



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 20, 2021

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12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Ascension Church
114 Berry Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Guardian Angel Academy
915 Alice Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15220

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, JUNE 19 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Francesco Galilei	Fran & Debby Sullen
Saint Philip	2:00pm	Wedding - Mitchell Kelman and Christina Midgley	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Joseph & Louise Rago	Rago Family
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Anthony Scotti	Scotti Family
SUNDAY, JUNE 20 — TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [FATHER'S DAY]			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Joseph Twardy	Irene & Joe Hercik
Ascension	9:30am	Patricia Kirsch	Mary & Paul Kirsch
Saint Philip	11:00am	Rudy DiPasquale, Jr.	Family
MONDAY, JUNE 21 — SAINT ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, RELIGIOUS			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Nicholas Torquato	Kurt & Beverly Lankes
TUESDAY, JUNE 22 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Leo Engelmeier Family	Helen Demma
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
THURSDAY, JUNE 24 — THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST			
Ascension	8:00am	William J. McNabb	McNabb Family
FRIDAY, JUNE 25 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Anthony DiMaria	Ms. Marie
Saint Philip	4:00pm	Wedding - Timothy J. Poellmann and Madeline S. Burgess	
SATURDAY, JUNE 26 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	D'Aversa Family	Nancy D'Aversa
Saint Philip	12:00pm	Wedding - Antonio Verbene, Jr. and Lauren Blackwell	
Saint Philip	2:00pm	Wedding - Jeffrey Ryan DeFrancis and Julia M. Killmeyer	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Bill & Marie Reif	Sue & Mike Rust
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Harry Kaczmarek	Wife, Ann & Paul & Theresa
SUNDAY, JUNE 27 — THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Stanley Kasper	Craig Lucot & Family
Ascension	9:30am	John J. Klinkner	Family
Saint Philip	11:00am	Clare Mattern	Mary & Thomas Gerlowski
SUNDAY COLLECTION			
The Collection for Sunday, June 13 totaled: \$7,881.30			



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 weekend, for a good month of June, and for very good summer months ahead!

A Sunday Reflection

As we make our way through this Ordinary (or “numbered weeks”) Time, we hear and read of the many events, parables, and teachings of Jesus’ earthly ministry. In today’s remarkable account from the Gospel according to Mark, we hear of Jesus’ calming the waters while the apostles and he sailed from one location on the shore to another.

This event is yet another reminder of why the apostles and disciples placed their faith in the Lord Jesus. In addition to Jesus’ glorious Resurrection, the apostles and disciples witnessed and gave testimony to many the miracles and displays of divine power in the life and ministry of Jesus!

This account also reminds us that difficult occurrences take place in our lives just like they took place in the lives of Jesus’ followers. All too often, life overwhelms us with its difficulties and its troubles. Storms come our way in our personal lives, in our families, in our communities, in our work, and in so many ways. None of us is alone in facing the challenges and difficulties of life.

This Father’s Day, we remember gratefully the times when our dads came to our rescue. Our fathers often have a caring and generous way of seeing us through our difficult times. Dads are often our protectors and our shepherds as they provide paternal care to their children and families.

In a similar way, God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit also come to our assistance—especially in the darkest and most tumultuous times. We should never hesitate to call on the Lord whenever we are tossed about by life and find ourselves in difficult circumstances. Of course, it’s good to call upon the name of the Lord every day—NOT only when troubles arise. Yet Jesus knows that we will call out his name more often when the storms are threatening to capsize our

lives, and Jesus welcomes us to call upon him as did the apostles in their life with Jesus. Again, we Christians can call upon the name of the Lord with great confidence, and he will come to our—and your – aid with his power and goodness!

Best wishes to our dads and all Catholic men for a good Father’s Day!

This Sunday, June 20, our nation honors and celebrates our fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, godfathers, adoptive fathers, expectant fathers and all men as we thank them for the life, love, faith, goodness, and generosity that they’ve provided for us and our families through the years! Without our dads and all dads, we wouldn’t even be here. Without our dads, our lives would be all the more challenging. And so, it’s good and important for us to thank our fathers and to acknowledge all that they’ve done for us and have provided for us. May all dads and all men have a good day with your families, your children, and your spouses this Father’s Day. God bless all of you!

Saying goodbye to Father Jack Forbidussi

As you know, Father Jack Forbidussi will leave Saint Philip Parish to begin his new ministry at the new Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Glenshaw and Allison Park on July 1. We all certainly wish God’s blessings and goodness to Father Jack.

Of course, most of Father Jack’s 18 months here at Saint Philip Parish have been effected by the Covid-19 Pandemic. Also, many of our members and families are still reluctant to gather for social events. As such, Father Jack has opted to say ‘farewell’ to our parish members and staff individually as these days allow. He’s chosen to forego any farewell reception because of the challenge of this continuing pandemic and the preference of many in our community to still keep a safe distance from community gatherings. **Next weekend, June 26-27, Father Jack will preside at the 5:30pm Saturday AND the 11:00am Sunday Liturgies before his departure if you’d like to say ‘goodbye’ then.**

Also, if you’d like to bid him ‘farewell’ via a message, his email address is jforbidussi@diopitt.org AND his NEW mailing address will be:

Father John Forbidussi
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
3937 Kirk Avenue
Allison Park, PA 15101

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 status 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. 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!

Beginning "Guardian Angel Academy" - our newly merged Catholic school

As you know, the newly merged Catholic elementary school shared and supported by Saint Philip Parish and Saint Raphael the Archangel Parish has been named "Guardian Angel Academy" - a very fine name that has meant so much to the Saint Philip Parish community for more than a century. There are now more than **200 students** enrolled for the coming academic year. Our newly merged school is moving forward with energy and enthusiasm. Mr. Robert Munz has been appointed as the Principal, and he is working to select the faculty members and staff for this new Catholic elementary school. 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 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!

Best wishes for this Sunday, this week, and the summer!

Best wishes for a very good 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

***Thank you for your generous
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**Your goodness and participation
help to keep our parish alive!**

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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 26 & 27

- 4:00pm at St. Philip - Denny Maher
- 5:30pm at Ascension - Robert Okraszewski
- 7:00am at St. Philip - John Cherry
- 9:30am at Ascension - Cindy Urban
- 11:00am at St. Philip - Jessica Rea

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - June 26 & 27

- 4:00pm at St. Philip - Art Bannon
- 5:30pm at Ascension - Annette Marlinga
- 7:00am at St. Philip - Beth Ayres
- 9:30am at Ascension - Joe Allen
- 11:00am at St. Philip - Susan Kelly



WITH JOYFUL HEARTS,
WE WELCOME OUR
NEWLY BAPTIZED.

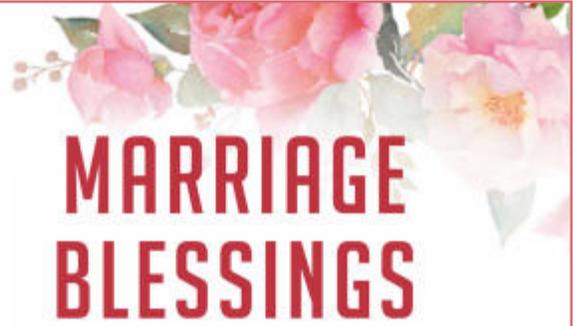
Please welcome into our faith family... **Carter John Bernal**, son of Marcos and Darah DelGreco Bernal, who received the Life of Christ in Baptism in our parish on Sunday, June 13, 2021. May he grow in wisdom, age and grace.

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.

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.



HOLY MATRIMONY

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to: **Zachary Hayes** and **Anna Mianzo** who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage at St. Philip Parish on June 12. May God bless them as they begin their lives together.

BEST WISHES FOR

Father's Day

God our Father,

In Your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. -Book of Blessings, no. 1733

We wish the fathers of our parish a very Happy and Blessed Father's Day!

And may God bless all our fathers who have gone to their rest. May they find comfort in the arms of Our Heavenly Father.

NEXT WEEKEND – SPECIAL COLLECTION

The annual Peter's Pence collection will be taken up next weekend, **June 26 and 27**. This collection enables our Holy Father, Pope Francis to respond with emergency financial assistance to those throughout the world who suffer from war, oppression, disease and natural disasters. It is a powerful way for Catholics throughout the world to assist those most in need. Please pray for the world's suffering and be as generous as you can to next weekend's special collection.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Due to the Fourth of July holiday which will be observed on Monday, July 5, **articles to be included in the July 11 bulletin must be in to the parish office before Friday, July 2**. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

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!

— 8th ANNUAL ST. PHILIP PARISH BBQ DINNER —

- The Annual Texas Roadhouse Dinner was a big success! There were 351 dinners sold; the portions were very big and there were no lines.
- People were served within three minutes! We had delicious home-made cookies for sale, and of course the 50/50 raffle (the winning number was 640611 for \$129.00 - if you are the holder of this ticket, please call Dorothy at 412-922-6300, ext.5).

\$5,000 Winner	\$500 Winner	\$250 Winner
Marilyn Franks	Maureen McMahon	Jessie Skullo
Ticket #1468 F	Ticket #3990 D	Ticket #0581 C

Special Thanks to helpers: **Gail Pawlos, Chris Donnelly, Annette Marlinga, Katie Phillips, Marla Nichols, Judy Lester, Dorothy Koger** and **Tom Koger**. Thanks also to the parish staff for all their help with the set up and organization of this fundraiser.



Thank you to all who donated the FANTASTIC cookies, tried their luck at the raffle and purchased the dinners. Thanks also to Texas Roadhouse in Bridgeville for supporting our 8th Annual Dinner. We appreciate your workers and your coupons!

Rest in Peace

We offer our sympathy to the families of **Margaret Fitzgerald, Kevin P. Neff, Jr.** and **Dolores Becker** 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 Nicholas Torquato*
Offered by Mannion, Siano & Todd Families

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **Ascension** burns *In Loving Memory of Vincent Edward Booz*
Offered by Family

ADVERTISER
of the Week

GALASSO REAL ESTATE SERVICES

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



St. Philip School News

GRACE PROGRAM

Students remembered all those enrolled in the GRACE program with prayers and a celebration of the life of Saint Philip the Apostle and the history of St. Philip Parish and School.

GRADUATION - ST. PHILIP CLASS OF 2021

The American Legion Awards for Scholarship and Citizenship from Frank R. Kirk Post 145 were awarded to 8th graders, **Everett Sargent** and **Natalie Kirsch**. Legion representatives reminded the recipients that the virtues of Honor, Courage, Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Americanism, which the award recognizes, are the foundation upon which our country was founded and are the virtues which must be fostered for our country to remain strong. **Rachel McDevitt** and **Ryan Jameson** received Christian Leadership awards. Recipients of these awards were chosen by vote of the students and the St. Philip Faculty. **Everett Sargent**, **Natalie Kirsch**, **Rachel Boehm** and **Rachel McDevitt** received the Principal's Award for a perfect 4.0 average all 4 quarters this year. An awards ceremony was held the morning of graduation followed by an evening Mass and distribution of diplomas. The 18 graduates honored that night will attend Bishop Canevin, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Central Catholic, Oakland Catholic, or Public High School with 89% choosing Catholic High School.

THIS WEEK AT SPS

- Kindergarten finished the year with some fun activities: beach day, farm day and graduation.
- Pre-K created their own May Altars to honor Our Holy Mother. They also celebrated all their hard work this year with a graduation. Congratulations!
- 6th Grade presented their final reading projects and enjoyed hanging out together remembering all the fun they had this year.
- Grades K-8 celebrated the end of the school year with a fun picnic on the convent lawn. Menu included: hot dogs, chicken fingers, ice cream, individually wrapped



grateful
thankful
blessed

*To the entire Saint Philip School Community,
thank you for all your support over the years!*

Watch this page for future announcements,
fundraising opportunities, information and
news from the newly merged Catholic school:

Guardian Angel Academy

pretzels and chips, bottle water and drink boxes.

Games and activities: volleyball - students vs teachers, cornhole competition, kickball games, face painting and more. It was great fun to end a great year!

SOCCER CHAMPS!

On Saturday, SPS Varsity Soccer won their semi-final playoff game, defeating Providence Heights Alpha 2-1, and landed a spot in the Championship game. On Sunday evening, SPS Varsity Soccer lost a tightly contested match 1-0 in the Diocesan Championship game to Saints Peter and Paul. Congratulations to Coaches, **Dan Kirsch** and **Hector Lozano**, and to all the players from St. Philip and St. Margaret who played together as one team and had a stellar season. Best of luck to our 8th grade players as they head off to high school!

Because they won their section during the regular season, SPS JV Soccer bypassed the playoffs and landed straight in the Diocesan Championship game on Sunday night. Exhibiting superiority on offense and defense, SPS JV Soccer are your Diocesan Champs, following their rousing defeat of Blessed Trinity Academy, 3-1! A goal by **Colby Lane** and two goals by **Mason Foster** put the game out of reach for BTA. Players of the game were **Mason Foster**, **Averie Strohm**, **Dashiell Sargent** and **Shae Trombetta**. **Mason Foster** was MVP. Congratulations to Coaches, **Colin Wrabley**, **Joe Allen**, **Hector Lozano** and **Jim Smith**, and to all the players from St. Philip and St. Margaret who made up this outstanding team, for all their hard work this season!



Saint Philip School students, staff, faculty and families:

Congrats & Good Luck!





GRACE PROGRAM

Gifts Re-Affirming A Catholic Education

PROGRAM ENROLLEES JUNE 2021

Our June program celebrated the life of Saint Philip the Apostle and the history of St. Philip Parish and School. It was also held in conjunction with our Father's Day Remembrance. Thank you to all who have supported the GRACE Program.

<i>ENROLLED</i>	<i>DONOR</i>	<i>ENROLLED</i>	<i>DONOR</i>
DECEASED - PERPETUAL		DECEASED - PERPETUAL	
Charles H. Spires	A Friend	Bill & Thelma Seaman	Family & Friends
Jack & Bernice Sigh	Bernice Sigh	Kim Harbaugh	St. Philip School Family
Mary Collins Klemmer	Mary Pat Collins	Mr. & Mrs. Jack McGinley	Family
Harry Collins	Mary Pat Collins	Albert Dzurichko	Mr & Mrs Douglas Hagg
Byron & Pat Collins	Family & Friends	Joseph & Margaret Tracy	Family & Friends
Mary Jo Dowds	Family & Friends	Jim Reilly	Family
Sr. Jane Catherine	Bernice Sigh	Sister Annina Fox	Friends
Vincent Rea, Jr.	Vincent Rea Family	John Sebesta	Virginia Sebesta
Vincent Rea, Sr.	Italia Rea	RobertM&SaraKChamberlin	Chamberlin Family
Vincent & Italia Rea	Vincent & Italia Rea Family	Tom Petrone	Family & Friends
Marie Renvers	Joe Renvers	William & Gen Kennedy	Family & Friends
Ken&Audrey Werner	Werner&Wrabley Family	Edward Witt	Family & Friends
Helen Hennessey	Pete, Matt, & Amanda	Don Mixon	Family & Friends
Drew & Florence Starr	Friends & Family	DECEASED	
Barrett Family	Family	Smith&Colosimo Families	Mr & Mrs Jay Smith
Boden Family	Family	Marilyn Seitz	Bob Seitz
Sam Hicks	Peter Hennessey	Terry & Delys Keeley	Pat Keeley
William Ley	Family & Friends	Catherine Kletter	Elaine Koller & Karen Kletter
MaryAdelaide&Christopher Sprows	Family & Friends	Margaret Mary McWilliams	Katie Sheridan
Thomas Sworski, PhD	Stanley Sworski	Bruno Scuglia	St Philip School Family
Mary & Edward Stewart	Eileen Cox	Florence Hall	
Tom Leskanic	Anthony S. Michalski	Jeremy Dentel	
Tim Megyesy	Family & Friends	Karen Werner	
Thomas & Angela Witt	Family & Friends	Rose Givvin	
Msgr. Robert Garland	The Chamberlin Family	William Thomas McDevitt	
Daniel Brannan	St. Philip Children	Mary Pat Kennedy	
Ignatius Laux	Family and Friends	Michele Colosimo	Gail Gilles
Don Mixon	Family and Friends	Alice Kaminsky	Marge Reilly
Ed Leithauser	Family and Friends	Donna Howard	
Alice Bryson Shock	John Shock	Richard Kimberling	
Edward Huth	Family and Friends	John & Betty Bodnar	Donna Bodnar
Joseph Hayes	Family and Friends	Kathleen Gallagher	Katie Sheridan
THINKING OF YOU		THANK YOU	
Bob Seitz	St Philip School Family	Marge Reilly	St Philip School Family
Fr Wilt		Dorothy Kraemer	
CeCe Bruder			
Dorothy Kraemer			

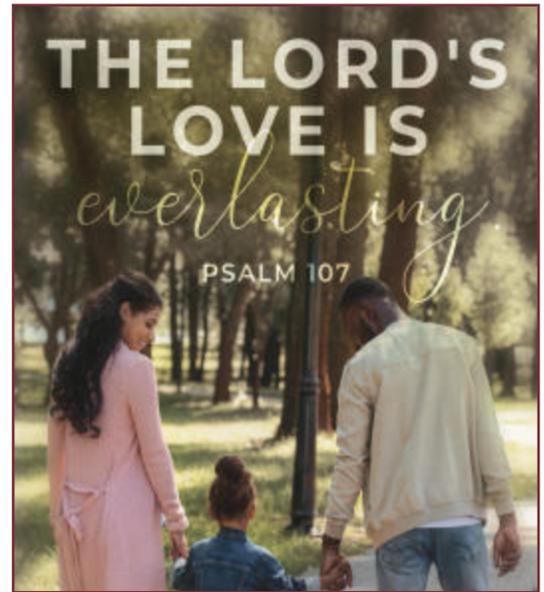


Religious Education

Ms. MaryAnn Garfold, Director of 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. Registration Forms will be mailed on August 1. If you would like to register and were not enrolled last school year, call the Office of Religious Education at 412-922-6388. **If you feel you may be called to help with our Catechetical Program, please contact MaryAnn at 412-922-6388.**



NOW IS THE TIME: Do you know someone who may be thinking about becoming Catholic? Were you baptized Catholic but never celebrated Confirmation? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is an individual journey of faith. Team members accompany people on the journey, introducing them to our community, learning about the Holy Mass, Catholic teachings and Scripture. **We work with each person to meet their individual needs and schedule.** Some will have more prior religious experience and some are just getting started. It is never too early or too late. All are welcome to explore the Catholic faith! We are eager to walk with you. **Call MaryAnn at 412-922-6388** for information.

CATECHISTS NEEDED: We are in need of Catechists in the area of Early Childhood. (Pre-School & Kindergarten) Our program meets on Monday Nights beginning in September. **If you feel called to serve the St. Philip Parish Religious Education and Faith Formation Program, we welcome your gifts.** Our program includes Pre-School through Eighth Grade. Substitute catechists are also needed. **Call MaryAnn at 412-922-6388.** This is an opportunity to grow in your own faith while sharing the faith with others. Training and support is provided.

BAPTISM REQUESTS: We are currently accepting requests for Baptism. The process generally takes 3-6 weeks from the time of the request. Please contact MaryAnn for information on having your child baptized.

FAITH FORMATION SPONSORED FAMILY DINNER: We will have a free family dinner and activity night for all parish families 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! This begins our new Parish Family Ministry. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!



Ministries & Societies

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

The name of Allegheny County's Emergency Rental Assistance Program, or ERAP, may lead you to incorrectly believe that it only helps people with paying delinquent rent. However, ERAP can help renters to pay not only delinquent rent, but also future rent, delinquent utility bills, and future utility bills.

In order to qualify for utility assistance you must rent your residence. Unfortunately, ERAP does not assist homeowners. Renters that live in Allegheny County, including the City of Pittsburgh, can qualify for utility assistance with electric, gas, fuel oil, garbage, sewage and water service as long as they meet certain income guidelines and have been financially impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. You can apply for ERAP utility assistance even if you have been previously denied assistance through some other program, such as LIHEAP or Dollar Energy.

In order to apply or for more information, please visit covidrentrelief.alleghenycounty.us (this is the preferred method), call their hotline at 412-248-0021, or visit one of their "drop-in centers." The closest one to us is Focus On Renewal at 420 Chartiers Ave., McKees Rocks, PA 15136. The hours at that location are Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri from 9:30am to 4:30pm, and Tuesdays from 11:30am to 6:30pm.

This week, your generous donations allowed us to provide a single mother with a plumbing service call to evaluate her hot water heater; a woman was given \$300 for rental assistance; a homeless woman was given \$300 toward her security deposit and first month's rent in subsidized housing, as well as basic furniture items and a clothing voucher; a man was given furniture; and an elderly couple was given \$300 for their car inspection and repairs.

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.



Farewell

"Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. Whoever receives you receives Me and whoever receives Me receives the One Who sent Me." (Matthew 10:38-39)

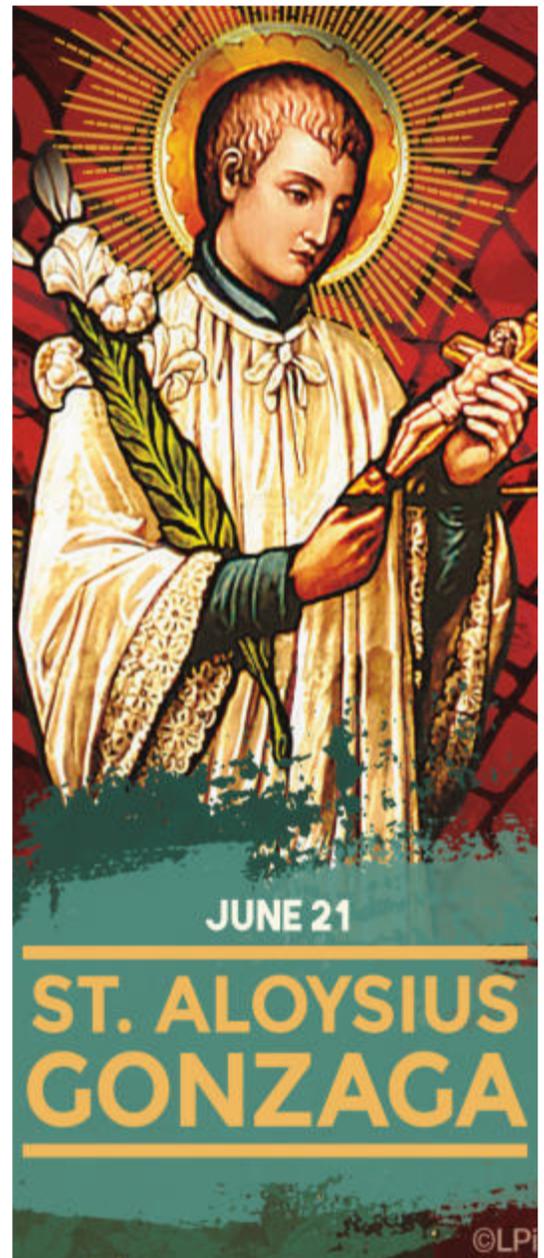
These words from Our Lord Jesus come from the Gospel of Matthew and they could not be more fitting as I write this.

As I reflect on these words of Christ, I am reminded of the promise I made to the bishop on the day of my priestly ordination 27 years ago in St. Paul Cathedral, when I promised my obedience to him and to his successors. The life of a diocesan priest is unique. It is a life of selfless service to the Church and to Christ's flock in a particular diocese. When one is ordained a priest, your life is no longer your own. You promise obedience to the bishop and are willing to go wherever you are sent, whether it be as a parish priest, chaplain or even in the central administration of the diocese. Over my 27 years, I have been extremely blessed with amazing assignments. Every assignment has been challenging, unique and full of surprises. Every assignment has afforded me the opportunity to meet new people and to explore many areas of our six-county diocese, recognizing the presence of Christ in countless and unique ways.

The past 18 months here in this local area have been filled with challenges, joys and excitement as we have journeyed together from an active parish to a Covid shut down parish. This journey has not been easy, and we faced many changes and adjustments in our lives. However, at the same time, we have been greatly blessed with many wonderful experiences and encounters as we learned how to become *intentional disciples* of the Lord, serving one another during this pandemic time. It has been an absolute pleasure and blessing to have journeyed with you as your Pastoral Vicar. I know that you will continue to flourish as you strive to become the *"Hands and Feet of Christ"* here in the West End area.

I prepare to depart and move into the next chapter of my priestly ministry; I wish to thank each and every one of you for your support and kindness to me during my time at St. Philip Parish. Finally, please know that I will remember St. Philip Parish in my daily prayer. Please, also pray for me as I celebrate my 27th anniversary as a priest on June 25. Pray for priests and all vocations.

God bless you!
Fr. Jack



— DIOCESAN NEWS —

WEEKEND RETREAT FOR POST-ABORTION HEALING

Rachel's Vineyard, a weekend retreat designed to address and help heal the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion, will be held **August 13-15, 2021** at The Ark and the Dove on Babcock Boulevard north of North Park.

The Rachel's Vineyard Retreat begins at 1:00pm on Friday, August 13. In a confidential and supportive atmosphere, the Rachel's Vineyard team shares God's love, mercy, and forgiveness with women and men struggling in the aftermath of abortion. To register, or for more information, call Toni Jester at 412-352-5348, or email her at toniafj1@comcast.net. You can also visit our website www.rvofpgh.com. Know that you are most welcome to this healing weekend.

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This Sunday's Bible Readings

FIRST READING:

Thus far shall you come but no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stilled!
(Job 38:11)



PSALM:

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.
(Ps 107)
Or Alleluia.



SECOND READING:

So whoever is in Christ is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come. (2 Cor 5:17)



GOSPEL:

Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified?
Do you not yet have faith?"
They were filled with great awe and said to one
another,
"Who then is this whom even wind and sea
obey?" (Mk 4:40-41)

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