

**Church of Saint Philip Neri  
Pennsburg, PA 18073  
May 1, 2016**



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**Wednesday:** 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
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**ROSARY: Prayed in the Chapel**

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

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Monday thru Saturday in Chapel; daily times posted inside Bulletin. (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, 9:30, 11:00 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 *or*  
at the Rectory BY APPOINTMENT anytime.

**BAPTISMS:** Please call the Rectory to schedule  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Baptisms are held **at** the 11 AM Mass  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Baptisms are held at 12:30 PM

**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**

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Rectory meeting room.

**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.

**SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Please call the Rectory.

## 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.

### **The Ascension of the Lord**

#### **Serving at Mass**

#### **Extraordinary Ministers**

5:00 pm - Dawn Ellis

Alice Swift

Priest

Deacon

Barbara Schwind

Bob Schwind

9:00 am - Bob Brennan

Eleanor Brennan

Priest

Deacon

LaRue Emmell

Mary Souder

7:00 pm - Paul Moser

Maureen Moser

Priest

Deacon

Marlene Leidy

Barbara Jaruszewski

#### **Serving at Mass**

#### **Extraordinary Ministers**

5:00 pm - Dave Moser

Trudy Moser

Priest

Deacon

Annemarie Quigley

Jim Quigley

7:30 am - Maureen Moser

Paul Moser

Priest

Deacon

Christine Adelsberger

Steve Adelsberger

Keith Greczek

Stephanie Greczek

Terry Quatrani

John McHale

Joan Pongia

Mary Goodfellow

9:30 am - Dawn McCausland

John McHale

Priest

Deacon

Marianne Peters

Joan Pongia

11:00 am - Doug DiTondo

Linda DiTondo

Priest

Deacon

Bob Hermley

Jeanne Hermley

#### **May 5**

#### **Lectors**

Bob Ellis

Sue DiMarco

M. Gehringer

#### **May 8**

#### **Lectors**

Janine Warnas

Pete Frank

Ernie Quatrani

M. Gehringer

Eileen Davis

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

**May 1, 2016**

Monday, May 2, Saint Athanasius

9:00 am - 5:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel

5:00 pm - Paul & Vera Fronheiser, (Estate)

Tuesday, May 3, Saints Philip & James

9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel

8:00 am - Jason Shellaway,

(Louise Cressman-Bartlett)

Wednesday, May 4

9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel

8:00 am - Jeffrey Swartz, (Helene Quier)

5:00 pm - Rachel Buccino, (Liz & Andrew Fitchett)

Thursday, May 5, The Ascension of the Lord

10:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel

9:00 am - Patricia Cody, (The Family)

7:00 pm - John Batyski, (Frank & Janet Kendra)

First Friday, May 6

10:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel

9:00 am - Tom Virus,

(Judi Virus, daughters & grandchildren)

Saturday, May 7

10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel

8:00 am - Fifth Anniversary, Joe Cias (Family)

5:00 pm - For Our Mothers names on the Altar

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

**May 8, 2016**

7:30 am - For Our Mothers names on the Altar

9:30 am - For Our Mothers names on the Altar

11:00 am - For Our Mothers names on the Altar

### **FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

The center floral arrangement is in memory of **Attilio and Linda Frank**; requested by: Madeleine & Joe Gehringer.

### **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 **George Barnett & Family, Terry Brooks, Irene Copa, Delia Grim, David Kelsch & Nenita Ororio.**

For those who have died, grant them eternal rest and peace.

## **MAY 2016: This week at a glance**

### **Monday – May 2**

Adoration in the Chapel: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Holy Rosary Hour - 1:00 pm Chapel

### **Tuesday – May 3**

Adoration in the Chapel: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm  
Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Parish Hall

### **Wednesday – May 4**

Adoration in the Chapel: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm  
Vigil Mass for Holy Day 5:00 pm Church

### **Ascension of the Lord - Thursday - May 5**

Adoration in the Chapel: 10:00 am - 7:00 pm  
Masses for Holy Day: 9:00 am & 7:00 pm Church

### **First Friday - May 6**

Adoration in the Chapel: 10:00 am - 7:00 pm  
Mass in Church 9:00 am  
Frontier Girls: CAMP PREP  
SPN Quilting 1:00 pm Parish Hall

### **Saturday - May 7**

Adoration in the Chapel: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Breakfast setup 7:00 am Parish Hall

### **Sunday - May 8**

Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9:30 am Mass  
Parish Breakfast 7:00 am - 12:30 pm Parish Hall  
NO Men's Basketball

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Adoration - Monday, May 9 - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm - Chapel  
Charismatic Prayer Group - Monday, May 9 - 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm in Chapel  
Holy Rosary Hour - Monday, May 9 - 1:00 pm - Chapel  
SPN Quilting - Monday, May 9 - 1:30 pm - Parish Hall  
Adoration - Tuesday, May 10 - 9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Chapel  
Boy Scouts - Tuesday, May 10 - 7:00 pm - Parish Hall  
Adoration - Wednesday, May 11 - 9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Chapel  
Adoration - Thursday, May 12 - 9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Chapel  
Men's Basketball - Thursday, May 12 - 8:00 pm - Parish Hall  
Pennsburg Manor Nursing Home Mass - Thursday, May 12 at 2:15 pm  
Adoration - Friday, May 13 - 9:00 am - 7:00 pm - in the Chapel  
Frontier Girls - Friday, May 13: call Karen Britton to confirm date and time.  
SPN Quilting - Friday, May 13 - 1:00 pm - Parish Hall Meeting Rooms  
Adoration - Saturday, May 14 - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Chapel  
Children's Liturgy of the Word - Sunday, May 15 at the 9:30 am Mass  
Men's Basketball - Sunday, May 15 - 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Parish Hall

## **PARISH NEWS**

### **SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

April 26, 2015	April 24, 2016
Envelopes: \$ 5,170.50	\$ 5,785.50
Online: 2,097.00	2,211.00
Loose: 497.00	389.00
Children: 38.00	6.00
Total: \$ 7,802.50	\$ 8,391.50

### **Special Second Collections:**

May 2016

For those who do not receive Sunday collection envelopes or if you are an On-Line giver, the following second collections are:  
100th Anniversary; Mother's Day and Parish Debt Collection 2nd Quarter)

### **ONLINE GIVING**

**Go green** with St. Philip Neri Church by signing up for **Online Giving**. Online giving is a secure and personalized way to give to the parish. It also can stand on its own as a means of a donation or can be used in conjunction with your offering envelopes. You have the option to keep receiving your regular offering envelope packets if you wish. ([www.spnparish.org](http://www.spnparish.org))

### **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.

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

### **SPN SENIOR CLUB NEWS**

Just a reminder . . . Listed below are the SPN Senior Club Luncheon dates for the Calendar Year 2016. Be sure to mark your calendar and save the dates!

May 25, June 22, July 27, August 24,  
September 28 October 26, November 16 &  
December 14.

### **ASCENSION THURSDAY**

Holy Day Vigil Mass - Wednesday, May 4 at 5:00 pm in Church.  
Holy Day Masses - Thursday, May 5 at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm in Church.

**FIRST FRIDAY**

Friday, May 6th is First Friday. Mass is in Church at 9:00 AM. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Chapel from 10AM - 7PM. Please commit to spend some time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

**RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**

The Respect Life Ministry of St. Philip Neri will have Pink and White Carnations for Mother's Day on the weekend of May 7 and 8th after all Masses.

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The next Respect Life Ministry Meeting is Monday, June 13 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room.

Email Mark Nunan at: marknunan@dejazzd.com if you would like to part of this Ministry.

**ST. PHILIP NERI PARISH BREAKFAST**

**All-You-Can-Eat Buffet**

**Mother's Day**

**Sunday, May 8 - 7:00 am - 12:30 pm**

Scrambled eggs . bacon . scrapple

Chipped beef . French toast

Home fried potatoes . cereal. toast

Milk . coffee . hot tea . 2 juices

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

**Pancakes:** Plain & specialty

**Make your own Waffles:**

Fix'n Bar: yogurt, granola, fresh fruit

**Homemade Baked Goods & Egg Rolls for sale!**

**Each Mother will receive a large Marigold Plant as a Mother's Day Gift!**

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 and major credit cards are accepted.

**SPN Catholic Family Life Center**

**Longwood Gardens** is our next trip on **Saturday, May 21**. We will be leaving from the Catholic Family Life Center at 10:00 a.m. and will be returning at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$36.00 Adults/\$32.00 Seniors (62+)/Children \$25.00 (5 - 18)/Children 4 and under are free. Admission and transportation is included.

**Saturday, May 7** is the final Children's Matinee Movie at 1:00 p.m. at the Catholic Family Life Center. The movie is Peanuts "Dream Big". Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served and the showing is Free.

**Tuesday, May 10** at 7:00 p.m. Michael Jesberger will be here to make up his cancel program "Revolutionary War in Montgomery County, PA". If you have already signed up for this program, this is a reminder! If you would still like to attend this program, please register on line at [www.catholicfamilylifecenter.com](http://www.catholicfamilylifecenter.com) or call the "Center" at 215-679-2237 and make a reservation with Tom or Diane.

**Friday, May 13** is again Movie Night at the Catholic Family Life Center at 7:00 p.m. The movie is "Little Boy". When auto mechanic James Busbee is sent to fight the Japanese during World War II, he leaves behind his wife and two sons, London and Pepper. Pepper feels his father's absence most keenly, and can't wait for him to return home. An encounter with a magician and advice from a priest convince Pepper that the power to bring his dad back safely may be within himself and his actions. Refreshments will be served.

As we approach the end of second session of programs for the year, the Catholic Family Life Center will be preparing programs for the fall session.

If there is program which you would like to see at the Center, please contact Tom Dewees at 215-679-2237 and discuss the possibility with him. We are open to suggestions and would like very much to hear from you.

We have updated our website, too. Please check it out and see pictures and videos from some of our trips and programs held in this session! [www.catholicfamilylifecenter.com](http://www.catholicfamilylifecenter.com)

### **COME-N-GO BINGO**

St. Philip Neri Parish Hall

FREE Admission

Saturday – May 21, 2016

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:

Knights of Columbus 6614

More info call: 215.679.6405

### **One Hundredth Anniversary Countdown!**

#### **ST. PHILIP NERI PARISH**

The Historical Committee is looking for Articles of Historical significance pertaining to St. Philip Neri Church and School; for example:

Sacramental documents and religious items from Green Lane Chapel and East Greenville Church.

Items from the Parish School might be old Yearbooks or pictures. These items will be displayed in a locked glass case in the Parish Hall and/or the Catholic Family Life Center during the time of our 100th Anniversary in 2019. Items can be loaned temporarily or donated to the Church.

Contact Eileen Davis: 610.850.4945 or Kelly Wright: 484.347.7875.

### **PREP/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

#### **PREP REGISTRATION 2016/2017**

Any child entering First Grade thru Sixth Grade should be enrolled in our Parish Religious Education Program unless they are attending Catholic School. Registrations are now being accepted and are available on our parish website: [www.spnparish.org](http://www.spnparish.org). Call Wendy Benner at 215.679.7839 if you have questions.

### **CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word):**

CLOW will not take place from Memorial Day thru Labor Day. We will resume September 12. Our last CLOW before the Break is May 22.

### **ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS**

#### **Vocation Office for Diocesan Priesthood**

Generous hearts change the world.

Be generous to Jesus. Consider the Priesthood. [www.HeedTheCall.org](http://www.HeedTheCall.org).

#### **CatholicPhilly.com**

Stay informed of important Catholic news in southeastern Pennsylvania - visit [CatholicPhilly.com](http://CatholicPhilly.com) for updates everyday and sign up for a free, weekly email newsletter at [catholicphilly.com/newsletter](http://catholicphilly.com/newsletter).

#### **Wedding Anniversary Mass**

Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday, May 7 at the Cathedral Basilica of SS Peter and Paul at the 5:15 PM Vigil Mass with Archbishop Charles Chaput presiding. This mass is to pray for and with all married couples who are newlyweds, or who have been married 25 years or more, or 50 years or more.

Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED:** 215.587.0500 or [www.phillycatholiclife.org](http://www.phillycatholiclife.org).

**Mothers of Children with Disabilities Retreat:** Tuesday, May 3 at Malvern Retreat House.

Fr. Dennis O'Donnell will direct a Retreat for mothers and grandmothers who are raising children with disabilities and also those who have adult children with disabilities.

There will be time to pray, reflect and chat with other mothers.

For more information call Malvern Retreat House at: 610.644.0400 or the Office for Persons with Disabilities at: 215.587.3530.

Register by going to: [www.opdarchphilly.com](http://www.opdarchphilly.com).

### **Immaculate Heart of Mary NUN RUN**

Join us on Saturday, June 4 for the IHM NUN RUN, a 5K Run/Walk at Villa Maria House of Studies, Immaculata PA which is across the street from Immaculata University. Start time is 8:30 AM. Proceeds benefit Camilla Hall, the Retirement Home for the aged and infirmed Sisters of the IHM.

Donations are \$30 for individual and \$15 for a child 12 years and under.

Register online: [www.ihmnunrun.org](http://www.ihmnunrun.org).

The last day to register is May 27th; NO Race Day registrations.

### **AREA PARISH NEWS**

#### **ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH - POTTSTOWN**

Saint Aloysius Parish School is seeking a **part-time program director for the CARES** extended day program. School year hours are 2:00 PM-6:00 PM with some morning/daytime flexibility. The person should have demonstrated skills in care of children from ages 3 to grade 8. Duties included scheduling and supervising staff, planning activities for extended care, supervising children during transition from school day to extended day program, providing a safe environment, enabling children to engage in creative play, and providing guidance and assistance during homework time. A minimum of an associate's degree in education and CDA/CCP certification is preferred but not required. The candidate must be a practicing Catholic. Interested applicants go to [www.saintaloyssiusschool.com](http://www.saintaloyssiusschool.com) for application information.

Saint Aloysius Parish School is seeking a **part-time assistant teacher** for the CARES extended day program. School year hours are 2:00 PM-6:00 PM with some morning/daytime flexibility. The person should have demonstrated skills in care of children from ages 3 to grade 8. Duties include supervising children during transition from school day to extended day program, providing a safe environment, enabling children to engage in creative play, and providing guidance and assistance during homework time. Interested applicants go to [www.saintaloyssiusschool.com](http://www.saintaloyssiusschool.com) for application information.

### **BLESSED TERESA OF CALCUTTA CHILD CARE EMPLOYMENT OPPURTUNITIES**

Full-time and Part time positions are available at Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Child Care.

Please submit resume to Jackie Stiles at [childcare@blteresacalcutta.com](mailto:childcare@blteresacalcutta.com) or mail to 256 Swamp Pike, Schwenksville, PA 19473.

### **AREA NEWS**

#### **NARCAN TRAINING**

OD?????? If you have any concerns that someone might overdose from OPIOID use in your home, we invite you to come to be trained to use **NARCAN**.

This product will be made available to anyone who cannot afford to buy it on their own.

Training night is Thursday, May 5 at 7:00 PM and will be held at the Upper Perkiomen Valley Ambulance Building located at 2199 E. Buck Road in Pennsburg and is expected to be at least one hour. A Certificate is available after taking a 15 minute training on-line which can be done on your own time (takes 10 minutes).

Attendance is limited. Register at: [Clemens@newgoshucc.org](mailto:Clemens@newgoshucc.org) (Hope for Families).

#### **Eighth Annual Pro-Life Golf Tournament**

Golfers and non-golfers . . . have fun and protect life! The Valley Forge Chapter, Knights of Columbus, is holding its Eighth Annual Pro-Life Golf Tournament on Friday, May 6th at the Twin Ponds Golf Course in Gilbertsville.

The event includes: breakfast, lunch, banquet dinner, golf and individual/team skill prizes. The cost per golfer is \$100. Dinner only tickets available for \$35/person. Sponsorships are welcome.

Contact Mark Nunan: 610.754.7185, or [marknunan@dejazzd.com](mailto:marknunan@dejazzd.com).

All proceeds benefit Local Crisis Pregnancy Centers.

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

## **SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2016 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### **Put out the welcome mat**

There's an old saying, "You can't go home again," taken from the title of a novel by Thomas Wolfe. It means things change and sometimes people get disconnected from their pasts. During this Year of Mercy, Catholics are called upon to remedy this notion and welcome back anyone who has been away from the church or who feels alienated for any reason. Open your heart and arms and invite everyone to come together for Christ's own return as well as ours to an eternal home.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29 (57)*. "I am going away and I will come back to you."

## **MONDAY, MAY 2**

### **FEAST OF ATHANASIUS, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

#### **Devotion will see you through**

Back in 325, it must have seemed to Athanasius that life was nothing but conflict and headache. As a leader of the early church of the influential city of Alexandria, he had heresies to put down and emperors to resist. He was known as *Athanasius Contra Mundum* (Athanasius Against the World) but soon after his death he was called "Pillar of the Church" by early leaders who followed. He was known as a pastoral man of deep devotion, with the heart of a monastic. Make sure you have devotional practices that sustain you when the going gets tough.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4a (291)*. "I have told you this so that you may not fall away."

## **TUESDAY, MAY 3**

### **FEAST OF PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES**

#### **Show me the way to go home**

Philip and James were called by Jesus to join the band of followers we have come to know as the apostles. The relics of these two men were rediscovered together during a 19th-century reconstruction of Rome's Basilica of the Twelve Apostles. Tradition holds that James was clubbed to death for preaching the Good News; today he is considered the patron saint of the dying. You could think of Philip as the patron saint of all who need direction. His human need for guidance and reassurance is encouragement to never give up—even at the risk of appearing foolish—in your efforts to find the Lord.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14 (561)*. "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough."

## **WEDNESDAY, MAY 4**

### **EASTER WEEKDAY**

#### **God's mercy knows no limits**

After his visit to "pagan" Athens, Saint Paul wrote, "As I walked around looking carefully at your shrines, I even discovered an altar inscribed, 'To an Unknown God,' " at which point he goes on to preach the Risen Christ. Our church has moved well beyond persecution of those who believe differently or do not believe at all—and beyond mere tolerance as well, to nonjudgmental acceptance. Pope Francis said, "This is the fundamental thing—that God's mercy has no limits . . . The issue for those who do not believe in God is to obey their conscience. Sin, even for those who have no faith, exists when people disobey their conscience." Does your personal attitude toward nonbelievers reflect God's mercy?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15 (293)*. “*In Him we live and move and have our being, as even some of your poets have said.*”

#### THURSDAY, MAY 5

##### SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

##### A history lesson to remember

“Never again!” is a phrase that refers to the atrocity of the Holocaust and a call to guard against such a horror being repeated. But atrocities are happening in today’s world, to scores of people who are persecuted, driven from their homes, and killed because of who they are. Writer Anne Roiphe asserts, “‘Never again!’ is not a tribal statement. It is a prayer for the safety of all peoples, everywhere.” On this Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, remember this phrase in your prayers and let it drive acts of mercy to all those in need today.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Luke 24:46-53 (58)*. “*Repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.*”

#### FRIDAY, MAY 6

##### EASTER WEEKDAY

##### Honor those who brought you the gospel

Saint François de Laval (1623-1708) was the first bishop of New France, a territory that included most of what is now Canada, much of upper New England, and all the Mississippi Valley. He was committed to evangelization and education and was a great pastor, especially among the native peoples. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1980 and granted “equivalent canonization” on April 3, 2014 by Pope Francis, **who said on the occasion of the canonization**, “Honoring those

who endured suffering to bring us the gospel means being ready ourselves to fight the good fight of faith with humility, meekness, and mercy in our daily lives. And this bears fruit.” Who brought the gospel to your home? Honor them and you will bear fruit.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23 (295)*. “*Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.*”

#### SATURDAY, MAY 7 EASTER WEEKDAY

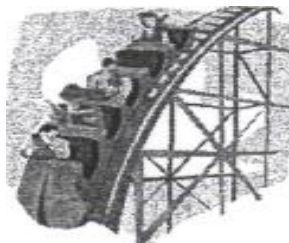
##### Sing Alleluia!

Tradition has it that Saint Gregory the Great heard angels chanting the first three lines of the Marian antiphon, *Regina Caeli*, on Easter morning. “Joy to you, O Queen of Heaven. / The One you were worthy to bear / has risen as he said. / Pray for us to God,” with each line followed by “Alleluia!” That last word—Hebrew for “praise God!”—even sounds joyous, especially after not hearing it all of Lent. Pulled out your rosary lately? Let Mary share with you her exultation, and let a joyous mood wash over you today, for others’ sake.

You can hear this brief chant at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O8W4351sW14>.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28 (296)*. “*The Father himself loves you, because you have loved me.*”





## **DISCOUNT DORNEY PARK TICKETS**

Dorney Park opened its regular season on April 30 to May 27; (amusement park only); May 28 - September 5 (both parks) and weekends only from September 10 thru October 30. You can pre-order and pre-pay for tickets. The tickets are good for any one regular admission (all age groups) to both Dorney Park and Wild Water Kingdom. The cost is \$30/ticket. This is a savings of \$27.75/ticket. Order forms are available anywhere SCRIP is sold: at Church after Masses or call the rectory office: 215.679.9275 between 10:00 am & 4:00 pm. **Tickets are available for purchase.**

Payment by cash or check **only**; please make your **check payable to ST. PHILIP NERI CHURCH**. A limited number of tickets are available on a first come, first serve basis. To guarantee you get your discount tickets, we strongly suggest that you pre-order and pre-pay. Once purchased, **tickets cannot be returned.** Discount tickets are sold to our parishioners as a courtesy and **IS NOT** a fund raising event.

**Detach and return with payment anywhere SCRIP is sold.**

### **ORDER FORM**

Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Amount paid \_\_\_\_\_

Tel # \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount paid \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us how you would like your tickets returned to you: (circle one)

**Pick up at SCRIP Table after Mass or Rectory Office.**

## **Godly Men: Men of Mercy . . . St. Aloysius Catholic Parish**

Thanks to the incredible success of our Fall Men's Day, we are happy to offer this second session as well. Our Spring 2016 theme is "**Men of Mercy**" and we have prepared for you a peaceful day of Spiritual Retreat, Reflection, and Fellowship.

The Conference is for all Men and Young Men of High School age. REGISTRATION is FREE! You may make a Free Will Offering at the event to help with the cost of meals and beverages.

[Registration is available now from Eventbrite.com, click here to be redirected](#)

Any Questions, please contact [Fr. Steve Paolino, Parochial Vicar at fpaolino@saintalloysius.net](mailto:fpaolino@saintalloysius.net),

or [Conference Coordinator, Victor Frederick at judgefrederick@gmail.com](mailto:judgefrederick@gmail.com),

or: call the Parish Office at 610-326-5877

### **Schedule for the Day**

8:00 AM	Mass will be Celebrated in Church
8:30 AM	Registration & Breakfast is Served in the Gathering Center; Confessions are available in Church
9:30 AM	Morning Prayer and Welcome in Gathering Center
9:45 AM	Keynote Speaker (Speaker is TBA)
10:30 AM	Break/Small Group Discussions/Faith Sharing
11:00 AM	Breakout Sessions
12:00 PM	Catered Lunch is Served/Men's Spirituality Stations
1:00 PM	Rosary
1:30 PM	Breakout Sessions
2:00 PM	Keynote #2
2:45 PM	Breakout Sessions #2
3:15 PM	Commissioning Talk in Church
3:30 PM	Adoration Available, Confessions Available, Quiet Time and Person Prayer
4:30 PM	Benediction
5:00 PM	Vigil Mass