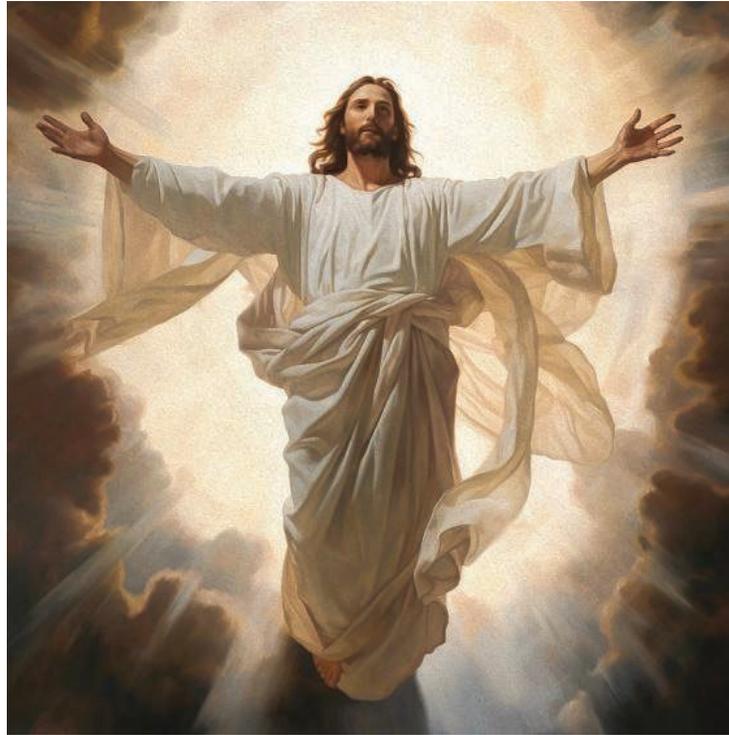


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Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

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Parish Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass

5PM

Sunday Morning

7:30AM - No Music
 9:30AM & 11:00AM

Daily Mass Schedule

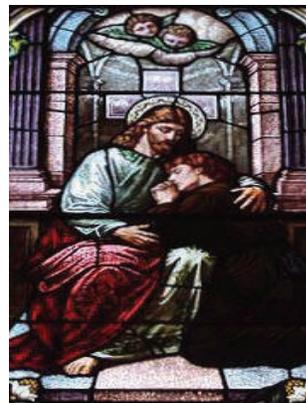
Monday through Saturday 8:30AM

Holy Day Mass Schedule

6:30AM, 8:30AM, & 7PM



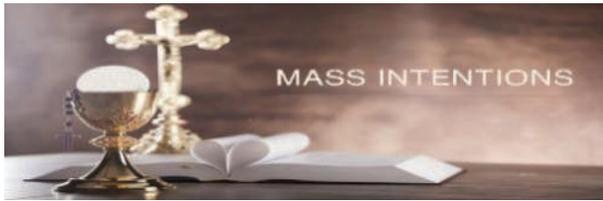
Our parish community extends a welcome to our guests and visitors. We welcome you to our Church to share our faith and celebrate the Eucharist. Please go to our website: www.saintphilipnerichurch.com for more information or if you have any questions or want to register call the Church Office at 610-834-1975. In order to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist or Matrimony or to have access to Letters of Eligibility to stand as a godparent at Baptism or sponsor at Confirmation you need to be registered and active with a parish. Young adults who turn 26 or complete higher education and continue to reside within our area should register individually.



**Confessions are heard every Saturday
 from 3:45PM to 4:45PM or
 by appointment,
 call 610-834-1975 to schedule.**

We Pray

For all those souls who have gone on before us marked with the sign of faith, most especially, Richard Bapst and the souls in purgatory. May God, in His mercy, grant them eternal rest and give hopeful peace to those who mourn.



Easter Sunday, April 20th

7:30AM – Charles & Margaret Ponietowicz

9:30AM – Bob Sague

11AM – Ward & Helen Finn

Monday, April 21st

8:30AM – Louis Cappelli

Tuesday, April 22nd

8:30AM – Deceased Members of the

Brennan & Lowry Families

Wednesday, April 23rd

8:30AM – Walter J. Palmer, Jr.

Thursday, April 24th

8:30AM – Jean Dempsey

Friday, April 25^h

8:30 AM – Edward Mack – 15th Anniversary

Saturday, April 26th

8:30AM – Charles Walker

Vigil – Robert Corapi



Announced Masses for 2025 are available as well as Memorial Candles, Sanctuary Lamp, and Altar Bread Memorials. If you would like to check availability please stop by or call the Church Office at 610-834-1975.

Parish Committees

Please prayerfully consider lending your time and talents in helping our parish establish several new outreach programs. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule with collection box. We can only grow as a parish if, together, we all do our part, large or small in achieving our common goal.

Family Rosary

Join the Knights of Columbus on Wednesday, May 14th in the Church for our rosary. Bring your special intentions to our Mother Mary and ask her intercession.

Church Office will be closed Monday, April 21st



Please pray for our sick, the home-bound, and those in nursing homes, we particularly remember:

George Alburger, Nancy Bogdon, Charlie Day, Charlie Dickman, Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty, Dolores Downes, Eileen Drab, Winnie Headman, Johnny Higson, Vic Kost, Dawn Kownacki, Suzanne Kuliver, Phyllis Luther, Joan Marine, Terrence Martin, Hadleigh McCarthy, Rowan McNichol, Randy Milakofsky, Elizabeth Peirce, William Pinto, Maria Prince, Jim Schroeder, Michael Shaw, Helen Snyder, David Sparacino, George Szparagowski Sr, Betty Sparks, Brian Stenz, Amy Swift, Patricia Trioli, Frank Tulino, and Jamie Zaimes.

May God strengthen them in their struggle.

Our bulletin sick list will list the names of the sick for a 6-week period, if additional time is needed, please call the Church Office at 610-834-1975.

Sanctuary Memorials



Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of Brendan Gray, req'd by Frank Gray.

1 candle will burn at the statue of St. Joseph. In memory of Paul Sabol, req'd by His Family.

Bread & Wine used at all Masses this week are in memory of George & Mary Ball, req'd by Georgeann Foster.

*On behalf of myself, Fr. Redcay, Fr. Dooner, Deacon Mike and Deacon Rob, we pray that you and your families have a very blessed Easter. May the message of Easter sustain you and yours in your journey of faith. May His peace be with you all!
Fr. Szparagowski*

**2nd Collection Next Sunday
Capital Replacement**



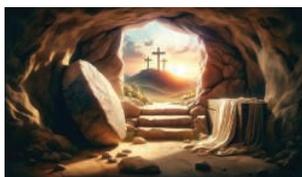
Alleluia He is risen! We give praise and thanks to God for the graces and blessings He has given us! This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad! On this glorious Easter Sunday, we gather as one Church, as one family, to celebrate the most important truth of our faith: *Jesus Christ has conquered sin and death!* The tomb is empty. Death no longer has the last word. The cross was not the end of the story – it was the path to victory. Let us pause and imagine ourselves standing outside the tomb with St. Mary Magdalene. She had come early in the morning, grieving, brokenhearted, and full of love. All she wanted was to be close to Jesus, even it meant simply caring for His body in death. But what she found was not what she expected. She found the stone rolled away. The body was gone. Confusion, fear, and sorrow filled her heart – until she heard Him speak her name. “*Mary.*” And with that, everything changed. The darkness of Good Friday gave way to the dazzling light of Easter morning. In that moment, Mary’s sorrow turned to joy. Her confusion became clarity. Her despair transformed into hope. And so must ours. Because what Mary Magdalene experienced at the tomb is not just *her* story – it is *our* story too. Whatever burden we bring here today – grief, sin, doubt, weariness – Easter tells us that Jesus meets us there. He calls us by name. And He offers new life. Jesus did not rise from the dead only for Himself. He rose for *us*. He took on our sin, bore our shame, entered into the very heart of death – then shattered it from within. Because of Easter, no sin is too heavy, no past too broken, no heart too far gone. He rose so that *we might have life with Him*. But Easter also brings a question: **Have we been living in the light of the Resurrection?** Have we, like Mary Magdalene, come searching for Jesus – even in our confusion or doubt – or have we stayed away? To anyone listening today who has been distant from the Church, or who carries wounds or regrets that have kept you or your loved ones away, please hear this: *You are welcome here*. The Father is waiting. Jesus rose from the dead not just to show His power, but to open wide the doors of mercy and reconciliation. There is room in the Church for you – whether you’ve been gone for a week, a year, or decades. Come Back. Bring your family. Bring your questions. Bring your wounds. Bring your heart. The empty tomb is an invitation – not just to believe that Jesus rose, but to live like it matters. To walk in hope. To love more deeply. To forgive more freely. To pray more faithfully. Easter is not just a day – it’s a way of life. A life that says death is not the end. A life that says grace is greater than sin. A life that knows we are never alone, because the Risen Christ walks with us. So today listen for Jesus calling our name. And let us run, like she did, to share the good news with the world: **Christ is risen! He is truly risen!** And let us carry this joy to those who have been far away. Invite the gently, lovingly, to come home. The Church is not a place for the perfect p it’s a place for the *resurrected*. The Father’s heart is open. He waits not with judgement, but with arms outstretched, just like His Son’s were on the cross. Today we celebrate Jesus’ victory. His victory over death. His victory over everything that seeks to steal our joy. Let us rejoice in this sacred gift and share it boldly. Alleluia! he is risen indeed! Amen.

May God Bless you all.

Please invite someone to Mass today.

St. Philip Neri, pray for us.

Fr. Szparagowski



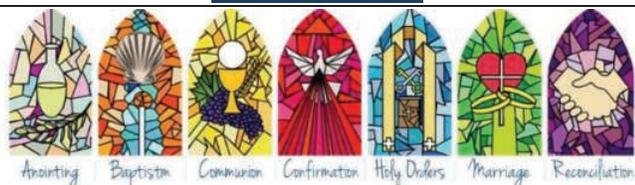
“He is not here; He is Risen”

Mother’s Day

Spiritual Bouquets

Spiritual Bouquet Cards for living or deceased mom’s will be available at the doors of the Church after Easter. Mother’s Day is May 11th.

Sacraments



Baptism

Baptisms are scheduled on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of every month immediately following the 11AM Mass.

Godparents need Letters of Eligibility, for first time parents the Pre-Jordan Class is required. Call the Church Office at 610-834-1975 to make arrangements.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made with a priest at least 6 months prior to wedding date. Pre-Cana classes are required, contact Church office at 610-834-1975.

Anointing of the Sick

Primarily intended as prayers and anointing for healing from serious illness or as a spiritual preparation before surgery. Last Rites or Extreme Unction are for those in danger of imminent death. Call rectory or Church Office.

Pre Jordan / Baptismal Instruction

If you are having your first child baptized, the archdiocese requires the parents to attend a Pre-Jordan Class. Deacon

Mike Cipressi hosts these virtual classes on a monthly basis. Call the Church Office at 610-834-1975.

Are you a Parent who has Lost a Child?

An informal group of moms & dads get together to talk or just listen. Contact Judy Sturm at 610-909-2034 or Karen Montgomery at 215-920-5269.

Project Hope

Provides transportation for needy people to a doctor's appointment or Sunday Mass.

Call Brigid at 267-879-6534.

Thank you from Patrician Society

The Saint Philip Neri Easter baskets were, as always, simply amazing! Thank you for all of your work in supporting literally thousands of persons who come to the Patrician Society Food Cupboard. We are currently working with nearly 2,000 needy families (comprised of more than 8,000 individuals) who seek our services on a regular basis all through the year. Thank you for living the Gospel values through this Lenten project. Best to all in the upcoming Easter Season!

Christ yesterday and today;
the beginning and the end;
the alpha and the omega.

All time belongs to Him, and all the ages,
to Him be glory and power
through every age and forever.

Amen.

Metropolitan Tribunal

The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church. If you are divorced and want to marry in the Church or remarried outside the Catholic Church, please call the Tribunal Office at 215-587-3750 or visit: www.archphila.org



Our parish on-line giving program is easy and can be stopped or adjusted at any time. Go to the parish website to sign up: www.saintphilipnerichurch.org in these busy times please do not forget your parish.

As always, thank you for your generosity!

Join the St. Monica Club

Are your loved ones drifting away from the Church? Do you worry they may not find their way back? You're not alone, and there is a way to make a difference. Follow the example of St. Monica and pray without ceasing! We'll meet April 22nd in the convent chapel. Together we pray for those we care about, share strategies to show love and support to those struggling with their faith. at 484-804-1875, please park in front of the garage and enter through the main door.

“Christ’s resurrection is the strength, the secret of Christianity. It is not a question of mythology or of mere symbolism, but of a concrete event. It is confirmed by sure and convincing proofs. The acceptance of this truth, although the fruit of the Holy Spirit’s grace, rests at the same time on a solid historical base. On the threshold of the third millennium, the new effort of evangelization can begin only from a renewed experience of this Mystery, accepted in faith and witnessed to in life.”

– St. John Paul II



Blessed Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Encounter Event
May 17th & 18th

Our parish is honored to host the Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Encounter Event as part of the ongoing Eucharistic Revival is the US. Blessed Carlos is set to be canonized a saint by Pope Francis on April 27th. He had a deep love for the Blessed Sacrament and used his technological abilities to develop a website cataloging all the Extraordinary Eucharistic Miracles that have occurred throughout the world. A display will be presented in the school cafeteria along with opportunities to venerate a first-class relic. Confessions will be available, along with adoration and a documentary video. Do not miss this wonderful opportunity to learn more about this remarkable young man. More details to come!



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DMI / Disciple Maker Index

Thank you to all who participated in the Archdiocesan DMI Survey. The completed survey's will be analyzed and results made available in several weeks. This is one tool in helping us access our parish's greatest strengths and opportunities to better prepare us for the future. Thank you!



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St. John's Hospice

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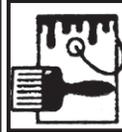
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