



Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2021

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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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50 West Crafton Ave.
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Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Saint Philip School
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no later than 12:00pm on Friday to be included in the following week's bulletin.





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 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
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1 — WEEKDAY			
St. Philip	8:00am	Lesley Ann Clark	Lynn Harris
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 — THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD			
Ascension	8:00am	The Benedetti & Sullivan Families	Family
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3 — WEEKDAY, SAINT BLAISE, BISHOP AND MARTYR; SAINT ANSGAR, BISHOP			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Nello Coccagno	Wife, Patricia Anne
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5 — SAINT AGATHA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Rebecca Goetzler	Deborah Micheli & Friends at Dial America
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6 — SAINT PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS			
Ascension	8:00am	Rosemary Rynn	Legion of Mary
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Victor & Angela Mancini	Mancini Family
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Zunic & Henkel Families	Jane Beistel
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 — FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Robert Trapuzzano	The Walmans
Ascension	9:30am	Loretta & Bernard Cook	Robin & Jim Gump
Saint Philip	11:00am	Joseph & Louise Rago	Rago 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!

Jesus' new and wonderful teaching

In our Sunday Liturgies of these winter weeks, we hear the Gospel accounts of the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. The Gospel according to Mark begins with Jesus' Baptism by John the Baptist and then the call of the Apostles. Today, we hear of Jesus' teaching and healing as well as the acclaim of the people who were overjoyed to welcome and receive this great teacher, healer, and prophet.

When we think about Jesus and his teaching and activity, he and his life and words are truly remarkable. Even today, Jesus amazes his disciples and even non-believers with his assurance of God's love for the world and all people. Jesus' teaching of God's mercy and goodness is a message not found in other religions or beliefs. Jesus' offer of healing and salvation are unique to him. Jesus' call to love our family members, our fellow believers, our neighbors, and all people is extraordinary even today.

We are so truly blessed to have received the Gospel of Jesus as well as his teachings and his assurance of divine love and eternal life in the very Kingdom of God. May we always remember just how wonderful is the message and teaching of Jesus. May we keep in mind how blessed we are to be baptized people of the Lord and members of his one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. Finally, may we remain close to Jesus and introduce others to him, and may we make our journey through this life - with Jesus - to the Resurrection to everlasting life that Jesus promises all of us who are his faithful people, his faithful friends!

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

Thanks very much to the

18% or **435**

of our 2350 parish households who've sent donations to the **Saint Philip Pandemic Appeal.**

Your contributions are most helpful and very much appreciated, and additional donations are always welcome.

Thank you once again!

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!

Our Ash Wednesday Saint Philip Parish Fish dinner

As you can imagine, hosting the Annual Fish Fry Dinners this Lent is quite impossible because of all our state and county health regulations and restrictions as well as the continuing possibility of spreading the Covid-19 virus through group interaction.

Our inability to hold eight Fish Fry evenings this Lent will mean a loss of \$35,000 in parish fundraising. That's another very unfortunate outcome of this continuing pandemic.

However, in partnership with the Texas Roadhouse in Bridgeville, we will hold a February 17 Ash Wednesday Take-out Fish Dinner at our Ascension church site. Order forms for Fish and/or Shrimp dinners can be found in this bulletin and in our churches through the order deadline of February 10.

Dinner pickup will take place the evening of February 17, Ash Wednesday, at the Ascension church hall.

Thank you for your support of this special parish event. Return your order forms soon, and join us as we begin the season of Lent on February 17 with our Saint Philip Parish Takeout Fish Dinner!

Our ongoing pandemic crisis

This Covid-19 pandemic has taken a tremendous toll on many in our nation. More than 400,00 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.

This continuing worldwide pandemic is still having a very harmful effect on our nation and world. 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.

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. (A similar discussion is also taking place between Saint Elizabeth School in Pleasant Hills and Saint Gabriel School in Whitehall.) 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.

In the coming weeks, the SRCES Board and officials of our Diocese will be sharing communications with each school community and each parish community.

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. School fundraising and parish contributions have certainly been effected during this difficult year. 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.

The SRCES Board and our school administration will be communicating with school parents and families as to plans and recommendations. I will continue to communicate with you, our parish community. Meanwhile, 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 month of February and a blessed Season of Lent!

Best wishes for this week and for February and Lent! 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



Memorial of St. Sebastian, 20 January 2021

Dear brothers and sisters at St. Philip and St. Raphael Parishes
and parents at St. Philip and St. Margaret of Scotland Schools,

Last month, I promised you an update on the possible consolidation of your two schools. After nine months' study, the South Regional Catholic Elementary Schools (SRCES) board in December and January reviewed the data and deliberated concerning the viability of our schools. We are forwarding our recommendations to Bishop David Zubik and will await his approval of our recommendations. *Though I'd earlier hoped to make an announcement in January, I now plan for early February.* I am grateful for your patience and understanding.

I remind you of the context:

- The SRCES board began its study in the spring of 2020, while it was still merely an advisory board. Since then we've worked closely with Fr. Robert Grecco, Fr. James Torquato, and their many staff and advisors, through more than twenty meetings and countless discussions to ascertain the best outcome for Catholic education in the neighborhoods associated with these two schools.
- In July of 2020, Bishop Zubik established SRCES and its governing board of directors to provide for the accessibility, affordability, and sustainability of Catholic education in the southern portion of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Our Catholic schools, and the parishes that host them, face daunting demographic and financial challenges.

Catholic education is at the heart of the Church's mission to help parents raise their children as Catholic Christians. Catholic schools teach the truth revealed by the Lord Jesus and allow it to leaven all other studies. In collaboration with parents, we reinforce the habits of daily prayer and weekly worship. And together with parish and neighborhood, we encourage a generous fellowship within the Church and a loving solidarity with all.

On behalf of our pastors, schools administrators, principals, and teachers, I thank you all for your support of Catholic education, and especially parents for the sacrifices you make in order to sustain your children's enrollment and engagement with the schools.

Yours in Christ,

(Rev.) Dave Poecking

President of the board of directors, South Regional Catholic Elementary Schools

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Parish News

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS - February 6 & 7

- 4:00pm at St. Philip - Dan Welsh
- 5:30pm at Ascension - Robert Okraszewski
- 7:00am at St. Philip - B. J. Gamble
- 9:30am at Ascension - Linda Barone
- 11:00am at St. Philip - Jessica Rea

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - February 6 & 7

- 4:00pm at St. Philip - Pauline Bodnar Welsh
- 5:30pm at Ascension - Annette Marlinga
- 7:00am at St. Philip - Beth Ayres
- 9:30am at Ascension - Dona Waldron
- 11:00am at St. Philip - Joe Allen

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).

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 be contacted by phone Monday through Friday from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

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.

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!

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.

Resources for Lent 2021

Hoping to have a good Season of Lent? There are Catholic publishers which offer a variety of Lenten pamphlets and booklets with spiritual reflections for individuals and families.

Visit the websites of these publishers and take a look:

- 1.) Creative Communications for the Parish
- www.creativecommunications.com/Products
- 2.) Liguori Redemptorist Publications - www.Liguori.org
- 3.) Living with Christ - www.faithresources@bayard-inc.com
- 4.) Liturgical Press - www.litpress.org
- 5.) Twenty-Third Publications - www.twentythirdpublications.com
- 6.) Faith Catholic - www.store.FAITHcatholic.com

Our 2021 Parish Share Campaign



Every year, each parish is asked to raise funds to support the ministry of our Bishop, his staff, and all our Diocesan programs. This Parish Share Program is very important to the life and operations of our Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh.

This year, our parish is once again asked to collect and remit **\$90,000+ to the Diocese** as our contribution to Parish Share. Again, all of our members and families are asked to contribute \$250 now or during the coming 11 months. Funds received beyond our goal will remain with Saint Philip Parish. Each year, your generosity allows us to meet and to exceed our goal. Thank you!

This year, along with every parish in the Diocese, **our Parish Share Campaign will be administered by Our Sunday Visitor, Inc.** My Appeal Letter, information brochure, pledge card, and return envelope will arrive in February. Thank you for your generosity and your support of our 2021 Parish share Campaign!

Sanctuary Lamp INTENTIONS

We still have a good many weeks available for Sanctuary Lamp Memorials. If you would like to schedule your intention, please contact Maureen at the Parish Office.

RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS

Renew your vows for Valentine's Day at a Candlelight Renewal of Vows Mass on **Saturday, February 13 at 8:00pm in the Church of the Epiphany, Pittsburgh.**

Fr. Jay Donahue will be the Main Celebrant. Space is limited. RSVP at renewtheido.org.

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.

Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **St. Philip** burns
*In Loving Memory of the Deceased
of Saint Philip Parish*

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **Ascension**
burns *In Loving Memory of Nello Coccagno*
Offered by Patricia Anne Hickey Coccagno

ADVERTISER of the Week

MIKE ZUHL - 14A

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



St. Philip School News

GRACE PROGRAM

Our January program will be held during Catholic Schools Week in school and will highlight the life of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, foundress of the Catholic Schools' system in America. 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 Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15205. Any donation is gratefully accepted and directly benefits the school. Thank you to all for your support of the GRACE Program.

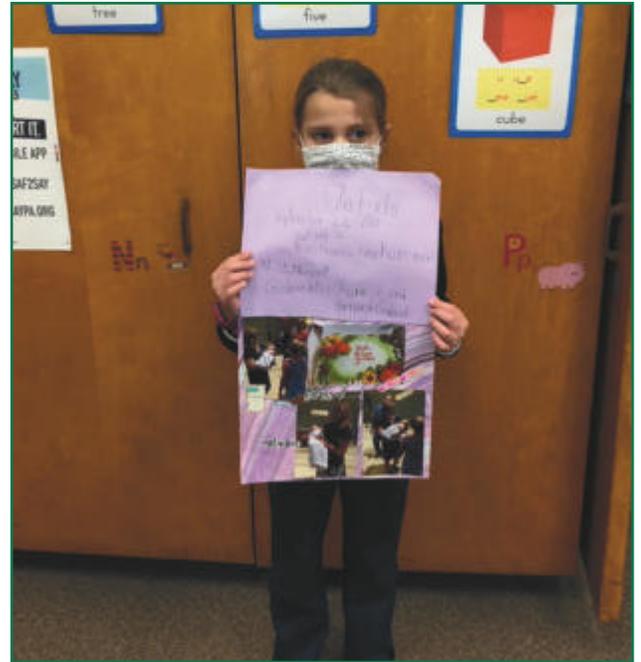
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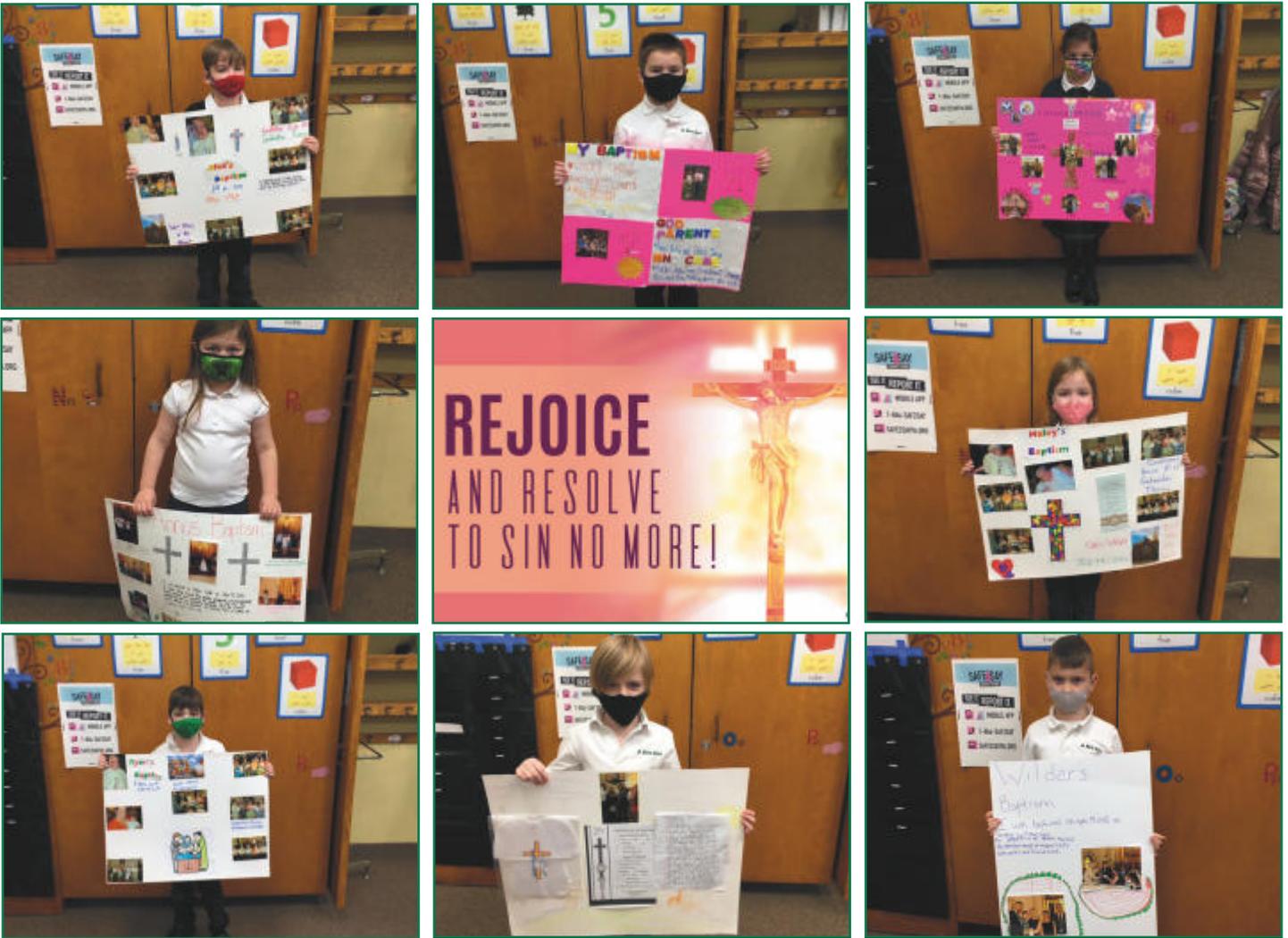
The sixth grade participated in the *Christ Is Alive* essay contest in which they had to write about a moment when they felt close to God. The students had to show their expression of their faith in Christ and spiritual awareness throughout their essay. Two sixth grade winners will be selected from across the United States. We were able to send in one participant from our school. The middle school teachers read each essay and determined that **Samuel Hall**, 6A student, would be our school's winner! His essay was sent in to compete against others in the United States. Sam's essay was about a personal experience in his life and he wrote:



"Feeling close to God is important, and I think this event really helped me feel closer to God. This helped me feel closer to God because it helped me realize that He is watching over me always."

The second graders at SPS are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As we prepare, we are reminded of our baptismal promises. Since most of us don't actually remember our baptism, the second graders did a project to interview their parents about their own baptisms. They brought in photos, a sacramental or item from their baptism, and a letter from their parents telling them about their big day. The posters were hung proudly in the halls of SPS, reminding us every time we went to lunch of how special our baptisms were and what we are preparing for next, Reconciliation and First Communion.





Saint Blaise Day, February 3 and Ash Wednesday, February 17

On Wednesday, February 3, we will observe Saint Blaise Day. Regulations during this Pandemic have changed how the Saint Blaise Blessing is to be offered. All priests have been asked to simply pray the Blessing over all those gathered for prayer that day.

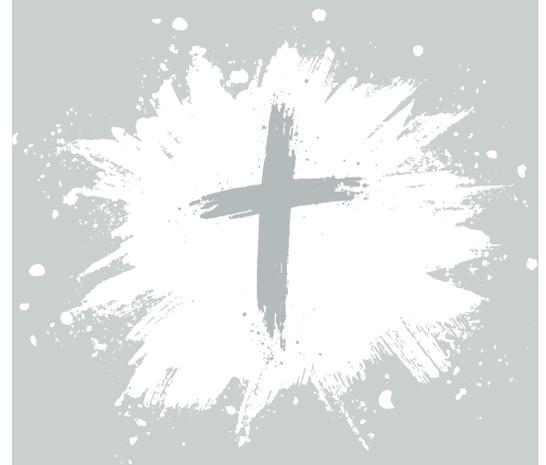
We will NOT be using candles or praying over each individual person. Rather, a simple prayer and blessing will be prayed over those present at 8:25am (at Saint Philip Church), at 12 noon (at Ascension Church), at 4:00pm (at Saint Philip Church) and at 7:00pm (at Ascension Church).

On Ash Wednesday, February 17, we will have the following schedule:

- 8:00am Mass with Ashes at Saint Philip Church;
- 12:00 noon Prayer Service with Ashes at Ascension Church;
- 4:00pm Prayer Service with Ashes at Saint Philip Church;
- 7:00pm Mass with Ashes at Ascension Church.

On Ash Wednesday, to avoid contact, we've been asked to employ the practice used in other countries. That is, the Prayer offered over each person will instead be prayed once over all those gathered. Then, everyone will be asked to come forward, bow your head, and then receive ashes lightly sprinkled upon your head (rather than our making actual contact with your forehead).

You're welcome to join us for these important days as we celebrate them during this ongoing time of pandemic. Please register now through our parish website. Thank you!





Gifts Re-Affirming A Catholic Education | January 2021

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<i>ENROLLED</i>	<i>DONOR</i>	<i>ENROLLED</i>	<i>DONOR</i>
DECEASED - PERPETUAL		DECEASED - PERPETUAL	
Charles H. Spires	A Friend	Bill & Thelma Seaman	Family & Friends
Jack & Bernice Sigh	Bernice Sigh	Kim Harbaugh	St. Philip School Family
Mary Collins Klemmer	Mary Pat Collins	Mr. & Mrs. Jack McGinley	Family
Harry Collins	Mary Pat Collins	Albert Dzurichko	Mr & Mrs Douglas Hagg
Byron & Pat Collins	Family & Friends	Joseph & Margaret Tracy	Family & Friends
Mary Jo Dowds	Family & Friends	Jim Reilly	Family
Sr. Jane Catherine	Bernice Sigh	Sister Annina Fox	Friends
Vincent Rea, Jr.	Vincent Rea Family	John Sebesta	Virginia Sebesta
Vincent Rea, Sr.	Italia Rea	Robert M & Sara K Chamberlin	Chamberlin Family
Vincent & Italia Rea	Vincent & Italia Rea Family	Tom Petrone	Family & Friends
Marie Renvers	Joe Renvers	William & Gen Kennedy	Family & Friends
Ken & Audrey Werner	Werner & Wrabley Family	Edward Witt	Family & Friends
Helen Hennessey	Pete, Matt, & Amanda	Don Mixon	Family & Friends
Drew & Florence Starr	Friends & Family	DECEASED	
Barrett Family	Family	Smith & Colosimo Families	Mr. & Mrs. Jay Smith
Boden Family	Family	Marilyn Seitz	Bob Seitz
Sam Hicks	Peter Hennessey	Terry & Delys Keeley	Pat Keeley
William Ley	Family & Friends	Catherine Kletter	Elaine Koller & Karen Kletter
Mary Adelaide & Christopher Sprows	Family & Friends	Margaret Mary McWilliams	Katie Sheridan
Thomas Sworski, PhD	Stanley Sworski	Bruno Scuglia	St. Philip School Family
Mary & Edward Stewart	Eileen Cox	Florence Hall	
Tom Leskanic	Anthony S. Michalski	Jeremy Dentel	
Tim Megyesy	Family & Friends	Karen Werner	
Thomas & Angela Witt	Family & Friends	Rose Giwin	
Msgr. Robert Garland	The Chamberlin Family	Joan Crum	
Daniel Brannan	St. Philip Children	Mary Pat Kennedy	
Ignatius Laux	Family and Friends	Michele Colosimo	Gail Gilles
Don Mixon	Family and Friends	Alice Kaminsky	Marge Reilly
Ed Leithauser	Family and Friends	Donna Howard	
Alice Bryson Shock	John Shock	Richard Kimberling	
Edward Huth	Family and Friends	John & Betty Bodnar	Donna Bodnar
Joseph Hayes	Family and Friends	Kathleen Gallagher	Katie Sheridan
THINKING OF YOU		DECEASED	
Fr. Walter Dworak	Dorothy Kraemer & Family	Michael J & Clory Merchant	Marianne Palombi
	St. Philip School Family	Frank & Alia Palombi	
Fr. George Wilt	Dorothy Kraemer & Family	William & Asunta Miller	
	St. Philip School Family	John & Anne Caruso	
Blanche Bednar	Marge Reilly	Viginia Gray	
Penny Bruder	Bob, CeCe, Neal, Ashley	Dominic & Marianina	
THANK YOU		Mercadante	
Cathy Huth	Marge Reilly	Samual & Anne Corso	
		Lococo	
		Charles Lococo	
		Karen Werner	Heather Ravenstahl
		James D'Itri	
		Michael Diven	
		Bernie Gamble	



Religious Education

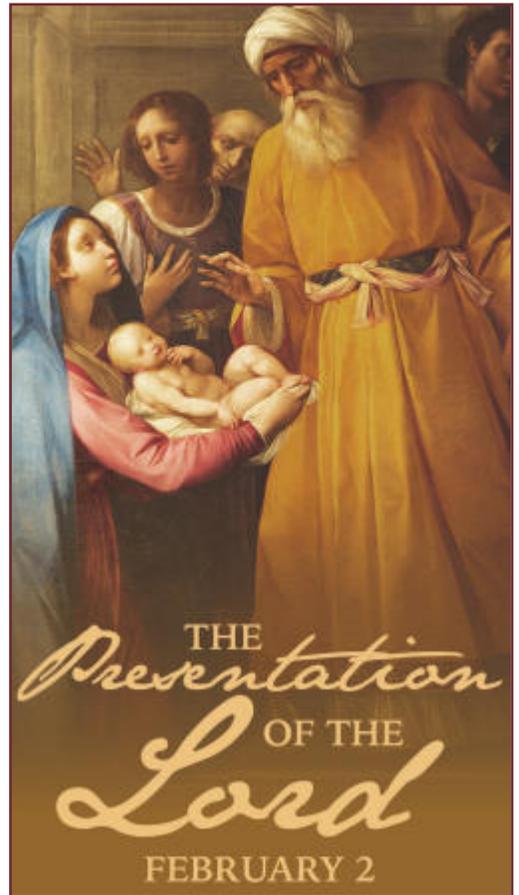
Ms. MaryAnn Garfold, Director of Religious Education
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A NOTE FROM MARYANN: *If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.* In the responsorial psalm for this Sunday there may be two things to consider. First, how will we know the voice of God? We know the voice of God in the moments of quiet prayer and in the moments of attentiveness. We know the voice of God by listening and tuning out the noise of the world. If we take one minute each day to stop and pray, “Lord, let me hear your voice today” then perhaps we will be able to recognize God’s voice in our daily life. Next, how can we tell if our hearts are harden? Perhaps our hearts are harden when we become impatient in the grocery line or in traffic. Perhaps our hearts are harden when we don’t recognize God in gratitude. Perhaps our hearts are harden when we do not recognize that God is always and everywhere in every moment of our day. Perhaps our hearts are harden when we are too busy to pray. Let us stop this week and try to really see God in each and every moment that we may truly listen to his voice.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: This Sunday we began our live-streamed Religious Education Program. It can be viewed on the St. Philip Crafton Facebook Page. There is a session for Pre-K through 3rd Grade and a session for Grades 4 through 6. **Our next session will be live-streamed on February 14. Pre-K through 3rd Grade will be live-streamed at 10:45am; 4th through 6th Grades will be live-streamed at 11:15am.** These programs may be enjoyed by all the children of the parish.

Parents of Children receiving the Sacraments this year will receive e-mails and letters in the next few days. Information regarding curriculum, dates and procedures will be included. Please check your e-mail and post office mail.

NEW FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY: Training for this new Family Life Ministry has begun. 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.



BREADCRUMBS: This week we celebrate several feasts. On Tuesday, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. How open Mary and Joseph’s heart must have been on this day. On Wednesday, we celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise. He is the patron saint of individuals with throat ailments. On Friday, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Agatha, a martyr of the early church. She is the patron saint of individuals with Breast Cancer. The following prayer by Joyce Rupp may be said in honor of these saints.

“Lord, God, we call upon all the saints to be with us. We remember how each one brought a touch of your light into our world. We recount their loving deeds and rejoice in their faithfulness. Let us follow their example as we witness to your life and love. Amen.”

Mary and Joseph, pray for us. St. Blaise, pray for us. St. Agatha, pray for us.



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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

Some very important protections related to Covid-19 have recently been extended. The forbearance on student loan payments for loans that are held by the U.S. Department of Education was set to expire today. The expiration date has been extended to September 30, 2021.

The Centers for Disease Control's moratorium on evictions solely due to non-payment of rent, and moratorium on foreclosures for any federally-guaranteed or federally-insured mortgages, were both set to expire today as well. Those moratoria have been extended to March 31, 2021.

While the extension of the forbearance period and moratoria brings much-needed relief for those still struggling with the financial impacts of the pandemic, it is very important that those who have fallen behind in their payments take this time to plan ahead for what they will do when the protections end. If you have not already done so, reach out to your landlord and/or lender to find out what will happen with your missed payments when these protections end. By being proactive, you will have time to formulate a plan as to how to get caught up when the time comes.

This past week, your generous donations allowed us to assist an unemployed man with \$300 for rent; a disabled woman was given \$335 for rent and a security deposit; a man who had a loss of income due to the pandemic was given \$300 toward rent; a disabled woman was given clothing and household goods vouchers; and a disabled man was given \$232 toward rent. Thank you for enabling us to shine the light and mercy of Christ into the lives of our friends in need.

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