

**Church of Saint Philip Neri
Pennsburg, PA 18073
May 22, 2016**



Rev. Robert A. Roncase, Pastor
Rev. Raymond W. Smart, retired; resident
Deacon Michael J. Franks
Deacon Mark J. Meinzer, Business Manager
Rev. Edmond J. Speitel, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. John J. Scarcia, Retired Pastor
Shirley Misiak, Office Manager
Catherine E. Faust, Director of Music
Wendy Benner, Coordinator of PREP/Religious ED
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Parish Phone Numbers:

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Church & Rectory Address:

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

Neri Center Address

575 Main Street, East Greenville, PA 18041

Catholic Family Life Center Address

26 E. Sixth Street, East Greenville, PA 18041
Email address: tdewees@spncflc.org
Website Address: www.catholicfamilylifecenter.com

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

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
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 - Claire Holcombe
Marc Jaman
Priest
Deacon
Janet Kendra
Alice Swift

7:30 am - Charles Doherty
Judith Doherty
Priest
Deacon
Maureen Moser
Paul Moser

9:30 am - Bill Gurgick
Lisa Gurgick
Priest
Deacon
Ken Mayer
Marilynn Mayer

11:00 am - Bob Hermley
Jeanne Hermley
Priest
Deacon
Barbara Schwind
Bob Schwind

May 29

Lectors

C. Highleyman
Linda Franks

Pete Frank

Ed Tryon
A. Canigiani

Luke Verna

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

May 22, 2016

Monday, May 23

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

5:00 pm - Joseph Iski,
(Rose Devitt & Joanna Zappala)

Tuesday, May 24

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

8:00 am - Kelly Sell, (Elizabeth Hernandez)

Wednesday, May 25, St. Bede the Venerable,
Saint Gregory VII, Saint Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi
9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
8:00 am - Twenty-Fifth Anniversary, John Roney
(Carol Bradley)

Thursday, May 26, Saint Philip Neri
10:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
8:00 am - Anna Stavinski, (Stan Mikanowicz)

Friday, May 27, Saint Augustine of Canterbury
9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
8:00 am - Robert Turner, (Pirrall family)

Saturday, May 28
10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
9:00 am - Patricia Strohm, (Brian & Denise Schwind)
5:00 pm - Michael Pownall,
(Barbara & Tyler Jaruszewski)

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

May 29, 2016

7:30 am - For the living and deceased members
of the Parish.
9:30 am - Third Anniversary, Mary Pondo
(Richard & Barbara Grochowski)
11:00 am - For Our Mothers Names on the Altar.

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

The red Roses placed at the Blessed Mother and Sacred Heart Altars are in loving memory of **John Roney** on his Twenty-Fifth Anniversary; requested by Carol Bradley.

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 **Katherine Talbot**.

For those who have died, and in particular for **Julia Arena**, grant them eternal rest and peace.

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday, June 3rd 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.

MAY/JUNE 2016: this week at a glance

Monday – May 23

Adoration in the Chapel: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Charismatic Prayer Group 5:30pm Chapel
Holy Rosary Hour - 1:00 pm Chapel
SPN CFLC Meeting 7:00 pm

Tuesday – May 24

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

Wednesday – May 25

Adoration in the Chapel: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Garden Club 5:00 pm
Senior Club Gathering 11:30 am Parish Hall

Thursday - May 26

Adoration in the Chapel: 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Men's Basketball 8:00 pm

Friday - May 27

Adoration in the Chapel: 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Frontier Girls: Memorial Day Parade Practice; call
Karen Britton for location and time.
SPN Quilting 1:00 pm Parish Hall

Saturday - May 28

Adoration in the Chapel: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Anointing of the Sick at Mass

Sunday - May 29

Anointing of the Sick at all Masses
NO Children's Liturgy of the Word
NO Men's Basketball

Upcoming Meetings

Memorial Day Mass - Monday, May 30 at 9:00 am in Church
NO Adoration - Monday, May 30
NO Holy Rosary Hour - Monday, May 30
NO SPN Quilting - Monday, May 30
Rectory Offices closed - Monday, May 30
Adoration - Tuesday, May 31 9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Chapel
Boy Scouts - Tuesday, May 31 - 7:00 pm - Parish Hall
Adoration - Wednesday, June 1 - 9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Chapel
Garden Club - Wednesday, June 1 - 5:00 pm
Adoration - Thursday, June 2 - 9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Chapel
Men's Basketball - Thursday, June 2 - 8:00 pm - Parish Hall
First Friday - June 3 - Mass in Church at 9:00 am
Adoration - Friday, June 3 - 10:00 am - 7:00 pm - in the Chapel
Frontier Girls - Friday, June 3 - Mandatory Niagara Falls Trip PREP Meeting (call Karen Britton for location and time)
SPN Quilting - Friday, June 3 - 1:00 pm - Parish Hall Meeting Rooms
Adoration - Saturday, June 4 - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Chapel

NO Children's Liturgy of the Word - Sunday, June 5
Men's Basketball - Sunday, June 5 - 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm in Parish Hall

PARISH NEWS

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

May 17, 2015	May 15, 2016
Envelopes: \$ 4,963.50	\$ 5,421.50
Online: 1,125.00	1,726.00
Loose: 521.00	473.50
Children: 31.50	38.00
Total: \$ 6,651.00	\$ 7,659.00

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.

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

ADORATION:

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

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Attention all Liturgical Ministers (Youth Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion):

We are desperately trying to update your Mass preferences in light of the new Mass schedule which goes into effect June 5. Many of you have already sent us your availability. Thank you. Unfortunately, many have not. You will find on the wooden podiums (one located in the vestibule and another by the communion rail near the pulpit) a list of all of our liturgical ministers. If your name is highlighted this means we have not heard from you. Please take a minute as you enter or leave the church to indicate your preferred Mass times by simply putting a 1 in the box corresponding to your first choice and a 2 in the box corresponding to your second choice. We will have these lists available for two weeks. You can also send your preferences to Deacon Mike Franks at deaconmikefranks@verizon.net.

Your attention and assistance is greatly appreciated. If we do not get a response we will have to call you. Please save us that time and fill in your time on the sheets.

Also, the June 2016 schedule is available on line and in the back of church in the little room off the vestibule.

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

ST. PHILIP NERI PARISH BREAKFAST

All-You-Can-Eat Buffet

Sunday, June 12th; 7AM - 12:30 PM

Scrambled eggs . bacon . sausage

Chipped beef . Home fried potatoes .

cereal . toast

Milk . coffee . hot tea . 2 juices

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

Make your own Waffles:

Fix'n Bar: yogurt, granola, fresh fruit

Pancakes:

Plain and a Specialty

Homemade baked goods for sale & also . . . Homemade Egg Rolls for sale!

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.

donations of baked goods are much appreciated;
if you can help out, call Rita: 215.679.7009



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

SPN Catholic Family Life Center

The Summer Trips are now open for registration:

#1. Philadelphia Zoo, Sunday, June 26.
We will be leaving from the Catholic Family Life Center at 11:00 a.m. and will leave the zoo at 5:00 p.m. Cost: Adult \$30.00/Children (2-11) \$26.00. Reservations are required.

#2. Hershey Park, Saturday, July 17.
Leaving from the Catholic Family Life Center at 8:00 a.m. and will leave the park at 5:00 p.m.
Cost: Ages: 9-52 \$52.00/Ages: 70+ \$40.00/Ages: 55-69 \$48.00/Ages 3 - 8 \$47.00
Registration is required.

#3. Reading Fightin Phillies, Sunday, August 7.
Leaving from the Catholic Family Life Center at 2:00 p.m. and will return after the game.
Reading Health System Character Pool Party and Reading Health System Character Pool Party Buffet. Buffet includes, BBQ Chicken, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Mac & Cheese, Corn, Pasta and Potato Salad, Chips, Smiley Fries, Fruit, Cookies and Pepsi Products.

You will also be able to have a Family Play Catch on the Field at 3:00 p.m.; "Hands On Science Day"; All Fans Run the Bases after the game. Game time is 5:05 p.m. Price includes Transportation, Dinner, Game Ticket Adults: \$38.00/Children (2-11) \$32.00. Registration is required. Please contact the Catholic Family Life Center at 215-679-2237 to register or check our website: www.catholicfamilylifecenter.com.

See at the "Center".

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.

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 be a 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.

ST. PHILIP NERI CHURCH

HOAGIE SALE

CHEESE, HAM, ITALIAN or TURKEY

TUESDAY - July 12

12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

COST: \$5.00

Orders due: July 5

Call Rita: 215.679.7009 or

Pat: 215.679.5675

PREP/RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PREP REGISTRATION 2016/2017

In case you forgot . . .

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 being accepted and are available on our parish website: 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.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Vocation Office for Diocesan Priesthood

Jesus said, "You did not choose me: I chose you"
Is Jesus calling you to be a priest?
Consider the call.
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.

Do You Know Your Tribunal?

The Tribunal is a group of specially qualified Catholics whose responsibility is to come to the help of people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church.

When a divorce occurs, the Catholic Church always seeks to balance two realities. One is the unbreakableness of the Bond of Marriage. This is God's law. It cannot be broken by human intervention. On the other hand, the Church is concerned about the spiritual welfare of the people involved. Was this a true marriage? Even though a Catholic marriage was celebrated, was there perhaps some deficiency in the consent of the parties involved? The annulment process addresses this problem.

If you are divorced and want to marry in the Church or remarried outside the Catholic Church, please telephone or write the Tribunal Office at:
222 North 17th Street; Philadelphia 19103
215.587.3750

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

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016 SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

In the name of the whole experience

My friend loved to talk about a child she once heard pray with these words: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the whole experience." Actually, that is not a bad way to think about the mystery of the Trinity. The Father sent the Son into the world, and then before leaving this earth, the Son promised that the Spirit would come to guide the disciples at all times. The three persons in one divine unity do indeed make up the "whole experience." Each person has a role

to play in your faith life. Focus on one of the three in your prayer today.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15 (166)*. "Being the Spirit of all truth, he will guide you to all truth."

MONDAY, MAY 23

What's at the center of your life?

On any given day, the center of our world shifts a bit. Some hours are all about wage-earning. After work, the focus may be family, chores, supper, or entertainment. If we're students, education or career preparation may take center stage. Worry and fear, ambition or envy or arrogance may be our controlling perspective. The mystics all agree with Jesus: Compassion is the natural center of the human experience. When we live each hour from mercy, it transforms everything: work, family, play, and personal formation.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Peter 1:3-9; Mark 10:17-27 (347)*. "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor."

TUESDAY, MAY 24

We're all number one in God's eyes

"I get to hold the puppy." "I want to lead the classroom line to recess." "I want to be the first at bat." "I want the computer game now." Children often have a hard time allowing others to go first. In truth, we adults may be more subtle about it than children, but we, too, have a hard time putting the needs of others before our own. Pope Francis puts things in gospel perspective: "The world tells us to seek success, power, and money. God calls us to seek humility, service, and love." Ask God for grace today to be kind to someone who competes with you for recognition.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Peter 1:10-16; Mark 10:28-31 (348)*. "Many who are first shall come last, and the last shall come first."

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

FEAST OF BEDE THE VENERABLE, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Fly United . . . to Christ

Saint Bede, a medieval British monk and historian, gave us a simple, powerful image of the brevity and mystery of human life: With winter raging outside, a sparrow enters through a window and flies the length of a warm dining hall, safe from the howling storm. After a brief while it flies out another window: from winter to winter again. So appears to be human life, said Bede, but the story is about more than life's brevity. The Risen Christ bears us up "on eagle's wings," assuring us that in him life and blessedness do not end. Allow God to use you as God sees fit. Whom might you lift up today—someone bent by pain and sadness, or perhaps yourself?

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Peter 1:18-25; Mark 10:32-45 (349)*. "The Son of Man came to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

THURSDAY, MAY 26

FEAST OF PHILIP NERI, PRIEST

The saints help you to pray

Saint Philip Neri, a 16th-century priest, said, "The best preparation for prayer is to read the lives of the saints, not from mere curiosity but quietly and with recollection, a little at a time, and to pause whenever you feel your heart touched with devotion." In those moments, you may hear the voice of God, which is the other side of prayer: not just you talking, but God speaking to you. One book that can serve this noble purpose is *Fearless: Stories of the American Saints* by Alice Camille and Paul Boudreau. You can also find meditations **online at <http://www.loyolapress.com/saints-reflections.htm>**.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12; John 8:12; Mark 10:46-52 (350)*. "The blind man replied to him, 'Master, I want to see.'"

FRIDAY, MAY 27

Go, be reconciled to your brother

Today is the beginning of Reconciliation Week in Australia, a celebration of the contributions of aboriginal peoples and the aspirations for national reconciliation. For 25 years the diverse peoples of Australia have been on this journey of healing. The **Catechism of the Catholic Church 1422** says that Confession is called the sacrament of Reconciliation "because it imparts to the sinner the life of God who reconciles." Since we are sinners, we all need to be reconciled. With whom can you reconcile today? Reach out a hand—the healing will benefit all involved.

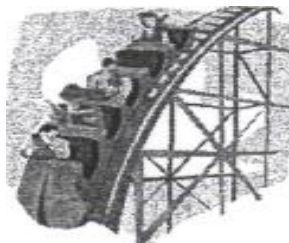
TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Peter 4:7-13; Mark 11:11-26 (351)*. "If you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."

SATURDAY, MAY 28

No one goes it alone

In her book *Mercy in the City*, Kerry Weber tries to complete the seven **Corporal Works of Mercy** in 40 days. Her journey is one of self-discovery and deepening faith. Mercy is a complex thing to understand; it is love in action, given freely. "This," she concludes at the end of her experience, "sums up the purpose of living a life of mercy—to let one another know that no one has to go it alone." In this Year of Mercy, we are called to journey with one another, stranger and friend. Today let someone know they're not alone.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jude 17, 20b-25; Mark 11:27-33 (352)*. "On those who waver, have mercy; save others by snatching them out of the fire."



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.

Payment by cash or check **only**; **make checks payable to St. Philip Neri Church.** Tickets are available on a first come, first serve basis.

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 where SCRIP is sold.

ORDER FORM

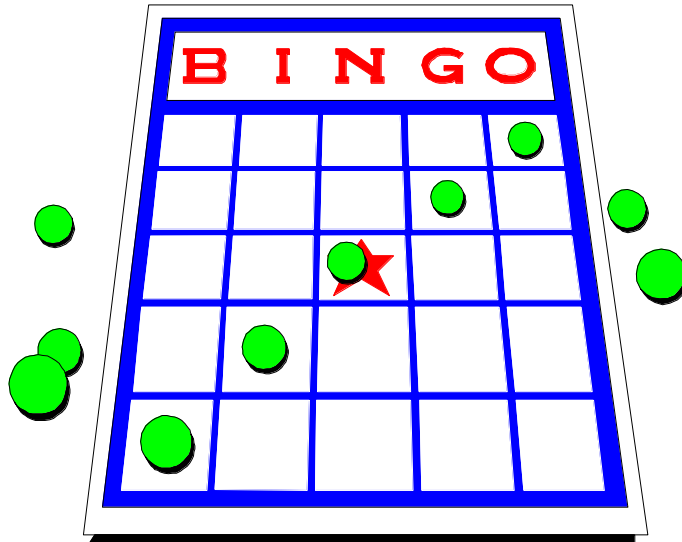
Number of tickets: _____ X \$30 _____

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Pick up at SCRIP Table after Mass or Rectory Office

SPN Sunday Bingo



June 5, 2016

Working Team #2

Bingo begins 1pm; Doors open 12pm

Parish Hall: 215.679.8116

All Regular Games Prize: \$50

Final Cover All Special Prize: \$500

Great food available!