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December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021

Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

WEEK OF JULY 25, 2021

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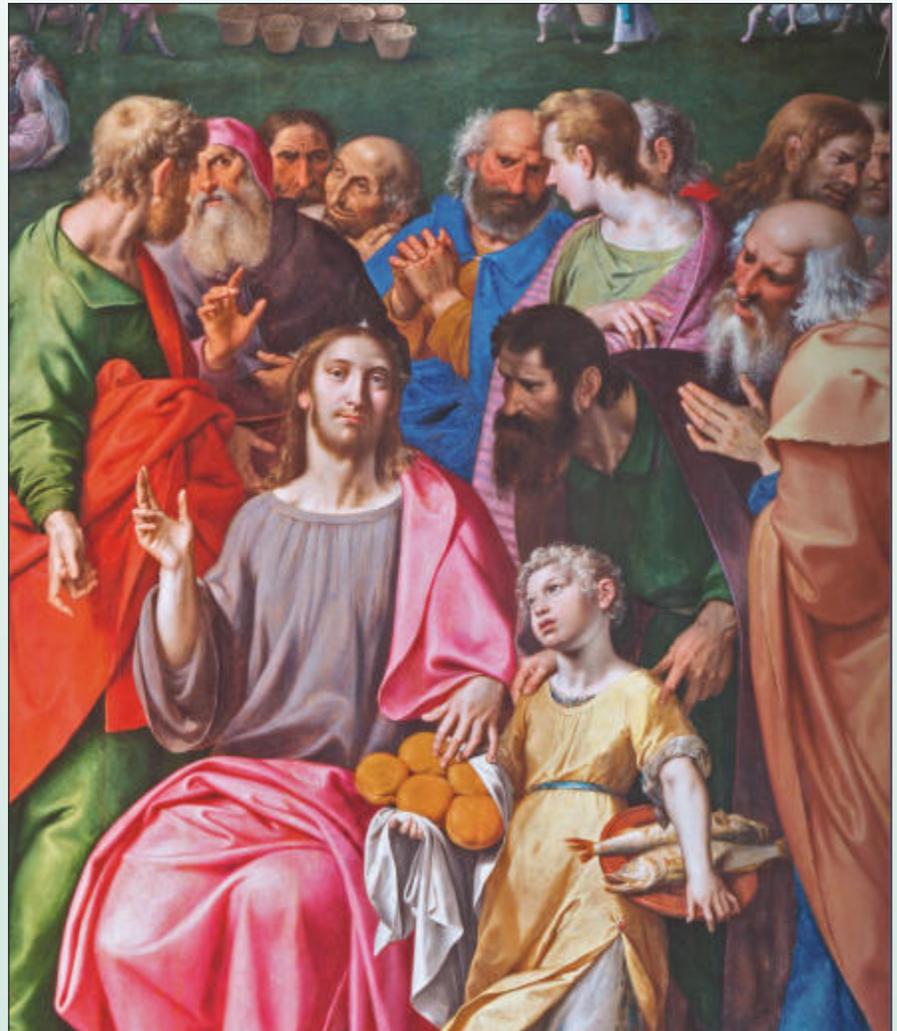
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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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, JULY 24 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Shane Phillips	Family
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Edward C. Dulick & Robert J. Dulick	Jacob Dulick
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Mary Scotti	Scotti Family
SUNDAY, JULY 25 — SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Thomasine Damits	Rodger Stolburg
Ascension	9:30am	Sophia Patterson	Jolene D'Andrea
Saint Philip	11:00am	Deceased of the Coleman, Massaro & Winkler Families	Coleman Family
MONDAY, JULY 26 — SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Dr. Joanne Oleck	Claudia Van
TUESDAY, JULY 27 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	John Gorman	Michael Conroy
WEDNESDAY, JULY 28 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Nicholas Torquato	Family
THURSDAY, JULY 29 — SAINT MARTHA			
Ascension	8:00am	Doris L. Plouy	Joan & Ed Goyke
FRIDAY, JULY 30 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
SATURDAY, JULY 31 — SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST			
Ascension	8:00am	Stephen Costantino	Joanne DiCesare
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Mildred & Leonard Gerlowski	Mary & Thomas Gerlowski
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	J. Edward Brandimarti	Lillian Brandimarti
SUNDAY, AUGUST 1 — EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Peter Leone, Sr.	Lisa Hoover
Ascension	9:30am	James Gerger	Leah Gerger
Saint Philip	11:00am	Joseph Twardy	Irene & Joe Hercik
SUNDAY COLLECTION			
The Collection for July 18 totaled: \$7,993.00			



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 a good final week of July and for a very good August!

Returning to our Catholic Sunday Obligation in August

Have you heard this important news? On July 15, Bishop David Zubik and all the Catholic Bishops of Pennsylvania announced that the **Obligation to participate in the Sunday or Saturday evening Liturgy IN PERSON will be reinstated beginning the weekend of August 14-15. Following seventeenth months of Covid-19 Pandemic precautions** during which our Catholic Obligation was suspended throughout most of the world, the Sunday and Holy Day Obligation will be reinstated in Pennsylvania next month. In fact, the Catholic Sunday Mass Obligation has already been reinstated in many states of our nation.

I hope that all of us who've been gathering for the Sunday Liturgy will soon be joined by twice as many of our parish members - and maybe even more - as we gather each Sunday (and Saturday evening) to give thanks to God, to celebrate our faith, to listen to God's Word, and to share in the Lord's Supper.

As we look forward to more and more members and families joining us for the Mass, I hope that more in our community will continue to receive a full vaccination, and I hope that we'll feel safe in the company of one another. Of course, you may still wear a face mask if you so choose. Also, we will retain some sections in both of our churches where social distancing will still be an option.

Thank you all for your participation in person or at home during these past seventeen months. May we all look forward to coming together to celebrate our Liturgy and the Eucharist once more in person and with so many of our parish members and fellow Catholic Christians! May the Lord bless us all with renewed faith and renewed parish life in the coming months!

A Sunday Reflection

When you look at your life, your family, your home, and your years, how many blessings do you find? Has yours been a blessed life or a difficult life? Have you been comfortable, or have you experienced hardship and deprivation?

My hope is that all of our members and our families have, in fact, been blessed in many ways. Certainly, in our nation and in our world, there are many individuals, families, and communities who've been coping with poverty and difficulties for many years and even generations. However, I imagine that most of us living in Southwestern Pennsylvania in recent generations have been blessed and content for the most part.

To whom do we attribute the goodness and blessings of our lives? I know there are some people who think that they deserve all the credit for the goodness in their lives. However, as Catholic Christians, we believe and acknowledge that the blessings in our lives are given us by God who created the universe, our world, all life, and all humanity. We also believe that the blessings we receive every day are gifts of our generous and loving Lord.

Today's account of Jesus' miraculous multiplication of the fish and the loaves of bread is a clear reminder of the love, charity, and generosity of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Jesus came to the world on a mission of love, charity, and generosity. He showed the world just how much we are loved and blessed by God.

May we always keep in mind how much goodness God shares with us each day, and may we be

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Your goodness and participation
help to keep our parish alive!

thankful for the life, gifts, and blessings each of us receives every day. May all of us accept and give thanks for our many blessings, and in turn, may we share our gifts and blessings with our family members, our fellow believers, and our community throughout our lives!

Beginning "Guardian Angel Academy" next month

As you know, Guardian Angel Academy is the newly merged Catholic elementary school shared and supported by Saint Philip Parish and Saint Raphael the Archangel Parish. There are now more than **200 students** enrolled, and the Implementation Committee and the Principal continue to prepare students and families for the upcoming academic year. Saint Philip Parish will support Guardian Angel Academy to the extent that our parish community is able financially, and Saint Philip Parish will promote Guardian Angel Academy through communications to our parish community during the academic year.

Once again, I'm very grateful to everyone in 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 now and for years to come!

Best wishes for this Sunday, this week, and August!

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



2021 Parish Share Campaign

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Our parish has received Parish Share contributions from

420+

families and members since February.
Thank you for your generosity!

This week, a second Parish Share appeal mailing has been sent to the

1640+

**members and families
who've NOT yet responded.**

*We invite all our parish households to support and contribute to this ongoing Parish Share Campaign for the benefit of our Diocese of Pittsburgh and of Saint Philip Parish,
Thank you all very much!*

Welcome

BACK EVERYONE TO OUR

SUNDAY LITURGY

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Today, we thank the Lord that, in recent months, the Covid-19 Pandemic has been easing thanks to the medical treatment shared with so many adults and young persons in our region and in our nation!

Because of this wonderful development, Bishop David Zubik of the Diocese of Pittsburgh - together with all the Catholic Bishops of Pennsylvania - announced on Thursday, July 15, 2021, that, **beginning the weekend of August 14-15, 2021, all Catholic Christians of the Diocese of Pittsburgh** (and the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania) **will be obligated once again to participate in the Liturgy of the Church IN PERSON** (on Sunday or on Saturday evening) **unless** your age or condition necessitates staying at home and participating in the Mass through electronic media.

And so, we warmly invite you - all of our parish members and families - to join us once again for our Liturgies and parish life! Hopefully, with so many adults and young adults having received a vaccination, everyone will feel safe in coming together now for our worship and prayer at Saint Philip Church and Ascension Church!

Please be assured that we will retain some sections in each church with distanced seating for those who'd still appreciate some social distancing.

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**

We look forward to being with everyone once again each weekend beginning August 14-15! May the good Lord bless you, our community, and all people with health, safety, and goodness!



Parish News

LONG-AWAITED AND HAPPY NEWS!

On Monday, July 12, the Pennsylvania Bishops met and made the decision that effective Sunday, August 15, 2021, the happy obligation to participate in Sunday and Holy Day Masses will go into effect again. This is very good news!

GUARDIAN ANGEL ACADEMY

A Catholic education is a true blessing for our young students. Our newly merged Guardian Angel Academy is accepting registrations for the upcoming school year. To complete the registration process, please visit srcesp-gh.org and click on the link.

THE PARISH OFFICES ARE NOW OPEN

The Parish Offices are once again open for in-person parish business, Monday through Friday from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

If you have not been fully vaccinated, please wear a face covering to enter the offices. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

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.



EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please send any **articles to be included in the August 15 bulletin to the parish office no later than Thursday, August 5.** Thank you very much for your cooperation.



NEWLY BAPTIZED

Please welcome into our faith family... **Magdalena Rae Wolff**, daughter of Brad Neil and Sarah Elizabeth Belsito Wolff, who received the Life of Christ in Baptism in our parish on Sunday, July 18, 2021. May she grow in wisdom, age and grace.

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

We still have many weeks available for Sanctuary Lamp Memorials. If you would like to schedule your intention, please contact Maureen at the Parish Office.

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.

CHOOSING GODPARENTS

When choosing Godparents for your child's baptism, please note the following requirements as per the Diocese of Pittsburgh:

1. Must be at least sixteen years of age;
2. Must be a practicing Catholic who has been baptized and confirmed;
3. Must be in a valid Christian marriage;
4. Must not be the father or mother of the child.

All Godparents must obtain a sponsor certificate or letter of eligibility from their parish. A baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic ecclesial community may be asked to serve, not as a Godparent but as a Christian Witness, as long as a Catholic Godparent is also present.

Catholics who have abandoned the Catholic Faith are not eligible to act as Godparent.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

As Christian adults, we have a moral and legal responsibility to protect the spiritual, emotional and physical well-being of children as they participate in activities sponsored by our diocese, our parish and our school. We must ensure that these children, in the care of the Church, be provided with an environment which is safe and nurturing and that they not be placed in any danger. To this end, it is the Diocese of Pittsburgh's policy that no one may volunteer or minister at a parish until a volunteer application is submitted and all background checks are completed and results received.

Even though parish activities and events have been limited, we must continue to keep current the information of those ministering and volunteering in the parish in the diocesan database. (For instance, the PA Child Abuse History Clearance and waivers or fingerprints must be renewed every 5 years.)

If you receive a renewal application or any other documents, please complete and return the paperwork to Maureen Takach, Safe Environment Coordinator as soon as possible. We know that these requirements are an inconvenience but we must remain compliant with diocesan and state policy. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Rest in Peace

We offer our sympathy to the families of **David Grapes, Marie Rumpf, David Hockabout, Lorraine Kennelly** and **Ruth Hoerster** 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.



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Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **St. Philip** burns
In Loving Memory of Thomasine Damits
Offered by Rodger Stolburg

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **Ascension**
burns *In Loving Memory of the Bird, Fico,*
Favero and Morris Families
Offered by Family



ADT MONITORED HOME SECURITY

*Thank you for helping to underwrite the
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Religious Education

Ms. MaryAnn Garfold, Director of Religious Education
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FAITH FORMATION NEWS: WHAT'S HAPPENING

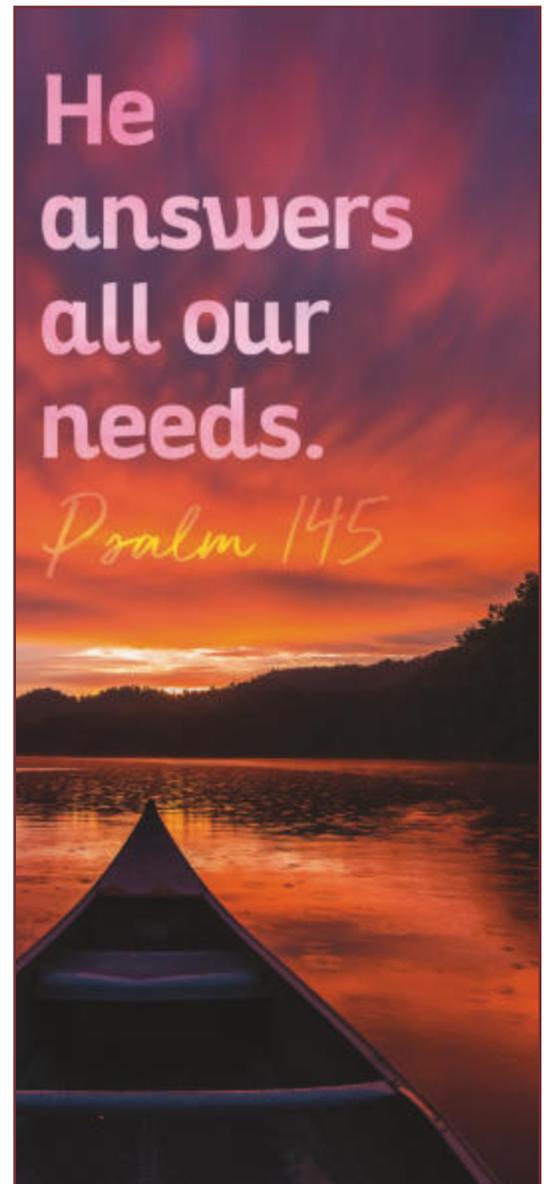
MARYANN'S THOUGHTS: In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear the story of 5 loaves of bread and 2 fishes feeding five thousand people. We notice in this Gospel that *"when they had their fill, He said to His disciples, 'Gather the fragments leftover, so that nothing will be wasted.'"* God does not give us 'just enough' to meet our needs. God wants to give generously all that will be for our good. Let us reflect this week on the generous blessings which God has given to us.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS: Registration Forms for Monday Night Faith Formation will be mailed on **August 1**. We ask that you return them to the Office of Faith Formation, 114 Berry Street as soon as possible. **Every child preparing to receive First Eucharist or Confirmation is asked to register. A baptismal certificate is requested for any child registering in second grade or registering for the first time.**

FAITH FORMATION FAMILY NIGHT: Information regarding Faith Formation Family Night Dinner on **August 23 from 6:15pm to 7:45pm** in Ascension Conner Hall has been mailed to each registered and new family. **Catholic School families are welcome and encouraged to attend.** Please call 412-922-6388 to register your family to attend the dinner and activity night.

BAPTISM SESSION: There will be a baptism information session on Monday, July 26 and Wednesday, August 4 from 6:30pm to 7:45pm in the Administration Building at 114 Berry Street. If you are a first-time parent and would like to have your child baptized at St. Philip, please call MaryAnn at 412-922-6388 to register.

OUR LADY OF THE ALLEGHENIES AMTRACK ADVENTURE: A one day pilgrimage by motorcoach and Amtrack Pennsylvania Railroad will be held on October 6. For specific information see the flier in this bulletin. **For those with mobility concerns, please be aware this trip involves significant walking and traveling by rail. Due to the need to purchase Amtrack tickets for this trip, payment is non refundable. If needed you will be asked to find a replacement.** This trip is limited to 50 people. First Come; First Served.





HELP IS NEEDED! Would you like to serve God in an exciting ministry? Would you be willing to help a small child learn of Jesus' love? St. Philip Parish Faith Formation Program is in need of Catechists for Second and Fifth Grades. Our program meets on Monday Nights from 7:00pm to 8:15pm. Help and all materials will be provided. If you feel called to help with this ministry, please contact MaryAnn at 412-922-6388. Benefits include being a part of a small faith community, prayerful support for your daily life and ministry, an increased love of your faith, seeing the joy of children and families as you share Jesus' love with them, and deep appreciation from your parish community. It is also a great deal of joy and fun. **Please consider God's call to this wonderful and exciting ministry opportunity.**

Ministry Opportunity! We are in need of individuals who would like to lead small group discussions with High School Students one Sunday evening per month. Discussion Questions are provided. Our program involves a guest speaker and a small group discussion. The program runs from 6:00pm to 7:30pm and includes pizza, speaker, discussion, prayer and an opportunity for service. If you would like to be a part of our new High School Program, please contact MaryAnn at 412-922-6388.

NOW IS THE TIME: Do you know someone who may be thinking about becoming Catholic? 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.



FAMILY NIGHT

Dinner & Activities

Monday, August 23
 6:15pm to 7:45pm
 Ascension Church Conner Hall

Family Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail address: _____

of Adults _____

of Children _____

Ages of Children _____

Please register by calling 412-922-6388 before Friday, August 20 or drop off form at the Parish Office, 114 Berry Street.



Around the Diocese and Community

BISHOP ZUBIK CALLS A NEW CLASS OF DEACONS

Could God be calling you to the diaconate? Join us for an informal, no-pressure opportunity to learn about the diaconate and the formation experience. We encourage anyone who's thinking about applying to come. Bring your questions and also, if married, your wife.

Informal "Come and See Sessions" will be held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 2900 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh, 15205:

Thursday, July 29 (6:30pm to 9:00pm)
Tuesday, August 3 (6:30pm to 9:00pm)

Feel free to reach out to the Diaconate Office with questions at deacons@diopitt.org or call 412-456-3124.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES FIRST EVER BABY SHOWER

Beginning next month, Catholic Charities of Pittsburgh will be hosting our first-ever baby shower to help support new and expecting moms as they work hard to give their babies the best possible start in life. We are honoring approximately 30 moms, celebrating their decision for life and letting them know their community cares for their needs. Will you help us ensure that each one has the essential supplies to start well? We're looking for the following unused, new items for every mom in attendance:

- Stroller & Car Seat Combos
- Pack 'n Play
- Diaper Bags
- Onesies/Baby Clothes

To share a gift or make a donation, contact Meghan Wallace, Fundraising Events Manager at mwalla@ccpgh.org or 412-456-6950.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Each year the Diocese of Pittsburgh recognizes the achievement of those couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a Mass presided by Bishop David Zubik at St. Paul Cathedral, followed by a reception. This Golden Anniversary Mass will be held on **October 10, 2021**. Please RSVP to the parish office with your name (spouse's name), address and phone number by August 25 if you would like to attend. A personal invitation will then be sent to those who reply along with further information.

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 their website at www.rvofpgh.com. Know that you are most welcome to this healing weekend.

SISTERS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE MISSION ADVANCEMENT RAFFLE

Purchase your 2021 Super Sweeps tickets by calling 412-635-5437. Your participation helps to support our ministries and mission. Grand prize is \$5,000. Drawing will be held July 30.



— AROUND THE COMMUNITY —

BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL

The Blueberry Festival returns to Bethany Retreat Center! Join us at 1031 Germania Road in Frenchville, PA on **July 31 from 10:00am to 7:00pm** for a day of family fun! There will be games for all ages, arts & crafts for kids, basket raffles, 50/50. You can pick your own blueberries. There will be a variety of foods and beverages: Blueberry Pie, Belgian Waffles with Ice Cream & Blueberry Sauce. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy Live Music featuring local Christian bands: Heavenbound from 2:00pm to 4:00pm and A Day Awaits beginning at 4:00pm. For more information, please call 1-814-263-4855 or visit us online at www.bethanyretreatcenter.org.

CRUSADER CLASSIC GOLF OUTING: MONDAY, AUGUST 30

We are asking your help in making this year's *Crusader Classic* a special day for the students of Bishop Canevin High School. Regardless of the challenges these past 15 months have placed on our school, Bishop Canevin continues to "swing away" at providing our students with the safest, most academically rewarding, faith-based education possible.

This year's outing is our 20th and we are hopeful it will be one of the most significant fund raisers that helps us provide financial assistance to the many families who are struggling to afford a Catholic education for their children.

Consider one of the many ways in which you or your business can help make this year's Golf Outing a success for our students. For questions or further information, please contact Chuck Rakaczky, Executive Director for Development and Business Operations at 412-922-7400 x216 or rakaczky@bishopcanevin.org.

FALL 2021 SCENIC TRIP TO NEW HAMPSHIRE

Would you like to visit scenic New Hampshire this Fall? During **September 24-29**, the **Ohio Valley Hospital Nurses Alumni Association** is hosting a six-day trip to New Hampshire with numerous visits and events there and along the way. You're welcome to join them on this motorcoach excursion. For complete information and reservations, please contact Evelyn Moses at 412-921-6388 this week!



Joseph accepted the daunting challenge of raising God's only Son. He trusted that God, who had called him to a unique fatherhood, would give him the gifts to carry it out. He acted on the basis of a principle that St. Thomas Aquinas articulated in reference to Mary: "Those whom God chooses for an office, He prepares and disposes in such a way that they become suited to it.

To everyone who feels powerless before the challenges they face in their calling, Pope Benedict XVI says: God alone could grant Joseph the strength to trust the angel. God alone will give you the strength to raise your family as He wants. Ask it of Him! God loves to be asked for what He wishes to give.

Each and every one of us has a role to play in the plan of God. If discouragement overwhelms you, think of the faith of Joseph; if anxiety has its grip on you, think of the hope of Joseph, that descendant of Abraham who hoped against hope; if exasperation or hatred seizes you, think of the love of Joseph, who was the first man to set eyes on the human face of God. Let us praise and thank Christ for having drawn so close to us, and for giving Joseph as an example and model of love for Him.



Ministries & Societies

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

Food is a most basic human need. Yet, approximately 1 in 9 people and 1 in 7 kids in Pennsylvania are facing hunger (<https://www.feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america/pennsylvania>). Locally, the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank and its partner food banks are one of the largest providers of food to those suffering from food insecurity. Food insecurity is when people do not have consistent access to food. The St. Philip Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is proud to run one of those partner food banks.

Our food bank has been in operation for 40 or more years! Even our longest-serving members do not remember a time before our food bank existed. We provide assistance to those who have income at or below 150% of the federal poverty guidelines. People can receive food from us on a one-time emergency basis or on an ongoing, monthly basis.

What makes our food bank truly unique is that we specialize in providing ongoing, monthly food help to those that do not have reliable transportation. For those without vehicles, especially if they are elderly or disabled, riding the bus to a food bank and carrying a heavy box of food back home with them on the bus would be impossible.

We currently have 19 teams of volunteers delivering monthly food help to 124 people in 68 households. Delivering food to our friends in need not only provides much-needed help to those who might not otherwise have the transportation to help themselves, but it also provides a unique opportunity for the volunteers to build relationships with our food recipients. Delivering food to people's homes allows Vincentians to get to know our friends in need better and determine whether they may require assistance beyond food. We help our food recipients with a variety of other things on an as-needed basis, such as utility assistance, furniture and clothing.

We obtain the food that we distribute from a variety of different places. As a partner of the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, we can buy food from the food bank for much less than it could be purchased from a grocery store. Local businesses donate pizzas and baked goods to our food bank. We obtain donations from individuals through church and school food drives and larger efforts like the annual Boy Scouts of America food drive and the United States Postal Workers' food drive.

If you are interested in helping to end food insecurity within our parish boundaries, call the St. Vincent de Paul hotline at 412-444-8140 or email us at svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com. We would welcome additional volunteers to work at the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, pick up food from the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, unpack that food, and deliver food to our friends in need. Also, if you or someone you know needs assistance with food and does not have the transportation to get to a local food bank, please call us at 412-444-8140.

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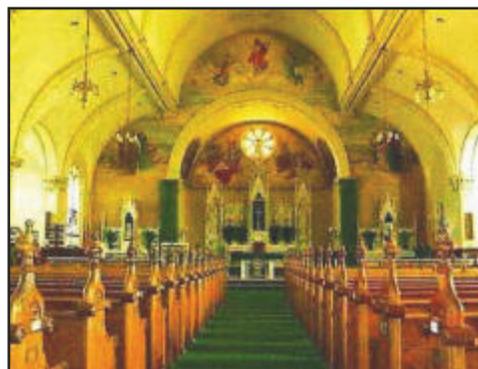
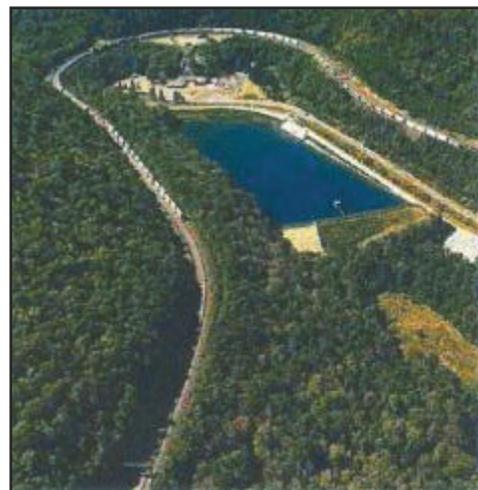
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