

**Church of Saint Philip Neri**  
**Pennsburg, PA 18073**  
**March 4, 2018**



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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.

**Station of the Cross and Benediction** will be held every Friday during lent beginning on **Friday, Feb 16<sup>th</sup>** and continuing every Friday thereafter until **Good Friday Mar 30<sup>th</sup>**.

The starting times will alternate each week as listed below, with the services lasting approximately 45-60 min. It is our hope that by altering the starting time, individuals and families will find more opportunities to participate in these services as a way to walk and draw closer to Christ during the Lenten season. Any questions contact the rectory, or see Fr. Roncase, Deacons Mike or Pat.

### **Lent 2018 - Stations of the Cross and Benediction Schedule:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Services</b>
Friday, Feb 16th	7 -8 PM	Stations & Benediction
Friday, Feb 23rd	3-4 PM	Stations & Benediction
Friday, Mar 2nd	7 -8 PM	Stations & Benediction
Friday, Mar 9th	3-4 PM	Stations & Benediction
Friday, Mar 16th	7 -8 PM	Stations & Benediction
Friday, Mar 23rd	3-4 PM	Stations & Benediction
Friday, Mar 30th	3PM	Out-door Stations (weather permitting)

### **Communion Services during Lent:**

Communion services will be made available in the Chapel during the Lenten season beginning on Thursday Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, continuing each day Monday through Friday, with the last service **ending on Wed Mar 28<sup>th</sup>**. The starting times will vary with the day, whereas, on **Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays**, services will begin at **6:30 AM** (morning); and on **Tuesday and Thursdays**, services will begin at **4:30 PM** (afternoon). Duration of the services are expected to last approx. 20 min. Any questions contact the rectory or see Fr. Roncase, Deacons Mike or Pat.

### **Serving at Mass** **Extraordinary Ministers**

5:00 pm – Dave Moser  
Trudy Moser  
Priest  
Deacon  
Annemarie Quigley  
Jim Quigley  
Barbara Schwind  
Bob Schwind  
Sharon Shaak  
Alice Swift  
John Burke  
Courtney Highleyman

### **March 11** **Lectors**

B. Ellis  
D. McCausland

7:30 am – Ray Carr  
Jo Ellen Carr  
Priest  
Deacon  
Bill Gurgick  
Lisa Gurgick

J. Gilmore  
T. Gilmore

10:00 am – Alicia Tryon  
Ed Tryon  
Priest  
Deacon  
Diane Kennedy  
Terry Quatrani

H. Brodlo  
M. Brodlo

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT** **March 4, 2018**

Monday, March 5

9:00 AM – 7:00 PM - Adoration in the Chapel  
6:30 AM – Communion Service

Tuesday, March 6

8:00 AM – Frances Cain  
9:00 AM - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel  
4:30 PM – Communion Service

Wednesday, March 7, St. Perpetua & Felicity

6:30 AM – Communion Service  
8:00 AM – In Thanksgiving  
9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel

Thursday, March 8, Saint John of God

8:00 am – Florence & William Lampart,  
(Joan Lampart)  
4:30 pm – Communion Service  
9:00 AM – 7:00 PM - Adoration in the Chapel

Friday, March 9, St. Frances of Rome

6:30 am – Communion Service  
8:00 am – Ron DiGirolamo, (KOC 6614)  
9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel  
3:00 pm – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 10  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel  
5:00 pm - For the Living and Deceased Members  
of the Parish.

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**March 11, 2018**

7:30 am - Bea Breidenbach,  
(Jim & Denise Breidenbach)  
10:00 am - Lawrence Casey,  
(Terry & Wendy Benner)

### **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:

**Robert Kanya, Michael Quigley and Lillian Yout.**

For those who have died, and in particular for **Gert Benner**, 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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#### **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](mailto: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](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**

February 26, 2017	February 25, 2018
Envelopes: \$ 5,481.00	\$ 5,600.00
Online: 2,051.00	1,832.00
Loose: 1,128.00	784.00
Children: 29.00	9.00
Total: \$ 8,689.00	\$ 8,225.00

Parish Debt: \$ 2,351.00

### **SPECIAL SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:**

**March 2018**

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

**Easter Flowers, Rice Bowl, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Latin America & 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.**

### **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

## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2018**

Palm Sunday (March 25)

Easter Sunday (April 1)

### **March 24 - Saturday**

Confessions in Church:

3:30 PM – 4:45 PM

### **March 25 - Palm Sunday**

Vigil: 5:00 pm

Palm Sunday: 7:30 am

10:00 am

### **March 26 - Monday**

6:30 am - Communion Service in Chapel

5:00 pm - Mass in Chapel

Confessions in Church:

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

### **March 27 - Tuesday**

6:30 am - Communion Service in Chapel

8:00 am - Mass in Chapel

Confessions in Church:

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

### **March 28 - Wednesday**

6:30 am - Communion Service in Chapel

8:00 am - Mass in Chapel

### **March 29 - Holy Thursday**

No Communion Service or morning Mass

7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper - Church

NO Adoration

### **March 30 - Good Friday**

No Mass today – No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Chapel open until 3:00 PM for Adoration without Exposition.

7:00 pm - Reading of the Passion,

Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion in Church

### **March 31 - Holy Saturday**

No Morning Mass or Adoration

10:00 am - Decorating the Church for Easter

12:00 pm - Blessing of Easter Food

7:00 pm - Easter Vigil Mass

### **April 1 - Easter Sunday**

7:30 am - Mass in Church

10:00 am - Mass in Church

## **EARLY TRANSMISSION SCHEUDLE**

Bulletin announcements for Easter Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, must be submitted to the rectory office no later than **Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**.

## **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 **Edward Lampart**; requested by:  
Janice Peischel

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

## **SPN CHURCH HOAGIE SALE**

Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

CHEESE, HAM, ITALIAN or TURKEY

12:00 NOON – 6:00 PM

Orders are to be placed by March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Call Rita: 215.679.7009

## **SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH**

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

**Sunday – March 11, 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 and Fresh Fruit

**Homemade Egg Rolls for sale!**

**For every 100 sold breakfasts, one FREE will be given away!**

**Also . . . a chance to win Chocolate Easter Eggs from Bergen's. Three eggs 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 accepted.**

## **SPN SENIOR CLUB TRIP**

Monday: April 9, 2018  
Atlantic City, NJ – Resorts Casino  
Group Package: \$25 FREE slot play p/person  
9:00 AM depart from SPN Church  
11:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Resorts Casino  
7:00 PM – return to SPN  
Cost per person: \$30 dollars due March 9  
Cost includes deluxe Motor Coach Transportation and  
Resorts Slot Play.  
Cost does not include Perkiomen Driver Gratuity.  
Questions? Call Geri Haberacker:  
215.679.8235

## **SPN CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE CENTER**



### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **Registration required for ALL programs.**

Tuesday, March 6 – St. Katharine Drexel – Come see a performance of St. Katharine Drexel as she explains her journey from childhood to sainthood!  
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm – CFLC. Cost: \$15.

Wednesday, March 7 – Philadelphia Flower Show – Philadelphia Convention Center  
This year's theme is "Wonder of Water"! Wander around an amazing world of great gardening/design dating back to 1829! Cost: \$52 (includes ticket and transportation). 9:00 am – 3:30 pm. Registration due Feb. 21.

Saturday, March 10 – "Cross & Light" – St. John Bosco's, Hatboro, PA - This is an international, critically acclaimed musical and video surround experience on the Passion and Resurrection of Christ and the coming of the Holy Spirit! Cost: \$40 (includes ticket and transportation). 11:45 am – 3:30 pm.

Saturday, April 14 – Museum of the Bible – Washington, DC - Enjoy an immersive and personalized experience as you explore one of the world's largest assemblies of biblical artifacts and texts in the world! Cost: \$57 (includes tickets and transportation). Lunch and dinner are not included.  
7:00 am – 6:00 pm. Registration due Mar. 30.

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. Hours are Tues/Wed/Thurs 8:30 am – 2:00 pm and Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

## **SPN SENIOR CLUB CALENDAR 2018**

March 28:  
Third Anniversary Luncheon:  
Wearin' of the Green

April 9:  
Bus Trip to Atlantic City Casino

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

### **EASTER EGG HUNT**

Saturday – March 24 . . . 10AM SHARP!

RAINE OR SHINE

Ages 1 – 11 years

SPN Parish Church grounds

A reminder to all parents: you are responsible to bring and pick up your children.

### **ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS**

#### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul at the 5:15 PM Vigil Mass with Archbishop Charles Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., presiding. This mass is to pray for and with all married couples who are newlyweds or who have been married 25 years or more or 50 years and more. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend. Registration required.

**The Annual Archdiocesan Mass honoring the Gifts of Persons with Disabilities, the Deaf Community, Family, Friends and Caregivers** is Saturday, March 24 at 10:30 AM at the Cathedral Basilica of SS Peter and Paul. Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap., will be the principal celebrant and homilist. There will be a reception immediately following the Mass featuring entertainment by Santino Dragon New Year Brigade.

All are welcome. Go to [www.opdarchphilly.org](http://www.opdarchphilly.org) or call the Office for Persons with Disabilities at: 215.587.3530.

**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. For more details or to register go to [www.opdarchphilly.org](http://www.opdarchphilly.org) or click here.

**You Belong – How to Foster Active Participation in Worship:** This Workshop will be offered on April 28 from 9:30 AM to noon at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center. Parish Contacts for the Office for Persons with Disabilities and other parish leaders are encouraged to attend. The presenters are Dr. Geralyn Anderson Arango from Holy Family University and Gilian Lally who is a Behavioral Specialist. To RSVP: [www.opdarchphilly.org](http://www.opdarchphilly.org); email: [opd@archphila.org](mailto:opd@archphila.org) or call 215.587.3530.

**Mother of Children with Disabilities Retreat:** Tuesday, May 1 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. Fr. Jim Olson will be the celebrant for Mass. There will be time to pray, reflect, and chat with other mothers.

To register online: go to [www.opdarchphilly.com](http://www.opdarchphilly.com). For more information contact Malvern Retreat House at 610.644.0400 or the Office for Persons with Disabilities: 215.587.3530.

### **AREA NEWS**

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

#### **March 2018:**

Tuesday, March 13:

Bible Study @ St. Rose of Lima – N. Wales – 7:30PM

Sunday, March 18:

Service Project at Manna on Main Street – Saint Stanislaus at 9:00 AM

Tuesday, March 20:

Theology on Tap at Appalachian Brewing Company in Collegeville.

Doors open 7:00PM; talks at 7:30PM

Tuesday, March 27:

Holy Hour @ Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Parish in North Wales at 7:30 PM.



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

**Sunday, Mar 04, 2018**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT; FIRST SCRUTINY OF THE ELECT**

**All hands on deck**

Forty days is a good chunk of time to contemplate the path we're on and whether it's leading in the direction we hope to go. Lent is our annual "periscope up" that helps us survey the moral landscape we're creating with every decision. The Samaritan woman at the well gets the opportunity



to frankly regard her life when she runs into Jesus while doing her chores. Our RCIA elect also receive this gift in the prayers we pray for them in today's Scrutiny. Take time to stop living on autopilot, consider what you're thirsty for, and move forward purposefully.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42 (28)*. "The one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true."

## Monday, Mar 05, 2018

### LENTEN WEEKDAY

#### Be open to the message

Once upon a time in Nazareth, Jesus' hometown community tried to kill him. Did these folks misunderstand his teaching that they felt such rage against him? Or was the problem that they understood Jesus perfectly? Jesus had suggested that his fellow citizens were not prepared to accept God's word, but foreigners might. If a preacher got up and said his words in our churches today, he might also receive a negative send-off. We like to think we're pretty good people and on the right path, but are we really open to the call to change?

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Kings 5:1-15b; Luke 4:24-30 (237)*. "The citizens of Nazareth drove Jesus out of town so they might hurl him off the cliff."

## Tuesday, Mar 06, 2018

### LENTEN WEEKDAY

#### Keep counting on forgiveness

Surely forgiveness has its limits! This is the attitude Peter betrays when he asks Jesus for a reasonable cut-off after which he is no longer obliged to forgive an offender. Peter proposes the number seven, which seems generous to him. It is also the Hebrew number for completeness and perfection, combining the indissolubility of three

(as in our Trinity) and the all-encompassing four (as in the four directions or elements). Seven is plenty, Peter argues. Surely it's enough? Jesus takes his bid and multiplies it to the doubly significant 77. We cannot put limits on a divine gift.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Matthew 18:21-35 (238)*. "If another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive?"

## Wednesday, Mar 07, 2018

### MEMORIAL OF PERPETUA AND FELICITY, MARTYRS

#### Service is the only security

Not even the deepest, fiercest parental love can secure the future of loved ones or keep them from harm. Take Perpetua, a young mother still nursing, and her pregnant servant Felicity, who were both threatened with martyrdom in third-century North Africa but determined to remain faithful; or Perpetua's father who tried to persuade her to renounce Christianity in order to save her. What parents and children can always do, however, like the Master, is to serve one another by the example of our own fidelity.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9; Matthew 5:17-19 (239)*. "I have come not to abolish but to fulfill."

## Thursday, Mar 08, 2018

### MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF GOD, RELIGIOUS

#### Focus on the bigger picture

If there were ever a patron saint for people who jump to extremes and then find balance in their lives, it would be John of God (1495-1559). First he was a wild-living soldier nearly hanged after being accused of stealing from the army. After a reprieve, he was so grateful he spent two days praying before a roadside crucifix. Going to Granada in Spain, he heard a sermon by Blessed

John of Avila that so moved him to repentance he became unhinged. He gave away everything and roamed the streets beating himself and begging forgiveness for his past sins. This behaviour landed him in a mental hospital. The compassionate John of Avila visited him and advised him to do something for others rather than only be obsessed with himself. John of God heeded the advice and opened a house for the care of the sick and poor. Next time you feel yourself bouncing around in life, stop, center, and shift your focus from your problems to others' needs.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23 (240)*. "Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste and house will fall against house."

**Friday, Mar 09, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS;  
DAY OF ABSTINENCE**

**Keep the door to your heart open**

Saint Frances of Rome founded the order of Olivetan Oblates of Mary. She set up a convent—the only house of the order—that remains the community's sole monastery today. Once a year, on the Feast of Saint Frances, the sisters open their doors to the public. In 2009 Pope Benedict XVI came to call. The sisters, greatly influenced by Saint Benedict, consider hospitality their main ministry and invite young women studying in university to live with them until they obtain their degrees. In the spirit of Saint Frances and the Olivetan Oblates, be open to whoever shows up at your doorstep, from underfunded students to itinerant popes.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34 (241)*. "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

**Saturday, Mar 10, 2018**

**LENTEN WEEKDAY**

**Pray, don't pose**

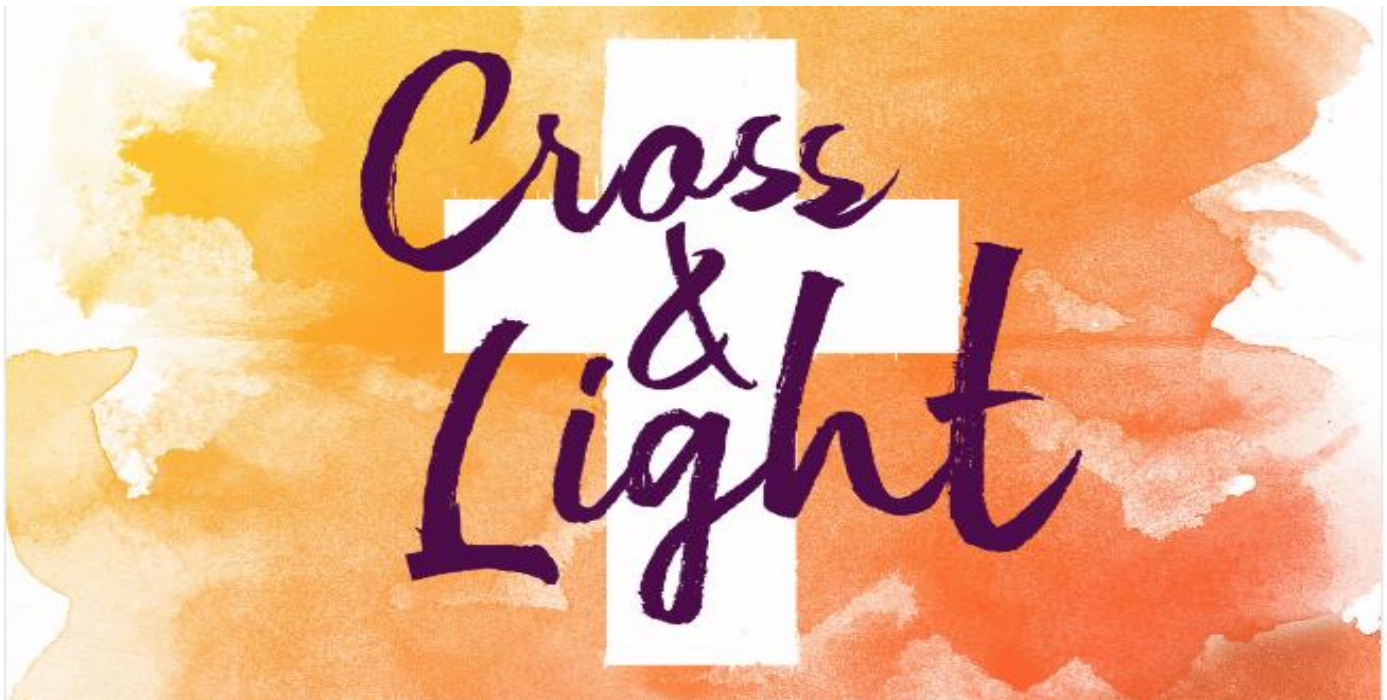
Jesus could be pretty hard on people who seemed to be praying for the wrong reasons, like certain Pharisees who made a big show of praying in public so others could see how holy they were. Christ preferred to praise those who stood at the back of the crowd and prayed with humility. Why? Because exalting oneself is the opposite of true prayer. Prayer can't be something that impresses others. It also can't be something you fake or just go through the motions with. Prayer starts with the one who prays but then turns that person toward God and others. And that's the meaning of humility, too: not living for oneself.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14 (242)*. "All who humble themselves will be exalted."





**CROSS & LIGHT MUSICAL AND VIDEO EXPERIENCE**  
**ST. JOHN BOSCO'S CHURCH - HATBORO, PA**  
**SATURDAY - MARCH 10**  
**11:45 AM - 3:30 PM**



**REGISTRATION DUE NOW!!**

A bus ride is planned to this international, critically acclaimed musical and video surround experience of Christ's Passion, Resurrection, and the coming of the Holy Spirit!

Its powerful evangelism portrays the story of who Jesus is, what He did for us, and how He calls us to live!

Cost: \$40 includes tickets and transportation

REGISTER: [www.catholicfamilylifecenter.com](http://www.catholicfamilylifecenter.com); or mail form with check payable to SPN CFLC to:  
 SPN Catholic Family Life Center - 26 East 6<sup>th</sup> 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



**PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW – “WONDER OF WATER”  
 CONVENTION CENTER - PHILADELPHIA, PA  
 WEDNESDAY - MARCH 7, 2018  
 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM  
 (arrive 15 minutes prior to departure)**



Join us for a bus ride to Philadelphia for this year’s “WONDER OF WATER” theme! Enjoy Designer’s Studio where florists from around the world compete! Wander through Hamilton Horticult to view and learn about container-grown plants. The Gardener’s Studio is the perfect place to take a break and hear about new ideas for your garden. Enjoy lunch on your own at one of the food kiosks at the show, the cafeteria on the second level, or across the street at the Reading Terminal Market!

**REGISTRATIONS DUE MONDAY – MARCH 5th**

**Cost: \$52.00 – includes tickets and transportation (does not include lunch).**

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