

Chimney Swifts – NW Philadelphia – October 2009

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Chestnut Hill Towers – an 18 story apt. building at Stenton Avenue in Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia. The building is between Chresheim Valley Road and Mermaid Lane. Here is their website which has directions: <http://chestnuthilltower.com>

The chimney is a small chimney which is barely visible. It's on the North side of the building (towards Chresheim Valley Road), not too far from the edge of the roof. On 9/21/09, there were about 3000 swifts, which were very visible. The best place to view them is from the apartment complex across the street, on the other side of Chresheim Valley Road. They'll be around for another two weeks, but the numbers will be falling fast.

Dobson School in Manayunk – 4667 Umbria Street. There were about 1500 Swifts on 9/24/09.

St. Joseph's University, Barbelin Hall, which is on the Phila. Side of City Line Ave., between 54th St. and Wynnefield Avenue (Rt. 1.) The best place to view them is from the walkway above the athletic field behind the building. You can enter the parking lot on 54th street, and the building is just a short walk. Their website is www.sju.edu
There were about 1100 swifts on 9/29/09.

Best to be there by 6:30 to view the swifts. Earlier if it is cloudy or rainy.