

**Church of Saint Philip Neri**  
**Pennsburg, PA 18073**  
**April 8, 2018**



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**Church & Rectory Address:**

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**Hours:** 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
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**Religious Education Office Summer Hours:**

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**Wednesday:** 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
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**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:**

9:00 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

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, 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.

**SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

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 – Catherine Cahill  
Lee Johnson  
Priest  
Deacon  
Doug DiTondo  
Linda DiTondo  
Lisa Edleman  
Mike Edleman  
Dawn Ellis  
Bob Ellis  
Locke Highleyman  
Claire Holcombe

7:30 am – Maureen Moser  
Paul Moser  
Priest  
Deacon  
Lori Brozena  
Chuck Rodgers

10:00 am – Christine Adelsberger  
Steve Adelsberger  
Priest  
Deacon  
Bob Brennan  
Eleanor Brennan

### **Sunday of Divine Mercy April 8, 2018**

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

Tuesday, April 10  
8:00 AM – Charles & Mary Sailer,  
(Mary Ellen Paulk & family)  
9:00 AM - 7:00 PM - Adoration in the Chapel

Wednesday, April 11, Saint Stanislaus  
8:00 AM – Ron DiGirolamo, (KOC #6614)  
9:00 AM - 7:00 PM - Adoration in the Chapel

Thursday, April 12  
8:00 AM – Beatrice Dzurenda,  
(Francis & Delia Grim)  
9:00 AM – 7:00 PM – Adoration in the Chapel

Friday, April 13, Saint Martin I  
8:00 AM – Pat Meinzer, (Tony Bauer)  
9:00 AM – 7:00 PM – Adoration in the Chapel

Saturday, April 14  
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Adoration in the Chapel  
5:00 PM – Gregory Stump, (Florence Stump)

### **Third Sunday of Easter April 15, 2018**

7:30 AM – For the Living and Deceased Members  
of the Parish.  
10:00 AM – Laura Lear Harrison,  
(John, Barbara Lear & 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: **George Barnett,  
Bill Lee & Michael Quigley.**

For those who have died, and in particular for  
**Helen Brazuk, Jenny Josko & Erna Miklos,**  
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](mailto:ajbauer337@gmail.com)  
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Theresa Walker: [cheg1978@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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**

Palm Sunday April 9, 2017	Palm Sunday March 25, 2018
Envelopes: \$ 6,345.00	\$ 6,660.00
Online: 1,821.00	1,917.00
Loose: 628.00	1,095.00
Children: 54.00	44.00
Total: \$ 8,848.00	\$ 9,716.00

Easter Sunday April 16, 2017	Easter Sunday April 1, 2018
Envelopes: \$14,020.00	\$ 13,442.00
Online: 2,716.00	1,553.00
Loose: 1,533.00	1,607.00
Children: 16.00	52.00
Total: \$ 18,285.00	\$ 16,654.00

## **SPECIAL SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:** **April 2018**

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

### **Mother's Day & 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.**

## **PARISH IMPROVEMENTS**

### Special Collections Report

Starting Balance:  
\$ 5,246.00

Church Roof: July 2017 – February 2018  
\$ 6,680.00

Church Organ: July 2017 – February 2018  
\$ 1,150.00

Parking Lot: July 2017 – February 2018  
\$ 1,250.00

Church A.C. System July 2017 – February 2018  
\$ 0.00

Unspecified: July 2017 – February 2018

**Total:**  
**\$15,596.00**

## **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.

## **FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

The floral arrangements placed at the side Altars in the Saint Anne Chapel are in memory of **Dick and Marie Wieder**; requested by Joan Wieder.

The red roses placed at the Sacred Heart Altar in Church are in memory of **Dennis O. Krause**; requested by Maryanne Krause.

The red roses placed at the Blessed Mother Altar are in memory of **Rachel Rose Buccino**; requested by Drew & Liz Fitchett.

The floral arrangement placed at the center Altar is in memory of **Catherine Gehringer**, requested by Joe & Madeleine Gehringer.

## **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 **Jenny Josko**; requested by: Henry & Rosemary Buehner; Kathy & Randall Martin; Linda Martin.



## **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**April 8, 2018**

**3:00 PM in church**

"...Our Lord taught Saint Faustina a special prayer: Encourage souls to say the Chaplet . . . whoever will recite it will receive great mercy . . . through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with my will".

(Diary 1541, 687, 1731).

Through Saint Faustina, Our Lord has given us special means of drawing on His mercy: The image of the Divine Mercy, the Novena, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, the 3:00 o'clock prayer (the hour of His death) and the celebration of the Feast of Mercy.

Please join us today (April 8) at 3:00 PM in our Church.

## **SPN SENIOR CLUB CALENDAR 2018**

April 25:  
Luncheon  
Speaker: Dr. Stephen Eiss on Aging Eyes

May 23:  
Luncheon  
Mother's & Father's Day Celebration

June 27:  
Lunch  
Maintaining Physical Balance – David Brewer

July 10:  
Bus Trip to Atlantic City Casino

July 25:  
Senior Club Luncheon –  
Life Long Learning – Eliza Mann

August 20:  
Bus Trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse –  
“Nun sense”

August 22:  
Luncheon  
Speaker: Kevin Crilley – Green Lane Park:  
“Then and Now”

September 26:  
Luncheon  
“Navigating the Government Systems for Senior Services”

October 11:  
Bus trip to Penn's Peak:  
“An afternoon with Dolly & Kenny”

October 24:  
Luncheon/Halloween Party

November 14:  
\*Luncheon:  
Honoring our Veterans – Missing Man

November 30:  
Bus Trip to American Music Theatre: “The First Noel”

December 19:  
\*Luncheon:  
St. Mary's School/Children's Choir

### **SPN SENIOR CLUB NEWS**

The SPN Senior Club held its monthly luncheon on March 28 with 115 members in attendance. Birthday winner was Peggy Dieckhoff; door prize winner was Mary Godshall and 50/50 winner was Jean Radzai.

A big THANK YOU to all who volunteered making it a successful event. Remember to call with your reservation by April 20 for the next luncheon. See Flyer in Bulletin.

## **CAR SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING**

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

### **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR NEEDED**

The Car Show Committee is looking for a volunteer to help with contacting and scheduling volunteers for the Show. Position requires knowledge of Microsoft Excel, access to email and a willingness to call people to volunteer.

If you are willing to help, but are unable to attend the Car Show, arrangements can be made for someone to check in volunteers.

If you have questions or are interested, please contact Doris: 215.317.1194 or email to: [gmomdecker@yahoo.com](mailto:gmomdecker@yahoo.com).

## **PARISH OUTREACH**

### **Bereavement Sessions:**

Beginning Thursday – April 26<sup>th</sup> through June 7<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 PM to 2:15 PM for six (6) weeks, Carol Bradley will hold the Bereavement Sessions for those who have lost loved ones. You must register by Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sessions will be held in the office next to the Chapel (Outreach Office).

To register, email Joan Lampart at:

[Parishoutreach@spnparish.org](mailto:Parishoutreach@spnparish.org) or Shirley at the rectory office at: [ofcmgr@spnparish.org](mailto:ofcmgr@spnparish.org). with your name, address and phone number.



Tuesdays 1-2 PM/Thursdays 10-11 AM – Walking Club Challenge! Newcomers welcome! This group begins at the CFLC and walks around the block, increasing the distance as the group progresses.

**Friday – April 13: RETRO MOVIE NIGHT! I CONFESS** with Montgomery Clift/Anne Baxter (1953) – Movie time: 7:00 PM – Neri Center  
Join us for this free movie – 1950s trivia refreshments will be served! Trivia movie questions/prizes will be given to winners! Dress up from the 1950s if you like/prizes will be given to winners!

We had a great turnout for the Kids Friday Night Series on March 16 - Rolling Game Station! Everyone enjoyed playing mobile games/VR on Wii, Switch, and Xbox!



**Friday, April 20** - KIDS FRIDAY NIGHT SERIES - POKEMON® NIGHT! 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM - CFLC - Game tables will be set up to play/trade!

**PLEASE NOTE: SOLD OUT - WARREN COUNTY SPRING WINERY TRAIN TRIP for Saturday, May 12.**

Registration is required for ALL programs by online [www.catholicfamilylifecenter.com](http://www.catholicfamilylifecenter.com) or call the office at: 215.679.2237.

**JOYFUL HEART LOUNGE AND LIBRARY** - All DVD Blu-Ray movies previously shown on Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons are available to rent out for free! Also check out our periodicals and magazines; e.g., *Our Sunday Visitor*, *Catholic Digest*, *Good News*, *Reminisce*, *America*, and *Town & Country!* Hours are Tues/Wed/Thurs 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM and Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

### **ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS**

**Spring Contact Meeting for the Office for Persons with Disabilities** - April 28. The Workshop will consider how to foster active participation in worship for children with disabilities and their families.

The disability contact/advocate for each parish is asked to attend. Clergy, parish staff, parents and other parish volunteers are welcome to attend. Go to [www.opdarchphilly.org](http://www.opdarchphilly.org)

**Mother of Children with Disabilities Retreat:** Tuesday, May 1st at Malvern Retreat House, Sr. Suzanne Mayer IHM will direct a retreat for mothers and grandmothers who are raising children with disabilities and also those who have adult children with disabilities. There will be time to pray, reflect, and chat with other mothers. Go to [www.opdarchphilly.org](http://www.opdarchphilly.org) to register.

### **Are You Called to Be a Deacon? Archdiocese of Philadelphia Minister of the Word · Minister at the Altar · Minister of Charity**

While all the baptized are called to share in the mission of Jesus Christ according to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, those who are ordained also offer service in a way proper to the Sacrament of Holy Orders. A deacon's ministry entails proclaiming, preaching and teaching God's Word, assisting the bishop and priest at the Liturgy, assisting at funerals, ministering to the sick and dying, leading the community in prayer and in sacramental liturgies, baptizing, witnessing marriages, and exercising administrative leadership in the Church. ***A permanent deacon, who may be married, is a member of the clergy and shares in the hierarchy of the Sacrament of Holy Orders.*** Through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, the deacon is configured to Christ the Servant. It is Christ the Servant who acts through the ministry of the deacon.

**Want to Learn More...** We invite Catholic men (*and their wives if married*) with a deep spiritual life who are between the ages of 29 and 55, and would like to discern a call to serve Jesus Christ and His Church within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as permanent deacons to take the next step and contact us for more information and to register for the upcoming Permanent Diaconate Information Night.

#### **2018 Permanent Diaconate Information Night**

**Thursday - April 19: 7:00 PM - 9:00PM**

**Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary - Vianney Auditorium**  
Registration for this event is required. Please email the following information to Laura Nimmons at [lnimmons@archphila.org](mailto:lnimmons@archphila.org)

• Name • Address • Age • Parish • Email • Marital Status •  
If married, wife's name•

#### **You Are Made New: A Retreat for Women**

We invite you to join us as we encounter Jesus in a personal, powerful way through praise and worship music, inspiring speakers, healing prayer, personal coaching and reflection, and a time of adoration.

The mission of this retreat is to unleash the power of God, through the Holy Spirit, and invite Him to change our hearts and transform our lives! You will leave with tools to help you continue the transformation back home. **April 27-28, 2018 at Pope John Paul II High School, Royersford, PA**  
**Presenters:** Father Stephen DeLacy, Megan Mastroianni of Anthem Philly, De Yarrison, CPCC, Mark Griswold, Worship Leader; Visit the website: <https://youaremadenew.com/made-new-freedom-retreat/> or call De Yarrison at 610.287.2989

**Sunday, April 29, 2018 -- 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

**Event: Find Your Greatness: Four Habits That Will Transform Your Life**

What are your habits? Are they helping you become the best version of yourself? Come learn about four simple habits you can develop that will lead you to becoming the person God created you to be.

Based on Matthew Kelly's book "*The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*" this half-day event will help you reach your full potential. Come join us for a very special experience that will be spiritually enriching and entertaining.

**Location:** Saint Stanislaus Parish, 51 Lansdale Ave., Lansdale, PA

**Speaker:** Dr. Allen Hunt from Dynamic Catholic  
**To learn more and to purchase tickets:** Visit the website: [www.DynamicCatholic.com/Lansdale](http://www.DynamicCatholic.com/Lansdale) or call 859-980-7900.

**AREA NEWS**

**Mass for those suffering from Addiction  
Saturday - April 21  
Sacred Heart Church  
Royersford PA  
Mass at 11:00 AM  
ALL are invited.**

**Addiction has touched far too many families and taken far too many of our loved ones. Join us that we may draw strength from one another in the power of our faith.**

**PENN FOUNDATION  
Behavioral Health Services**

Understanding Autism: Tips and Tools for being an inclusive House of Worship

Individuals with autism and their families have unique needs. Learn and share more about what it means to have autism and how you can provide a supportive worship environment.

**Tuesday, April 10  
8:00 AM | Breakfast and fellowship  
8:30 AM | Presentation**

**MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE**

**Sr. Sheila Galligan, IHM** will be directing an Evening of Reflection on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Malvern Retreat House. The theme is: *Forgiveness, the Best Revenge.*

Register by calling 610-644-0400 or online at [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com)

**Fr. Matt Guckin** will be directing a 24-hour Young Adult Retreat, ages 18 to 35 yrs., May 11-12. Megan Mastroianni, Archdiocese of Philadelphia Office of Young Evangelization will be the featured speaker. Prayer and Praise under the Stars, Holy Hour, Reconciliation, outside firepit and uplifting music. "*Our Continual Conversion to Christ*" is the theme. Register early at 610-644-0400 or online at [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com)

**Fr. Larry Richards**, international author, evangelist, TV and Radio Host will be directing a 24-hour retreat for men on June 8-9 entitled, *Be A Man*. This is the first time he has preached at Malvern Retreat House and we invite all men, of all ages to attend this dynamic, life-changing retreat. Register early at 610-644-0400 or online at [www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com)

**July 24th - July 27th, 2018**

**PILGRIMAGE to:**

**SAINTE-ANNE-DE-BEAUPRÉ SHRINE**

Since as early as 1665 with the writings of an Ursuline nun, Blessed Marie de l'Incarnation, the pilgrimage history of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré is one that is marked by extraordinary events which continue even to this day. Join us to celebrate Mass on her feast day July 26th, 2018.

**The Pilgrimage Tour** includes round trip bus fare and hotel accommodations. Meals are not included. To learn more about the Shrine you can go to: <https://sanctuairesainteanne.org/en> For more information about the tour you can go to [www.saintannepilgrimage.myevent.com](http://www.saintannepilgrimage.myevent.com).

For a brochure please contact Randy Pagnotta at [theevangelist@mctus.net](mailto:theevangelist@mctus.net) and in the subject line put "Saint Anne's Pilgrimage - interested in more information", or call 610-564-0921. If you cannot join us we would be happy to take your petitions to the Shrine for you. Send an email to [theevangelist@mctus.net](mailto:theevangelist@mctus.net) and in the subject line put Saint Anne's Petition. **SPECIAL NOTE:** Passports are required for entry into Canada.



**Sunday, Apr 08, 2018**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF  
EASTER; DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**Who taught you mercy?**

Moral leaders agree that the number one lesson we need to teach children is mercy. If the next generation is to survive in an ever-shrinking world full of very different cultures, the willingness to seek understanding and to dialogue across worldviews is key. The starting point for that kind of empathetic listening is a heart open to compassion. Compassion literally means “to bear with”: to see and feel another’s burdens. Who taught you mercy, and how will someone learn it from you?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31 (44).* “*The community of believers was of one mind and heart, and . . . they had everything in common.*”

**Monday, Apr 09, 2018**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE  
LORD**

**The three best words**

Mary is the mother of the church and the model of all Christians. At the message of an angel, she believed beyond all reason and offered her life in service of God’s plan. Her response, “let it be,” is the answer of every disciple who trusts in God’s word to make all things new. In the season of Lent, God invites us to believe that we, too, are called to that service. Even though we are sinners—“how can this be?”—we live in hope of God’s forgiveness and trust that God will work through us to bring about the fulfillment.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38 (545).* “*Then Mary said, ‘Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.’*”

**Tuesday, Apr 10, 2018**

**EASTER WEEKDAY**

**Be prepared to testify**

In the Book of Acts we are told that “with great power the apostles bore witness to Resurrection.” In fact, said Benedictine monk Columba Stewart in *National Geographic*, the “apostles were the movement’s cutting edge, spreading the message across the vast trade network of the ancient world and leaving small Christian communities in their paths.” This missionary zeal is passed on to each new generation of Christians, but it takes different forms. Today, although many Christians still travel to foreign lands to serve the poor and give witness to Christ, believers are also encouraged to evangelize—spread the gospel—within their own homes, parishes, and local communities. How is your evangelization going? Hint: They should know you are Christian by your love.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15 (268).* “*We speak of what we know and we testify to what we have seen.*”

**Wednesday, Apr 11, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF STANISLAUS, BISHOP AND  
MARTYR**

**Whom do you follow?**

Like Archbishop Óscar Romero of El Salvador in the 20th century and Thomas à Becket of England in the 12th century, Saint Stanislaus (c. 1030-79) was, according to tradition, killed in church, in this case while celebrating Mass. Stanislaus’ murderer was the king of Poland, with whom he had a number of disputes over land and the king’s harsh rule. Throughout history the church has come into conflict with the powers that be. Jesus, of course, was put to death by the religious and political authorities of his time. Dorothy Day, of Catholic Worker fame, wrote in 1966: “Every new development for the last three centuries has brought [human beings] closer to the state of affairs in which absolutely nothing would be

recognized in the whole world as possessing a claim to obedience except the authority of the State.” But for Christians, she said, Christ must be our guide. Who’s yours?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21 (269)*. “*But whoever lives the truth comes to the light.*”

## Thursday, Apr 12, 2018

### EASTER WEEKDAY

#### Listen to the right voice

If it’s all up for grabs, why pay attention to what others teach or preach when everyone has their own relationship with God? After all, the Bible says, “Obey God, not humans.” Well, yes—and no. Indeed the buck does stop with God in that we are oriented by our nature to listen to God and respond to God’s call. But there’s a lot out there to compete with our natural inclinations—fear, vulnerability, peer pressure, misinformation, and more—all of which can provide compelling alternative messages. Fortunately God graces us with not only our own lights but scripture and the church to give us a better sense of how to navigate. Think about the ways in your own life that God uses to connect with you.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36 (270)*. “*We must obey God rather than men.*”

## Friday, Apr 13, 2018

### MEMORIAL OF MARTIN I, POPE, MARTYR

#### Gone should not be forgotten

Saint Martin is the last pope in history to be honored as a martyr, but his death for the faith did not occur quickly. After being elected pope in 649 he made enemies by opposing a heresy and condemning the emperor for supporting that heresy. As a result, while lying sick, Martin was kidnapped and carted off to the East, where he was jailed and eventually exiled. During this time he was given poor food, not allowed to wash

regularly, and came down with dysentery. On top of that he was ignored by his church back home. “I wonder . . . at those who belong to the church of Saint Peter for the little concern they show for one of their body,” he wrote. Let this saint’s experience motivate you to perform the corporal works of mercy denied him—like clothing the naked, feeding the hungry, and visiting the prisoner.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15 (271)*. “*There was not a needy person among them.*”

## Saturday, Apr 14, 2018

### EASTER WEEKDAY

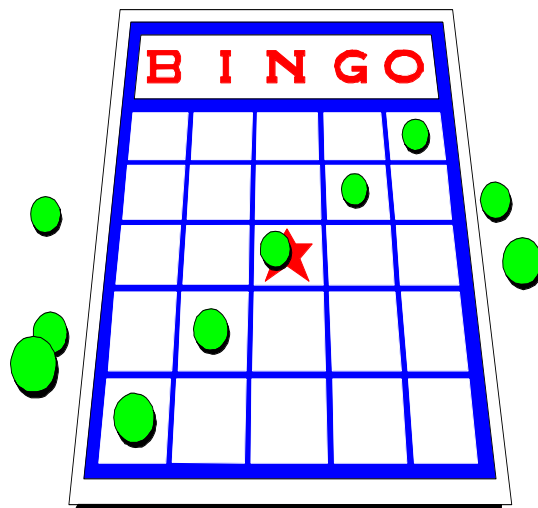
#### It is I

Jesus had sent the disciples on ahead of him in a boat. During the night the going got pretty rough. In the midst of their struggle—remember, they were rowing—Jesus came toward them on the water, a startling development even though it meant rescue. Jesus allayed their fears with three words: “It is I.” Actually, it’s only two, in Greek: “I am.” Sound familiar? They are the words God uses to identify himself at a number of places in scripture. So Jesus isn’t merely saying, “Don’t worry, it’s me.” He’s declaring that he is God but also that God simply *is*—the foundation of everything. Next time you find yourself rowing against the waves of trouble, remember you’re always on solid ground with God.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21 (272)*. “*He said to them, ‘It is I. Do not be afraid.’*”



# ST. PHILIP NERI – SUNDAY BINGO



**Sunday – April 15, 2018**

**Working Team #4**

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!!



***SPN SENIOR CLUB LUNCHEON***

**WEDNESDAY - APRIL 25, 2018**

**11:30 AM - PARISH HALL**

Our speaker will be Dr. Steven Eiss

on:

**AGING EYES**

**Reservations are a must:**

Call Rita Latshaw at: 215.679.7009

Reservation deadline is April 20, 2018

***Suggested lunch offering is \$5.00 pp***

***REMINDER: Bring all your loose change for the Christmas Coin Jar.***