



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH
December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021

Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

WEEK OF MAY 9, 2021

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Monday - Friday Hours vary due to pandemic.

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- Dr. Brian Dougherty, Saint Philip School Principal
- Ms. MaryAnn Garfold, Dir. of Religious Education
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- Ms. Dorothy Mancini, Assistant Organist
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- Ms. Ursula Eberle, Business Coordinator
- Ms. Maureen Takach, Administrative Assistant & Safe Environment Coordinator
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- Ms. Michele O'Toole, School Secretary
- Ms. Chris Archacki, Maintenance
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- Rev. Joseph Scheib, Saint Philip Rectory
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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saint Philip Church
50 West Crafton Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Ascension Church
114 Berry Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Saint Philip School
52 West Crafton Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15205
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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: Should be submitted to maureen@saintphilipchurch.org no later than 12:00pm on Friday to be included in the following week's bulletin.





CONFESSION

Offered Saturdays from 12:15pm to 1:15pm at *Ascension Church*.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: A seminar is required for first-time parents. Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month at 12:15pm at *Saint Philip Church* or at the *Ascension Church*. Please call the Religious Education Office at 412-922-6388 for more information.

Matrimony: Priest is to be contacted six months in advance of wedding. Participation in Pre-Cana Program required. Please contact the Parish Priests for more information.

Anointing of the Sick: Following a weekend Mass and on the last Saturday of the month at 8:30am at *Ascension Church*.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Call the Office of Religious Education for more information.

Priesthood/Religious Life: Contact the Parish Priests for more information.

Victim's Assistance Hot-Line: If you are a person who has been hurt by abuse from clergy or others associated with the Church, the Diocese of Pittsburgh offers assistance with counseling, spiritual direction and referrals to other supportive services.

For information, contact our Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 412-456-3093.

Protecting God's Children — VICTIM HOTLINE: 1-888-808-1235

CHILDLINE: 1-888-932-0313 to report child abuse
Call 911 if a child is in imminent danger.

MASS SCHEDULE

Masses are held at Saint Philip Church and Ascension Church

LOCATION	TIME	MASS INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
SATURDAY, MAY 8 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	50 th Wedding Anniversary of Frank & Linda Bey	Family
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Arlene Ramolt	Ron
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Josephine Stosich	Daughter, Anna Kaczmarek
SUNDAY, MAY 9 — SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Burton H. Ayres	Daughter, Beth
Ascension	9:30am	Fr. Richard Conboy	Mary Kirsch
Saint Philip	11:00am	Jean & Joe DeRose	William & Noreen DeRose
MONDAY, MAY 10 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
TUESDAY, MAY 11 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Special Intention	Mary Kirsch
WEDNESDAY, MAY 12 — EASTER WEEKDAY/VIGIL OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Mary Ann Greer	Family
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Wendy Eberle	Priests and Staff of St. Philip Parish
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	William E. Happoldt	Blair Family
THURSDAY, MAY 13 — THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	7:00pm	Robert Trapuzzano	John & Dolly Woodcock
FRIDAY, MAY 14 — SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Andrew G. & Mary J. Kury	Lawrence Kury & Family
SATURDAY, MAY 15 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Felix & Otle Rodgers	Pat Rodgers
Saint Philip	2:00pm	Wedding - Joshua D. Shapiro & Nicole A. Moulis	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Denk & Moses Families	Evelyn
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Louis & Irene Schubert	Rich & Mary Schubert
SUNDAY, MAY 16 — SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Shane Phillips	Family
Ascension	9:30am	Helen & Edward Tuszynski	Marcy & Ed Tuszynski
Saint Philip	11:00am	William Thomas McDevitt	Family

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Regular Sunday Collection, May 2: \$8,930.00



Saint Philip Parish is on Facebook! Follow us today to learn about upcoming events and happenings.



Notes from the Pastor

Greetings once again, everyone! Best wishes for a good Ascension Thursday Holy Day this week, and continued best wishes for a joyful and blessed Easter Season!

The Easter Season - Being people of Love

Might you have personal goals to which you aspire? Are you working to be a good and caring family member? Might you be making the effort to be successful in your career or with a special pastime or hobby?

There are many goals that we as individuals try to achieve in our lives and families and careers. However, the primary goal given to us by Jesus in this Sunday's Gospel according to John is to truly become people of God and people of Love. In our Christian way of life, these two goals are actually one and the same. To be a person of God means to be a person of Love, and to be a person of Love means to be a person of God. It's as simple as that.

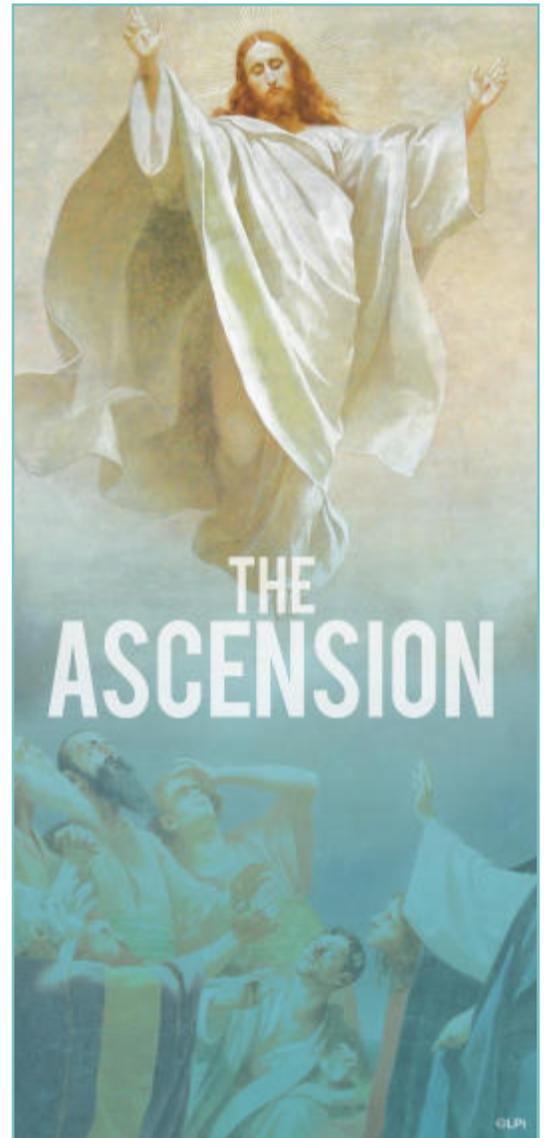
Whatever your daily responsibilities, efforts, and goals may be, we are all called by Jesus to love, appreciate, respect, and show kindness to one another each and every day. This is how we become - and how we live as - people of God and disciples of Jesus. Before any other goals we may be pursuing, may all of us be people of Love and people of God every day of our lives!

Happy Mother's Day!

Sincere best wishes to all our moms, grandmothers, expectant mothers, stepmothers, foster mothers, godmothers, adopting mothers, and all women for a very good celebration of Mother's Day this Sunday, May 9! I pray that the good Lord will bless each of you and all of you with joy, goodness, and love as you continue to share life and love, faith and goodness with your children, your family, and all those who are a part of your life. Thank you all very, very much. Have a wonderful Mother's Day!

Our Ascension Thursday Holy Day this week

This Thursday, May 13, we arrive at the Ascension Thursday Holy Day when we remember and celebrate Jesus' return to God the Father. It is a Holy Day of Obligation in normal years, but as you know, our obligation to gather for worship has been lifted during this pandemic. Nonetheless, we will celebrate the **Holy Day Liturgy on Wednesday, May 12, at 4:00pm at Saint Philip Church as well as at 5:30pm at Ascension Church. Then on Ascension Thursday, May 13, we'll celebrate the Mass at 8:00am at Ascension**



*"You will be my witnesses...
to the ends of the earth."*

On Thursday of this week we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses for the Holy Day will be celebrated on **Wednesday evening at 4:00pm (SP) & 5:30pm (A); and on Thursday at 8:00am (A) & 7:00pm (SP).**

The Parish Offices will be closed for the Holy Day.

Church and then at 7:00pm at Saint Philip Church. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to join us for an Ascension Holy Day Liturgy.

The Ascension event is an essential part of Jesus' death and Resurrection, his Ascension, and the sending of the Holy Spirit into the Church on the first Pentecost. The Ascension assures us that Jesus was raised from the dead and then, after forty days, departed from the earth and is now with the Father interceding for us. From his place with God the Father, we know that Jesus is sending the Holy Spirit to us every day to guide the Church, to provide the Eucharist and all the Sacraments, and to lead us more deeply into the very life of God. Have a joyful and blessed Ascension Holy Day this week!

Upcoming Pandemic changes in the Liturgy

Because so many Americans have received a vaccination against the Covid-19 coronavirus, health department administrators and our bishop are beginning to ease restrictions with regard to our gatherings for the Liturgy. **The following two changes will begin this weekend, May 8-9!**

While distancing, face masks, and hand sanitizing are still required of those participating in the Liturgy, the priest, lector, and cantor are permitted to remove their mask while speaking or singing during the Liturgy.

Also, we've been directed to return Holy Communion to its normal time (instead of making Communion a part of the exit as we've been doing). As such, we'll be asking everyone to return to your seats after Communion for the final prayer, blessing, and song.

As further changes are sent to us in the coming months, we'll be sharing the news with you. I know that we've become accustomed to current pandemic practices, but it will be good to return more and more to our normal practices as our nation and community become safer in 2021 and 2022. Thank you all for your patience, understanding, and cooperation. God bless!

The Aleteia.org Catholic website

As you may know, there are numerous and very good Catholic websites available through the Internet. One Catholic site that recently came to my attention is the Internet site www.aleteia.org. It's a website that presents daily Catholic articles and reflections, and it has more than 20 million worldwide visitors each week. You can visit www.aleteia.org to see what's offered there, and you can even sign up for a free daily newsletter that will support and help grow your

faith. Take a look, and enjoy www.aleteia.org!

Beginning our newly merged Catholic school

As we prepare for and enroll students for the first academic year of our merged Catholic school, creation of the new merged school is moving forward with energy and enthusiasm. The enrollment for the newly merged school is making excellent progress and continues to increase each week. Mr. Robert Munz has been appointed as the Principal, and now he will begin selecting the faculty members and staff for this new Catholic elementary school. In the coming weeks, a new name for our local merged school will also be selected and published. The Implementation Committee is enthusiastically preparing for the new academic year 2021-2022, and visits to the Green Tree facility continue to introduce our students to the merged school campus.

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 two local parishes of Saint Philip and Saint Raphael the Archangel!

Best wishes for a blessed Ascension Holy Day!

Best wishes, again, for a blessed Ascension Holy Day this week and for a very good Easter Season! I pray this will be a time of renewed faith, 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

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

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Your goodness and participation help to keep our parish alive!

Come on down to the St. Philip Parish ANNUAL BBQ

Where: Ascension Church

114 Berry St.



When: Sunday, June 13, 2021 4:00pm-6:00 pm



Menu: Texas Roadhouse will be serving their ribs, chicken, pulled pork, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, and dinner rolls.

RESERVATIONS ONLY– Please fill out form below.

Cost: \$18 per dinner



TAKE OUT ONLY



Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Dinners: _____ Non Refundable Payment due with Reservation: \$ _____

Please check what time you request.

4:00-4:30

4:30-5:00

5:00-5:30

5:30-6:00

Return to Parish Office before June 4, 2021



Parish News

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS - May 15 & 16

- 4:00pm at St. Philip - Art Bannon
- 5:30pm at Ascension - Robert Okraszewski
- 7:00am at St. Philip - B. J. Gamble
- 9:30am at Ascension - Linda Barone
- 11:00am at St. Philip - Jessica Rea

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - May 15 & 16

- 4:00pm at St. Philip - Kathy Hayes
- 5:30pm at Ascension - Carroll Gorman
- 7:00am at St. Philip - Beth Ayres
- 9:30am at Ascension - Alice McAfee
- 11:00am at St. Philip - Susan Kelly

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.

OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH



ANNUAL RAFFLE



Please support our parish community by participating in our Annual Parish Raffle!

Please return your sold Raffle Tickets to the parish office today or this week, and take your chances on **Sunday, June 13** at winning our three prizes of **\$5,000, \$500, and \$250.**

Please contact the parish office (412-922-6300) if you need additional tickets!

Thank you all very much!

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

- 75% Occupancy: 450 (SP) & 300 (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.

NEXT WEEKEND - SPECIAL COLLECTION

We can respond with compassion to a world in need through next weekend's combined collection for Catholic Relief Services and for The Church in Central and Eastern Europe, The Church in Latin America and The Church in Africa. This collection is an excellent opportunity to help Jesus in disguise funding agencies that work to serve our suffering brothers and sisters through humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf of victims. The shared collection also supports seminaries, youth ministries, pastoral centers and evangelization. Please be as generous as you can.



Connect with us through FLOCKNOTE!

To register, contact our parish office, OR text **stphilippa** to **84576**, OR visit

www.stphilipchurch1.flocknote.com.



MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with the spirit of profound respect.

- Book of Blessings #1728

Parish Cookie Sale

Tired of reorganizing your closets and cleaning your cupboards? Are you bored staying at home with nothing creative to occupy your time? **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Due to Covid-19, our social fundraising events have been cut short. We were considering how to come up with a creative way to help our finances and still stay within the mandated guidelines and we thought a cookie sale, held in conjunction with the St. Philip Parish Annual BBQ on Sunday, June 13, would fit the bill.

So... we are asking for our talented bakers to once again whip up a few dozen of your specialties so that we can tray and sell them. **Cookies may be taken to the parish office Monday and Tuesday, June 7 & 8 between the hours of 10:00am and 2:00pm.** If you are not able to deliver the cookies to us, please contact Dorothy at the parish office.



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 Family & Friends*
Offered by Jane & Ken Kwasniewski

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **Ascension** burns *In Loving Memory of Marie Maurer & Ruth Ann Holzapfel*
Offered by Family

 **ADVERTISER**
of the Week

PARKWAY FLORIST

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



St. Philip School News

GRACE PROGRAM

The May GRACE program will include our annual May Crowning and Mother's Day Remembrance. Requests for May 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 have supported the GRACE Program and our school.

THIS WEEK AT SPS

This week we celebrated the April GRACE program and prayed for those enrolled with a special recognition of St. Joseph. This is the Year of St. Joseph. We are honoring St. Joseph because of his remarkable belief in God. Joseph only heard God in the quietest of ways, dreaming of angels and hearing God's instructions while he slept. Our ceremony highlighted the "four dreams" in which St. Joseph received a message from God and followed His command.



During Gym class, KB played "Duck, Duck, Goose," in the sunshine but was becoming overly distracted by the amount of dandelions surrounding the grass they were playing in. **Carter Ranick** suggested we pick the flowers and give them to Jesus (the statue of the crucifix in the cemetery). The rest of the class responded enthusiastically, so we ditched the game and spent a few minutes running around, collecting flowers and dedicating them to the statue for our love for Jesus.



Second grade students in 2A and 2B have been studying fossils in science. The classes started off identifying fossils as plant or animal remains. Then, they made their own fossils after a brief nature hike around school grounds. That led to extensive research of dinosaur fossils and paleontology. The unit culminated in research reports on fourteen different dinosaurs and an at-home project including movie posters, paintings, and dioramas. Each student presented research and projects to his/her respective classes. All in all, it was a huge success!



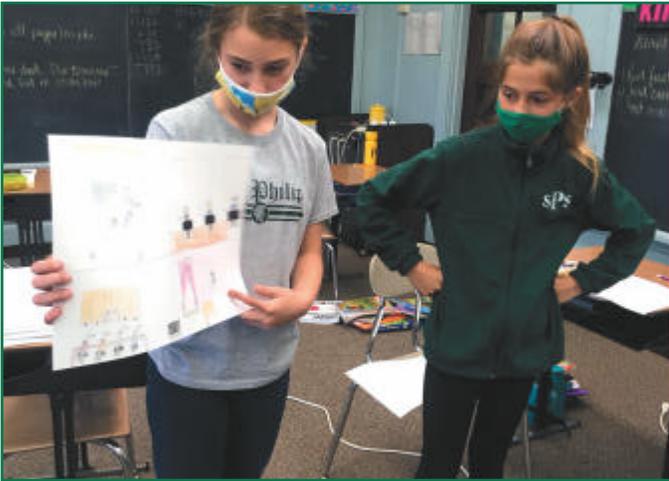
Kindergarten took a nature walk for our senses. We walked around the church and listened for the sounds of nature. We then sat in the green grass and drew our findings.



Spotlight on our ALUMNI



4B made posters to showcase new and different way to pray! Some included out in nature, in class, before bedtime, on the bus or a birthday party



LOREN RODRIGUEZ, OLSH SOPHOMORE, has always been passionate about art, as she frequently uses and combines different mediums into her pieces. Her favorites are acrylics, watercolor, and colored pencils. In addition to taking ceramics and Studio Art 1 and 2 at OLSH, Loren used her artistic talents to share a message with her community. Loren won the 2021 Pro-Life T-Shirt Contest from Beaver County Teens for Life. Today, OLSH faculty and students are wearing shirts featuring her design.

“My favorite thing about creating art is that I don’t have to follow anyone else’s guidelines,” Loren said. “I don’t have limits and don’t have to explain how I feel; I just get to create something that understands me and feels what I feel.”

BREEANNA BAZECK, BISHOP CANEVIN SENIOR, was our latest SPS alum to be featured in Crusaders in the Courtyard on the Canevin Facebook page. Breeanna is a member of the softball team and is a leader in the Circle of Friends which reaches out to the St. Anthony students attending Bishop Canevin. Breeanna said the purpose of the group is to ensure inclusion of the St. Anthony students in the social life of the school and to make certain they fully enjoy the high school experience. Breeanna will attend Waynesburg to earn a BSN with the goal of becoming a nurse practitioner. Drawing on her Canevin roots, she will also play softball. Good luck and God Bless!





Religious Education

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

MARYANN'S THOUGHTS: We hear in our second reading today, *"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God."* Both our second reading and the Gospel speak of God's love for us. I came across a writing by Saint Teresa of Calcutta that illustrates the love of God. It goes like this: *"One day in Calcutta a man came to us with a prescription. He said: 'My only child is dying. The medicine he needs can't be gotten in India; you have to import it from abroad.' As we were still speaking with one another, a man came in with a basket full of medications. On top of the pile lay the medicine we were looking for. Had the man come before or afterward, I wouldn't have seen it. But just at that time God, in His tender love, among all the millions and tens of millions of children, was so concerned for this little child in the slums of Calcutta that He sent the medicine at the right moment, to save the child. I praise the tenderness and love of God, because every child (person), whether from a poor or rich family, is a child of God, made and loved by the Creator of all things."*

FAITH FORMATION SERVICE: A special Thank You to our Faith Formation students and their families for their service to Jubilee Kitchen. Our Pre-K through 6th Grade families made 80 personal care bags for those in need. Our 8th Grade Monday Night Confirmation Candidates and their parents made 130 bag lunches for the hungry as we reviewed the Corporal Works of Mercy.

FAITH FORMATION Pre-K through 8: Our formal in person Monday Night Faith Formation held the final yearly session in early May. Please look for registration information for 2021-2022 in early August. We welcome anyone who has attended in the past and anyone who was unable to attend due to COVID.

CONFIRMATION: 8th Grade Students in both the school and the Faith Formation Program recently received a letter regarding Confirmation. 8th Grade Students have a retreat and rehearsal scheduled for **Sunday, May 16 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm** in St. Philip Church. We ask all Confirmation Candidates to attend.

BAPTISM: We are accepting Baptism requests. If you would like





FIRST COMMUNION

CONGRATULATIONS

to the following 2nd grade students who received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time on Sunday, May 2:

- Rihanna Izekor
- Angelina Medici
- Magdalena Pyle
- Sydney Robles
- Lee Romagnoli
- Wilder Sargent
- Isaac Schulz
- Savannah Schweizer
- Alexander Stickman
- Amy Stickman
- Haley Stickman
- Peter Stickman
- Ryan Stickman
- Sara Stickman
- Harper Ulakovic
- Anthony Van Goor
- Adelina Wood

information on having your child baptized at St. Philip Parish, call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

FREE ICE-CREAM SUNDAE & MOVIE NIGHT: Mark your calendar! Our ice-cream sundae with all the toppings and Movie Night for all ages will be held on **Monday, June 14 at 6:30pm** in Kelty Hall. Come and bring a friend.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

This page is back now that it is Spring with ideas, puzzles and information for the family to share.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY NEWS: We have begun planning for the new Family Life Ministry. This is an opportunity to engage families of all types in living the Gospel message within their homes. Our first phase will begin with new Baptism Families.

Find the highlighted words from this passage of Scripture: “But you will receive **power** when the **Holy Spirit** comes upon you, and you will be my **witnesses**. When He had said this, as they were **looking** on, He was **lifted up** and a **cloud** took Him from their sight.”

W I L S H K W P N
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Ministries & Societies

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

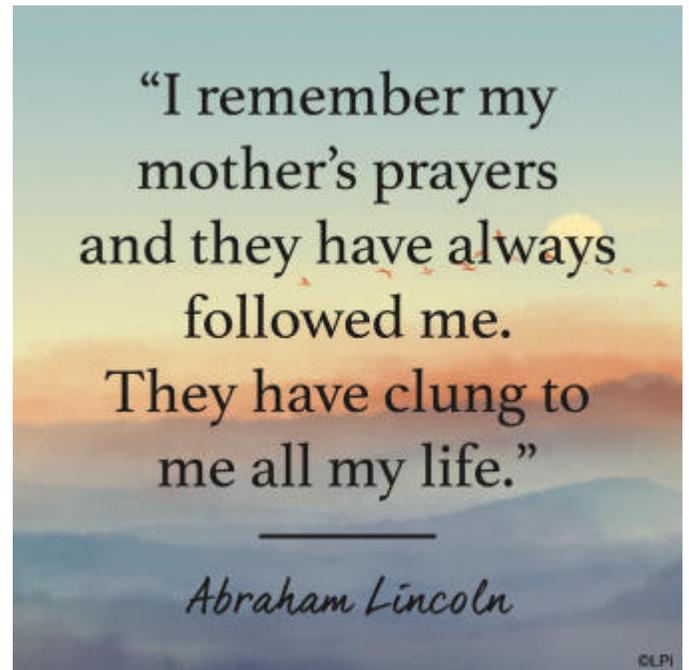
When most people think of thrift stores, they think of a place to get serviceable, basic clothing and household items at a big discount over normal retail prices. However, thrift stores have more than just \$2 t-shirts. They also have new and gently used designer and collectable items.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Central Council of Pittsburgh runs four thrift stores in Allegheny County, the closest of which is just in Coraopolis. For some time now, the stores have been highlighting some of their more interesting items on the Council's Facebook page, which can be found at www.facebook.com/svdppitt. By visiting and liking the page, you can keep up with the newest and most fashionable furniture, clothing and housewares that come into the stores as well as finding out when great sales are occurring.

The Council also lists some of its most special items for sale online. You can shop stylish designer shoes and handbags along with electronics and collectable household items all from the comfort of your home. Check back often as new items are being listed for sale all the time. You can find the online store at: eshoppittsburgh.com. If you have not checked out the website since it launched about a year ago, you are missing out! The number of items for sale and the types of items for sale have greatly increased.

By shopping at a St. Vincent de Paul thrift store or on its online store, you can get great deals on fantastic items while helping your neighbors in need! And please don't forget that when you have items of your own to donate, you can help our thrift stores by dropping them off during business hours (<https://svdppitt.org/stores/store-locations-directions>).

This week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a single mother with \$235 for rent; and a man was given a bed, couch, kitchen table and chairs and other furniture items, as well as a clothing and household goods voucher



for use at our thrift stores.

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.

Live the Liturgy

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God is love. These three simple words deserve a great deal of attention. They have the power to transform our relationship with God from something that is static and distant to one that is personal and real. We all know the power of love and how important it is to completing all of the human and divine circuits of our lives. But we do not often consider the awesome fact that it is given to us as a gift and is not simply part and parcel of the human package. God is the author of love and love itself. When we truly love another human being, it is really God being God in and through us. The love to which we are called and the love of which the Gospel speaks is a selfless love that seeks the wellbeing of not only our significant others but of all of our brothers and sisters. This love, which is of God, is a love that will endure all things and bring immeasurable joy when experienced. It is the most sincere form of friendship.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 148 DONATION DRIVE

(DONATED ITEMS HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED AND ALSO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR THE SCOUTS)

AMERICAN LEGION POST 145 IN CRAFTON
CRENNEL STREET

SATURDAY, MAY 22
FROM 10 A.M. - 1 P.M.

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This Sunday's Bible Readings

FIRST READING

"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." (Acts 10:34-35)



PSALM

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98)
Or Alleluia.



SECOND READING

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. (1 Jn 4:7)



GOSPEL

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (Jn 15:12-13)

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