

**Church of Saint Philip Neri**  
**Pennsburg, PA 18073**  
**May 8, 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.

### **From the Pastor**

We are the people of the Eucharist!

Dear parishioner of St. Philip Neri, brothers and sisters in the Lord. Over the last year, discussions have been taking place with Staff, the Pastoral Council, Liturgy Committee and others concerning our Sunday Mass Schedule. I believe I might have on occasion at Mass expressed my concerns about weekend Priest Assistance. Ten years ago, we had a great deal of help from my brother Priests; unfortunately, our numbers have dwindled resulting in my brother Priests to other assignments. The Barnabites who were assisting us for many years were the only Priests who were officially assigned to help here on weekends. Their Community over the many years has decreased in the number of men due to old age and death. The result being that they could no longer help us as weekend Celebrants of the Masses. Father Doug from De Sale's had to stop coming, due to being needed elsewhere. He helped here occasionally not being assigned, but out of charity. Other friends of mine assisted when available; Father Jeff Stecz, Father Marc Capizzi and of course, our beloved Father Chung. Father Stecz has become a Pastor, Father Capizzi an Assistant way out in Chester County. Father Chung in his time here on weekends was first for many years the School Minister at Archbishop Wood, and for the past three (3) years, the Secretary for the Archbishop. I can say the Archbishop, because of Father Chung, knows the parish of St. Philip Neri very well. A few weeks ago at the 11:00 am Sunday Mass, he was here for his first visit to celebrate Confirmation, a joyful celebration and very relaxed. I was able to spend a few moments alone in the Chapel with him and in conversation told me that Father Chung would be moving on to another assignment. Bishop Chaput said three (3) years as his Secretary was enough for anyone, and I said you will miss him. They have become good friends. Father Chung will become a Pastor. I at this time cannot tell you where, but the assignments will be public shortly. Father Chung will no longer be available to help here at St. Philip Neri. Once again he was not assigned here, but helped us in brotherly priestly charity. What I have been speaking about for many years is coming to fruition. There unfortunately, no other priests

available for weekend Mass assistance. Father Smart and myself are the only two available. You must remember Father Smart is retired due to health and like us all is aging. Father stays here about two (2) nights during the week, so he will be here to help with Masses. On occasion on weekends, he is unable to be here and then I am responsible for all weekend Masses. It is not uncommon to have three (3) Masses on Saturday and one in awhile four (4) Masses. Then three (3) Sunday Masses in a row. You might say "well saying Masses is easy" and I love celebrating Mass and Sacraments, but the celebration is an intense experience of concentration, prayer and meditation. The three (3) Sunday Masses in a row are draining. Added to this we noticed a drop in attendance at the 11:00 am Mass - especially during the summer. All of this is the reason for the Sunday Mass schedule to change. During the summer we will evaluate these changes. I have to tell you that this by far has been the most difficult and agonizing decision I have ever had to make here at St. Philip Neri. (I don't say this often or ever, but, please do keep me in your prayers). Beginning the Sunday after Memorial Day, June 5th, the Sunday Mass schedule will be:

**The Vigil Mass on Saturday evening 5:00 pm (remains the same), Sunday morning Masses: 7:30 am (remains the same); the now 9:30 am Mass will be changed to 10:00 am, the 11:00 am Mass will be dropped, but we will add a Sunday evening Mass at 5:00 pm.**

I hope that it will not be an inconvenience for you. For me it will not be overwhelming if I need to say all weekend Masses, there will not be three (3) in a row. In other ways, it is a sacrifice; my Sunday evenings will not be free to visit my family and friends. Since there is more time between Masses, it also allows me to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation more frequently. Scheduled Confessions on Saturday's remains the same - 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm. I can now and will hear Confessions before the Sunday 10:00 am Mass and the Sunday 5:00 pm Mass. These added scheduled times will hopefully make it easier for you to receive this beautiful Sacrament. Sunday schedule Confession time will be 9:15 am to 9:45 am and 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm. However, your cooperation is important. I must end the Confession times at their scheduled time so Mass does not start late. The Greeters or Ushers may have to cut the line off. (that would be a great thing, so many receiving the Sacrament) but you can tell them you would like to have your Confession heard after Mass.

They will tell me and I will gladly return to the Confessional.

Please pray for me, the parish and most especially for an increase in Priestly Vocations. Encourage them in your families and in the parish. I can honestly say it is a wonderful life, challenging, full of excitement and surprises at times, but for me I could not imagine or do anything else.

We are the people of the Eucharist, for this we need Priests and also the Priest needs you!

God Bless You!  
Father Roncase

(Remember Adoration in the Chapel during the hours the Chapel is open. Come and make a visit, discover how much you are loved!)

**Serving at Mass**  
**Extraordinary Ministers**

5:00 pm - Alice Swift  
Linda Benko  
Priest  
Deacon  
Dave Boone  
Teri Boone

7:30 am - Lori Brozena  
Trish Dornisch  
Priest  
Deacon  
Mary R. Giambrone  
Barbara Jaruszewski

9:30 am - Andrew Souder  
Mary Souder  
Priest  
Deacon  
Alicia Tryon  
Edmond Tryon  
Terry Quatrani  
Theresa Walker  
Mary Weber  
Christine Adelsberger  
Stephan Adelsberger  
Rene DeGrassi

11:00 am - Barbara Schwind  
Bob Schwind  
Priest  
Deacon  
Mary Goodfellow  
Sharon Shaak

**May 15**  
**Lectors**

Judy Horvath  
Matt Horvath

John Gilmore  
T. Gilmore

Eileen Koch  
D. McCausland

Betty Herman

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**May 8 2016**

Monday, May 9

9:00 am - 5:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel  
5:00 pm - Ken Latshaw, (Rita & Children)

Tuesday, May 10, Saint Damien de Veuster

9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel  
8:00 am - Beverly Latshaw,  
(Tom Latshaw & daughters)

Wednesday, May 11

9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel  
8:00 am - Lester Kemp, (Robert & Roslyn Parry)

Thursday, May 12, Saints Nereus & Achilleus

10:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel  
8:00 am - First Anniversary, Joseph Iski  
(Felicia Iski)

Friday, May 13, Our Lady of Fatima

9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel  
8:00 am - Mary Lou Ditro,  
(Jim & Denise Breidenbach)

Saturday, May 14, Saint Matthias

10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel  
9:00 am - Stella Roney, (Frank & Helene Ciaciak)  
5:00 pm - For all those enrolled in the  
Memorial Society.

**Pentecost Sunday**  
**May 15, 2016**

7:30 am - For our Mothers names on the Altar.  
9:30 am - Joseph Josko III, (Ceil Emerle)  
11:00 am - For the living and deceased members  
of the Parish.

**FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

The center floral arrangement is in memory of  
**Thomas Virus**; requested by:  
Wife Judi Virus, daughters and grandchildren.

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

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

**Monday - May 9**

Adoration in the Chapel: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Charismatic Prayer Group 5:30 pm Chapel  
Holy Rosary Hour - 1:00 pm Chapel  
Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 pm Neri Center

**Tuesday – May 10**

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

**Wednesday – May 11**

Adoration in the Chapel: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm  
Garden Club 5:00 pm

**Thursday - May 12**

Adoration in the Chapel: 10:00 am - 7:00 pm  
Men's Basketball 8:00 pm  
NO Pennsburg Manor Nursing Home Mass

**Friday - May 13**

Adoration in the Chapel: 10:00 am - 7:00 pm  
Frontier Girls: Camp Weekend  
SPN Quilting 1:00 pm Parish Hall

**Saturday - May 14**

Adoration in the Chapel: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Frontier Girls: Camp Weekend

**Sunday - May 15**

Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9:30 am Mass  
Frontier Girls: Camp Weekend  
Men's Basketball 8:00 pm Parish Hall

**Upcoming Meetings**

Adoration - Monday, May 16 - 9am - 5pm - Chapel  
Holy Rosary Hour - Monday, May 16 -1pm - Chapel  
SPN Quilting - Monday, May 16 - 1:30 pm - Parish Hall  
Adoration - Tuesday, May 17 - 9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Chapel  
Boy Scouts - Tuesday, May 17 - 7:00 pm - Parish Hall  
Adoration - Wednesday, May 18 - 9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Chapel  
Garden Club - Wednesday, May 18 - 5:00 pm  
Adoration - Thursday, May 19 - 9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Chapel  
Men's Basketball - Thursday, May 19 - 8:00 pm - Parish Hall  
Pennsburg Manor Nursing Home Mass - Thursday, May 19 at 2:15 pm  
Adoration - Friday, May 20 - 9:00 am - 7:00 pm - in the Chapel  
Frontier Girls - Friday, May 20 - End of Year Ceremony - Families welcome - Parish Hall at 6:30 pm  
SPN Quilting - Friday, May 20 - 1:00 pm - Parish Hall Meeting Rooms  
Adoration - Saturday, May 21 - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Chapel  
Knights of Columbus Come-n-Go Bingo - Saturday, May 21 - 6:00 pm - Parish Hall  
Children's Liturgy of the Word - Sunday, May 22 at the 9:30 am Mass  
Men's Basketball - Sunday, May 22 - 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Parish Hall

**PARISH NEWS**

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

May 3, 2015	May 1, 2016
Envelopes: \$ 6,871.50	\$ 6,805.50
Online: 1,718.00	1,762.00
Loose: 432.00	480.00
Children: 20.00	39.00
Total: \$ 9,041.50	\$ 9,086.50

**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.

In memory of **Marie R. Smith**; requested by: Lorraine & Edward Reidinger.

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

**2016 Lenten Fish Fry**

Our Parish Lenten Fish Fry which began on Friday, February 19 thru Good Friday, March 25, netted a profit of **\$10,321.00!**

**Attention All Liturgical Ministers:**

Due to the upcoming change in Sunday Mass times for the Summer Months (June, July, August and September 3 - 4) we are asking all Youth Altar Servers, Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to let us know your preferred Mass times. We need this information no later than May 15. We will publish a schedule for June only. We will then publish another schedule for July, August and Sept. 3 - 4. Please let us know your preference and your 2nd choice. Mass times will be Saturday 5PM, Sunday 7:30 AM, Sunday 10:00AM and Sunday evening Mass 5PM. If we do not hear from you then we will assume you can assist at any Mass. Please, please get back to us as soon as possible. Please reply to Deacon Mike Franks at: [deaconmikefranks@verizon.net](mailto:deaconmikefranks@verizon.net). If you will be away and would not like to be scheduled on certain dates now is the time to let us know. Pulpit Announcement for Liturgical Ministers (Youth Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers: Please be sure to check the bulletin for some very important information concerning our new Summer Mass schedule. We need your information no later than May 15. This is very important for scheduling.

**New Youth Altar Servers**

We are in the process of forming a new class of Youth Altar Servers. If your child (boys and girls) is currently in 3rd grade or higher please come to two of the three training sessions being offered. Training sessions are Saturday May 14 at 2PM in the main Church, Monday May 16 in the main Church at 7PM and Saturday May 21 at 11 AM in the main church. Every child must be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for making decisions for him / her. Practices will last no longer than 1 hour.

**SPN CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

Building Families ... Building Faith at Northgate Members of the CFLC will visit parishioners in the Northgate Community on Saturday, May 14. The purpose of the visit is to create awareness of the programs, events and trips provided by CFLC and to extend an invitation to all parish members to participate. At the same visit, we will be asking "is there anything else St. Philip's can do for you"? We will also provide information to any new community residents interested in registering at St. Philip Neri Church. Please welcome your fellow parishioners when they stop at your home.

**SPN SENIOR CLUB NEWS**

The SPN Senior Club had its monthly luncheon on April 27. This was the largest turnout so far with 139 members attending. During this month's BINGO program there were many winners with the cover-all game being split between 2 of our members. The April birthday winner was Barbara Henry and the 50/50 prize went to Ralph Endy. Door prizes were awarded to Immaculata Barndt, Dolly Birkmire, Duke Doherty, Ann Dykie, Roseann Hayes, Mary Ann Hollister, Leanne Jones, Sandra Jorgensen, Dianne Linden, Stan Mikanowicz, Mary Ellen Paulk, Christine Roetto, Joe Stem and Deb Stoudt. Congratulations to everyone! The next luncheon is Wednesday, May 25. Check the Parish bulletin for more information.



**Resorts Casino - Atlantic City, NJ  
Thursday, July 14**

The fun is here! From Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville to all the action of the Casino floor, finding your fun is never a problem at Resorts Casino Hotel located on the boardwalk!

**Itinerary:**

9:00 am - Depart St. Philip Neri Church  
11:00 am - 5:00 pm: arrive at Resorts Casino and receive a \$25 free slot play  
7:30 pm - approximate return to SPN  
cost per person is \$30 and includes:  
deluxe motor coach transportation and Resorts Slot Play.  
Does **NOT** include driver gratuity  
\$10 deposit due upon reservation.  
All balances due on **OR** before: June 20.  
checks payable to SPN Church  
Call Gerri Haberacker: 215.679.8235  
P.O. Box 212 ~ Palm 18070 **OR** email:  
[gerriha@comcast.net](mailto:gerriha@comcast.net)

**RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**

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](mailto:marknunan@dejazzd.com) if you would like to part of this Ministry.

**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.

**SPNCFCLC**

Tuesday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m. Michael Jesberger will be here to make up his cancelled 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, register on line at [www.catholicfamilylifecenter.com](http://www.catholicfamilylifecenter.com) or call the "Center":215.679.2237 and make a reservation with Tom or Diane.

Friday, May 13 is Movie Night at the CFLC 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.

Saturday, May 21 is our trip to Longwood Gardens. We leave from the CFLC at 10:00 a.m. and return at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$36.00 Adults/\$32.00 Seniors (62+)/\$25.00 Children (5-18)/Children 4 and under are free. Admission and transportation is included.

As we approach the end of the second session of programs for the year, the CFLC will be preparing programs for the fall session. If there is a program which you would like to see, contact Tom Dewees at 215.679.2237 to discuss We are open to suggestions and would like very much to hear from you.

**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

**PREP/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**PREP REGISTRATION 2016/2017**

Just a reminder . . .

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).

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## **CELEBRATION OF ORDINATION**

**Come to the Ordination to the Priesthood**

**Saturday, May 21 at 10:00 AM**

**All are welcome to pray for our new Priests**

Solemn Mass with the:  
Rite of Ordination of several Priests  
Cathedral Basilica of SS Peter & Paul  
18th Street & Benjamin Franklin Parkway  
Philadelphia 19103

## **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 SCHOOL NEWS**

### **St. Philip Neri - East Greenville**

Students excel at:

Pope John Paul II High School

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students on the Third Quarter Report. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence.

Students who achieved First Honors include:

Richard Smith '16; Matthew Souder '17  
Thomas Heibeck '19

Among those earning Second Honors were the following students from our parish:

Jared Filer '16

### **St. Philip Neri - East Greenville**

Students excel at:

Lansdale Catholic High School

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students on the Third Quarter Report. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence.

Laura Ann Vetter '17 achieved First Honors

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

**SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2016**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Mother knows best**

This year Mother's Day and World Communications Day both fall on today's date. The latter was established by the Second Vatican Council to focus on the evangelical potential of modern means of information exchange. Important to be sure, but our Mother Mary, like most mothers, communicates with her children in more personal (albeit, in her case, extraordinary) ways. And what does she say when she appears? Her messages can be summarized simply: Pray and be healed. Amid the information bombardment of today's digital age, stop and listen to Mary and heed her loving command.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 7:55-60; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17:20-26* (61). *"The world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me."*

**MONDAY, MAY 9**

**EASTER WEEKDAY**

**The pain of exile is all around us**

The great Italian poet Dante Alighieri was born on this day in 1265. His *Divine Comedy* is considered one of the great works of world literature. Deeply involved in the political strife of medieval Florence, Dante was forced into exile and wrote of the bitterness of the experience, in lines that speak to anyone who has been forced to flee homeland and loved ones. Read them in solidarity with the millions who are living in exile in our war-torn times: *"You shall leave everything you love most, this is the arrow that the bow of exile shoots first. You are to know the bitter taste of others' bread, how salty it is, and know how hard a path it is for one who goes ascending and descending others' stairs ..."*

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33* (297). *"In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world."*

**TUESDAY, MAY 10**

**FEAST OF DAMIEN DE VEUSTER, PRIEST**

**Be greater than your limitations**

His brother Pamphile was the big shot: older, brilliant, slated for greatness in the mission fields. But when Pamphile fell ill at the time the Sacred Hearts were sending priests to the Hawaiian missions, the younger Damien volunteered to take his place. No one put much confidence in Damien, who had no brain for book-learning, questionable social skills, and no patience at all with authority. What Damien did among those afflicted with leprosy at Molokai far outweighed any of his limitations. Let your love be bigger than your limitations!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a (298)*. *"Compelled by the Holy Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem. What will happen to me there I do not know."*

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

#### EASTER WEEKDAY

#### **This thing could go either way**

Saint Augustine wrote that we humans are "like a horse, with either God or the devil as rider." That's a rather colorful way to describe the struggle we all encounter as we try to do the right thing but slip up regularly and can take a hard fall if we are not alert in our spiritual life and self-control. We are pleasure-seeking, pain-avoiding creatures, but it's easy to confuse cheap diversion for true wellness. Who's holding the reins in your own life? If you're being taken for a ride you'd rather not go on, now is the time to buck up!

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19 (299)*. *"I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction."*

### THURSDAY, MAY 12

#### FEAST OF NEREUS AND ACHILLEUS, MARTYRS

#### **Study war no more**

The carnage of war and the horrors of mass atrocities would not be possible if the foot soldiers of the world, *en masse*, refused to carry out orders. Easier said than done, as soldiers are constrained by powerful systems that force them to follow orders or face lethal consequences. Few of us would have the courage to resist in such a situation. Nereus and Achilles did. After participating in cruel persecutions of early Christians they threw down their weapons even though

they knew the fate that awaited them. Say a prayer of thanks for courageous acts of faith and be a "warrior for love."

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26 (300)*. *"I made known to them your name . . . that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."*

### FRIDAY, MAY 13

#### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

#### **Ask Mary**

On May 13, 1917, in the midst of war-torn Europe, three local children reported that a beautiful lady appeared to them in their hometown of Fatima, Portugal. They reported that she asked the children to pray the rosary each day and to honor her Immaculate Heart. In time, the church agreed with the children that the Blessed Virgin Mary indeed had appeared. To this day, thousands journey to Fatima to seek Mary's counsel and help. In May 2010, Pope Benedict XVI prayed at the church of Our Lady of Fatima "as a homage of gratitude . . . for the marvels that the Almighty has worked through you in the hearts of so many who come as pilgrims to this your maternal home." Today is a day to say Mary's prayer, the rosary, to ask for God's peace.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19 (301)*. *"When Jesus manifested himself to his disciples . . . he said, 'Feed my lambs.'"*

### SATURDAY, MAY 14

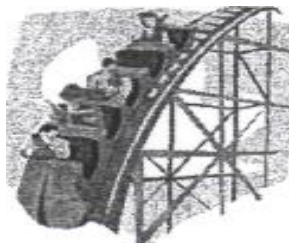
#### FEAST OF MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

#### **Bake a "cake" for an apostle**

Saint Matthias was the apostle chosen by lot to replace Judas Iscariot. An idea for his feast—especially with children—might be to read today's brief account in Acts and then bake some cookies! Find out Matthias' symbols—he is a patron saint of carpenters and tailors—or use symbols of his martyrdom such as a spear or sword. Using a basic gingerbread cookie recipe, allow the kids to shape the cookies into those symbols. He is also patron of those struggling with an addiction. For anyone in this category, instead of (or in addition to!) a cookie, extend a phone call, card, or word of support.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17 (564)*. *"I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete."*





## **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.**

# **SPN SENIOR CLUB**



**Wednesday, MAY 25, 2016  
11:30 AM - Parish Hall**



**COME ENJOY A GREAT LUNCH, SOCIALIZE WITH CLUB MEMBERS, AND REMEMBER THE VETERANS FROM THE VALLEY WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY!**

**COST OF LUNCH IS \$3.00 per person**

**A reservation is requested.**

**Please contact Rita Latshaw: 215-679-7009**

**Reservation deadline: May 21, 2016**