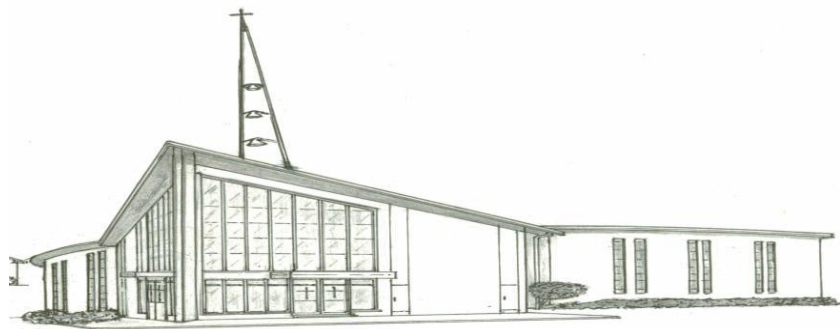


Church of Saint Philip Neri
Pennsburg, PA 18073
January 14, 2018



Rev. Robert A. Roncase, Pastor
Deacon Michael J. Franks
Deacon Patrick J. Kennedy
Rev. Edmond J. Speitel, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. John J. Scarcia, Pastor Emeritus
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Dianne Linden, Administrative Assistant CFLC
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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
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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
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

Monday's at 1:00 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION in St. Anne Chapel

Monday – 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's: Communion Service: 8:00 AM

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, be baptized and

Receive the Sacraments of Communion

and Confirmation, 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 – Dawn Ellis
Bob Ellis
Priest
Deacon
Linda Franks
Locke Highleyman

7:30 am – Beverly Bowser
Cameron Bowser
Priest
Deacon
Tony Pongia
Joan Pongia

10:00 am – Madeleine Gehringer
Mary Goodfellow
Priest
Deacon
Bob Hermley
Jeanne Hermley
Joshua Hewitt
Lillian Hewitt
Marlene Leidy
Christine Kemp
Ken Mayer
Marilynn Mayer

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2018

Monday, January 15
9:00 AM – 7:00 PM - Adoration in the Chapel
8:00 AM – Communion Service

Tuesday, January 16
8:00 am – Karl Heebner, (Kitty Heebner)
9:00 AM - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel

Wednesday, January 17, Saint Anthony
8:00 am – William Peters,
(Bob & Marianne Peters)
9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel

Thursday, January 18
8:00 am – Gerald & Shirley Cleary,
(Family)
9:00 AM – 7:00 PM - Adoration in the Chapel

January 21 Lectors

M. Horvath
J. Horvath

J. Gilmore
T. Gilmore

M. Souder
S. DiMarco

Friday, January 19
8:00 am – Marie Burbine, (Denise & Tom Walsh)
9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel

Saturday, January 20, Saint Fabian &
Saint Sebastian
10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
5:00 pm – Georgann Bowers,
(Bob & Dawn Ellis)

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2018

7:30 am – Intention of Barbara Geist,
(Her “Advent Angel”)
10:00 am – For the Living and Deceased
Members of the Parish.

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, **Beatrice Dzurenda & Shirley Preston**, grant them eternal rest and peace.

PARISH NEWS

SAINT PHILIP NERI AT LARGE PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Welcome any questions or comments you may have.

Tony Bauer: ajbauer337@gmail.com

Ray Carr: bigdaddy2530@gmail.com

Kevin Charlton: mpcharlton@comcast.net

Matthew Fuhs: matthew.fuhs@comcast.net

Karen Katrinak: karenkat1@verizon.net

Theresa Walker: cheg1978@comcast.net

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.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:

December 25, 2016	December 24, 2017
Envelopes: \$ 4,289.00	\$ 5,468.00
Online: 2,251.00	2,436.00
Loose: 0.00	2,066.00
Children: 0.00	73.00
Total: \$ 6,540.00	\$10,043.00

Christmas 2016	Christmas 2017
Envelopes: \$ 14,650.00	\$ 14,622.00
Online: 25.00	175.00
Loose: 1,689.00	1,729.00
Children: 11.00	0.00
Total: \$ 16,375.00	\$ 16,526.00

January 1, 2017	December 31, 2017
Envelopes: \$ 4,843.00	\$ 4,828.00
Online: 2,644.00	0.00
Loose: 665.00	244.00
Children: 8.00	4.00
Total: \$ 8,160.00	\$ 5,076.00

Mary, Mother of God 2017: \$ 1,831.00
Mary, Mother of God 2018: \$ 718.00

January 8, 2017	January 7, 2018
Envelopes: \$ 4,678.00	\$ 4,629.00
Online: 1,876.00	1,916.00
Loose: 966.00	710.00
Children: 58.00	11.00
Total: \$ 7,578.00	\$ 7,255.00

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.

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

BIBLE STUDY

Beginning February 15, 2018, for six (6) weeks, the St. Philip Neri Bible Study Group will be studying Journey Through the Scriptures Series – **The Bible and Virgin Mary.**

As in the past, there will be two (2) six (6) week sessions: Thursday evenings starting at 7:00 PM and Friday mornings at 9:00 AM (with the exception of First Friday) will start at 10:00 AM.

Our Bible Study sessions are held at the Neri Center in East Greenville.

If you are interested in joining the group, call Joan Lampart at: 215.529.5686 or email to: jmlampart@verizon.net.

The cost is \$25 dollars for the Study Book.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

The Prayer and Praise Group will now meet on Wednesday evenings in the Saint Anne Chapel from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM. If anyone is interested in joining the group, call Jan Valeriano at: 215.668.3854 for further information.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

The Respect Life Ministry committee will meet on Monday, January 15th in the Rectory Meeting Room at 7:00 PM.

If anyone would like to be part of this group, email: marknunan@dejazzd.com or 610.772.7134.

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.

FRIENDLY VISITORS

Annual Report 2017

Twelve (12) dedicated Friendly Visitors have made a total of 348 visits and logged 369 hours of active listening with their homebound and/or Nursing Home parishioners during 2017.

Thanks to all who volunteer their time to keep company with people who are lonely and in need of emotional support.

If anyone is interested in volunteering in this ministry, call LaRue Emmell at: 215.679.3086.

SPN CATHOLY 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 this weekend, **JANUARY 14 in the Parish 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, 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

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS – go to:

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

Joyful Heart Lounge and Library – open
Tuesday's: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
Thursday's: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
Friday's: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Other days/times by appointment only.

THANK YOU FROM BIRTHRIGHT

Dear St. Philip Neri Parishioners,

Birthright of Pottstown is so very grateful for your most generous Christmas gifts! What a fitting and wonderful way to celebrate the arrival of the Christ Child – by helping local families in need. May God bless your generosity abundantly. Please pray for us and those we help – especially the babies yet to be born.

Gratefully,
Birthright of Pottstown

Thank you from St. Mary's Franciscan

Dear Friends at St. Philip Neri,

Happy New Year and thank you for the abundance of household items and gift cards your parish sent to us at St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter during this Christmas Season. Your generosity is beyond anything we could imagine. When a family is moving into their own place, we like to assist them with various supplies. We just had a Mother with two children move into their own apartment. We were able to supply her with household items as well as gift cards to assist her with those last minute items she will need when moving into a new place. This is made possible because of your generous donations. We hope you and all of your families have many blessings in the year ahead.

Thank you and God Bless!
Kate Garges, guests and Staff

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS 2017

Paul Cobane, Eugene & Catherine Cressman, Andrew & Anna Kotch, Linford & Anna Cressman, Joseph & Helen Semancik, Steven & Viola Kotch, Greg Longacre, Charles Buck, Domenica Casazza & Mary Romano.

In Honor of: Robert Engler, Virginia J. Kelly, Curran & Seifried families, Louise Vozzo, All Living and Deceased US Veterans, All Living and Deceased Vietnam Veterans, Carla Ellis, All Living Parishioners of St. Philip Neri Church, Edmond J. Tryon, Julia C. Young, Thomas A. Tryon, Benjamin G. Tryon, Emma Rogers, David Henry & Mark Diehl Family.

Donations by: Mr. & Mrs. Gary Amerman, Mr. & Mrs. John J. Donahue, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Gulick, Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Inyang, Mr. & Mrs. Bart Keegan, Mr. John M. Kuzmission, Mr. & Mrs. Gerard Mayza, Mrs. Kathy Le, Mr. Thu Pham, Mrs. Amy Porter, Mr. & Mrs. Chris Reil, Mr. Matthias Schibinger, Mrs. Thanh T. Walter, Mr. & Mrs. Sung Won Suh, Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Hess, Mr. William McAndrews, Carleene Rosado, Mrs. Margaret Salatino, Mr. & Mrs. Gerald McAllister, Mr. Frank Buza.



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

Sunday, Jan 14, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

It's your call

Most of us are leery about accepting calls from unknown sources. In the happy age of caller ID, it's as if a virtual butler brings each visitor's card on a silver tray into our drawing room. We can decline to be "home" to any undesirable contact. Still, people of faith *do* want to be present when it's God who comes calling. How do we learn to distinguish that special voice from all the internal chatter clamoring for our attention? Veterans in discernment are helpful mentors, including pastors, spiritual directors, and the blueprint stories of past saints. Seekers, take the call!

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42 (65). "Here I am. You called me."*

Monday, Jan 15, 2018

Stick with the routine

How many of us have tried to get in shape for a big event, like a reunion or wedding? We eat less, exercise, and hope to make a good impression. Once the big day arrives, there's little more to do than enjoy ourselves. That's what the apostles were doing while Jesus was in their midst. After years of praying for a savior, Christ finally arrived, so there was nothing more to do than savor the moment. The real challenge is to continue healthy practices once the big event is over so that we're more prepared for the next event. What exercises will help you prepare for the next big spiritual event in your life?

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22 (311). "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?"*

Tuesday, Jan 16, 2018

Sabbath prayer

While the Pharisees may have overemphasized strict observance of the Sabbath, perhaps we have swung too far in the opposite direction. Look around you on any Sunday afternoon—you'll see people shopping, working, rushing about. And most of us are right in the thick of things. While having options on how to spend our free time is a good thing, what seems to be getting lost is the notion of a qualitative difference in the pace of life, the "quiet Sunday afternoons" of times past. We all need a space in our crowded lives for time apart, time to reconnect with ourselves, our loved ones, and our God. Whatever your own Sunday choices might be, make sure you find a way to "keep holy the Sabbath." After all, as Jesus taught, the Sabbath was designed for our benefit. God doesn't need a day of rest—we do.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28 (312). "The Sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the Sabbath."*

Wednesday, Jan 17, 2018

MEMORIAL OF ANTHONY, ABBOT

Go for broke

At one point in the gospels, Jesus says, "Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother" (Matthew 12:50). Saint Anthony, the fourth-century Egyptian considered the founder of Christian monasticism, would have easily qualified as Jesus' "family." Sitting one day in church, he heard the gospel passage, "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the

money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me” (Matthew 19:21). He immediately sold what he owned, arranged for the financial support of his sister, gave the rest of his money to the poor, and went into the desert to live as a hermit. Sometimes we need a “here I am Lord” faith that gets up and does the will of God before we can talk ourselves out of it.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6 (313).* “*Is it lawful to do good on the Sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?*”

Thursday, Jan 18, 2018

Touch the pain

When people are hurting, they seek the healing power of physical touch, just as those who followed Jesus did. Perhaps that is one reason why healing massage is one of the fastest-growing phenomena in our society. We seek to be healed physically, emotionally, and spiritually of what ails us, what causes us “dis-ease,” and the power of touch can help in all these areas. Be a healer yourself, by offering a comforting hug or shoulder to cry on, a handshake of praise, a kiss to a loved one. To touch and be touched in healing, healthy ways is as natural and human as to breathe and walk. Reach out and make the connection today!

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12 (314).* “*He had cured many and, as a result, those who had diseases were pressing upon him to touch him.*”

Friday, Jan 19, 2018

Jesus chooses his teammates

When it comes to Christian unity, Jesus points us in an odd direction by his example. When he calls his 12 closest followers, it's not pretty: Roman collaborators, men smelling of fish, a political agitator, and a thief, among others. Many of these will never distinguish themselves beyond their denial, betrayal, and doubt of the

one whom they follow. Why does Jesus make such eccentric choices? We might as well ask why Jesus wants you and me. Jesus calls whom he calls, and if we don't all go to the same church, is that his problem or ours?

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19 (315).* “*Jesus called to him those whom he wanted, and they came to him.*”

Saturday, Jan 20, 2018

MEMORIAL OF FABIAN, POPE, MARTYR

Serve when called

Can a layperson be chosen pope? It happened in the year 236, when it is said that those who had gathered to elect a new bishop of Rome saw a dove alight upon the head of Fabian, an unknown layman and farmer who happened to be visiting the city. He was at once proclaimed bishop of Rome by acclamation. Fabian made important contributions to the church, including his decision to send seven bishops to Gaul to evangelize the region we know today as France and Belgium. Be prepared for service both great and small at any time of day or night.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21 (316).* “*Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?*”

SPN SENIOR CLUB LUNCHEON

WE'RE HAVING A SUPER BOWL PARTY!

**Come dressed in your favorite team's colors
(Optional, of course)**



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

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**