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
4:30p 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.
Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 22, 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

**Masses for the Week**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2019**
4:30 Vigil SPN  +Christopher Arnold by Family

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019**
8:30 AM SS  +Helen Mlynarski by Tillie Garczynski
11:00 AM SPN  +Norma & John Olszewski by daughter Janet

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2019**
7:30 AM SS  +Helen Mlynarski by Henry & Kathleen Cieplinski

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2019**
7:30 AM SS  +Emily Zapalski
5:15 PM at St. Agnes-St. John Nepomucene Church
7:00 PM SPN  Christmas Eve Vigil
9:00 PM SS  Christmas Eve Vigil

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2019**
8:30 AM SS  Christmas Day Mass
11:00 AM SPN  Christmas Day Mass

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2019**
7:30 AM SPN  +For All Parishioners

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2019**
7:30 AM SPN  +Florence Kuczynski

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2019**
8:00 AM SPN  +Rose E. Braciale by Barbara Braciale
4:30 Vigil SPN  +Genevieve Toczykowski by Family

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019**
8:30 AM SS  +White Eckes Family by Lynda Eckes
11:00 AM SPN  +Joan Donnelly

**Sanctuary Lamps**
The Sanctuary Candle is burning in the Main Church:
In Memory of Michael & Mary Subotich from Denise & Tina Kane

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
Ministry Schedule

LECTORS—DECEMBER 21-22, 2019
Saturday 4:30 Vigil  Lector Needed
Sunday 8:30 AM   Tillie Garchynski
              11:00 AM   Clar King

LECTORS—DECEMBER 28-29, 2019
Saturday 4:30 Vigil  Lector Needed
Sunday 8:30 AM   Lynda Eckes
                11:00 AM   Lector Needed

Offerings

DUE TO THE EARLY TRANSMISSION DATE OF THIS WEEK’S BULLETIN, THE OFFERINGS FOR DECEMBER 15 WILL APPEAR IN DECEMBER 29 BULLETIN. THANK YOU.

Thank you very much for your generosity throughout the year.

Donations

A $5,000 donation was made to St. Philip Neri Parish from the Estate of Joan Donnelly

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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. +Alfred & Zygmunt Plocha of Joanne & Leon Plocha.
15. +Joe & Bob Chupka from Mom.
16. +Mary Ann Bielec from sister Fran Chupka.
17. + Joe Figurski of Emily Zapalski.
19. + Emily Zapalski.

Readings for Next Weekend
December 29, 2019

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Reading I
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
“Blessed are those who fear the Lord
And walk in his way.”

Reading II
Colossians 3:12-21
Gospel
Matthew 2:13-15

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE GIVING TREE PROGRAMS

EDUCATION GRANT RECEIVED AT OUR LADY OF HOPE SCHOOL: Quinn Charitable Foundation is awarding Our Lady of Hope a grant of $27,750 to support the mission of Catholic education at OLH School. The grant was awarded in appreciation for providing the children of South Philadelphia with a rigorous Catholic education. On behalf of the entire educational community of Our Lady of Hope, we would like to thank the foundation for this spectacular gift to our school.

Tours/Registration Information for Our Lady of Hope School - You can contact Ms. Cody at the school office (215-467-5385) or via email at pcody@ourdayofhopephilly.com. We currently are taking registrations for the 2020-21 school year.
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.

CONGRATULATIONS JACQUELINE COVAL
Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School is pleased to announce that the following students have achieved Academic Honors for the First Quarter of the 2019-2020 school year:
Parish: St. Philip Neri Parish
Jacqueline Coval—Class of 2020—First Honors.

Merry Christmas
From
Father Ed
and Father Pierce

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS
TODAY, 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!

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
Sunday, December 29 (after the 11:00 a.m. Mass)
On Sunday, December 29 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass, please join us for a Special Holy Family CAM with Christmas goodies and song.
My Dear Parishioners,

On this last Sunday of Advent, we begin to hear the circumstances surrounding the birth of Christ as recorded in St. Matthew’s Gospel. Christ’s entry into human history begins with the compassion of Joseph the carpenter. Joseph puts aside his own hurt and embarrassment and welcomes the child as his own. God’s birth in our midst depends on human partners like Mary and Joseph who are willing to believe the impossible, to claim the unwanted, to love the helpless and neediest, and to dare to hope in Emmanuel—”God is with us.”

Every one of us is called to be Joseph - to welcome God in our midst. In the mystery of Christmas, God’s yes depends on our yes. How can you take the role of Joseph this Christmas by bringing the compassion and forgiveness of God into a difficult and strained situation?

Sincerely,

Father Ed

Christmas Eve Vigil Masses:
7:00 p.m. — St. Philip Neri Church
9:00 p.m. — St. Stanislaus Church

Christmas Morning Masses:
8:30 a.m. — St. Stanislaus Church
11:00 a.m. — St. Philip Neri Church
Christmas Flower Donations—Honor of/Memory of

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**Christmas Donation**

A $100.00 donation was made for the Christmas Holiday “In Loving Memory of The Bolc Family from Pat & Joey.”