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

Sanctuary Lamps

The Sanctuary Candle is burning Main Church for:

Health & Blessings for John Grassia, Jr.
from Mary Barishek

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in the St. John Neumann Chapel for: Health & Blessings for Fr. Maloney

The Sanctuary Candle is burning in the St. Stanislaus Church for: Health & Blessings for Franny Chupka
from Mary Barishek

The Candle is burning in the outside Sacred Heart Shrine for: All Sick Parishioners

The Candle is burning in the outside Blessed Mother Shrine for: A Special Intention

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Please pray for an end to abortion.

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

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Masses for the Week

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2019
4:30 Vigil SPN  + Joseph Oliver
by Class of 1975
St. Philip Neri School

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019
8:30 AM SS  + Leon Plocha
by Peter Krasowski
11:00 AM SPN  + Denise (Pessa) Levin
by Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019
7:30 AM SS  For All Parishioners

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019
7:30 AM ss  + Joseph F. Verbitski
by Joanne Plocha

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019
7:30 AM SS  A Special Intention

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019
7:30 AM SPN  + Mario D’Elia
by James & Patricia Corrigan

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019
7:30 AM SPN  A Special Intention
SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2019
8:00 AM SPN  + Henry Jacobson
by Henry & Kathleen Cieplinski
4:30 Vigil SPN  + Genevieve Eells—7th Anniversary
by Bob & Madeline Eells

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019
8:30 AM SS  + Joseph & Jennie Dabovich &
son Joseph
by Dabovich Family
11:00 AM SPN  For All Parishioners

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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 - 3:00—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 Liturgy as the center of our parish life at our two churches of St. Philip Neri and St. Stanislaus.

We strive to bring Jesus Christ into our everyday lives and our community through prayer, service, outreach, and evangelization, with our hearts always focused on the Gospel.

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Please pray for the deceased
Especially All Deceased Members of the Parish.

Please pray for the sick

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The Epiphany Of The Lord - January 6, 2019
Dear Jesus,
as You led the Three Kings to You by the light of a star, please draw us ever closer to You by the light of Faith. Help us to desire You as ardently as they did. Give us the grace to overcome all the obstacles that keep us far from You. May we, like them, have something to give You when we appear before You. Amen

TODAY’S RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
“Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.” Psalm 72
PUTTING THINGS AWAY

On Sunday, January 13, Baptism 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.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A) is a process of welcoming new members into the Catholic Church. It also welcomes baptized Adult Catholics who have not received Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, or Confirmation. If you are an Adult and interested in becoming a Catholic OR an Adult who has not received the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, or Confirmation you are welcome here at Saint Philip Neri Parish.

Please call the rectory at 215-468-1922 or email us at stphilipneri@comcast.net if you are interested.

“I wonder if we still know how to look up at the sky. Do we know how to dream, to long for God, to expect the newness he brings, or do we let ourselves be swept along by life, like dry branches before the wind?”

Pope Francis
January 6, 2018

ENCOUNTERING HEAVEN ON EARTH

Bishop Robert Barron’s THE MASS

BEGINNING JANUARY 23, 2019
6 WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 7:00 P.M.
ST. PHILIP NERI CHURCH

Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and you’ll be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it resonates with a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and, most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.

Sign Up Sheets at entrance to Church.

SUNDAY
May 5, 2019
11:00 a.m.

IF YOUR CHILD IS PLANNING TO MAKE HIS OR HER FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THIS YEAR, PLEASE CALL OR CONTACT THE RECTORY.

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SECOND SUNDAY
FOOD COLLECTION
NEXT WEEKEND
From the Pastor’s Desk

My dear Parishioners,

“The Twelve Days of Christmas” was published in England at a time when Catholicism was repressed. The song had a double meaning. Hidden in the popular lyrics was a catechism for children to learn their faith. ‘My true love gave to me’ is a code for the gift God gave us in Baptism. The ‘partridge in a pear tree’ is Jesus. Legend says the two turtle doves are The Old and New Testaments. Three French hens are the virtues of faith, hope and charity. The four calling birds are the four Gospels, the five golden rings are the first five books of the Old Testament. The geese are the six days of creation, swans are the seven sacraments, the maids are the eight beatitudes, ladies dancing are in nine fruits of the Holy Spirit, and ten lords-a-leaping are the Ten Commandments. The pipers are the eleven faithful Apostles and the drummers are the twelve points in the Apostle’s Creed.

In addition to the traditional theme of today’s feast—shining light, radiant glory, astrologers and kings, rising stars in the east and prophecies of a ruler from Bethlehem—there is another underlying theme—that of traveling toward God. Third Isaiah’s vision, as shared in the first reading, features sons and daughter traveling home to Jerusalem, their way illuminated by the shining light of God’s glory. Accompanying God’s native children, caravans from far-off lands bring their wealth and gifts, while the people proclaim the praises of Israeli’s God. What the sixth century Third Isaiah prophesied, St. Matthew’s gospel writer saw fulfilled in the travelers from the east who made their way to Bethlehem to offer gifts to Jesus and pay him homage.

And about us - Life is a continuous journey. Hopefully, ours is a spiritual journey of the heart, working its way home to the God who lovingly hears and attends to its every beat.

En route to our final divine destination, we will discover—and probably not without a certain degree of ego-bruising—that all other hearts God has made are making the same journey as we. We travel from different directions, at different speeds, with differing customs and cultures, accents and ethnicities, but we all have the same Godly goal.

Today’s feast serves as a reminder that, whether we be Gentile or Jew, Muslim or Christian or Hindu; Afro or Native America, Anglo or Latino, Eastern or Western; male or female, young or old, rich or poor—we are not foreign or foe, but family.

Sincerely,

Father Ed