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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 Church

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 # 43

Better Maternal Influence

We have noted that fathers who attend church often have significant impact on their children, and that absent fathers (even emotionally absent fathers) can be a predictor of juvenile delinquency in children.

What about mothers? A study by V.A. Foshee and B.R. Hollinger published in the *Journal of Early Adolescence* in 1996, made some interesting observations. They looked at the effects of maternal influence on 1,553 teenagers (ages twelve to fourteen). They found that children of religious mothers were less likely to use alcohol.

Perhaps more interesting were the results of comparing the children of mothers who did not attend church, but who felt religion was important, to the children of mothers who did attend church. The study revealed that, for the most part, only mothers who actually made the weekly trip to church had a significant effect on their children's alcohol use.



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 Jesus. We come to Mass on Sunday, receive Holy Communion and go home. For many of us that is the end of it. We know intellectually that Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary, taught the Good News, suffered, died on the cross, and then rose from the dead. Even though we know all of this, do we really know Jesus and are we ready to make a commitment to Jesus. When was the last time we sat in silence and considered who Jesus is and what He did for us? Do we praise the Father through Jesus and ask the Holy Spirit to help us pray? Consider taking some time and meditate on who Jesus is and what He has done for us. During this Christmas season consider the baby Jesus and what He will become: the suffering Christ who died to save us from our sins. He has made it possible for us to enjoy eternal life with Him in heaven. When you have considered who Jesus is and what He has done for you and that you are now able to one day be with Him in Heaven are you now ready to make a commitment to Jesus. Are you now ready to follow Him, to accept Him, and to be like Him 24/7? Please pray for me. I always pray for you. I love you.

Deacon Bob

PS: To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness. (Ecc.2:26)

SODALITY



The ROSARY intention for December is for all to be generous to the poor and needy of our community.

Masses this week...

Monday **DECEMBER 21**
No 6:30 pm Mass

Tuesday **DECEMBER 22**
6:30pm Mass Chapel

Wednesday **DECEMBER 23**
6:30pm Mass Chapel

Thursday **DECEMBER 24**
5:00pm Mass Church
7:00pm Mass Church
12:00am Midnight Mass Church

Friday **DECEMBER 25**
9:00am Mass Church
MERRY CHRISTMAS

Saturday **DECEMBER 26**
5:00pm Mass Church

Sunday **DECEMBER 27**
8:00am Mass Church
9:30am Mass for Parishioners of SPN Church
11:00am Mass Church

Scripture Readings for the Week

Mon	Sg 2: 18-24	Lk 1: 39-45
Tues	1 Sm 1: 24-28	Lk 46-56
Wed	Mal 3: 1-4, 23-24	Lk 1: 57-66
Thurs	Is 62: 1-5 Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25	Mt 1: 1-25
Fri	Is 9:1-6 ti 3: 47 Lk 2: 15-20	Is 52: 7-10
	Heb 1: 1-6	Jn 1:1-18
Sat	Acts 6: 8-10, 7: 54-59	Mt 10: 17-22
Sun	Sir 3: 2-7, 12-14 Col3: 12-21	Lk 2: 41-52

Advent Reconciliation Service

Monday, December 21, 2009
7:00 pm

Good Shepherd Church

There will be no 6:30pm Mass on Monday,
December 21, 2009

For a calendar of Parish Events check out
our website at

www.saintphilipnerichurch.org

LITURGY CORNER

The Days of Awe.

Some Jews have an expression they use to refer to their high holy days. They call them: "the days of awe." It is a fitting title to the days that encompass the heart of their understanding of their relationship with God. How much more then should we as Christians, who live in the actual fulfilment of all that the Jews hoped for, see these coming days, this Holy Week, as Days of Awe? On the first of the Three Days, Holy Thursday, to prepare our hearts (even as Jesus used it to prepare the hearts of those early apostles, that they may have the strength to endure what was to come) to celebrate His saving death, He gives us His Holy Body and Blood, forever transcending and transforming Passover into His Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There we receive, no longer simply the commemoration of the bread of haste that our spiritual ancestors ate as they fled from the slavery of Egypt, but Jesus Himself, Body and Blood, soul and Divinity. By that same action, He established in His Church His priesthood, that He may be made sacramentally present to His People until the time of His Return, nourishing them with the Bread of Life and the Cup of Eternal Salvation. That priesthood which we solemnly reaffirm that evening at the Chrism Mass, where all the priests gather in the Cathedral Church and, solemnly united with their bishop, once again lay down their lives in holy covenant with the Lord Jesus, the great High Priest, that they may serve the People He has sent them to, offering them Jesus Himself, the Bread of Life. Strengthened by that Holy Bread and Saving Cup, we have the grace and courage we need to face the second of the days, Good Friday, during which we recall to our minds and hearts again the Passion and Death of the Lord, as we see once more the magnitude of His Love poured for us on the Cross the Cross we then venerate as a sign of our surrender to Him. The Jews celebrate, with great solemnity, Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. What a greater wonder it is for us, to actually celebrate the fulfillment of the Day of Atonement: Good Friday, when the Atonement itself actually happens not the result of an animal sacrifice or ritual prayer, but the celebration of the life giving atonement of the Incarnate Son of God Himself, as He pours Himself out for us on the Cross.

Then, after a day of waiting and prayer, we gather together as a People, encouraging each other as we listen to the Holy Word of God, keeping a sacred Vigil. We immerse ourselves in His Word, which calls us to have faith in His saving acts and trust in His Return, until the moment our hearts long for, when the Light once more shines in the darkness and the Alleluia once more breaks forth: He is Risen! Glory! Alleluia! He is Risen! This year we will also have the great joy of receiving into full communion with Jesus and His Church those whom He has sent to our parish community of faith, who have prepared themselves by study and prayer and now wish to join their lives to ours. What a great joy that is, what a sign of hope for us! What Days of Awe indeed!

Christmas receives its meaning in Light of the Paschal Mystery. As one ancient Christian Leader said: "In the incarnation are the seeds of redemption."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Religious Education Teachers and Staff would like to wish you a prayerful Advent Season.

CONFIRMATION NEWS:

REMINDER: All candidates preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in March 2010, your classes will start on January 3rd at 10:30 in classroom 7A or 8A your teachers will meet you at the classroom. If you have not already turned all your paperwork in that is due by January 17th, it can be turned in anytime between now and January 17th.

PARISH NEWS

Father Lippold's permanent address:

Mercy Ridge – St. Stephen's Green
Room 311
2525 Potts Spring Road
Timonium, MD 21093

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

Envelopes for Christmas flower memorials will be in the December packet of weekly offering envelopes. Additional envelopes will be available at the usher tables for those who do not receive weekly offering envelopes through the mail. The names of the donors and the person being remembered will be listed in the bulletin the weekend of January 2/3.

Your generosity to the Christmas Flower Memorials enables us to beautify our Church, not only for the Christmas season, but throughout the year with fresh flowers. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council is being formed at the present moment. Anyone interested in serving please contact Fr. Dale at 410-859-0571 EX. 219 for a meeting

SOCIAL OUTREACH MINISTRY

It's that time of the year again for the Arundel House of Hope's **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 CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR THE PERSON ON YOUR LIST WHO HAS EVERYTHING.

The fund raising event will be hosted at the La Fontaine Bleue in Glen Burnie, Maryland. St. Johns Lutheran Church, St. Christopher's Episcopal Church and St. Philip Neri Roman Catholic Church are the sponsoring churches this year. The event is also supported by the participation of **AHOH** Winter Relief Churches.

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

We understand the conflict with the 25th Anniversary celebration for Father Dale on the same date. However, Father Dale's celebration is from 12-2pm and the auction does not begin until 2pm. Perhaps you can make a day of it and attend both... Thank you for your continued support. For tickets to the event, please contact: Alma Grossman at 410-859-0571 ext:220

SCHOOL NEWS

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)

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.

Christmas music will begin a half hour before the 7:00 p.m. and Midnight Christmas eve Masses and 15 minutes prior to the 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 Christmas morning Masses.

YOUTH GROUP

Merry Christmas! Youth Group meetings will resume in January.

Join the Youth Group!

All middle school and high school aged students are invited to join the youth group! Simply show up at a meeting to see what it's about or you can contact Hilary Bateman at hsterrett@berklee.net for more info.

Seeking Volunteers!

Help is needed for:

*Theology of the Body H.S. Retreat

*Upcoming Quarter Auction Fundraiser

Contact Hilary Bateman at hsterrett@berklee.net

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, Dec. 20- Help make the season bright for others by **Christmas Caroling at Heart Homes** (Assisted Living facility) in Linthicum from 7-8 p.m. Middle school and high school students and their families are welcome to attend.

We will meet at Heart Homes, which is located at 806 Camp Meade Rd.

Sunday January 10- Next 5:00 Youth Driven Mass followed by a high school meeting from 6-8 in the school Library.

Thursday, January 14- Middle school meeting from 7-8:30 in the school Library.

January 29-30: **Theology of the Body High School**

Retreat- more info to come!

First Graders Ride the Polar Express

Four years ago, Mrs. Flynn and Mrs. Jones, our two first grade teachers, started a school day tradition that takes place in December called Polar Express Day.

The teachers recreate the story of the Polar Express right in their classrooms as an entire day's lesson. To prepare for the day, each of the teachers read the book to their students a week before the big day.

On the morning of Polar Express Day, the students come to school dressed in pajamas, robes and slippers.

Polar Express activities are incorporated into all the subjects of the day. During language arts, the students do a writing project, answering the question, "If I took a real train ride, where would I go and why?"

In the afternoon the students board the make-believe Polar Express train. Chairs are set up in one of the first grade classrooms that represent the look of a passenger car of a train. To board the train, students must show their special Polar Express tickets that are punched by the conductor, better known as Mrs. Flynn, their teacher. Once in their seats the excitement begins. The students each receive a bell necklace to wear, are served hot chocolate and train-shaped sugar cookies and, of course, watch the movie, Polar Express.

Christmas Vacation

St. Philip Neri School will be closed from December 21st to January 3rd. School will reopen on Monday, January 4, 2010.

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

School News is submitted by:

Cecelia Hildebrand-Development Director

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

We would like to invite all local young adults (ages 18-35) to one of our weekly meetings.

1st & 3rd Monday's of the Month

7:15 Talk/Discussion in the Rectory

2nd Monday of the Month

7:15 Evening Prayer/Praise & Worship in the Church

4th Monday of the Month

7:15 Dinner/Game in the Rectory

All are invited to come to 6:30 Mass in the Chapel before the Young Adult Meeting. Want to know more? Email us at spneri.yam@gmail.com. Hope to see you soon!

St. Philip Neri Catholic Church

Wednesday, December 30, 2009
2:00pm to 8:00pm
Parish Center
6405 Orchard Road
Linthicum, MD 21090

Please contact Richard MacLean to schedule your Life-saving donation.

Gift for all Participants!!!

Bottles and magazines aren't the only things you can recycle. When you donate blood through the American Red Cross, it's like donating a part of yourself. Please make an appointment today.

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 up on in upcoming bulletins.

Professional Healthcare Resources

THE BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM OF Professional Healthcare Resources is offering a **Six-week Bereavement Outreach Network Seminar**. This BON Seminar is designed especially for adults of all ages grieving the death of a loved one. The Group will meet at the:

Charlestown Retirement Community,
715 Maiden Choice Lane, 21228
on Thursday afternoons from
January 28th through March 4, 2010
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Pre-registration is required. There is no fee for the entire 6 week session. Please contact Fred Schneider L.C.S.W.-C @410-735-5569 for registration and questions.

THANK YOU **FATHER JOHN LIPPOLD**

On Saturday, December 26, 2009 Fr. Lippold will Concelebrate the 5:00 p.m Mass with Fr. Dale Picarella at Saint Philip Neri Church. A reception with light refreshment will follow in the Msgr. Zorbach Hall immediately following the Mass.

Please join us as we take this opportunity to thank Fr. Lippold for the many years of dedicated service he has given to the Saint Philip Neri Community.

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>



"Keep Christ in Christmas" Cards

The cards are sale in the North Lobby by the St. Philip Knights of Columbus Council after all Masses on Sundays.

Remember, Christmas is **less than a week** away!!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

"Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Mother Seton #2119, would like to thank everyone that support there 50/50 to help their charities. Congratulations to Anne Smith who was our winner."

God Bless,

Margaret Elliott
Religious Education
St. Philip Neri



SPN-SENIORS - SPRING TRIP

SIGHT & SOUND
LANCASTER, PA

“JOSEPH”

APRIL 24, 2010
Time: 11:00 am – 8:00 pm
Cost: \$110.00
Includes: Bus, Lunch and Show
Deposit \$25.00 is due by:
JANUARY 10, 2010
Any questions, please call Mary Scott

St Philip Neri Sacrificial Giving
For weekend of
December 12 – December 13, 2009
Offertory \$9860.50
Poor Box \$355.00
Attendance 1230
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

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

“God’s flock is in your midst: give it a shepherd’s care. Watch over it willingly as God would have you do. Be an example to the flock, not lording it over those assigned to you, so that when the chief Shepherd appears you will win for yourself the unfading crown of glory”
1 Peter 5:2-3



SAVE THE DATE

January 31, 2010
Twenty-fifth Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood

Father Dale Picarella

Mass of Thanksgiving at 11 am at St. Philip Neri Church
Reception to follow in Zorbach Hall

More details to follow