



2023-2024 School Year



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December 1, 2023

INFORMATIONAL FLYERS INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

SCHOOL EVENTS – HSA Tuition Raffle, HSA Fall Raffingo, Santa's Secret Workshop Donations Needed, December School Calendar, and December Lunch Menu.

PARISH EVENTS –SPN Basketball Intramurals OPEN GYM (12/1), Youth Mass (12/10), and Breakfast with St. Nicholas (12/17).

Looking Ahead

- December 2, 2023 SPN Basketball Intramurals OPEN GYM (11 AM to 1 PM)
- December 3, 2023 Advent Begins
- December 3, 2023 The Annual Linthicum Christmas Tree Lighting at 6 PM
- December 4, 2023 Used Uniform Exchange from 3-5 PM
- December 7, 2023 School Mass for all Grades at 9 AM
- December 7, 2023 SPN Spirit Night at Italia's Corner Café from 4-8:30 PM
- December 8, 2023 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass all Grades at 9 AM
- December 8, 2023 HSA's Fall Raffingo at 7 PM
- December 10, 2023 Youth Mass at 5 PM
- December 11, 2023 Makeup for Absentees/Retakes Individual Pictures
- December 12, 2023 Spirit Day at Panda Express – All Day Long
- December 14, 2023 School Mass for pre-K to Grade 3 at 9 AM
- December 14, 2023 Santa's Secret Workshop Set Up
- December 15, 2023 High School Applications Due
- December 15, 2023 Santa's Secret Workshop 8 AM to 5 PM (open to Parish 3-5 PM)
- December 17, 2023 Breakfast With St. Nicholas sponsored by the Troop 447

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Mission Statement:

St. Philip Neri School is dedicated to fostering Catholic faith and academic excellence. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, students are provided the opportunity to develop their gifts and talents while striving to become active members of their church. A foundation for future success and life-long learning is provided in partnership with the family, parish and school community.

DECEMBER 2

OPEN GYM FOR BASKETBALL
INTRAMURALS
from 11 AM - 1 PM



ST. PHILIP NERI
INTRAMURAL
BASKETBALL OPEN
GYM

Join us for our Open Gym
*Play Basketball with Peers
*Practice Drills: Dribble, Pass, Shoot
*Register and Pay with cash or check
*Email spncommish@gmail.com with
any questions

Where: St. Philip Neri Gym
When: December 2, 2023
Time: 11am-1pm

DECEMBER 4

Used Uniform Exchange
3-5 PM in Basement
spnuseduniform@gmail.com

ST. PHILIP NERI USED UNIFORM EXCHANGE

2023-2024 Dates
10/2, 12/4, 2/5,
4/8, and 6/3

SPN
Basement
next to
the Music
Room

3-5 PM DROP OFFS AND SALES

PLEASE USE THE FRONT DOORS OF THE SCHOOL TO ENTER.
THE USED UNIFORM EXCHANGE IS ON THE BASEMENT LEVEL OF THE SCHOOL.

AS WE ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY OF POPULAR ITEMS,
YOU MAY WANT TO EMAIL FIRST TO SEE IF WE HAVE
WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR!

HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!

EMAIL US:

spnuseduniforms@gmail.com

DECEMBER 7

School Mass for all grades
at 9 AM

DECEMBER 8

School Mass for all grades
at 9 AM
Solemnity of the
Immaculate Conception Mass

December 8

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION'S
FALL RAFFINGO
Live-streamed at 7 PM
on our Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/stphilipnericatholicschool>

DECEMBER 7

Spirit Night
at Italia's Corner
from 4-8:30 PM

SPN Spirit Night at Italia's Corner



1st Thursday of the Month
4:00-8:30 PM
7089 B&A Blvd.
Glen Burnie, MD 21061

Please mention SPN when you order for
dine-in or carry-out. The Italia's Corner
cashier will put all receipts in a basket.
SPN will earn 10% back on the total!

Congratulations to one of our staff members on winning the SPN Jester Spirit Award. Each week we honor a different faculty or staff member for being awesome!



**Congratulations to
Ms. Amy Sewell!**

WAY TO BE AWESOME, MS. AMY!

**ADVENT BEGINS ON
SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 3**



**PRAYER FOR ADVENT
"PRAYER FOR A HOLY ADVENT"**

Lord, another year has passed, and it is time for us to take stock of our spiritual strengths and weaknesses, our faith and where we lacked it, the times we loved You fully, and the times we lacked that focus and dependence on You. Advent is a double expectation. While we are preparing to commemorate Your Blessed Incarnation so many years ago, we are, with Saint John the Baptist, also preparing for when You come again. We ask You, sanctify this Advent so that by Christmas, You may find us more worthy of Your mercy and Your love. Amen.



**Linthicum's
Annual
Christmas
Tree Lighting**

**Sunday,
December 3,
at 6 PM**

Everyone is invited to this fun-filled event!

**The location is at the corner of
Camp Meade Road and Maple Road.**

Christmas Carols by the SPN Chorus!

**Help us count down the lighting of the tree!
Come get your fill of cookies, candy canes,
hot chocolate & see Santa!**

Advent 2023

CALENDAR

Daily At-Home Advent Activities for Families

◆ DECEMBER ◆

SUN 3

Prepare an Advent wreath: three purple candles, one pink candle, and some evergreens. Place all on a tray or large plate. The candles can symbolize hope, faith, joy, and love or peace. Light the first purple candle and pray to God about the things you hope for.

MON 4

Make a nativity scene with household materials. Paint paper tubes to make the Holy Family. Use bits of fabric to make clothes. Use a shoebox to make the barn and a small box for the manger. Wait for Christmas Day to put Jesus in the manger.

TUE 5

The Christmas story begins with one small family set to change the world. On yellow strips of paper, write ways that your family can help bring light and hope to your community during Advent. Keep the papers in a jar. As you complete these actions, place them in the nativity scene you made to act as hay.

WED 6

Feast of Saint Nicholas
Listen to a story about the legendary gift giver. Make or buy a small, thoughtful gift for someone you know.

THUR 7

Mary and Joseph were traveling far from their home when Jesus was born. Try sleeping in a different place in your house tonight. Swap beds with a sibling or sleep in a sleeping bag on the floor. Thank God for the comforts of your home.

FRI 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Honor Mary, Mother of God by praying the Hail Mary today. Mary is Jesus' mother. Take special care of your mother or a mother figure in your life today.

SAT 9

Feast of Saint Juan Diego
Juan Diego lived in Mexico, and Mary appeared to him. Eat a Mexican meal today and pray the Hail Mary before your meal in honor of Saint Juan Diego's devotion to Mary.



What is an Advent wreath?



Catholics often make Advent Wreaths. The wreath is a circle to show that God's love goes on and on. It is green to show new hope. The Advent wreath has five candles. Four are for the four Sundays of Advent. One is for Christmas day.

Three are purple for hope, peace and love. One is pink for joy. One is white which is lit to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The flame reminds Catholics that he is the light of the world.



Week 1
Hope

Reminds us...
Jesus is coming

Bible verse
Romans 15:12-13

Bible verse
Luke 2:10

Reminds us...
The joy at the coming birth of Jesus



Week 3
Joy

Week 2
Faith

Reminds us...
To prepare the way of the Lord

Bible verse
Luke 3:4-6

Bible verse
Luke 2:14

Reminds us...
"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace for those he favours"



Week 4
Peace



What do we remember each week of Advent?

HSA's RAFFINGO

Live Streamed on Friday, December 8, at 7 PM

Want a chance to win 20 great prizes for one price? Now is your chance! St. Philip Neri School's Home School Association is hosting a RAFFINGO! We coined this phrase when we raffled off our bingo prizes during COVID.

We will have 20 prizes for one set price of \$20.

We will also have 3 additional raffles - PS5, a Yeti cooler with alcohol, and a 50-50.

Raffle winners will announced during our live streamed event on Friday, December 8, at 7 PM.

<https://www.facebook.com/stphilipnericatholicschool>

PreKA - Golf Galore

KA - Sports and Outdoor Fun

1A - Dude Crate

2A - Beer Garden

3A - Grilling Basket

4A - Lottery Basket

5A - Restaurant Night

6A - Reading Basket

7A - Baker's Basket

8A - Maryland Flag

PreKB - Taco Tuesday

KB - S'mores and More

1B - Netflix Night

2B - Date Night

3B - Relaxation Basket

4B - Spa Basket

5B - Crafty Devils

6B - Game Night

7B - Maryland Sports Teams

8B - Christmas Basket

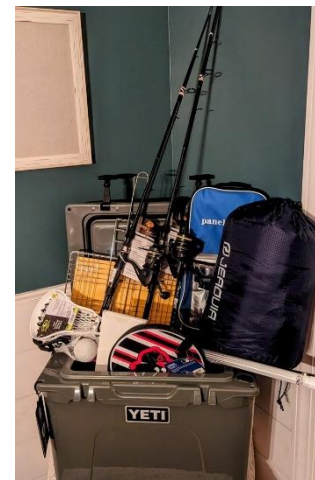
RAFFLE 1 - PS5

RAFFLE 2 - Yeti Cooler

RAFFLE 3 - 50/50

Go to the following link to purchase your chance to win these fabulous prizes!

<https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/stphilipneri/raffingo>





If you have any questions about anything on this page, please contact Mrs. Sue Wenzlick at swenzlick@spnmd.org.

DUE - DECEMBER 8 - WRAPPING ITEMS NEEDED!

We are in need of the following items so Santa's little helpers can wrap the special gifts bought at the Santa's Secret Workshop:

**WRAPPING PAPER
RIBBONS & BOWS
CHRISTMAS BAGS
SHIRT BOXES
TISSUE PAPER
TAPE**



Please bring your donations into the school office. Donations are due by **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8**. (These donations do not count toward service hours.)

DUE - DECEMBER 12 - DUNKIN GIFT CARDS!

We are looking for donations of Dunkin gift cards!

Donations are due by **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12**. This donation will count towards family service hours.



DECEMBER 14 - RECTANGULAR TABLES

It looks like we are in need of 10 rectangular tables so our wrappers have a place to do their elf duties!

If you have a table we could borrow for the workshop, please drop off in the gym on Thursday, December 14, during our setup time! Please make sure your table has your name on it so it can be returned to its proper owner! Please inform Mrs. Sue Wenzlick so she can keep a record of this borrowed item!



Child Nutrition Program/St. Philip Neri School			December 2023 Lunch Menu	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Cheese Pizza Cauliflower w/Ranch Fresh Carrots Fruit
4 Popcorn Chicken Fritos Baked Beans Fresh Carrots Fruit	5 Taco In A Bag Salsa Cup Corn Fresh Carrots Fruit	6 Mac n Cheese Dinner Roll Fresh Carrot Coins w/Ranch Fruit	7 Chicken Patty Sandwich Broccoli w/Ranch Fresh Carrots Fruit	8 Ranchero Beef Pizza Celery Sticks w/Sun Butter Cup Fresh Carrots Fruit
11 Chicken Drumstick Tostito Rounds Side Salad w/Ranch Fresh Carrots Fruit	12 Meatballs in Marinara Sauce Dinner Roll Broccoli w/Ranch Fresh Carrots Fruit	13 Tuna Salad Sandwich Cherry Tomatoes w/Ranch Fresh Carrots Fruit	14 Sun Butter & Jelly Sandwich Cauliflower w/Ranch Fresh Carrots Fruit	15 Santa's Secret Workshop
18 No Lunch Served	19 Raspberry Yogurt Apple Cinnamon Bar Mozzarella Cheese Stick Broccoli w/Ranch Fresh Carrots Fruit	20 Early Dismissal 11:00 am	21 Schools Closed	22 School Closed
25 Merry Christmas	26 Schools Closed	27 Schools Closed	28 Schools Closed	29 School Closed

Student's may take 3 out of the 5 meal components
 Required to take a FRUIT and/or VEGETABLE
 1% White Milk or Non-Fat Chocolate Milk

Offered Daily: Milk: 1% White, NF Chocolate
 Fresh Fruit & Vegetables may include: apples, oranges, bananas,
 seasonal fruits, carrots, celery, broccoli, cauliflower, tomatoes,
 side salads & seasonal veggies

Menu subject to change without notice.

Archdiocese of Baltimore Child Nutrition Program is an Equal Opportunity Provider 12.01.2023





**ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL
DECEMBER 2023**

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Brown Bag Lunches for the Hungry HSA Out-of-Uniform Day	2
3 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Christmas Tree Lighting 6 p.m.</i> Linthicum Veterans Memorial	4 Chorus 3-4:30 DRAMA JR. 3-4:30 Book Club 3-4 Used Uniform Exchange 3-5 p.m. NO CHESS CLUB IN DECEMBER	5 <i>NO Beauty & the Beast Rehearsal</i>	6 School Store 7:45 - 8:05 Robotics 3-4:30 Adoration Club 3-4 NO Crochet Club <i>Hiking Club Group A Hike</i>	7 School Store 7:45 - 8:05 Mass - 9:00 a.m. LEGO CLUB 3-3:45 <i>Beauty & the Beast Rehearsal 3-4:30</i> Italia's Corner Spirit Night 4-8:30pm	8 MASS 9:00 a.m. Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception HSA's Fall RAFFINGO! 7 p.m.	9
10 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> YOUTH MASS 5:00 P.M.	11 SCHOOL PICTURE MAKEUP DAY Chorus 3-4:30 DRAMA JR. Christmas Party NJHS 3 - 3:45	12 Spirit Day at Panda Express All Day <i>Beauty & the Beast Rehearsal 3-4:30</i>	13 School Store 7:45 - 8:05 Robotics 3-4:30 Adoration Club 3-4 <i>Hiking Club Group B Hike</i>	14 School Store Mass - 9:00 a.m. (Pk - Grade 3) LEGO CLUB 3-3:45 Setup for SSW <i>Beauty & the Beast Christmas Party</i>	15 <i>Santa's Secret Workshop</i> High School Applications Due	16
17 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> Boy Scouts Troop 447 Breakfast With St. Nicholas 9-1	18 Chorus 3-4:30 NO DRAMA JR. TODAY	19 Ugly Sweater Day! CHORUS CHRISTMAS CONCERT 7:30 p.m.	20 Christmas Concert - 9am 11:00 DISMISSAL NO AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS	21	22 School Closed for Christmas Break	23
24 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> 	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1 JANUARY WELCOME 2024! Happy New Year!	2 NO SCHOOL	3 BACK TO SCHOOL	WEATHER-RELATED SCHOOL CLOSINGS: If AA County Schools close for the day, SPN will also be closed. For early closings, SPN closes the same time as AA County. In the event of a 2-hour delay, Part-time PK students may bring a packed lunch and stay for the rest of the school day. Listen to WBAL Radio 1090, watch WBAL TV Channel 11, or check for an ALERT message. If schools are closed due to inclement weather, Extended Care is also closed.		



House meetings are serious business!
 One must dress for the occasion!
 Looking sharp Remington! ↑



Ms. Katie, Grandma, and Ms. Nancy, along with Emily, Eden, and Philip, had a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus in Ocean City over the Thanksgiving break! ↑

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION'S FALL RAFFINGO - Friday, December 8, at 7 PM

Pictured below are some more of our FALL RAFFINGO themed items to be raffled off!
 Get your tickets now!

<https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/stphilipneri/raffingo>



SPN ENROLLMENT FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

REGISTRATION FEES:

November 1-December 31, 2023

The registration fee is \$150.

The fee will increase to \$175 on January 1 and to \$200 on February 1.

Our deadline for returning families is

TODAY, DECEMBER 1.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE AT ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Financial assistance is available from several sources:

- 1) Archdiocese of Baltimore (AOB)
- 2) St. Philip Neri Parish
- 3) St. Philip Neri School
- 4) Applicant's Parish*



Anyone requesting financial aid from the AOB, SPN Parish or School:

Families **must complete the FACTS Financial Aid Application** found at the link below. A **NEW** application must be submitted every year if you would like to be considered for aid. This application must be completed and all required documentation submitted **by February 29, 2024**, to be eligible for any AOB, School, or Parish assistance. The cost to complete this application is \$34. Here is the SPN direct link: <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3QGNP>

Log into your account or choose "New Account" to create your account and begin the application process. Questions regarding the application process can be directed to FACTS at [866-441-4637](tel:866-441-4637).

Please note that FACTS **only** processes the applications. The decisions for granting or denying requests for assistance are made separately by: the Archdiocese of Baltimore, St. Philip Neri Parish, and St. Philip Neri School. These decisions are made during the March-April time frame. Applicants will receive a response in May.

ALL TUITION ASSISTANCE AWARDS ARE CONTINGENT UPON SUBMISSION OF A COMPLETED FACTS APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION OF PROPER DOCUMENTATION.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST HAVE A "VERIFIED" STATUS BEFORE ANY ASSISTANCE IS GRANTED.

*Anyone requesting financial aid from their parish:

Please contact your parish directly and ask if they offer any financial aid.

December Food Pantry Needs

In November, we served 120 of our neighbors who came to us for Thanksgiving groceries...a record for us. We also delivered groceries to 30 more individuals at Glen Square Apartments and served 25 students each week at Glendale Elementary through our Backpack Buddies Program. It goes without saying that the pantry is quite empty. Our next food distribution cycle will begin on Thursday, December 21st. please consider donating the following items.

- Canned Corn*
- Baked Beans*
- Mashed Potatoes*
- Scalloped Potatoes*
- Spaghetti Sauce*
- Pancake Mix & Syrup*

Thank you always for your generosity

OUTREACH NEEDS

Immediate Needs

- Tents, Sleeping Bags or Mats
- Toilet Paper
- Men's Jeans, Size 32-34
- Adult Size Sweatshirts & Sweatpants, Size M-XL
- New Underwear for Men, Medium-Large
- Coats for Men and Women, Medium-Large
- Sneakers or Winter Shoes/Boots Only

NOTE: Outreach does not accept any other clothing; please do not drop off.

Word of Thanks

A heartfelt thank you to all who so generously donated a coat for our annual coat drive. A special thank you to Melanie Wooden who sorted through and organized hundreds of coats!

*We collected almost 300 coats!
Thank you St. Philip Neri!*

You are Invited
to share in the

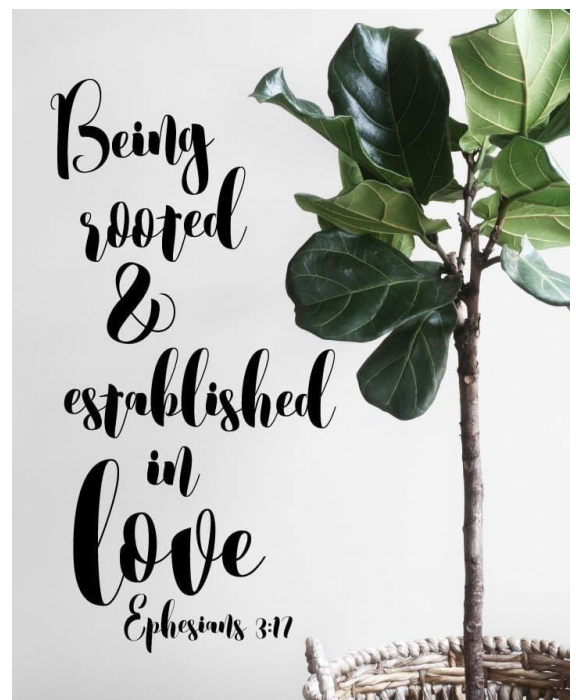


Beauty of Advent

Come and share a meal with friends and family in a festive atmosphere followed by a program of music, readings, and reflections on the Incarnation.

**Let the Beauty of Advent
prepare our souls for Christmas**

**Thursday, November 30 & December 7
6:30pm - 9:00pm**



CATHOLIC FAITH

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Part 1)

Information from the National Catholic Register: <https://www.ncregister.com/>

December 8th marks the feast of the Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception. It celebrates an important point of Catholic teaching, and it is a holy day of obligation.



Here are 8 things you need to know about the teaching and the way we celebrate it.

1. Who does the Immaculate Conception refer to?

There's a popular idea that it refers to Jesus' conception by the Virgin Mary. It doesn't. Instead, it refers to the special way in which the Virgin Mary herself was conceived. This conception was not virginal. (That is, she had a human father as well as a human mother.) But it was special and unique in another way. . .

2. What is the Immaculate Conception?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains it this way:

- 490** To become the mother of the Saviour, Mary "was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role." The angel Gabriel at the moment of the annunciation salutes her as "full of grace". In fact, in order for Mary to be able to give the free assent of her faith to the announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she be wholly borne by God's grace.
- 491** Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception.

That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854:

The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.

3. Does this mean Mary never sinned?

Yes. Because of the way redemption was applied to Mary at the moment of her conception, she not only was protected from contracting original sin but also personal sin.

The Catechism explains:

- 493** The Fathers of the Eastern tradition call the Mother of God "the All-Holy" (*Panagia*), and celebrate her as "free from any stain of sin, as though fashioned by the Holy Spirit and formed as a new creature". **By the grace of God Mary remained free of every personal sin her whole life long.** "Let it be done to me according to your word. . ."

4. Does this mean Mary didn't need Jesus to die on the Cross for her?

No. What we've already quoted states that Mary was immaculately conceived as part of her being "full of grace" and thus "redeemed" from the moment of her conception" by "a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race."

The Catechism goes on to state:

- 492** The "splendour of an entirely unique holiness" by which Mary is "enriched from the first instant of her conception" comes wholly from Christ: she is "redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son". The Father blessed Mary more than any other created person "in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places" and chose her "in Christ before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before him in love".
- 508** From among the descendants of Eve, God chose the Virgin Mary to be the mother of his Son. "Full of grace", Mary is "the most excellent fruit of redemption" (SC 103): from the first instant of her conception, she was totally preserved from the stain of original sin and she remained pure from all personal sin throughout her life.

CATHOLIC FAITH

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Part 2)

5. How does this make Mary a parallel of Eve?

Adam and Eve were both created immaculate, without original sin or its stain. They fell from grace, and through them mankind was bound to sin. Christ and Mary were also conceived immaculate. They remained faithful, and through them mankind was redeemed from sin. Christ is thus the New Adam, and Mary the New Eve.

The Catechism notes:

494 As St. Irenaeus says, "Being obedient she became the cause of salvation for herself and for the whole human race."



*Solemnity
of the
Immaculate
Conception
December 8*

Hence not a few of the early Fathers gladly assert: "The knot of Eve's disobedience was untied by Mary's obedience: what the virgin Eve bound through her disbelief, Mary loosened by her faith." Comparing her with Eve, they call Mary "the Mother of the living" and frequently claim: "Death through Eve, life through Mary."

6. How does this make Mary an icon of our own destiny?

Those who die in God's friendship and thus go to heaven will be freed from all sin and stain of sin. We will thus all be rendered "immaculate" (Latin, *immaculatus* = "stainless") if we remain faithful to God. Even in this life, God purifies us and trains us in holiness and, if we die in his friendship but imperfectly purified, he will purify us in purgatory and render us immaculate. By giving Mary this grace from the first moment of her conception, God showed us an image of our own destiny. He shows us that this is possible for humans by his grace.

John Paul II noted:

In contemplating this mystery in a Marian perspective, we can say that "Mary, at the side of her Son, is the most perfect image of freedom and of the liberation of humanity and of the universe. It is to her as Mother and Model that the Church must look in order to understand in its completeness the meaning of her own mission" (Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, *Libertatis conscientia*, 22 March, 1986, n. 97; cf. *Redemptoris Mater*, n. 37).

Let us fix our gaze, then, on Mary, the icon of the pilgrim Church in the wilderness of history but on her way to the glorious destination of the heavenly Jerusalem, where she [the Church] will shine as the Bride of the Lamb, Christ the Lord.

7. Was it necessary for God to make Mary immaculate at her conception so that she could be Jesus' mother?

No. The Church only speaks of the Immaculate Conception as something that was "fitting," something that made Mary a "fit habitation" (i.e., suitable dwelling) for the Son of God, not something that was *necessary*. Thus in preparing to define the dogma, Pope Pius IX stated:

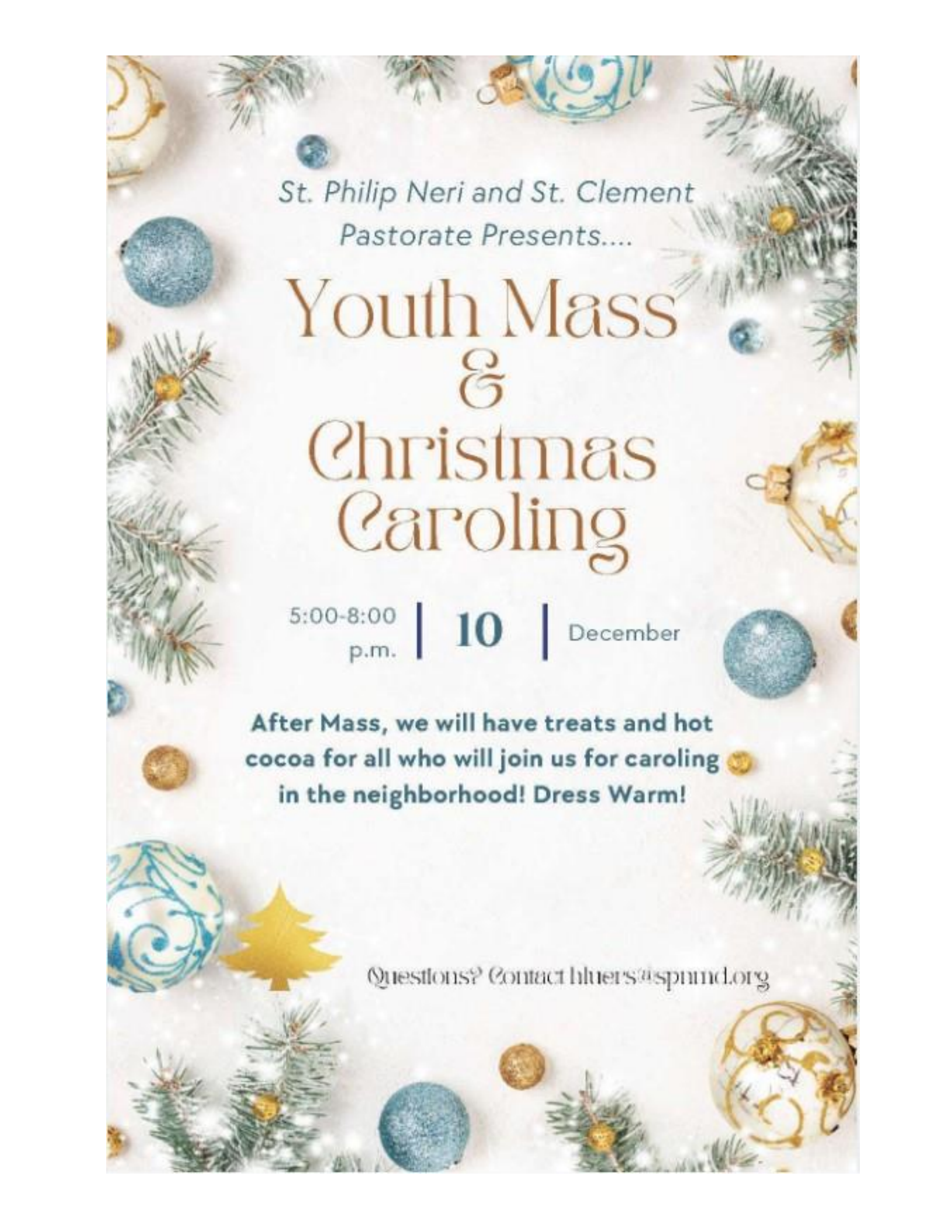
And hence they [the Church Fathers] affirmed that the Blessed Virgin was, through grace, entirely free from every stain of sin, and from all corruption of body, soul and mind; that she was always united with God and joined to him by an eternal covenant; that she was never in darkness but always in light; and that, therefore, she was entirely a fit habitation for Christ, not because of the state of her body, but because of her original grace. . . .

For it was certainly not fitting that this vessel of election should be wounded by the common injuries, since she, differing so much from the others, had only nature in common with them, not sin. In fact, it was quite fitting that, as the Only-Begotten has a Father in heaven, whom the Seraphim extol as thrice holy, so he should have a Mother on earth who would never be without the splendor of holiness.

8. How do we celebrate the Immaculate Conception today?

In the Latin rite of the Catholic Church, December 8th is the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. In the United States and in a number of other countries, it is a holy day of obligation. When December 8th falls on Saturday, the precept of attending Mass is still observed in the United States, even though it will mean going to Mass two days in a row (since every Sunday is also a holy day of obligation.)





*St. Philip Neri and St. Clement
Pastorate Presents....*

Youth Mass & Christmas Caroling

5:00-8:00 | **10** | December
p.m.

**After Mass, we will have treats and hot
cocoa for all who will join us for caroling
in the neighborhood! Dress Warm!**

Questions? Contact bluers@spnmd.org

Santa's Secret Workshop



Friday, December 15, 2023



HELPFUL TIPS FOR THIS EVENT

BRING:

- ☺ **A list** of names of family and friends to buy gifts for Christmas.
- ☺ **A big shopping bag** with handles to carry all wrapped gifts.
Please label shopping bags!
- ☺ **Money** – please try to send in ones, fives or tens if you can!
We have many wonderful buys ranging from \$1 to \$15!
- ☺ **Your Merriest Christmas Attitude!**

SSW Schedule for Friday, December 15, 2023

<u>SHOP TIME</u>	<u>WRAP TIME</u>	<u>Classes</u>
8:30 - 9:00	9:00 - 9:30	8A & 8B
9:00 - 9:30	9:30 - 10:00	7A & 7B
9:30 - 10:00	10:00 - 10:30	6A & 6B
10:00 - 10:30	10:30 - 11:00	KA/KB with 8A/8B Buddies
10:30 - 11:00	11:00 - 11:30	Pre-KA/Pre-KB with 7A/7B Buddies
11:00 - 11:30	11:30 - 12:00	3A/3B/2A
11:30 - 12:00	*****	<i>Lunch for Sellers</i>
*****	12:30 - 1:00	<i>Lunch for Wrappers</i>
12:30 - 1:00	1:00 - 1:30	4A/4B
1:00 - 1:30	1:30 - 2:00	5A/5B
1:30 - 2:00	2:00 - 2:30	1A/1B/2B
2:00 - 2:30		Everyone help with wrapping!
2:30 - 3:00		Restock/Cleanup
3:00-5:00 PM	3:00-5:00 PM	After School and Parish Shopping Time
5:00-6:00 PM		CLEANUP

It looks like we have plenty of volunteers to help run Santa's Secret Workshop! Students should come to the Workshop with a big shopping bag to carry home their gifts!



Santa's Secret Workshop
Friday, December 15, 2023
3:00 – 5:00 PM
St. Philip Neri Parish Hall



On Friday, December 15, the parish hall at St. Philip Neri will be converted into a Christmas wonderland for our community and parish! Boxes filled with great gifts have been coming in daily! Santa's Secret Workshop provides the opportunity for children time to shop for nice, inexpensive gifts for their loved ones. The cost of the gifts ranges from \$1 to \$15 and will be wrapped by Santa's little helpers.

The workshop will be open from 3-5 PM. There is no cost to enter the workshop! Please feel free to give me a call or email (preferred) if you have any questions! Hope to see you on December 15!

Thanks and God bless,
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Please feel free to visit the Workshop after school!
Sometimes our children need a little extra time!

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