



The angels
sang a
message
of JOY!

Luke 2:7-15



Church of Saint Philip
Pennsburg, PA
December 17, 2023

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1325 Klinerd Rd.; Pennsburg

Monday & Friday: **Offices are closed**

Tuesday & Thursday: **8:00 AM – 4:00PM**

Wednesday: **12:00 PM – 8:00PM**

ROSARY: Prayed in the Saint Anne Chapel

Monday's at 1:00 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION in St. Anne Chapel

Monday – Friday:

9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Saturday's:

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

9:00 AM: in Church

Adoration: 10AM – 7:00PM in Chapel.

FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

For a floral arrangement to be placed at the altar, please call the rectory.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday – Vigil Mass – 4:00 PM

Sunday – 7:30 AM; 10:00 AM

Holy Day Masses as announced

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses are celebrated in the Saint Anne Chapel.

Monday; Tuesday; Wednesday; Thursday; Friday – 8AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:45 PM

OR at the Rectory BY APPOINTMENT.

PRE-JORDAN BAPTISMAL CLASSES

Call the rectory office to register for classes between 10AM & 4PM.

BAPTISMS

Call the rectory office to register your child for baptism between 10AM & 4PM.

SPONSORS

Sponsors for Baptism and Confirmation need to be at least 16 years of age, be baptized and received the Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation, attend Mass weekly; and if married, be in a valid Marriage.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements should be made at least SIX MONTHS before the date of the wedding.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Stop by or call the rectory between 9:30AM-4:30 PM. Also, children who turn 26 years of age or complete higher education and continue to reside within our area should become individually registered parishioners.

SHUT-INS

Call (215 679 9275) OR email the Parish Outreach Office: parishoutreach@spnparish.org.

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Call or email the Rectory Office.

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are the Catholic Parish Community of St. Philip Neri, answering Christ's call to discipleship through Word, Sacrament and Service. We proclaim God's hope and love to all.

Mass Intentions

Sunday: December 17, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00 PM – Kenneth Miller

7:30 AM – JoAnn Putera Dymek

10:00 AM – Noreen Bauer, Fifteenth Anniversary

Monday: December 18, 2023

LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

8:00 AM – Living and Deceased Members of Parish.

9:00 AM – 7:00 PM – Adoration in the Chapel

1:00 PM – Holy Rosary Hour

Tuesday: December 19, 2023

LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

7:20 AM – Holy Rosary

8:00 AM – For those enrolled in the Memorial Society.

9:00 AM – 7:00 PM: Adoration in the Chapel

Wednesday: December 20, 2023

LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

7:20 AM – Holy Rosary

8:00 AM – Rosemary Gawronski &
Merton Kresge; (Kresge family)

9:00 AM – 7:00 PM: Adoration in the Chapel

7:00 PM – Advent Confessions in Church.

Thursday: December 21, 2023

LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY.

SAINT PETER CANISUIS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH.

7:20 AM – Holy Rosary

8:00 AM – Joseph Moser, (Ann Moser and family)

9:00 AM – 7:00 PM: Adoration in the Chapel

Friday: December 22, 2023

LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

7:20 AM – Holy Rosary

8:00 AM – Marylouise Miles, (Rev. Anthony Hangholt)

9:00 AM – 7:00 PM: Adoration in the Chapel

Saturday: December 23, 2023

LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY

SAINT JOHN OF KANTY, PRIEST

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Adoration in the Chapel

4:00 PM – Eugene & Catherine Cressman,
(Joanna Stauffer)

Christmas Eve, Sunday: December 24, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 AM – NO INTENTIONS

10:00 AM – NO INTENTIONS

4:00 PM – NO INTENTIONS

7:00 PM – NO INTENTIONS

MIDNIGHT MASS – NO INTENTIONS



WE INVITE YOUR PRAYERS

For the sick, those in hospitals, nursing homes, also for their caregivers; and all those we hold close in our hearts.

Please pray in particular for:

Christine Abate; Amanda Azure; Brian Basta; Walter Belsky; Bonnie Boro; Paul Bowen; Grace Brenner; Dorothy "Dottie" Busfield; Allison Brick; Mila Burnett; Adam Canigiani, Jr.; Christian Vincent Caparra; Carol Clunk; Angela Desmond; Dolores Duffy; Lou Fahs; Gene Falasco; Liz Fronheiser; Frances Gibbs-Kail; Helen Gibbs; Kerry Goodwin; Robert Hale; Charlene Hamilton; Al Hammer; Bill Hanney; Estelle Haney; Catherine Hangholt; Kitty Heebner; Timothy Kail; Christine Kemp; Little Leo Kushnir; Hadley Ludwig; Caroline Marks; Mary Ann Moneghan; Maura Murphy; Francis M. Robinson; Marine Corporal Eugene Ruduski; Denise Shaw; Dick Stemp; Moira Stephens; Patty Sweeney; Christopher Szymkiewicz; Ray Szymkiewicz; Eunice Wagner; Nancy Walker; William Walker; and Frani Zappala.

For those who have died, and in particular for **Rev. John J. Scarcia**, Pastor Emeritus of Saint Philip Neri Church, grant them eternal rest and peace.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Fourth Quarter 2023 – December 23/24

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00 PM:

Servers: Caroline Yaroschak; Netonna Okeke;
Somtochi Okeke.

Lectors: Lino Viola; Nancy Viola.

Eucharistic Ministers: Janet Kendra; Danielle Shilling;
Dave Moser; Trudy Moser.

7:30 AM Mass

Servers: Adults

Lectors: Beverly Bowser; Cameron Bowser.

Eucharistic Ministers: Keith Greczek; Stephanie Greczek;
Maureen Moser; Paul Moser.

10:00 AM Mass

Servers: Julian Lao; Sean Lao; Rachael Zaw.

Lectors: Bob Leidy; Dawn McCausland

Eucharistic Ministers: Christine Adelsberger; Stephen Adelsberger; Kevin Charlton; Maryanne Charlton.

NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES:

SERVERS; LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 PM – CALL/EMAIL DEACON MIKE

7:00 PM – CALL/EMAIL DEACON MIKE

MIDNIGHT – CALL/EMAIL DEACON MIKE

ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

If you have questions about any of our Faith Formation activities, please **Contact: Eileen Koch-adultfaithformation @spnparish.org OR 215-696-2089.**

BIBLE STUDIES – Beginning the second (2nd) week of January, we will be offering the following Bible Studies. Please choose the topic, day or time that works best for you and join us! We will have sign-ups for all sessions after all masses the weekend of December 16-17.

If you are not able to sign up on these days, or you need a different day or time, please contact Eileen at 215-696-2089.

ASCENSION PRESS Sessions:

TUES 10AM – topic: How to Pray Like Mary – Six (6) sessions for women and men

TUES 7PM – topic: No Greater Love: A Biblical walk through Christ's Passion – Five (5) sessions for women and men.

THUR 6:30PM – continuation of Study of the Gospel of Matthew – Men's group

LITTLE ROCK Sessions:

The following three (3) groups will be studying The Gospel of John – Eleven (11) Sessions

TUE 10AM – Women's Group

WED 7PM – Women and Men

THUR 10AM – Women and Men

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Pope Francis has said, "In spiritual direction, I must examine what is happening in my heart, where the Spirit is moving, if I feel desolation or consolation... these are things to talk about with my Spiritual Director." Spiritual Directors are honored to journey with you in your efforts to deepen your relationship with God.

Please consider contacting one of these Spiritual Directors:

Peg Choinski, CSD: 610.850.1869;
pchoinskisd@yahoo.com

Heather Makowicz, CSD, LSW, MSW: 484.919.9808;
allowinggodtocomeclose@gmail.com

LECTIO DIVINA - Reflection on Gospel and Readings for the coming Sunday. Meets every Thursday at 10:30AM. All are welcome!

Facilitators Lino and Nancy Viola. For additional information, please contact Eileen Koch per above.

SPN Parish Council Holy Moment Thought...

"Above Everything, Pray for the Holy Spirit"

Jesus gives one of His most profound and beautiful teachings on the Prayer of Petition.

#1. Prayer works more than most people believe.

#2. One of the greatest and most consequential falsehoods of Satan is that God does not answer prayers. So why bother praying.

#3. Ask the Lord to open your mind and heart and show you how many of your prayers have been answered. Many times, there seems to be a lag between the time of your petition and the answer. Remember, God's timing is always perfect and complete even though we may not be patient enough to wait for it.

#4. God's commitment to answer prayers is ironclad. This is the unanimous teaching of the Sacred Magisterium, all the Church fathers and doctors and all the saints...and above all, Sacred Scripture. You will be amazed by God's mighty, merciful and mysterious providence when it comes to prayers. God regards it an injustice to promise answers to our prayers and then fail to do so. (Ref Luke 18: 1 - 8).

So...what is the best and highest thing to pray for...THE HOLY SPIRIT...THE HOLY SPIRIT...THE HOLY SPIRIT!!!

Prayer is the Activator of Power. Power is the dominant attribute of the Holy Spirit. Prayer and the Holy Spirit are like inseparable twins. Therefore, taste and see that the Lord is good. If you do not pray habitually, you will never be able to taste much less attest to the truth that God is good. Do not be unbelieving. Believe and experience the joy of answered prayer. It is sweet and it is good!

Please consider saying the following prayer..."Lord, because you have made me, I owe you the whole of my love; because you have redeemed me, I owe you the whole of myself; because you have promised so much, I owe you all my being. Moreover, I owe you as much more love than myself as you are greater than I, for whom you gave yourself and to whom you promised yourself. I pray you, Lord, make me taste by love what I taste by knowledge; let me know by love what I know by understanding. I owe you more than my whole self, but I have no more, and by myself I cannot render the whole of it to you. Draw me to you, Lord, in the fullness of love. I am wholly yours by creation; make me all yours, too, in love. (Prayer of Anselm, 1033-1109 AD) "

FIRST QUARTER 2024

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

The First Quarter 2024 Liturgical Schedules are ready for pickup in the small room off the Vestibule.

Any questions, please reach out to Wendy Benner.



SAINT PHILIP NERI CATHOLIC CHURCH

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Wednesday – December 20th:

7:00 PM in Church

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 23rd – 4:00 PM

December 24 – 7:30 AM & 10:00 AM

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2023

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 PM

7:00 PM &

MIDNIGHT

CHRISTMAS DAY

7:30 AM & 10:00 AM

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

December 30th – 4:00 PM

December 31st – 7:30 AM & 10:00 AM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

December 31st – 4:00 PM

January 1st – 9:00 AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION-A GIFT OF LOVE!



Eucharistic Adoration-A Gift of Love!

Have you ever wanted to help someone but weren't sure what to do? Or perhaps you wanted to give a gift to someone but didn't know what to get? Consider sending a Eucharistic Adoration-A Gift of Love card to that person. Spend an hour of your time in front of the Blessed Sacrament and dedicate your hour of Eucharistic Adoration for a special person and his/her intentions. When finished, pick up a Eucharistic Adoration-A Gift of Love card to send to that person letting them know of your gift of prayer. A Gift of Love card is available at St. Anne's Chapel.

PREP RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW): On the second and fourth Sunday of the month during the 10:00AM Mass, Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place. Children ages 4 through 7, are encouraged to participate. CLOW is designed to share the WORD with our children in a way that they can relate to the message. Your child should be able to attend this without the need of parental support and be able to participate in a small group setting. You do not need to register for this Program. We look forward to serving the children of SPN. Any questions, you can contact Wendy Benner at 215.679.7839 or prep@spnparish.org.

MOTHER OF MERCY HOUSE



"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor"

Proverbs 22:9

Thank you for all you donate to the Mother of Mercy House. As you know it has been very a trying time for the people of Kensington and they do appreciate all that St. Philip Parish does for The Mother of Mercy House.

The Mother of Mercy House wishes to extend a Very Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all who have contributed in any way to help with their Program. It is very much appreciated. God Bless all of you!

Listed below are the non-perishable donation requests for delivery to the Mother of Mercy House on Wednesday, January 17, 2024.

Instant and regular oatmeal, dry cereal reg size boxes, canned meats and tuna, Fruits and vegetables. Canned soups and beans, spaghetti, dry pasta and jarred or canned sauces.

Diapers: size 3 to 5

Please drop off your donations in one of the totes at each side door of the church or on the wooden box in the narthex. All donations need to be received by Sunday, January 14th.

As always, thank you for your generosity.

PARISH OUTREACH - FRIENDLY VISITORS:

The Friendly Visitor Ministers of St. Philip Neri will bring Holy Communion while providing companionship and someone to talk to on a regular basis to homebound members of our parish.

If you or someone you know can benefit from this ministry, please contact Mary Souder, Ministry Leader at 215.518.1341 or email Parish Outreach at parishoutreach@spnparish.org.

SHARE A RIDE TO CHURCH

There are St. Philip Neri Parishioners who may not be able to drive to church but truly desire to attend Mass in person. We are looking for people to offer a fellow parishioner a ride to church. This would be someone in your neighborhood that would attend the same Mass time as you regularly attend.

If you would like to offer someone a ride, please contact Marlene Leidy, Parish Outreach Coordinator, at 215-679-7333 or email at parishoutreach@spnparish.org. Thank You!

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Collection for December 3, 2023

Week 24

Sunday Collection

Sunday Collection for

Weekend of December 3rd.

\$12,645

*Diocesan & Extra-Diocesan
Collections*

**Parish Fiscal Year Goal
information will be published at
a later date.**

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:

Because of the early Bulletin Transmittal schedules, the collections for December 10th will be published on December 24th.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:

Any parishioner who would like to receive a copy of their Contribution Statement for 2023, please email Shirley at the rectory office (ofcmgr@spnparish.org) or call; if no answer, leave a detailed message. Statements are mailed out upon request only.

PARISH HALL:

- Thanks to the generosity of a number of Parishioners, we have been able to replace three 100 cup coffee urns, two waffle makers, and 4 sets of stainless-steel pots and lids. We also presently are holding donations to cover 7 of the 25 needed tables.

Donations are still be accepted for the following: Tables @ \$190.00 each; Pots @ \$80.00 per set; Coffee urns @ \$200.00 per unit; Water Pitchers @ ~ \$10.00 per

Volunteers Needed

- **Bingo:** We are always open to additional floor workers and kitchen help. Join a team, and volunteer 3 Sundays per year. Our main kitchen team will be retiring in June 2024. Looking for individuals, couples, families, interested in taking on this role
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- **Breakfast:** Always looking for new volunteers to make monthly breakfasts buffet successful. Openings for Thursday morning potato duty Saturday morning prep and set up
- Sunday morning cooks, servers, and clean up. Shifts are available to share the work.
- Youth are encouraged to volunteer, and this time is good for Community Service Time for school.
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- **Fish Fry:** Holding three Friday evening Fish Fry again in 2024. Shifts are available - Set up Noon - 3:00 PM, Cooking and food prep 3:00 - 7:00 PM, Clean up from 6:00 - 8:00 PM.
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- Due to continued delays, it has been decided that our monthly Parish activities will not be scheduled until all repairs/replacements are completed.
- We will inform all, as soon as we have a firm delivery and Installation date.
- Thank you for your patience.

Please contact our Hall Facilitator, Bill Robinson @ hallfacilitator@spnparish.org or 215-896-5949.

POPE JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL

Pope John Paul II High School is pleased to announce that the following students have achieved Academic Honors for the First Quarter of the 2023-24 School Year:

Parish: St. Philip Neri – East Greenville

<u>Student:</u>	<u>Class of:</u>	<u>Honors level:</u>
John Heibeck	2024	First
Maria Souder	2024	First
Lacey Tielemans	2024	First
Luke O'Boyle	2027	First
Aurora Fuhs	2024	Second
Blake O'Boyle	2024	Second
Ben Hamilton	2025	Second

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Date: Sunday, January 14 to Monday, January 22, 2024 (Following the 3:00 PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy)

Event: Novena to Three American Saints for Life Saints Elizabeth Ann Seton, Frances Cabrini, and John Neumann are powerful witnesses to the Gospel of Life, each in their own time. This novena suggests three days of prayer to each of the saints for the promotion of life in our country and our Church today. Pray this novena along with us either in person at the National Centre for Padre Pio or via livestream on Facebook or YouTube.

Facebook: [Facebook.com/PadrePioI...](https://www.facebook.com/PadrePioI...)

YouTube: [YouTube.com/@PadrePioI...](https://www.youtube.com/@PadrePioI...)

Location: National Centre for Padre Pio – 111 Barto Road

More Information: [Flyer Attached](#)

January - March 2024

Event: Come and See Weekends for Men Discerning a Call to the Priesthood

Come & See events offer men (high school and post-high school) considering a vocation the opportunity to visit the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary to see what seminary life is like and explore a possible call to the priesthood.

Location: St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood

More info: Visit heedthecall.org/comeand...

or contact Fr. David Friel, Vocations Director, fr.dfriel@archphila.org



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

Sunday, Dec 17, 2023

Oh, Antiphons!

At evening prayer tonight, the church begins to invoke seven names for Jesus traditionally called the O Antiphons. These names—Wisdom, Sacred Lord, Flower of Jesse's Stem, Key of David, Radiant Dawn, King of All Nations, Emmanuel—suggest to us how the stories of the Old Testament foreshadow the arrival of God-With-Us. As Mary Winifred observes in *Hasten the Kingdom: Praying the O Antiphons of Advent*: "The Word, which joyfully shouted all the galaxies into being, left All Power and came silently into the womb of a young girl." Seek to encounter Jesus today in wise people, books, and practices.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (O WISDOM)

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28 (8).

"[John] came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him."

Monday, Dec 18, 2023

Pray for safe passage

Today's O Antiphon of Advent, the second of seven leading up to Christmas Eve, is "O Sacred Lord and Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!" Today is also International Migrants Day, which recognizes the contributions of migrants, their challenges, and their human rights. Migrants number in the hundreds of millions the world over—some by choice but many forcibly displaced. Jesus and his family became migrants fleeing for their lives soon after the birth that we are preparing to celebrate. Make safe migration and the humane treatment of migrants everywhere your prayer intention with this O Antiphon.

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O SACRED LORD AND LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL)

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25 (194). "When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."

Tuesday, Dec 19, 2023

Grafted onto Jesus' family tree

Near Bethlehem stands an olive tree scientists say is 5,000 years old. It's not uncommon for olive trees to reach the ripe old age of 900+ years in Mediterranean countries. Once they grow so old that they stop bearing fruit, olive trees are cut down to mere stumps. But that stump? Leave it alone for a couple of years, then suddenly new shoots spring forth. A shoot or root in this context does not symbolize fragility but rather hardiness and promise. Such are the descendants of the House of David, a spiritual family tree that includes Jesus and us. If you don't mark Advent with a Jesse tree, review the tradition—and pray the Jesse Tree Litany, a version of the Litany of the Saints.

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O FLOWER OF JESSE'S STEM)

TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25 (195). "Though you are barren and have had no children, yet you will conceive and bear a son."

Wednesday, Dec 20, 2023

Stand together

On this International Human Solidarity Day, enacted by the U.N. in 2005, we remember Blessed Michael Piaszczyński, who in the early 1900s taught at the diocesan seminary of Lomza, Poland. Modest and compassionate, Father Piaszczyński had a deep respect for Judaism and even invited rabbis to speak at his school. During World War II he was imprisoned by the Nazis and often shared his bread with elderly Jewish inmates. Piaszczyński died in the camp in 1940. He was beatified by his compatriot, Pope John Paul II, in 1999. What are small ways you can show solidarity with your fellow humans, especially those who seem different from you?

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O KEY OF DAVID)
TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38 (196). "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."

Thursday, Dec 21, 2023

Radiant reminders

Monks, nuns, and others who take part in evening prayer are now chanting the O Antiphons, a rich series of references to the coming Christ recited from December 17-23. Today's antiphon proclaims: "O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death." Look around you today and seek out the many lights associated with Christmas: Advent candles, strings of light,

Posadas candles, fires for holiday gatherings. Let each one remind you of the light of Christ coming into the world.

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O RADIANT DAWN)
TODAY'S READINGS: Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45 (197). "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

Friday, Dec 22, 2023

The "O Hail No" antiphon

Few have direct experience of royalty, and so the words "queen" and "king" might do little other than remind us of some TV or streaming series. For some though, the terms hit hard because within their culture, people experienced oppression and violence from ruling classes. Singing the O Antiphon, "O King of All Nations," then, might not evoke a hopeful experience of God. How might we tap into the deeper meaning of the antiphon? What words and images can help us experience the longing for God who brings peace and right relationship, who removes barriers that divide, and who breathes life into our tired bodies?

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O KING OF ALL NATIONS)
TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56 (198). "My spirit rejoices in God my Savior."

Saturday, Dec 23, 2023

We stand corrected

John Kanty (1390-1473) was a Polish priest, philosopher, physicist, and theologian. He helped develop early scientific theories of inertia that Newton would later use to formulate his laws of motion. Kanty's theories also helped Galileo figure out the orbital motions of the planets around the sun. During Kanty's time, the Catholic Church taught the geocentric model that the planets and the sun orbited around the Earth. In 1632 Galileo's work was condemned by Pope Urban VIII, and he was placed under house arrest for the rest of his life. Kanty was canonized in 1767, around the same time Rome finally capitulated to Galileo's heliocentric model of the solar system. Give thanks for the church that corrects its faults.

MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF KANTY, PRIEST (O EMMANUEL).

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66 (199). "Then fear came upon all their neighbors, and all these matters were discussed."

Expectant Mother's Mass



On *Sunday, December 17th during the 10:00 am Mass*, there will be a special blessing for expectant mothers. If you are expecting or know someone who is, please call the Parish Office at 215-679-9275 or email Marlene Leidy at parishoutreach@spnparish.org. Thank You!



Blessing of the Bambinelli

A beloved annual tradition at the Basilica in preparation for Christmas, is the Blessing of the Bambinelli, first instituted by St. John Paul II. On the Third Sunday of Advent, the children of Rome are encouraged to bring the baby Jesus (**Bambinelli**) from each of their Nativity sets to St. Peter's Square. Following the Sunday Angelus address, the Pope blesses the figurines. Now celebrated in churches around the world, this Advent tradition is a way for children to connect their Nativity scene at home to the celebration of Christmas at their church.

On Saturday, December 16th and Sunday, December 17th, at all Masses, join us for the Blessing of the Bambinelli. Everyone is invited to bring the Baby Jesus figurines from their home Nativity sets for this special blessing.



**SPN SENIOR CLUB
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
TUESDAY - DECEMBER 19th**

**PLEASE NOTE: LUNCHEON WILL BE IN
OUR PARISH HALL!**

**COME AND ENJOY,
SONGS OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON
BY THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR
FROM ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL**



PRICE OF THE LUNCHEON IS \$6.00 PP

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Deadline: December 15th

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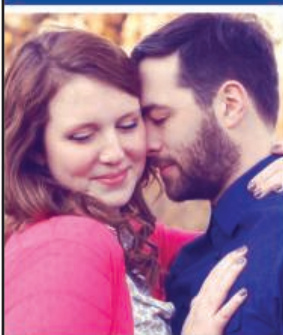
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