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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 # 44

Blessings for Those Who Pray

Each week millions of people go to church, in part to be reminded to pray. We have noted that many studies show that prayer helps people heal, even when they don't know they are being prayed for. S. Alar also found this to be true in a study that was published in *Alternative Therapies in Health and Medicine* in 1997. He looked at the power of intercessory prayer on anxiety, depression and self-esteem in 406 adults whom he divided into a subject (prayed-for) group and a control (not prayed for) group-. Ninety other adults were assigned to pray for the subjects, with very positive results for the prayed-for group. Alar found something else, though, that had not been detected in similar studies. The ninety adults who pray for the subject group also improved in health!



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

On this feast day of the Holy Family I've been pondering marriage. At the marriage feast at Cana Jesus turned water into wine in order that the celebration might continue. Jesus also demonstrated that marriage is a divinely sanctioned union between one man and one woman. For a Roman Catholic a marriage must be witnessed by a priest or by a deacon. If not so witnessed the marriage is considered invalid by the Church. Unfortunately today many Roman Catholic couples attempt marriage without the sanction of the Church. These couples are denying themselves the grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony and the privilege of receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. Such a marriage can usually be validated and the couples can then enjoy the graces of Sacraments. Please see a deacon or a priest if you would like to validate your marriage. Please pray for me. I always pray for you. I love you.
Deacon Bob

Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. (1Chr.16:11)

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 28	
6:30pm	Mass	Chapel
Tuesday	DECEMBER 29	
6:30pm	Mass	Chapel
Wednesday	DECEMBER 30	
6:30pm	Mass	Chapel
Thursday	DECEMBER 31	
6:30pm	Mass	Church
Friday	JANUARY 1	
	HAVE A BLESSED NEW YEAR	
Saturday	JANUARY 2	
9:00am	Mass	Church
5:00pm	Mass	Church
Sunday	DECEMBER 27	
8:00am	Mass	Church
9:30am	Mass	Church
11:00am	Mass	Church

Scripture Readings for the Week

Mon	1Jn 1:5-2:2		Mt 2:13-18
Tues	1Jn 2: 3-11		Lk 2: 22-35
Wed	1Jn 2: 12-17		Lk 2: 36-40
Thurs	1Jn 2: 18-21		Jn 1: 1-18
Fri	Nm 6L 22-27	Gal 4: 4-7	Lk 2: 16-21
Sat	1Jn 2: 22-28		Jn 1: 19-28
Sun	Is 60: 1-6	Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6	Mt 2: 1-12

Solemnity of Mother Of God Cluster Masses January 1, 2010

Holy Trinity: 8:30 am
Church of the Good Shepherd: 8:30 am
Holy Trinity: 10:30 am
Church of the Good Shepherd: 10:30 am

LITURGY CORNER

Liturgical postures, part I

Psalm 134:1: "Come, bless the LORD, all...who stand...in the house of the LORD!" Psalm 95:6: "O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!" Acts 13:14: "And on the sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down."

What do these different passages have in common? Among other things, they demonstrate an important fact about our relationship with God--it includes our bodies, even in terms of how we pray. Including the body in our prayer is a long-standing (pardon the pun) part of our tradition. There is the tendency among some folks to treat human beings as if we were only spirit, like angels trapped in skin, but the Church reminds us of our being created in the image and likeness of God, and how our humanity came to its most perfect expression in the Incarnation of Jesus. The Church insists that the fullness of who we are must be part of our worship, as St. Paul points out in First Thessalonians, 5:23: "May the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly; may your spirit, soul, and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." We can see this approach at Mass. We use gestures and postures to involve ourselves more fully in our act of worship to God. We make the Sign of the Cross at the beginning and as we receive the final blessing. We make the three-fold Sign of the Cross as we prepare to receive the Gospel. We sit to hear the first and second readings from the Word of God, we stand to pray and to give special honor to the Gospel, we kneel to adore and to show respect and honor for the Eucharistic prayer and the Real Presence of our Savior. All of these physically involve us as we worship God. The Church's hope for us is that as we involve ourselves physically in our worship, this would reflect our total interior concentration on the glorious Divine Mystery being made present to us. Obviously, this doesn't always happen, in the sense that we are not always consciously as present to the Mass as we could be, but the more we understand about our actions during the Mass, the more we can cooperate with the grace of Jesus during those times.

the Roman Congregation that has responsibilities for our sacramental/liturgical life, and they responded: "The people stand while the presidential prayers are being said, therefore, during the prayer over the gifts." (Documents on the Liturgy, Reply #2 to Paragraph 21 of the GIRM)

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 Bleu 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

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

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

St Philip Neri Sacrificial Giving
For weekend of
December 20 – December 21, 2009

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

Due to publishing deadlines, the collection for this weekend will be posted in the next bulletin

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 at (410) 859- 5408 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

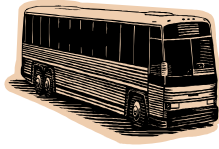
We would like to invite all Men to attend our meetings. The Men's Club meet every 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday of every month in the Parish Center.

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

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>



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

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

YOUTH GROUP

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- Anyone adult or teen who is passionate about helping teens live a chaste life should contact Hilary Bateman. She is looking for speakers, planners, and co-leaders for this retreat on Jan. 29 and 30.

*Upcoming Quarter Auction Fundraiser- Help is needed in asking local businesses and stores for donations for the auction and advertising for the event. Contact Hilary Bateman at hsterrett@berklee.net.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday January 10- **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**

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

A Buffet Reception
will follow in
Msgr. Zorbach Hall

RSVP to 410-859-0571 by January 12th.