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MON – SUN 9:00AM – 3:00PM

Web Site: www.saintphilipnerichurch.org

Eucharist**Sunday Mass Schedule**

Saturday Vigil
5:00 pm Church

Sunday
8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am Church

Daily Mass 6:30pm

Monday – Thursday Chapel

Friday Chapel

1st Saturday of the Month 9:00am Church

Adoration First Friday of the month Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are held every Saturday 4:00 – 4:45PM and also by appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick

The sacrament can be ministered to anyone with serious illness. Please notify the Parish Office when a parishioner is hospitalized. The patient or a family member must request a visit by the priest, deacon or lay minister at the hospital. If you are unable to attend Church and wish to receive Holy Communion, please call the Parish Office to make arrangements, 410-859-0571 ex 216.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Preparation for those who wish to come into the church is in progress. Anyone interested in coming into the church, please call the Religious Center at 410-859-0571.

Marriage Couples who are planning to marry must contact the church one year prior to the wedding date. We ask that you contact us before you make any other arrangements. Engaged couples are also required to complete the Saint Philip Neri Marriage Program. Contact Margaret at the Religious Center 410-859-0571 Ex. 224.

Baptism Those who want to have their children, expected child, or newly born Baptized, please call the Parish Center, at 410-859-0571 Ex. 224 to register for one of the series of classes. Classes will be held in January, March, May, June, September & November,

Confirmation The Sacrament is conferred upon our 10th to 12th grade high school students. This is a two year program beginning the end of 8th grade. For further information contact the Religious Center at 410-859-0571 Ex. 224

“52 GOOD Reasons to Go To Church”

Besides the Obvious Ones

By: Paul McFate

Reason # 47

A Sense of Purpose

Is there a purpose to our existence? Some people have observed how curious it is that millions of us go about our daily lives, year after year, without knowing why. A number of studies have been conducted to determine whether people have a sense of purpose.

G. Richards did a survey of 345 members of a nondenominational prayer group published in the *Journal of Psychology and Theology* in 1991. He found, as other researchers have, that people who pray find a greater sense of purpose in life. Other studies have confirmed this finding, and one large study conducted C. G. Ellison, D.A. Gay and T.A. Glass linked this sense of purpose with greater life satisfaction.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of all the faithful departed. May they rest peacefully in the arms of the Lord.

PLEASE PRAY



**FOR THE RECENTLY
HOSPITALIZED AND SICK**

DEACON'S PONDERINGS

I've been pondering wives. We all have wonderful wives. I was going to write some comments about wives, but there is a reading from Sirach. I cannot improve upon. I want to share that reading with you. Keep in mind that what follows is inspired writing. "Happy the husband of a good wife, twice-lengthened are his days; A worthy wife brings joy to her husband, peaceful and full is his life. A good wife is a generous gift bestowed upon him who fears the Lord; Be he rich or poor, his heart is content, and a smile is ever on his face. ... A gracious wife delights her husband, her thoughtfulness puts flesh on his bones; A gift from the Lord is her governed speech, and her firm virtue is of surpassing worth. Choicest of blessings is a modest wife, priceless her chaste person. Like the sun rising in the Lord's heavens, the beauty of a virtuous wife is the radiance of her home. Like the light that shines above the holy lampstand, are her beauty of face and graceful figure. Golden columns on silver bases are her shapely limbs and steady feet. (Sirach 26: 1-4 and 13-18) Husbands: Thank God for your wonderful wives-thank Him everyday.

Please pray for me. I always pray for you. I love you. Deacon Bob

PS: The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." (Ex. 33:14)

SODALITY



The **ROSARY** intention for January is for all vocations to the Priesthood.

Masses this week...

Monday **JANUARY 18**
6:30pm Mass Chapel

Tuesday **JANUARY 19**
6:30pm Mass Chapel

Wednesday **JANUARY 20**
6:30pm Mass Chapel

Thursday **JANUARY 21**
6:30pm Mass Chapel

Friday **JANUARY 22**
6:30 pm Mass Chapel

Saturday **JANUARY 23**
5:00pm Mass Church

Sunday **JANUARY 24**
8:00am Mass Church
9:30am Mass for Parishioners of SPN Church
11:00am Mass Church

Scripture Readings for the Week

Mon	1Sm 15: 16-23	Mk 2: 18-22
Tues	1Sm 16: 1-13	Mk 2: 23-28
Wed	1Sm 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51	Mk 3: 1-6
Thurs	1Sm 18: 6-9, 19: 1-7	Mk 3: 7-12
Fri	1Sm 24: 3-21	Mk 3: 13-19
Sat	2Sm 1: 1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27	Mk 3: 20-21
Sun	Neh 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-1 1Cor 12: 12-30	Lk 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21

LITURGY CORNER

The Sacrament of Reconciliation, Part I

Indeed the Sacrament of Reconciliation with God brings about a true "spiritual resurrection," restoration of the dignity and blessings of the life of the children of God, of which the most precious is friendship with God. (Catechism, #1468)As we celebrate the holy season of Lent it is a good idea to review our approach to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, so let's take a moment and examine the Sacrament. The traditional form for the beginning of the celebration of the Sacrament is useful because it gives the priest an indication of both when your last Confession was, and some idea of the frequency with which you use the Sacrament, so beginning with the Sign of the Cross the penitent says: "Forgive me Father, for I have sinned. It has been (fill in a time interval, e.g. 2 weeks, 3 months, 10 years, etc.) since my last confession."

At that point, the penitent recounts his or her sins, perhaps introducing them by simply stating: "I have committed the following sins" or words to that effect. The traditional emphasis in the Church is to specify the sins, and some idea of how often you have committed them, for example: "I used the Name of the Lord inappropriately 5 times." The practice of the Roman Catholic Church requires the penitent to specify all mortal sins that he or she is aware of. It is very important to bear in mind that the purpose of this part of the Confession is to focus on repenting for sins. During this repentance, we take personal responsibility for our sins. Therefore, it is not helpful to go into great detail about the circumstances surrounding the sin. That tends to blur the focus, which is our taking responsibility for our sin and repenting for it. For example, it is not necessary to build a whole story behind the action, e.g. "Yesterday I was talking with a friend and she said something that made me so angry that I spoke harshly to her" should simply be stated as: "I spoke harshly to a friend." It is so easy for us to fall into including justifications and rationalizations in the description of our sins and this should be avoided. Focus simply on the sin. If the confessor feels like he needs more information about a particular event, he will ask for it. This is not a counseling session, a session for pastoral care, or a time for spiritual direction. This is a time when we, in an honest, simple, and straightforward fashion, repent of our sins and bring them to God for His forgiveness and the grace to change. The Father loves to share with us His mercy, but the more directly we repent, the more directly we open ourselves to that mercy. For example, note the difference between saying: "I committed the sin of masturbation" and "I am having trouble with masturbation." One, the first, is a straightforward acknowledgment of sin. The other is an ambiguous comment that stops short of actually acknowledging our sin. One of the Devil's delights is to try to obscure our sin and minimize our repentance. Let's be honest and straightforward as we bring our sin to God for His forgiveness, that He may lavish on us His mercy, as He delights to do!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

BAPTISM NEWS:

Effective February 1, 2010: Baptisms will be administered on the third Sunday of the month at either a regular scheduled Mass or at 12:15 pm. Please contact Margaret Elliott in the Parish Office to schedule.

PARISH NEWS

Father Lippold's permanent address:

Mercy Ridge – St. Stephen's Green
Room 311

2525 Potts Spring Road
Timonium, MD 21093

MEN'S CLUB

We would like to invite all Men to attend our meetings. The Men's Club meet every 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday of every month in the Parish Center.

Keep February 28, 2010 open, it is our annual Stag Bull Roast. Look for more information to follow on upcoming bull

CHOIR

Adult choir practice has begun. Rehearsal is from 6:45 pm to 7:30 pm in the church. For more information, please call Karen Strecker

SOCIAL OUTREACH MINISTRY

It's not too late to purchase your tickets for **BID FOR HOPE LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION.**

The Mardi Gras Live Silent Auction is being held on January 31, 2010 from 2-6pm and it helps raise funds for the Arundel House of Hope Homeless Day Center and Resource Program, which sponsors the Winter Relief Program for the Homeless each year.

WHAT A WONDERFUL GIFT FOR THE PERSON WHO HAS EVERYTHING.

The fund raising event will be hosted at the La Fontaine Bleue in Glen Burnie, Maryland.

Auction items will include sports memorabilia: Ravens, Orioles and Blast tickets; airline travel and much more. Single tickets are \$40. Tables of Ten are available for \$350. Menu will include:

Maryland Crab Soup
Appetizers of Fruit and Cheese
Dips and Crackers
Baltimore Style Pit Roast Beef
Chicken and Fish
Western Maryland Pit Roast Ham
Carolina Pulled Pork Barbeque
Sides, Dessert Selections, Tea, Coffee and
Soda

Thank You

From The Social Outreach Ministry

A very special Thank You to everyone for your participation during the Advent and Christmas Season! Through your generosity and caring we were able to provide Christmas for over 80 children and their families. In addition, we were able to donate food, gifts, hats, gloves, water and many other items for a Christmas celebration at a neighboring shelter. May God Bless you as you have blessed so many this Christmas Season!

H.O.P.E. (for All) needs and updates can be found by visiting www.hopeforall.us and the glass show case in the North Lobby.

RCIA
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



How does our parish attract inquirers each year who consider becoming Catholic?

The short answer is **YOU!** When any parish has many inquirers year after year, it is the fruit of the Holy Spirit as parish members open their hearts to welcome others. Members of a welcoming and evangelizing community take seriously their call to share the Divine message of salvation. It happens in parish families, in the workplace, in gatherings with friends and neighbors, and in daily contacts. Give thanks to God as He continuously strengthens each of us who seek to do his will in offering a gentle, humble, and clear welcome to the Catholic faith.

“Go out into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.” (Mark 16:15)

SCHOOL NEWS

All the students, faculty and staff of SPN School would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

School News is submitted by:
Cecelia Hildebrand-Development Director



PARENT NIGHT OUT

You and your spouse can enjoy an evening out with babysitting provided by Girl Scout Troop 1588

WHEN: February 5, 2010

WHERE: St. Philip Neri Parish Center

TIME: 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm

AGE LEVEL: 3 to 9 years old

COST PER EVEING: \$5.00 per child. This covers Cost for activities, pizza, snacks and drinks.

Troop members have received their Babysitting Certification and will be supervised by adult troop leaders.

Please email Maryann Kulesz at RAKAK@aol.com or Jane Jarzynski at JaneJarz@msn.com for this evening.

REGISTER EARLY. SPACE IS LIMITED!

THE ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

WHEN I CALLED, YOU ANSWERED ME... (PSALM 138:3)

The Archbishop’s Annual Appeal is now underway. Many of our parishioners have received a mailing from Archbishop O’Brien. He has asked that you make a pledge to the 2010 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal.

The Appeal not only funds the operations of the Archdiocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is, “When I called, you answered me.” Our contributions to our parish and our Archdiocese serve as a sign of our gratitude not only for God’s answers to our prayers but also as a sign of our recognition that all that we are and all that we have are gifts given to us by God.

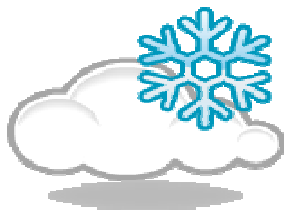
Your gift will enable archdiocesan support of ministry, education, and service that touch thousands of lives not only in our Archdiocese but throughout the world.

Please answer the Archbishop’s request and make a generous pledge. All pledges can be billed in ten monthly installments. Thank you in advance for your support.

Catholic Alumni Club of Baltimore, Inc.

Are you single? Interested in meeting people and developing friendships? The Catholic Alumni Club, a social organization for single professional Catholics, is looking for you. Our monthly activities include dinners, movies, cultural events, picnics, sports, religious events, and charitable activities. For information call 410-580-1250 or info@cacbaltimore.org Check out our website at www.cacbaltimore.org

St Philip Neri Sacrificial Giving
For weekend of
January 9 – January 10, 2010
Offertory: \$10,191.86
Poor Box: \$186.00
Attendance 1276
If you would like more information concerning the Parish budget or expenses, please feel free to contact Fr. Dale at 410-859-0571 ext. 219



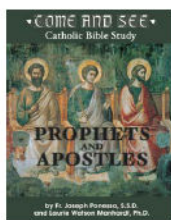
Severe Weather Policy

Please note that the Parish has a severe weather policy that is based on Anne Arundel County weather advisories. Monday through Friday, if the County has issued a snow (or severe weather) advisory, the Parish Center will be closed for the staff and all Parish activities are cancelled. Should a severe weather emergency happen on a Saturday or Sunday, Masses will be held as scheduled. Additionally, all other parish activities will be cancelled and the parish offices will be closed until the emergency is lifted. Please tune your radio to WBAL station 1090AM. We will make every effort to announce closing on this station.



Catholic Bible Study

PROPHETS & APOSTLES



In this Bible Study, you will encounter the writings of eleven prophets and five apostles. Learn how the prophecies of the Old Testament prophets were fulfilled in the New Testament and addressed by the New Testament apostles. This study offers an integrated approach to the Scripture, with references to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the saints, and the early Church Fathers.

Sundays, for 20 weeks, beginning Feb. 7th after the 9:30 Mass.

Meet in the rectory.

To register, send \$20.00 to Marge Fair in the Parish Office by Jan. 27th.

YOUTH GROUP

The St. Philip Neri Youth Group is open to all middle and high school aged students. Our focus is growing in faith and relationship with Jesus Christ, while having fun and building meaningful friendships. We do this through meetings, reading the Bible, youth driven Masses, service activities, fun activities, and attending youth conferences and other trips.

Contact Hilary Bateman at hsterrett@berklee.net or (443) 867-7947.

High School Meeting Dates Middle School Meeting Dates
(6-8 in the School Library) (7-8:30 in the School Library)
Sunday, January 24
Thursday, January 28
Sunday, February 7 Thursday, February 11

Other Upcoming Events:

Thursday, January 21- **Youth Ministry Organizational Meeting/ Volunteer Job Fair:** All parishioners 21 years and older and parents of youth are invited to talk/ brainstorm/ see how your gifts and time can help the youth of our parish in this new year. The meeting will be held from 7-8 in the rectory.

Friday, January 29- Saturday, January 30 **Theology of the Body Lock-In-** This will be a time of fun, learning, prayer, discussion and reflection. Teens will want to hear what Pope John Paul II had to say about the true beauty and worth of the human person and the gift of sexuality which God has given each of us. It's not about a list of rules; it's about love. The lock-in will take place at St. Philip Neri and will begin at 7:00 Friday night and end with 5:00 Mass on Saturday. CONTACT HILARY BATEMAN TO SIGN UP OR TO VOLUNTEER BY THURSDAY, JAN. 21.

*Sunday, February 21- 5:00 **Youth Driven Mass/ Pizza and Paint a Bowl Party** (to raise money for St. Vincent de Paul). **Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers and their families are invited!** The cost to paint a bowl is \$10. We did this last year and had a lot of fun while helping others.

Wednesday, February 24- We will serve dinner, make lunches, and hang out with the homeless at **St. Christopher's Episcopal Church** in Linthicum. (This is in partnership with Arundel House of Hope's Winter Relief program.) Middle School and High School students and their families are invited to be a part of this night

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Philip Neri Council #14612 of the Knights of Columbus meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the Parish Center Hall and the 4th Wednesday of the month in the rectory. Both meetings start at 8:00pm.

Check out our blog at: <http://linthicumknights.blogspot.com>

The Reverend Dale M. Picarella

invites you to share in the

Mass of Thanksgiving

commemorating the

Silver Jubilee

of his

Ordination to the Priesthood

to be offered in

Saint Philip Neri Church

6405 Orchard Road

Linthicum, Maryland

on Sunday,

the thirty-first of January

Two thousand and ten at

eleven o'clock in the morning

Reception starts at 12:00 noon.

A Buffet Reception

will follow in

Msgr. Zorbach Hall

RSVP to 410-859-0571 by

January 18th.

CROSS INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC OUTREACH

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to thank you for your most generous response to our ministry Cross International Catholic Outreach during my weekend visit on October 31 – November 1, 2009. Your donations of \$7,869.00 will have a direct impact in the lives of the poorest of the poor.

May the Lord continue to bless all of you for your love and support!

*Sincerely,
Father Paul Farin*



BINGO BLAST

WHERE: The Church of the Good Shepherd
1451 Furnace Avenue, Glen Burnie

WHEN: Sunday, February 14, 2010

TIME: Doors open at 12:30 pm
Games start at 2:00 pm
8 cards for regular games and 4 cards for
Specials.

A \$20.00 donation provides you with a spaghetti & meatballs platter, coffee and soda all afternoon.

Call 410-761-8291 for more information.