



Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14, 2021

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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saint Philip Church
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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, 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			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Josephine Alexander	Joe & Edna DiPaolo
Ascension	9:30am	Al & Margaret Butter	Kathy & Randi Butter
Saint Philip	11:00am	Jane Coyle Stafford Robinolt Family	Ken & Jane Kwasniewski
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Nello Coccagno	Wife, Patricia Anne
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Ed & Trudy Ragan	Rose
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 — ASH WEDNESDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Rose Givven	Legion of Mary
Ascension	12:00pm	Prayer Service with Ashes	
Saint Philip	4:00pm	Prayer Service with Ashes	
Ascension	7:00pm	Antoin Rodgers	John Rodgers & Family
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18 — THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Joe & Joanne Ragan	Rose
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19 — FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	8:30am	Stations of the Cross	
Ascension	6:00pm	Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20 — SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Patricia Booker	Barekzai Family
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	James Gerger	Leah Gerger
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Fred & Grace Meny	Art & Nancy Matt
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21 — FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Frank & Jennie Ambrozic	Frances M. Ambrozic
Ascension	9:30am	Mahoney & Kirsch Families	Mary Kirsch
Saint Philip	11:00am	Audrey Lucot	Craig Lucot & 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, a blessed Ash Wednesday, and a holy Season of Lent!

Why did Jesus come into the world?

Jesus and our Catholic Christian faith and Church have been beneficial to our world and to humanity throughout the past 2000 years. Believe it or not, Jesus and the Catholic Church have brought so much goodness, love, charity, civility, and hope to our world.

What was Jesus' primary reason for becoming one of us?

What was his divine purpose and mission twenty centuries ago? I like to remind everyone that Jesus' reason for coming into the world was to bring us what we call "salvation." That is, Jesus came to bring healing ('salus') and life. We see this in today's Gospel according to Mark, and we also see this in our upcoming Season of Lent which begins Ash Wednesday, this coming February 17.

Jesus came to lead us back to the life and love of almighty God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Jesus came to bring us forgiveness, reconciliation, and reinvigorated life. We receive this renewed life in our Baptism, in our virtuous Catholic living and prayer, in the Eucharist, and in our sacred observances including Lent and the Easter Season.

Best wishes to you for this Ash Wednesday and the Season of Lent.

Join us in prayer this Wednesday, February 17 and for our Friday Stations of the Cross. (*Please also support our Lenten Dinners.*) Draw nearer to Jesus through prayer, fasting, and charity so that, by Easter Sunday and in the Easter Season, he may fill your life with healing and salvation. God bless!

A final decision about Saint Philip School and Saint Margaret of Scotland School

Following five months of discussions, Bishop David Zubik is expected this weekend to share his decision on

the future of Saint Philip School and Saint Margaret of Scotland School. Because of the very significant impact of this global pandemic, parish funding of these schools has been severely impacted, especially here at Saint Philip Parish. Simply put, we are running out of money this year. Even with our members' response to the parish's pandemic appeal (which received donations from 18% of our parish households), our regular contributions and fundraising have declined significantly over the last 12 months since February 2020.

The same situation exists in all diocesan parishes including our neighbors at Saint Margaret of Scotland (just 2 miles away). This is very difficult time in our region, and if NO change were to occur with our local school configuration, then BOTH of these schools would face an impossible situation.

Expected to be announced this weekend, the plan for these two parish schools has been developed by the South Region Catholic Elementary Schools (SRCES) Board of Directors and Diocesan officials and has been accepted by Bishop David Zubik. This plan is expected to be shared with both school communities and parishes this weekend - days after this bulletin has gone to print. I expect to be sharing the schools announcement with our community in church this weekend, and we'll also be communicating with those for whom we have email addresses.

Like all of you, I feel very, very badly about this absolute need to combine schools in our area and in our Diocese.

I have supported Catholic schools since I entered First Grade in my own parish school. However, our parish is now facing a real and very serious financial crisis, and this situation means the school is also in financial crisis because a large parish subsidy (along with significant fundraising) is absolutely necessary if the Diocese is to keep tuition rates where they are. Tuition usually comprises about 60% of the cost per student in Catholic schools. Parishes are expected to contribute very large subsidies to every school, and this pandemic year is simply making this subsidy requirement quite difficult for Saint Philip Parish and many other parishes.

SRCES officials will make every effort to continue excellent Catholic education in our area with tuition rates that remain possible for families. Hopefully, all of our current and future students and families will remain committed to Catholic elementary education and will accept the Diocesan plan to maintain Catholic elementary education here in our local area.

Thank you all for your understanding and support in this extremely difficult time and situation. Further information will be shared with our parish and school communities in the coming days and weeks. God bless!

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 close to \$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!

Going on and on and on - our continuing pandemic crisis

This Covid-19 pandemic has taken a tremendous toll on many in our nation. Including my own father Nicholas, more than 400,000 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 (hopeful) end of this pandemic crisis. Thank you all for your understanding, patience, care, and your support.

Best wishes for a blessed Season of Lent!

Best wishes for this week and Ash Wednesday 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

Please Support our 2021 Parish Share Campaign

Your Parish Share donations are needed this Lent to help our parish provide Bishop Zubik with our annual Parish Share assessment for the support and funding of our Diocesan Church and its daily operations.



Please use your reply card to send your donation and/or your 12 month pledge this week.

Thank you very much for your generosity!

***Thank you for your generous
financial contributions to
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Your goodness and participation
help to keep our parish alive!

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PLEASE HELP US, ONCE AGAIN, TO SUPPORT THE IMPORTANT WORK OF
BISHOP DAVID ZUBIK AND THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH!!

Dear members and families of Saint Philip Parish,

Greetings in the Lord, and thank you for your support of Saint Philip Parish and the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh! I'm most grateful for your contributions to our Sunday and special collections as well as our Pandemic Appeal. This Lent, I'm asking your support for the **2021 Parish Share Campaign** to collect our parish's contribution to the work of Bishop David Zubik and to the operating budget of our diocesan Church of Pittsburgh. Each year, the Parish Share Program allows our Bishop and our Diocesan Church to:

- provide for us all the offices and daily operations of the Bishop and the Diocese;
- continue services to the elderly, families, young people, and those in need;
- direct all of our Catholic schools as well as parish religious education programs, youth ministry activities, and young adult programs;
- provide legal and financial services to our parish every day of the year;
- give training and formation to our seminary students and diocesan priests;
- continue evangelization through the internet, radio, and television;
- provide marriage preparation for engaged couples and programs for married couples;
- enhance liturgical and music ministry as well as ecumenical efforts;
- ensure care and support for the retired priests of the Diocese; and
- conduct many other efforts and programs of our diocesan Church of Pittsburgh!

Our own parish benefits from Bishop Zubik and the programs of the Diocesan Church every day!

In that our Parish Share assessment for 2021 is again nearly \$90,000, I'm asking (as in past years) that each household of the parish pledge and contribute \$250 or more during this year. If you can contribute \$300, \$500, \$1000 or more, that would be most helpful! All funds contributed above our \$90,000 goal will remain with our parish. It is your generosity alone that allows us to meet this financial obligation to the entire diocesan church. Your pledge can be paid now or fulfilled over the coming ten months. Last year, we did meet our Parish Share goal for this annual campaign – *please help us to meet our goal again in 2021!*

Please know that I'm most grateful for your support of the Parish Share Campaign. You will soon receive a reply card for your direct donation OR your pledge to be paid over the next ten months. Thank you very much, and may the Lord Jesus continue to bless you, your family, our fine parish, and our entire Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh now and in the year ahead!

Gratefully,

Father Jim Torquato

February 2021

Rev. James R. Torquato
Pastor / Trust Administrator



Parish News

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS - February 20 & 21

4:00pm at St. Philip - Dan Welsh
5:30pm at Ascension - Grace Berard
7:00am at St. Philip - B. J. Gamble
9:30am at Ascension - Francis Sullen
11:00am at St. Philip - Jessica Rea

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - February 20 & 21

4:00pm at St. Philip - Pauline Bodnar Welsh
5:30pm at Ascension - Barbara Hendrick
7:00am at St. Philip - Dian Perkins
9:30am at Ascension - Debby Sullen
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.

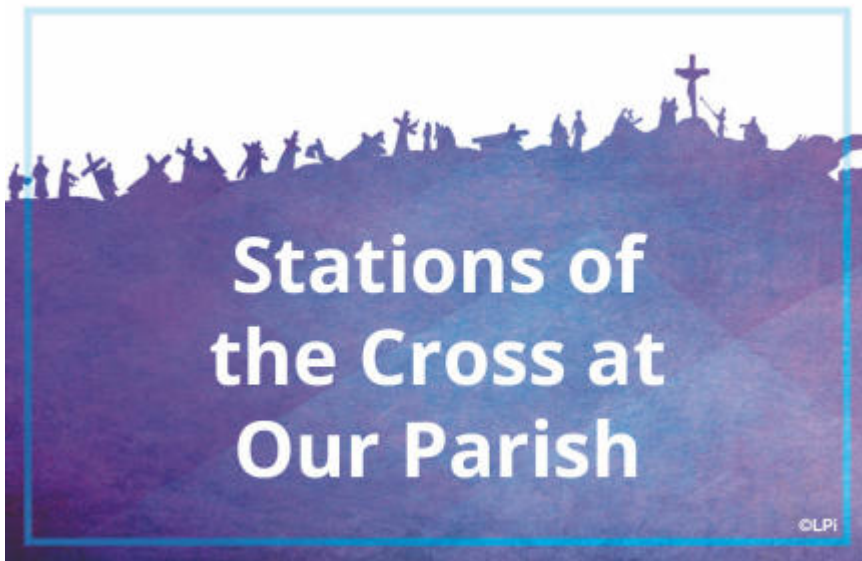


The Lenten call to repentance is a continuing challenge of the Gospels, so that we may grow and develop our spiritual life. None of us should remain satisfied with our level of Christian awareness or the quality of our Christian living. **The grace of God awaits us! We can let Lent pass unheeded or grasp it with faith and love.**

~LENTEN REGULATIONS~

As the Season of Lent draws near, it is helpful to recall the discipline of the Church with regards to fast, abstinence and other forms of penance.

1. **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States.**
2. The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 18 and 59. No one should consider this obligation lightly.
3. Those individuals who have a medical condition in which fasting may be considered harmful are not obliged to fast, but should perform some other act of penance or charity.
4. Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to their age.
5. All members of the Christian Faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by law.
6. As a general rule, a request for a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence on Fridays of Lent will not be considered unless some serious reason is present. The attendance at social events, banquets, wedding rehearsals or receptions are not considered sufficient reason to request a dispensation.



The Stations of the Cross will be prayed **each Friday during Lent at 8:30am at St. Philip Church and at 6:00pm at Ascension Church.** All are invited to join us for this traditional Lenten devotion.

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.

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!



Bishop David Zubik and our Saint Philip Parish community are most grateful for your donation to and support of the 2021 Parish Share Campaign. Our Diocesan Church needs the support of all our parish members and families. God bless!

Rest in Peace

We offer our sympathy to the families of **Rev. Donald Bischoff** (former Parochial Vicar at St. Philip Parish), **Edward J. Rusin** and **Judith Ryan** who entered into eternal life. Please keep them in your prayers.



Please welcome into our faith family... **Katrina Rose Bailey**, daughter of Lewis and Katelyn (Wood) Bailey, who received the Life of Christ in Baptism in our parish on February 7, 2021. May she grow in wisdom, age and grace.

DONATE ONLINE

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 Nello Coccagno

Offered by Patricia Anne Hickey Coccagno

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

burns *In Loving Memory of David Hendrick*

Offered by Chris Archacki & Maureen Takach



CRAFTON SERVICE CENTER

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 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.

SPS THIS WEEK

- SPS students celebrated Catholic School Week with dress up days. On Wednesday, they dressed as their favorite board games and on Thursday, they wore clothes designating their future occupations.
- Third grade engaged in their civic duty by writing a letter to President Biden. In the letter, students voiced their concerns for the country and the world, and reminded President Biden, a fellow Catholic, of the Catholic Social Teachings. Some of the students' concerns were healthcare, discrimination, equality, poverty and homelessness, Covid, the environment, and war. We hope to have a response from the President himself.
- Class 2A read the story, *Wild Weather* in reading. The students were fascinated by the different types of weather in this story, especially the tornadoes. Each child made a tornado bottle to take home. The students loved making the tornado bottles and must have turned them upside down a hundred times to watch the water swirl.
- St. Philip's basketball teams all played the weekend of January 30-31 with nearly a full roster of home games at Canevin on Saturday.
- In their first home game of the season, SPS's **Developmental Girls Team** defeated St. Louise at home. The **Developmental Boys White Team** played two games on Saturday, defeating St. Louise on the road, and also beating St. Gabe at home. SPS's **Developmental Boys Green Team** won one and lost one, losing at home to St. Elizabeth, and winning away against St. Margaret.

- The **JV Girls** lost on the road to St. Elizabeth. The **Varsity Girls Team** beat St. Elizabeth away, with **Rachel Boehm** leading all scorers with 13 points.
- The **JV Boys** lost at home on Saturday to Christ the Divine Teacher. They won their away game at Holy Cross on Sunday, with the top 3 scorers of **Dashiell Sargent** with 19 points, **Joey Caliguire** with 6 points, and **Santino Meredith** with 4 points. The **Varsity Boys** won at home on Saturday against Christ the Divine Teacher. An unexpected half-court shot by **Everett Sargent** on the buzzer before half time helped put the game away for the Trojans. Top 3 scorers for the **Varsity Boys** were **Ryan Jameson** with 19 points, **Everett Sargent** with 13 points, and **Talen Ellis** with 6 points.

Great job by all teams this weekend! Thank you to our SPS Cheerleaders who came out to support the JV Boys and Varsity Boys on Saturday.

SPS HONOR ROLL SECOND QUARTER

Highest Honor 4.0

Grade 5: Alyssa Bartko, Addy Batts, Carter Lemmon

Grade 6: Lienna Bassano, Sam Hall, Hannah Hayes, Colby Lane, Sal Lozano, Anna Stickman, Averie Strohm, Shae Trombetta

Grade 7: Katelyn Miller, Sophia Muoio

Grade 8: Rachel Boehm, Natalie Kirsch, Rachel McDevitt, Everett Sargent

High Honor 3.5—3.99

Grade 5: Julia Kubasiak, Maria Leithauser, Ava Lenigan, Mia Madden, Mia Robles, Mason Sanders, Elsa Snover, Crosby Ziolkowski

Grade 6: Lizzy Fuchs, Marli Hornack, Owen Kitterman, Riley Sanders, Dashiell Sargent, Frankie Schlatterer

Grade 7: Cooper Anselm, Hope Avery, Caroline Hall, Lacey Kubasiak, Guilia Marino, Angelina Och, Luke Wrabley

Grade 8: Kelsey Adamski, Alise Och, Colton Danihel, Ryan Jameson, Tavon Lane

Honor 3.499—3.0

Grade 5: Mya Butler, Joey Caliguire, Kaia Clark, Nancy Rose Delien, Connor Duplaga, Arianna Gallagher, Isaiah Gamble, Walter Leithauser, James Nicholson, Amyah Simmons, Alyssa White

Grade 6: Jacob Boehm, Brody Schuck

Grade 7: Keely Bodnar, Colin Ziolkowski

Grade 8: Mason Bannon, Cianna Davis, Marshall Schmid, Calee West



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.

St. Philip Church Lenten Dinners

Ascension Worship Site

Dinners by: **HANLON'S**
CAFÉ & CATERING

Friday March 5

Cheese or Vegetable Lasagna

Roll & Butter

\$12.00

Friday March 12

Baked Cod

Macaroni & Cheese

\$12.50

TAKE OUT ONLY

Reservations and Prepayment Required By

Thursday February 26, 2021

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Circle Pickup Time: 4:00-4:30 PM 4:30-5:00 PM 5:00-5:30 PM 5:30- 6:00 PM

MARCH 5 CHEESE LASAGNA Dinners _____ VEGETABLE LASAGNA Dinners _____ x 12.00 = _____

MARCH 12 BAKED COD Dinners _____ x \$12.50 = _____

THANK YOU & STAY SAFE

Total enclosed \$ _____

Please send reservation to Parish Office 114 Berry Street Pgh PA 15205. Checks payable to St. Philip Church



Religious Education

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

A NOTE FROM MARYANN: If we have the opportunity to attend Mass this Ash Wednesday, we will hear the words from the Prophet Joel, *"Even now, says the Lord, return to me with you whole heart."* At St. Philip Parish, the theme of our Lenten Journey is *"Create in me a clean heart, O God."* As the people of God we will share this journey in several ways. Each Sunday in the bulletin you will find reflection pages for each day of that week. These take the place of our devotional booklets. By using these as our Lenten reflection we will be praying together for and with one another. Please share a bulletin with your friends and neighbors who may not have the opportunity to attend Mass. **Each Wednesday evening beginning February 24 we will have Adoration from 6:00pm to 6:45pm with the opportunity for Confession followed by Benediction at 6:45pm. We will conclude with Evening Prayer with music, reflections, witness talks and scripture. Please try to join us as we pray together as a Parish Community.** We will have Stations of the Cross following the 8:00am Mass on Friday and again at 6:00pm at Ascension. Take some time this Lent to pray with one another as we ask, *"Create in me a Clean Heart, O God."*

LENTEN OFFERING

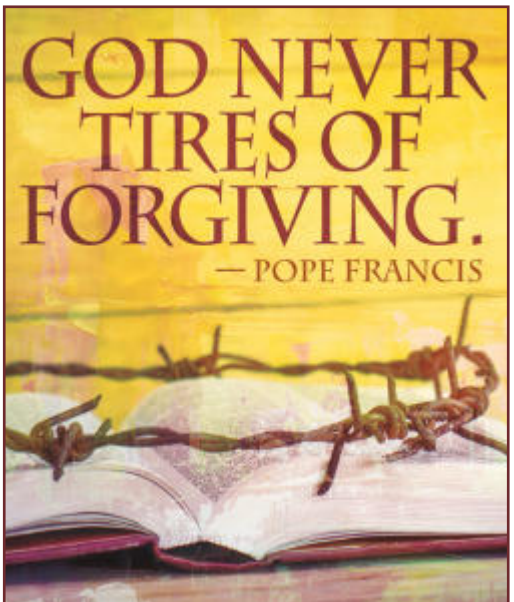
Wednesdays: February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24

- 6:00pm —** Adoration with the opportunity for Confession
- 6:45pm —** Benediction
- 7:00pm —** Lenten Evening Prayer with music, scripture, reflection, witness talks, prayer.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

LENT: During Lent the whole Church prepares for the great celebration of Easter. Lent is a season of simple living. During Lent we try to give more time to God in prayer. We prepare for Easter by doing good works and by doing penance or giving up things like a favorite food or activity. We also can do extra things like reading an extra half hour or helping with the dishes several times per week.

ALMSGIVING: Last year before COVID we suggested that each family have a Lenten Giving Box where they put extra change and money saved by giving up sweets or dessert. We suggest that again this year. If your family would like to have a special Lenten Box, we will collect your Box on Palm Sunday and give your gift to our St. Vincent de Paul Society.



LENTEN ACTIVITY :

Use the ideas here to get started this Lent. Below are listed some ideas. Pick one or two to do as a family each day of this first week of Lent. You may come up with some of your own.





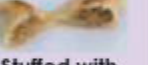


1. Give up television and video games one day this week. Spend the time reading or playing a board game as a family.
2. Begin a meal with a prayer together.
3. Write a letter or make a phone call to a relative whom you haven't seen in a while.
4. Make a card to give to an elderly neighbor this Valentine's Day.
5. Give up dessert this week. Put the money in the Lenten Box.
6. Pray together each morning or evening before bed.

*** FUNDRAISER *** PIEROGIE SALE

Just in time for Easter, we are holding a fundraiser
selling handmade Gosia's Pierogies!

Gosia's Pierogies are made from a secret family recipe originated in Poland & handed down from generation to generation. In addition to the original potato & cheese, they have seven other varieties that are sure to tantalize your taste buds! They make everything from scratch, peel their own potatoes, and use the highest quality and freshest ingredients. No additives or preservatives.

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Potato & Cheese  Our most popular pierogi, filled with potato and savory cheddar cheese.	Sweet Cabbage  Just like Grandma's Haluski wrapped up in a delicious pierogi.	Potato & Feta  Switch it up with the more contemporary flavor of our potato and feta pierogi.	Sweet Potato  Add a Polish twist to your Easter tradition! Make it sweet with brown sugar & crushed pecans on top.	Sauerkraut  Stuffed with sauerkraut, this favorite has a traditional Polish flavor.	Cottage Cheese  An exquisite mix of dry cottage cheese and chives.	Potato, Cheese & Jalapeno  Our most popular pierogi, filled with potato, savory cheddar cheese and jalapeno.
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\$8.00 per dozen (\$3.50 toward FQR per dozen) CASH or CHECKS payable to: St. Philip PTG

ORDERS & PAYMENT DUE: Friday, February 19, 2021

Send form below with payment to the school office: 52 West Crafton Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15205, in an envelope marked "Pierogie Sale"

**PICK UP: Thursday, March 4, 2021
in the SPS Cafeteria from 2:30pm to 6:00pm.**

Pierogies are delivered frozen. Product should be frozen until ready to use to ensure safety and quality.
PRODUCT IS PERISHABLE. No need to boil, just sauté.

Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Pierogi varieties/options: _____

Total quantity: _____ Total amount enclosed: _____
per dozen \$8.00 per dozen



Ministries & Societies

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

At the end of January, another truck full of furniture, clothing and household goods made its way to the Madonna Hope House in Tunnelton, West Virginia. Not only are our donors integral in continuing this special mission, but our volunteers are too. Our volunteers pick up the donations, take them to our storage space, load the truck, and drive the donations to West Virginia.

Despite the cold temperatures and large amount of donations to load, our volunteers were able to load the truck in a record 45 minutes, thanks to some special helpers. Those special helpers were approximately 20 seminarians from St. Paul's and their rector, Father Tom Sparacino. After finishing their evening prayers as guests of St. Philip (thanks Father Jim), they rolled up their sleeves and joined forces with our members to load the donations into the truck. We really appreciate that the seminarians thought of our organization and our friends in need enough to take time out of their busy schedules to help, and we hope to see them again in the near future. Thank you to everyone who came together to make this happen!

This past week, your generous donations allowed us to assist a single mother with \$380 toward utilities, a bus pass, and a couple of furniture items. Even though our phone line might be a little quiet right now, we are ever vigilant and expect that our friends in need will be reaching out in large numbers in the future, particularly when the extra unemployment money and the moratoriums against eviction and foreclosure end. We are blessed to have your continued support in order that we are ready to help when the time comes.

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

OUR SUNDAY MASS ON THE INTERNET

Sunday Mass is Live on Facebook and on YouTube by 11:45am.

You can watch Sunday morning Mass live at 9:30 every week. **Gary Urbatis** has been using his smart phone to video Mass, holy days and special events. You can watch Mass live on Facebook or any time after Mass ends. Recently Facebook started to permit its users to download videos. Once Gary gets home after Mass, he is able to add the video to YouTube. Search Facebook "Saint Philip Church Crafton" and YouTube "Saint Philip Parish, Crafton." To determine which Holy Day Masses and Special Events will be livestreamed, review the "Events" Button on Facebook.

If Gary isn't able to video Mass, **Barb Hendrick** fills in. There is no limit to the number of Masses that can be added to Facebook or YouTube. If you want to be another back up, or livestream a different Mass, please contact Gary at gary.urbatis@verizon.net or 412-331-3436.

PRAYER FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

*Lord, bless this day by blessing our desires.
Help us to know how deeply you long to enter
into a relationship with us.*

*Help us to fast from, do without,
whatever keeps us self focused.*

*Remove from us these days some of the unhealthy
patterns that make spiritual freedom difficult.*

*Let there be some taste of emptiness this day,
and let us experience some hunger for You,
hunger for a new way of life,*

hunger for how we might serve others.

*Let us enter this joyful season of Lent,
and help us to celebrate the Paschal Mystery
with mind and heart renewed. Amen.*



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

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.

Name (Please print)

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