



Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2021

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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saint Philip Church
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Ascension Church
114 Berry Street
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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: Should be submitted to maureen@saintphilipchurch.org
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, 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
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Deceased of the McDonald Family	McDonald Family
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Members of the Gigliotti Family	Chuck & Lindy
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 — SAINT SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Victor Bednaza	Rosemary McDonald
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Helen Zak & Chuck Wilde	Rose
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Ella E. Vorbach	Helen Demma
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Alfred Schneider	Josie Schneider & Family
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Arthur Dobbins	Family
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 — SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
St. Philip	7:00am	Josephine Alexander	Joe & Edna DiPaolo
Ascension	9:30am	Al & Margaret Butter	Kathy & Randi Butter
St. Philip	11:00am	Jane Coyle Stafford Rubinholt Family	Ken & Jane Kwasniewski



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!

Thank you for your condolences and prayers

Last Saturday evening, January 30, my dad, Nicholas Torquato, age 90, began his journey home to the Lord when he passed away

due to Covid-19 pneumonia 10 days after his 90th birthday. Both my mother (50 years ago) and my step-mother (3 years ago) preceded my dad in the journey to God's Kingdom. He was well cared for during the past 18 months at Holy Family Manor in West View, but this year has been very difficult for him (and for all people) because of the pandemic isolation and restrictions. My family and I had a Skype internet video call with our dad every Sunday afternoon, but life was never the same once the Covid-19 crisis began.

My five brothers and my sister, my 17 nephews and nieces and 2 grandnieces, and all my family are grateful for your condolences and prayers in this sad time. The Mass of Christian Burial for our dad was celebrated on Friday, February 5, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Ross Township with his place of entombment being at Christ Our Redeemer North Side Catholic Cemetery in Ross Township. May the Lord grant eternal rest and peace to him and to all of your deceased family members and loved ones. Amen. Thanks again. Peace.



We can all look to Jesus for healing

In today's Gospel reading, we have the wonderful accounts of Jesus bringing healing to those who drew near to him and to those who were carried to him by their family and friends. It was these amazing events and the continuing telling of these accounts that inspired faith in Jesus among the people of his day as well as Christians throughout these past 20 centuries. Jesus forgives and Jesus heals, and we are all blessed by his saving power and grace.

Today, we're still invited to approach Jesus and ask for his healing power. Today, we can still bring others to Jesus personally and in prayer so that they may also share in his forgiveness and healing. The Lord invites all of us to receive his salvation offered to us now and for all eternity in the Lord's Kingdom.

Don't hesitate to turn to Jesus in prayer each and every day. Don't hesitate to pray for others as well. Jesus came to heal us and all humanity, and he still offers his healing and salvation to us even today. May Jesus truly be your Savior and the Savior of us all each and every day and in every way. May the Lord bless and heal you now and always!

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!

Thanks very much to the

18% or **438**

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!

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 result of this continuing pandemic crisis.

However, in partnership with the Texas Roadhouse in Bridgeville, we will hold a February 17 Ash Wednesday Takeout 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.

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

Going on and on and on - our continuing 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 days, Bishop Zubik will be sharing a communication with each school community and each parish community involved in this effort to maintain Catholic education in this time of crisis. In the end, please know that any final arrangement is NOT the decision of the Saint Philip Parish pastor or principal. A recommendation was given to the Bishop by the SRCES Board, and the final decision will be made by Bishop David Zubik in consultation with his senior diocesan officials.

Please remember that this pandemic year - and its effect on the financial situations of both parishes and both schools - is having a very serious impact on our school situation. 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 significantly effected during this difficult year. All the current factors of 2020 - 2021 must be considered in the effort needed to ensure Catholic schools now and in the future.

The Bishop and the SRCES Board of Directors will be communicating with school parents and families in the coming days. I will also 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

Ash Wednesday, February 17

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. Please register now through our parish website. Thank you!



— AROUND THE COMMUNITY —

ZOOM BINGO AT BISHOP CANEVIN SCHOOL

Our payout has reached \$4,700 nightly.

- Zoom Bingo will take place every Monday at 7:00pm
- Cards can be purchased at Bishop Canevin: Saturday 4:30pm to 7:00pm, Sunday 4:30pm to 7:00pm and Monday 5:00pm to 6:30pm.
- Left side of cafeteria door will be open.
- Curbside pickup is available.
- \$5.00 for a strip of 3 cards.
- Quickie Coverall \$1.00 each.
- Cross Fire and Bullseye \$1.00 each
- Extra coverall \$1.00 each, limit 1 per book.
- We will offer a line for \$5.00 with a \$75.00 prize.
- Prizes for ZOOM can be picked up the next weekend.

Call our hotline with any questions at
412-523-2220.

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 February 1, 2021)



2 Anonymous Donors

and

Willard and Carla Dayton

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

*Your goodness and participation
help to keep our parish alive!*



Parish News

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS - February 13 & 14

- 4:00pm at St. Philip - Gregory Healy
- 5:30pm at Ascension - Richard Schubert
- 7:00am at St. Philip - John Cherry
- 9:30am at Ascension - Francis Sullen
- 11:00am at St. Philip - Katelyn Hoff

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - February 13 & 14

- 4:00pm at St. Philip - Art Bannon
- 5:30pm at Ascension - Patricia Adamski
- 7:00am at St. Philip - Beth Ayres
- 9:30am at Ascension - Katie Phillips
- 11:00am at St. Philip - Susan Kelly

ASH WEDNESDAY

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - February 17

- 8:00am at St. Philip - Carroll Gorman
- 7:00pm at Ascension - Annette Marlinga

TODAY'S SPECIAL COLLECTION

Today's special collection supports the many charitable works of our parish's Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Your support and generosity is most appreciated.

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**.



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: _____

CALENDAR PARTY

Many have been inquiring about the possibility of having our annual Calendar Party. 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.

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE

Kick-off event - Tuesday, February 16 at 6:00pm. Please join us at Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church, for a Pro-Life Mass followed by a candlelit Eucharistic Procession to Planned Parenthood. The principal celebrant will be Bishop William Waltersheid.

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!

Rest in Peace

We offer our sympathy to the families of **Rosalie T. Dodson**, **Bernard J. Francis** and **William Hoffman, Sr.**, who entered into eternal life. Please keep them in your prayers.

We ask you also to remember in your prayers Gertrude N. Reczek, sister of Mary Klinkner of our parish who passed away. May she rest in peace in God's heavenly kingdom.

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 Marie ☺ Bill Reif
Offered by Sue & Mike Rust

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **Ascension** burns
In Loving Memory of Michelle McCullough
Offered by Lillian Brandimarti

 **ADVERTISER**
of the Week

WOLBERT'S AUTO BODY & REPAIR

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



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

South Regional Catholic Elementary Schools

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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 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.

St. Philip SPIRIT NIGHT
at
ROCKEFELLER'S Grille
1833 McKees Rocks Road
McKees Rocks, PA 15136
(412) 777-9600

SUNDAY, FEB 21st
4-8 PM
Dine In or Take Out

Join us for a fundraiser to support St. Philip School!

Dine In or Take Out - Rockefeller's Grille will donate 10% of every check back to the school when St. Philip is mentioned.

Online orders DO NOT qualify.

DISCOVER AND CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK! JANUARY 31 — FEBRUARY 6

National Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. Now entering its 47th Anniversary Year, the celebration will be held from **January 31 to February 6, 2021**. Schools typically observe the week with Masses, assemblies and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members to celebrate and congratulate. This year's theme is *Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.*

SPIRIT WEEK

February 1 — February 5, 2021



Monday, February 1

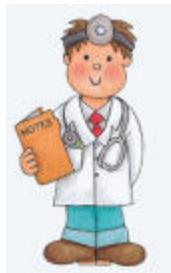
K-4- Dress Up Day
5-8- Down Down Day

Tuesday, February 2

K-4- Dress Down Day
5-8- Dress Up Day

Wednesday, February 3

Dress as Your Favorite Board Game Day



Thursday, February 4

Dress as Your Future Occupation Day

Friday, February 5

Green & White Day



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to St. Philip alumnus, **James Benke** who captained the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Hometown HiQ team. They had a strong performance and we are proud of their achievement!!!





Religious Education

Ms. MaryAnn Garfold, Director of Religious Education
412-922-6388 stphilipreligioused@gmail.com

A NOTE FROM MARYANN: In today's Gospel we hear the story of Simon's mother-in-law who lay ill with fever. We hear that Jesus heals her and she immediately gets up and waits on all those around her. It occurs to me that before the woman can feel well again, before she can rise and be of service to others, she had to let go of her fear. She had to let Jesus come near to her. I think many of us find ourselves in this situation. We desire Jesus to come to us, to heal us, to help us but not just yet. Our fear takes over and we tell ourselves that things can not really change. Nothing will make a difference. We find all sorts of reasons why we cannot do something. As we approach this Lenten Season, let us let go of our fears. Let us be open as we pray "*Lord, Come and Change our hearts.*"

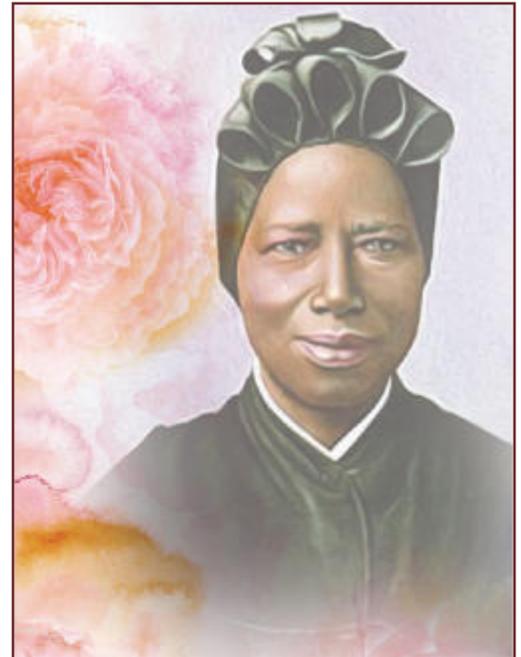
FAITH FORMATION

BAPTISMS: We are once again scheduling Baptisms. If you would like to have your child baptized, please contact the Office of Faith Formation at 412-215-7743 to begin the process.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St. Philip Parish on **May 19 in St. Philip Church at 7:00pm**. Throughout the month of February, Monday night Faith Formation Students should be completing the activities found in the journal they received in the mail. **The next in-person gathering for Monday Night 7th and 8th grade students will be held on March 1 at 6:30pm in St. Philip Church.**

FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS: Our February Faith Formation Sessions will be **live-streamed on February 14 and February 28** following the 9:30am Mass. Sessions for grades Pre-K through 3rd grade will be live-streamed at 10:45am. Sessions for 4th grade through 6th grade will be live-streamed at 11:15am.

LENT OFFERINGS: Each Wednesday Evening during Lent beginning **February 24**, we will offer **Quiet Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 6:00pm to 6:45pm** with the opportunity for Confession. We will offer **Benediction at 6:45pm followed by Evening Prayer at 7:00pm**. Evening Prayer each Wednesday at 7:00pm will include reflection, prayer, a witness talk, and a lesson for the week. Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord.



BREADCRUMBS:

This week we celebrate the Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita. At the age of nine, she was kidnapped from her village in southern Sudan and sold into slavery. Eventually she was sold to an Italian family who brought her to Italy to work as a servant and nursemaid to their child. When this child was sent to a boarding school run by the Daughters of Charity, Josephine accompanied her. It was there that she heard the Gospel and turned her life over to God. In prayerful reflection, Bakhita discerned God's will for her to be free from slavery. As time went on, she heard a voice urging her to consecrate herself to God. Baptized with the name Josephine Bakhita she was accepted into the congregation of the Daughters of Charity where she was assigned tasks of sewing, cooking and door-keeper. She was canonized in 2000.

"Seeing the sun, the moon, and the stars, I said to myself who could be the Master of these beautiful things? And I felt a great desire to see him, to know him, and to pay him homage."

-St. Josephine Bakhita



Family Faith Formation

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

VALENTINE'S DAY: Valentine's Day approaches next week. Perhaps this prayer may be said as a family as we get ready to celebrate:

God of Love, you give us all our family and friends as an example of your love for us. Let us show our love for one another by the kind things we do and say. Jesus, we give you our hearts this day and always. Amen.

NEW FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY TRAINING: This week begins the leadership training for the New Family Life Ministry. Next week a summary of the ideas will be found on the Religious Education page in the bulletin. 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.

WORD SEARCH: JESUS LOVES ME

N	G	M	Y	F	F	L	D	E
G	K	U	F	J	E	S	U	S
J	I	G	W	R	I	G	N	I
L	N	C	U	R	S	O	M	B
O	D	S	C	H	E	A	R	T
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FAMILY	FRIENDS	JESUS	LOVE
FOREVER	HEART	KIND	VALENTINE

JESUS IS THE LOVE OF MY LIFE DOOR KNOB HANGERS:



You may wish to help your children express their faith with these easy-to-make doorknob hangers.

Directions:

1. Have the children pre-cut a rectangle 3 ½ by 9 ½ inches. Cut a circle or slits approximately 1 inch from the top. Pre-cut doorknob hangers are available in craft stores in you prefer.
2. Print this or other proclamation of faith on the sheet using paints or markers:
"God's Love is Great."
"The Love of God Opens All Doors."
"God's Love is Forever."
3. Add decorative touches using clear-drying glue, yarn, or paper scraps.

ST. PHILIP PARISH



St. Philip Parish is having a fundraiser which follows the 2021 NCAA Men's Division 1 Basketball Tournament — (March Madness).

HOW IT WORKS:

1. You purchase a square on a 10x10 grid for \$50.
2. Once the grid is filled, numbers 0-9 are drawn randomly and placed on the grid's axis.
3. The horizontal axis is labeled the "winning team." The vertical axis is labeled "losing team."
4. Your numbers represent the last digit of the winning team's score and last digit of the losing team's score per each game played throughout the entire tournament. For example, if your numbers are: winning team 1 and losing team 9 and Pitt beats WVU 71-59, you win! Every game played in the tournament (starting with round one) will generate a winner.

Because you keep your numbers throughout the tournament, you have a great chance of winning multiple times per round or in different rounds. You don't have to fill out a bracket or know anything about college basketball. Just know that your odds of winning are great, and the parish greatly appreciates your support.

THE PAYOUT SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

- Round 1**=\$25 Field of 64 - Friday, March 19 & Saturday, March 20
- Round 2**=\$50 Field of 32 - Sunday, March 21 & Monday, March 22
- Round 3**=\$75 Sweet Sixteen - Sat., March 27 & Sun., March 28
- Round 4**=\$100 Elite Eight - Mon., March 29 & Tue., March 30
- Round 5**=\$200 Final Four - Saturday, April 3, 2021
- Round 6**=\$500 Championship - Monday, April 5, 2021

** The two play-in games known as the "first four" are not included in this event.*

When we sell all 100 squares, we will be able to claim a \$1,500 profit. The event pays out a total of \$3,500 in winnings. **Act quickly because the grid will fill up fast!**

Please make checks payable to St. Philip Church (write March Madness in memo) and send to Parish Office.

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ST. PHILIP CHURCH ASH WEDNESDAY DINNER—FEB 17



3 piece of Fried Catfish
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Catfish Dinners _____ x \$10.00 = _____

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Total \$ _____

Please send reservation to: Parish Office
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THANK YOU & STAY SAFE



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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

Some of us may have had the experience of moving as a child and being the “new kid” at school, or maybe as an adult you had to pick up and move to a different city for a new job. Being in an unfamiliar place and surrounded by unfamiliar faces is a scary and sometimes overwhelming experience.

Now imagine that you are no longer safe in your home and must flee. Maybe you're facing religious or ethnic discrimination, or war has decimated your homeland. Imagine that you are able to relocate to a safe place, but that safe place is in a new country, with unfamiliar customs and a language that you don't understand. For most of us, this is an experience that we cannot even fathom.

Some people may be surprised to learn that there are refugees who are experiencing this exact situation and who live within the boundaries of our parish. While refugees are given assistance through a social services agency for 90 days after they arrive in the country, they are not guaranteed any assistance after that and are left to search for resources on their own, often without the benefit of being fluent in English or understanding the public benefits system.

We have been blessed over the years to help some of our area's refugees with various needs, including rent, furniture and food. By working with interpreters, we are able to overcome the language barriers and provide assistance even to those who speak no English. The resilience and adaptability of these friends in need is inspiring. We hope that the assistance we provide helps them to feel a little bit more comfortable and at home, despite their new surroundings.

This past week, your generous donations allowed us to assist a woman with \$300 toward rent and a bus pass with which to get to work. Please keep our friends in

need in your prayers, that they may never feel alone as they face hardships in their lives.

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. If you are looking to purchase new or gently-used clothing, housewares or furniture, please shop at the St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores and visit our online store at eshoppittsburgh.com. 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 or just want to learn more, please call, text or email us for more information.

As always, if you, or someone you know, is 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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