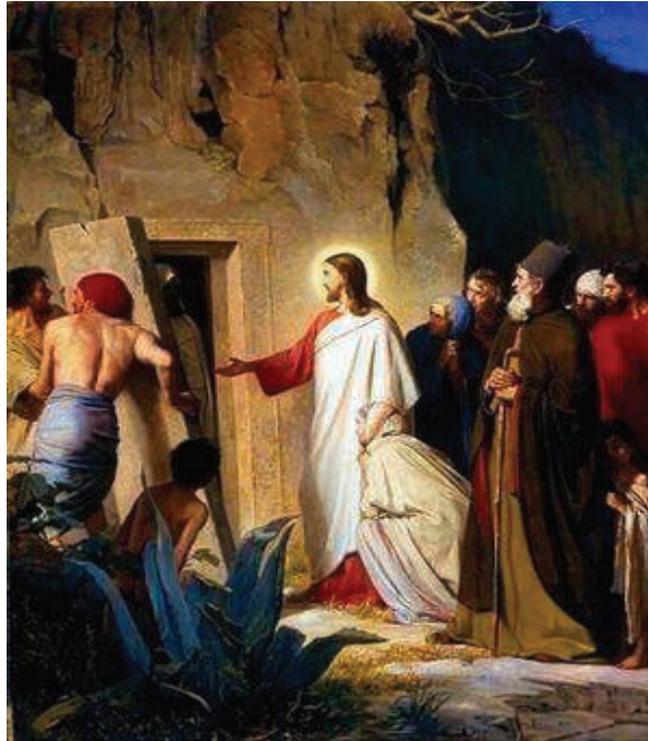


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“Lazarus, come out!”

5th Sunday in Lent / March 22nd, 2026



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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.

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**Parish Office is open Monday to Friday
from 7:30AM to 5PM.**



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



We Pray for our Beloved Deceased
For all those souls who have gone on before us marked with the sign of faith, most especially, Eleanor McDevitt and the souls in purgatory. May God, in His mercy, grant them eternal rest and give peace to those who mourn.



**Stations of the Cross
Every Friday in Lent at 7PM**

**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the
Church on Monday, April 13th, 9AM to 5PM.**

***"Our friend Lazarus is asleep,
But I am going to awaken him."***



5th Sunday of Lent

5PM Vigil

Adalgisa & Antonio Giulii

Sunday, March 22nd

7:30AM – Gilbert Dobbins – 2nd Anniversary

9:30AM – Christian Ciammetti – 32nd Birthday

11AM – Raymond Seminack

Monday, March 23rd

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

8:30AM – Julia Terlesky

Tuesday, March 24th

St. Oscar Romero

8:30AM – Michael Meehan

Wednesday, March 25th

Annunciation of the Lord

8:30AM – Angeline & Michael DeAngelis

Thursday, March 26th

8:30AM – Clare Fisher – 24th Anniversary

Friday, March 27th

8:30AM – Tom McEnaney III

Saturday, March 28th

8:30AM – Thomas J. Gursky

Vigil – Steven Rheam



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of Macaitis & Pisarek Families, req'd by their family.
2 candles will burn at the statue of the Blessed Mother, 1 in memory of Mildred Miller, req'd by Eileen Gravinese.
1 for a special intention.
A candle will burn at the statue of St. Joseph in memory of deceased members of the Gravinese Family, req'd by Eileen Gravinese.



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

George Alburger, Elisa Berry,

Jimmy Breen, Nancy Bogdon, Tom Bonk,

Charlie Dickman, Claire DiDonato, Kathleen Grundy,

Andrew Donohue, Emily Donhauser, Lisa Dougherty,

Dolores Downes, Eileen Drab, Catherine Hangholt,

Johnny Higson, Suzanne Kulliver, Ed Kortonick,

Judith Lins, Phyllis Luther, Joan Marine,

Terrence Martin, Rowan McNichol,

Randy Milakofsky, Donovan Mitchell, Anne Navarra,

William Pinto, Maria Prince, Baby Colson Robert Riday,

Patrick Ryan, Nicole Sachs, Michael Shaw, Chris Solarski,

David Sparacino, Betty Sparks, Brian Stenz, Amy Swift,

Patricia Trioli, Frank Tulino, and Dyane Westerfer.

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.

Are you a Parent who has Lost a Child?

An informal group of moms & dads get together to talk or just listen. Contact Jeanne Keough at 215-200-6070 or Karen Montgomery at 215-920-5269.

Project H.O.P.E.

A group of concerned parishioners who are willing to assist others in need of rides to doctor's appointments or to Church,
Call Brigid Isackman at 267-879-6534

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.

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**"I am the resurrection and the life,
says the Lord; whoever believes in me,
even if he dies, will never die."**



Dear St. Philip Neri Family and Friends,

We give praise and thanks to God for His graces and blessings in our lives. The Gospel of John tells us the moving story of Lazarus and the deep love of Jesus Christ. When Jesus comes to the tomb of His friend, the Gospel gives us the shortest verse in Scripture: “Jesus wept.” Those two words reveal something powerful. They show us the humanity of Jesus. Jesus is the Son of God, yet He shares fully in our human experience. He knows grief. He knows the pain of loss. He knows what it feels like to stand at the grave of someone we love. Many of us know that feeling. We know what it is like to lose a parent, a spouse, a sibling, or a dear friend. We miss them deeply. Their absence leaves an ache in our hearts. Just like Martha and Mary said to Jesus, many of us have cried out in our own sorrow. Yet this Gospel also reminds us that death is not the end for those who belong to God. As Catholics, we believe something beautiful and profound. At every Mass, heaven and earth come together. The Church teaches that when we gather around the altar, we are not alone. The angels and saints in heaven and the souls of the faithful departed are united with us in prayer and praise of God. They attend every Mass. When we celebrate the Eucharist, we join in the worship of heaven itself. This is something I often remind people when they miss their loved ones who have gone before them. Yes, we miss them dearly. We feel their absence in our homes and in our daily lives. But when we come to Mass, we are closer to them than we may realize. The souls of the faithful departed are present in the great communion of the Church. They join in praising and worshipping God. In a mysterious but very real way, when we come to Mass, they are beside us, worshipping God with us. They come and sit right next to us. Talk to our loved ones at that moment. When we bow before Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, we are joining the worship of heaven. The saints adore Christ. The angels adore Him. And the souls who have gone before us in faith also praise Him. So, when you come to Mass and you miss someone you love, remember this:

You are not separated in the way the world thinks.

The communion of the Church is stronger than death.

They are close.

They are praising God.

And together—with the Church on earth and the Church in heaven—we worship the Lord present in the Eucharist.

Please invite someone to Mass today.

St. Philip Neri, pray for us.

Fr. Szparagowski

Parish Confessions
Wednesday, March 25th - 7PM



Wednesday, March 25th

Confessions with visiting priests at 7PM

Wednesday April 1st

Stations of the Cross at 7PM

Holy Thursday, April 2nd

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7PM

A concelebrated Mass of the Lord's Supper with the Washing of Feet. Chapel will be open for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:30 PM.

Good Friday, April 3rd

Morning Prayer at 9AM

Midday Prayer at Noon

Passion & Death of the Lord at 3PM

During the liturgy, communion will be distributed and Veneration of the Cross.

&

Tenebrae Service at 7PM

Holy Saturday, April 4th

Morning Prayer at 9AM followed by

Blessing of food baskets

Confessions from Noon to 1PM

Easter Vigil at 7PM

Liturgy of Light

Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy of the Eucharist

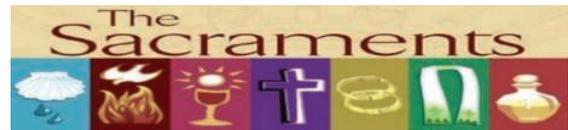
Easter Sunday, April 5th

Masses at 7:30AM, 9:30AM & 11AM



2nd Collection – Snow Removal

We come to our parishioners to ask for help when the parish faces special projects/events. We will be taking up a 2nd collection on Palm Sunday, **March 29th** at all Masses. Please help if you can to defray the extraordinary costs the parish incurred because of recent snow storms. We don't take your generosity for granted and hesitate to ask but we incurred costs of almost \$50,000.00. Thank you!



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.

Metropolitan Tribunal

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



Adoration to Pray for Vocations

Spend one hour each week before the Blessed Sacrament praying for vocations. For locations go to: www.heedthecall.org/vocations/resources



Calling all hams!

Local supermarkets offer a free ham to customers with bonus points. If you would like to donate yours, Cindy will be collecting them on Monday, March 30th starting at 7:45AM outside the Church. She will be taking them to the Patrician Society in Norristown. Call Church office with questions, 610-825-1975.

St. Monica Club

Do you have a loved ones who have drifted away from the Church? Join us on Tuesday, March 24th in the Convent Chapel as we pray together, support one another, and share hope in God's faithfulness. For more info contact: Sharon Otto at 484-804-1875.



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Come, witness the night the world held its breath.
Tenebrae
A Service of Darkness

Step into the ancient darkness of Good Friday as scripture, silence, and candlelight lead us into the Mystery of Christ's Passion. Each extinguished flame deepens the shadows in a night of piercing music and profound prayer, drawing us into the powerful journey of Christ's sacrifice.

Good Friday • April 3, 2026 • 7:00 PM

Presider: Rev. George Szparagowski
Sacred Music by: Laudate Dominum Choir,
Schola Cantorum, and Vox Lumina Strings

**"Time is not our own
and we must give a strict account of it."**
St. Turibius / Feast Day March 23rd



Join Fr. Szparagowski & Fr. Michael Reilly on a jubilee journey to Fatima, Lourdes & Barcelona. Sept. 2nd to 13th, 11 days, 10 nights Daily breakfast, transfers between destinations, guided visits to Catholic sites & landmarks, daily Mass and cultural tours and much more!

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Information Meeting

Monday, March 23rd

7:00PM School Cafeteria

Itinerary and all details of the trip will be discussed.
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The Inn is running short of supplies. Especially needed are large tea bags, paper towels, cooking oil, soup, sugar, travel size toiletries, razors, deodorant, blankets, jackets, backpacks, hoodies, sneakers, sweatpants and children's clothes. Collection box is in Church vestibule.



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