



We can have
hope
because God
is faithful
and will keep
the promises
He made to us.
Our **hope**
comes from God.

Romans 15:12-13

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**SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH
NOVEMBER 29, 2015**

First Sunday of Advent

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND
Christmas Flowers

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: Jose Alvarez, Bella Jones Borkowski, Dolores Bucci, Kathy Caputo, Bill Coogan, Howard Daywalt, Mary DiDonato, Lillian Doherty, Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores (Dee) Downs, Phyllis Galanti, Christopher Greuters, Larry Falkowski, Jean Keenan, Pat Kost, Patricia Kucheruk, Nicholas Lannutti, George and Molly Lozinak, Phyllis Luther, James Maggetti, Sue Male, Joan Marine, Barbara Martinick, Toby Merrill, Julia McLaughlin, Stephen Merlin, Melanie Moletsky, Joe and Betty Mulligan, Joan Murphy, Catherine Niche, Lisa O'Brien, Baby Addison Pfeffer, Baby Harper Ann Renshaw, Sue Roccia, Xavier Ross, Tim Schwartz, Eva Seeton, Kristin Shearon, Robert Smith, Janice Swan, Kena Thompson, Mike Whitaker and for all those who are hoping and praying for organ transplants.

PREP Volunteer position available

There is an opening for a Grade 4 catechist for Monday afternoons. Please call Dane Connelly at 610-834-9868 or 610-828-3082 ext. 2 or email d.connelly@spn.org if you are interested in helping out.

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 9:00 AM. The next delivery date is December 2nd.

Women's Prayer Group The next meeting will be Thursday, December 3rd in the Rectory Dining Room from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. All are invited! Join us and bring a friend. Sister Therese Michele, SSJ.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday		
6:30 AM	Kathleen Braun	
8:30 AM	Cucchi and Panachella Familes	
Tuesday		
6:30 AM	Shirley Cox	
8:30 AM	Dorothy and Walter Flamm	
Wednesday		
6:30 AM	Thomas F. Keane III	
	Frank and Concetta Lupinacci	
8:30 AM	and Family	
	Anthony and Pauline Porreca	
Thursday		
6:30 AM	Shirley Cox	
8:30 AM	Thomas Kopach	
Friday		
6:30 AM	Therese Sharkey	
8:30 AM	Earl Bruce Kirk	
	14 th Anniversary	
Saturday		
8:30 AM	Anthony J. De Luca	

**2015 ANNUAL CENSUS/
BLOCK COLLECTION REPORT
TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED
FAMILIES
2068**

**TOTAL NUMBER OF CENSUS ENVELOPES
RETURNED**

574

Please remember to fill-out and return your census envelope as soon as possible. It can be returned by mail to the church office or may place it in the collection basket on Sunday.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS are scheduled for Monday, December 14th 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. Also, please call the Church Office at 610-834-1975 for sign up purposes.



THE GIVING TREE

During the holiday season it is more rewarding to give than to receive. This year, our giving tree is filled with names of less fortunate children, from St. Frances Cabrini Regional Catholic

School located in Philadelphia and The Devereux Kanner Center, a facility for developmentally disabled children in West Chester.

Please pick a name off the giving tree. Go shopping for that child, pick out a 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. All gifts are to be.....
RETURNED NO LATER THAN, Dec. 14th.
This will give us time to sort and deliver the gifts before Christmas.**

Thank you for your continued support for this wonderful cause in bringing joy to a child.

H.O.P.E. If you, or anyone you know, needs transportation to a doctor or dentist appointment, or to Church on Sunday, please call Anne or Bill Franks at 610-828-2530 or email: ann59bil@gmail.com, or Loretta Zych at 215-836-1127. Additional weekday drivers and group leaders are needed

Don't Stall, Just Call Tuesday, December 22, PM 7:00 – 8:00 PM. Please join Mary Ciammetti as she shares her story about the tragic loss of her son due to binge drinking. We encourage all adults and young adults to attend. This is life saving information – you do not want to miss! For more information, contact maryc@dontstalljustcall.org

2015 DAY OF SANCTIFICATION FOR PRIESTS

The priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia assemble each year for a day of prayer and reflection on the Sacred Priesthood. This year our priests will gather with Archbishop Chaput at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary on Monday, November 30, for the 2015 Day of Sanctification for Priests.

Please pray for all priests of the Archdiocese. Lord our God, who in governing your people make use of the ministry of Priest, grant to these men a persevering obedience to your will, so that by their ministry and life they may gain glory for you in Christ. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Please join us for: **The Annual Children's Advent Celebration Monday, December 7th, 7:00 pm**
St. Philip Neri Church and School Cafeteria
Celebrate the reason for the season! Please bring a gift (marked with AGE, and either BOY, GIRL or NEUTRAL) that your child can present during the Offertory. If wrapping your gift, use extra tape! Gifts will be donated to less fortunate children in the Philadelphia area.

After the Mass, a social will be held in the School Cafeteria. The children will continue the "spirit of giving" by coloring holiday pictures to brighten the season of those in need.
This Mass will fulfill the obligation for Tuesday's Holy Day, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Jenn Fioravanti at 215-901-4122 or jlfior@outlook.com.

Tuesday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be held at 6:30AM, 8:30AM, 12:05PM and 7PM.



Please support our local Boy Scouts

Boy Scout Troop 12 is having their annual Christmas Tree Sale. Please consider purchasing your tree from the scouts.

This is their only fundraiser and the proceeds will send the scouts to summer camp. There are many boys from our school and parish in this troop.

Tree sale is running from November 29, 2015 through December 24, 2015 (or until they are sold out). Trees are being sold from the lower parking lot at Miles Park.

Hours of operation are:

Monday through Friday 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm.
Saturday and Sunday 9:00 am to 9:00 pm.

The Philippians An organization for senior citizens fifty years and older that offers trips, programs, service projects and entertainment. New members are always welcome. For information on becoming a member, please contact Angela Berry (610) 260-1211.

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. For more information contact: Marianne O'Connor 610-825-4975 or Rosemary McNichol 215- 247-2267. This group meets every third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Rectory Conference Room.

For the Season of Advent, Fresh Brew Bible Study is presenting, "Angels are everywhere...including at your side". Our next meeting will be in the SPN Rectory Basement, Wednesday December 2nd from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. We will be discussing Guardian Angels. For additional information, contact Joe Banecker at 610-828-0344 or josephbanecker@aol.com. Walk-ins are welcome!!!

Saint Philip Neri

Home and School Association

Presents

TRIVIA NIGHT XIII

Save the Date: January 22, 2016

LuLu Temple in Plymouth Meeting

Registration begins

Monday, December 7th at 8 AM

via www.triviaevents.net

ST FRANCIS INN: We are currently in the most need of: thermal underwear, tops & bottoms, men's & ladies! Clean, warm coats, hats & gloves. Disposable diapers preemie/newborn & sz 5-6 only. Baby formula. Travel size toiletries. Deodorant. Paper Towels & Toilet Paper. Clean, warm blankets. Prayers!

**Archbishop Carroll Theater Society
Presents**



Showtimes are:

Thursday, December 10th -7:00 pm

Friday, December 11th -7:00 pm

Saturday, December 12th -7:00 pm

Sunday, December 13th -2:00 pm

General admission tickets at the door are \$10.00

Cast Starring SPN grade school Alumni

Brett Schratz class of 12,

Jamie Cooney class of 12

Brandon Abiuso class of 15,

Owen McMenamin class of 15

Stage Crew SPN grade school Alumni

Katherine Coogan class of 13

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St. Philip Neri Women's Guild

20th Annual

Cookie & Sweets Exchange

Sunday, December 13, 2015

2:00pm

School Hall/ Cafeteria

BRING:

Seven dozen cookies/sweets

(6) dozen wrapped separately

(1) dozen for tasting

Beverages will be provided

One wrapped present (\$15-\$20 value)

For Yankee Swap

Michelle Abiuso (610) 828-1850 or Abiusophl@aol.com



DON'T STALL

IT CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE ...

Save a friend or family member's life!

Learn the signs of alcohol poisoning and what to do
in case of such an emergency.

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Want to stress LESS during the Christmas season?

Join the new Inter-Parish Young Adult Ministry for our inaugural prayer series—StressLESS in Advent



Are you a young adult between 18 and 40 looking for ways to give back to the community and deepen your spiritual life? The Sisters of St. Joseph are teaming up with young adults from local parishes to form a group focused on service and prayer. Please join us for our kickoff event series—StressLESS in Advent—which will take place on Thursdays during Advent.

December 3rd—Having an Attitude of Gratitude

It's too easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of our busy lives and look past all that God has blessed each of us with. Learn how to cultivate an attitude of gratitude and practice mindfulness using techniques taught by a professional yoga instructor (leave your mats and gym clothes at home...this will be easy stuff).

December 10th—Being Present with The Rosary

Do you have a million things on your mind? Do you find it impossible to shut off your brain and relax? The Rosary is both a powerful prayer and wonderful way to clear your mind and be present in this moment, focusing solely on prayer. Join us to pray The Rosary in celebration of Mary's feast day on December 8th and learn how prayer can be an effective way of letting go of the stresses of the day.

December 17th—Priorities and The Nativity

We all wear a lot of hats in life. We are parents, children, husbands, wives, employees, friends, christians, and the list goes on. How many of those things can we possibly be AND be our best at? We'll examine how we prioritize our lives and how reordering (and sometimes changing) our priorities can alleviate much of what stresses us. We will explore how the nativity story shows how our priorities can change and how having less can lead to having so much more.

WHEN: 7:00PM, December 3rd, 10th, and 17th

WHERE: Medaille Center on Chestnut Hill College Campus

(campus map available at <http://bit.ly/1Sv1H1H> [PDF])

***And since “stressed” is “desserts” spelled backwards,
we’ll have cookies and light refreshments.***

Questions? Contact Hannah Morrison at hannahm062@gmail.com