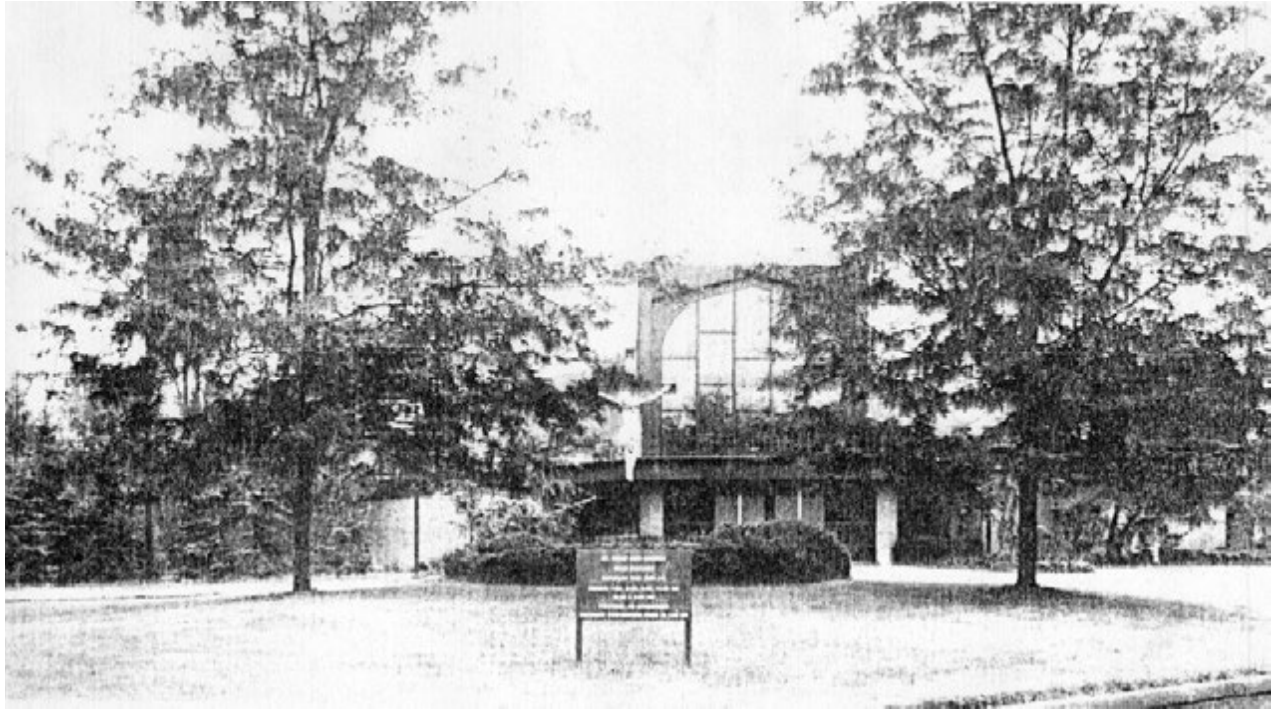


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MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 6:30 AM AND 8:30 AM

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Sunday, December 10, 2017

Next Sunday 2nd Collection- Debt Reduction

2st Sunday of Advent



PLEASE PRAY for the sick so that they may be comforted by the concern and love of their families and the family of the Church: Elena Alvarez, Mary Armillei, Bella Jones Borkowski, Marita Boyce, Maria Brown, Lou Cacchio, Donald Caldwell, Vincent Cellucci, Rochelle Colucci, Hunter Cranage, Rick Czerwin, Jean Daywalt, Charlie Dickman, Lillian Doherty, Dr. Robert Domanski, Emily Donhauser, Bernadette Dougherty, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores (Dee) Downs, Patricia Durkin, Larry Falkowski, Christopher Greuters, Baby Warren Hargadon, Elizabeth Ann Hill, Jean Keenan, Nicholas Lannutti, Peter Lello, Anne Lintner, George and Molly Lozinak, Phyllis Luther, James Maggetti, Sue Male, Joan Marine, Barbara Martinick, John McCann, Maura McGrath, Julia McLaughlin, Baby Avery McNichols, Steven Merlin, Joe and Betty Mulligan, Joe O'Brien, Lisa O'Brien, Joan O'Connell, Anna Paulina Oliveras Irizarry, John Pacell, Baby Addison Pfeffer, Ann Purkin, Jim Rafter, Lou Rambo, Baby Harper Ann Renshaw, John Reynolds, David Rosenberger, Xavier Ross, Geraldine Rotondo, John Sandy, John Schaifer, Gina Schindler, Tim Schwartz, Eva Seeton, Michael Shaw, Kristin Shearon, Robert Smith, Brian Stenz, Amy Swift, Kena Thompson, Maria Van Haute and Wendi Wagoner, and for all those who are hoping and praying for organ transplants.

Please Pray for those who died and those we remember in the silence of our hearts, especially Mary Lark Merman and Rev. Msgr. John J. Miller.

Baptismal Instruction: The next session is scheduled for December 11th at 7:30 PM in the Rectory Conference Room. Your baby is always welcome in Church, however, for the instruction itself, please try to schedule a babysitter so you may be free to concentrate. Please call the Church Office (610-834-1975) to sign up.

Pastor's Note: We will have a special blessing for expectant mothers at the **8:30 AM Mass** on Sunday, December 17th. If you wish to receive this blessing, please call the church office at 610-834-1975.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday

6:30 AM Chris Burke
8:30 AM Joseph Januzelli

Tuesday

6:30 AM Stephanie Taglianetti
8:30 AM Tom Morrison

Wednesday

6:30 AM Mary Weber
8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Hartley Family

Thursday

6:30 AM Frank English
8:30 AM Tullio Leomporra

Friday

6:30 AM Rev. Harry Smyth
8:30 AM Frank Stanczak

Saturday

8:30 AM Elinor Kollmer



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Monday, December 11th
9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Chapel



Join Us as We Celebrate the Birth of Jesus

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24th

4:00 pm Children's Mass

5:45 pm Mass

7:30 pm Mass

Adult Choir Choral Prelude 7:15 pm

Midnight Mass

Teen Schola Choral Prelude 11:45 pm

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25th

7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10 am & 11:30 am

The Gift of Life: Many thanks to all those who supported St. Phillip's Blood Drive on November 2nd. Through your continued efforts the American Red Cross was able to collect 38 pints of blood! As each donation can save up to three lives, we helped as many as 114 people. Thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to come and donate.

The Giving Tree



All of the tags have been taken! Anyone who has taken a tag please purchase the gift and return the wrapped gift **with the tag attached** to the back of church **as soon as you have it. Please make sure if you take a tag you return a gift.** Deadline for returns is Dec 15th, this will give us time to sort and deliver the gifts before Christmas. Thank you for your kindness to the less fortunate children from St. Frances Cabrini in Philadelphia and the developmentally disabled children from the Devereux Kanner Center!

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The Home and School is excited to announce
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Please contact me if you have any questions
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Home and School is looking for donations
for our baskets for Trivia Night.

We have always appreciated the generosity of our parishioners.

We are looking for Gift Certificates, or actual items
that can be made into a basket.

We are looking to get items collected
by January 12, 2018

If you would like to donate or have
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KmJohnson615@yahoo.com or at [267-
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Sisters of St. Joseph Chance Drive: A big thank you to all who brought a chance to benefit The Villa! Sorry we had no winners from St. Philips but we truly appreciate your support. A list of the winners is posted on the church bulletin boards.

*Thank you,
Sisters of St. Philips Convent*

2017 ANNUAL CENSUS/BLOCK COLLECTION

NUMBER OF REGISTERED FAMILIES
2271

NUMBER OF ENVELOPES RECEIVED
518

**Please remember to fill out and return your
census envelope as soon as possible. It can be
mailed to the church office or you can place it in
the collection basket.**

Block Collection: As you can see in the recap there are quite a few census envelopes that have not been returned to date. Please remember that the census is an important fundraising part of the parish as well as one of our only means of updating parishioner information.

Women's Prayer Group: We meet in the rectory dining room from 11AM to Noon on the first and third Thursday of each month. Women of all ages are welcome. Come join us! For further information, call Sr.Regina Kropp at 610-828-2866.

Men's Prayer Group: Men of different ages meet every Wednesday morning in the Rectory Conference Room from 7:30 to 8:30. If you are interested in joining and wish for more information, call Duane McCarthy at 610-825-5237.

Thanks to our 8th Grade: A special thank you to Mrs. DeSimone and Mrs. Amoroso and their 8th grade students who changed the Liturgical Missals in the pews for the new church year. They were a great help!

Are you a parent who has lost a child: An informal group of Moms and Dads get together to talk or just listen to others who understand how you feel. The next meeting is Wednesday, December 20th at 6:30pm in the rectory conference room. For more information contact Marianne O'Connor at 610-825-4975 or Rosemary McNichol at 215-247-2267.

H.O.P.E: If you, or anyone you know, needs transportation to a doctor or dentist appointment, or to Mass on Sunday, please call Anne or Bill Franks at 610-828-2530 or email: ann59bil@gmail.com. Additional weekday drivers and group leaders are needed.

Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale: Troop 12 is having their annual Christmas Tree sale through Dec 24th. Trees are being sold at the lower parking lot at Miles Park, Monday through Friday 5:30pm to 9pm and Sat & Sun 9am to 9pm. This is their only fundraiser and the proceeds will send the scouts to summer camp.

Shut-In Members: Anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please call the church office as we have a couple of Eucharistic Ministers who take communion on Sundays. Anyone who would like to see a priest for an anointing or confession, call the church office at 610-834-1975.

St. Francis Inn: There is no way we can express our gratitude to all the thoughtful people who fill our donation box each and every week at St. Philip's! We thank you from the bottom of our hearts and we hold you in prayer. When there is no more "room at the Inn" we know that God's angels here on earth (that means YOU) are working overtime and so are we! A complete list of our needs is located on the front of our donation box in the Church vestibule.

THANK YOU! GOD BLESS YOU! MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Annual Christmas Concert: Gaudeamus Music Ministry presents the 26th annual Christmas concert at Epiphany of Our Lord Church in Plymouth Meeting on Dec 17th at 7PM.

**SPN Women's Guild
Annual Cookie Exchange
Sunday, December 17th at 2:00PM
School Cafeteria**

Contact: Dara Bellingham at 484-919-6725

Frozen Casseroles for St. John's Hospice: Could you find time to make a casserole for the homeless of St. John's? Pans, lids and recipes are available in the Church Office and at Barbara McCarthy's (610-828-2058). Frozen casseroles are brought to Barbara's house by 9AM. The next delivery date is Dec 6th.

A Casual Walk through the Old Testament: Join our Seminarians David Buffam and Carson Kane along with Father Anthony for a relaxing and enjoyable Bible Study. We meet at 7PM in the rectory conference room as we casually explore the Sacred Scriptures and apply them to our daily lives.

Choir Notes

Schola voices needed for Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve

SPN Schola of young voices has a tradition of singing at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. This group consists of high school and college age girls who give of their time on Christmas Eve to lead the congregation in sung prayer. Prelude Music is sung by the Schola beginning at 11:40PM. We would like to have more young voices join this group. Rehearsals are held within the last 2 weeks of December depending on availability of this singing group. Please consider being a part of this beautiful Music Ministry. Please contact Jean Martin at jeanm1@comcast.net

St. Raphaela Center: New Year's Eve Retreat with special dinner, presentation, Midnight Mass and celebration, and morning brunch. December 31st at 6pm to Jan 1st at 12pm, the Presenter is Rev. Bernard Farley. Please call 610-642-5715 or email: www.straphaelacenter.org

Gluten-Free Hosts: More and more people are in need of gluten-free hosts. The celebrant will always have a few gluten-free hosts available (these hosts are stored in separate vessels; they are not in contact with traditional hosts). If you are in need of one, simply receive communion from the celebrant and mention that you need a gluten-free host.

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