



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 JUNE 6, 2021

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Saint Philip Church
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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, JUNE 5 — SAINT BONIFACE, BISHOP AND MARTYR			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased of the Waigand Family	Sister Betty
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Gary Bader	Paul & Deborah Valenti
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Metro & Mary Novoselski	Ray & Paula Butter
SUNDAY, JUNE 6 — THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Guay Family	John & Eileen Guay
Ascension	9:30am	Bess DeAngelis Mott	DeDe & Sam Palombini
Saint Philip	11:00am	Joe & Dorothy Chmiel	Chmiel Family
MONDAY, JUNE 7 — WEEKDAY (TENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME)			
Saint Philip	8:00am	William McNally	Bill McNally & Family
TUESDAY, JUNE 8 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	James Brophy	Paul Brophy
THURSDAY, JUNE 10 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Marian Shober	Husband
FRIDAY, JUNE 11 — THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Mattern & Gerlowski Families	Mary & Thomas Gerlowski
SATURDAY, JUNE 12 — THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			
Ascension	8:00am	John Gorman	Morning Mass Friends
Saint Philip	2:00pm	Wedding - Zachary D. Hayes and Anna D. Mianzo	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Robert J. Dulick	David Dulick
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Robert & Marie Weimerskirch	Ruth Rittler
SUNDAY, JUNE 13 — ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Amanda Louise Ogden	Dan Ogden
Ascension	9:30am	Grace & Fred Meny	Nancy & Art Matt
Saint Philip	11:00am	Deceased of McDevitt & D'Biagio Families	Family
SUNDAY COLLECTION			
The Collection for Sunday, May 30 totaled: \$6,693.00			



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



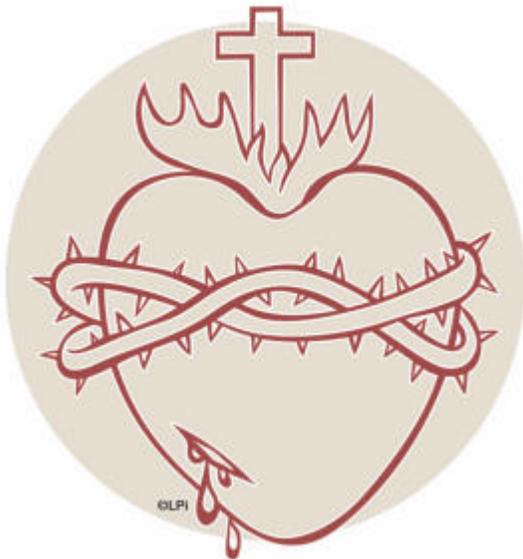
Notes from the Pastor

Greetings once again, and best wishes for this Corpus Christi Sunday, for a good month of June, and for very good summer months ahead!

Sunday of the Lord's Body and Blood

This Sunday, we celebrate a tremendously important belief of our Catholic Christian faith. This Sunday, we celebrate the Eucharist which we believe is Jesus' sacred and sacramental gift of his own life - his Body and Blood - given to us for our nourishment and our assurance of divine and eternal life.

The Gospels tell us that, on the night before Jesus' crucifixion, He celebrated the annual Jewish Passover meal with His apostles. It is the meal which recounts the Hebrew Covenant with almighty God before Moses led them from slavery to freedom in the great Exodus event. During Jesus' celebration of the Passover meal, He made the supper His own - what we call the Lord's Supper. Jesus' meal became the sign and promise of the New Covenant between God (the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) and the New People of God, that is, the Church of the Lord Jesus.



The Lord's Supper - the Eucharist - is still the sign and celebration of the New Covenant (the New Testament) of the Christian religion. The Body and Blood of the Lord - and the Holy Communion with God that it creates - are the sacred gifts which are given us from the Lord's Supper. The Body and Blood of the Lord give us a share in the Passover of Jesus, and they fill us with the divine grace and life of God each time we receive these most wonderful gifts.

This Sunday - and every day of the year - we as Catholic Christians celebrate the Eucharist (the Lord's Supper), and we receive divine life from and holy communion with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit given us by the Lord Jesus. As Catholic Christians, we are truly blessed each Sunday and every day to receive this sacred gift and sacrament of the Body and Blood of the Lord. May we be grateful for this treasure, and may we receive the Lord in his Eucharist with reverence and gratitude every time that we receive Holy Communion in the Liturgy!

Many thanks to Father Jack Forbidussi - and best wishes!

In January 2020, Father Jack Forbidussi was assigned to Saint Philip Parish as our parochial vicar. In these 18 months (and despite the Covid-19 pandemic), Father Jack has served our parish community very well in our Liturgies and in his pastoral ministry.

Beginning July 1, Father Jack Forbidussi will begin a NEW parish ministry as the parochial vicar of the newly established Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Glenshaw and Allison Park in the northern suburbs of Allegheny County. It will be a very large parish with regard to both the number of parish members and the parish territory.

Thankfully, Saint Philip Parish will continue to have the help of our current parish resident priests as well as the help of other priests working in our local area. Also, my hope is that we'll be able to adjust our parish budget in order to add some part-time staff members who can help us with ministry and outreach. I'll keep everyone informed in the months ahead as we move into our parish's future.

Once again, many thanks to Father Jack Forbidussi for his service to our parish, and sincere best wishes to him as he transfers to the North Hills and begins his ministry there!

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

Your goodness and participation
help to keep our parish alive!

The transition from Saint Philip School to Guardian Angel Academy

Our Saint Philip Parish community is certainly most grateful for the 100+ years of education that has been provided by the Saint Philip Parish School to thousands of students of the parish and the local community. The benefits which the school has provided to so many students and families - and the legacy and accomplishments of the school community - are truly remarkable.

However, as you know, due to the financial situation of Saint Philip Parish (in part due to this crippling pandemic), a merger with our neighboring Catholic elementary school was necessary in order to continue the existence of a Catholic school in this local area beyond this academic year. Almost every Catholic school is now a merged school program, and while these mergers always create lots of emotional response, these changes have been necessary for the continuation of Catholic elementary schools here in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Saint Philip Parish School has been a true blessing for more than century, and now, Guardian Angel Academy will continue to be a true blessing to many students in the years ahead. Thanks to our parish members and families for your support of the school now and in past generations. Many, many thanks to our school parents, community, faculty members, administrators and staff for your dedicated service to our students and alumni. Finally, many thanks to you, our parish members, for whatever financial support you can and will give to Guardian Angel Academy beginning this September!

Best wishes to all our school students

As our school students move into the summer break, our best wishes and prayers go with them as they transition into their future education. Most of our current

families are now enrolled in the new Guardian Angel Academy, and they're looking forward to the Catholic education and the success which they'll achieve in our merged regional school. Some families have chosen other local Catholic regional schools, and some families have chosen other educational programs. To all our students, may the good Lord bless you and your families now and throughout the years ahead. Best wishes for success and goodness!

Finally, best wishes for this Sunday, for this week, and for June!

Best wishes to everyone for a very good Corpus Christi Sunday! Again, 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 Lord Jesus bless you, your family, and our parish community now and always!

Yours,
Father Jim Torquato

CATHOLIC INTERNET SITES

Would you like to find good Catholic information, news, and inspiration on the Internet? Then explore these very good sites and sign up for their communications.

www.aleteia.org

www.dynamiccatholic.org

www.vatican.va

www.catholicnews.com

www.catholicnewsagency.com

www.catholic.com

www.ewtnnews.com

www.zenit.org

www.cruxnow.com

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Welcome back to our Liturgy!

Beginning this month, Saint Philip Parish and all parishes of our Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh will be fully open for our members and families to participate in our Sunday and weekday Liturgies – as well as parish events and gatherings.

We will retain some sections in each church with distanced seating for those who'd still appreciate some social distancing.

And so, we invite you – all of our parish members and families – to join us once again for our Liturgies and parish life! Of course, many have been with us since last June. Hopefully, all our adults and youngsters will soon be vaccinated. Hopefully, too, everyone will feel safe and comfortable in coming together now for our worship and prayer at Saint Philip Church and Ascension Church!

Our weekend schedule is: Saturday 4:00pm at Saint Philip
5:30pm at Ascension
Sunday 7:00am at Saint Philip
9:30am at Ascension
11:00am at Saint Philip

Thank you all very much. May the good Lord bless you, our community, and all people with health, safety, and goodness!



Parish News



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS - June 12 & 13

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - June 12 & 13

- 4:00pm at St. Philip - Susan Solt-Lonsinger
- 5:30pm at Ascension - Katie Phillips
- 7:00am at St. Philip - Karen Rozeck
- 9:30am at Ascension - Debby Sullen
- 11:00am at St. Philip - Susan Kelly

TODAY'S MISSION COOPERATION APPEAL

This weekend is Mission Cooperation Sunday. We remember through our baptism that we are all called to be missionaries and share the love of Christ. Whether it be through how we live our daily lives as Christians or reach out a helping hand to the less fortunate. And one does not have to travel to faraway lands to fulfill this vocation. Today's second collection will be for the Diocese of Gallup in the United States and through these funds, you can remotely help them evangelize in the remote and wide open skies of the southwest, to assist in repairing and rebuilding many of the diocese's mission

churches, and to pray for vocations for more priests to spread the word of God in the vast wilderness. Donations to this collection can be mailed to our parish office throughout the week.

PARISH OFFICES

The Parish Offices are closed until further notice for all in-person business. The offices may be contacted by phone Monday through Friday from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

PARISH SUPPORT

We are grateful for your continued support!

If you are unable to attend Mass, you may mail your weekly offering to the Parish Office at 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh 15205 or drop it off in the mail box located outside the main office door. St. Philip Parish also offers the option for ONLINE GIVING.



Audrey here, I have a good source telling me "Bingo at Tiffany's" will be on September 12, 2021. Save the date!!! I have my glass of wine & Bingo Marker ready to go!

RESERVATIONS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED TO ATTEND MASS

Reservations for Masses are no longer needed and signing in at Mass is no longer required at this time.

UPDATED COVID 19 GUIDELINES

Please note: according to CDC, Pennsylvania and Diocese of Pittsburgh Covid-19 guidelines, if you have been fully vaccinated for at least 2 weeks, you are NO LONGER

required to wear a mask. Of course, you MAY wear a face mask if you choose to do so.

Those who have NOT been fully vaccinated for at least two weeks ARE still required to wear a face mask. Thank you and please continue to be safe and healthy!

BRIDAL COORDINATOR MINISTRY

Would you like to assist our engaged couples as they prepare for their wedding day? Would you like to be an ambassador for our parish and for the Catholic Church? Have you ever considered becoming a parish Bridal Coordinator? We are seeking candidates for this very special volunteer ministry at St. Philip Parish. Training will be provided and coordinators always work together as a team at the Wedding Rehearsal and Wedding Mass/Ceremony. For more information, please contact Maureen at the parish office.

FUNERAL MASS SERVERS

As you are probably aware, St. Philip Parish has a high number of funerals each month. At this time, we could use additional Adult Funeral Mass Servers to assist us at both churches, St. Philip and Ascension. Most funerals are celebrated Monday-Saturday at 10:00am. We will train you and work around your schedule. Please consider helping us in this very important ministry. If you would like to become a Funeral Altar Server or if you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

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 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 families of **Dorothy Fogle**, **Donald R. Urbanic**, **Margaret Quieser** and **Richard Sebrosky George W. DuMontier** who entered into eternal life. Please keep them in your prayers.



Connect with us through **FLOCKNOTE!**

To register, contact our parish office, OR text **stphilippa** to **84576**, OR visit www.stphilipchurch1.flocknote.com.

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 Alfred Schneider

Offered by Wife & Family

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

burns *In Loving Memory of*

the D'Aversa Family

Offered by Nancy D'Aversa

 **ADVERTISER**
of the Week

GOOD ORTHODONTICS

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



St. Philip School News

GRACE PROGRAM

Our June GRACE Program will honor our Patron Saint, St. Philip the Apostle, and will pray for all those who have supported St. Philip School with their prayers, hard work, donations, and love.

ELLA WRABLEY - OLSH VALEDICTORIAN

Congratulations to SPS alumna, **Ella Wrabley** who has been named Valedictorian for the 2021 graduating class of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School. Ella is our 2nd St. Philip alum who is a Valedictorian for the 2021 Graduating classes! Great Beginnings at SPS last a lifetime! Meet Ella Wrabley '21:



Plans after OLSH: *I plan on attending Grove City College, majoring in Exercise Science.*

Favorite OLSH memory: *My fondest memory of OLSH is the playoff run the OLSH Girls Soccer team went on this year, ending at the WPIAL Championship game. This memory was special to me because of the excitement of this accomplishment and I was able to play with my two sisters and best friends.*

What legacy would you like to leave? *I would like people to remember me as someone who lived out my faith, worked hard, and always had a smile on my face.*

Why OLSH? *I am a legacy student, with both of my parents, Colin Wrabley and Marie Dixon Wrabley, graduating from OLSH. I love the emphasis OLSH places on our Catholic faith and the opportunities we are given to live out our faith every day. #OLSHChargers #Classof2021*

SPORTS STARS

Track and Field: On the track at RMU on Saturday, May 22, SPS JV and Varsity Track competed against 25 teams from the Pittsburgh Diocese. SPS JV brought home a lot of hardware. Medals were awarded to the top 8 places in each division. **Lienna Bassano** medaled in the shot put,



and **Shae Trombetta** and **Averie Strohm** medaled in javelin. The JV girls relay team of **Averie Strohm**, **Lienna Bassano**, **Riley Sanders**, and **Ava Lenigan** medaled in the girls' 4x400 meter relay. **Mason Foster** medaled in the 3200 meter relay, and **Dashiell Sargent** took 3rd place in javelin. The JV boys team of **Jacob Boehm**, **Peter Stickman**, **Mason Foster** and **Dashiell Sargent** medaled in the boys' 4x400 meter relay.

Despite the brutal heat and humidity during the JV meet, SPS athletes set personal records, including **P.J. Doherty**, **Mason Foster**, **Sam Hall**, **Ava Lenigan**, **Elsa Snover** and **Shae Trombetta** in the 1600; **Shae Trombetta** and **Mason Foster** in the 3200; **Addy Batts**, **Jacob Boehm**, **Hannah Hayes** and **Averie Strohm** in the 400; and **Addy Batts**, **Shae Trombetta** and **Sam Hall** in the 800.

For SPS Varsity Track, **Bridget McNamara** took 2nd place in the 400 meter, and 7th place for javelin.

Ryan Jameson took 1st place in the boys shot put with a meet record-breaking throw of 42 feet, 6 inches, and 2nd place in javelin with a throw of 103 feet 1 inch. Both of these throws by Ryan were new personal records for him in these events.

Allie Foster swept the girls distance events, winning the 1600, 800 and 3200 meters, breaking the meet record for the 1600 with a time of 5:31 and also breaking the meet record for the 3200 with a time of 12:17. Allie's times in all three events were new personal records.

Everett Sargent took 2 of 3 boys distance events, winning the 1600 and 3200, and narrowly taking 2nd in the 800. Everett broke the meet record in the 1600, running 4:56. He also broke the meet record in the 800 along with the winner, running 2:16. Everett's times for the 1600 and 800 were new personal records.

The Varsity relay team of **Everett Sargent, Bridget McNamara, Allie Foster** and **Ryan Jameson** took 5th place in the Varsity Boys 4x100 meter relay and 5th place in the Varsity Boys 4x400 relay.

Despite their small team sizes, the Varsity Boys team of **Ryan Jameson** and **Everett Sargent** took 5th place, and the Varsity Girls team of **Allie Foster, Bridget McNamara** and **Katelyn Miller** also took 5th place, among the 25 teams competing on Saturday.

Last Saturday, SPS Developmental Track competed at the Diocesan Developmental Track Championships at RMU, with amazing performances by the whole 32 student SPS team, from Pre-K runner, **Zeke Harris** to seasoned SPS 4th grade veteran runner, **Dylan Ford**.

Medaling at the meet were **Macie Trombetta**, with 2nd place in the 1600, and 5th place in long jump and the 400. **Peter Stickman** medaled in the 400m and the long jump. **Dylan Ford** medaled in the 400, and **Amy Stickman** also medaled in the 400.

Setting new personal records in their events last week were **Macie Trombetta, Alia Trombetta, Gavin Lenigan, Peter Stickman** and **Dylan Ford** in the 1600, **Macie**

Trombetta and **Dylan Ford** in the 800, and **Macie Trombetta, Amy Stickman** and **Dylan Ford** in the 400.

Congratulations to our SPS track athletes, coached by **Amanda Sargent, Rick Ford, Bill Stickman** and **Chris Madden**, on their successful season! Best wishes to **Everett Sargent** and **Ryan Jameson** in their future track careers at Central, and to **Bridget McNamara** in her future track career at Bishop Canevin!

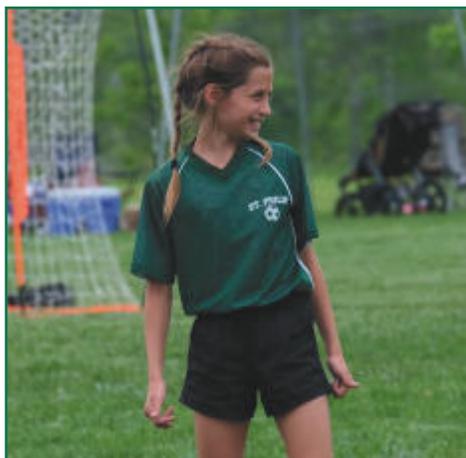
Soccer: Saturday, May 22 was the Diocesan Developmental Soccer Tournament, with teams from across the Pittsburgh Diocese competing to be the best team in their age bracket. SPS fielded seven teams from first grade to fourth grade, and all the teams had a successful day. The Third Grade team coached by **Brian Bittner** and **Brian Knavish** won three games to make it to the semi-final bracket, narrowly losing in a shootout to St. Kilian.

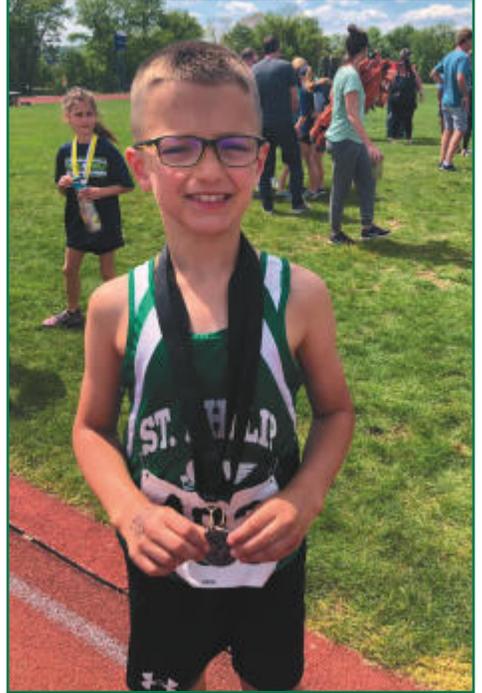
The Fourth Grade team of **Hunter Smith, Macie Trombetta, Maddie Hayes, Jaxson Schlatterer, Topher Allen, Jack Dewhirst** and **Lucy Wrabley**, coached by **Shelley** and **Jim Smith**, advanced unbeaten through four games to the Championship game against Butler Catholic, who tied the game in the last minute. SPS won in a shoot out from a final goal by **Hunter Smith**.

Congratulations to all of our SPS Developmental teams on their successful season this year!

The SPS girls team of **Samantha Bittner, Keeley Bodnar, Allie Foster, Caroline Hall, Natalie Kirsch, Katelyn Miller** and **Rachel McDevitt** picked up three back to back wins on the way to the final, and beat Holy Cross in the Championship game with a final score of 1-0.

Congratulations to our SPS girls team and **Coach Dan Kirsch** on their victory in this very competitive tournament!







Religious Education

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FAITH FORMATION NEWS: WHAT'S HAPPENING

MARYANN'S THOUGHTS: We are so very excited this year to share our new Faith Formation Program for grades Pre-K through 8 titled, "*Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts.*" This program is new in 2021 and contains a multi-sensory approach to sharing our faith as well as a multimedia content and family resources. Our program allows families to access the multi-media content using QR codes throughout the text. Our early childhood program also reinforces the learning of colors, shapes, letters and numbers while sharing our faith. This is just one of the many new programs and ministries coming to our Faith Formation Program in 2021 and 2022. **If you feel you may be called to help with our Catechetical Program, please contact MaryAnn at 412-922-6388.**

All Ages Are Welcome to our 5th annual Ice-Cream Social and Movie Night on **June 14** in Kelty Hall. Come and create your own special ice-cream sundae with all the toppings. Yogurt and Sugar Free Ice-Cream available.

FAITH FORMATION SPONSORED FAMILY DINNER: We will have a family dinner and activity night on **Monday, August 23 from 6:15pm to 7:45pm** in Conner Hall. Dinner will be served along with information for the Parents and games and activities for the children. All families within St. Philip Parish are welcome! The event is free and open to any family. Please watch the bulletin for more information or call MaryAnn at 412-922-6300 to register.

MOM'S NIGHT OUT is a new program coming the **first Thursday Night in October from 6:45pm to 8:00pm**. Moms of young children are invited to share some alone time with coffee, tea and dessert while their children are invited to some creative play time. Watch for more details.

FREE COFFEE, TEA AND COMMUNITY Breakfast Speaker Series will return on **October 21 from 8:30am to 10:00pm** in Conner Hall. Come and bring your friends for a breakfast buffet, spiritual message and a talk by a community business or parish group. All are welcome! Save the Date!

HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION begins on **Sunday, October 3 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm**. Come enjoy a pizza or taco supper, obtain service credit and listen to an exciting speaker. Save the Date! Grades 9 - 12 are welcome.



Travel Ministry: Erie, Pa

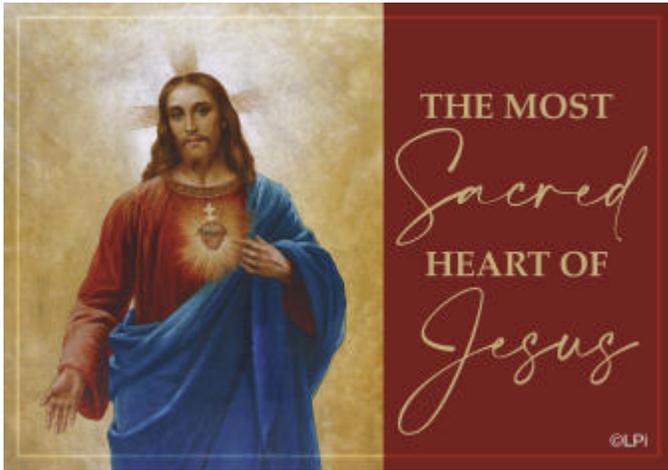


St. Philip Parish Travel Ministry sponsored a Trip to Erie on Wednesday, May 26. We began the day at St. Peter's Cathedral where we enjoyed a tour and celebrated Mass with Father Torquato. We then enjoyed a buffet hot lunch and boat cruise on the Victorian Princess Boat. In the afternoon, we toured in prayer the life size Stations of the Cross in St. Patrick's Church. We concluded the day with a visit to Arrowhead Winery. Watch the bulletin and join us for our next tour in October.





Ministries & Societies



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

Each week, you read about how you can donate time, money, clothing and furniture to help our friends in need, but these are not the only ways that you can help. There are some less-common ways that people can contribute to our organization. Here are a few of them:

If your employer participates in the **United Way Workplace Campaign**, you can designate the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Central Council of Pittsburgh as the recipient of charitable deductions from your pay. **The Council's number is 273.**

If you shop on Amazon, you should be shopping on **Amazon Smile!** By going to smile.amazon.com, you can designate a charity to receive a donation whenever you purchase qualifying products from Amazon - at absolutely no cost to you! You can **designate the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Central Council of Pittsburgh as your charity** and contribute to friends in need by shopping just like you normally would.

If you have a car, truck or recreational vehicle that you would like to get rid of, you can donate it to St. Vincent de Paul by going to <http://svdpusa.careasy.org> or calling 800-322-8284. **Donations of all types of vehicles are**

accepted, including ones that do not run. The vehicle will be picked up from your house and the proceeds from the sale of the vehicle will be given to the St. Vincent de Paul Central Council of Pittsburgh.

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This Sunday's Bible Readings

FIRST READING:

"This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words of his." (Ex 24:8)



PSALM:

I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord. (Ps 116)
Or Alleluia.



SECOND READING:

How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God. (Heb 9:14)



GOSPEL:

He said to them,
"This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many." (Mk 14:24)

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

As we gather today to reaffirm our faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, we are reminded that we are also the Body of Christ. The mission of the Gospel calls us to be Christ for others. There is so much brokenness and pain in our world. Many people are lost and feeling lonely, marginalized and oppressed, victimized and abused. Every time we receive the Body (and Blood) of Christ, we are asked to become what we eat. Are we willing to step aside from our preoccupations and concerns so that we can be Christ for others? The power and presence of Christ in the Eucharist becomes present in us. In receiving this transforming presence of Christ, we can truly effect change in the lives of those we meet. We can show them God's unconditional, ever-present love and the beauty that can come from loving others. We are given the grace to become temples of justice and peace, carrying God's sacred Presence within us wherever we go.



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