Church of Saint Philip Neri Pennsburg, PA 18073 March 5, 2017



Rev. Robert A. Roncase, Pastor
Rev. Raymond W. Smart, retired; resident
Deacon Michael J. Franks
Deacon Mark J. Meinzer, Business Manager
Rev. Edmond J. Speitel, Pastor Emeritus
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Parish Phone Numbers:	
Rectory	215.679.9275
Youth Ministry	267.733.2572
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Catholic Family Life Center	215.679.2237
Parish Hall	215.679.8116

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Rectory	215.679.0386
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Church & Rectory Address:

1325 Klinerd Rd; Pennsburg 18073		
Hours:	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	
Email Address:	ofcmgr@spnparish.org	
Website Address:	www.spnparish.org	

Religious Education Office address & hours:

Email address:	prep@spnparish.org
Wednesday:	12:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday:	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Monday & Friday:	Offices are closed
26 E. Sixth Street, East Greenville, PA 18041	

Neri Center Address

575 Main Street, East Greenville, PA 18041

Catholic Family Life Center Address

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Youth Ministry Office hours: (East Greenville)Tuesday & Thursday:9:00 am - 2:00 pmWednesday:2:00 pm - 6:00 pmEmail address:youthministry@spnparish.org

ROSARY: Prayed in the Chapel

Saturday after the 9:00 AM Mass Monday at 1:00 PM

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

1st Friday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the Chapel, 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 - 5:00 PM Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - 8:00 AM Saturday - 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 4:00 – 4:45 PM Sunday: 9:15 - 9:45 AM or: at the Rectory <u>BY APPOINTMENT anytime</u>.

BAPTISMS: Please call the Rectory to schedule 2nd Sunday Baptisms are held <u>at</u> the 10 AM Mass 3rd Sunday Baptisms are held at 11:30 AM

SPONSORS: Sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation need to be at least 16 years of age, to be confirmed, 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

Welcome to your new home! Please stop by or call the rectory between 9:00 am -4:00 pm to fill out a registration card.

SHUT-INS

Please call the Parish Outreach Office.

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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.

Serving at Mass Extraordinary Ministers

March 12 <u>Lectors</u>

George Plosa

- 5:00 pm Marci Jaman Barbara Jaruszewski Priest Deacon Barbara Schwind Bob Schwind Dave Moser Trudy Moser Annemarie Quigley Jim Quigley Diane Kennedy Janet Kendra
- 7:30 am Lori Brozena B. Bowser Trish Dornisch C. Bowser Priest Deacon Mary R. Giambrone Joan Pongia
- 10:00 am Christine Adelsberger Eileen Koch Steve Adelsberger A. Canigiani Priest Deacon Dawn McCausland Mary Souder

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 5, 2017

Monday, March 6

- 6:30 am Communion Service
- 9:00 am 5:00 pm Adoration in Chapel
- 5:00 pm Francine Moore, (Paul & Maureen Moser)
- Tuesday, March 7, Saints Perpetua and Felicity 6:30 am - Communion Service 8:00 am - Florence & William Lampart, (Joan & Ed Lampart)
- 9:00 am 7:00 pm Adoration in the Chapel

Wednesday, March 8, Saint John of God

- 6:30 am Communion Service
- 8:00 am Second Anniversary, Sam S. Morgan Jr. (Rosalie Morgan & family)
- 9:00 am 7:00 pm Adoration in the Chapel

Thursday, March 9, Saint Frances of Rome 6:30 am - Communion Service 8:00 am - Joe Verna, (Sue Cimorelli) 9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel 7:00 pm - Stations of The Cross Friday, March 10 6:30 am - Mass in Chapel 8:00 am - Special Intention of Margaretta Poku-Adjei 9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel

- Saturday, March 11
- 9:00 am Beatrice Breidenbach, (Jim & Denise Breidenbach)
 10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
 5:00 pm - For Living and Deceased Members of the Parish.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 12, 2017

7:30 am - Paul & Vera Fronheiser, (Estate) 10:00 am - William and Teresa Harvey, (Grandson)

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: Joe Johnson, Michael Quigley

For those who have died, and in particular for **Mary Moffett**, grant them eternal rest and peace.

MARCH 2017: This week at a glance

Monday – March 6Adoration in the Chapel: 9:00 am - 5:00 pmHoly Rosary Hour1:00 pm Chapel

Tuesday – March 7Adoration in the Chapel: 9:00 am - 7:00 pmBoy Scouts7:00 pm Parish Hall

Wednesday – March 8Adoration in the Chapel: 9:00 am - 7:00 pmPREP/Religious Education6:30 pm CFLC

Thursday, March 9

Adoration in the Chapel:	9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Bible Study	7:00 pm Neri Center
Praise and Prayer	7:30 pm Chapel
Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm Church

Friday - March 10	
Adoration in the Chapel: 10:00 am - 7:00 pm	
Bible Study	9:00 am Neri Center
Frontier Girls Meeting	7:00 pm Parish Hall

Saturday - March 11Adoration in the Chapel: 10:00 am - 4:00 pmParish Breakfast setup7:00 am Parish Hall

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Sunday - March 12

Parish Breakfast7:00 am Parish HallChildren's Liturgy of the Word at the 10:00 am MassLittle Church10:00 am Parish HallMen's Basketball8:00 pm Parish Hall

PARISH NEWS

SPN AT LARGE PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

SPN Parish Council At-Large Members welcome any questions or comments you may have.

Tony Bauer: ajbauer337@gmail.com

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Theresa Walker: cheg1978@comcast.net

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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February 2	<u>8, 2016</u>	<u>February 26, 2017</u>
Envelopes:	\$ 6,890.00	\$ 5,481.00
Online:	1,532.00	2,051.00
Loose:	915.00	1,128.00
Children:	73.00	29.00
Total:	\$9,410.00	\$8,689.00
Parish Deb	t:	\$3,736.00

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a Second Collection next weekend for the **Church in Latin America**.

This Collection will take place immediately after the First Collection.

ONLINE GIVING

Go green with St. Philip Neri Church by signing up for **Online Giving**.

This is a secure and personalized way of giving to the Parish. You have the option to keep receiving your regular offering envelope packets if you wish.

Special Second Collections:

March 2017

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

Ash Wednesday; Archdiocese for Military Services; Latin America & 100th Anniversary.

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 **All U.S. Deceased Veterans**; requested by: Peter Mashintonio, Jr.

In memory of **Michael McGinn**; requested by: Johnathan McGinn

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

In Honor of all **U.S. Living Veterans**; requested by: Peter Mashintonio, Jr.

PARISH OUTREACH

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Your Saint Philip Neri Parish Family cares about you and would like to offer you weekly Bereavement Support Sessions from March 8th up to and including April 26th so that we can share in your sorrow and loss, and support you through the grieving process. The day time sessions will be held from 1PM to 2:30PM and/or the evening sessions will be held from 6:30PM to 8PM. Both sessions will be held in the Parish Outreach Office. Individual sessions can be arranged on an as-needed basis. Contact Joan Lampart: 215.679.9275 for questions.

FRIENDLY VISITORS

Are you recently retired? Are you looking for some type of fulfilling act of kindness that you could do for someone in need on a weekly or biweekly basis? We have just the Ministry for you. After a brief Orientation, we only require a willingness to listen.

The parish has members who are lonely and in need of a friend. If you feel you would be that person, call Joan Lampart, Parish Outreach Coordinator at: 215.679.9275 and leave your name and phone number. You will find you receive more than you give after you develop a relationship with your fellow parishioner.

During 2016, six (6) Friendly Visitors made 211 home visits and logged 265 hours of listening and caring.

Think and pray about joining Friendly Visitors.



SPN SENIOR CLUB 2017 CALENDAR

March 22	SPN Senior Club 2nd Anniversary	
April 26	Sheila Ruth from Senior Center	
May 24	Hopewell Furnace	
June 22	Casino Trip to Atlantic City	
June 28	Luncheon	
July 26	Picnic	
August 23	Dr. Eiss ("Aging Eyes")	
Sept. 24	Basket Bash	
Sept. 27	Celebrate the 50's	
Oct. 10	Trip to Penn's Peak:	
	Tribute to Barbara Streisand	
Oct. 25	Halloween Party	
*Nov. 15	Salute to Veterans	
Dec. 1	American Music Theatre	
	Christmas Show	
*Dec. 13	Seraphims from St. Mary	
	Catholic School	

*: Note change of date due to holidays

St. Philip Neri Church

All-You-Can-Eat Buffet Breakfast!

Sunday, March 12th: 7AM - 12PM 215.679.8116

Scrambled eggs . bacon. sausage.

scrapple. chipped beef. French toast

home fried potatoes . cereal . toast

Milk . coffee . hot tea . 3 juices

Omelette Station: prepared to order - always with a minimum of 4 different ingredients.

Make your own Waffles:

Fix'n Bar: yogurt, granola, fresh fruit

Homemade Baked Goods & Egg Rolls for sale!

For every 100 sold breakfasts, one FREE 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 are accepted.

COME-N-GO BINGO

St. Philip Neri Parish Hall

FREE Admission

Saturday – March 18, 2017

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Games begin at 6:30 pm

Cost: \$.25/game

50/50 cash pots and

special bonus & gift prize pots.

Menu: hot/cold foods & drinks

If you bring a non-perishable item to benefit Open Link, you play two free games of Bingo!

Sponsored by: KOC 6614

More info call: 215.679.6405

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CFLC

215.679.2237

Many great new Programs are beginning this month and we are still accepting registrations visit us at: www.catholicfamilylifecenter.com to register or call the CFLC.

SAVE THE DATES!

Tuesday, March 7th: **Faith in the Valley Series** at Lighthouse Christian Fellowship - 7PM

Friday, March 10th: Alexander Hamilton - 7PM

Saturday, March 11th: Matinee: "The BFG" - 1PM

Sunday, March 12th: **SPECIAL EVENT #1** - MYSTERY WHODUNIT? 2PM - NERI CENTER. <u>REGISTRATION REQUIRED by March 8th</u>.

Tuesday, March 14th: **SPECIAL EVENT #2** - PHILA. FLOWER SHOW Departure time: 9AM from CFLC There are seats still available. Register online or call the CFLC ASAP.

The CFLC is sponsoring another: **BEGINNING MAHJONG SERIES** on Thursdays from 1PM to 3PM - NERI CENTER. Our Instructor will be Patty Urso.

SPN SENIOR CLUB NEWS

The SPN Senior Club held its monthly Gathering on February 22nd with approximately 111 members attending.

After a delicious lunch, many of our members stayed and played BINGO; there were many winners:

Dolores Crouthamel, Betty Endy, Gail Fillman, Bob Soffa, and Mary Soffa.

The Cover-All Prize was won by Anne Dykie.

Ralph Endy was our February birthday winner; Janet Albert won the 50/50. A lucky Door Prize winner was at each table.

Join us for our Second Anniversary Celebration on Wednesday, March 22. Come out for a great lunch and a good time!

See the Parish Bulletin for reservation information.

Charismatic Prayer Group has a new name! Effective immediately this Prayer Group will now be "**PRAISE AND PRAYER**". We will meet every Thursday in the St. Anne Chapel from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM. Everyone is welcome! Call Jan at: 215.668.3854 for more information.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Vocation Office for Diocesan Priesthood

Priesthood: A Life worth living. A Call worth considering. www.HeedTheCall.org.

MOM Heart of the Home Day of Renewal

Registration is OPEN for our 23rd Annual MOM-Heart of the Home Day of Renewal on March 18, 2017 from 9 AM to 3:30 PM at Sts. Simon and Jude Meehan Center, West Chester. Calling moms of all ages and types: new moms, seasoned moms, grandmothers & step-mothers. Even if you are not a mom, you are still welcome! Continue your Lenten Season by replenishing your spirit. See our registration form for all details by going

to: www.mom-heartofthehome.org/events.html, or by calling: 484.798.7368 or 610.384.4933 for more information.

Office of the Archbishop[

March 5, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For over 50 years, the collection for Church in Latin America has been a sign of the solidarity of the Church in the US with the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean. For people living in these regions, barriers to practicing the faith include lack of resources, shortages of pastoral agents and poor infrastructures that make relatively simple things like participating in weekly Mass difficult. Your support of the collection helps to share the faith with those who long to experienced God's mercy within strong faith communities.

For example, in N. Peru, great distances and deteriorated roads mean that church agents must often travel by foot or mule to rural communities. As a result, some communities are visited by pastoral agents and ministers only once per month, others sometimes just twice/year. This collection was able to help fund training for 65 pastoral ministers for the communities in this region. Because of your support, these new leaders continue to reach out and serve rural communities, ensuring that all feel included in our family of faith.

In El Salvador, a Grant from this collection is funding increased pastoral ministry for women in El Salvador who have suffered an abortion, to ensure them of the Mercy of God and provide the care they and their families need to heal their wounds. Through the generosity of your parishioners, 60 people from nine dioceses have been trained to minister to this vulnerable population and have provided hope and support for women and their families enduring these difficult situations.

Our Archdiocese will take up this collection next weekend. Please be generous and take this opportunity to share your faith with the families of Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support will truly make a difference. Thank you and God Bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Rev. Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M., Cap.

Save the Date! TRADITION CONFERENCE

In 1992, St. John Paul II approved the Catechism of the Catholic Church. To celebrate the 25th Anniversary of its promulgation, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will sponsor a conference on Monday, June 19th, entitled: Tradition - A Celebration of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. This day features national speakers who will focus on the four pillars of the Catechism and will be held at the Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel.

All of the faithful are invited to attend. Please note that headsets for translation will be provided for those who wish to listen to the talks in Spanish. Questions? Please contact Ann Menna, Office for Catechetical Formation at: amenna@archphila.org.

SPECIAL MASS FOR ADDICTION

Saturday, March 11 - 12:05 PM

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul 18th Street & Ben Franklin Parkway

Celebrant: Rev. Dennis Gill - Rector & Pastor

(parking lot open rear of Cathedral)

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Talking to the devil

Temptation is part of the human story, as unavoidable as original sin. Each of us regularly spends a few moments chatting with the devil about the weaknesses that haunt us the most. Should we have another piece of cake or another drink? Why not leave work early (no one's watching) or say that unkind remark (it will never get back to her) or tell that lie (it will make you look better)? To fortify yourself against those little chats so potentially destructive to integrity, why not spend a few minutes each day in conversation with the Lord? Prayer is the bestknown antidote to temptation.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11 (<u>22</u>). "Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert."

MONDAY, MARCH 6

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Less is more

Possessions might seem like blessings but can end up being burdens, and many saints went to great lengths to empty their pockets in order to lighten their hearts. Case in point: Sixth-century Brigid of Kildare, who enraged her Druid dad by giving to the needy everything that wasn't nailed down. When a nobleman tried to stop her chariot, she charged his blockage, surviving but totaling her chariot. Finally her father decided to sell her at market, but she entered a monastery instead. Give in to the spirit of generosity—and you just might find that the new lighter you can't get enough of less.

TODAY'S READINGS: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46 (224). "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink."

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

MEMORIAL OF PERPETUA AND FELICITY, MARTYRS

I am what I am

In 203 A.D., a time of persecution of Christians, 22-year-old Vibia Perpetua put her life in danger by converting. Her father tried to persuade her of the danger of such a move. Perpetua pointed to a water jug, asking, "Do you see that pot lying there? Can you call it by any other name than what it is?" Her father said, "Of course not." Perpetua replied, "Neither can I call myself by any other name than what I am-a Christian." She and her friend, Felicity, didn't let others define who they were or what they believedeven at the risk of death. It takes courage to remain true to one's Baptism, even in the face of much less extreme challenges. Remember the example of these women and stay strong in your faith.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15 (225). "Your Father knows what you need before you ask him."

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF GOD, RELIGIOUS

It's no trouble

What might be your first thought about a person described as a wanderer, an alcoholic, and a psychiatric patient? "Saint" would probably not be the word, and yet today's memorial celebrates a person who, despite many struggles throughout his life, oriented himself to God. Saint John of God's experiences—which often left him as an outcast in society—were transformed through the grace of God and John's willingness to be transformed by this grace. He opened not only his heart but his door to helping others who were in difficulty, eventually founding the Hospitaller Order in Granada, Spain. How might your own struggles in life be an opportunity for grace?

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32 (<u>226</u>). "In the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense."

THURSDAY, MARCH9

LENTEN WEEKDAY

The original super girl

Looking for teen superheroes? During Women's History Month, look no further than the Book of Esther. A Jewess orphaned in Persia, Esther was raised by a sympathetic uncle. A kingdom-wide beauty contest obliged her to audition for the position of next Queen of Persia. She didn't want to be queen, and she didn't want to be exposed as Jewish—since Jews were due to be systematically eliminated. Esther had no superpowers, but even an Every girl can find in herself the courage to save a nation. Support the young Esthers you know!

TODAY'S READINGS: Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Matthew 7:7-12 (227). "Help me, who am alone and have no help but you, for I am taking my life in my hand."

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

Fast with a light heart

Fasting is a spiritual practice acknowledged across religions. Muslims respect it as a way to grow in compassion for the needy. Jews see it as a way to heighten awareness of God's many gifts and broaden periods of self-denial to include refraining from bathing, sexual relations, and wearing leather shoes (once considered a luxury). Synagogue attendees could show up feeling quite grubby—and grumpy—for certain observances. We might keep in mind the fourth-century monk John Cassian's warning: "What we gain from fasting does not compensate us for what we lose through anger." Food for thought!

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26 (228). "Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court."

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Honk if you love your enemies

Surely Jesus' most radical command is to love our enemies. But exactly how are we supposed to do that? One way to begin is by learning from the example of others. A man was waiting in his car at the window of a drive-up Starbucks. His order was taking some time and eventually the person behind him began impatiently blowing his horn. Instead of becoming angry himself, the first man paid for the second one's order and drove away. With this profoundly simple but powerful act, he turned a negative interaction into a positive one and changed the other man's day. Today may we pray to offer a loving response to anyone who tries to cause us grief.

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48 (229). "For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have?"



Come with us on TUESDAY, MARCH 14, to the Philadelphia Flower Show to explore this year's theme on Holland!

We will leave from the Catholic Family Life Center at 9AM, returning by 5PM.

Cost: \$45.00 per person includes admission and transportation.

REGISTRATION IS DUE BY MARCH 1, 2017

Register on line at www.catholicfamilylifecenter.com; or mail check payable to CFLC at: 26 E. 6th St., East Greenville, PA 18073. For further information please call (215) 679-2237.

Name:	Phone:
Address:	E-Mail:
	Parish:

No. of Tickets @ \$45.00/person: _____



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St. Philip Neri Senior Club Celebrates 2 Years



Come and Join the Fun!

WEDNESDAY, March 22, 2017 11:30 AM - Parish Hall

As always, a catered lunch will be served -A reservation is requested

To make a reservation: Call Rita Latshaw at 215-679-7009 The reservation deadline is March 17, 2017

An offering of \$5.00 is suggested for the lunch