



Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

WEEK OF MARCH 28, 2021

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**PALM SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD**

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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 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
MONDAY, MARCH 29 — MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Mary Ann Greer	Family
TUESDAY, MARCH 30 — TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31 — WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Andrew G. & Mary J. Kury	Lawrence Kury & Family
THURSDAY, APRIL 1 — THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK (HOLY THURSDAY)			
Saint Philip	7:00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper Mary Baiardo	Pat Mondine
FRIDAY, APRIL 2 — FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY)			
Saint Philip	12:00pm	Stations of the Cross	
Ascension	1:30pm	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion	
Saint Philip	6:00pm	Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY, APRIL 3 — HOLY SATURDAY (EASTER VIGIL)			
Saint Philip	7:00pm	Vigil Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
SUNDAY, APRIL 4 — EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Nicholas Torquato	St. Philip Parish Pastoral Council
Ascension	9:30am	Mary Askin	Daughters
Saint Philip	9:30am	Rose Givven	Lenore Pope
Saint Philip	11:00am	Eileen Wolbert	Family
SUNDAY COLLECTION			
Last Sunday's Collection totaled: \$8,183.65			

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!

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion - A time of darkness

Today, we listen to the **Passion and Death of Jesus in the Gospel according to Mark**. This is the shortest of the Passion Readings since Mark's Gospel is the shortest (and the first) Gospel written in the Church's Bible. Yet today's Passion Reading captures the suffering of Jesus as well as the darkness and hatred which lead to His crucifixion and death on the cross.

It's very discouraging and disheartening to hear once again of the tremendous opposition to Jesus, to His Good News of God's divine love for humanity and all creation, and to His promise of eternal life in God's kingdom. Unlike those who demanded and carried out the death of Jesus, countless Christians in our world today appreciate Jesus and all that He means to us and to humanity.

However, when we look at our society and world around us, we sadly see so many who are opposed to Jesus just like many were opposed to Him at the end of His earthly days. Once again, the darkness and hatred of so many today is entirely opposed to the Lord and to the holiness and life to which Jesus calls us.

During this Holy Week, may we ourselves remain close to Jesus in prayer and in our reading of the Four Gospels. May we be true to the Lord even if life tries to pull us away from Him. May we also not be discouraged by the world around us and instead pledge our love and faithfulness to Jesus, to God the Father, and to the Holy Spirit. May we remain faithful Christian disciples and people of God this Holy Week and throughout the Easter Season. God bless!

Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum

This weekend, we arrive at Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. We will celebrate 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 Ascension Church. 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 tradi-



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!

tional 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!

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 Holy Week and a joyful Easter Season!

Best wishes for this Holy Week and for a joyful celebration of the Easter Season! I pray that your faith in Jesus and your belief in the Lord's Resurrection will be renewed throughout the 50 days of the Easter Season. Again, 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 Easter 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

HAPPY EASTER!

THE LORD JESUS IS RISEN! HE IS TRULY RISEN!

Best wishes for a
blessed celebration of
the Lord's Resurrection
to you and your family,
to your relatives and friends, and
to all members, families, and friends
of our Saint Philip Parish
community!

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*May the joy of this Easter Season renew your faith
in Jesus our Risen Lord and Savior!*

*May this holy time bring you hope and trust in
the goodness, power, and love of God!*

*May you and all of us truly be part of the new creation
begun in Christ Jesus
who has gained for us a share in Eternal Life!*



Parish News

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1 - LECTORS

7:00pm at St. Philip - Bill Stickman & B. J. Gamble

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2 - LECTORS

1:30pm at Ascension - Grace Berard & Bob Okraszewski

EASTER MASSES, APRIL 3 & 4

LECTORS

7:00pm Easter Vigil at St. Philip - Gregory Healey

7:00am at St. Philip - John Cherry

9:30am at Ascension - Linda Barone

9:30am at St. Philip - Frank Daily

11:00am at St. Philip - Katelyn Hoff

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

7:00pm Easter Vigil at St. Philip - Art Bannon

7:00am at St. Philip - Dian Perkins

9:30am at Ascension - Dona Waldron

9:30am at St. Philip - as scheduled

11:00am at St. Philip - Joe Allen

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis is asking us 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 Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

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

When you contribute to the 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 as generous as you can.

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



HOLY WEEK OFFICE CLOSURES

Please remember that the Parish Administrative Offices will be closed Holy Thursday (April 1), Good Friday (April 2) and Easter Monday (April 5). Please leave a message with the Answering Service for any emergencies.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence. The obligation of Abstinence (no meat) begins at the age of 14. The Law of Fast (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter ones) obliges all between the ages of 18 and 59. No one should take this obligation lightly.

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!

**Please Support
SAINT PHILIP PARISH!**

by including the parish in your will and estate planning.

Thank you!

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.

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/FGmSpog

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.

A PRAYER FOR



O Lord Jesus Christ, You come as our friend and also as our King. We look to You for your consolation and understanding, and we should also look to You with adoration and thanksgiving. As this Holy Week begins, help us to realize that You are our suffering and crucified King, the poor little One, but nonetheless the One Who we shall worship at the end of our lives as King of kings and Lord of lords. Amen.



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 **Anthony DiMaria, Joseph Twardy** and **Joseph Cresto** who entered into eternal life. Please keep them in your prayers.

DONATE ONLINE

Make donating easy!

Your regular online contributions to Saint Philip Parish are encouraged and always welcome!

You can send your weekly donations through our **We Share!** internet service at www.saintphilipchurch.weshareonline.org.



Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **St. Philip** burns

In Loving Memory of The Ambrozic Family

Offered by Frances M. Ambrozic

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

burns *In Thanksgiving for the 50th Anniversary of the Schuler Service Center*

Offered by Schuler Family

ADVERTISER of the Week

PINE HOLLOW SERVICE

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



St. Philip School News

GRACE PROGRAM

Requests for April 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.

THIS WEEK AT SPS

- After making alphabetical order kites, K1 wanted to make real kites. So K1 took advantage of the warmer weather and made kites. They took them outside to see how they would fly.
- The kids in 2B are exploring erosion by using a skittle and water droplets to see how water can wash away land. They have been doing a unit on the environment and are becoming quite conscious of how we are to protect God's earth.
- 2A and 2B were introduced to sewing with a lesson in Art class that teaches them how to weave paper.
- 7th Grade Religion Class travels to Crafton Park every Friday during Lent to clean up litter and trash around the community.





Spotlight on our ALUMNI

Bishop Canevin is now 16-5 on the season. They will be the WPIAL's representative in the PIAA Class A Championships which start next week. The Crusaders will next play in the PIAA Quarterfinals on Friday, March 19. They will face the winner of Tuesday's First Round Playoff between Berlin Brothers Valley, the District 5 Champion, and Farrell, the District 10 Champion.

SPS alum, **Alysha Cutri** will represent Bishop Canevin the Western Regional Bowling Tournament. Good luck, Alysha!



OLSH continued its dominant run, locking down its third consecutive WPIAL championship in a blowout win over Greensburg Central Catholic. OLSH won its third straight WPIAL Class 2A championship on Saturday, beating Greensburg Central Catholic 71-52 at Peters Township High School. The Chargers are just the tenth team to win three straight boys WPIAL basketball championships. However, head coach, Mike Rodriguez said after the game that his team recognizes the significance of each title run. There are a few things about this year's championship team that are different than the past two. The first would be its youth, as the Chargers have two seniors. The second would be perfection. OLSH enters the PIAA playoffs with an unbeaten record of 21-0. St Philip alum, **Dante Spadafora** has been around for OLSH's entire run. He started as a freshman on the 2018 team which fell short in the state championship. He then became the leader over the past three seasons. When asked if this was the best

team he's been a part of, the senior said it was definitely in the running. "It's definitely close," Spadafora said. "This team and the team that went to the state championship my freshman year are neck and neck. With me, **Jake DiMichille**, those bigs and my little brother, **Rocco** (also an SPS alum) now, I think we might have the best team."

The Frank R. Kirk American Legion Post 145 in Crafton-Ingram, PA is pleased to announce that the post winner of the 2021 American Legion Essay Contest is **Garrett Zug**. Garrett is a 10th grader at Our Lady of Sacred Heart (OLSH) High School, and a member of the Crafton Boy Scout Troop 148. The prize for winning the contest at the post level was a \$50 scholarship, and the chance to win additional scholarship money at the District, County, and State levels. Unfortunately, Garrett's essay came in second place at the District level, so it did not advance. We at the Frank R. Kirk Post 145 are very proud of Garrett's essay and the effort he put into it.



Spring Bulb Fundraiser

Bulb selection ranges from gladiolas, irises, and amaryllis to hostas, lilies, strawberries and more!

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SHIP TO YOUR HOME:**

**[https://groups.dutchmillbulbs.com/
shop/?affiliates=stphilipschool](https://groups.dutchmillbulbs.com/shop/?affiliates=stphilipschool)**

**Online ordering will be open until June.
Share the link with family and friends!**

St. Philip School families received paper forms if you'd like to order that way. There are also limited copies at the school office.

Questions? Email Kerri Lozano at spsptgresident@gmail.com or call/text 412-953-8682



Religious Education

Ms. MaryAnn Garfold, Director of Religious Education
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A NOTE FROM MARYANN: This week we look at the Passion of Jesus Christ. I would like to reflect for a few moments on the women at the foot of the cross, particularly Mary. According to Ron Rohlheiser in his book, The Passion and the Cross, Mary is the most important person to watch. On the surface, it appears Mary is just standing there. She doesn't speak; she doesn't try to stop the crucifixion; and she doesn't even plead for Jesus' life. In essence, what Mary was doing under the cross was this: She couldn't stop the crucifixion but she could stop some of the hatred, bitterness, jealousy, heartlessness, and anger that caused it and surrounded it. She helped stop bitterness by refusing to give it back in kind, by swallowing hard and eating bitterness rather than giving it back in kind. What Mary was doing under the cross was radiating all that is antithetical to the crucifixion: gentleness, understanding, forgiveness, peace and light. Let us keep this in mind this week as we pray the scripture of Christ's Passion.

— NEWS & NOTES —

EDGE: There will be a meeting for all 7th & 8th Grade Religious Education Students on **Monday, March 29 at 7:00pm** in St. Philip Church.

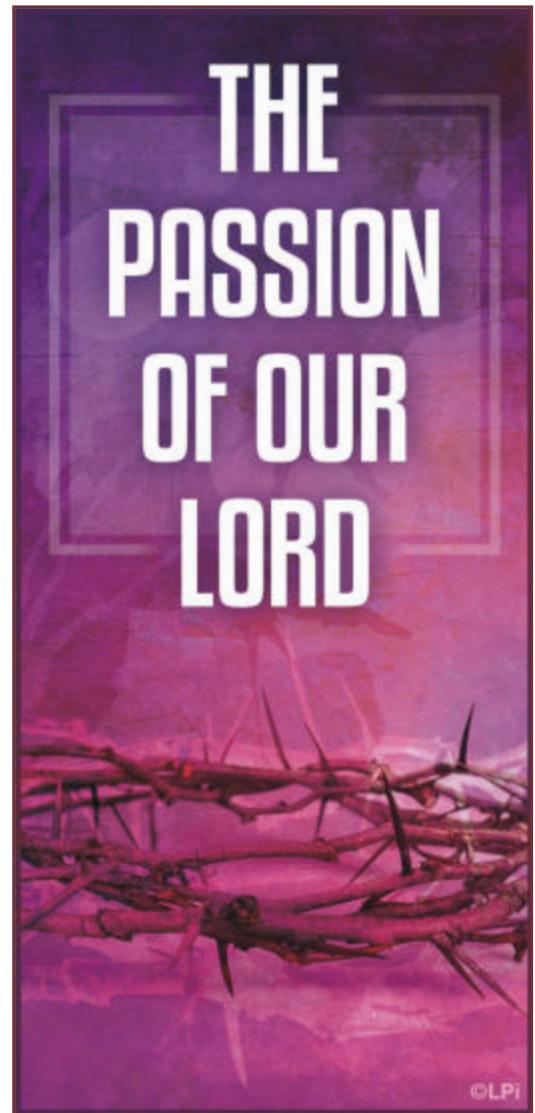
FIRSTEUCCHARIST: We remind parents of the family mini-retreat and rehearsal on **April 11** in Conner Hall. Specific times are according to the last name.

CONFIRMATION: All Sponsor certificates are now due. Please call the Office of Religious Education for any questions.

CONFIRMATION NEWS: There will be a special gathering for all 8th Grade Students in Public School Faith Formation and their parents on **Monday, April 26 from 7:00pm to 8:15pm** in Kelty Hall. This is only for 8th Grade Students and their parents.

BAPTISM: We are accepting baptism requests. If you would like to have your child baptized, please contact the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388 to receive information and a request form.

PARENTS OF GRADUATING SENIORS: We would like to share the good news of those high school graduates within our Parish. You will soon receive an information request form so that we might share our high school seniors' graduation and future plans in our bulletin. You should receive this by **April 16**.



*By His
wounds
we were
healed*

—• TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION •—

On Holy Thursday, the Chrism Mass is celebrated in every cathedral in the world in preparation for the Easter Triduum. Only a bishop can consecrate chrism, pure olive oil infused with rich fragrance, so this liturgy is a sign of the unity of the local Church and the bishop's ministry to all who will be baptized and confirmed in our parishes in the coming year. Chrism is also used in the ordination of priests and bishops and the consecration of new altars. Two other sacramental oils, unscented olive oil for the catechumens and for the sick, will be blessed in the same Holy Thursday Chrism Mass at the cathedral and transported carefully to every parish by the beginning of the Triduum on Holy Thursday evening. (J.S. Paluch)

—• HOLY THURSDAY •—

The first day of the Sacred Triduum is filled with the action of Christ's self-gift. The Mass of the Lord's Supper (**7:00pm in St. Philip Church**) on the evening of Holy Thursday commemorates Christ's command that we "love one another." Symbolized in the washing of the feet, the great commission of Christ is made concrete in the Eucharist as well as in Jesus' crucifixion on Calvary. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose follows the Mass until 12:00 midnight in the church.

—• GOOD FRIDAY •—

The second day of the Sacred Triduum is filled with the silence of the tomb. The solemnity of the Passion of Our Lord (**1:30pm in Ascension Church**) is celebrated through the reading of the Passion Narrative and the Veneration of the Cross. The Church celebrates no Eucharistic liturgy on this day, but silently prepares for the Resurrection. As Jesus remained in the tomb, so the Church as a whole awaits the coming of the Lord's kingdom.

—• EASTER VIGIL •—

The third day of the Triduum is filled with the wonder of the Resurrection. The Easter Vigil (**7:00pm in St. Philip Church**) is the high point of the liturgical year. The drama of the lighting of the new fire, the blessing of the Paschal Candle and the Easter proclamation (Exsultet) in the candlelit church set the stage for the recounting of the story of salvation in the Scripture readings. "Alleluia" once again greets the Gospel, and following the homily, we celebrate baptism and the renewal of our baptismal promises. The Paschal Triduum officially concludes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday, but the wonder of the Easter Season extends for a full 50 days. (All Saints Press)





Ministries & Societies

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

Allegheny County recently launched a new program, called the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, which uses funds from the second federal pandemic relief bill passed in December to assist County residents with delinquent and future rent and utility bills. In order to qualify, you must live in Allegheny County, meet certain income requirements, have experienced a financial impact from the pandemic (loss of income, increase in expenses, or other financial hardship) and you must be facing housing instability in the form of delinquent rent or utility bills or the expectation that you will be unable to pay rent or utilities in the future.

Qualifying individuals can receive up to 12 months of delinquent rent and 3 months of future rent (with the possibility of additional future months if funding is available) regardless of the amount of money needed. This can be a tremendous benefit for renters who are struggling to make ends meet! Assistance for delinquent or future mortgage payments is not available to homeowners at this time. Qualifying individuals can also receive assistance with electric, gas, fuel oil, garbage, water and sewage bills. In order to apply or for more information, visit covidrentrelief.alleghenycounty.us (this is the preferred method), call their hotline at 412-248-0021, or visit one of their “drop-in centers.” The closest one to us is Focus on Renewal at 420 Chartiers Ave., McKees Rocks, 15136. The hours at that location are Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri 9:30am to 4:30pm, and Tuesdays 11:30am to 6:30pm.

We would like to extend a big thank you to Carnegie Exterminators for their recent generosity toward our organization. A friend in need contacted us for assistance in paying for pest remediation. When Carnegie Exterminators saw that the check to pay for the service was from us, they refused to take the money and agreed to perform the service for free! Not only did this kind gesture result in one friend in need's problem being resolved, but now we can use that money to help someone else.

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.



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	Half Flat Quantity	Full Flat Quantity	Total Cost	Quantity
Blue Ageratum	_____	_____	_____	Geraniums - 4 1/2" Pot
White Alyssum	_____	_____	_____	White: _____ x \$4.00
Begonias: Red	_____	_____	_____	Red: _____ x \$4.00
Begonias: Pink	_____	_____	_____	Pink: _____ x \$4.00
Begonias: White	_____	_____	_____	Salmon: _____ x \$4.00
Begonias: Mixed	_____	_____	_____	
Mixed Celosia	_____	_____	_____	New Guinea Impatiens: _____ x \$4.00
Mixed Coleus	_____	_____	_____	Vinca Vines - 4" pot: _____ x \$4.00
Mixed Dahlias	_____	_____	_____	Spikes Dracena - 4" pot: _____ x \$4.00
Dusty Miller	_____	_____	_____	
Impatiens: Red	_____	_____	_____	Wave Petunias - 4" pot:
Impatiens: White	_____	_____	_____	Purple: _____ x \$4.00
Impatiens: Pink	_____	_____	_____	Pink: _____ x \$4.00
Impatiens: Salmon	_____	_____	_____	
Impatiens: Violet	_____	_____	_____	10" Hanging Basket
Impatiens: Mixed	_____	_____	_____	Fushias: _____ x \$19.00
Blue Lobelia	_____	_____	_____	New Guinea Impatiens: _____ x \$19.00
Yellow Marigolds - Dwarf	_____	_____	_____	Ivy Geraniums: _____ x \$19.00
Orange Marigolds - Dwarf	_____	_____	_____	Non-Stop Begonias: _____ x \$19.00
Mixed Marigolds - Dwarf	_____	_____	_____	Cailbrachoa: _____ x \$19.00
Mixed Pansies	_____	_____	_____	Vining Petunias: _____ x \$19.00
Red Petunias	_____	_____	_____	
White Petunias	_____	_____	_____	Vegetable - 3 1/2" Pot
Pink Petunias	_____	_____	_____	Peppers - Green Bell: _____ x \$2.00
Purple Petunias	_____	_____	_____	Tomato - Better Boy: _____ x \$2.00
Mixed Petunias	_____	_____	_____	
Red Salvia	_____	_____	_____	
White Snapdragons, Dwarf	_____	_____	_____	Right Column Total: _____
Yellow Snapdragons, Dwarf	_____	_____	_____	Left Column Total: _____
Pink Snapdragons, Dwarf	_____	_____	_____	Grand Total DUE: _____
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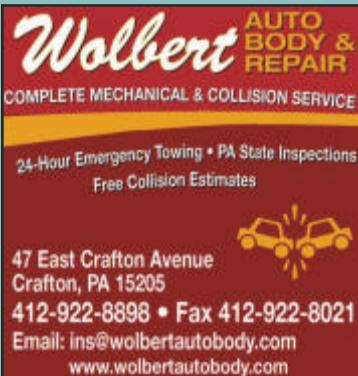
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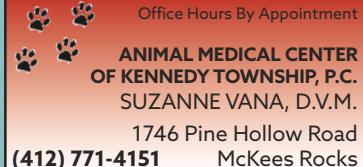
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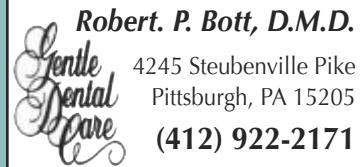


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