



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 16, 2021

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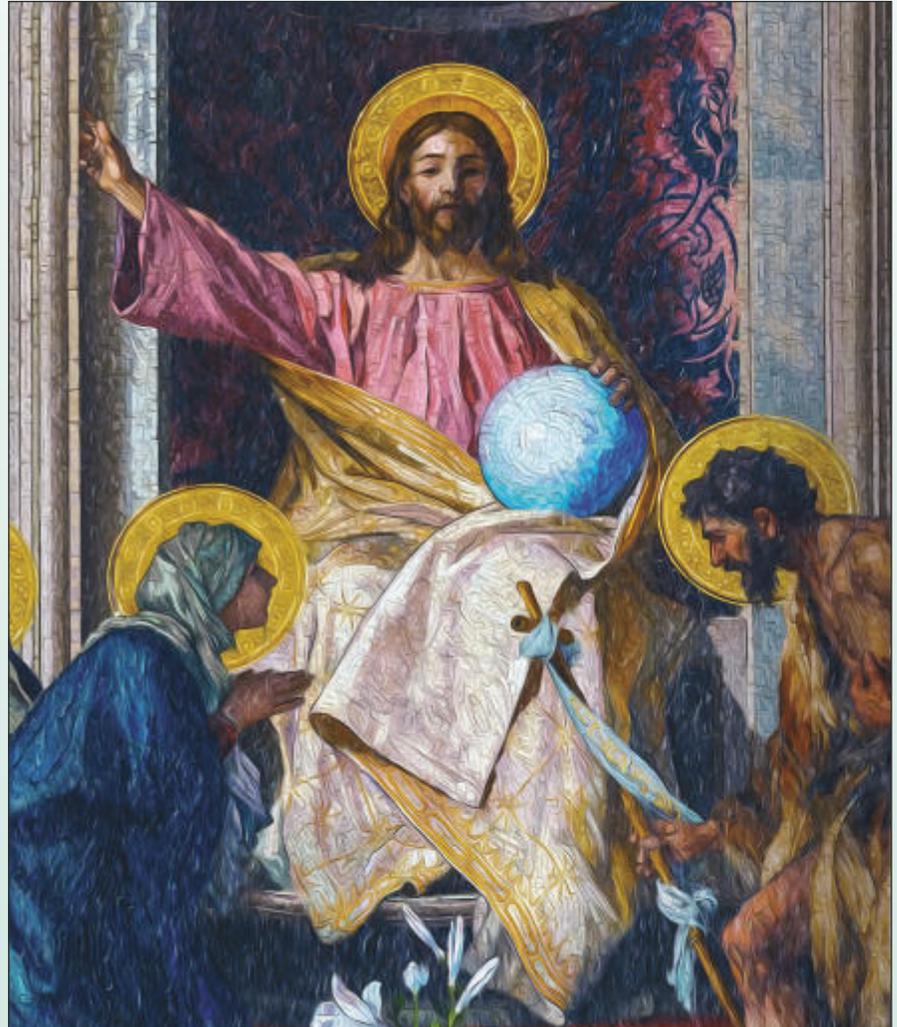
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7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saint Philip Church
50 West Crafton Ave.
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114 Berry Street
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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, MAY 15 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Felix & Ottlee 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
MONDAY, MAY 17 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Patricia & Erwin Fauchiger	Paul Brophy
TUESDAY, MAY 18 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Don Moody	Ed & Jean Harkins
WEDNESDAY, MAY 19 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Elva Bertha	Hockey Friends of Dan
Saint Philip	7:00pm	Confirmation Ceremony	
THURSDAY, MAY 20 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Max Homer	Regina McDonald
FRIDAY, MAY 21 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
SATURDAY, MAY 22 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Paul Korol	Wife, Claudia Korol
Saint Philip	2:00pm	Wedding - Christian Suprano and Rachel Manso	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	James M. O'Connor, Sr.	Cathy O'Connor
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Charles & Maxine Skubal	Granddaughter & Family
SUNDAY, MAY 23 — PENTECOST SUNDAY			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Mary Pat Kennedy	Mary Luxbacher
Ascension	9:30am	John Morris	John & Anna Gallagher
Saint Philip	11:00am	Joseph Hug	Wife & Family
SUNDAY COLLECTION			
Regular Sunday Collection, May 9: \$10,511.19			



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 final week of the Easter Season of the Lord's Resurrection!

The Easter Season - Come, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord Jesus is risen from the dead!

Yes, 43 days after Easter Sunday, we are still proclaiming the Lord's Resurrection as the Easter Season moves forward to its completion on Pentecost Sunday next week. We have been celebrating and proclaiming the history-changing and world-changing event of the Resurrection. As I write each year, Jesus' being raised from the dead gave birth to the Church, to Christianity, and to the very Kingdom (the presence) of God which have together improved the life of humanity and the life of the world during these past twenty centuries.

Next Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, we will commemorate the giving of the Holy Spirit of God to the Apostles and to the Church. The Holy Spirit of God is the divine gift who is still shared with us today. The Holy Spirit is the divine gift who has brought divine life to the Church and the world in so many wonderful and remarkable ways.

To many Catholic Christians, the Pentecost event (like the Resurrection event) is limited to one single day. In reality, however, every day of the year should be Pentecost. Every day of the year should be an occasion when we invite the Holy Spirit into our lives and minds and hearts. It is the Holy Spirit who is also our Lord and our life-giver. It is the Holy Spirit (more than anyone or anything else) who moves us to believe in God and in the Lord Jesus. It is the Spirit who gives us

divine life through our Baptism, the Eucharist, and all the Sacraments. It is the Holy Spirit who inspired the writing of the Bible and who has guided the Church in its teachings and its decisions and growth. It is the Holy Spirit who keeps us united to Jesus at all times.

The Holy Spirit deserves to be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday next Sunday as well as every day of the year! Likewise, we need to call on the Holy Spirit every day, and we need to be open to the divine movement of the Holy Spirit for our good and for the good of the Church and all the world. Let us celebrate Pentecost well next week, and let us all call upon the Spirit of God each day so that we will truly share in the very life of God which Jesus promises all of us who are his faithful, holy, and loving people!

Invigorate your faith with Dynamic Catholic

During the past ten years, one of the most popular resources for Catholic Christians in the United States has been an organization named Dynamic Catholic. From its headquarters in Cincinnati, this Catholic organization lead by Matthew Kelly has provided inspiration to millions of Catholics in America through its publications, programs, website, and regular emails.

If you'd like support for your faith in the Lord Jesus and for your discipleship in the Church, please visit www.dynamiccatholic.org this week. You'll find a number of free resources available to you as well as an invitation to register for their regular and free email messages. Dynamic Catholic is supporting many fellow believers in their faith, and they can be very supportive and inspiring to you and your family too!

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 news-



letter that will support and help grow your faith. Take a look, and enjoy www.aleteia.org!

Catholic News on the Internet

To keep up with Catholic news from around the world, I also recommend that you visit the sites of the Catholic News Service (www.catholicnews.com), the Catholic News agency (www.catholicnewsagency.com), Catholic Answers (www.catholic.com), the National Catholic Register (www.ncregister.com) as well as www.ewtnnews.com and also www.zenit.org and www.cruznw.com. We are inundated with so much news and information from so many secular sources. It's also good and important to receive news from the Catholic Church and to understand the world through a worldwide Catholic vision. Don't forget to also visit the new website for our local Pittsburgh Catholic at www.pittsburghcatholic.org. All of these Catholic sites will benefit you and your family!

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 prog-

ress 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 very good Pentecost Sunday next week!

Best wishes, again, for a very good Pentecost Sunday next 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!***

— ✂ —
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 22 & 23

- 4:00pm at St. Philip - Gregory Healy
- 5:30pm at Ascension - Richard Schubert
- 7:00am at St. Philip - John Cherry
- 9:30am at Ascension - Francis Sullen
- 11:00am at St. Philip - Katelyn Hoff

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - May 22 & 23

- 4:00pm at St. Philip - Ursula Eberle
- 5:30pm at Ascension - Mary Schubert
- 7:00am at St. Philip - Dian Perkins
- 9:30am at Ascension - Debby Sullen
- 11:00am at St. Philip - Joe Allen

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!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Come, Holy Spirit! Our Pastor, Fr. James Torquato will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to candidates from our parish on **Wednesday, May 19 at 7:00pm** at St. Philip Church.

We pray that as these young men and women are initiated and “confirmed” in the faith that their lives will mirror Jesus Christ. Please keep them in your prayers throughout the week.



It is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. She is also our spiritual mother, the new Eve, as Christ is the new Adam. She is the image of Christ’s love, goodness and mercy. Mary never failed in her fulfillment of the divine will. We encourage each parishioner to give special honor to Mary during this month both in prayer and in our efforts to imitate her example of Christian life.

Whoever does not wish to have Mary Immaculate as their Mother will not have Christ as their Brother.

- St. Maximilian Kolbe

TODAY’S SPECIAL COLLECTION

We can respond with compassion to a world in need through today’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.

Ice-Cream/Movie Social



Save the Date! Join us on **Monday, June 14 at 6:30pm** in St. Philip's Kely Hall for the family friendly movie: "A Dog's Purpose."

Come enjoy an ice-cream sundae with chocolate, whipped cream, strawberry or caramel and a variety of flavors including frozen yogurt with sprinkles. All ages welcome.

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.

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)

Parish Cookie Sale

WE NEED YOUR HELP! 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 during the St. Philip Parish Annual BBQ on Sunday, June 13. **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.



Rest in Peace

We offer our sympathy to the family of **Marcella V. Killen** who entered into eternal life. Please keep her in your prayers.



**Please Support
SAINT PHILIP PARISH!**
*by including the parish in
your will and estate planning.*

Thank you!

Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **St. Philip** burns
*In Loving Memory of the
Martin & Sweeney Families*
Offered by Cathy O'Connor

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **Ascension**
burns *In Loving Memory of Herb & Joan Reffert*
Offered by Ken Reffert



HERITAGE VALLEY HEALTH SYSTEM

*Thank you for helping to underwrite the
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St. Philip School News

GRACE PROGRAM

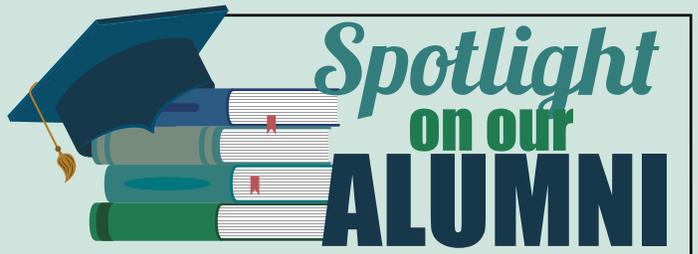
The May GRACE program will include our annual May Crowning and Mother's Day Remembrance. Requests for May enrollment may be made by visiting www.spsangelway.org/support-sps or may be placed in the collection basket or sent to the school office at 52 West Crafton Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15205. Any donation 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

- The 8th Grade completed a lab this week to determine how temperature can affect the volume.
- God bless the Kindergarten also for their beautiful devotion to Our Blessed Mother in their daily May Crowning ceremony.
- 3rd Grade decorated rainbow bucket hats in Art class to wear outside now that the sun is shining!
- Preschool and Pre-K have been learning about life cycles. In the Fall, they removed 518 seeds from a pumpkin. They have planted and cared for those seeds and the students are now able to take their plants home to grow their own pumpkins.
- 4B bloom ball projects on the book, Frindle.
- 7th Grade found a painted rock on their walk to clean up Crafton Park.





CONGRATULATIONS to SPS alumna, **Sydney Bonds** who graduated Magna Cum Laude in Exercise Science from Slippery Rock University.



Religious Education

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

MARYANN'S THOUGHTS: In the second reading for the Seventh Sunday of Easter we hear: *"God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him."* We remain in love when we greet a stranger with a kind word. We remain in love when we can apologize to another. We remain in love when we can give generously to those in need. We remain in love when we offer assistance to a neighbor. We remain in love when we can say a prayer for someone with whom we differ. We remain in love when we recognize our blessings. We remain in love when we realize everything is given to us by God. Our command to "remain in God's love" reminds me of a story in which a couple went away for a weekend to enjoy a relative's birthday celebration. Sometime during the night, the husband awoke with a terrible pain. It was a strange rural city and they were unable to seek help until morning. So, throughout the night, they spent the hours together recalling each and every blessing they had ever received. When morning came and help was available, they experienced a great peace and comfort as they calmly sought medical assistance. They reported that night spent in love with God enriched their marriage and their faith. Let us, too, live in Love.

CONGRATULATIONS: This Sunday, our 8th Grade Confirmation Students will spend the afternoon in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be held on **Wednesday, May 19 at 7:00pm** in St. Philip Church. Please keep all our students and families in prayer.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS! SAVE THE DATE: Our Faith Formation Families, Pre-K - 8th Grade will hold an evening of dinner, games, talks and activities called "Around the Family Table" on **Monday August 23 from 6:15pm to 7:45pm** in Ascension Hall and Church. Reservations will begin July 1. Please watch the mail and bulletin for further details. All families are welcome.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION: Faith Formation registration forms will be mailed to families on **August 1, 2021**. If you would like to register your child for Religious Education, please call MaryAnn at 412-922-6388 to be added to the mailing list.

BAPTISM: We are accepting Baptism requests. If you would like 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 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 with ideas, puzzles and information for the whole 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.

WORD SCRAMBLE: Unscramble the Words from today's reading.

SSUEJ _____

NVAEEH _____

DVEOL _____

REAHTF _____

YJO _____

LESSB _____

Sharing the Gospel

Every day when you are in school, your teachers help you learn. You get better at following directions. You get better at listening. You get better at remembering what you learned. Over the school year, your teacher gets you ready for the next grade. In today's Gospel, Jesus prayed for His friends. Jesus spent the last three years teaching His friends how to follow God and how to love others. His time to teach was almost over. Jesus prayed that His friends would stay close to God. Jesus asked God to protect them as they shared His teachings with the whole world.

Prayer

God, help me to learn all that I can from Jesus and my teachers.

COLOR: Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.





Ministries & Societies

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

The St. Philip Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is part of a much larger, international organization. There are Councils, or upper level governing bodies, at the Diocesan, National and International levels. You often read about the thrift stores run by the Central Council of Pittsburgh (which is at the Diocesan level) and we would like to introduce you to one of the works of the National Council this week.

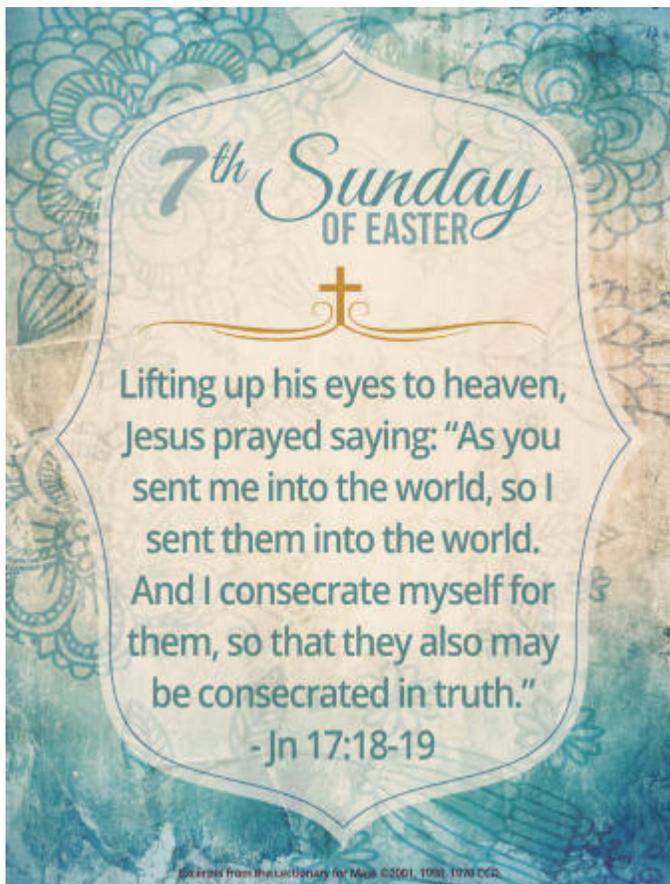
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul USA runs The Disaster Services Corporation, which assists those impacted by natural and man-made disasters across the United States. The Disaster Services Corporation's signature program is

the "House in a Box" program. Families who have lost everything are given a couch, table and chairs, beds and basic household items in order to help them get back on their feet. A "House in a Box" costs approximately \$3,200.00 for a family of four. The Disaster Services Corporation also assists families with food, personal care items, and accessing other available resources, like FEMA funding. Please visit <https://www.svdpdisaster.org/> to learn more about SVdP's Disaster Services Corporation.

This week, your generous donations enabled us to donate \$200 to the St. Vincent de Paul National Disaster Services fund, and \$300 was donated toward the attorney fees of a young mother seeking asylum in the United States.

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 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.





Music Ministry

HANDBELL MINISTRY:

Our Music Department is exploring the possibility of having our parishioners ring handbells during our weekend Masses at Ascension and at St. Philip Churches. There are possibilities for this ministry to grow. Participants would work with our parish organists.

Music stands are set up in St. Philip choir loft and at Ascension Church near the organ. Each participant would use their own music stand to ring and be socially distanced from each other.



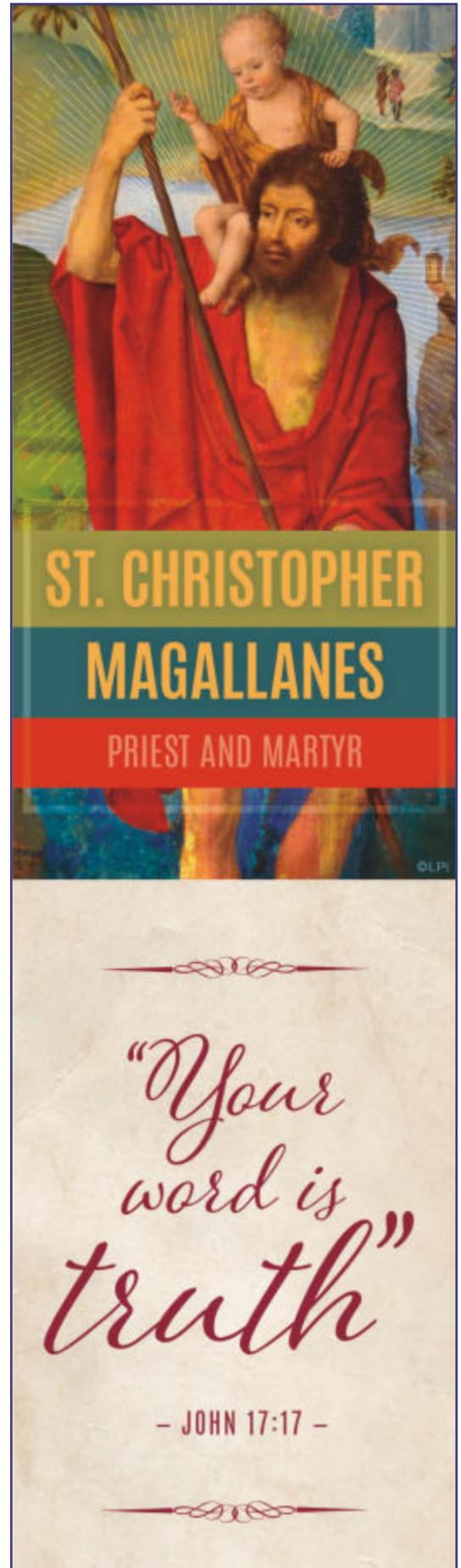
- No rehearsals - just be present 30 minutes before Mass to go over music and any last minute details.
- Handbell gloves and music are provided.
- Four ringers are needed for each Mass.
- Each participant would be responsible for ringing 2 bells.
- Face masks are required.
- Full covid vaccination is required. This is to ensure that everyone is as safe as possible and that the experience would be enjoyable for everyone.

POSSIBILITIES FOR HANDBELL RINGING WOULD BE:

- 5:30pm Saturday Vigil Masses
- 9:30am (Ascension) and 11:00am (St. Philip) Sunday morning Masses.

Interested participants would be asked to attend a one-time 45 minute overview and practice session for basic handbell technique, sanitizing instructions and reading music that will be played during our liturgies.

The first overview session is tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday, May 18 at 1:00pm** at Ascension Church. Contact our Music Director, Beth Barsh at 412-489-5823 or st.philipmusic.crafton.pgh@gmail.com for more information.





This Sunday's Bible Readings

FIRST READING

Then they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the eleven apostles. (Acts 1:26)



PSALM

The Lord has set his throne in heaven. (Ps 103)
Or Alleluia.



SECOND READING

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. (1 Jn 4:11)



GOSPEL

"Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one." (Jn 17:11b)

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— AROUND THE COMMUNITY —

IRISH NIGHT—ROW ON FOR BRENDAN

Irish Night-Row On For Brendan is a lively performance of Irish music and dance held in Pittsburgh, as a tribute to Brendan Foley, who brightened the halls of Central Catholic High School, rowed for the school, and left the world a better place for his 15-and-a-half years of life.

Thanks to the grace and generosity of Brendan's family and friends, Irish Night is also the principal fund-raiser for both Brendan's own Central Catholic Crew and Oakland Catholic Rowing. Irish Night allows Central Catholic Crew and Oakland Catholic Rowing to maintain their fleet and equipment; including shells, oars and coxswain gear.

Irish Night is now in its 25th year. For over the past 20+ years Irish Night has raised more than \$500,000 for Central Catholic Crew and Oakland Catholic Rowing. Irish Night—Row On for Brendan is a proud tradition that allows Central Catholic Crew and Oakland Catholic Rowing to continue to form lasting influences in the lives of the young men and women they train.

The event is on **Saturday, May 22 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm** at the Millvale Croatian Picnic Grounds. For more information, please contact Central Catholic High School at 412-621-8189.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 148 DONATION DRIVE

Boy Scout Troop 148 is collecting donated items to help neighbors in need and also raise funds for the Scouts at the American Legion Post 145 in Crafton, Crennel Street, on **Saturday, May 22 from 10:00am to 1:00pm**. Accepted donation items include: clothing, clothing accessories, linens, shoes, toys and stuffed animals, small working appliances and tools. Learn more at donatepittsburgh.org.



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