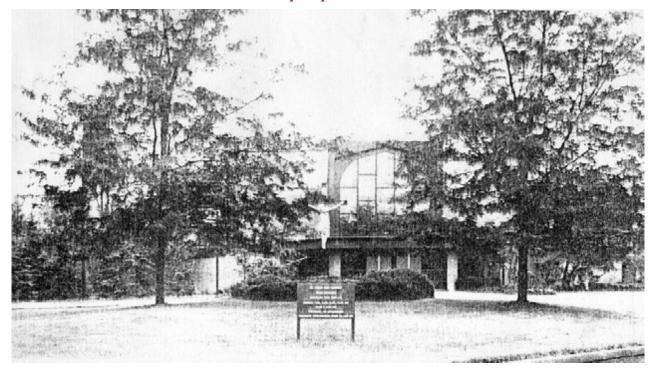
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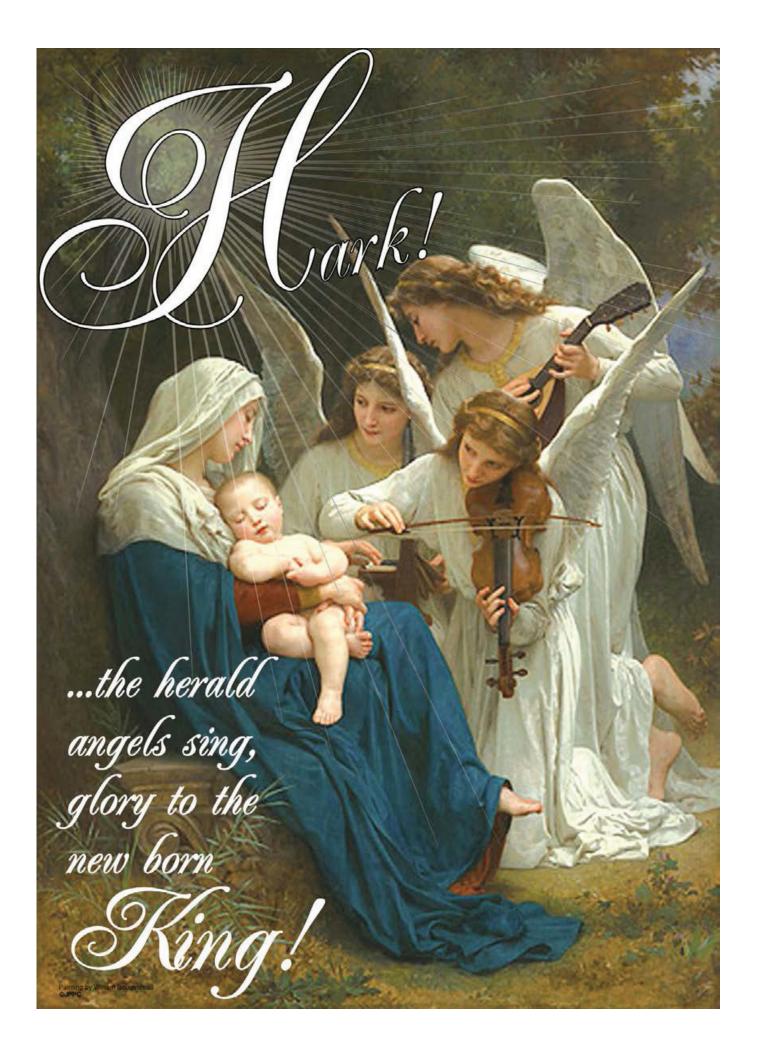
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Sunday, December 24, 2017





"Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us; and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of peace, Father of future ages: and His reign will be without end."

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, Vincent Cellucci, Rochelle Colucci, Hunter Cranage, Rick Czerwin, Jean Daywalt, Charlie Dickman, Lillian Doherty, Dr. Robert Domanski, Emily Donhauser, 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.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Monday – Christmas Day

Tuesday

8:30 AM Steve Petrokubi

Wednesday

8:30 AM Earl Bruce Kirk

Thursday

8:30 AM Edward Moser

Friday

8:30 AM Raymond M. & Michael J. Ferki

Saturday

8:30 AM Rev. Harry Smyth

*6:30 AM Mass to resume January 1, 2018

On behalf of myself, Fr. Anthony and Fr. Dooner I would like to extend our merriest of Christmas Greetings.

Asking God's blessing on all of you and thanking God for all you do to make our parish what it is, and sustaining our mission into the future. Please know you are in our prayers always!

Msgr. Vance

<u>Please Pray</u> for those who died and those we remember in the silence of our hearts, especially Gloria Bartosic, Donald Caldwell, Bernadette Dougherty, Sr. Mary Ann Miller, SSJ, Mary McGarvey, and Elizabeth Przybylowski.

Baptismal Instruction: The next session is scheduled for January 8th, 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.

2019 Mass Book: Announced Mass Book will open Tuesday, January 2, 2018. Please stop in the Church office to reserve Masses for your deceased loved ones.

The Church Office will be closed on Tuesday, December 26th.



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

<u>Solemnity of Mary-January 1, 2019:</u> This year January 1st in not a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are at 6:30AM & 8:30 AM.

Women's Prayer Group: Beginning January 4th we will begin a new topic to enhance our spiritual life. Please see today's insert for more details. 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 would like more information, call Duane McCarthy at 610-825-5237.

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 Tuesday, January 16th 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.



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REGISTRATION IS OPEN

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The Home and School is excited to announce
Trivia Night XV
January 19, 2018 at Lu Lu Temple
Doors open at 6:15pm
www.TriviaEvents.net

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After 1/10/2018 price per person will be \$65. Please contact me if you have any questions @ Kmjohnson615@yahoo.com or at 267-716-4540

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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



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St. Philip's has officially established a Knights of Columbus Council! We have elected our officers and started forming committee's to further our mission to serve God and neighbor. Our council is always looking for new members to strengthen our presence in the community. Membership does not require any specific allocation of time, you help when you can according to your schedule. The Knights intend to initiate events/fundraisers as well as being a resource to support the events that are already held here at SPN by such groups as the CYO, Home & School Association and the Women's Guild to name a few. Service projects will be developed on an as needed basis so you can pick one that fits your schedule and interest. This is not your Dad's Knights of Columbus; please take this special season to consider joining our ranks. This is your opportunity to chip in and bring the Gospel message to life, if not now...when? We are looking for Catholic men in good standing with the Church (ages 18 and up) to be defenders of our faith and who are interested in its founding principles of charity, unity and patriotism. The Knight's website has a great deal of information go to www.kofc.org. Please contact the church office at 610-834-1975 with inquiries

RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This program is for those interested in discerning membership in the Catholic Church. This is a process for non-Catholics who wish to receive the Sacraments of Initiation or Baptized Catholics who have not received all their sacraments of initiation. This is a wonderful program with a dedicated group of parishioners who make all feel most welcome. Please call Barney McGee at 610-834-1975 for more details.

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.

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 Jan 3rd.

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. Next meeting is Feb 1st at 7PM in the rectory conference room as we casually explore the Sacred Scriptures and apply them to our daily lives.



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. The program was, as always, a great success!

SPN Women's Guild Presents
Our 2nd Annual Wine Tasting Event
Friday, January 26, 2018
7:00 PM in the School Hall

Additional information to follow, please contact Maria Colavita at mariacolavita@comcast.net or Christy Haberstroh at chaberstrohl@yahoo.com

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.

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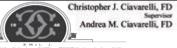
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