

Church of Saint Philip Neri
Pennsburg, PA 18073
May 15, 2016



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1325 Kliner Rd; Pennsburg 18073

Hours: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Email Address: smisiak@spnparish.org
Website Address: www.spnparish.org

Religious Education Office address & hours:

26 E. Sixth Street, East Greenville, PA 18041

Monday & Friday: Offices are closed
Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Wednesday: 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Email address: spnprep@comcast.net

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Catholic Family Life Center Address

26 E. Sixth Street, East Greenville, PA 18041

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Youth Ministry Office hours: (East Greenville)

Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Wednesday: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Email address: spnym@comcast.net

ROSARY: Prayed in the Chapel

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

1st Friday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the Chapel,
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
2nd Sunday Baptisms are held **at** the 11 AM Mass
3rd 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

Call the Rectory Office.

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 - John Burke
Catherine Cahill
Priest
Deacon
Dawn Ellis
Bob Ellis

7:30 am - Beverly Bowser
Cameron Bowser
Priest
Deacon
Jo Ellen Carr
Ray Carr

9:30 am - Cecilia Kirkwood
Michael Dougherty
Priest
Deacon
Marianne Peters
Jenny Josko

11:00 am - Andrew Souder
Mary Souder
Priest
Deacon
Rose Anderson
Mary Ellen Paulk
Amanda Charlton
Kevin Charlton
Maryanne Charlton
Marlene Leidy
Madeleine Gehringer
Theresa Walker

May 22
Lectors

S. Hunsberger
Bob Ellis

C. Mullaney
Shaun Snyder

R. DeGrassi
G. Kirkwood

Barbara Lear

Pentecost Sunday

May 15, 2016

Monday, May 16

9:00 am - 5:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
5:00 pm - Jim Brady, (SPN Daily Mass attendees)

Tuesday, May 17

9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
8:00 am - Arlene Leidy, (Bob & Dawn Ellis)

Wednesday, May 18, Saint John I, Pope

9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
8:00 am - Reginald & Rose Schollenberger,
(Gloria Kaiser)

Thursday, May 19

10:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
8:00 am - Benjamin Pupek Jr., (Jean Pupek)

Friday, May 20, Saint Bernardine of Siena

9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
8:00 am - James Birmingham,
(Richard & Suzanne Matt)

Saturday, May 21, Saint Christopher Magallanes

10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
9:00 am - Andrew T. Miller, (Pirrall family)
5:00 pm - For Our Mothers names on the Altar

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

May 22, 2016

7:30 am - Jason Shellaway, (Dardozzi family)
9:30 am - Joe & Stella Cias, (The Family)
11:00 am - For the living and deceased members
of the Parish.

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.

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

MAY 2016: This week at a glance

Monday - May 16

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

Tuesday - May 17

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

Wednesday - May 18

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

Thursday - May 19

Adoration in the Chapel: 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Men's Basketball 8:00 pm
Pennsburg Manor Nursing Home Mass: 2:15 pm

Friday - May 20

Adoration in the Chapel: 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Frontier Girls: End of Year Ceremony
SPN Quilting 1:00 pm Parish Hall

Saturday - May 21

Adoration in the Chapel: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
K.O.C. Come-n-Go Bingo 6:00 pm Parish Hall

Sunday - May 22

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

Upcoming Meetings

Adoration - Monday, May 23 - 9am - 5pm - Chapel
Charismatic Prayer Group - Monday, May 23 - 5:30 pm - Chapel
Holy Rosary Hour - Monday, May 23 - 1pm - Chapel
SPN Quilting - Monday, May 23 - 1:30 pm - Parish Hall
Adoration - Tuesday, May 24 9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Chapel
Boy Scouts - Tuesday, May 24 - 7:00 pm - Parish Hall
Adoration - Wednesday, May 25 - 9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Chapel
Garden Club - Wednesday, May 25 - 5:00 pm
SPN Senior Club Gathering - Wednesday, May 25 - 11:30 am - Parish Hall
Adoration - Thursday, May 26 - 9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Chapel
Men's Basketball - Thursday, May 26 - 8:00 pm - Parish Hall
Adoration - Friday, May 27 - 9:00 am - 7:00 pm - in the Chapel
Frontier Girls - Friday, May 27 - Memorial Day Parade Practice; call Karen Britton for location and time.
SPN Quilting - Friday, May 27 - 1:00 pm - Parish Hall Meeting Rooms
Adoration - Saturday, May 28 - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Chapel
NO Children's Liturgy of the Word - Sunday, May 29
NO Men's Basketball - Sunday, May 29

PARISH NEWS

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

May 10, 2015	May 8, 2016
Envelopes: \$ 6,605.50	\$ 5,510.50
Online: 1,992.00	1,846.00
Loose: 578.00	668.00
Children: 15.00	22.00
Total: \$ 9,190.50	\$ 8,046.50

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)

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 **Douglas L. Woodward Sr.**, requested by: Mark Nunan. Lorraine & Edward Reidinger.

In memory of **Stan Matuszewski**; requested by: John & Mary Poslosky.

Parish Breakfast

Our parish Breakfast was held on Mother's Day, May 8 and 495 people attended!

There were four winners for a FREE Breakfast; they are:

Nick Bardman, Fern Roth, Sheri Slonaker & Annette Sofa.

The next breakfast is Sunday, June 12 from 7:00 am - 12:30 pm. Save the date!

Donations of homemade baked goods are needed; if you can help call Rita: 215.679.7009.

Also . . . Homemade Egg Rolls are now for sale at each breakfast.

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. 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) are currently in 3rd grade or higher please come to the two training sessions being offered. They are:
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.

SPNCFLC

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.



UPCOMING SENIOR CLUB EVENTS:

- May 25th: Salute to local Veterans
- June 22nd: Line Dancing w/Ken Woulf
- July 14th: Day trip to Resorts Casino
- July 27th: Cook Out
- August 24th: Attracting and enjoying Butterflies by Kevin Crilley - Green Lane Park
- Sep. 25th: Basket Bash - (Senior Club Fund Raiser)
- Sep. 28th: Luncheon
- Oct. 19th: Trip to Penns Peak Real Diamond
- Oct. 26th: Halloween Party; Margaret Harner on Ghost Stories
- Nov. 16th: Thanksgiving Luncheon
- Dec. 2nd: Day trip to American Music Theatre Christmas Show
- Dec. 14th: Seraphims Choral Group from: Saint Mary's School



**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

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS:

Weekend of June 4/5

Saturday's
Confessions in Church from 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM
Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM

Sunday's
Mass in Church: 7:30 AM
Mass in Church: 10:00 AM
Mass in Church: 5:00 PM

Confessions on Sunday:

9:15 AM to 9:45 AM
4:15 PM to 4:45 PM

BAPTISMS - effective June

Second Sunday: during the 10:00 AM Mass.

Third Sunday: after the 10:00 AM Mass.
at: 11:30 AM

ADORATION:

There will be NO Adoration on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day however, Mass will be held at 9:00 AM in Church.

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

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 if you would like to part of this Ministry.

CAR SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING

The Car Show Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 14 at 7:00 PM in the Rectory Meeting Room.

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.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Vocation Office for Diocesan Priesthood

The Priests of tomorrow are in our midst. They are members of this Parish. They are members of our own families. Encourage Vocations; pray for the gift. www.Heedthecall.org.

CatholicPhilly.com

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

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

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

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2016 SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

Get fired up

It is fitting that flames are shaped like tongues—because the Good News is meant to spread like wildfire! In the sacrament of Confirmation when you receive the Holy Spirit, as the disciples did at Pentecost, you're empowered, emboldened, impassioned, set ablaze with the fervor (or fever!) to do God's work. The Holy Spirit now dwells in you but, like a house on fire, can't be contained. Take it out in the open, the way the disciples did, to preach the teachings of Christ to the whole world.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Day: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17; John 20:19-23 (63).* "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim."

MONDAY, MAY 16

Make this a time for peace

That clanging sound you just heard is the gate of the Easter season swinging shut behind us. We're now back in Ordinary Time, which can be a little disorienting. If Advent is about waiting, Lent about repenting, and Easter about rejoicing, then what is the rest of the church year about? Ordinary Time is the "green" season, and green means life in nature and in liturgy. We dedicate 34 weeks of the year to the wide-open possibilities of living and growing in grace, a time of hope and holiness. Today, cultivate peace where you are.

TODAY'S READINGS: *James 3:13-18; Mark 9:14-29 (341).* "The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace."

TUESDAY, MAY 17

Love the person you don't like

In his Apostolic Exhortation *Sacramentum Caritatis*, Pope Benedict XVI wrote that the Eucharist "gives rise to a service of charity towards neighbor, which consists in the very fact that, in God and with God, I love even the person whom I do not like or even know." Today is the feast of Saint Paschal Baylon, who helped people grow in strength and tolerance by increasing devotion toward the Eucharist. Pope Leo XIII proclaimed him the "seraph of the Eucharist," patron of eucharistic congresses and eucharistic associations. He is usually depicted in adoration before a vision of the Eucharist. Receiving Communion brings us into union with all in the community who do so, even if we are not on the best of terms with them all. Something to keep in mind next time you're at Mass.

TODAY'S READINGS: *James 4:1-10; Mark 9:30-37 (342).* "Whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

FEAST OF JOHN I, POPE AND MARTYR

Patron of the unjustly imprisoned

Pope John I had the misfortune of being pope at a time when the church was beholden to the power of emperors. He found himself caught between two feuding emperors, King Theodoric the Great and Byzantine Emperor Justin. Caught between a rock and a hard place, he made an effort to secure the peace, but when opposing parties prefer enmity, peacemakers

are cast aside. Theodoric had him imprisoned, and he died in 526 of ill treatment. People continue to be wrongfully imprisoned in our own day. Visit *The Innocence Project* to see how one group is helping the falsely convicted gain their freedom.

TODAY'S READINGS: *James 4:13-17; Mark 9:38-40 (343)*. "For whoever is not against us is for us."

THURSDAY, MAY 19

Make an investment that pays

Pope Francis learned the value of cooperation from his father, an accountant. "It goes forward slowly," he told his son, "but [cooperation] is sure." The trust earned when we work together goes much further than any profits. If we only see numbers, we lose the heart of our humanity, we abandon mercy, and we sacrifice people for profit. "An economy of exclusion and inequality . . . kills," Pope Francis warns. Considering how decisions impact people and not just profit margins is a difficult task, but it is imperative. We must invest in one another: **That's how the economy of mercy works.**

TODAY'S READINGS: *James 5:1-6; Mark 9:41-50 (344)*. "Keep salt in yourselves and you will have peace with one another."

FRIDAY, MAY 20

FEAST OF BERNARDINE OF SIENA, PRIEST

Bonfire of the vanities

Bernardino preached all over Italy and helped ignite a religious revival in the early 15th century. He also ignited objects seen as temptations, such as mirrors, cosmetics, fine clothing, playing cards, musical instruments, books, and artwork in spectacles known as bonfires of the vanities. The method may have been misguided but the question is worth

pondering: How much of our time and treasure is devoted to serving others and how much to serving self? You don't need a bonfire to shed light on your priorities.

TODAY'S READINGS: *James 5:9-12; Mark 10:1-12 (345)*. "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment."

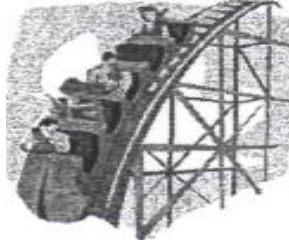
SATURDAY, MAY 21

FEAST OF CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

A new saint enrolled today

We speak now of "the Americas," aware that the United States is not the only America. Such awareness can deepen our faith as we learn about saints such as Christopher. He was martyred along with 21 diocesan priests and three laymen struggling against an anti-Catholic Mexican government during the 1920s. From his cell he cried: "I forgive with all my heart those responsible for my death, and I ask God that the shedding of my blood serve the peace of our divided Mexico." May our own lives also serve the cause of peace.

TODAY'S READINGS: *James 5:13-20; Mark 10:13-16 (346)*. "Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it."



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