Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

WEEK OF AUGUST 1, 2021

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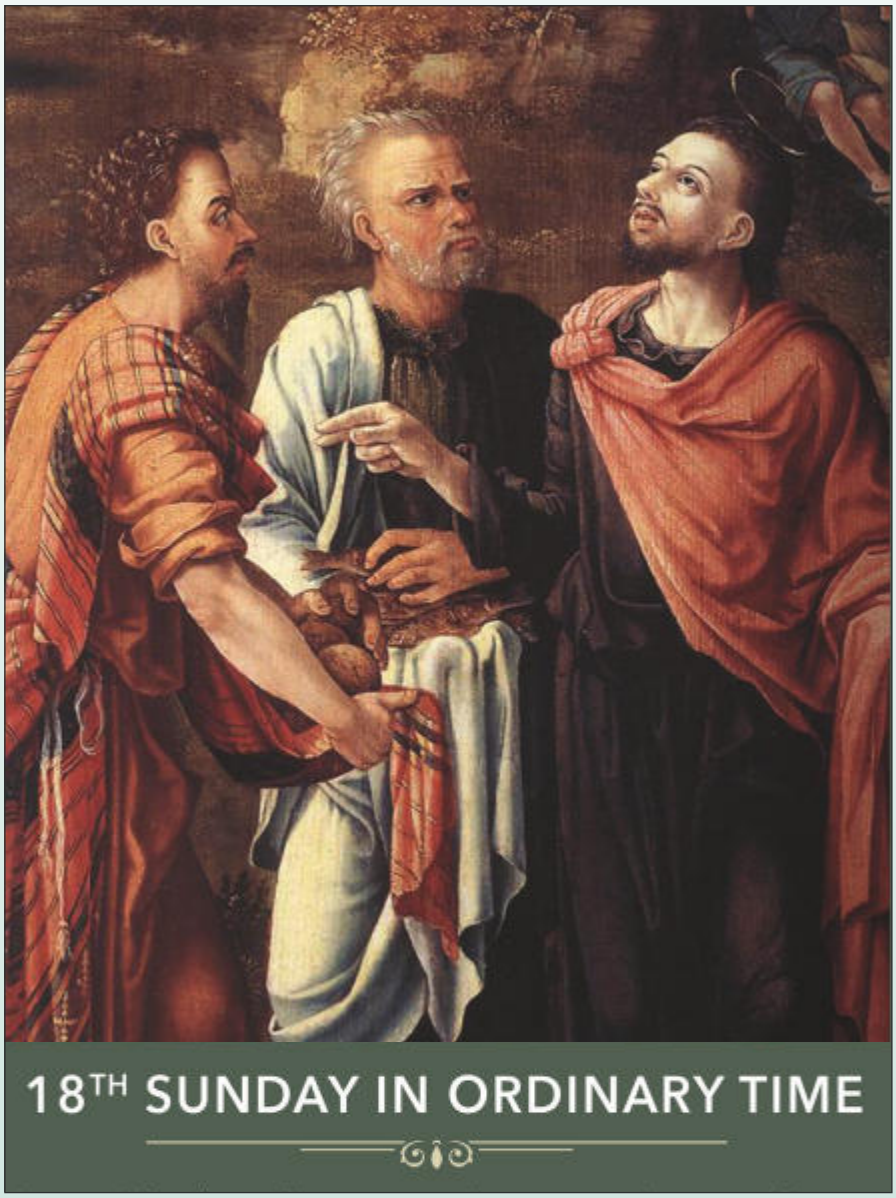

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PASTORAL STAFF

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday: 10:00am to 2:00pm

Rev. James R. Torquato, Pastor
Ms. MaryAnn Garfold, Dir. of Religious Education
Ms. Mary Beth Barsh, Music Director
Ms. Dorothy Mancini, Assistant Organist
Ms. Dorothy Kraemer, Office Manager
Ms. Ursula Eberle, Business Coordinator
Ms. Maureen Takach, Administrative Assistant & Safe Environment Coordinator
Ms. Linda Bey, Religious Education Secretary
Ms. Chris Archacki, Maintenance
Mr. Richard Hufnagel, Maintenance
Mr. Brian Cox, Maintenance
Ms. Nancy Mehal, Housekeeping

PRIESTS IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Joseph Scheib, Saint Philip Rectory
Rev. Gary Oehmler, Saint Philip Rectory

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Robert Bertocchi, Frank Bey, Patricia Cygrymus, Barbara Hendrick, Joseph Hoover, Dolores Leone, Martin Matko, Patricia McDermott (Co-Chair), Katie Phillips, David Pilarski (Co-Chair), Mary Schubert and Richard Schubert.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

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parishoffice@saintphilipchurch.org

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Saint Philip CCD Office	(412) 922-6388
Society of SVdeP	(412) 444-8140
Guardian Angel Academy	(412) 922-4765

Saint Philip Church
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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 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
MONDAY, AUGUST 2 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Joan Crum	Roberta Clayton
TUESDAY, AUGUST 3 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Dukovich & Ruffalo Families	Rose
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4 — SAINT JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
THURSDAY, AUGUST 5 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Angelo Mondine	Patricia Mondine
FRIDAY, AUGUST 6 — THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Sharon Andersen	McDevitt Family
SATURDAY, AUGUST 7 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Dorothy Conroy	Gorman Family
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	John C. Sebesta	Family
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	John Priselac & Frances Priselac	Linda Priselac
SUNDAY, AUGUST 8 — NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Amanda Louise Ogden	Dan Ogden
Ascension	9:30am	Thomas F. Quinn	Susan Kiesel
Saint Philip	11:00am	Mildred Hutchison	Linda Givvin

SUNDAY COLLECTION

The Collection for July 25 totaled: $7,146.25

DID YOU KNOW?

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 month of 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 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 next month.

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 the 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 with renewed faith and renewed parish life in the coming months!

A Sunday Reflection

Today in the Gospel according to John, Jesus proclaims himself to be the Bread of Eternal Life. He Himself is the gift of divine life sent from God the Father. Jesus is the divine grace which does and will always sustain us. Jesus is the sustenance that gives us strength, health, and salvation every day of our earthly lives. He is the sacramental nourishment which gives us God's divine life and will fill us with eternal salvation in the life of Almighty God!

This is such a wonderful message and promise which is at the heart of our Catholic Christian faith! It's the Good News which has meant so very much to all of our ancestors in the Catholic Church, and it's still the Good News which means so very much to all the Lord's faithful disciples today as well.

Thankfully, we have Jesus as our Bread of Eternal Life. Likewise, in Jesus' most wonderful gift of the Eucharist, we also receive this extraordinary gift every day in the sacramental Body and Blood of the Lord each time we celebrate the Liturgy and receive Holy Communion. Hopefully we appreciate this wonderful gift of God's only Divine Son. It is the sacrament which continues to fill us with the very life of God, which nourishes and sustains us, and which gives us the assurance of everlasting life in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Every time you receive the Eucharist in Holy Communion, pause to remember what a most wonderful and sacred gift you're receiving – the life of Jesus Christ, the life of God, and the pledge of eternal life within the everlasting life of our Lord and God!

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

Your goodness and participation help to keep our parish alive!

Beginning "Guardian Angel Academy" this 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.

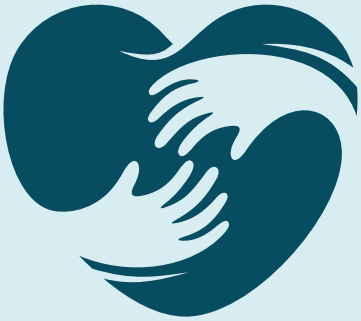
Once again, I'm very grateful to everyone in our parish community who's supporting this effort to maintain Catholic elementary education here in our local area. With everyone's positive help and support, we can together make this newly merged school a success and a true blessing for our young students, 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 now received Parish Share contributions from

440+

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

Last month, a second Parish Share appeal mailing was 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

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.

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.

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.

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, visit srcespgh.org and click on the link.

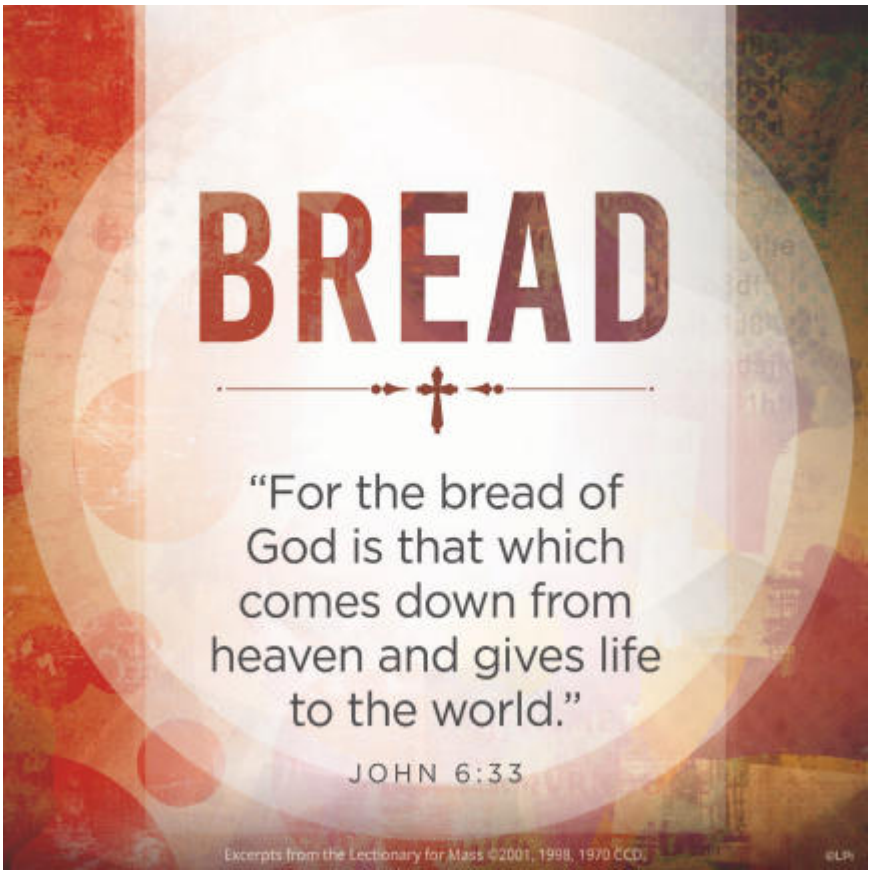
COACHES NEEDED FOR GUARDIAN ANGEL ACADEMY

Guardian Angel Academy is looking for anyone interested (does not have to be a school parent) in coaching Fall sports: Soccer, Cross Country and Volleyball.

Email Amanda Sargent at ahsargent@burnswhite.com if interested. **Coaches MUST have up to date clearances on file with the school/parish before starting any practices**.

»» Did You Know?

Your monetary donations to our food pantry will be multiplied on August 3! See this week's St. Vincent de Paul Society Update (page 12) for details!



PREPARING FOR YOUR WEDDING

Engaged couples desiring to be married in the Catholic Church must contact the priest at least six months prior to their anticipated wedding date. It is highly recommended that couples make contact with the clergy at the beginning of their engagement. Every couple is required to participate in an assessment process/intake session with the priest. This process is designed to assist both the couple and the priest in assessing the couple's readiness for marriage. It also assists them in understanding that marriage is a vocation, a covenant and a sacrament. This initial assessment process also helps the Church to assess whether or not any impediments to marriage are present.

Engaged couples should speak with the priest prior to selecting a wedding date or a reception venue.

Wedding dates are never given over the phone, but only after this initial meeting has taken place. These guidelines are present in every Catholic parish and help to ensure a proper beginning of the preparations for planning a wedding. If you have questions or concerns about marriage in the Catholic Church, please contact Maureen in the parish office.

Rest in Peace

We offer our sympathy to the families of **Edward J. Drogowski, Jr.**, and **Shelly Sarubbi** who entered into eternal life. Please keep them in your prayers.

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 the McElligott and O'Connor Families
Offered by Cathy O'Connor

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

ADVERTISER of the Week

William F. Conroy Funeral Home, Inc.

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

Religious Education

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

MARYANN'S THOUGHTS: August is upon us. I hope the Summer has been refreshing and relaxing as we get ready to begin the Fall Season. This Sunday's First Reading reveals the Israelite community complaining, *"Would that we had died at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, as we sat by our fleshpots and ate our fill of bread! But you had to lead us into this desert to make the whole community die of famine!"* We can be very much similar to the Isrealites as the Lord stretches us and prepares us for something new. We want to say to the Lord, *"But remember when...."* This year at St. Philip the Lord is calling us to be His disciples as we begin new ministries and opportunities to know and share the faith. Let us not complain when the Lord calls but let us be like Mary who says, *"Yes, Lord, Thy Will be Done."* Let us embrace the challenges and opportunites here at St. Philip as we begin our sixth year of blessings as St. Philip Parish Community.

FAITH FORMATION: IMPORTANT! Registration forms and Family Night invitations will be mailed out this week. **Please respond as soon as possible**. For specific information or to discuss special circumstances for instruction, please call MaryAnn at 412-922-6388. You are asked to register your child if you wish your child to participate in the Sacrament of First Eucharist or Confirmation. Plans for this Fall include individual classrooms with social distancing and Family Activity Events once per month. We will follow the Diocesan Guidelines for the safety and protection of all participants. A specific calendar will be available during the August 23 Family Night.

FAMILY NIGHT: There will be a Family Night for Parents and Children on **Monday, August 23 from 6:15pm to 7:45pm** at **Ascension Conner Hall**. There will be a free dinner, games and activities for children, information for parents, and opportunites for family prayer. **Please call MaryAnn at 412-922-6388 to register**.

HELP WANTED!

- Can you share your faith with children and families for 1 hour?
- Would you like the prayers and support of a small faith group?
- Would you like to make a difference in your parish community?
- Would you like to increase your prayer life?
- Would you like to learn more about your faith as you share it with others?

Consider the call to be a Catechist in our Monday Night Faith Formation Program. We are in need of teachers and aides. **We are also in need of High School Discussion Leaders once a month and Pre-School Activity Coordinators once a month. Call MaryAnn at 412-922-6388 to volunteer or for more information**.

BAPTISM REQUESTS: We are accepting requests for baptism. Please call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

TRAVEL MINISTRY: We are accepting reservations for our Our Lady of the Alleghenies Trip on **Wednesday, October 6**. **Note the flier in the bulletin**. Please be advised that this trip involves stairs and a moderate amount of walking. **Call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388 for information**.

We continue to pray for the intercession of St. Joseph as we celebrate the Church's Year of St. Joseph.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

O Blessed Saint Joseph, tenderhearted father, faithful guardian of Jesus, chaste spouse of the Mother of God. I join with you in praising God the Father through His divine Son. I ask your intercession as I implore your assistance in my current circumstance.

Lord, Have Mercy.
Christ, Hear Us.
St. Joseph, Pray for Us.
Illustrious Son of David, Pray for Us.
Spouse of the Mother of God, Pray for Us.
Foster-Father of the Son of God, Pray for Us.
Watchful defender of Christ, Pray for Us.
Head of the Holy Family, Pray for Us.
Joseph, Most Just, Pray for U.s
Joseph, Most Strong, Pray for Us.
Joseph Most Obedient, Pray for Us.
Joseph Most Faithful, Pray for Us.
Joseph, Hope for the Sick, Pray for Us.
Joseph, Solace of Afflicted, Pray for Us.
Joseph, Patron of the Dying, Pray for Us.
Joseph, Guide, Defender, Protector, Pray for Us.

FAMILY NIGHT

Dinner & Activities

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

Family Name:

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Address:

_____

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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 Session"* will be held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 2900 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh, 15205:

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.

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 rakaczkyc@bishopcanevin.org.

Saint Philip Parish

FAMILY NIGHT

Dinner & Activities

Monday, August 23rd

6:15pm to 7:45pm
Ascension Church Connor Hall

6:15pm-7:00pm: Free Dinner
7:00pm-7:35pm: Games & Activities for Children
7:00pm-7:35pm: Information for Parents in Church
7:35pm: Closing Prayer for Families in Church

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

Ministries & Societies

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

Our food bank has a couple of exciting events occurring this month that will allow you to greatly help our friends in need that are food insecure. For those who do not know, the St. Philip Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul operates a small, unique food bank. Unlike normal walk-up food banks that have set distribution dates on which people can come to pick up food, we focus on delivering food to people who do not have transportation with which to reach a traditional food bank. We currently deliver food to 124 people in 68 households each month. We also provide emergency food for those in need who contact our hotline.

The first event, which will be occurring this Tuesday, August 3, is our participation in the Pittsburgh Foundation's One Day Critical Needs Alert. The One Day Critical Needs Alert allows nonprofits who provide basic needs, such as food, to receive monetary donations through the pittsburghgives.org website and share in a pool of matching funds. The more donations our food bank receives, the more matching funds we will be entitled to! This is a perfect opportunity to make your donation go further!

Your monetary donations to our food pantry will be multiplied on August 3!

Any donations made to our food bank through pittsburghgives.org will go to purchase food and Giant Eagle gift cards for our friends in need. To donate, go to **www.pittsburghgives.org/SaintPhilipFoodPantry between 8:00am and 11:59pm on Tuesday, August 3 and make your donation via credit card or debit card**. For more information about the "***Critical Needs Alert***" fundraiser, and to search for additional charities that you can donate to, please visit www.pittsburghgives.org.

The second event, which will occur the weekend of August 14 and 15 is our Second Annual Food Drive. Like last August, we will once again be offering opportunities for you to donate non-perishable food items at each Mass and during a drive-through event in the Knights of Columbus parking lot. Stay tuned for more details in next week's bulletin!

This week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a grandmother with $270 in utility assistance, and to provide a single mother with a washer, dryer, couch, loveseat and chair. We are in the process of securing new storage space for appliance and furniture donations. If you have items that you would like to donate to us, we ask that you hold onto those items until we are either able to deliver them directly to a friend in need or have new storage space.

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. Monetary donations made to our conference are used only to assist friends in need and to pay our operational expenses. No money is given to any other organizations.

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.

Bingo at Tiffany's IV

Sponsored by St. Philip Parish

Benefits restaining the pews due to damage caused by daily sanitizing during the pandemic

SUNDAY, SEPT. 12, 2021

Doors Open at 12 Noon

Bingo starts at 12:45 at Conner Hall

114 Berry St., Ingram, PA

H I G H E N D P U R S E S

Michael Kors

Coach

Kate Spade

Tickets $40

20 Games of Bingo

Light fare – soft drinks
served at Noon
Donated by parker's

Sangria will be available
(must be over 21 to purchase)

Snack Bar

Chinese Auction

50/50 Raffle

NO OUTSIDE
FOOD PERMITTED

Sponsors:

Schepner-McDermott Funeral Home

Hershberger-Stover Funeral Home

William F. Conroy Funeral Home

Back & Neck Care Center
Dr. Gregory Tarnow

Lava New Media

Burgh's Pizza & Wing Pub

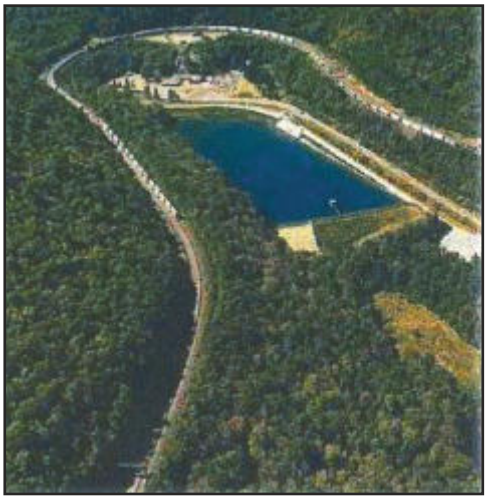
To order tickets: email Dorothy – parishofficecrafton@gmail.com
or mail request to:
Dorothy • Administrative Office • 114 Berry Street • Pittsburgh, PA 15205

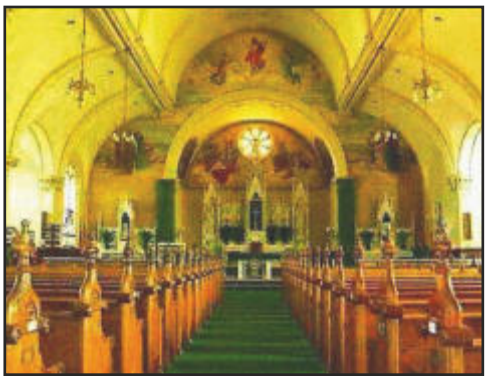
— TRAVEL MINISTRY —

OUR LADY OF THE ALLEGHENIES
AMTRAK ADVENTURE
PRESENTED BY ST. PHILIP PARISH
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021

Featuring: *Horseshoe Curve, Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, Mount Assisi Sunken Gardens, Marian Shrines (Price: $109.00)*

Depart Ascension Church at 6:00am by motor coach to Greensburg where you board Amtrak's "Pennsylvanian" for an exciting and scenic train ride to Altoona. Travel into the heart of the Alleghenies and around Horseshoe Curve, an engineering masterpiece completed in 1854 which revolutionized travel. Enjoy spectacular view that can only be seen by train. Travel aboard Amtrak's spacious passenger cars equipped with comfortable reclining coach seats. Upon arrival in Altoona, re-board our motor coach and travel to the peaceful town of Loretto. In 1799, Father Demetrius Gallitzin arrived in Loretto and established St. Michael's Church, the only Catholic Church at the time between Lancaster, PA and St. Louis, MO. As an expression of his great love for Our Lady, Father Gallitzin named his village in her honor and it was his life's dream that Loretto would someday become a center of devotion and pilgrimage to the Mother of God. Celebrate Mass in what is now the lovely Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. Visit Prince Gallitzin's Chapel House which was the residence and private chapel of Father Gallitzin. Enjoy a bountiful lunch at Saint Francis University, the oldest Franciscan college in the United States and one of the first Catholic colleges established in this country. This afternoon stroll through the beautiful Mount Assisi Sunken Gardens located on the grounds of the former summer estate of Bethlehem Steel magnate, Charles Schwab. The lovely grounds feature shrines to Our Lady of Fatima and Our Lady of Loretto as well as exquisite gardens. Later we depart Loretto arriving back at Ascension Church at approximately 6:00pm.





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