

First Sunday of Advent - December 3, 2017

Baptism & Marriage

Arrangements are made by appointment - call for details.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We are the first Parish to continuously host an Annual Forty Hours Devotion.

Adoration at St. Philip Neri Church:
Friday - 2:00—7:00 p.m.

Our Mission

Saint Philip Neri Parish is a welcoming Roman Catholic Parish of believers that is rich in faith and history.

We celebrate the Eucharist and the Liturgy as the center of our Parish life.

Our focus is to set, by example, Christian principles and the need to bring Christ into our everyday lives.

We engage our neighborhood, the Archdiocese and the entire world by promoting social justice, offering service and spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Masses for the Week

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017

4:30 Vigil SPN +Kathleen McGinnis
by Stavoli Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

8:30 AM SS +Frances Lockwood
by Mom & Dad

11:00 AM SPN +Mary Deery
by Granddaughter Janet Bonsera

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017

7:30AM SS For All Parishioners

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017

7:30 AM SS +Edward & Anna Donnelly
by their Children

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017

7:30 AM SS +Wrobel & Zapalski Families
by Emily Zapalski

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017

9:00 AM SPN +Gloria Girini
by Ron Girini

7:00 Vigil SPN For All Parishioners

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017 Immaculate Conception

7:30 AM SPN +White-Eckes Family
by Lynda Eckes

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017

8:00 AM SPN A Special Intention

4:30 Vigil SPN +Tom Boyle
by Dot Boyle

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017

8:30 AM SS +Mangini Family
by Dot Boyle

11:00 AM SPN For All Parish

Please Pray For The Deceased

Especially John Zakrzewski, Kathleen Madeksiak, John Zimmer, Leon Plocha, Laura T. Ruiz, and All Deceased Members of the Parish.

Please Pray For The Sick

Especially Joseph Suarez, Ikey, Robert Levi, Francis Casper, Pat Grosso, Jennifer, Dee M., Katherine Chavis, Tina Marchitelli, Kim W., Jessica Paley, Dianne Kane, Mary Huet, Joe Prusinowski, Kathy Brinn, Sandra Kelly, Patrick, Paul Scheb, Lillian Drozdowski, Fran Chupka, Linda Lessor, George Shelton, Jessica, Evelyne Norris, John Pracilio, Carolyn & Richard McLeer, Baby Isabella Grace, Edward Allen, Steven Stanton, Tina, Peggy R., Diana, Elizabeth Steel, Margaret Dailey, Joey Oliver, Tom Sweeney, Joe C., Isabella, Ella D'Angelo, Justin Crede, Richard Wardle, Mark Scherer, Pat C., Martin Fahy, Denise K., Kelly, Fran, Peggy McAllister, Andy Batavick, Chris Smith, Mae Palmer, Walt M., Mike G., Glenda L. Wrenn, Regina Tresoikas, Renette Metkowski, Dawn Penrose, Dionne, Anita, Kay, Barb Heinze, Nick S., Billy P., Anna Otto, Jean D'Amico, & All Sick Parishioners.

Please pray for an end to abortion.

Sanctuary Lamps

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in the St. John Neumann Chapel:
A Special Intention

The Candle is burning in the outside Sacred Heart Shrine for:
+John Zimmer

The Candle is burning in the outside Blessed Mother Shrine for:
+40 Anniversary of My Parents

Please pray for the intentions of our sick & deceased and their families and loved ones.

Ministry Schedule

LECTORS THIS WEEK (12/2-3)

Saturday 4:30 Vigil Lynda Eckes
 Sunday 8:30 AM Paul Bendetti
 11:00 AM Martin Grace

LECTORS THIS WEEK (12/9-10)

Saturday 4:30 Vigil
 Sunday 8:30 AM Mark & Monique Coval
 11:00 AM Martin Grace

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS WEEK (12/2-3)

Saturday 4:30 Vigil Amy Rivera
 Shane Misuro
 Sunday 8:30 AM Kathleen Cieplinski
 Conny Lockwood
 11:00 AM Laura Drake
 Linda Marucci

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS WEEK (12/9-10)

Saturday 4:30 Vigil Kathy Markley
 Jack Ryan
 Sunday 8:30 AM Conny Lockwood
 Linda Marucci
 11:00 AM Amy Rivera
 Shane Misuro

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND DECEMBER 10, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

READING I

ISAIAH 40:1-5, 9-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

"LORD, LET US SEE YOUR KINDNESS AND GRANT US YOUR SALVATION."

READING II

2 PETER 3:8-14

GOSPEL

MARK 1:1-8



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2018 Sacraments

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Tuesday - February 20

CONFIRMATION

Sunday - March 4

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday - May 6

Offerings

November 19, 2017

Regular Collection \$3,088.00
Regular Collection 11.20.17 \$3,264.00

November 26, 2017

Regular Collection \$3,669.00
Regular Collection 11.27.17 \$2,921.00

Thank you very much for your generosity throughout the year. When we tithe we are telling God that we trust in Him more than our money.

Lampki

- +Deceased Members of Kupiec & Heys Family.
- +Jennie & Joseph Dabovich of. son John.
- +Jennie & Joseph Dabovich of. daughter Maryann.
- +Frank Karvell of. Wife.
- +Mr. & Mrs. Frank Zalewski of. Daughter.
- +Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Nevaline of. Niece.
- +Frank & Leon Morris of. Niece.
- +Joseph Zalewski of. Sister.
- +Henry & Jean Cieplinski & Edward & Anna Donnelly of. Henry & Kathleen Cieplinski.
- +Alfreda & Zygmunt Plocha of. Joanne & Leon Plocha.
- +Frances & Henry Jaworski of. Joanne & Leon Plocha.
- +The Barczak Family of. Bernard Barczak.
- +My sons Joey & Bobby Chupka of. Mom.
- IMO Irene & James Krouse of. Daughter & Family.



Advent Talk with Maryellen Carroll

Friday, December 15
7:00 p.m.

"Emmanuel is coming, are we ready"

Advent is the time we contemplate and prepare for, physically and spiritually, the coming of the King of Peace. Join us on Friday, December 15 at time? for a light dinner and discussion on this beautiful season as we enter the third week of Advent and light the pink candle of Joy,

community After Mass

This Week: NO KIDS CAM

Join us at the Christmas Bazaar

Next Week: KIDS CAM—11:00 a.m.



Pope Francis Quote:

“Advent increases our hope,
a hope which does not disappoint.
The Lord never lets us down.”

Pope Francis



PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

2017-18

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AT ST. STAN'S
12 NOON-4:00 P.M.**



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

**VIGIL MASS WEDNESDAY-7:00 P.M. SPN
MORNING MASS-7:30 A.M. SPN**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

ADORATION

**OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
2:00-7:00 P.M.**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

**FESTIVAL OF CAROLS
6:00 P.M.-SPN**

FIRST RECONCILIATION

**TUESDAY-FEBRUARY 20
11:00 A.M. MASS-SPN**

CONFIRMATION

**SUNDAY - MARCH 4
11:00 A.M. MASS-SPN**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY - MAY 6

FORTY HOURS

**SATURDAY - MAY 19
THRU MONDAY-MAY 21**



**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR &
POLISH FOOD FESTIVAL
ST. STAN'S HALL
TODAY**



THE GIVING TREES

Get into the Season of Giving by taking a tag from our parish Giving Trees. During the Advent Season our parish will sponsor **two Giving Trees**. There will be a Giving Tree in the vestibule of St. Philip Neri Church and a Giving Tree in the vestibule of St. Stanislaus Church.

The **Giving Tree in Saint Philip Neri's** vestibule will be for Families at Saint Cyprian Parish located in West Philadelphia. Please take a tag from the St. Philip Neri tree and return the item to the St. Philip Neri Gathering Room with tag attached on Saturday evening or Sunday morning before weekend Masses. This year St. Cyprian is asking for hats, scarves, gloves and pajamas for boys and girls ages 8 and up and for senior men and women. All gifts need to be dropped off at St. Philip Neri Church no later than December 10.

There is a **Giving Tree in the vestibule of Saint Stanislaus Church** during the Advent Season. This Giving Tree will benefit Senior Residents at St. Monica Manor. Please take a tag from the tree, purchase the new item, they are asking for blanket throws, gift wrap it, and attach the Giving Tree tag to it. Please bring your gift to the Saint Stanislaus Church Hall before the 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Mass. Your gift must be delivered to Saint Stanislaus Hall by December 10.

Pastor's Letter

Dear Parishioners,

As I walked down South Street toward Second I noticed a couple approaching me. I could tell that they would pass me but then all of a sudden the gentleman said, "Hello Father." They looked vaguely familiar. Maybe they are parents of someone in the parish I thought to myself. And yes they were. We had met before. They were in from out of town and would be having Thanksgiving dinner with their daughter and son-in-law. "We'll be eating in a few hours," they remarked. It was still almost a week before Thanksgiving Day. But by the way they talked it was the actual day itself. We offered our good byes, they said they looked forward to seeing me at Mass and they proceeded on their way to Thanksgiving Dinner.

As I made my way down Second Street toward Queen I thought about the conversation. If I had not known better I would have thought it was Thanksgiving Day. You could see it in their smiles and hear it in their voices. The twinkle in their eyes just spoke of gratitude for their children and the time they would be spending with them. They were genuinely appreciative of the fact that their daughter would be doing the cooking.

As we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent let our thoughts run to Christmas. We prepare for the joy of that day in these three short weeks (this year) prior to our celebration of what Bishop Robert Barron in the introduction to his book, *Catholicism, A Journey to the Heart of the Faith*, calls the Catholic Thing. The Catholic Thing as he coins it is what makes the Catholic Religion different from so many competing philosophies, ideologies and religions of the world. It, the Catholic Thing, is the Incarnation. It is the enfleshment of God. It is the Word of God who made the Universe as we know it and too, all that we do not know who became a human being like us to show us how to live. Our God did not remain sequestered in heaven but entered into the world, this world of fragile peace and broken promises. God entered into our world that we might know Him, love Him and serve Him, and so be the persons we were created to be.

As I turned up Queen Street I smiled thinking, "We are thankful not only on Thanksgiving Day but every day."

We are reminded too, to celebrate the Incarnation, that is, Christmas, each day, every day. What a gift Jesus is.

Father Oliver



'TIS (almost) THE SEASON

BEST
Advent
EVER

We prepare for everything we consider important in life. And that includes Christmas. Join our parish for Best Advent ever, a free email program that will help you prepare for Christmas in unique way. Each day you'll receive an Email with ...

- Short inspiration videos from Matthew Kelly and Dr. Allen Hunt.
- Practical tips for your everyday life
- Real-life stories of hope

TO SIGN UP, VISIT
BestAdventEver.com/BeautifulHope

Dynamic Catholic

SAINT **John's** HOSPICE

Always needed:

Men's underwear, sizes L, XL and XXL, (tops and bottoms) Bar soap, Deodorant, Razors, Lotion, Powder,

Men's gently used or new jeans and pants and khakis—waist sizes 32, 38, 40 and 44, (length 32" or 34" - either is fine)

Hoodies—L, XL and XXL

In addition to the above, St. John's Hospice is in desperate need of

Blankets ... There are no limitations to what size or color blankets are needed.

Any and all are helpful!

GENTLE REMINDER FOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEK



Women of Hope-Lombard Attire for Hire

Professional Clothing Drive



Let's show our young women support by donating new, or gently used and cleaned professional clothing! Which will give them access to appropriate professional attire as they embark on career paths!!!

Donation Wish List:

All sizes welcomed, plus size encouraged!!!

Blazers, Dress Shirts/Blouses
Solid Color Polo Shirts
Dress Pants/Slacks
Cardigans/Sweaters
Business/Casual/Khaki Pants
Trench/Parker/Wool Jackets or Coats
Shoes



When:

November 15th through December 10th

Drop-Off Location:

St. Philip Neri Parish Gathering Space

Drop-Off Times:

After Mass or When Church is Open

Let's give our young women the power of Hope!!

Festival of Carols

Sunday, December 10- 6:00 p.m.

EVERYONE IS INVITED

SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS

LISTEN TO THE CHRISTMAS STORY

ENJOY THE BRASS CHOIR

WATCH FOR SANTA'S ARRIVAL

OUTDOOR SEATING

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED INDOORS



Advent

Christmas



St. Philip Neri Parish

SUNDAYS OF ADVENT—December 3, 10, 17, 24

Mass: 4:30 p.m. Saturday Evening at St. Philip Neri Church

8:30 a.m. Sunday at St. Stanislaus Church

11:00 a.m. Sunday at St. Philip Neri Church

On the First Sunday of Advent we will bless the Advent Wreath and light the first candle. On each successive Sunday in Advent, an additional candle will be lit reminding us that our celebration of the Birth of Jesus Our Incarnate Savior is getting closer.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION DURING ADVENT ... *O Come Let Us Adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

Fridays—December 8, 15, 22

(St. John Neumann Chapel) 2:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

Saturdays, December 9, 16, 23—3:45 p.m.—4:15 p.m.—Confessions will be heard in the St. John Neumann Chapel.

Sundays, December 3, 10, 17, 24— 8:15 a.m.—Confessions will be heard at St. Stanislaus Church.

Remember, confessions are heard every day at **St. Rita Church**, Broad & Ellsworth Streets, Monday—Saturday, 11:00 a.m.—noon & 4:00-5:00 p.m.

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ST. STANISLAUS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & POLISH FOOD FESTIVAL

Sunday, December 3, 12 Noon—4:00 p.m. Please join us for a day of fun with Family, Friends, Polish Food, Games of Chance, Theme Baskets, Pictures with Santa, White Elephant Table (old and new treasures) and even some Christmas Shopping. We hope to see you there!

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, December 7—Mass will be held at 7:00 p.m. in St. Philip Neri Church.

Friday, December 8—Mass will be held at 7:30 a.m. in St. Philip Neri Church.

FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

Sunday, December 10—6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us for our "Festival of Carols" at St. Philip Neri Church. The Festival will be held in front of our Church and will include a sing-along with a brass choir, the blessing of our outdoor Nativity Scene, blessing and lighting of the outdoor Christmas tree, and a visit from Santa. The outdoor celebration will begin at 6:00 p.m. Seating will be available. (If the weather is inclement it will be held in the Church). Refreshments will follow in the Gathering Room. All are welcome and bring a friend!



DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 17 at 11:45 a.m. (after the 11:00 a.m. Mass)

On Sunday, December 17, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass, we need volunteers to help bring boxes with decorations downstairs from the choir loft and to begin putting up our Christmas decorations. Please join us!



CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Sunday, December 24—7:00 p.m. SPN

Sunday, December 24—9:00 p.m. SS

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Monday, December 25— 8:30 a.m.—SS

Monday, December 25—11:00 a.m.—SPN



PUTTING THINGS AWAY

On Sunday, January 7, Epiphany of the Lord, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass, we will be putting away Christmas Decorations for another year. Please join us and lend a hand. We especially need helpers to carry boxes of decorations to the choir loft. Thank you.



*Get into the
Spirit!
prepare
your Heart
for the Arrival
of The
Newborn King!*

