



Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021

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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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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, MARCH 13 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Robert Dalla Piazza	Don & Patty Martin
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Regis A., Mary B. and Dorothy McDonald	McDonald Family
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Rose & Ed Hendrick	Family
SUNDAY, MARCH 14 — FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Lillian Lucot	Craig Lucot & Family
Ascension	9:30am	Al Butter & Margaret Butter	Kathy & Randi Butter
Saint Philip	11:00am	Jerry Lee Guldin	Rita, Dottie, Barb & Bob
MONDAY, MARCH 15 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Brother Richard Lubomski	Raymond Belhumeur
TUESDAY, MARCH 16 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	McElligott & O'Connor Families	Cathy O'Connor
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Alyce McConnell Kaminski	Colleen & Chuck Hayes
THURSDAY, MARCH 18 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
FRIDAY, MARCH 19 — SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Stephen Costantino	Jim Flynn
Saint Philip	8:30am	Stations of the Cross	
Ascension	6:00pm	Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY, MARCH 20 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	John Rogers, Jr.	Sister
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Ruthann Holzapfel	Family
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Catherine M. Rodgers	John Rodgers & Family
SUNDAY, MARCH 21 — FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Mary Ann Ambrozic	Frances M. Ambrozic
Ascension	9:30am	Paul Korol	Wife, Claudia Korol
Saint Philip	11:00am	Armando Pigoni	Walko Family
SUNDAY COLLECTION			
Last Sunday's Collection totaled: \$11,078.34			



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 Season of Lent and a healthy week ahead!

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Jesus and the New Covenant

So why do we read the Old Testament in most of our Sunday and weekday Liturgies? The basic answer is that the history, people, and sacred writings of Israel are the heritage from which Jesus comes to us and to all the world. It was the patriarchs - Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob - and the matriarchs - that the Lord God chose to begin His people, the first People of God. It was to these first parents of Israel that God spoke as He promised to make their descendants the Chosen People on earth.

The history of Israel is Jesus' history, AND it's our history as well. From the accounts before Abraham and Sarah, to the life of the patriarchs and matriarchs, to the twelve tribes, to Moses, to the Promised Land, to the thousands of years of Israel's life and history, the Old Testament contains their sacred scriptures and their history, prophets, prayers, and wisdom. It is the covenants of Israel that Jesus came to fulfill - and it's the New Covenant and the New People of God that Jesus established by His death on the cross and His glorious Resurrection.

Building on the heritage of Israel, Jesus came to the world as the Divine Son of God in order to give His life for our Redemption and to draw all people to God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit - and to the eternal Kingdom of God. All these events, history, and writings of the Bible are at the heart of our Catholic Christian faith.



As we listen to the Gospel according to John this Sunday, we can all be grateful that Jesus fulfilled the promises made to Israel, and we should be thankful that Jesus finally came to share the love of God with all people and to lead us all into the eternal life and the salvation of Almighty God!

The benefits of Catholic Media

On television, on the radio, in print, and through the internet, there are a great many Catholic media outlets that bring the Good News and our Catholic Christian faith to all people. For those who read, you can find many Catholic magazines, newspapers, and books. For those who prefer television, you can tune into the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) on Cable Channel 184 for countless fine programs of prayer and faith and Liturgy. Through satellite radio, there are numerous channels available. On the internet there are countless Catholic news sites such as Catholic World News, Crux News, and CatholicCulture.org. In addition, Catholic publishers continue to produce many fine Catholic books, catechisms, biographies, spiritual writings, and other works that are most beneficial to our faith and our knowledge of Catholic Christianity.

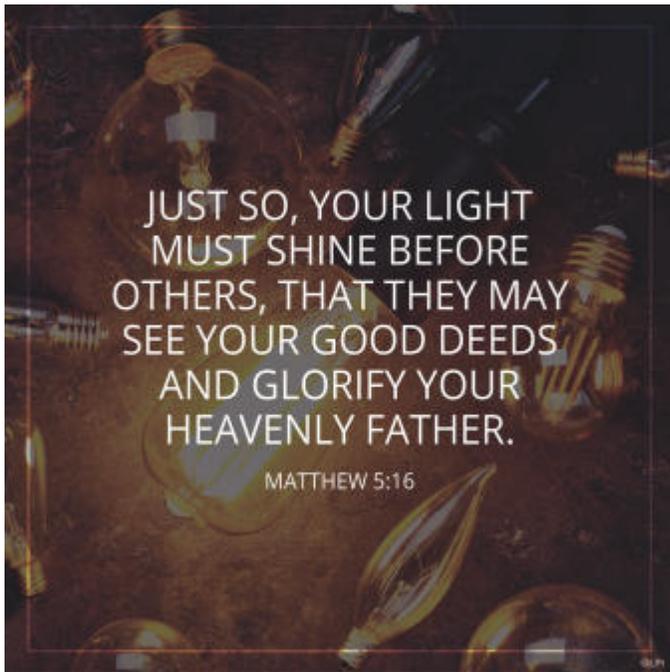
Take a good and long look, and make good use of all these Catholic media during this Lent - as well as the Easter season - and throughout the year for your benefit and for the faith of your family and friends!

Presenting the Sunday Liturgy on our YouTube Channel

For the past twelve months (since the beginning of this pandemic), Saint Philip Parish has been presenting a Sunday Liturgy on our Facebook page. Many of our members have participated in this Liturgy via the Internet. Our parish thanks go to Mr. Gary Urbatis of our community who provides this broadcast of the 9:30am Sunday Liturgy at Ascension Church each week.

Before Christmas, Gary Urbatis also added this Liturgy to our new Saint Philip Parish channel on YouTube which is easily accessible to everyone connected to the Internet. The name given to the channel is "Saint Philip Crafton". Simply place this name in your YouTube search function, and you'll be connected to the channel. Our 9:30am Sunday Liturgy at Ascension Church can be viewed live or any time after its original broadcast.

This effort will hopefully benefit many of our members and families during this ongoing pandemic, and in the



future, I hope it will also contribute to our evangelization efforts here in our community!

Beginning our newly merged Catholic school

As we begin preparing for and enrolling for the first academic year of our newly merged school, many efforts have already begun. A search committee will interview candidates for the position of principal, and then the new principal will begin selecting the faculty members and staff for this new Catholic elementary school. In these weeks, an implementation committee will also be arranging an Open House and visits to the Green Tree campus. As we enter into the Spring, a new name for our local merged school will also be selected and published.

I'm very grateful to everyone in our current school community and our parish community who are supporting this effort to maintain Catholic elementary education here in our local area. With everyone's positive help and support, we can together make this newly merged school a success and a true blessing for our young students, their families, and our local parishes!

An adjustment to our 2021 Parish Share assessment

After our initial materials were sent to Our Sunday Printer, we received a notice from the Diocese that our Parish Share Assessment for 2021 is lower than we expected. Rather than a \$90,000 assessment, we are being asked to raise \$76,969 for our contribution to the

Diocese this year. The reason for this reduction of our Parish Share goal is that our parish has had declining contributions since our consolidation in 2016. In the Parish Share Program, the Diocese assesses 17.6% of our annual contributions and then asks the parish to raise that amount in the Parish Share Campaign. Because our contributions declined about \$75,000 in 2019, our assessment has been decreased by \$12,000 for this year's Parish Share goal. Yes, it's easier to meet a lower goal, but this also means that our parish continues to downsize.

As we move into the future following this Covid-19 pandemic, we'll make every effort to generate more participation among our registered Catholic members and families - and to encourage more financial support from you our members for our parish mission and operations so that we can enliven the Church of God here in Pittsburgh, Crafton, Ingram, and Thornburg.

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 is now \$76,969. As in past years, I encourage all our households to contribute (or pledge) **\$250 or more** for this important annual effort. Last year, our donors were generous in helping Saint Philip Parish to meet and surpass the parish goal. All funds received above this year's goal will 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!

Best wishes for a blessed Season of Lent!

Best wishes for this week and for a holy Season of Lent! I pray this will be a season of renewal, reconciliation, and divine life. As always, thank you very much for your continued goodness and generosity to our parish community, to one another, and to those in need.

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

Yours,
Father Jim Torquato

2021 Parish Share Campaign

Many thanks to our Parish Share contributors!

Your donations toward our
2021 Parish Share Campaign
goal of **\$76,969** have already
been generous and very helpful.

We'll hopefully reach our goal by
Easter Sunday, and then all extra
donations will directly benefit
Saint Philip Parish throughout 2021!



Thank you very much!

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



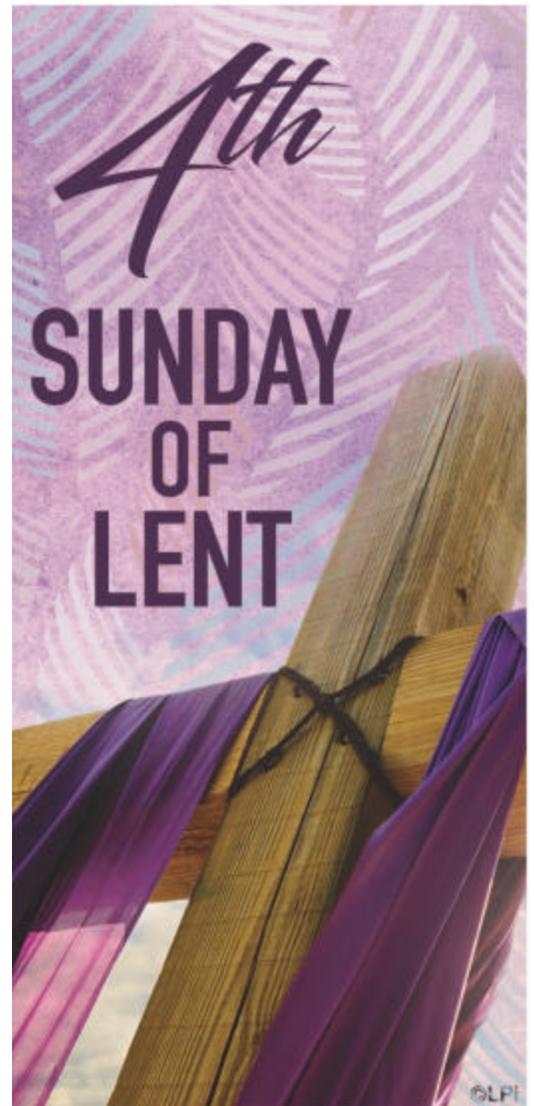
Your goodness and participation
help to keep our parish alive!

TRUTH



But whoever lives the truth
comes to the light, so that
his works may be clearly
seen as done in God.

JOHN 3:21



*"We need to find
God and He
cannot be found in
noise and restlessness.
God is a friend of
silence."*

— ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA



Parish News

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS - March 20 & 21

- 4:00pm at St. Philip - Art Bannon
- 5:30pm at Ascension - Grace Berard
- 7:00am at St. Philip - B. J. Gamble
- 9:30am at Ascension - Rose Musser
- 11:00am at St. Philip - Bill Stickman

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - March 20 & 21

- 4:00pm at St. Philip - Dan Welsh
- 5:30pm at Ascension - Annette Marlinga
- 7:00am at St. Philip - Karen Rozeck
- 9:30am at Ascension - Katie Phillips
- 11:00am at St. Philip - Tom Koger



EASTER FLORAL MEMORIALS

A special envelope for Easter Memorials was included with your March envelope packet. We invite you to remember your loved ones, living and deceased, in a special way through a donation for Easter flowers. Your \$10 gift (per intention) helps us to purchase the flowers which beautify our churches during the Easter Season. If you wish to have your intention published in the special Memorial Booklet, please have your request in to the Parish Office by March 21. Please print clearly.

TODAY'S SPECIAL COLLECTION

The special collection taken up this weekend is the combined collection for the Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Home Missions and the National Collection for Black and Indian Missions. This collection provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the

poor in the United States. Campaign for Human Development grants improve education, support economic development and help communities provide housing in low-income neighborhoods. Please continue to defend human dignity and those living on the margins of society by a generous response to this annual collection.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND

The Fridays of Lent are Days of Abstinence in the United States. The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at age 14. A request for a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence on Fridays of Lent will not be considered unless some serious reason is present.

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER

Each Wednesday evening during Lent, we will have Adoration at 6:00pm with the opportunity for Confession followed by Benediction at 6:45pm. We will have Evening Prayer with music, witness talks, Scripture and reflections from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Please try to join us as we pray together as a Parish Community.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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.

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.

Rest in Peace

We offer our sympathy to the families of **Michael White, Barbara Brown, Beth Anne Rave** and **John Gorman** who entered into eternal life. Please keep them in your prayers.

HOLY MATRIMONY

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to **Michael Philip Shelapinsky** and **Christina Lynn Wolbert** who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage at St. Philip Parish on March 6. May God bless them as they begin their lives together.

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 Regis A., Mary B. and Dorothy McDonald

Offered by The McDonald Family

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

burns *In Loving Memory of Tom Jungling*

Offered by Family



GREENTREE AUTO BODY

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

Keep in touch with us

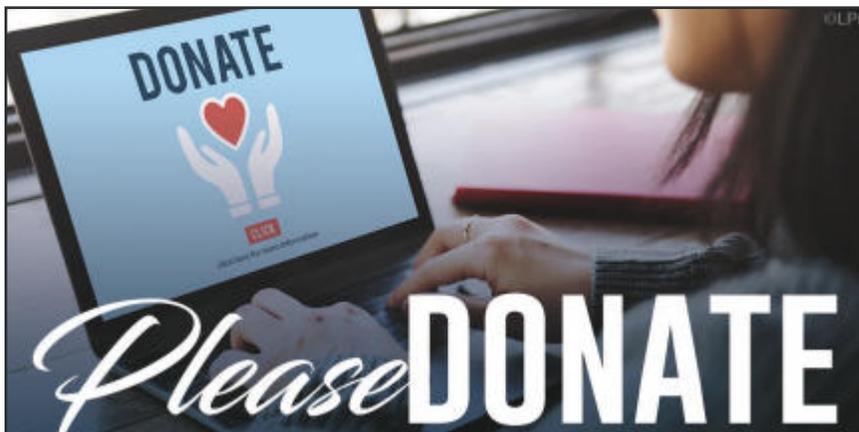
VIA EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE



Let us connect with you through **Flocknote!**

If you've **NOT** received our parish bulletin via a Flocknote email in recent weeks, you can easily register your email to do so.

To register, simply contact our parish office,
OR text **stphilippa** to **84576**,
OR visit www.stphilipchurch1.flocknote.com.



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!



St. Philip School News

GRACE PROGRAM

Our March/April celebration will be held in conjunction with the Stations of the Cross. 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 who support the GRACE Program.

CARSON SCHOLAR

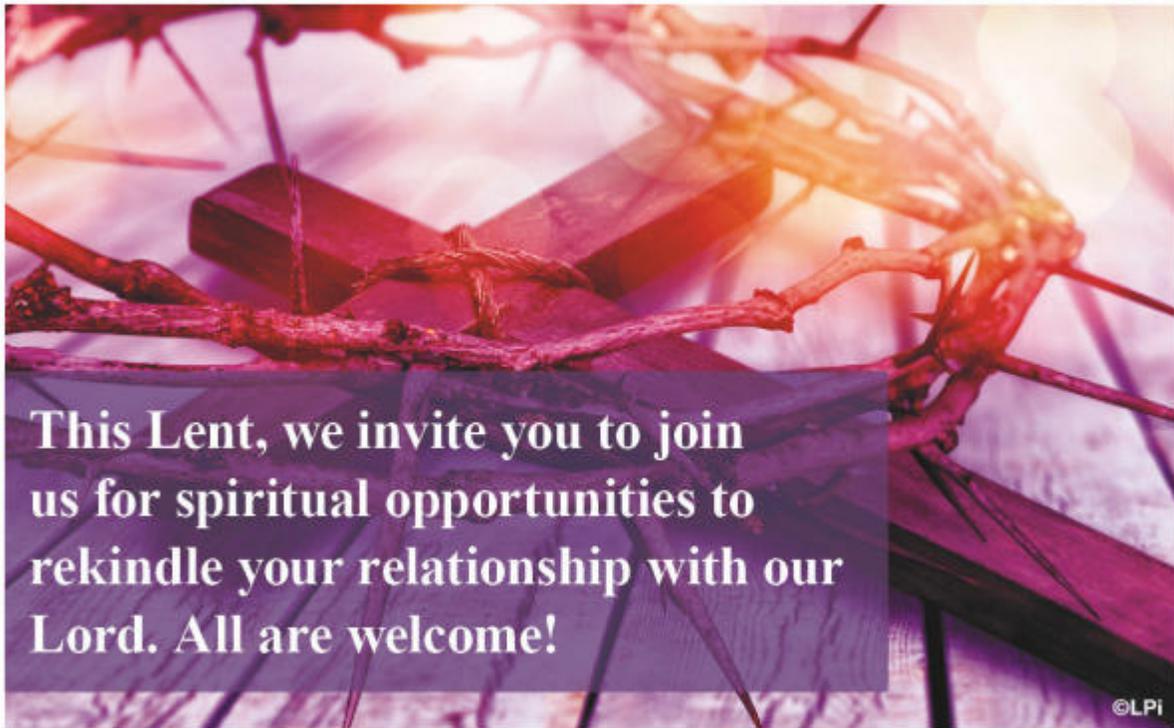
Congratulations to St. Philip 8th grader, **Rachel McDevitt** who has been named a Carson Scholar for 2021. These students will be honored and receive medals and scholarships of \$1000. Rachel is among a group of over 4,200 students from around the country to be selected as a Carson Scholar. Academic achievements and community service make them stand out as future leaders.



THIS WEEK AT SPS

- The students have been praying the Stations of the Cross as individual classes in the school. They are doing this weekly until Easter. The beautiful Stations of the Cross that graced the Convent Chapel now have a new home mounted in the hallways of our school and give our children the opportunity for prayer and meditation throughout the day. These works of art and inspiration are a wonderful reminder of the legacy of faith formed by the Sisters of Charity who served our Parish and School for over 100 years.
- Kindergarten with Ms. Rodgers used shaving cream in a finger painting style to practice their new spelling words.
- In art class, Miss McGaughey read the book, “Don’t Let the Pigeon Ride the Bus,” to the first grade class and then taught the students how to draw Mo Willem’s pigeon in their new sketchbooks.
- During our snow day last week, Miss McGaughey held regular music classes on Zoom and the photos feature some of our new Lenten songs.





This Lent, we invite you to join us for spiritual opportunities to rekindle your relationship with our Lord. All are welcome!

St. Philip Parish Lenten Evening Prayer at Ascension Church - Wednesday, March 17, 24

6:00pm Quiet Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

6:45pm Benediction

7:00pm Evening Prayer with Music, Reflection, Witness Talks, and Scripture

WOULD YOU LIKE:

- Some quiet time to reflect how God is calling you?
- To Hear uplifting, inspiring Talks of Faith?
- To be inspired by the Faith Journey of Others?
- To Pray for Loved Ones in need?
- To join others in praying together for the needs of our Catholic Community?

Make this a Special Lenten Journey. Join us each Wednesday during Lent.
Come for part of the evening or the entire Prayer Time.

“Come to Me all you who are weary.”

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Lenten Reflection

As we begin this third week of Lent, we share Words for the Weary Daily Lenten Reflections by Ann Naffzinger. This will replace our Lenten Devotion Booklets.

MARCH 14: 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Modern-Day Messengers

Early and often did the Lord, the God of their ancestors, send His messengers to them, for He had compassion on His people. -2 Chronicles 36:15

What messengers has God sent you recently? God sends us messengers because God has compassion on us. God wants us to have life and to have it in its fullness. Just as God used a diverse cast of characters to get people's attention in Bible times, God sends messengers to us today.

FOR REFLECTION: Who is God sending into your life today to let you know of God's compassion for you? To whom are you being sent?

MARCH 15: MONDAY, 4TH WEEK OF LENT

It Gets Better

No more shall the sound of weeping be heard, or the cry of distress. -Isaiah 65:19

Jesus' friends and followers wept after His death, even though He had told them He would rise again. But hopefully, we have all experienced goodness, joy and new life after our darkest days, and perhaps those memories will console us when we can't stop crying or worrying now. Maybe we can hold out hope for others who can't see or trust in a time when things will be better.

FOR REFLECTION: Do something today to reach out and offer hope to others.

MARCH 16: TUESDAY, 4TH WEEK OF LENT

Fake it-Till-You-Make-It

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea. -Psalm 46: 2

I would love to get to a place where I could say as confidently as the psalmist that I will not fear a virus anymore etc. I am not there yet, but I do think there's something to the fake-it till-you make-it philosophy. I assume I will continue to worry, but I want to choose intentionally to act out of trust rather than fear, even if I'm not feeling particularly trusting. My prayer is that in consciously acting with hope and confidence in God, those traits will grow in me.

FOR REFLECTION: What are you fearful about? Take some time now to pray that God removes your fear or gives you grace to act with trust.

MARCH 17: WED., 4TH WEEK OF LENT

Commas, Not Periods

My Father is still working, and I also am working. -John 5:17

A couple of times a week, I bike past a church in town whose marquee says, "Don't put a period where God has placed a comma. God is still speaking." No matter how troubling things may be, God is still active here and now. God is still sending angels and allies. God is still speaking words of comfort and strength to us today. We just have to attune our eyes and our ears to how Jesus is working today.

FOR REFLECTION: Who has said something to you or done something for you in the past week that has been a blessing? How does that reveal to you that God is still working and speaking in the year 2021.

MARCH 11: THUR., 4TH WEEK OF LENT

Idolatry Today

They have been quick to turn aside from the

way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it. -Exodus 32: 8

The thing about idols is that those worshipping them don't think they are idols, they believe they are the real thing. Whatever we turn to for escape from boredom, suffering, or any form of discomfort has the potential to become an idol if we turn to it instead of God. The question is, where does my mind turn when I need comfort or escape? Does it turn to God and the life-giving things God offers us (healthy relationships, beauty, simplicity, nature, etc.)?

FOR REFLECTION: When and how do you turn to God if you are feeling restless, empty, bored or otherwise unfulfilled? Do we use the things of this world to remind us of God?

MARCH 12: FRIDAY, 4TH WEEK OF LENT

JESUS HAS BEEN THERE

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit. -Psalm 34: 18

I am grateful for a God who became fully human and knows first-hand our experience. Because Jesus experienced these things and didn't run away from them, I can trust more readily that the Lord is near me and others when we are broken-hearted.

FOR REFLECTION: Imagine Jesus, or the Holy Spirit physically near you and speak to them about what is on your heart, as you would a friend.



Ministries & Societies

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

Millions of people across the country have found themselves unemployed — many for the first time — at some point during the pandemic. Both state unemployment benefits and the federal supplements that have been available at various times have been vitally important in helping these people to survive. Despite the fact that the pandemic has stretched on for a year now, some people are still having a hard time getting the unemployment benefits that they are entitled to.

When calling the PA Department of Unemployment Compensation, people have reported hold times that stretch on for hours. The Department encourages people to email instead. Questions regarding your claim can be emailed to UChelp@pa.gov. Please include your full name, last four digits of your social security number, and a brief description of your problem. According to the Department's website, you should expect a response within 1-2 weeks.

If you have attempted to contact the Department to no avail, you may need additional help. Some of our friends in need have contacted State Senator Wayne Fontana's office at 412-331-1208, and his office has been helpful in resolving their unemployment issues. Even though it may not always seem like it, our elected officials are here to help, so do not hesitate to reach out if you are unable to make headway with your unemployment compensation claim.

This past week, your generous donations allowed us to provide a disabled man with a bus pass and \$300 for utility service; an unemployed man was given \$200 for rent; and a woman who has been living with friends was assisted with \$300 toward a security deposit on an apartment. 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, are in need of assistance, please call or text our hotline at 412-444-8140 or email us at svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com.





This Sunday's Bible Readings

FIRST READING

Their enemies burnt the house of God,
tore down the walls of Jerusalem,
set all its palaces afire,
and destroyed all its precious objects.
(2 Chr 36:19)



PSALM

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!
(Ps 137)



SECOND READING

For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus
for the good works
that God has prepared in advance,
that we should live in them. (Eph 2:10)



GOSPEL

For God so loved the world that he gave
his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
might not perish
but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

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— AROUND THE COMMUNITY —

CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB

The Catholic Alumni Club is a non-profit organization providing a framework for single Catholics to meet and socialize with other singles. In addition to social activities, the CAC also provides programs of spiritual development and community service for its members.

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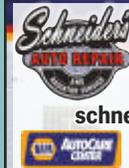


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