

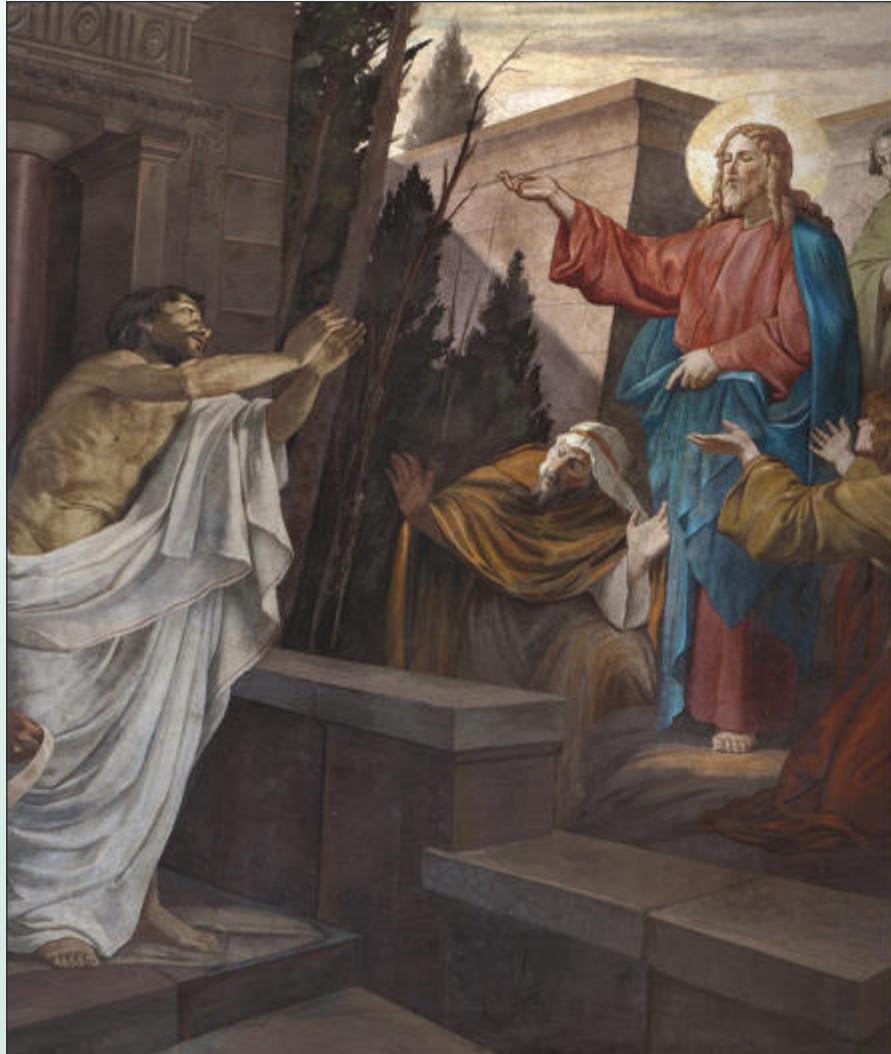


Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

WEEK OF MARCH 21, 2021

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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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CONFSSION

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 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 Pignoni	Walko Family
MONDAY, MARCH 22 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Anne Melia	Brian Vertz, Mike Zuhl & Randy McPhee
TUESDAY, MARCH 23 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Stephen J. Costantino	Grace Berard & Family
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Thomas Paul Brophy	Paul Brophy
THURSDAY, MARCH 25 — THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD			
Ascension	8:00am	Stanley Michaels	Joanne DiCarlo & Family
FRIDAY, MARCH 26 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Mr. & Mrs. Frank Sciulli and Nicola Sciulli	Michael & Elvira Hoff & Family
Saint Philip	8:30am	Stations of the Cross	
Ascension	6:00pm	Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY, MARCH 27 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	David Hendrick	McDonald & Weber Families
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Alice & Ellsworth Wentz	Barbara & Louis Wentz
SUNDAY, MARCH 28 — PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD			
Saint Philip	7:00am	W. Wayne Rumburg	Carol & Mike Anderson
Ascension	9:30am	Virginia & Harold Jonas	Robin & Jim Gump
Saint Philip	11:00am	Special Intention of Seminarian, Matthew Selzer	Dugan Family
SUNDAY COLLECTION			
Last Sunday's Collection totaled: \$8,853.00			
Campaign for Human Development/Home Missions: \$897.70			

DID YOU KNOW?

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!

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Lifted up on the Cross

In today's Gospel according to John, Jesus tells His disciples that when He would be lifted up from the earth, He would draw all people to Himself. Every crucifix in our homes and churches reminds us that Jesus was indeed lifted up from the earth and placed on the wood of the cross where He accomplished His divine self-sacrifice for our redemption. This is why the crucifix remains an essential image in our Catholic Christian faith and in our lives.

Jesus allowed himself to be sacrificed on the cross as an atonement for the forgiveness of our sins and for our reconciliation with the Father. We're called to be mindful of the Lord's suffering and death for our redemption and to give thanks to the Risen Lord Jesus every day of our lives for His most wonderful gift to each of us.

As we approach Holy Week beginning next Sunday - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion - you might wish to look for and view the recent movie titled *Risen* for an amazing depiction of Jesus' death on the cross and his Resurrection. For those who can watch very strong drama, you might also consider viewing *The Passion of the Christ* and its extraordinary portrayal of Jesus' suffering and death.

Jesus was lifted high on the cross so that humanity would be redeemed from its sins. Since that event, Jesus has drawn countless people toward Himself and toward the salvation of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. May we always be grateful and give thanks!

Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum

Next weekend, we will arrive at Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. We will have the regular weekend Liturgy schedule, and we'll be able to give several palm strands to everyone participating.

I also invite everyone in our parish community to plan on joining us on April 1 for the Holy Thursday evening Mass of the Lord's Supper during which we remember Jesus' Last Supper, His gift of the Eucharist, His gift of priestly ministry, and His sacred call to serve others. This Holy Thursday evening Liturgy will be celebrated at 7:00pm at Saint Philip Church.

On Good Friday, April 2, we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 12:00pm at Saint Philip Church. Then at 1:30pm, we'll have the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion at



Holy Week 2021 SCHEDULE

— Palm Sunday, March 28 —

Regular weekend Mass schedule

— Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday —

Confessions at Ascension Church
at **12:00 noon** and **6:00pm**

— Holy Thursday, April 1 —

Mass of the Lord's Supper at **7:00pm** at
Saint Philip Church with private prayer
in the church until **12:00 Midnight**

— Good Friday, April 2 —

12:00pm Stations of the Cross at Saint Philip Church
1:30pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
at Ascension Church
6:00pm Stations of the Cross at Saint Philip Church

— Holy Saturday, April 3 —

12:00pm Blessing of Easter Foods
at Ascension Church
7:00pm Easter Vigil at Saint Philip Church

— Easter Sunday, April 4 —

7:00am Liturgy at Saint Philip Church
9:30am Liturgy at Ascension Church
9:30am Liturgy also at Saint Philip Church
11:00am Liturgy at Saint Philip Church

Please visit www.saintphilipchurch.org
to register in advance. Thank you!

Ascension Church, and at 6:00pm, we'll return to Saint Philip Church for the Stations of the Cross once again.

On Holy Saturday, April 3 at 12 noon, we'll have the traditional Blessing of Easter Foods at Ascension for those who wish to have some of their homemade Easter foods blessed. Then that evening, at Saint Philip Church, we will hold the great Easter Vigil at 7:00pm to begin our celebration of the Lord Jesus' Resurrection - a celebration which will continue for the following fifty days until Pentecost Sunday!

On Easter Sunday, we will celebrate the regular Sunday morning Mass Schedule along with an additional 9:30am Liturgy at Saint Philip Church to accommodate all those planning to celebrate Easter Sunday in church this year. Please register in advance through our parish website as we make our to Holy Week and Easter Sunday!

We will observe the continuing pandemic sanitizing and distancing practices, but I do hope that many of our parish members and families will join us for these Liturgies and services during the holiest days of our Catholic Christian year!

The annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

Please remember that on Good Friday, every parish around the world will take up a Good Friday Collection to support Catholic Christian parishes and shrines in Holy Land of Israel. The Church's presence and work in the land of Jesus need the support of all Catholics so that the Holy Land may continue to be a place where the people of the Lord still live and give witness to our faith. Thank you for your generosity!

The Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion in your home

While this pandemic year severely limited our ability to make home visits due to Covid restrictions, now that vaccinations are being given, our priests are able to make visits where the Sacrament of the Sick is needed. Please call Father John Forbidussi (412-922-6300) this month, and he will schedule visits by our priests to parish members for the Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion.

Completing the restoration of the Saint Philip Church stairwell

Following nearly a year of reconstruction work on the Saint Philip Church stairwell, we hope to reopen the church stairwell and the lower hall restrooms before Easter Sunday, April 4. As you may recall, a year ago, rain

waters destroyed the stairs in the stairwell that is inside the main Saint Philip Church entrance. The rain waters also caused significant damage to the walls of that stairwell. Of course, the restoration work was thankfully funded by the Diocesan insurance program, but because the water damage was so extensive, the work of repairing the walls, sealing the walls, and rebuilding the stairwell has taken a long, long time.

I'm most grateful to our renovation contractor, John Sommer, and to all the crews and workers who were here throughout this past year to rebuild and waterproof this important church stairwell. While the lower level is not handicap accessible, it will be most helpful to have the two lower restrooms available for use.

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 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's 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!

Best wishes for this Fifth Week of Lent and our upcoming Holy Week!

Best wishes for the days ahead as we will soon arrive at Holy Week! I pray these will be days of prayer, 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

PONTICIAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

1. During Holy Week, the Gospel readings come to life in a special way as we gather to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The readings remind us of our special connection to the land where this great story unfolded.
2. Supporting the church in the Holy Land is an historic mission. Since the time of St. Paul, Christians worldwide have understood the responsibility to support the land where Jesus walked.
3. It has never been easy to be a Christian in the Holy Land. In these challenging times in the Middle East, Christians are experiencing unique hardships. We have an opportunity to help them through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection.
4. Christians in the Holy Land face special challenges – many of which we hear about in the daily news. The political, religious and military challenges in the Holy Land are more complex than ever. Supporting the Pontifical Good Friday Collection offers hope to the Holy Land Christians.
5. Who are these Christians? Christians living in the Holy Land today are descendants of those who first believed and lived the Christian faith. It is important that Christians continue to live, work and pray in the Holy Land.
6. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection offers all Catholics an opportunity to express their solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land. A donation to the Holy Father's annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability in this region.
7. What has been accomplished? Last year's Pontifical Good Friday Collection:
 - *Supported 23 parishes and three academic institutions*
 - *Provided a home for 30 children from homes facing domestic violence*
 - *Offered 400 scholarships for high school and university education*
 - *Helped keep schools open for over 10,000 pre-K through grade 12 students*
 - *Supported 120 men preparing to be priests or brothers*
 - *Restored and maintained 1000+ houses/apartments for Christian families*
 - *Offered assistance at senior care facilities in Bethlehem and Nazareth*
 - *Created 1,200 jobs in the Holy Land for Christians*
 - *Preserved 65 shrines connected with the life of Jesus and the prophets*
8. Thank you for supporting the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, as encouraged by Pope Francis. Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land, and you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land.



Parish News

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS - March 27 & 28

4:00pm at St. Philip - Gregory Healey
5:30pm at Ascension - Richard Schubert
7:00am at St. Philip - John Cherry
9:30am at Ascension - Francis Sullen
11:00am at St. Philip - B. J. Gamble

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - March 27 & 28

4:00pm at St. Philip - Art Bannon
5:30pm at Ascension - Mary Schubert
7:00am at St. Philip - Dian Perkins
9:30am at Ascension - Debby Sullen
11:00am at St. Philip - Dorothy Koger

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous.

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

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.



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.

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.

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.

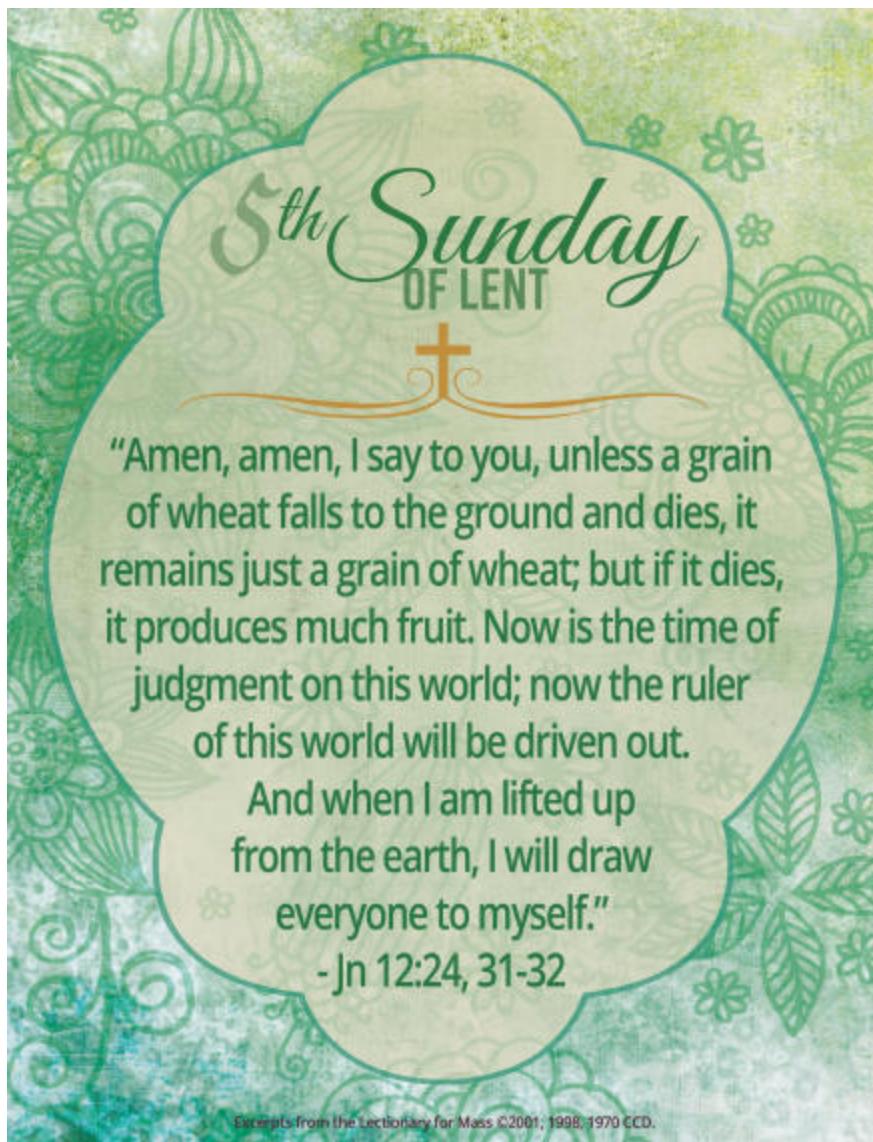
PARISH OFFICES

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.



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!



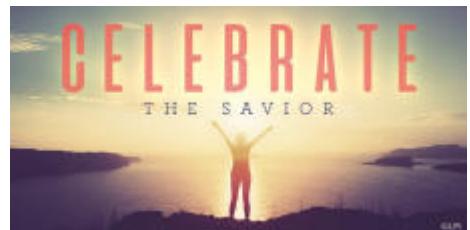
Please welcome into our faith family... **Finnigan David Hesler**, who received the Life of Christ in Baptism in our parish on Sunday, March 14, 2021. May he grow in wisdom, age and grace.

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 Edward D. Shumovich
Offered by Greg & Jeannie Shumovich

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **Ascension** burns *In Loving Memory of the Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish*

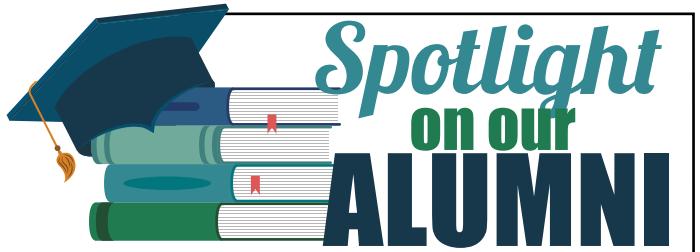
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St. Philip School News



GRACE PROGRAM

Our February/March celebration will be held in conjunction with the Stations of the Cross. The beautiful Stations of the Cross from the Convent Chapel were placed throughout the school and the children, by individual classes, visit the Stations weekly during Lent. 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.

WINNERS OF THE PTG WINTER RAFFLE

Congratulations to the following winners of the PTG Winter Raffle:

- Monday — Dolores Leone
- Tuesday — Cathy Huth
- Wednesday — Ben Diecks
- Thursday — Kelly Havrilla
- Friday — Marjorie McCartney

THIS WEEK AT SPS

- KA went outside on a sunny day to make observational drawings of St. Philip Church in Art Class.
- David Proch in 2B found a rock that was left in a Pittsburgh community project: Painting and Sharing Rocks, outside while taking a walk for Gym Class.
- 1A students learned how to draw trees in Art class and practiced right outside of our school in the brand new grassy area!
- The Primary students had loads of fun celebrating Dr Seuss Week.
- Kindergarten took a shape walk. They just finished learning about 2D shapes. We took advantage of the beautiful day and went on a shape walk with our special shape finders.

The following St. Philip alumni were named 2021 Carson High School Scholars: **Ella Wrabley, Liam Cringle, Lauren Kirsch, Grace Ravenstahl** and **Julianna Umalin**. Special recognition goes to Liam Cringle who was named a Carson Scholar for the 7th time. Carson Scholars Fund, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1994 by world renowned pediatric neurosurgeon, Dr. Ben Carson and his wife, Candy. CSF seeks to combat the American education crisis by discovering promise and rewarding excellence in our nation's youth through scholarship programs. This scholarship program awards students who have embraced high levels of academic excellence and community service with \$1,000 college scholarships.





Gifts Re-Affirming A Catholic Education | February/March 2021

February/March enrollments are remembered as the children pray the Stations of the Cross in School. The beautiful Stations of the Cross from the Convent Chapel were placed throughout the school and the children, by individual classes, visit the Stations weekly during Lent. April requests (Deadline April 10) 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.

ENROLLED	DONOR	ENROLLED	DONOR
DECEASED - PERPETUAL		DECEASED - PERPETUAL	
Charles H. Spires	A Friend	Bill & Thelma Seaman	Family & Friends
Jack & Bernice Sigh	Bernice Sigh	Kim Harbaugh	St. Philip School Family
Mary Collins Klemmer	Mary Pat Collins	Mr. & Mrs. Jack McGinley	Family
Harry Collins	Mary Pat Collins	Albert Dzurichko	Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Hagg
Byron & Pat Collins	Family & Friends	Joseph & Margaret Tracy	Family & Friends
Mary Jo Dowds	Family & Friends	Jim Reilly	Family
Sr. Jane Catherine	Bernice Sigh	Sister Annina Fox	Friends
Vincent Rea, Jr.	Vincent Rea Family	John Sebesta	Virginia Sebesta
Vincent Rea, Sr.	Italia Rea	Robert M&Sara K Chamberlin	Chamberlin Family
Vincent & Italia Rea	Vincent & Italia Rea Family	Tom Petrone	Family & Friends
Marie Renvers	Joe Renvers	William & Gen Kennedy	Family & Friends
Ken & Audrey Werner	Werner & Wrabley Family	Edward Witt	Family & Friends
Helen Hennessey	Pete, Matt, & Amanda	Don Mixon	Family & Friends
Drew & Florence Starr	Friends & Family	DECEASED	
Barrett Family	Family	Smith & Colosimo Families	Mr. & Mrs. Jay Smith
Boden Family	Family	Marilyn Seitz	Bob Seitz
Sam Hicks	Peter Hennessey	Terry & Delys Keeley	Pat Keeley
Mary Ley	Family & Friends	Catherine Kletter	Elaine Koller & Karen Kletter
Mary Adelaide & Christopher Sprowls	Family & Friends	Margaret Mary McWilliams	Katie Sheridan
Thomas Sworski, PhD	Stanley Sworski	Bruno Scuglia	St. Philip School Family
Mary & Edward Stewart	Eileen Cox	Florence Hall	
Tom Leskanic	Anthony S. Michalski	Jeremy Dentel	
Tim Megyesy	Family & Friends	Karen Werner	
Thomas & Angela Witt	Family & Friends	Rose Givvin	
Msgr. Robert Garland	The Chamberlin Family	Joan Crum	
Daniel Brannan	St. Philip Children	Mary Pat Kennedy	
Ignatius Laux	Family and Friends	Michele Colosimo	Gail Gilles
Don Mixon	Family and Friends	Alice Kaminsky	Marge Reilly
Ed Leithauser	Family and Friends	Donna Howard	
Alice Bryson Shock	John Shock	Richard Kimberling	
Edward Huth	Family and Friends	John & Betty Bodnar	Donna Bodnar
Joseph Hayes	Family and Friends	Kathleen Gallagher	Katie Sheridan
DECEASED		DECEASED	
Regina Caldwell	St. Philip School Family	Michael Miggliozzi	Marge Reilly
Stephen J. Costantino		Betty Burgunder	
Fr. Donald R Bischoff		Richard Kimberling	
Nicholas Torquato		Mary Pat Kennedy	
Jean Damits		Ivan Hull	
Joseph Falloy	Anita Macklin & Family	Stephen Costantino	
Ivan Hull		Michael White	
Adrian Myzk		Karen Werner	McDevitt Family
Jean Damits		William McDevitt	
<i>Thank You</i>		Nicholas Torquato	
Nick & Kim Morea	CeCe Bruder		



Religious Education

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

A NOTE FROM MARYANN: This Sunday's Gospel is the account of Jesus reviving Lazarus from the dead. This is a beautiful Gospel to pray with. We can especially relate to Martha saying to Jesus, "*Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.*" I have said this prayer myself. I have said, "*Lord, if you had been here, I would not have had this financial trouble.*" Or, "*Lord if you had been ere, my family member would not have gotten sick.*" But it is important to add, "*But even now, I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.*" I sit and wait then to listen and receive the graces that God wishes to give me in the situation and how God is calling me to respond. I have found this to be a very comforting and reassuring prayer.

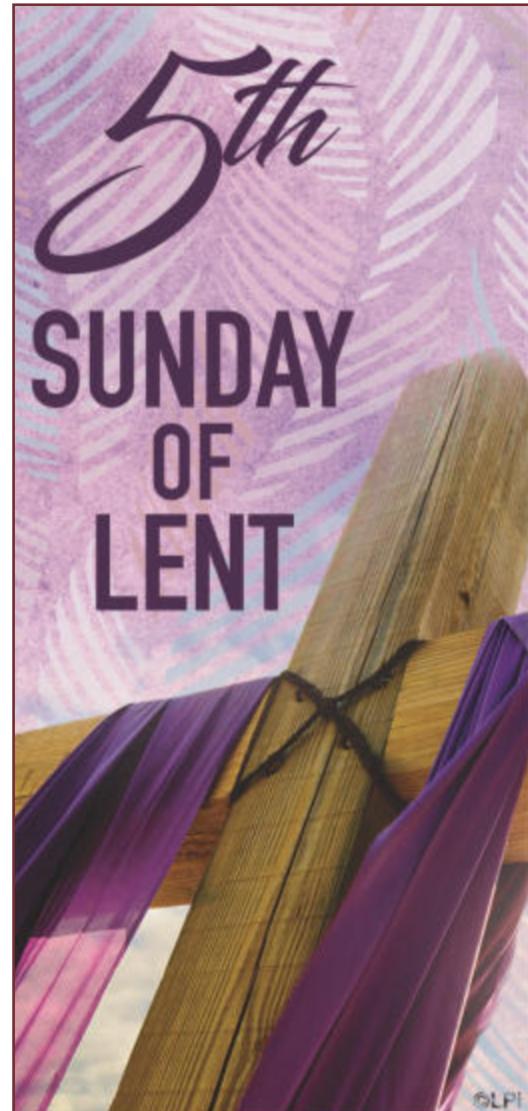
LENTEN NOTES: Last year, we had the opportunity to have a Lenten Book Study on The Passion and The Cross by Father Ron Rolheiser. This year, I was able to participate in a webinar for reflection during these final days of Lent:

- In Luke's Gospel we read: "*Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done.*" As Jesus surrenders to the "*Will of the Father,*" we read, "*to strengthen him an angel from heaven appeared to him.*" We receive strength from God in trying times, when we give up our own strength and unite to the Will of God.
- Jesus on the cross is a fellow sufferer. He knows our sufferings. He does not rescue us, he redeems us. He gives meaning to our suffering.
- Jesus transforms. He takes hatred and gives back love. He takes jealousy and gives back affirmation of self. He takes bitterness and gives back graciousness. He takes rejection and gives back fidelity. He takes murder and gives back forgiveness.

FAITH FORMATION: Over the past two Monday evenings, 43 students from our parish celebrated their First Reconciliation. This sacrament is one of the most beautiful aspects of our Catholic faith. Their theme for the celebration was, "*I give my heart to Jesus.*" The children now begin their preparation for First Eucharist which they will celebrate during the Easter season. Please keep the children in your prayers.

SECOND GRADE REMINDER: Please call the Office of Faith Formation with your guest list for First Eucharist and your reservation for the April 11 mini-retreat and rehearsal. The number is 412-922-6388.

EDGE: Seventh and Eighth Grade Students will meet in person on **Monday, March 29 at 7:00pm** in St. Philip Church.



*"Bloom
where you
are planted."*

— ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

FIFTH 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 21: 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Following Your Conscience

I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

- Jeremiah 31:33

There is a teaching in the Catholic Church called “primacy of conscience.” It means that we can “listen in” to the deepest place in our hearts, our inner core and sanctuary. There we can discover what God wants of us and wants for us.

FOR REFLECTION: What might God be inviting you to do or not do, despite what others say?

MARCH 22: MONDAY, 5TH WEEK OF LENT

Invitation to Rest

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul. - Psalm 23: 1-3

It took me a long time to understand that “I shall not want” really meant that God would care for me so that I wouldn’t lack anything that I needed. In the course of this past year, which has been so bone-wearied for some, God’s invitation to rest and restoration still stands. Maybe we will have to search out our own version of green pastures and still waters to sit with God: a quiet spot in the kitchen, a chair on a porch or wherever we can go to be alone with the Shepherd who wants to give us rest.

FOR REFLECTION: How do you make time to let yourself be led “beside still

waters”? Where do you go for some quiet, peaceful time with God?

MARCH 23: TUESDAY, 5TH WEEK OF LENT

Worn Out by the Journey

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but with their patience worn out by the journey, the people complained against God and against Moses. - Numbers 21: 4-5

If you are worn out now and find yourself complaining to God about this wilderness time, you are not alone. You are in good company because millions of our ancestors in faith have had their patience worn thin during challenging times. Like them, may we come to recognize that God will not abandon us and that all our normal, human emotions are permissible before God.

FOR REFLECTION: Turning to God, be as open and honest about what you are feeling and thinking now as COVID continues. Allow some quiet time for God to respond.

MARCH 24: WED., 5TH WEEK OF LENT

Choosing Truth

You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. - John 8: 31-32

I am sometimes struck that Jesus said, “The truth will set you free” instead of “The truth will make things easier.”

FOR REFLECTION: Is there any situation in which you need to share with someone else so that you can both be freer? Pray for courage and insight this week. Is there any situation in which you need to share Jesus’ message with another?

MARCH 25: THUR., 5TH WEEK OF LENT

When Do I Seek Strength?

Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually. - Psalm 105: 4

Sometimes I think that I operate under my own strength and that my strength is sufficient. It’s humbling to admit when I need help, and I don’t like feeling “weak.” But the truth is that when I continually seek God’s presence, I benefit from God’s strength. My family and friends benefit from me having God’s strength. Why wouldn’t I want that?

FOR REFLECTION: How can you make a more conscious effort to “seek the Lord and his strength; to seek his presence continually?”

MARCH 26: FRIDAY, 5TH WEEK OF LENT

Listen to Someone Else

For I hear many whispering: ‘Terror is all around!’...But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior. - Jeremiah 20: 10-11

Between the terror of the COVID-19 pandemic, the violence in our country and extreme weather events, the news on TV can be terrifying these days. Jeremiah had reason to be afraid. He also discovered the best way he could continue doing the work God wanted him to do was to remember God’s presence with him. We may need to stop checking social media and listen to Someone Else who will speak words of hope, comfort and assurance.

FOR REFLECTION: What are the sources of your worries, anxieties and fears. Decide how can you turn them off or turn them down some today?



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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

A third federal Covid relief bill has recently been passed into law. It provides for another round of "stimulus payments" of \$1,400.00 per person, subject to certain income limits. It also provides much-needed help to those who are still unemployed.

There are still more than 18 million people in the United States that are collecting unemployment benefits. Under this bill, people receiving Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), which is for people who are self-employed or who have exhausted other unemployment benefits, will be eligible for an additional 29 weeks of benefits. People receiving Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), which is for those who have exhausted regular state unemployment eligibility, will also be eligible for an extra 29 weeks of benefits. People receiving unemployment benefits of any kind will receive an extra \$300 per week. These extensions and extra benefits will end on September 6.

(<https://www.cnbc.com/2021/03/10/covid-relief-bill-what-to-know-about-extra-unemployment-benefits.html>)

While the steps the federal government has taken to ease the financial impact of the pandemic have helped, they have not totally solved the problem. We are fortunate that, thanks to your unwavering support of our organization, we are able to provide assistance to those who are still struggling despite that assistance, as well as those whose problems are unrelated to the pandemic.

This past week, your generous donations allowed us to provide a woman who has been laid off due to the pandemic with \$300 toward rent; a disabled woman was given a box spring and a recliner; an elderly man was given a bed; and a man who is dealing with serious health issues was given \$300 toward rent.

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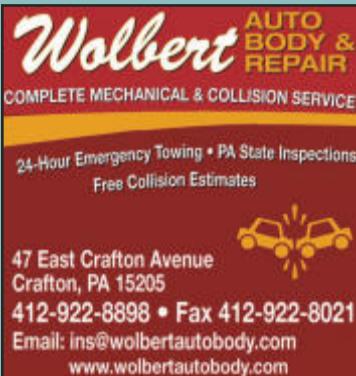
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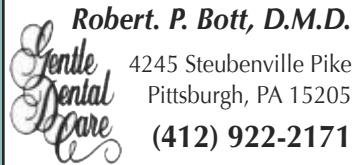
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