



Saint Philip Catholic Parish

The People of God in Pittsburgh, Thornburg, Ingram, and Crafton

WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2021

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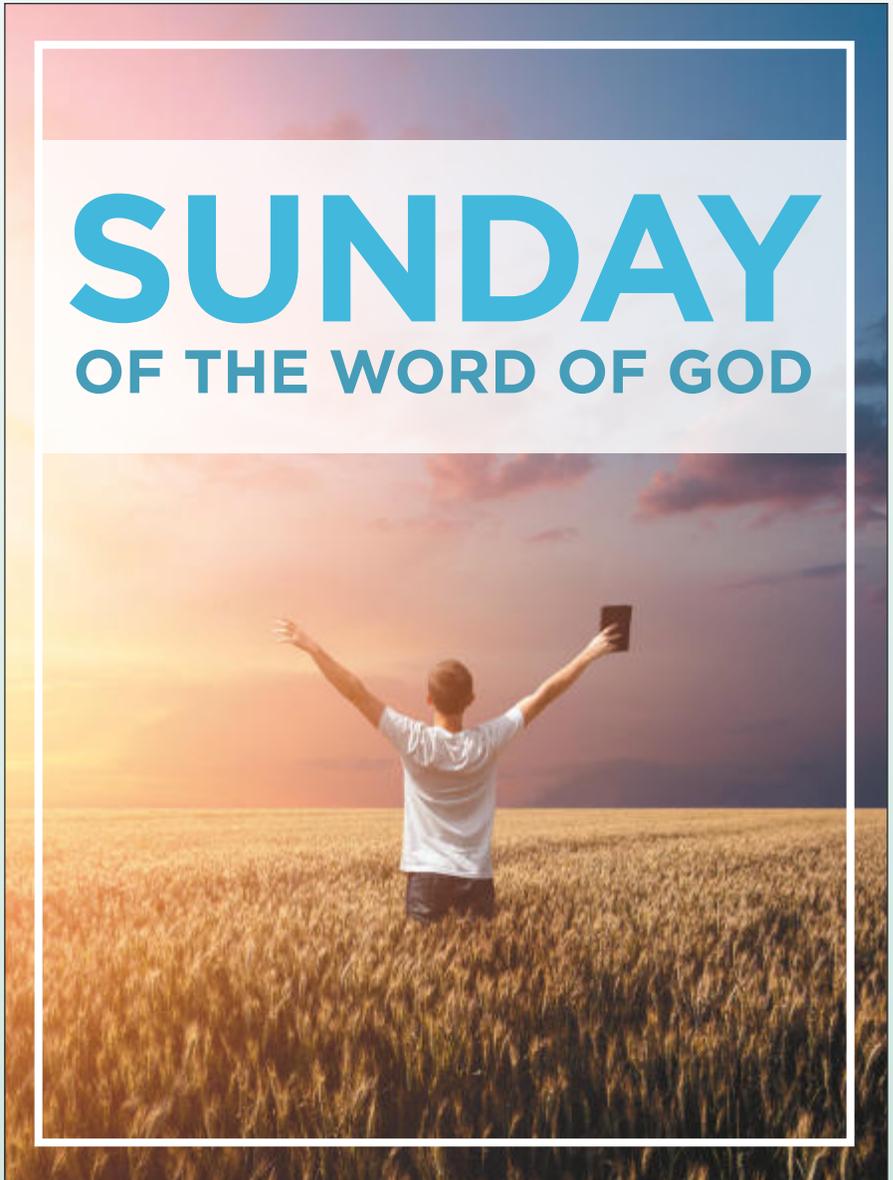
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CONFESSION

Offered Saturdays from 12:15pm to 1:15pm at *Ascension Church*.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: A seminar is required for first-time parents. Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month at 12:15pm at *Saint Philip Church* or at the *Ascension Church*. Please call the Religious Education Office at 412-922-6388 for more information.

Matrimony: Priest is to be contacted six months in advance of wedding. Participation in Pre-Cana Program required. Please contact the Parish Priests for more information.

Anointing of the Sick: Following a weekend Mass and on the last Saturday of the month at 8:30am at *Ascension Church*.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Call the Office of Religious Education for more information.

Priesthood/Religious Life: Contact the Parish Priests for more information.

Victim's Assistance Hot-Line: If you are a person who has been hurt by abuse from clergy or others associated with the Church, the Diocese of Pittsburgh offers assistance with counseling, spiritual direction and referrals to other supportive services.

For information, contact our Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 412-456-3093.

Protecting God's Children —
VICTIM HOTLINE: 1-888-808-1235

CHILDLINE: 1-888-932-0313 to report child abuse
Call 911 if a child is in imminent danger.

MASS SCHEDULE

Masses are held at Saint Philip Church and Ascension Church

LOCATION	TIME	MASS INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
SATURDAY, JANUARY 23 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Earl & Ann Dunhoff	Joanne DiCesare
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Kathy Lundell	Rosemary McDonald
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Rev. Walter Sobon	Diana Miller
SUNDAY, JANUARY 24 — THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Michael F. Wadowsky, Jr.	Michael A. Wadowsky
Ascension	9:30am	Raymond Killmeyer, Sr.	Ray & Dianne Killmeyer
Saint Philip	11:00am	Barbara M. Hoff	Michael & Elvira Hoff and Family
MONDAY, JANUARY 25 — CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Tom Quinn	McDonald Family
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26 — SAINTS TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Genevieve Paslawski	Regina McDonald
THURSDAY, JANUARY 28 — SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH			
Ascension	8:00am	James A. Snatchko	McDonald Family
FRIDAY, JANUARY 29 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Mary Pat Kennedy	Andrea Harris
SATURDAY, JANUARY 30 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Raymond Drozak	Barekzai Family
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Ed Johnston	Cathy O'Connor
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Felix & Ottlee Rodgers	Pat Rodgers
SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 — FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	James A. Snatchko, Jr.	James & Eileen Knapp
Ascension	9:30am	Rosemary Rynn	St. Philip Choir
Saint Philip	11:00am	Megyesy Family	Megyesy Family



Saint Philip Parish is on Facebook! Follow us today to learn about upcoming events and happenings.



Notes from the Pastor

Greetings once again, everyone, and best wishes for a good and healthy week! I hope that you and all your family are doing well these days.

Our ongoing pandemic crisis

For the past eleven months, our community, nation, and world have all been contending with the ravages of the Covid-19 virus and its various strains. Thankfully, new vaccinations are gradually being offered and given to more and more individuals in our country.

Sadly, this pandemic has taken a tremendous toll on many in our nation. More than 300,00 people in all age categories have lost their lives, and the number of cases and fatalities continues to increase. Tens of millions of Americans have lost their employment or now work severely reduced hours. Thousands of businesses, restaurants, and organizations have closed because of finding it financially impossible to continue. This has truly been an awful nightmare of a year - as we all know.

For some reason, many Catholic Christians presume that the Church is simply rolling along without any effect from this pandemic, but as you know, that certainly isn't true. We will continue to see in the months ahead how this pandemic is still effecting the life of our parishes and our Diocese - and most certainly the life of Saint Philip Parish. We have yet to see what the final outcome will be for our parish finances and our two church campuses and our school.

Certainly, I'm very grateful for the 18% of our parish households who've contributed small, medium, and large amounts to our Pandemic Appeal. Their generosity is very much appreciated and truly needed. I hope that some of the remaining 82% of our households will send a sacrificial donation to the parish either in the Pandemic Appeal or in our upcoming Parish Share Campaign.

This continuing worldwide pandemic is still having a very harmful effect on our nation and world. All of humanity and every community on earth is still suffering the effects of this horrible event. I hope that you and your family and neighbors are still safe and healthy. I also ask for your prayers and support as we continue to assess the harm that

this crisis has done to our community and our parish and school operations. More information will be shared in the months as we hopefully move toward the end of this pandemic crisis. Thank you all for your understanding and your support.

Sunday of the Word of God - January 24, 2021

Several years ago, Pope Francis proclaimed the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time to now be the Word of God Sunday. That Sunday is this Sunday, January 24. It's a day to remind ourselves and all Catholic Christians that the Holy Bible is a sacred gift to us and to the world, and it is an essential pillar of our faith in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Old Testament contains the story of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, the prophets, and all of Israel - the first People of God. The New Testament contains the life, teachings, events, death and Resurrection of Jesus the Lord along with the story and writings of the early Church.

Along with the Apostolic Tradition and the authoritative Teachings of the Church, the Holy Bible is one of the three essential pillars of Christianity. It's so very fitting and important that we read the Bible in our Sunday and daily Liturgies. It's also important that we read the Bible at home and in our prayer gatherings. It's the Bible that unites all Christians and gives us our bond with the Jewish people. It's the Bible which shares God's message and promises with us. It's the Bible and the Holy Spirit which inspire faith within our hearts.

May we always remember the importance of the Word of God, and may we take the Bible to heart in our lives and families. As the Bible guides us and inspires us as Catholic Christians, may the word of God also guide us to salvation and eternal life in the Lord!

Our 2021 Parish Share Campaign

Each Lent, the parishes of our Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh hold **our annual Parish Share Campaign** to raise the funds which we contribute to the work of Bishop David Zubik and the operations of the Diocese.

Our goal this year will, once again, be at least \$90,000, and the Appeal Letter will be sent to all our households in the coming weeks. This year, we will be using the mailing and processing services of Our Sunday Visitor, Inc. as do all the other parishes of the Diocese.

I encourage all our households to contribute (or pledge) **\$250 or more** for this important annual effect. Last year, our donors were generous in helping Saint Philip Parish to meet and surpass the parish goal. All funds received stay with our parish to fund the budget and operations of Saint Philip Parish.

Please be generous this year as we begin the very important 2021 Parish Share Campaign! Thank you all very much!

Supporting our Pandemic Appeal

Yes, I'm repeating this article often so that every parish member receives this important news. Once again, as Saint Philip Parish continues to make our way through this pandemic year, your financial support is very much appreciated. So far, we've received donations from 432 households. Yes, that's 18% of our 2350 households responding with a donation, but my hope is that, in the coming days and weeks, more families and members will see the importance and necessity of supporting the parish during this national and worldwide crisis.

As you saw in the December 6 bulletin, our parish had a (\$156,341) spending deficit in the last fiscal year because of the decreased contributions due to the pandemic as well as a total \$255,000 subsidy to our parish school. This year, as you know from my Appeal letter, we will be entirely out of reserve funds by June 30 because of lower contributions and a possible \$250,000 school subsidy once again this year. As has been announced, our parish is looking at a (\$384,000) deficit for this fiscal year, and that could leave us with no parish savings beginning July 2021. That would leave the parish in a most difficult situation.

Thank you so very much once again to the 18% of our members and families who have contributed to this Appeal. To all who have been waiting to respond, please help this - your - parish community now so that we can remain alive and be stable in 2021. Thank you!

Still working on the future of our Catholic School

And yes, I'm also repeating this article often so that every parish member receives this important news. Since September 2020, Saint Philip Parish and Saint Margaret of Scotland Parish in Greentree have been discussing the future of our two elementary schools. This discussion has been requested by officials of the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh as well as SRCES, the South Region Catholic Elementary Schools, Inc., which oversees the nine parish elementary schools in the south and west of Allegheny County as well as Washington County.

These discussions will continue as everyone involved tries to find an agreeable solution to retain Catholic elementary education here in our local area. In the end, please know that any final arrangement is NOT the decision of the Saint Philip Parish pastor or principal. In the end, a recommendation will be given to the Bishop by the SRCES Board, and then, the final decision will be made by Bishop David Zubik in consultation with his senior diocesan officials.



One additional note is that, as these discussions continue, we have all realized that this pandemic year - and its effect on the financial situations of both parishes and both schools - must also be considered seriously. As our Pandemic Appeal has made clear, Saint Philip Parish (and School) - and, in fact, Catholic parishes and schools across the Diocese and across the United States (like every person, family, community, business, and government) - have found this pandemic year to be very, very difficult. All the current factors of 2020-2021 must be considered in the deliberation and the forecasting needed to plan and ensure Catholic schools now and in the future.

As always, the Saint Philip School community and I are all very grateful for your support of the school and for your interest in this important ministry of Saint Philip Parish and of the entire Church. We're all doing our very best to continue the work and the future of Catholic schools in our local area!

Best wishes for a very good week!

Best wishes for this week. Thank you very much for your goodness and your generosity to our parish community, to one another, and to those in need.

Until next Sunday, may you and our parish and school communities receive goodness, health, and divine grace from God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. May the good Lord bless you and your family and our parish community in 2021 and always!

Yours,
Father Jim Torquato

Our Parish's Pandemic Appeal

Please help Saint Philip Parish in this very difficult pandemic year.

Your special monetary donation now and your increased weekly donation will help us to remedy the decline in donations this year.

Our sincere thanks are extended to these recent parish donors:
(as of January 20, 2021)



6 Anonymous Donors
and
Edward Brizek

DONATE ONLINE

Make donating easy!



Your regular online contributions to Saint Philip Parish are encouraged and always welcome!

You can send your weekly donations through our *We Share!* internet service at www.saintphilipchurch.weshareonline.org.

Thank you for your generous financial contributions to SAINT PHILIP PARISH!

Your goodness and participation help to keep our parish alive!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

Kick-off on Tuesday, February 16th

Join us at 6:00 pm at the beautiful Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church for a *pro-life Mass*, followed by a candlelit **Eucharistic procession to Planned Parenthood!** *All Christians welcome!!!*



Principal celebrant will be Bishop William Waltersheid. Other priests may con-celebrate.

For those who are unable to walk two miles comfortably, please join us in the Church at 6pm, and drive to Planned Parenthood for closing prayers at 7:10 pm.

For more information, contact Nikki Bruni at nbruni@40daysforlifepittsburgh.com

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- **Vigil location:** Outside Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Ave. Pittsburgh
- **Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm daily
- **Local contact:** Nikki Bruni, 412-926-9413, nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com.

Learn more...get involved...and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at 40daysforlifepittsburgh.com or 40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh or contact Fran Morrow franmac98fmc@gmail.com or call 412-965-9874



Parish News

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND MASS
www.Signup.com/go/FGmSpoq. Reservations accepted by phone from those **without internet access** on Tuesday & Wednesday from 10:00am to 12:00 noon. Call the parish office at 412-922-6300, x 5.

PARISH OFFICES

The Parish Offices are closed until further notice for all in-person business. The offices may boooe contacted by phone Monday through Friday from 10:00am to 2:00pm.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS - January 30 & 31

- 4:00pm at St. Philip - Gregory Healy
- 5:30pm at Ascension - Robert Okraszewski
- 7:00am at St. Philip - John Cherry
- 9:30am at Ascension - Linda Barone
- 11:00am at St. Philip - B. J. Gamble

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - January 30 & 31

- 4:00pm at St. Philip - Art Bannon
- 5:30pm at Ascension - Annette Marlinga
- 7:00am at St. Philip - Karen Rozeck
- 9:30am at Ascension - Dona Waldron
- 11:00am at St. Philip - Susan Kelly

JUST A REMINDER. . .

Sunday Masses

- **50%** Occupancy: **300 (SP)** & **200 (A)** may gather at each Mass as per the directives of the Diocese.

Attendees at every Mass should:

- Enter church no earlier than 30 minutes before Mass through the Courtyard Door (St. Philip) and Main Doors (Ascension).
- Ushers will moderate entry.
- Use hand sanitizer when entering church.
- Remain 6 feet apart from other individuals (families may sit together).
- Wear a face mask, except for Holy Communion.
- Proceed immediately to vehicles at the end of Mass. (The church will be sanitized after each Mass).

2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like a Statement of your Contributions to St. Philip Parish for 2020, please fill out the form below and forward it to us along with a **self-addressed stamped letter-size envelope** and a list of your contributions will be mailed to you as quickly as possible. If we do not receive a return envelope, we will hold the statement for you to pick up at the Parish Office. Please mark "IRS" on the envelope addressed to the Parish Office. **We thank you for your cooperation.**

2020 IRS Contribution Statement

Envelope #: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____



Catholic Charities of Pittsburgh welcomes donations of the following items for their downtown Pittsburgh warming stations, which serve those experiencing homelessness:

- Oatmeal packets
- Individual sugar and cream servings
- Breakfast bars
- Clean winter wear such as hats, gloves and scarves

Please email smcmur@ccpgh.org to coordinate drop-off of your gifts. Thank you!

PARISH SUPPORT

We are grateful for your continued support! If you are unable to attend Mass, you may mail your weekly offering to the Parish Office at 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh 15205 or drop it off in the mail box located outside the main office door. St. Philip Parish also offers the option for ONLINE GIVING.

SUPER BOWL POOL

The 2021 Super Bowl Pool is a SELL OUT! Thank you to all for your interest and support of this parish fundraiser.

CALENDAR PARTY

Many have been inquiring about the possibility of having our annual St. Philip Calendar Party this year. Due to the current pandemic restrictions and our concern that we would not be able to insure safe social distancing at this event, we sadly must cancel the 2021 Calendar Party. We thank you for your interest and we hope to be able to plan for next year's event.

WEDDINGS AT ST. PHILIP PARISH

Are you seeking to be married in the Catholic Church? Would you like to have your wedding at St. Philip Parish? Please remember that engaged couples are required to meet with one of our parish priests for an Intake Meeting prior to scheduling a wedding date. Diocesan policy also asks that a six-month period of preparation take place prior to any wedding. Couples are also asked to complete an approved Pre-Cana experience. We strongly recommend waiting to book your reception venue until you have met with the priest. This will ensure that there are no impediments preventing a wedding in the Catholic Church and enable you to secure a wedding date. Please contact Maureen Takach in the Parish Office at 412-922-6300, ext. 6 for additional information.



IN MEMORY OF FATHER DAVID KRISS

The Reverend David J. Kriss (1953-2004) was a newly ordained priest when he served as the vicar at Saint Martin Parish in Crafton Heights (1979-1984). In his memory, Father David's younger brother, the Reverend Aaron J. Kriss, and their sister, Elly Kriss Walkowiak have published a new book about their brother David. Titled David's Echo: Uplifting the Human Spirit, this book contains the words of Father David Kriss as well as poetry and other items that share his thoughts on human connections, spirituality, and prayer.

To learn more, contact Father Aaron Kriss at akriss@diopitt.org or call him at Guardian Angels Parish in Natrona Heights (724-226-4900, ext. 20). Thank you.

Rest in Peace

We offer our sympathy to the family of **Cynthia Laughlin** who entered into eternal life. Please keep her in your prayers.



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Please show your support for your parish by also supporting our advertisers. We wouldn't be able to bring you our bulletin every week without them, and right now they need your help more than ever. Please encourage and remind others to show their support and shop local during these hard times!

Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **St. Philip** burns

In Loving Memory of Si ☺ Rita Pfender

Offered by Daughter, Barb Pfender

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **Ascension**

burns *In Loving Memory of the Askin ☺*

Terrek Families

Offered by Mary Ellen Askin



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Thank you for helping to underwrite the production of our weekly Parish Bulletin.



St. Philip School News

GRACE PROGRAM

Deadline for February/March enrollments is February 20. Requests for enrollment may be made by visiting www.spsangelway.org/support-sps or may be placed in the collection basket or sent to the school office at 52 West Crafton Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15205. Any donation is gratefully accepted and directly benefits the school. Thank you to all for your support of the GRACE Program.



YOUR INVITED!

VIRTUAL PUB TRIVIA NIGHT II: WINTER EDITION

Join us for “Virtual Pub Trivia Night II: Winter Edition” on **Thursday, January 28 at 8:00pm on Zoom** sponsored by Lu Ryan and Howard Hanna Real Estate Services. The game will again be presented by Buzz Worthy Pub Trivia. Participants will be placed onto teams at random, and compete with prizes and bragging rights on the line. Don't worry, this isn't “serious” trivia. Instead, it's really all about that “useless knowledge” we all possess. Topics range from movies to candy bars to music and more.

REGISTER ONLINE AT SHOPSPS.ORG. Cost is \$10 per device. It is preferred that participants play individually (the game works better this way), but two people playing together from one device is permitted. Have questions? Contact event organizers Stacey or Brian Knavish at staceypknavish@gmail.com or brianknavish@yahoo.com.

AROUND SPS THIS WEEK

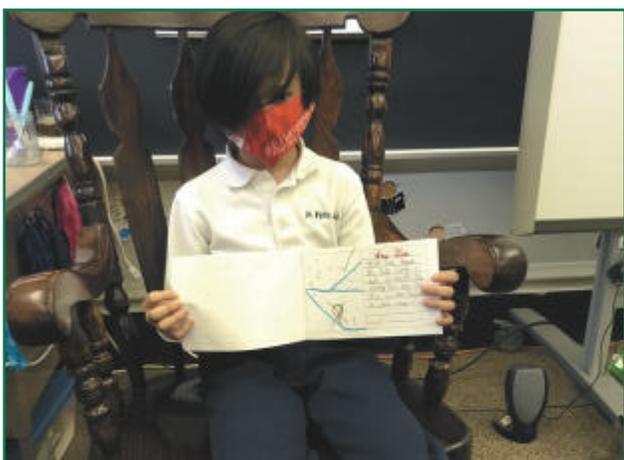
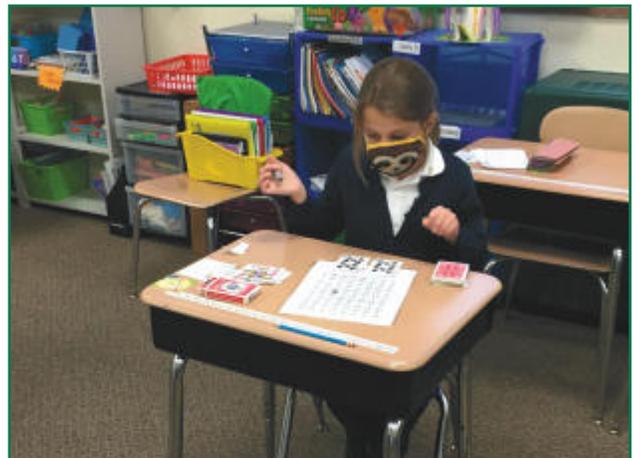
- Miss McGaughey taught the third graders how to “sing” the song, *Jesus Loves Me* in sign-language. They sounded and looked pretty great! See them sing it on our Website.



- In 2B, we are learning our basic facts in a fun way! We each have a laminated card with ninety-six 2-digit numbers on it. Then, we use a deck of cards. We take out all of the face cards. We turn over two cards and add them in our head! Then we mark the space on our card. The object of our game is to cover a whole row! Because the cards are laminated, and we are using dry-erase markers, we can erase and play again. Students are having fun and learning the basic math addition facts at the same time!



- Mrs. Markewinski read *Sneezy the Snowman* and *Bug Soup* for Kindergarten. She was their first guest reader. Of course, this was over zoom.
- In 7th grade this week we are learning about cells! The students were able use microscopes to get a first-hand look at cells up close. We looked at a banana, leaf and pencil shavings under the microscope!
- Jack from 4B read his book he created on how to build a snow ramp to the class.





Religious Education

Ms. MaryAnn Garfold, Director of Religious Education
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A NOTE FROM MARYANN: In today's Gospel we hear, "As He passed by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, 'Come after Me, and I will make you fishers of men.'" We know they abandoned their nets and followed Jesus. We notice a couple of interesting things in our reflection. First, Jesus approaches them in the middle of their everyday duties. He doesn't wait for them to finish or approach them when they take a break. He speaks to them during the busiest part of their day. Perhaps Jesus is speaking to us as we go about the busy tasks of our day. Jesus may be speaking to us as we wash the dishes, do the laundry, or pay our bills. Each day we have an opportunity to see Jesus speak to us each at every moment and in each and every person. As Lent is around the corner, perhaps this is the time to listen and find out what the Lord is asking of us.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS: Beginning this Sunday, our Faith Formation Program will be live-streamed on our Facebook Page. **Pre-K through 3rd Grade** will be **live-streamed at 10:45am**. **4th through 6th Grade** will be **live-streamed at 11:15am**. These programs are for all the children of the parish and may be seen on St. Philip Crafton Facebook Page throughout the week. Our live-streaming this month will be January 24, February 14 and February 28.

SECOND GRADE PARENT MEETING: There will be a **2nd Grade Parent Meeting via ZOOM on Thursday, January 28 at 7:00pm**. School Parents will be reminded by the classroom teachers. Parents of Religious Education Students will be sent the link via e-mail on Wednesday, January 27. Please direct any questions or concerns to the Office of Religious Education at 412-922-6388.

BAPTISMS: Baptism requests continue to be accepted. As information is provided by the family and requests forms are completed, you will be informed of a baptismal date once safety precautions are in place and it is safe to resume baptisms. For information, contact MaryAnn at 412-922-6388.

CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL: Monday we celebrate the Conversion of St. Paul. Paul shares the story of his conversion in his letter to the Galatians. If time permits this week, it may be prayerful to read Galatians 1 and reflect upon how God is calling each of us.



THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

Teach me
your
ways.

— PSALM 25 —



Family Faith Formation

This is a new page with ideas and information for the family to share.

WINTER: As we continue through the cold of winter, we call upon our Guardian Angel this week to keep us safe. Perhaps this prayer might be a good one to say each morning or evening.

*Angel of God, my guardian dear,
To whom God's love commits me here.
Ever this day be at my side,
To light, to guard, to rule and guide. Amen.*

NEW FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY: This week begins the leadership training for the New Family Life Ministry. You will hear more about this new ministry in the coming weeks. If your family is interested in learning how to strengthen your ability to work, play, talk and pray together, call the Office of Religious Education at 412-922-6388.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY: GOSPEL WORD SEARCH

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ANDREW	FISHERMEN	JAMES	NETS	SIMON
BOAT	GALILEE	JESUS	SEA	

CREATE YOUR OWN PEACE MAT



January 18–25 is dedicated to unity and peace, especially among all Christians.

If your family has time, they could create a peace mat for the dinner table.

The Directions are as follows:

1. Have the children form the “base” for the weaving by cutting a sheet of construction paper widthwise into strips, **stopping 1 inch from each side**. Using other paper, cut strips that measure 1 inch by 15 inches.
2. Write words or sentences of peace and kindness on the strips.
3. Weave the strips through the base. Secure the ends of the strips with glue.
4. You can also weave string, ribbon or fabric if you wish.



Ministries & Societies

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE — With the additional suffering and hardship that the Covid-19 pandemic has brought to the world, many people are asking themselves, “How can I make a difference?” Even though the operations of our organization have changed in some respects since the pandemic started, our volunteers are still very active in the community. Here are the ways that you can volunteer with us to make a difference during these difficult times:

Furniture pickup and delivery - We have many friends in need who do not even have the most basic furniture items, and we have many people who generously donate their furniture, but we need pickup trucks and volunteers to bring the two together. The timing of these pickups and deliveries is often flexible, so this is the perfect opportunity for someone who may have limited availability, but wants to help out when their schedule allows. While it is not a necessity, it is a bonus if you have a pickup truck! Please call our hotline or email us if you'd like to be notified when furniture pickup and delivery opportunities are available.

Load trucks to West Virginia - The furniture, clothing and housewares donations that do not get distributed within our parish go to the Madonna Hope House in Tunnelton, West Virginia. We need volunteers that are willing to give about two hours of their time on a Friday evening, approximately once every six weeks, to help load the trucks that go to West Virginia. Please call our hotline or email us if you'd like to be notified when we are loading.

Deliver monthly food - We currently have 18 teams delivering food to 71 families within our parish boundaries who do not have reliable transportation with which to get to a local walk-in food bank. Different teams deliver at different times and on different days of the week (once per month) so this is another great opportunity for those who have limited availability. Packing and delivering the food usually takes about two hours. This is a unique opportunity to develop lasting relationships with your “food families.” Call or email us if you are interested in joining a food team.

Thrift stores - The five St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores are always looking for volunteers. Volunteers help sort donations and stock the store. Please contact the thrift store at which you would

like to volunteer for more information; they will work with you to find a volunteer opportunity that you enjoy (<https://svdppitt.org/stores/store-locations-directions>). Please contact the St. Vincent de Paul Council of Pittsburgh's Volunteer Coordinator, Jeane Kish, at 412-343-4455.

Become a member - This is the one thing that has changed dramatically since the pandemic began. We are not presently holding weekly meetings due to concerns about our members being in close quarters for a prolonged period of time, but we hope that will change in the coming months. We cannot wait until we are able to get together in person again each week once it is safe to do so. In the meantime, please call or email us if you would like to become a member when things begin to return to normal, and we'll keep you informed of our activities!

The great thing about our organization is that the only thing you need in order to volunteer is a desire to help. We do not require any special skills or training. There is a sense of fulfillment that we get from helping our friends in need out of love for them as our brothers and sisters in Christ. We would love to share that feeling with you.

This past week, your generous donations allowed us to assist an unemployed woman with \$300 for rent; a woman was given various pieces of furniture as she had nothing in her apartment; a woman was provided with a washing machine; and two families who lost income due to Covid were each given \$300 toward rent. Your unfailing support of our organization is humbling. May God bless you for your generosity.

If you would like to make a monetary donation or a donation of \$10 Giant Eagle gift cards, please place your donation in one of the poor boxes, mail them to the parish office at 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15205, or donate online at <https://saintphilipchurch.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/SaintVincentDePaul>. If you would like to make a donation of furniture or household goods, please call or text our hotline at 412-444-8140 or email us at svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com. If you would like to donate clothing, shoes or accessories, please place your donation in the blue bins in front of the Hope House at St. Philip or in the rear parking lot at Ascension, or you can call, text or email us to arrange a pickup if you are unable to transport them yourself. Please do not place any other items in those bins or leave anything outside of them because they will be thrown away. Also, we are always looking for volunteers! Any donation of your time is extremely valuable to us. If you'd like to join us in helping our friends in need, please call, text or email us for more information.

As always, if you, or someone you know, are in need of assistance, please call or text our hotline at 412-444-8140 or email us at svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com.

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