 215.896.5949 or email: wcrobinson2@hotmail.com.

Note that beginning in January, Breakfast hours are going to be 8AM - 12PM with the exception of Mother's Day and Christmas, it will continue to be 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

FREE THROW CONTEST

Sponsored by: KOC 6614

St. Philip Neri Parish Hall

Monday - January 15, 2018

Registrations begin at 6:30 PM

This contest is for boys and girls ages nine thru fourteen years old. Any questions, call Steve at: 610.675.5633.

KOC COME-N-GO BINGO

SPN PARISH HALL

FREE ADMISSION

Saturday - January 20, 2018

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Games begin at 6:30 PM

Cost: .25/game

50/50 cash pots and special bonus and 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! Call Ray at: 215.679.6405 for more information.

SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH

All-You-Can-Eat Buffet Breakfast!

Sunday, January 14, 2018

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Menu: Scrambled eggs. Bacon. Sausage. Scrapple. Chipped beef. Home fried potatoes. French Toast. Cereal. Toast Milk. Coffee. Hot tea. 3 juices.

Omelette Station: prepared to order – always with a minimum of four (4) different ingredients.

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 and major credit cards are accepted.

SPN CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Look in your mail for the 2018 Spring Program catalog which was mailed out last week – there are many new programs for the entire family to enjoy!

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS BY SUNDAY, JANUARY 28.

“Sign Up Sunday” will be on **JANUARY 14 in the Social Hall** during Parish Breakfast from 8:00 am – 12:00 noon and before and after each Mass.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesdays, Jan. 9, Jan. 16, Jan. 23, Jan. 30, Feb. 6, Feb. 13 – Catholicism: the Pivotal Players (Bishop Barron Series)
Hear about the lives and works of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Catherine of Siena, Bl. John Henry

Newman, G.K. Chesterton, and Michelangelo in this series. Cost: \$25.00 covers the cost of the study guide. 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the CFLC.

Saturday, January 12 – Friday Night Movie – *The Shack*

Cost: Free. Refreshments will be served. 7:00 pm at the Neri Center.

Saturday, February 17 – Lehigh Valley Phantoms vs. Hartford Wolf Pack at PPL Center, Allentown, PA

It's “Go for Gold” night between these two great rivals! Cost: \$47/adult; \$22/child (includes tickets and transportation). 6:00 pm – 10:30 pm

PRE-REGISTER:

www.catholicfamilylifecenter.com or call 215-679-2237.

Joyful Heart Lounge and Library – open
Tuesdays: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
Thursdays: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
Fridays: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
Other days/times by appointment only.

BUILDING MEMORIALS

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.

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

SPN SENIOR CLUB NEWS

The SPN Senior Club held its monthly Gathering on December 13th with 108 attending! Christmas was definitely in the air as the hall and tables were beautifully decorated to celebrate the holiday.

The St. Philip Neri Senior parishioners were treated to a delicious meal and were entertained by the Seraphim's Children's Choir from St. Mary's Catholic School in Schwenksville.

This Fourth thru Eighth Grade Children's is under the direction of Jane Widemeyer, Music Director/Music Teacher at the school. The children provided us with holiday songs and a little humor. As usual, they were a big hit and everyone enjoyed their performance!

The December birthday winner was Tony Gilmartin; Mary Goodfellow won the 50/50 Drawing.

Our next Gathering will be Wednesday, January 24th. We hope you can join us for a Super Bowl Party! Maybe our favorite team will be in the big game!! More information will be in the parish Bulletin. So, don't forget to make your reservation.

CAR SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING

Our first Car Show Meeting for 2018 will be held Tuesday, January 9th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. All newcomers are welcome!

Our Car Show will take place on Friday, July 27, 2018; be sure to save the date!

Call Pete Frank at 215.679.6942 if you should have any questions.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

COMING IN LENT 2018!

The Cross and the Light Passion Play

Encounter Christ anew through The Cross and the Light Passion Play in Lent 2018.

This is an international, critically acclaimed musical and video surround experience of the greatest love story of all time. "The Cross and the Light opens the floodgates of God's mercy and love . . . You can't deliver the Good News of Jesus in a more dynamic and sensational way in our present time! All ages will be drawn to Jesus and His unconditional love for each and every person."

Don't miss this opportunity to experience the joy of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

To watch videos, see performance schedule and to purchase tickets online: www.crossandlight.com/stjohnbosco

Performance Schedule: St. John Bosco in Hatboro, PA

March 8, 2018 at 10AM

March 8, 2018 at 7PM

March 9, 2018 at 10AM

March 9, 2018 at 7PM

March 10, 2018 at 1PM

March 10, 2018 at 7PM

March 3, 2018 7:30 AM- 4:30 PM

**Event: Man-Up Spirituality Conference
"Christ Crucified - the Power and Wisdom of God"**

This year, we celebrate the 10th Annual Man-Up Spirituality Conference in the Archdiocese. The conference provides an opportunity for men to come together in true Christian brotherhood and to hear inspirational talks from fellow men on the journey of faith. The day, which will include time for Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, will conclude with Mass.

Location: Mirenda Center at Neumann University, Aston PA

Speakers include: Jim Towey, Don Saleski, Mark Forrest, and Brian Gail

To learn more: manupphilly.com

AREA NEWS

RETREAT FOR HEALING ABUSE

Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse. Our upcoming Philadelphia area Program Retreat will be held February 18th-23rd. This is a fully integrated spiritual and psychological program for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. Offered in the privacy of a Christian retreat setting, the 5 day program offers a very unique process for helping survivors of abuse to grieve the past and discover healing and transformation.

This retreat is helpful to people of every religious background and practice, as well as those who have lost their faith in God because of the betrayal of abuse.

Call Jeanne at info@griefftoGrace.org or 610.203.2002.



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

Sunday, Jan 07, 2018

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Bless this threshold

Think of everything that goes on in your home. Whether you live in a studio or on an estate, home is where the action is. Meals eaten, laundry folded, conversations shared, faults confessed, injuries forgiven, promises made, dreams spoken out loud, victories celebrated, defeats laid to rest, births welcomed, wanderers embraced, sickness tended, disappointments endured, deaths grieved—these are the many elements by which the vitality of our homes is measured. Doesn't a space this important deserve a New Year's blessing? Celebrate a ritual for these rooms where love puts down its roots.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12 (20). "Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance."*

Monday, Jan 08, 2018

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Be prepared

Moments of great insight and personal revelation, such as the experience Jesus had when he emerged from the waters after John baptized him, are a gift from God. But the ground is ours to prepare. It is doubtful that Jesus arrived at this moment of his life, which marked the beginning of his public ministry, without having spent a good deal of time in

prayer and quiet reflection. We can do the same. Working with the limitations of time and the circumstances of your life, create a time and space every day for prayer and quiet contemplation or meditation. Many people make it the first thing in their day. That way it doesn't get lost. Prepare the ground, so that when the Spirit "descends like a dove" with a revelation for you, it will find a solid place to perch.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or 55:1-11; Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38 or 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11 (21). "One mightier than I is coming after me."*

Tuesday, Jan 09, 2018

FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

What possessed you?

It's worthy to note that the "unclean spirits" in the gospel stories speak in the plural: "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?" Why is that? The "possessed" person is one who has lost his center, whose soul is divided, split and without grounding or foundation in the "Holy One of God." He is dominated by one voice, then by another. No wonder he speaks in the plural. Today, we might take a moment to ask ourselves, *What is my center? From where do my thoughts and actions flow?* Then make any necessary adjustments.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Samuel 1:9-20 or 1:1-8; Mark 1:21-28 or 1:14-20 (306 or 305). "The man with the unclean spirit cried out, 'I know who you are, the Holy One of God!'"*

Wednesday, Jan 10, 2018

Healer, heal thyself

You may have heard the expression "wounded healer." It suggests that you don't have to be perfectly healthy to help others. But you have to be careful not to bring your unresolved problems into helping relationships with others, or you could do a lot of damage. Scripture makes it

clear that taking care of your personal spiritual health should come first. Peter's mother-in-law took to her bed when she was ill and only served the apostles after Jesus healed her. You can give of yourself only if you have something to give. Think about some ways you can improve your spiritual health—by doing some spiritual reading, praying more, seeking the sacrament of Reconciliation, or going on a retreat.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39 (307). "Jesus took her by the hand and lifted her up. The fever left her, and she began to serve them."*

Thursday, Jan 11, 2018

Take in the outcast

In the gospel era, lepers were considered rejects of society. According to the law of Moses, they had to announce their presence to everybody within earshot so they could be avoided. Yet, with a simple choice, a word, and a gesture, Jesus restored a leper to health so he could be around others without being afraid. How many people will we encounter today who, by their appearance or their language, will announce their rejection by society? Part of doing God's will is choosing to welcome the stranger and include those whom society rejects into our lives.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45 (308). "A leper knelt before Jesus and said to him, 'If you choose, you can make me clean.'"*

Friday, Jan 12, 2018

Stick with the basics

The Gospel of Mark is the story of Jesus told in simple language for simple folk, without big words or extra commentary. But even without embellishment, extraordinary things happen—friendship so phenomenal that a paralytic makes an unlikely grand entrance followed by a more

dramatic exit. It's plain to see Jesus works wonders, not just forgiving unforgivable sins but proving his right to do so by giving the paralyzed power to walk. If we're paralyzed today, it's because we've made life more muddled than Mark, wrapped up in rationalizations and fancy phrases when all we really need is "Jesus saves."

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Samuel 8:4-7; Mark 2:1-12 (309). "They removed the roof above Jesus, and let down the mat on which the paralytic lay."*

Saturday, Jan 13, 2018

MEMORIAL OF HILARY, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Make the ask

Saint Hilary of Poitiers (d. 368), a midlife convert, felt great passion for the Christian concept of God—the Trinity—and fought hard against the Arians, who denied the divinity of Christ. For Hilary, Jesus wasn't simply a holy person; Jesus was the Christ, the second person of the Trinity. Therefore, Hilary argued, it is through Jesus that we find our way to God's grace: "We have been promised, and he who made the promise is trustworthy: 'Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.'" No matter what you've done or failed to do, your sins will be forgiven, if you just ask.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mark 2:13-17 (310). "All the crowd came to him and he taught them."*

Lenten Fish Fry/Seafood Dinner

The first Organizational Meeting of this Committee was held on November 16. We had seven people in attendance. Others have expressed interest in helping. Decision was made to seek volunteers to set up, prepare, and serve meals. Suggested schedule is Lunches each Friday of Lent. Strive to shorten Prep time from daily to Thursday and Fridays. Dinners on February 23, March 16, and March 30 Sponsor 2-3 Seafood Dinners throughout the year.

Complete form and drop in the collection, or mail to the rectory

Volunteers for Friday Fish Fry

Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Schedule when you are available:

Thursday 12:00 NOON – 4:00 _____ PM 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM _____

Friday 8:00 AM – Noon _____ Noon – 4:00 PM _____ 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM _____

Positions willing to work:

Circle your choices:

Set Up	Food Prep	Cook	Serve	Phone Orders
Clean Up	Cashier	Dish Washers		Donate Desserts

Saturday evening Seafood Dinners

Schedule when you are available:

Friday 12:00 NOON – 4:00 _____ PM 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM _____

Saturday 8:00 AM – Noon _____ Noon – 4:00 PM _____ 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM _____

Positions willing to work:

Circle your choices:

Set Up	Food Prep	Cook	Serve	Phone Orders
Clean Up	Cashier	Dish Washers		Donate Desserts

Questions contact Bill Robinson 215-896-5949 or wcrobinson2@hotmail.com

**LEHIGH VALLEY PHANTOMS VS. HARTFORD WOLF PACK
PPL CENTER, ALLENTOWN, PA
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 6:00 PM – 10:30 PM**



It's "Go for Gold Night" celebrating the Olympics! We'll meet at 5:45 pm at the Catholic Family Life Center, 26 East 6th St., East Greenville, PA 18041, to enjoy a short bus trip to Allenton to watch this rivalry! Tickets are reserved in the **Attack Zone** Lower Level where the action really heats up!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED - DEADLINE FEBRUARY 2

Cost: \$47/adult \$22/child – includes tickets and transportation

**REGISTER: www.catholicfamilylifecenter.com; or mail form with check payable to SPN CFLC to:
SPN Catholic Family Life Center, 26 East 6th St., East Greenville, PA 18041; or phone 215-679-2237.**

Name: _____ ***Email:** _____

Address: _____ ***Phone:** _____

City/State: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

***Required for notification of change or cancellation**

SPN SENIOR CLUB LUNCHEON

WE'RE HAVING A SUPER BOWL PARTY



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2018 - 11:30 AM

We will also have a guest speaker from Arbour Square, Harleysville, PA., who will discuss all aspects of downsizing

**To make your reservation:
Call Rita Latshaw at 215.679.7009
NO LATER THAN January 19, 2018**

Suggested offering for the lunch is \$5.00