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December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021

Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

WEEK OF APRIL 11, 2021

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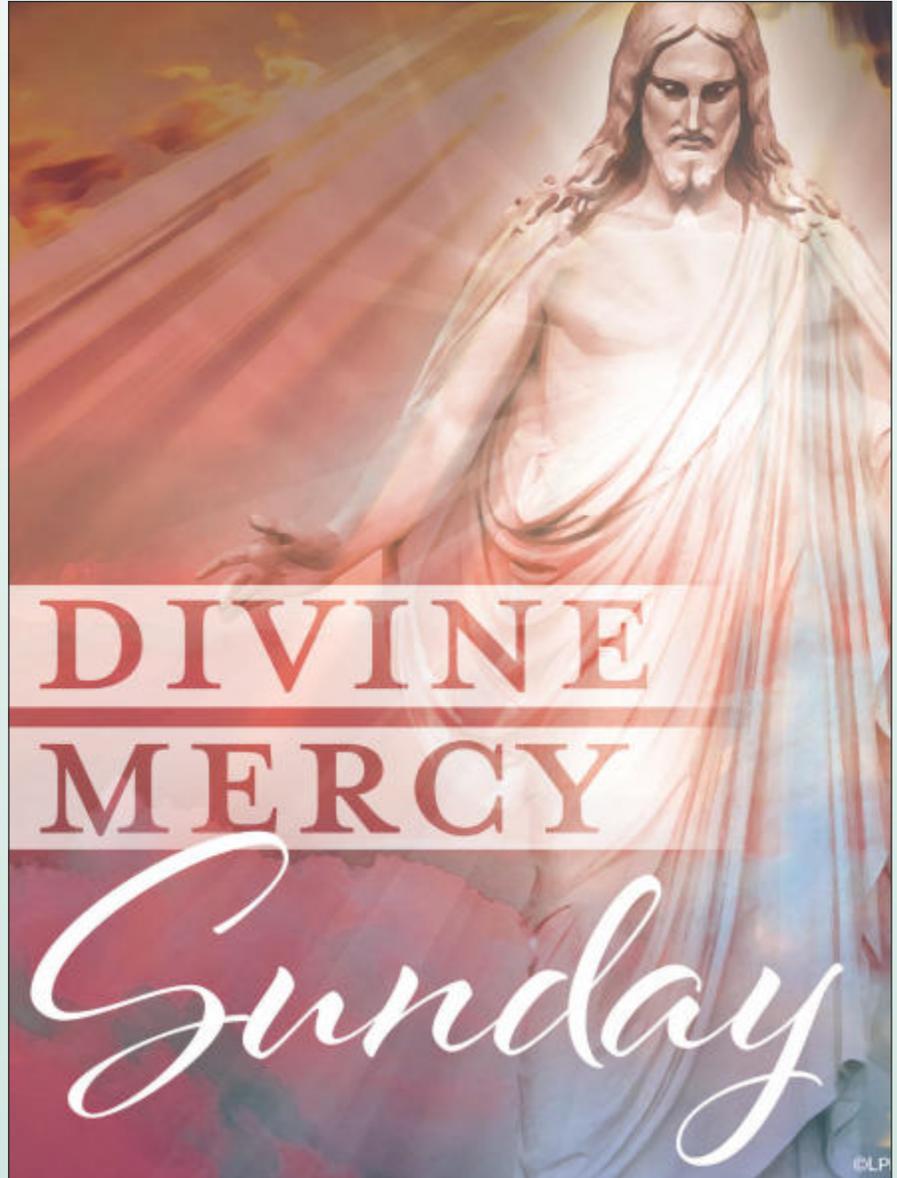
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CONFESSION

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, APRIL 10 — SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER			
Ascension	8:00am	A. J. Kirsch	Mary Kirsch
Saint Philip	4:00pm	Denk & Moses Families	Evelyn
Ascension	5:30pm	Rose & Stanley Bajoras	Daughter
SUNDAY, APRIL 11 — SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER / DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY			
Saint Philip	7:00am	John Bergant	Frances M. Ambrozic
Ascension	9:30am	Paul Korol	Wife, Claudia Korol
Saint Philip	11:00am	Katie Bowen-John	Greg & Jeannie Shumovich
MONDAY, APRIL 12 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Chambers Family	Family
TUESDAY, APRIL 13 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Edward Goyke	Joan & Ed Goyke
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
THURSDAY, APRIL 15 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Herman & Emma Rittler	Ruth Rittler
FRIDAY, APRIL 16 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Peggy Heath	Steve Saks
SATURDAY, APRIL 17 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Margaret & Paul O'Donovan	Maureen O'Donovan
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Arlene Ramolt	Ron
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Alfred Vorbach, Sr.	Helen Demma
SUNDAY, APRIL 18 — THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Herb Lucot, Sr.	Craig Lucot & Family
Ascension	9:30am	Anna & Victor Zink	Marcy & Ed Tuszyński
Saint Philip	11:00am	Mildred Stolburg	Husband, Rodger
SUNDAY COLLECTIONS			
Regular Sunday Collection, April 4: \$8,923.00		Easter Collection: \$6,818.00	
Good Friday Holy Land Collection: \$2,135.00			



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 joyful and blessed Easter Season!

The Easter Season - A time for faith and joy

Alleluia! The Lord Jesus is Risen! Did you know that our celebration of Easter Sunday - the Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection - actually lasts for eight days? Church tradition calls this observance the Octave (or Eight Days) of Easter because the significance of the Resurrection is so tremendous that its celebration isn't just held on one day. The Resurrection of Jesus is so important that its very celebration is an entire eight days concluding today, the Second Sunday of Easter! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Then, as you know, our Easter Season continues for an additional six weeks to make a total of fifty joyful days of celebrating Jesus' Resurrection from the dead following his crucifixion and his death on the cross. Most people - and even many Christians - think that Easter is limited to Easter Sunday, but in fact, the death and Resurrection of the Lord are so important that they deserve and receive these fifty days of celebration and rejoicing! In fact, from Ash Wednesday until Pentecost Sunday, we focus on the death and Resurrection of Jesus for an entire ninety days in our Catholic calendar. What a remarkable three months dedicated to this primary event and belief of Catholic Christianity.

As we hear of Jesus' Resurrection in our Liturgical readings, and as we remember the witness of Peter and all the Apostles and disciples beginning in those first days of the Christian community, may we renew our faith in the Resurrection of Jesus! It is Jesus' Resurrection which has given rise to the Catholic Church, to Christianity, and to the Kingdom of God - as well as the Good News and the civilization of love - that Jesus has given to us and to all humanity. Best wishes for continued joy,

faith, and hope in your hearts during this Easter Season. May the Risen Lord and his Holy Spirit renew your faith and your life in the goodness and grace of Almighty God! Alleluia!

Our 3:00pm Prayer Service on Divine Mercy Sunday

In recent decades, the Message of Jesus' Divine Mercy has become known to and very popular with many Catholic Christians. This message, devotion, and prayer comes from the message entrusted to Saint Faustina Kowalska one century ago in Poland. The message of Divine Mercy was promoted by Pope Saint John Paul II during his 26 years of service to the worldwide Church as the successor of Saint Peter. Saint John Paul II also decreed the Second Sunday of Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the world. This Sunday and the devotion of Divine Mercy remind us of Jesus' mission to bring God's infinite mercy to the Lord's Church and to all who pray for the mercy, love, and forgiveness of God.

This Divine Mercy Sunday afternoon at 3:00pm, we will gather in Saint Philip Church to pray for God's Divine Mercy and love. You and everyone are most welcome to join us in this time of prayer. You're also invited to include the Divine Mercy Chaplet in your daily prayers as you and all of us make our journey through life toward our final goal of eternal life in God's presence and Kingdom!

Thanks to all for a good Easter Sunday and Easter Season!

Many, many thanks are extended once again to all who helped to make our Holy Week observances and Easter celebrations so prayerful and memorable! I'm most grateful to our parish members and families, to our parish volunteers, to our parish priests, to our parish staff, to our maintenance staff, to our church and property decorators, to our music director and musicians and vocalists, to our ushers, lectors, servers, Communion ministers, church sanitizers, donors, and collection counters. Thank you all for your participation and your many contributions to Lent, Holy Week, and the Easter Season this year. May Jesus bless you in this Easter Season and throughout this year with faith, joy, and good health!

Thanks to our church decorators!

In a particular way, many thanks are offered to our Church decorators who worked on Holy Saturday to prepare our two churches for the Easter celebration. These decorators include: at Saint Philip Church, **Art Bannon, Father Jack Forbidussi, Rick Hufnagel, Patrick Kelly, Regina McDonald, Dian Perkins and Sue Solt-Lonsinger**; and at Ascension Church, **Frank Bey**, and his granddaughters **Phoebe Balega** and **Gia Booz**. Thank you all so very much for making both our churches beautiful for Easter Sunday and the Easter Season!

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, extension 106) this month, and he will schedule visits by our priests to parish members for the Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion.

Beginning our newly merged Catholic school

As we prepare for and enroll students for the first academic year of our newly merged school, many efforts are well underway. A search committee will interview candidates for the position of principal, and once chosen, the new principal will begin selecting the faculty members and staff for this new Catholic elementary school. The implementation committee has also been 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!

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.

Once we've reached our goal, all extra donations will directly benefit Saint Philip Parish throughout 2021.



Thank you very much!

Our 2021 Parish Share Campaign

Each Spring, 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 Easter Season!

Best wishes, again, for a very good Divine Mercy Sunday and for a joyful and holy Easter Season! I pray this will be a season of renewed faith and hope and confidence in the Risen Lord Jesus. 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 Risen Lord Jesus bless you, your family, and our parish community now and always! Alleluia!

Yours,
Father Jim Torquato



A PRAYER FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

O Lord Jesus Christ, the Mercy of God, You descended into this world to reveal the Father to us in ways that no one else ever did or ever could. Your message of mercy is an immense consolation to those struggling in any way and we are renewed in our prayers by the hope of Divine Mercy. We pray for our world, our community and our loved ones. You say to us, "Come to Me." And we say in response, "Jesus, I trust in You." Amen.

2nd Sunday
OF EASTER

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Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."
-Jn 20:26b-27

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Parish News



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS - April 17 & 18

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - April 17 & 18

- 4:00pm at St. Philip - Pauline Bodnar-Welsh
- 5:30pm at Ascension - Nancy Salinski
- 7:00am at St. Philip - Dian Perkins
- 9:30am at Ascension - Debby Sullen
- 11:00am at St. Philip - Joe Allen

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/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.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN AND HAVE BELIEVED

On this Second Sunday of Easter, John's Gospel (20:19-31) places us with the disciples, behind a locked door, hiding, whimpering, fearful. Yet Jesus comes to us, because Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. He knows that we have the ability to spread the word of salvation, to be the Church of Christ on earth. So he comes and bestows on us the great power of the Holy Spirit, the power that will build the Church, the power that will spread the word. But not everyone was there, not everyone believes. Thomas needs more; he needs concrete proof. So Jesus comes back, because Thomas needs to see him. Jesus loves Thomas, and invites him to deepen his faith. So, too, Jesus invites all of us to a deeper faith. Some of us may need miracles or signs and wonders to believe. But many of us have been given the gift of faith without the need to see for ourselves. Let us help each other come to deeper faith in the resurrected Lord. (WLP, *Sunday by Sunday*).

THE TRIUMPH OF GOD'S LOVE

Throughout the Bible God is characterized by a deep and abiding love for humanity, in particular those who respond to God's covenant invitation to live according to God's guidelines to create a community of justice, love and peace. This divine love is celebrated in a special way on the Sunday after Easter, which since 2000 has been

identified as **Divine Mercy Sunday**. On this day, we celebrate God's unfathomable love and its constant yearning to forgive us for the ways in which we fail in our obligations of covenant life.

The recognition of God's loving mercy and forgiveness has been a constant in the Christian tradition, however there was never a formal liturgical celebration until Pope John Paul II designated this feast day. As he declared, "Divine Mercy is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity at the dawn of the third millennium." Although others had often advocated celebrating God's mercy, Pope John Paul II was greatly influenced by the writings of a 20th century Polish nun, the mystic St. Faustina Kowalska. Born Helen Kowalska (1905-1938), she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, became Sr. Maria Faustina and devoted her life to the message of God's mercy. She traced her spiritual experiences with Christ in her diary, [Divine Mercy in My Soul](#).

For almost 40 years, Pope John Paul II championed Sr. Faustina's mission to promote God's mercy, which culminated both in her canonization and the establishment of this Feast of Mercy as Christ himself had told her: "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of mercy. The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened." (All Saints Press, 2019)

— AROUND THE COMMUNITY —

BISHOP CANEVIN CAR SHOW

Looking to show off your classic, hot rod, or unique vehicle? What's better than cars, food, and oldies? Bishop Canevin High School is sponsoring Crusin' Canevin from **2:00pm to 8:00pm on Saturday, April 17**. This event is school sponsored and student organized. Awards will be given out for best in show and runner ups. Cost is \$10 a vehicle. All proceeds benefit the Jasmine Nyree Campus, BC's charity of choice for this year, which is located at the former Holy Innocents Parish in Sheraden.

To register your vehicle, contact Jack at 412-505-3154 or send him an email at 21micklej@bishopcanevin.org.



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 **Terrance Thompson, Dolores Cavic, Joanne Miller** and **Patrick Dixon** 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 Kathleen Redington Kanavy*
Offered by Family

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **Ascension** burns *In Loving Memory of Felix ☺ Ottlee Rodgers*
Offered by Pat Rodgers



SECURITIES BROKERAGE SERVICES

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.

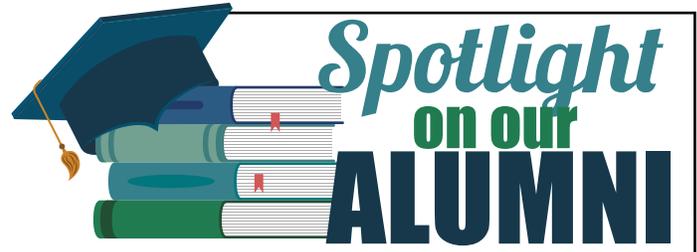
ART FOR HEART

Ryan Jameson (8A) plays basketball on a team with a student from St. Louise de Marillac, Patrick Weldon. Patrick started a program called “*Art for Heart*,” that uses leftover artwork from classes and turns them into cards to send to local hospitals, convents and elsewhere. His program has been growing since the beginning of the school year. Over Christmas he was able to give an *Art for Heart* card to everyone in Mercy Hospital, and now he is trying to expand it even more. Read the full story here: <https://www.post-gazette.com/life/goodness/2021/03/07/art-heart-youth-volunteer-community-award-prudential-patrick-weldon-goodness/stories/202102250137> Ryan, from St. Philip, asked if our students could help his friend Patrick reach his new goal and St. Philip students were able to contribute 150 cards to Patrick’s “*Art for Heart*,” program. The *Art for Heart* fundraiser has ended for Easter, and Patrick from St. Louise sent us a very sweet “thank you” video that gives a shout-out to St. Philip and our students. It can be seen on the SPS website: <https://www.spsangelway.org/news/art-for-heart>.



THIS WEEK AT SPS

- Holy Week and Easter were in the air. Kindergarten held an Easter Party. They dyed eggs, had an egg hunt, played a carrot bowling game and Easter bingo. They also read [Lily’s Easter Egg Hunt](#) and made their own set of Resurrection Eggs with the First Grade.
- The Second Graders conducted a mini imitation of the Passion and the Last Supper. They washed each other’s feet and studied the story of the Last Supper, Passion, and Crucifixion.
- Kindergarten A and B used markers and water to create watercolor painted Easter eggs in art class.



Congratulations to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School Chargers who are State Champions. OLSH Boys Basketball finishes an undefeated season making school history with the PIAA 2A title!

#olshchargers #chargersarechampions



Congratulations to SPS alumnus and Central Catholic Junior, **Liam Carnahan** who received the National Speech & Debate Association’s Academic All-American Award. This award recognizes academic rigor, competitive speech and debate success, and personal excellence. The Academic All American Award recognizes students who have completed at least five semesters of high school, earned the degree of Superior Distinction in the National Speech & Debate Association Honor Society, achieved criteria for GPA and/or test score requirements, and demonstrated outstanding character and leadership. This award is earned by fewer than 1% of the student members of the National Speech & Debate Association.

PHOTOS FROM THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP SCHOOL



Dear Friends,
I hope you feel better soon. I hope COVID ends soon. I hate masks.





Religious Education

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A NOTE FROM MARYANN: Our Gospel today tells us “*a week later His disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then He said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.*” I reflect upon the following when I read those words:

- When I see the sun rise each morning...
...Be not unbelieving, but believe.
- When someone performs an act of kindness...
...Be not unbelieving, but believe.
- When I hear the laughter of children...
...Be not unbelieving, but believe.
- When a stranger smiles at me...
...Be not unbelieving, but believe.
- When food is distributed to those in need...
...Be not unbelieving, but believe.
- When the Eucharist is available during COVID...
...Be not unbelieving, but believe.
- When the Good News is preached...
...Be not unbelieving, but believe.
- When my heart is changed...
...Be not unbelieving, but believe.

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS!

FAITH FORMATION IN PERSON SESSIONS: We will conclude our 2020-2021 year of Faith Formation with in-person sessions. We invite families whose last names begin with **A - K** to join us on **Monday, April 5 from 7:00pm to 8:15pm** in Kelty Hall. We invite families whose last names begin with **L - Z** to join us on **Monday, April 19 from 7:00pm to 8:15pm** in Kelty Hall. The session will include a family service project, activities related to the Easter Season, Pentecost Crafts, review games, prayer experiences and activity kits for the summer.





This Sunday's Bible Readings

FIRST READING:

With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all.

(Acts 4:33)



PSALM:

Give thanks to the Lord, for his is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)

Or Alleluia.



SECOND READING:

Everyone who believe that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. (1 Jn 1:1a)



GOSPEL:

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

(Jn 20:21)

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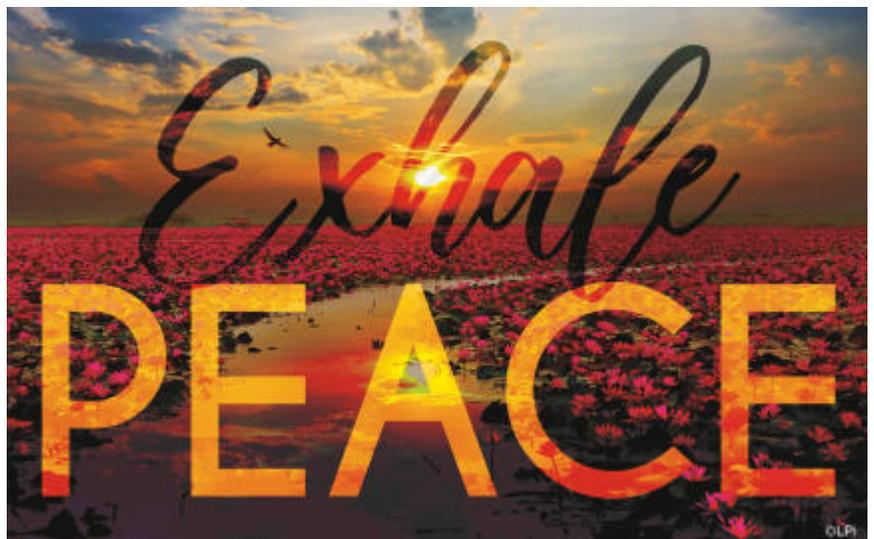
CONFIRMATION: There will be a special gathering for all 8th grade students in Public School and their parents on **Monday, April 26 from 7:00pm to 8:15pm** in Kelty Hall. We will engage in a service project to make bag lunches for Jubilee Kitchen. The evening will include a talk and reflection for family discussion. We will conclude with a candlelight prayer service.

THANK YOU: As we continue our Easter celebration, we take a minute to thank those who helped with our Wednesday Evening Lenten Prayer. This was such a special time of benediction, praying the psalms, inspirational talks by the priests, witness talks, music reflection and community prayer. We especially thank our priests, **Fr. Jim Torquato** and **Fr. Jack Forbidussi**. We thank **Teasa Garcia, Anita Okraszewski, Bob Okraszewski** and **Fran Sullen** for their wonderful and inspiring witness talks. We thank **Beth Barsh** for the beautiful and reflective music. We are very grateful to **Gary Urbatis** and **Barb Hendrick** for their help in live-streaming the video. We also thank those who helped clean the church and prepare for Liturgy the next morning. Thanks to all who attended and all who watched at home so that St. Philip Parish could gather together this Lenten Season. May our prayer continue in our hearts as we celebrate this beautiful Easter Season.

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.

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.

ERIE TRIP: There are still a few seats available for the trip to ERIE on May 26. Call the Office at 412-922-6388 for information. First come, first served.





Ministries & Societies

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

While the pandemic has started to ease with the increased availability of vaccines, the federal government is still extending some of the protections for those who have been hit hardest financially. The CDC moratorium against evictions solely due to non-payment of rent was set to expire on March 31, but has now been extended to June 30.

In order to qualify for the CDC's protections against eviction (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-eviction-declaration.html>), you must meet the following 5 criteria:

1. You have done your best to seek government housing or assistance;
2. You expect to earn less than \$99,000 this year or \$198,000 if you are married;
3. You are unable to make your full rent payment due to a loss of income or high out-of-pocket medical expenses;
4. You are making your best effort to make partial rent payments on time; and
5. If you are evicted, you would likely be homeless, have to move into a shelter, or move in with family or friends, because you cannot find another place to rent that does not cost more money.

It is important that if you find yourself falling behind in your rent, you pay as much as you can and work with your landlord to reach a long-term solution that will keep you in your house or apartment even once the eviction protections end. Also, please see our March 28 bulletin post for information about the Allegheny County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (<https://covidrentrelief.alleghenycounty.us>) which can provide a great deal of financial assistance to renters. Note that this program is available both to non-city and City of Pittsburgh residents. Please be sure to share this information with any of your friends and neighbors who could potentially benefit from it, and let them know that they can contact us for more information or assistance.

This week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a woman with \$200 for rent; three families were given a total of four beds; another woman was given a bed and other pieces of furniture; and a family was given living room furniture and a desk for the children to do homework on. As you can see, we have been getting a lot of requests for furniture recently, so if you have a bed, chair, table, couch or loveseat, etc. that you do not need anymore, please reach out to us to donate it to a good home!

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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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