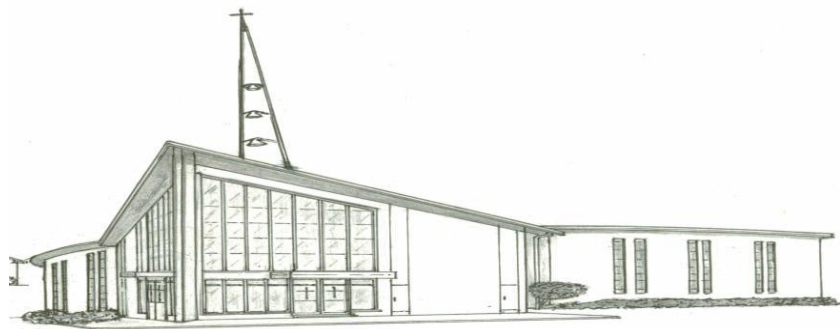


**Church of Saint Philip Neri
Pennsburg, PA 18073
August 7, 2016**



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
Tom Dewees, Director Catholic Family Life Center
Diane Cunningham, Adm. Assistant CFLC
Anita Fuhs, Youth Minister
Sister Patricia Kelly, M.S.B.T., Parish Outreach

Parish Phone Numbers:

Rectory	215.679.9275
Youth Ministry	267.733.2572
Religious Education/PREP	215.679.7839
Catholic Family Life Center	215.679.2237
Parish Hall	215.679.8116
Parish Outreach	215.679.2282
Neri Center	215.679.6490

Fax Numbers:

Rectory	215.679.0386
Religious Education/PREP	215.679.8370
Catholic Family Life Center	215.679.8370

Church & Rectory Address:

1325 Kliner Rd; Pennsburg 18073

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

Religious Education Office address &

Summer hours:

26 E. Sixth Street, East Greenville, PA 18041
Monday & Friday: Offices are closed
Tuesday - Thursday: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Email address: prep@spnparish.org

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: youthministry@spnparish.org

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 AM; 10:00 AM; 5:00 PM
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
Sundays: 9:15 - 9:45 AM; 4:15 - 4:45 PM *or:*
at the Rectory BY APPOINTMENT anytime.

BAPTISMS: Please call the Rectory to schedule
2nd Sunday Baptisms are held at the 10 AM Mass
3rd Sunday Baptisms are held at 11:30 AM

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 to schedule.

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.

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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.

FLOWERS for ADORATION

If you would like to have flowers placed on the Altar in the Chapel, please call the rectory to schedule. Two small altar arrangements remain on the Chapel Altar for one week from Saturday morning to Friday evening. Because these must be in keeping with the guidelines of flowers on the altar, the size of these arrangements cannot be altered. Flower choices also cannot be requested; however, the arrangement colors are your choice.

The cost of flowers in the Chapel and for Adoration is \$40. They will be placed on the corner of the Altar with the candles for the entire week. Flowers for Adoration for the week of Saturday, August 6th are for a Special Intention!

Serving at Mass

Extraordinary Ministers

5:00 pm - Linda Franks
Barbara Jaruszewski
Priest
Deacon
Teri Boone
Dave Boone

7:30 am - Chuck Rodgers
Mary Weber
Priest
Deacon
Joan Pongia
Marlene Leidy

10:00 am - Joshua Hewitt
Lillian Hewitt
Priest
Deacon
Judy Horvath
Matt Horvath

5:00 pm - Doug DiTondo
Priest
Deacon
Linda DiTondo

August 14

Lectors

Pete Frank

A. Canigiani
Eileen Davis

Sue DiMarco
Luke Verna

Pat Kennedy

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time **August 7, 2016**

Monday, August 8, Saint Dominic
9:00 am - 5:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
5:00 pm - For all those enrolled in the Memorial Society

Tuesday, August 9, Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
8:00 am - 5th Anniversary, Lt. Col. Christopher Kaiser,
(Gloria Kaiser)

Wednesday, August 10, Saint Lawrence
9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
5:00 pm - Gloria Heckler, (Claude & Pat Balduzzi)

Thursday, August 11, Saint Clare
9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
8:00 am - Paul & Vera Fronheiser, (Estate)

Friday, August 12, Saint Jane Frances de Chantal
9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
8:00 am - Pauline Feninez, (Stephen Gardian)

Saturday, August 13
10:00 am - 4:00 pm - Adoration in the Chapel
9:00 am - 1st Anniversary, Betty Mikanowicz
(Stanley Mikanowicz)
5:00 pm - Deceased members of McManus family,
(Anne Dykie)

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 14, 2016

7:30 am - Anthony & Rita Sammartino,
(Theresa & John Gilmore)
10:00 am - In Honor of three special Birthdays,
(Connie Marks)
5:00 pm - Thomas Zappala,
(Rose, Joanna and Tom)

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: **Annie Moran** and **Michael Qigley**

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

AUGUST 2016: THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday - August 8

Adoration in the Chapel: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Charismatic Prayer Group 5:30 pm Chapel
Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 pm Neri Center
Respect Life Ministry Meeting 7:00 pm Rectory

Tuesday - August 9

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

Wednesday - August 10

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

Thursday - August 11

Adoration in the Chapel: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Men's Basketball 8:00 pm Parish Hall
Pennsburg Manor Nursing Home Mass at 2:15 pm

Friday - August 12
Adoration in the Chapel: 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Saturday - August 13
Adoration in the Chapel: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sunday - August 14
NO Children's Liturgy of the Word
Men's Basketball 8:00 pm Parish Hall

PARISH NEWS

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

August 2, 2015	July 31, 2016
Envelopes: \$ 7,191.50	\$ 5,185.50
Online: 1,673.00	1,607.00
Loose: 371.00	762.00
Children: 29.00	7.00
Total: \$9,264.50	\$7,561.50

Father Chuck's Challenge

This weekend at all of our Masses, Father Charles Kennedy spoke as a Representative of *Father Chuck's Challenge*, in conjunction with the Pontifical Mission Society's Annual Appeal. This initiative celebrates the memory and ministry of Father Chuck Pfeffer, a deceased beloved priest of the Archdiocese.

Over the last nine years, with lots of help from the Holy Spirit, and from donors, including parishioners from Saint Basil the Great to *Father Chuck's Challenge*, we have provided more than 1,100 homes for over 7,000 desperately poor beneficiaries, previously living fearfully, virtually homeless, in plastic and plank shelters, in an area frequently ravished by tropical storms in the Northern Highlands of Nicaragua and in Haiti; but hundreds more need help of all kinds!!

"Whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do unto Me." (Mt 25:40)

Special Second Collections:

August 2016
For those who do not receive Sunday collection envelopes or if you are an On-Line giver, the following second collections are:
Assumption; Catholic University; Parish Debt Third Quarter & 100th Anniversary.

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.

RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS (RCIA)

The RCIA is in the process which the Catholic Church employs to educate and initiate all new adult members into the Catholic Community.

If you or someone you know would be interested in exploring the possibility of becoming a member of the Catholic Church, you or they would need to participate in this process. In addition, the RCIA is also designed to bring persons who were baptized Catholic, but never finished their Sacraments into full Communion with the Church.

We will begin our Sessions in mid September and run through Easter of 2017. If you are interested in exploring this possibility, please contact Deacon Mike Franks to set up an appointment. Keep watching the Bulletin for further information as it becomes available.

You can reach Deacon Mike by leaving a message with the Rectory Office at: 215.679.9275.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Reminder . . . Respect Life Ministry Meeting on Monday, August 8th at 7:00 PM in the Rectory Meeting Room.

If anyone is interested in joining this Ministry, call Mark Nunan at: 610.754.7185 or marknunan@dejazzd.com.

BLOOD DRIVE

It is once again that time of year for our yearly Red Cross Blood Drive. Here is your chance to donate a vital source for life.

Please join us on Monday, August 22 anytime between 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm in our air conditioned Parish Hall. Refreshments served upon completion of your donation.

If you need more information, or would like to schedule an appointment, call Pete Frank at 215.679.6942.

SPN SENIOR CLUB NEWS

The SPN Senior Club had its monthly Gathering on July 27th. We celebrated with a good old-fashioned picnic complete with hamburgers, hotdogs, and some delicious desserts!

The July birthday winner was Stan Mikanowicz; Tony Bucci won the Door Prize and the 50/50 was won by Fay Katrinak.

Thank you for your continued support - and don't forget to make your reservation for the next luncheon to be held on August 24th. Check out the Flyer in today's Bulletin!



UPCOMING SENIOR CLUB EVENTS:

- 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

S P N SENIOR CLUB

BASKET BASH - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25



Reminder . . . ALL baskets/donations are due **ON/OR BEFORE** August 24th.

There are three (3) drop off locations:

SPN Senior Club Luncheon - August 24

Narthex in Church

Vestibule in Rectory

Questions? Call Dawn Ellis: 215.679.2160

S P N SENIOR CLUB BASKET BASH



St. Philip Neri Parish Hall

Doors open at 11:00 AM

**Bring your own beverages/snacks
must be 18 years of age or older**

Admission Prices:

\$15 in advance

\$20 at the door

Includes 25 Basket Chances and Door Prize Chance.

There are a limited number of tickets for purchase on a First Come - First Serve basis beginning this weekend after each Mass.

For tickets/additional information, call Dawn: 215.679.2160 or Janet: 267.210.6175.

Proceeds benefit the Senior Club and SPN Parish

Sponsored by SPN Senior Club

SPN CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE CENTER

On Saturday, August 20th, the CFLC will be traveling to Pottstown to visit the Butterfly Garden of Ron Richael.

We will meet at the CFLC at 1:30 PM. Cost is FREE. Please call us to make a reservation if you are interested in participating. (215.679.2237)

SCHWENKFELDER LIBRARY DISPLAY

In preparation for our 100th Anniversary, the Historical Committee is gathering St. Philip Neri artifacts for display.

To preview some items that have been gathered together, spend some time attending the Schwenkfelder Library's display to see some artifacts we have loaned to them.

The Schwenkfelder Library is located at 105 Seminary Avenue in Pennsburg; adjacent to Perkiomen School.

Hours are: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM; Thursday, 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM; Saturday, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM; Sunday, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Closed Monday's.

Donations are accepted at the door.

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. Registration forms available on parish website.

Little Church Registration

Little Church registrations are now being accepted for 2016-2017 and will begin on September 11th during the 10:00 AM Mass. Children ages 3 (as of May 1) thru kindergarten are eligible. There is no fee, but you must register. The registration form can be found on our parish website spnparish.org. Click on the Religious Education tab, then click on Little Church to find the form. Place registration forms in the Sunday Collection Basket. If you have any questions, please call Wendy Benner at 215.679.7839.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Vocation Office for Diocesan Priesthood

Is God calling you to be a Priest?

www.HeedTheCall.org

CatholicPhilly.com

CatholicPhilly.com is the top source of local Catholic news and Catholic teaching, updated every day.

Stay informed of Catholic events in the Philadelphia Archdiocese, read Archbishop Chaput's weekly column and learn more about your faith at CatholicPhilly.com.

EVANGELIZATION TRAINING CAMP

with [The Evangelical Catholic](#),
an evangelization ministry from Madison, WI

Special 1.5-Day Parish Track

Monday, August 8 at 2pm to

Tuesday, August 9 at 5pm

Tuesday morning Mass to be celebrated by:
Archbishop Chaput

Malvern Retreat House
Malvern, PA

This training will provide foundation for parishes to drive dynamic evangelization outreach through parish-based evangelizing small groups. The ETC Parish Track will give fuller vision and theology, more time for interaction, focused prayer time, and Mass with the Archbishop (10:00am, Tuesday).

ABOUT MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE

Owned and operated by Catholic lay leadership since 1912, Malvern is the oldest and largest Catholic Retreat House in the country - hosting 20,000 people annually at 250 Retreats. We invite you to come to Malvern to reflect, refresh and rejoice in your faith. To find an evening, weekday or weekend spiritual retreat that is right for you, call 610.644.0400 or visit us online at: malvernretreat.com.

AREA PARISH NEWS

Saint Aloysius Parish School is seeking to fill the following positions:

- **Part-time Music and Drama Teacher**
(3 days per week)
- **Long-term Substitute for Pre-School**
(age 3)
- **Part-time Program Director Extended Care**
- **Part-time Spanish Teacher**
(1 day per week)

**For more information, visit:
www.saintaloyssiusschool.com**

Safe Environment VIRTUS CLASS

Saint Mary Parish, 40 Spring Mount Road, Schwenksville will be hosting a safe environment VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children for Adults" class on August 16, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

This class is required of all volunteers who work directly with the children of their parish.

Visit:

<https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/index.cfm?>
to register.

For more information contact Sandi at solzinski@churchofsaintmary.org or call 610-287-8156.

Straight Talk about Annulments

The process of having a marriage annulled touches the lives of many couples in the Church today. Did you know that Pope Francis has made several changes to the annulment process? Learn about these changes and hear straight answers to "scratch your head questions" concerning annulments.

Thursday, November 3, 2016

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Saint Maria Goretti Church

1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield

For more information or to register, please contact director aff@stmariagoretti.net

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2016 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Appreciate your freedoms

The Founding Fathers of the United States thought freedom of religion and the press were so important they put them at the top of the Bill of Rights—they are included, together, in the First Amendment. Many countries haven't had these same freedoms, including Cuba. When, in 1960, the Cuban Catholic Church condemned the rise of communism, Fidel Castro banned all religious media. Thankfully today the church in Cuba has greater freedom, but there is still no religious media there. You are able to enjoy vibrant religious media that informs and enriches your life and faith. Take advantage of the print, digital, and broadcast offerings available to you.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48 (117)*. "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

MONDAY, AUGUST 8

MEMORIAL OF DOMINIC, PRIEST

Decade-to-decade Rosary devotion

There are many different types of rosaries: the Franciscan Rosary, the Servite Rosary, the chaplet, the wedding rosary—there are even rosaries that can be worn as bracelets and rings. They have different bead configurations and different accompanying prayers. But the traditional rosary you are most likely familiar

with, and the prayers that go with it, is the Dominican Rosary. Saint Dominic was instrumental in spreading devotion to the Rosary, which is a hallmark of Catholic devotion. Let's join in this Dominican legacy by praying the Rosary today.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c; Matthew 17:22-27 (413)*. "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day."

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

MEMORIAL OF TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

Pray for peace

Edith Stein, whose feast is today, said, "One cannot desire freedom from the Cross . . . when one is especially chosen for the Cross." Born a Jew, Stein converted to Catholicism as a young adult. Later as a Carmelite nun, she was captured by the Nazis and killed at Auschwitz. As a martyr of the Holocaust, Stein accepted the cross onto death—her sacrifice a witness to Christ's. Keep alive the memory of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, as she became known, and pray for an end to the horrible atrocities in today's world.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 2:8—3:4; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 (414)*. "Obey me when I speak to you: be not rebellious . . . but open your mouth and eat what I shall give you."

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

FEAST OF LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR

True measure of worth

The story goes that when a Roman leader ordered the early Christian Church to surrender its riches, Saint Lawrence brought a gathering of the poor to the prefect, saying they were the church's real treasure. For this bold act, Lawrence was put to death. Parts of his legend may be myth or fact, but Lawrence was indeed martyred, and his devotion to the poor remains a constant comment about his third-century life. You might not have his audacious courage, but you can embrace his care for the poor—and find in serving them how precious they are.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26 (618)*. "But if it (grain of wheat) dies, it produces much fruit."

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

MEMORIAL OF CLARE, VIRGIN

Undeniably God's

The process of canonization, of being officially declared a saint, can take decades or even centuries. Not so for Saint Clare of Assisi, founder of the religious order that bears her name (the Poor Clares) and companion of Saint Francis of Assisi. Clare was canonized within two years of her death in 1253. She led her community in devotion to prayer and austerity. "May God be with you always," she wrote, "and may you always be found in God." How can you follow Clare's saintly example and make God undeniably evident in your life?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 12:1-12; Matthew 18:21—19:1* (416).

"I am a sign for you: as I have done, so shall it be done to them."

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

MEMORIAL OF JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, RELIGIOUS

Change of plan

Jane Frances de Chantal probably had planned to pass her life as a wife and mother. She was married at 21 and had six children, and she was astute at managing a household. But she was widowed young and met Saint Francis de Sales, who became her spiritual director. At 45, she helped found the Sisters of the Visitation. Remain open to changing your plans if God has something else in mind for you—you never know what kind of second act you might have.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Matthew 19:3-12* (417).

"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and cling to his wife."

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

MEMORIAL OF PONTIAN, POPE

For the greater good

When Pope Benedict XVI resigned his papacy on February 28, 2013, he was criticized by some for not following the modern custom of holding his office until death. But he stepped down for the good of the church, and there was indeed precedent for what he did, going all the way back to the year 235 and Pope Pontian. During a persecution of the early

church, Pontian was deported to labor mines, essentially a death sentence. He resigned for the good of the church so that the early community would not be without a pastor after his deportation. Sometimes the best thing we can do is make room for another. Pray for the wisdom to know when to step aside.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Matthew 19:13-15* (418).

"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

***SPN SENIOR CLUB LUNCHEON
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2016
Parish Hall - 11:30 AM***



**COME AND HEAR KEVIN CRILLEY
FROM GREEN LANE PARK SPEAK ON
ATTRACTING AND ENJOYING BUTTERFLIES**

**A reservation is requested by Friday, August 19, 2016
Call Rita Latshaw at 215.679.7009**

**PLEASE NOTE: THE SUGGESTED OFFERING FOR THE LUNCH
IS NOW \$5.00 PER PERSON**

**REMINDER: THIS IS THE LAST DAY FOR DONATIONS TO:
THE SPN SENIOR CLUB BASKET BASH**

**TICKETS TO THE SPN SENIOR CLUB BASKET BASH
WILL BE ON SALE AT THE LUNCHEON**

Holy Cross Cemetery

Price Increase ... effective: July 1st

Parishioner rate:

Full: \$ 1,200
Cremation: \$ 600

Non Parishioner rate:

Full: \$ 1,500
Cremation: \$ 750

The prices for Cemetery Plots at St. Philip Neri are still lower than area Catholic Parish Cemeteries and lower than the Cemeteries owned by the archdiocese. Public cemetery costs are extremely expensive. When you purchase a plot, you do not own the ground; but, you are purchasing the right to be buried at that spot. Non-Catholic spouses and children are buried in Catholic cemeteries; however, Church law requires that the Deed for the plot be in the name of the Catholic Party.

Unfortunately, we are only able to bury at single depth because of bedrock. Also, please be aware that a Cremation Grave Marker must be flush with the ground, and because of the size of the Cremation Grave, there is a restriction on the size of the Grave Marker. In a full grave, you may buy one body and also one Cremation Urn or two (2) Cremation Urns.

If you have any questions, please call the rectory.

A Little History of our Parish Cemetery: Holy Cross Cemetery is the parish Cemetery. It is owned and maintained by St. Philip Neri Parish. Regulations and rates are in accordance with the guidelines of the Office of National Catholic Cemeteries and the guidelines of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. (You may wonder why our parish Cemetery is named Holy Cross and not St. Philip Neri Cemetery. When Father Letterhouse purchased ten (10) acres of land for the cemetery in 1927, he named it Holy Cross Cemetery and not St. Philip Neri Cemetery. Father states his desire to name it Holy Cross, "because everything we do as Catholic's begins and ends with the sign of the Cross"). As you enter the cemetery, there is a large granite Cross surrounded by a circle of ground. This is the Priest's circle; any priest can be buried in the Priest's circle - usually Pastors of the parish or priests connected with the parish.

There are currently three (3) priests buried in our Priest circle:

Father Leo Letterhouse (the second Pastor of St. Philip Neri)

Father Andrew Brown (the third Pastor of St. Philip Neri) and also:

Father Bernard Creemer, the founding Pastor of St. Columbkil.

It is the intention of Father John Scarcia (the sixth Pastor of St. Philip Neri) to also be buried in the Priest's circle. It is my intention to be buried at St. Philip Neri Cemetery also; however, it is my intention to be buried directly behind the Priest's circle, directly in front of the Shrine.

Father Robert Roncase