



# Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

**WEEK OF AUGUST 15, 2021**

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**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

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

**Ascension Church**  
114 Berry Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

**Guardian Angel Academy**  
915 Alice Street  
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## CONFESSION

Offered Saturdays from 12:15pm to 1:15pm at *Ascension Church*.

## SACRAMENTS

**Baptism:** A seminar is required for first-time parents. Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month at 12:15pm at *Saint Philip Church* or at the *Ascension Church*. Please call the Religious Education Office at 412-922-6388 for more information.

**Matrimony:** Priest is to be contacted six months in advance of wedding. Participation in Pre-Cana Program required. Please contact the Parish Priests for more information.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Following a weekend Mass and on the last Saturday of the month at 8:30am at *Ascension Church*.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):** Call the Office of Religious Education for more information.

**Priesthood/Religious Life:** Contact the Parish Priests for more information.

**Victim's Assistance Hot-Line:** If you are a person who has been hurt by abuse from clergy or others associated with the Church, the Diocese of Pittsburgh offers assistance with counseling, spiritual direction and referrals to other supportive services.

For information, contact our Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 412-456-3093.

Protecting God's Children —  
VICTIM HOTLINE: 1-888-808-1235

CHILDLINE: 1-888-932-0313 to report child abuse  
Call 911 if a child is in imminent danger.

# MASS SCHEDULE

*Masses are held at Saint Philip Church and Ascension Church*

LOCATION	TIME	MASS INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
<b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 14 — SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, PRIEST AND MARTYR</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Ottlee Rodgers	Pat Rodgers
Saint Philip	2:00pm	Wedding - Jack Champion and Emily Evans	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Joan Meyer	Bernard Meyer & Family
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Theodora & Vance Okraszewski	Marcy Nordick & Family
<b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 15 — THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Gary Tomcik	Son & Family
Ascension	9:30am	Edward Heigl	Peggy Baehr & Debby Sullen
Saint Philip	11:00am	Marie Cortese	Rich & Dot Kraemer
<b>MONDAY, AUGUST 16 — WEEKDAY (TWENTIETH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME)</b>			
St. Philip	8:00am	Reif & Ceros Families	Sue & Mike Rust
<b>TUESDAY, AUGUST 17 — WEEKDAY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Bajoras & Berard Families	Grace
<b>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18 — WEEKDAY</b>			
St. Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
<b>THURSDAY, AUGUST 19 — WEEKDAY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Wedding Anniversary of Jane & Phil Beistel	
<b>FRIDAY, AUGUST 20 — SAINT BERNARD, ABBOT &amp; DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH</b>			
St. Philip	8:00am	John Beitler	Karen Beitler
<b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 21 — SAINT PIUS X, POPE</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Denk & Moses Families	Evelyn
St. Philip	4:00pm (V)	Special Intention of Richard Boenigk	Judy Boenigk
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Harry Kaczmarek	Wife, Ann and Paul & Theresa
<b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 — TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>			
St. Philip	7:00am	Vi Griffiths	Kathy Hayes
Ascension	9:30am	John D'Andrea	Jolene D'Andrea
St. Philip	11:00am	Russell Adzima	Bernice Vertullo



*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 very good month of August as we continue to be blessed with a very good summer!

## Getting vaccinated against Covid-19

Many thanks to all who've received a vaccination to protect them from the Covid-19 coronavirus! I hope that everyone in our community will receive a vaccine very soon. Let's work together to not fall back into the nationwide and worldwide pandemic which has ended so many lives and has caused so much hardship and grief for all of us. Thanks for being vaccinated for your benefit, for your family's safety, for our community, and for our nation.

## An Assumption Holy Day Reflection

**Every year, in the middle of August**, we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into the presence and glory of God. Since the earliest generations of the Catholic Church, this belief in the Assumption of Mary into the presence of her Divine Son has been an accepted and approved teaching of the whole Church.

**As such, this August 15, we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin** on Sunday because it is an important and profound tenet of our Catholic Christian faith. Unlike Saint Peter, Saint Paul, other Apostles and early saints and martyrs, there is NO tomb of the Blessed Mother. If Mary's body had remained on earth, it certainly would be a religious site of tremendous importance and incredible pilgrimages. Instead, like Jesus, there is NO location where Mary is said to be buried. This fact lends to our Christian belief that the Blessed Mother was taken to her Son at the time of her passing. Indeed, a great many children would probably want to be with their mothers and fathers for eternity because of the love they have for their parents! For his mother, Mary, we believe that Jesus made this happen because of his profound love for her.

**Also, Mary's Assumption into the glory of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit** shows us that the disciples and saints of the Lord will one day be gathered into Jesus' presence and into the divine life of God when our time is done. We may need to undergo a time of cleansing (purgation, purgatory) as we journey home to the Lord, but we will indeed make our journey home to the Lord thanks to his love for us and his promise to share eternal life with us. Mary is certainly the first and most fitting person to be gathered into the presence of the Lord. Thankfully, our Catholic Christian faith promises that we too will be gathered unto the Lord following our lives of faith, grace, holiness, charity, and discipleship.

**Today and every day, may we honor the Lord Jesus and his importance in our lives.** May we also honor Jesus' mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, for her importance in the life of Jesus and her importance in the life of all Jesus' disciples. Mary brought the Redeemer into our world. Mary is honored for her faith and her important role in the life of Jesus Christ. Mary remains a holy example, a loving mother, and a maternal guide to us. May we follow Mary's lead in this life, and may we one day share in the life and glory of God along with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints and people and angels of God!

## Returning to our Catholic Sunday Obligation THIS weekend, August 14-15

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 resume this weekend, August 14-15.** Following eighteen 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 here this weekend.

**As we look forward to more and more members and families joining us for the Mass**, I hope that more in our

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Your goodness and participation  
help to keep our parish alive!

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.

**May we all now appreciate 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!

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 faith, discipleship, dedication, 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

# 450+

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

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Last month, a second Parish Share appeal mailing was 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!** This summer, 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

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### LECTORS - August 21 & August 22

- 4:00pm at St. Philip - B. J. Gamble
- 5:30pm at Ascension - Richard Schubert
- 7:00am at St. Philip - B. J. Gamble
- 9:30am at Ascension - Cindy Urban
- 11:00am at St. Philip - Jessica Rea

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - August 21 & August 22

- 4:00pm at St. Philip - David Sammel
- 5:30pm at Ascension - Mary Schubert
- 7:00am at St. Philip - Beth Ayres
- 9:30am at Ascension - Alice McAfee
- 11:00am at St. Philip - Susan Kelly

## REMEMBER THE DATE - OCTOBER 9 - RETURN OF THE ST. PHILIP PARISH FLEA MARKET

We are happy to announce the return of the St. Philip Parish Flea Market. We hope we can count on you to donate your no-longer-needed items for this Fall event. This is a good opportunity to de-clutter your home and a great way for us to raise needed funds for parish programs. Be sure to watch future bulletins for further information.

## BASKETS NEEDED

Our basket raffles are a popular and profitable part of many of our parish fundraisers. We would like to make sure we have a variety of themed baskets for our upcoming fundraisers, including the **St. Philip Bingo at Tiffany's IV on September 12**. So, if you have usable, empty baskets you can spare, please consider donating them to us. Baskets can be dropped off at the parish office.

## 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.

## 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](http://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. If interested, email Amanda Sargent at [ahsargent@burnswhite.com](mailto:ahsargent@burnswhite.com). **Coaches MUST have up to date clearances on file with the school/parish before starting any practices.**



## ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO HELP!

Second Annual Food Drive for the St. Vincent de Paul Society this weekend: Saturday, August 14 (10:00am to 1:00pm) Drive-through drop off event at the Knights of Columbus parking lot. Volunteers will also accept donations of non-perishable food items and personal care items before all Masses on August 14 and 15.



On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII promulgated the **Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** as a dogma of the Catholic Faith. Likewise, the Second Vatican Council taught in the Dogmatic Constitution, Lumen Gentium that *“The Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory when her earthly life was over, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things.”*

### 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.

## Rest in Peace

We ask you to remember in your prayers **Jason Zachary Rutherford**, son of Janine Rutherford, who was recently called home to the Lord. May he rest in peace.

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with us through



**FLOCKNOTE!**

To register, contact our parish office,  
OR text **stphilippa** to **84576**, OR visit  
[www.stphilipchurch1.flocknote.com](http://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](http://www.saintphilipchurch.weshareonline.org).

## Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **St. Philip** burns

*In Loving Memory of Alex Moses*

Offered by Evelyn

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

burns *In Loving Memory of the Deceased of the*

*Moneck and Chiconella Families*

Offered by Joan Chiconella



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# Religious Education

Ms. MaryAnn Garfold, Director of Religious Education  
412-922-6388 [stphilipreligious@gmail.com](mailto:stphilipreligious@gmail.com)

**MARYANN'S THOUGHTS:** This Sunday we rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the Feast Day of the Assumption in honor of the Virgin Mary. Each of us has our own special devotion to Mary. It is interesting to reflect upon our relationship with Mary, especially in this Year of St. Joseph. It occurred to me that Mary and Joseph were both obedient to the will of God, each in their own way. Each opened their heart to listening to the voice of an angel. Each acted, in times of uncertainty, upon the word of God in their hearts. Each faithful citizens fulfilling the requirements of the law within their culture. Each working to provide for the other and their family. Each facing the struggles and the hardships of a life faithful to the promises of God. God speaks to each of us individually but the message is the same. We are called to listen, reflect, and unite our will to the will of God thereby acting according to the message of the Gospel. Each of us is called to love the Lord God with our whole heart, our whole mind and our whole self. Each of us is called to love our neighbor as ourselves. Let us imitate Mary and Joseph this week as we sit in prayer to hear the voice of God in our life.



**FAITH FORMATION NEWS:** Registration Forms for **Monday Night Faith Formation** have been mailed. Please call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388 if you did not receive a form for your child. 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:** We are accepting requests for Baptism. Please call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388 if you would like to have your child baptized.

**OUR LADY OF THE ALLEGHENIES AMTRACK ADVENTURE IS SOLD OUT.** Thanks to all who registered. You will be receiving a letter closer to the date with specific information.

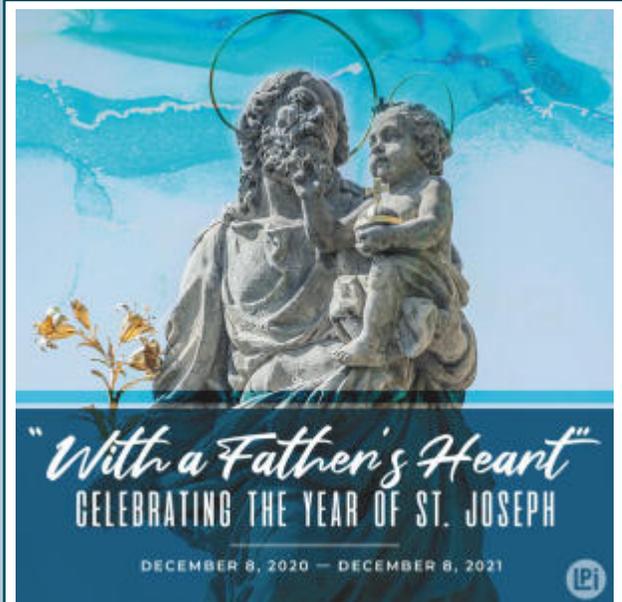
**QUESTIONS ANSWERED:** We have been receiving a few calls for details regarding our Monday Night Faith Formation Program. See program highlights for St. Philip Monday Night Faith Formation on page 9. If you would like more information or to register, please call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

**The St. Philip Parish Monday Night Faith Formation Program includes:**

- Weekly sessions using music, art, activities and prayer experiences
- Books for each child containing QR Codes for home/session use
- Monthly Family Gatherings with meals or snacks and activities
- Monthly opportunities for Service
- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade retreat experience
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trips and retreat
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade EDGE Sessions on Monday Nights
- Audiovisual and craft rooms
- Inclusion of Children with Special Needs
- Family Celebrations of Feast of St. Francis, All Saints, Advent, Mardi Gras, Lent & Easter

**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.

**THE DOMESTIC CHURCH:** In our Faith Formation Ministry here at St. Philip we will begin to share in the life of the Domestic Church. In the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* we read, “the Christian family can and should be called a domestic church.” God uses sacramental grace to transform your sometimes messy family life into a domestic church. A domestic church is a household of persons who are united to God through the sacramental life of the Church and who are committed to living out the Christian/Trinitarian vision of love in their relationships with one another and the world. Join us in our Faith Formation Program and Family Ministry Opportunities as we find ways to make our homes places of warmth and love.



**Prayer for the Family  
Honoring Joseph and Mary**

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love. To you we turn with trust.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families, no matter where we find ourselves, may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division. May all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph hear the prayers of each of the members of our family and grant them your help and consolation.*

-Pope Francis

## — DIOCESAN NEWS —

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES FIRST EVER BABY SHOWER —

This August, 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 make a donation, contact Meghan Wallace, Fundraising Events Manager at [mwalla@ccpgh.org](mailto:mwalla@ccpgh.org) or 412-456-6950.

**GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY —** Each year the Diocese of Pittsburgh recognizes the achievement of those couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

## — AROUND THE COMMUNITY —

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

Please 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



## This Sunday's Bible Readings

### FIRST READING

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

(Rev 12:1)



### PSALM

The queen takes her place at your right hand, arrayed in gold. (Ps 45)



### SECOND READING

Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

(1 Cor 15:20)



### GOSPEL

"From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name." (Lk 1:48-49)

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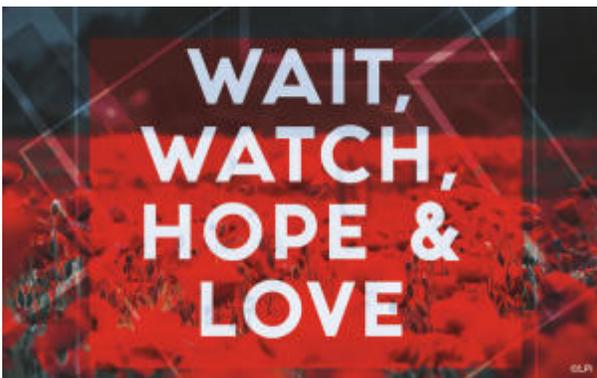


contact Chuck Rakaczky, Executive Director for Development and Business Operations at [rakaczky@bishopcanevin.org](mailto:rakaczky@bishopcanevin.org) or call 412-922-7400, x 216.

**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!

**CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB** — The Catholic Alumni Club is a non-profit organization providing a framework for single Catholics to meet and socialize with other singles. In addition to social activities, the CAC also provides programs of spiritual development and community service for its members.

**Softball & tennis players wanted, co-ed:** SINGLES, 21 AND OVER. Softball is played in Blawnox and Tennis at Moore Park in Brookline. The Catholic Singles Club of Pittsburgh is looking for players of all abilities. The group also offers dinners, spirituality events, trips, mini golf, hiking, volleyball, cultural and many other great events. For more information or an application, visit: [www.cacpittsburgh.org](http://www.cacpittsburgh.org), or contact [cac.softball@yahoo.com](mailto:cac.softball@yahoo.com) or Gary at [Gary.Urbatis@verizon.net](mailto:Gary.Urbatis@verizon.net) or 412-427-8772.



# 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.



# Ministries & Societies

## LEGION OF MARY

**The Legion of Mary will resume its weekly meetings on Tuesday, September 7 at 7:00pm in Ascension Church's Rectory.** This day marks the **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of this world-wide Marian Apostolate. Come for refreshments and an informational meeting about the Spiritual Works of Mercy that have been done within our parish since 1975. For additional information, call 412-920-9091.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

This weekend is our Second Annual Food Drive. We will be accepting non-perishable food items and personal care items. **We are especially in need of macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, canned tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, chunky soup, canned green beans, canned corn and canned peas. Please check the expiration dates on the food before donating. We cannot accept food that is more than 6 months past the expiration date.**

You will have two chances to donate. The first opportunity will be during our **drive-through food drop off event**, which will take place in the **Knights of Columbus parking lot from 10:00am to 1:00pm on Saturday, August 14.** Our volunteers will come to your vehicle and retrieve your donation from the trunk or back seat. **We will also have volunteers at all of the Masses the weekend of August 14 and 15 to accept donations before Mass.**

We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone that donated to our food bank during the Pittsburgh Foundation's *One Day Critical Needs Alert* on August 3. **We received \$3,965 in donations and we estimate that we will receive \$1,258 in matching funds.** Thank you for helping to feed our friends in need!

Citing rising Covid infection numbers, mainly due to the Delta variant, the CDC has instituted a new moratorium on evictions that will only apply to certain areas of the

country. The new moratorium order will only apply to counties that are experiencing substantial and high Covid infection numbers as defined by the CDC. A county with lower community transmission rates that subsequently rises into the substantial or high category will immediately be covered by the moratorium. A county in the substantial or high category that subsequently stays in a lower category for 14 straight days will no longer be subject to the moratorium. In order to find out what category our county is currently in, visit: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>.

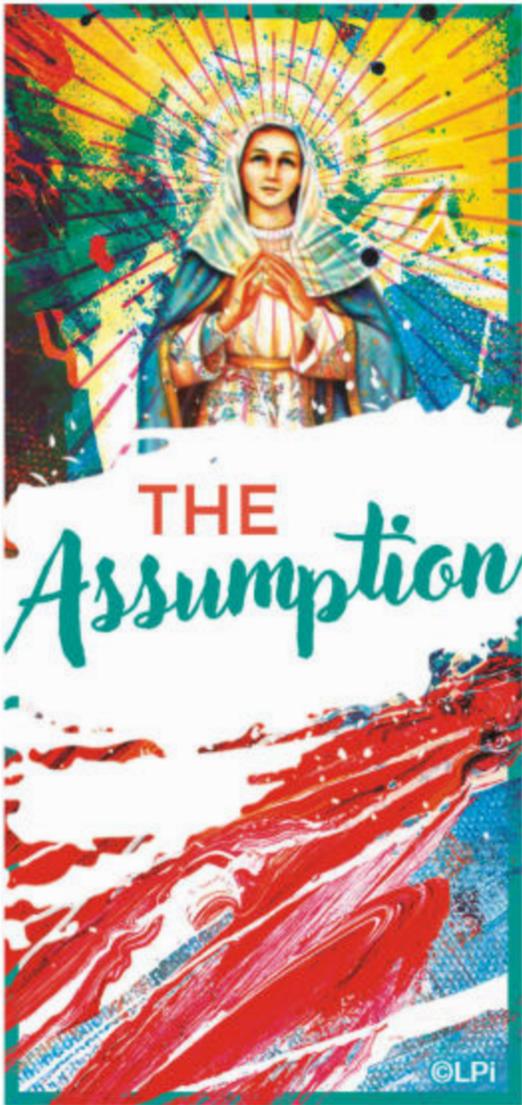
If your county of residence is covered, you are protected from eviction solely for non-payment of rent until October 3, 2021 if you meet the following criteria:

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- You expect to earn less than \$99,000 this year or \$198,000 if you are married;
- You are unable to make your full rent payment due to a loss of income or high out-of-pocket medical expenses;
- You are making your best effort to make partial rent payments on time; and
- If you are evicted, you would likely be homeless, have to move into a shelter, or move in with family or friends, because you cannot find another place to rent that does not cost more money.

Please pass this information along to any friends, family, or neighbors that might be able to benefit from it.

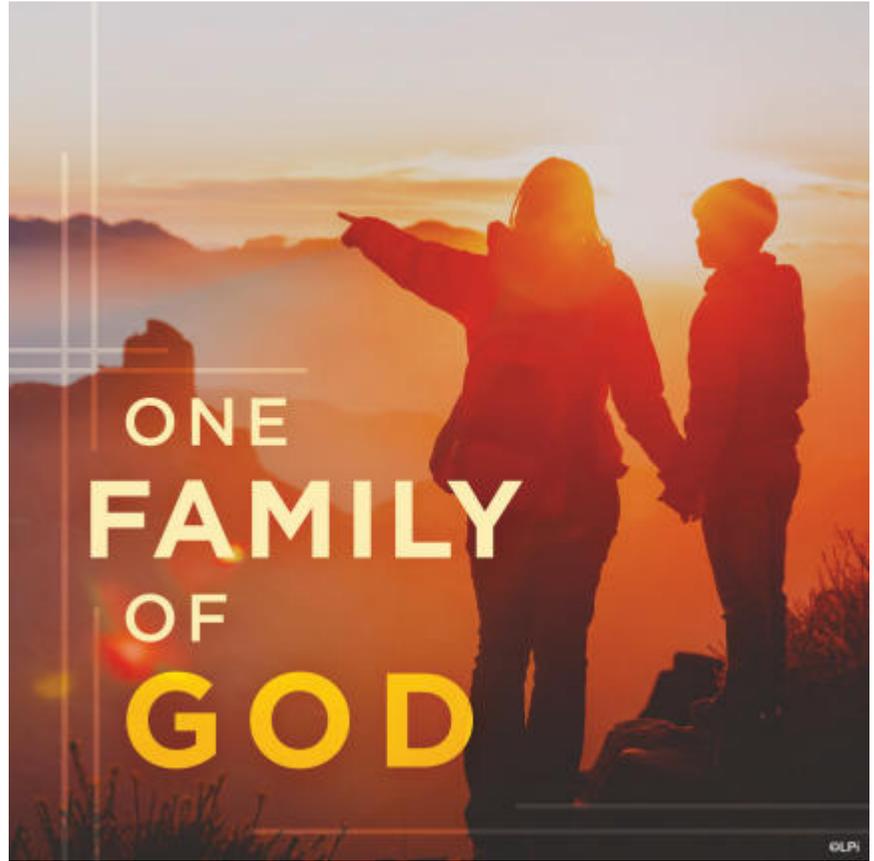
If you would like to make a monetary donation or a donation of \$10 Giant Eagle gift cards, please place your donation in one of the poor boxes, mail them to the parish office at 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15205, or donate online at <https://saintphilipchurch.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/StVincentDePaul>. 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.

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](mailto:svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com).



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