DAILY MASS
Monday - Wednesday
7:30 a St. Stanislaus
Thursday - Friday
7:30 a St. Philip Neri
Saturday
8:00 a St. Philip Neri
Saturday Vigil
4:30 p St. Philip Neri
Sunday
8:30 a St. Stanislaus
11:00 a St. Philip Neri

Rev. Edward P. Kuczynski, M. Div. Pastor

St. Philip Neri
218 Queen St.
Founded 1840

St. Stanislaus
240 Fitzwater St.
Second Sunday of Advent - December 8, 2019

**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.

**Reconciliation**
Saturday—3:45 p.m.—4:15 p.m.—SPN
Sunday—8:15 a.m.—SS

Please Pray For The Deceased
Especially Viola Smolarski.

Please Pray For The Sick

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**Masses for the Week**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2019**
4:30 Vigil SPN  +George & Maria Subotich by Dabovich Family

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019**
8:30 AM SS  +Joseph & Jennie Dabovich & son Joseph by Family
11:00 AM SPN  +Tommy King by Wife & Family

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019**
7:30 AM SS  +White-Eckes Family by Lynda Eckes

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019**
7:30 AM SS  For All Parishioners

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019**
7:30 AM SS  +Special Intention

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2019**
7:30 AM SPN  Health & Blessings for Lynda Eckes

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2019**
7:30 AM SPN  +Emily Zapalski by Michael Mazur

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019**
8:00 AM SPN  +Marceda Federowicz by Henry & Kathleen Cieplinski
4:30 Vigil SPN  +Dominic Colazzo by Kathy Weber

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019**
8:30 AM SS  +Charles “Jash” Jasinski by Joanne Plocha
11:00 AM SPN  +Michael & Mary Subotich by Denise & Tina Kane

**Sanctuary Lamps**
The Sanctuary Candle is burning in the Main Church:

**In Memory of Viola Smolarski**
The Sanctuary Candle is burning in St. John Neumann Chapel for:

**Health & Blessings for Fr. Maloney**
The Candle is burning in Outside Blessed Mother Shrine for:  
+Florence Kuczynski
Lampki

1. +Deceased Members of Kupiec & Heys Family.
4. +Frank Karvell of Wife.
5. +Mr. & Mrs. Frank Zalewski of Daughter.
6. +Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Nevaline of Niece.
7. +Frank & Leon Morris of Niece.
10. +Alfreda & Zygmunt Plocha of Joanne & Leon Plocha.
12. +Leon Z. Plocha of Wife
15. +Joe & Bob Chupka from Mom.
16. +Mary Ann Bielec from sister Fran Chupka.
17. + Joe Figurski of Emily Zapalski.
19. + Emily Zapalski.

Offerings

November 24, 2019

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Thank you very much for your generosity throughout the year.

Memorial Donations

In Memory of Felice Podgurny
Edward & Cynthia Podgurny

In Memory of Fran Haraszkiewicz
Rose Seese

In Memory of Richard Drozdowski
John Barishek & Cannon Family
Mary Barishek

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Patronal Feast of the United States of America.)
Since the Feastday falls on the Second Sunday of Advent, it will be celebrated on Monday, December 9. Mass will be at Saint Stanislaus Church at 7:30 a.m. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

WANT TO GET MORE OUT OF THE SUNDAY READINGS EACH WEEK AT MASS?
Join SMALL GROUPS at St. Philip Neri Parish

Each week we will discuss the upcoming Sunday readings so that we are better prepared to hear the word which God is speaking to us through the scriptures.
Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.
If interested, please contact Kathy at 215-292-3617.

Readings for Next Weekend December 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

Reading I
Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
“Lord, come and save us.”

Reading II
James 5:7-10
Gospel
Matthew 11:2-11

Read the passages online @ http://usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/index.cfm
“Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.”

Pope Francis

Sacraments of Initiation for Children
Looking for all children who are in the 2nd grade (First Reconciliation and Holy Communion) and 7th grade (Confirmation) or in any grade in between that have not received First Reconciliation and Holy Communion. This includes catholic, public, private and home schoolers. We offer a Parish Retreat for each Sacrament and if your child is not being catechized at a Catholic School or Religious Education Program, we will provide total catechesis and preparation for reception of the Sacraments. In some cases, parents can home school the child with assistance from the parish.

Please contact the Rectory and your information will be forwarded to Maryellen Carroll, the Director of Religious Education.

GIVING TREES

ST. PHILIP NERI CHURCH
ST. CYPRIAN’S IS ASKING THAT WE PROVIDE PAJAMAS THIS YEAR FOR CHILDREN & SENIORS. PLEASE TAKE A TAG AND RETURN GIFT WITH TAG ATTACHED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15TH.

ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH
ST. MONICA MANOR IS ASKING FOR FLANNEL LAP BLANKETS FOR MEN AND WOMEN. PLEASE TAKE A TAG AND RETURN GIFT WITH TAG ATTACHED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 15TH.

Seminarian Tucker Brown speaks to us about the Annual Seminary Appeal. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Philip Neri Parish

Christmas Bazaar & Polish Food Festival at St. Stanislaus Hall
TODAY, December 8, 2019 12 Noon to 4 p.m.

Join us for a day of Fun with Family, Friends, Food, Drinks, & Games of Chance, and even some Christmas Shopping.
My Dear Parishioners,

Today we meet John the Baptist, a strong and central figure in our Advent liturgies, who, as St. Matthew’s Gospel describes him, “appeared preaching in the desert of Judea and saying ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!’”

Repent, Believe the Gospel. The kingdom—that is—God’s reign over human hearts and minds—is at hand. Apparently, the kingdom has been “at hand” now for two thousand years, but not yet fully grasped. Why? Because the repentance, the metanoia, the change of heart, the attitudinal turnaround, the value reversal that Jesus demand of us, has not taken place. That should be our concern in this Advent season.

During Advent I invite you to “set out in haste” toward Christ, as the opening prayer of Mass suggests. Advent is not only about Christ’s coming; it also about our going to meet him.

Happy Advent.

Father Ed

CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS
Saturdays, December 7, 14, 21—3:45 p.m.—4:15 p.m.—Confessions will be heard in the St. John Neumann Chapel.
Sundays, December 1, 8, 15, 22—8:15 a.m.—Confessions will be heard at St. Stanislaus Church.
St. John Neumann Shrine—5th Street & Girard Avenue, Mondays thru Saturdays 11:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
St. Rita Shrine—1166 S. Broad Street, 11:00 a.m.—Mondays thru Saturdays 12 noon and 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS
Sunday, December 22 at 11:45 a.m. (after the 11:00 a.m. Mass)
On Sunday, December 22, 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!