



# Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

**WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**

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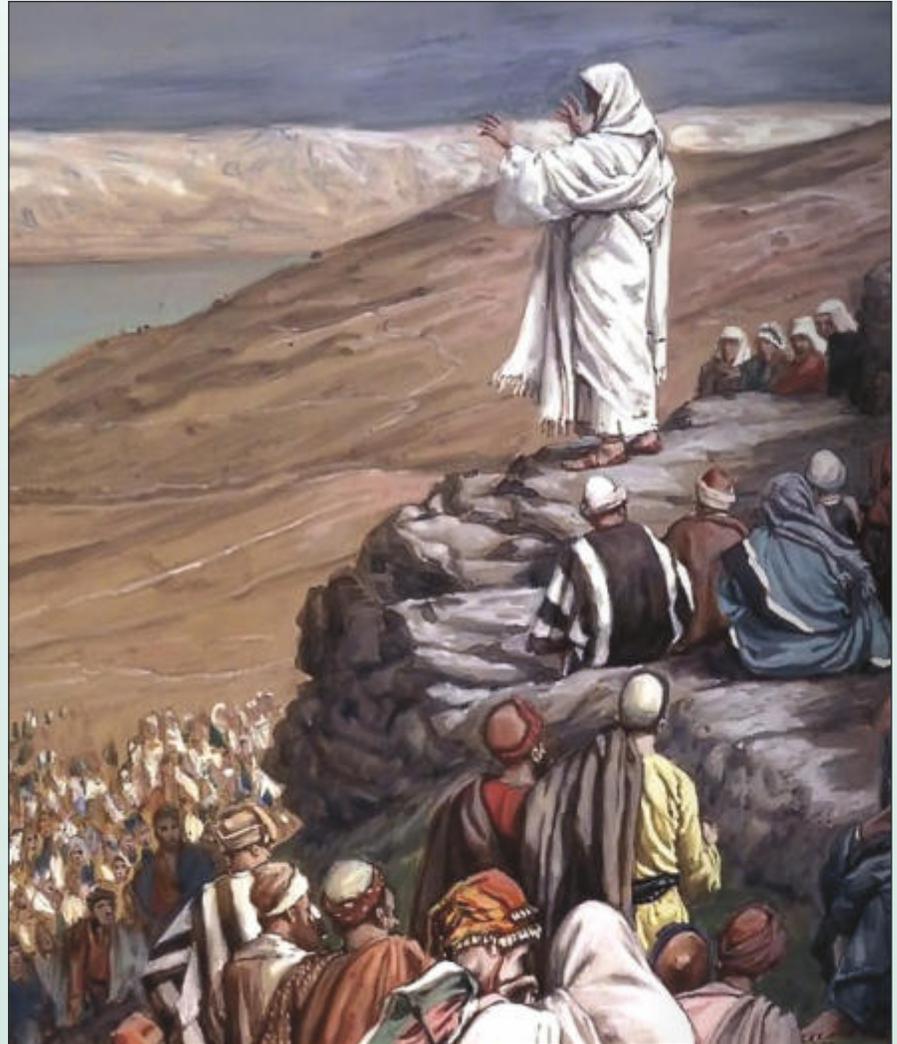
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**24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

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

**Guardian Angel Academy**  
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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
<b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 — WEEKDAY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Jean Damits	Joanne DiCesare
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Clare & Edward Mattern	Margie Mattern
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	John Lach	Family
<b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 — TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Phillips Family	Family
Ascension	9:30am	Joseph Varvaro	Wife
Saint Philip	11:00am	100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Legion of Mary	
<b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 — ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP &amp; DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	James Glaser	Wife
<b>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 — THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Elie, Ella & Tom	Grace
<b>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 — OUR LADY OF SORROWS</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
<b>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 — SS. CORNELIUS, POPE AND CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Beistel Family	Jane Beistel
<b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 — WEEKDAY</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Mary Wall Ayres	Daughter, Beth
<b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 — WEEKDAY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Carmella D'Aversa	Nancy D'Aversa
Saint Philip	2:00pm	Wedding - Grant T. Hebrank & Caroline H. Evans	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Edward C. Dulick	David Dulick
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	James Lach	Family
<b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 — TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Fran & Polly Luxbacher	Jerry & Mary Luxbacher
Ascension	9:30am	Metro & Mary Novoselski	Ray & Paula Butter
Saint Philip	11:00am	Marie Cortese	Diane Puccetti
<b>SUNDAY COLLECTION</b>			
The Collection for September 5 totaled: \$11,876.00			



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

## A Sunday Reflection

In this Sunday's second reading - a reading from the Letter of Saint James - **we have a truly important teaching that is a hallmark of Catholic Christianity.** It is the sacred teaching that both Christian faith and Christian action are essential to our lives as the Lord Jesus' disciples in his holy Church.

**We are certainly Catholic Christian people of real and sincere faith in God.** Since Jesus' own lifetime, the Holy Spirit of God has continually stirred up true faith in each of our hearts and within the whole Church which is the People of God. This is the faith which inspires our lives and which brings us back to the Sacred Liturgy each and every week. This is also the Christian faith which we profess in our daily lives and in the Sunday Liturgy every week. We do believe in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and we profess and live this wonderful faith every day!

**The Holy Spirit and our faith as Catholic Christians also inspire us to put our beliefs into action throughout our lives.** We believe that Jesus wants all humanity to know the divine love and goodness of God, and we are called to be servants and sharers of God's divine love through our words, our actions, and our charity. This has always been fundamentally important to the life of the whole Church and to all of us who are the Lord's friends and co-workers. The Catholic Church has transformed humanity and the world in so many ways through our Christian service, generosity, and charity.

**Five centuries ago, many departed from the Lord's Church in protest because they insisted that only faith was essential to Christianity.** Hopefully, that unfortunate dispute has come to an end. Hopefully, all

Catholic Christians and all Christian disciples acknowledge the sacred teaching of Jesus in the Gospels (and of Saint James in his Letter) that we are to be people of faith as well as people of action, service, and charity.

**May your Catholic Christian faith be strong in your heart and soul through the presence of the Holy Spirit of God.**

May you and all of us profess our faith in the Lord Jesus every Sunday and every day. Finally, may our holy faith inspire you and all Church members to continue sharing the love and goodness of God's divine Son Jesus with your family, your neighbors, your fellow Church members, and with all those who share with us this journey of life - a journey that we believe and hope and trust will lead us to the final Resurrection and to everlasting life in the presence and the love of Almighty God!

We will always remember September 11, 2001

**Twenty years ago, on September 11, 2001,** three unbelievable terrorist attacks were committed against the people of the United States of America. Thousands of innocent people were murdered in New York City, Washington, DC, and in nearby Somerset, Pennsylvania. That day - and in the days that followed - our nation and the world was in absolute shock because of the horror and evil which had been perpetrated on September 11.

**So much has taken place since that day** - wars, anti-terrorism efforts, more terrorist activity. September 11 and the two decades which have followed have shown us the continuing evil, inhumanity, darkness, and violence which continues to afflict humanity.

**During this 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary remembrance of September 11, 2001,** may we commit ourselves to growing God's Kingdom and presence in our nation and in the world, and may we pray every day for conversion of heart and for peace among all peoples and nations of the world.

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



**Your goodness and participation  
help to keep our parish alive!**

Returning to our Catholic Sunday Obligation

As of August 15, Bishop David Zubik and all the Catholic Bishops of Pennsylvania have reinstated the **Obligation for every member of the Catholic Church to participate in the Sunday or Saturday evening Liturgy IN PERSON. 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 have been reinstated at this time. This Obligation is now in effect for all Catholics unless you are ill or infirm.

**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!

The first month of Guardian Angel Academy

**Thanks to the dedicated and generous efforts of so many families, students, faculty, administrators, and volunteers, our merged Catholic school - Guardian Angel Academy - is having a good beginning this month.** The Catholic faith formation, academics, organizations, activities, and athletics of our shared regional school are a blessing already to the hundreds of students at GAA as well as their families and our communities.

**Many thanks go to all of you who've supported this merged school program** and our efforts during this very difficult and continuing time of worldwide and national pandemic. Across the United States, Catholic parishes are all facing a real challenge today in subsidizing our private schools in this country due to the declining participation of so many Church members - and the absence of tuition assistance from taxpayers (*which does exist in other states*). I hope and trust that all who are still faithful to the Lord and his Church will indeed continue to support our parishes and merged schools so that the Church and Kingdom will continue to remain alive and vital for generations still to come.

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

**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

# 462

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

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In July, 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!*



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Vicar for Canonical Services

September 2, 2021

Reverend James R. Torquato, STL  
Saint Philip Parish  
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Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Dear Father Torquato,

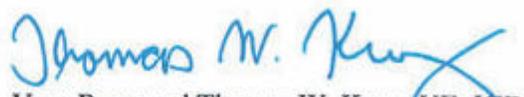
Recently, Bishop Zubik has received word back from the Vatican regarding the canonical recourse (i.e. appeal) made against the merger of Saint Philip School with Saint Margaret of Scotland School. In short, the Congregation for Catholic Education rejected the appeal filed against Bishop Zubik's decision to merge the schools. As you know, there were several appeals made, each rejected. In fact, the claim that Bishop Zubik violated any part of canon law in making this decision was rejected outright. I can share with you that the letter from the Congregation for Catholic Education states:

*"The Bishop of Pittsburg [sic] has not violated any canonical law. Indeed, he is 'competent to issue prescriptions dealing with the general regulation of the Catholic schools' (can. 806 §1) including reorganizing the distribution of the schools within the territory of the Diocese. Moreover, in merging the aforementioned schools, the Bishop has arranged 'all things so that all faithful may enjoy a Catholic education' (can. 794 §2).*

*"Therefore, all things considered, the Congregation for Catholic Education, within its competence (cf. art. 114-115, Pastor Bonus), declares that this recourse is inadmissible."*

While I serve the diocese as a canon lawyer, I also realize that pastorally, these are very difficult moments in the life of a parish. It is my hope that this decision will help to bring some measure of closure for the parish community regarding the school and that any sadness from the past months will give way to joy of knowing our Savior Jesus Christ who loves us completely! Please know of my prayers for Saint Philip Parish and for you in your priestly service as pastor.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

  
Very Reverend Thomas W. Kunz, VE, JCD  
Vicar for Canonical Services



September 22 - October 31

# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

## HELP SAVE LIVES IN PITTSBURGH!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 26 coordinated campaigns:

- **18,855 babies** saved from abortion
- **221 abortion workers** converted
- **112 abortion centers** closed

[40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh](http://40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh) (or) [40daysforlifepittsburgh.com](http://40daysforlifepittsburgh.com)

**Join us at one (or both) of our TWO KICK-OFF EVENTS!**

**Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:00 pm at  
St. John Neumann Parish:**

Pro-Life Testimonies from local pro-lifers at St. John Neumann Parish. Fun, informal event!

**Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> 7:00 pm Mass &  
Eucharistic Procession to Planned Parenthood!**

Mass at Divine Mercy Parish (Epiphany Church), followed by a candlelit Eucharistic Procession! Main Celebrant Fr. Chris Donley, Homily by Fr. Tim Deely



# Around the Diocese and Community

**BIRTHRIGHT OF PITTSBURGH** — Birthright needs your prayers involvement and financial support. We are interdenominational, nonprofit and nonpolitical. Free services. Dedicated volunteers confidentially provide alternatives to abortion.

**Join our Volunteer Team! Our greatest need:** We would like to staff our office from 9:00am until 7:00pm, five to six days a week so that we can be available to meet the needs of clients at convenient times for them; although our hotline takes calls 24/7. We hope to have our walk-in services available more frequently.

**Ways you can help:**

- Staffing our office by answering phones and/or directing calls as needed to Executive Director
- Client interaction
- Providing free pregnancy tests, information on ultrasound, referrals for service (various types of maternal and child support available within our community), free clothing and diapers
- Newsletter and brochure preparation
- Creating and updating contact database; technology assistance
- Speaking at schools, parishes and community organizations about birthright
- Helping with Red Rose Day collections
- Coordinating a diaper or baby clothing drive

**Also needed:** Gift cards to Target, Walmart, Kohl's, Macy's, and Giant Eagle; PAT bus passes (Port Authority Connect Cards); Uber, Lyft passes (to bring clients to our office); Local fast food restaurant gift cards, such as Subway and McDonalds; baby wash; hooded baby towels; diapers-preemie, newborn, and size 1; Uniform (all alike) shelving units with wheels for our baby items and diapers.

**Birthright of Pittsburgh:** 160 N. Craig Street, Suite 209, Pittsburgh, PA 15213; Phone: 412-621-1988; 24/7 Help Line: 1-800-550-4900.

**RETRouvaille** — *Hope for Marriages and Families*

Retrouvaille of Pittsburgh is pleased to announce that the ministry is continuing its message of hope, offering couples in distress a welcoming and loving space where

they can, with God's help, heal and restore their marriages. Our next weekend program will be held **October 8-10, 2021**. For confidential information, call 412-277-3434 or [3014R@HelpOurMarriage.org](mailto:3014R@HelpOurMarriage.org).

**LEARN ABOUT MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS** —

Divorced Catholics and everyone else who may be interested in learning about the annulment process are welcome to attend a free workshop with Jay Conzemius, JCL, Tribunal Director and Judge. Jay will speak on the theology of marriage; ministry of the tribunal, marriage annulment types; and why, when and how to start the petition for annulment process. Afterward participants can ask questions and/or start the process. No reservation is required, but if you do plan to attend please email [AnnulmentsIntake@diopitt.org](mailto:AnnulmentsIntake@diopitt.org) or call 412-456-3033 so that seating arrangements can be made. All of the presentations are from **7:00pm to 8:00pm** on the following dates and locations: **Tuesday, September 14** - St. Louise de Marillac Church, Upper St. Clair (Le Gras Hall); **Thursday, September 16** - Sacred Heart Church, Shadyside (Auditorium); **Tuesday, September 21** - Good Samaritan Parish, Ambridge (Jericho Hall).

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** —

The up-coming 40 Days for Life campaign will take place from **September 22 through October 31**. This event provides a wonderful opportunity to unite people of faith in this fight to end abortion in our city. We will pray on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood every day, for forty days! Our prayerful presence has often caused abortion-minded women and men to reconsider their choice and has saved the lives of many children! For further information, contact Nikki Bruni at [nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com](mailto:nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com). Learn more; get involved; and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at: [www.40daysforlifepittsburgh.com](http://www.40daysforlifepittsburgh.com) or [www.40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh).

**ADORATION/ROSARY SCHEDULE** —

You are invited to sign up for the Pittsburgh Rosary Congress begin held at St. Anthony Chapel in Troy Hill. It begins **Saturday morning, October 2 and ends Friday evening, October 8**. The Pittsburgh Rosary Congress website is accessible at [www.pittsburghrosarycongress.org](http://www.pittsburghrosarycongress.org).

**HELP WANTED** —

The Sisters of Divine Providence of Allison Park have immediate openings for Nurse Aides, full or part time, all shifts.

Email resume to: [eburkarth@cdpsisters.org](mailto:eburkarth@cdpsisters.org).



# Parish News



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### LECTORS - September 18 & September 19

- 4:00pm at St. Philip - B. J. Gamble
- 5:30pm at Ascension - Colleen Pilarski
- 7:00am at St. Philip - Beth Ayres
- 9:30am at Ascension - Linda Barone
- 11:00am at St. Philip - Jessica Rea

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - September 18 & September 19

- 4:00pm at St. Philip - Regina McDonald
- 5:30pm at Ascension - Nancy Salinski
- 7:00am at St. Philip - Dian Perkins
- 9:30am at Ascension - Alice McAfee
- 11:00am at St. Philip - Susan Kelly

## TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION

Catholic schooling is the most effective way to ensure that our Catholic Faith is passed on for future generations. For some parents a Catholic education is not attainable for their children without tuition assistance. You can help these parents, their children and your Church with a generous gift to this weekend's special collection for the **Bishop's Education Fund**. All the money collected will help these families to meet the rising cost of tuition in our Catholic schools.

## NEXT WEEKEND - DISASTER RELIEF SPECIAL COLLECTION

Recently, a catastrophic earthquake, followed by a tropical storm, caused immense damage to Haiti. Reports indicate that over 2,000 people have died and thousands of homes have been destroyed. This devastation further impacts the Haitian community as they are still rebuilding following the major earthquake of 2010.

In response to this humanitarian crisis, as well as other disasters that have occurred at home and abroad, Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has asked each diocese to take up a second collection to support the **Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund**. This fund serves to support the pastoral and reconstruction efforts of the Church through the local agencies of Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities USA in responding to immediate needs around the globe.

In response to this appeal, there will be a special collection taken up in our diocese next weekend, **September 18 & 19** to support the efforts of the Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund to provide direct emergency aid. We ask that you be as generous as you can.

## REMEMBER THE DATE

### RETURN OF THE ST. PHILIP PARISH BI-ANNUAL FLEA MARKET, BAKE SALE AND LUNCH

**Saturday, October 9 from 9:00am to 2:00pm in Conner Hall.** 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. **We are sorry but we are not able to accept encyclopedias, TVs or appliances with Freon.**

**Collection Dates:** September 27, 28 & 30 and October 4, 5 & 7 from 9:00am to 10:00am and 5:30pm to 7:00pm.

## 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@burnswwhite.com](mailto:ahsargent@burnswwhite.com). Coaches MUST have up to date clearances on file with the school/parish before starting any practices.

# 9/11 TRIBUTE



On this 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11, we would like to recall a very inspirational article that was published in the November 20, 2001 issue of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. The article was titled, *Little Hands, Big Hearts; Catholic Schoolchildren's Flag Comforts Youngsters in New York* by Larry Ciptak.

"Feeling powerless and looking for a way to express their pain and sorrow" and to give comfort to New York City schoolchildren, many of whom had lost loved ones in the attack, in the aftermath of the worst act of terrorism our country had ever experienced, the children at St. Philip School created a memorial flag using four queen-sized bed sheets. The stars and stripes of the flag were formed by the painted handprints of each St. Philip student. In that way their personal thoughts and prayers for those who were affected went into the project. Eventually the flag was sent to St. Gregory School in Garnerville, NY. It was so well received that soon other parochial schools wanted to share in the experience.

The flag had its desired effect. New York City schoolchildren did feel the love and concern of other children like themselves. One child said, "When I saw the flag I said 'Wow! That's cool!' I can't believe they care for us all the way from Pittsburgh." Another was quoted as saying, "The flag gave me a sense of comfort in a very uncertain time. It also made me realize the bond we share with all Catholic schools in our country." Principal Adele Pascucci stated, "The fact that someone else cared what we were going through was a demonstration of faith in action. When a Catholic school reaches out to another, they're living the faith they profess." Another principal said that "the flag has helped our kids understand that everyone is going through these feelings of uncertainty and nervousness."

The flag can now be seen hanging from the choir loft of St. Philip Church.



We offer our sympathy to the families of **Joseph A. Arduini, Jr.**, **Dorothy Dugan**, and **Josephine LeGrand** who entered into eternal life. Please keep them in your prayers.

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**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 Theresa ☩ Stanley Jakiel*  
Offered by Kathleen Badish

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **Ascension**  
burns *In Loving Memory of the*  
*McElligott ☩ O'Connor Families*  
Offered by Cathy O'Connor

 **ADVERTISER**  
*of the Week*

**SCHNEIDER'S AUTO REPAIR  
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# Religious Education

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

**MARYANN'S THOUGHTS:** In the second reading this Sunday, we hear, "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works?" St. Philip Parish is offering an opportunity to share in the "work" of living the Gospel by participating in the *Help Thy Neighbor Walk and Raffle*. The **Walk will be held at 11:00am at the Ascension Worship Site on Sunday, September 26**. Lunch will be provided. We ask each participant to bring a single-serve, non-perishable food donation. Help us reach our goal of 100 walkers. To register, call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388 or email [svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com](mailto:svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com).

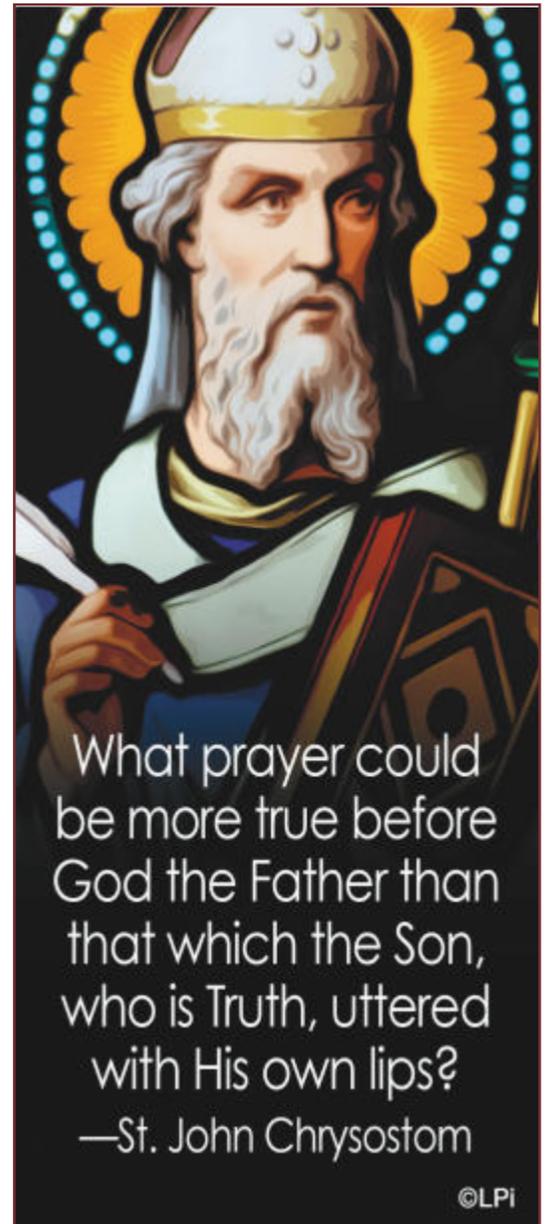
**FAITH FORMATION NEWS:** Faith Formation begins **Monday, September 13 at 7:00pm on the St. Philip Church campus**. The program will include social distancing, limited class size, masks and frequent sanitation. All materials will be individually assigned. We will follow Diocesan Safety Guidelines. Students will gather in the courtyard according to grade and their catechist will escort them to their classroom. If your child is not yet registered for faith formation and you would like a registration form, please contact the office at 412-922-6388.

**IMPORTANT:** There will be a meeting of all 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents on **Thursday, September 16 at 7:00pm in Ascension Church**. Any parent of an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student who is a member of St. Philip Parish and would like to be a part of those preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation is asked to attend or phone the Office of Religious Education at 412-922-6388 for information. **All Sacraments of Initiation will be given within a Parish Community.** Parents are asked to contact the Office of Faith Formation for information.

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SAVE THE DATE!** High School Students in grades 9-12 are invited to our first gathering of the year on **Sunday, October 3 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in Kelty Hall**. Our speaker will be Fr. John Skirtish, who is a former student of sports broadcasting and is currently rhythm guitar player for the band, "Soul Searchers." Father is a priest of the Diocese of Pittsburgh and Pastor of Our Lady of Hope Parish in the South Hills. The evening begins with pizza and snacks at 6:00pm followed by talk, discussion and service opportunities. Come Join Us!

**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. First time parents are asked to attend a baptism session. Our next **baptism session is October 20 at 6:30pm**.

**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.



### **BLESS MY GRANDPARENTS:**

*Dear Lord, I pray You watch over my grandparents. Please bless them with Your love. May You keep them safe and guard their path and protect them from above. I pray that they will always know, and I can help them see, just how much I love them and what they mean to me. Amen.*

**A Happy Grandparents Day to all grandparents.**

**"THE CROSS IS STEADY WHILE THE WORLD IS TURNING."**

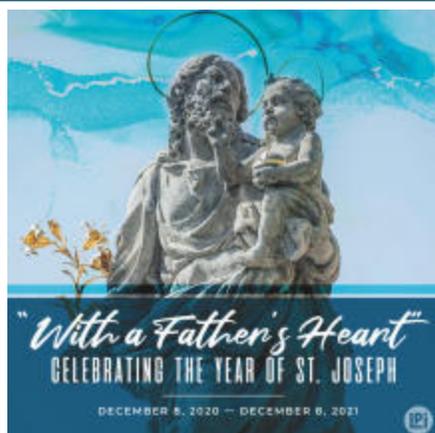
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**BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, September 12:**  
Isaiah 50:4-9; James 2:14-18;  
Mark 8:27-35

**This week:**  
1 Timothy; Luke 7-8

**Sunday September 19:**  
Wisdom 2:12-20; James 3:16-4:3;  
Mark 9:30-37



### **Prayer to Saint Joseph**

*O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, and so loving, I place in you all my interests, needs, and desires.*

*O St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and help me to obtain all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

*O St. Joseph, assist me that confident in your intercession, I may offer my thanksgiving and praise to God. Amen.*



# Guardian Angel Academy

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we prepare to begin our new school year, as Guardian Angel Academy, please consider making a donation to our Guardian Angel Fund. The goal of Guardian Angel Academy is to continue to make a difference in every child who attends our school. With the help of donations from our supporters, we can continue to provide a quality Catholic Education for families who may otherwise not be able to afford it. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, many of our families are currently experiencing financial hardships. Your donation will be placed into our Guardian Angel Fund and will assist these families in need. You may also sponsor a child. Our tuition rate for the 2021 -2022 school year for one child is \$4,600.00.

Your donation is tax deductible. An acknowledgement letter of your contribution to Guardian Angel Academy will be provided for tax purposes. If you have any questions on how you can sponsor a child or about making a donation to our Guardian Angel Fund, please call me at school at (412) 922-4765 or write me via email at [rmunz@guardianangelacademy.org](mailto:rmunz@guardianangelacademy.org). Thanks again for your generous support of Guardian Angel Academy, it is greatly appreciated!

Many Blessings,  
Mr. Munz, Principal

## JOB OPPORTUNITY

SRCES - Guardian Angel Academy is seeking **full and part-time maintenance/janitorial staff**.

**JOB SUMMARY:** The Maintenance/Janitorial Worker position is responsible for the maintenance, cleanliness and repair of GAA's facilities and grounds. These positions require a variety of facility and equipment maintenance duties. May perform various routine maintenance and repairs based on skill level and experience. Also performs custodial duties including, but not limited to, cleaning services (e.g. trash removal, mopping, vacuuming,

restroom cleaning, etc.) in the school building according to a weekly schedule and other duties as assigned.

## DUTIES:

- General cleaning of all school buildings and keeping them maintained and in good condition
- Vacuum, sweep, and mop floors
- Cleaning and stocking all restrooms
- Clean up spills with appropriate equipment
- Manage routine upkeep of exterior areas, green space and parking lot by: cutting grass, trimming, raking and removing leaves and debris from grounds; trimming trees, shrubs, and bushes, and in winter by removing snow from walkways, stairs, and parking areas and apply ice melt as needed
- Remove garbage and recycling daily and prepare bins for weekly pick-up
- Notify principal of major repairs
- Moves and transports furniture, books, and miscellaneous items from buildings
- Delivery of materials and donations
- Perform rough painting and plastering
- Secures and stores all cleaning supplies and equipment upon completion of cleaning
- Assists in setting up tables, chairs and other equipment as needed
- Clean and polish brass items, as needed
- Window and light fixture cleaning and repairs
- Floor maintenance, including the stripping, sealing, waxing of floors using wet mops and high-speed buffer
- Assists in other areas related to overall maintenance

## QUALIFICATIONS:

- 21 years of age
- Completed safe environment training and background check
- High school diploma or GED
- Valid PA Driver's License

## JOB REQUIREMENTS:

- Ability to move, load, and unload equipment and supplies weighing 35 pounds or more
- Ability to work independently and without direct supervision
- Able to bend, stoop, squat and reach

To apply, send an email to [Robert@srcespgh.org](mailto:Robert@srcespgh.org) with a letter of interest and resume.



# Ministries & Societies

## GRIEF SUPPORT

The St. Philip Grief Support Group is a caring, sharing group of adults who have lost someone to death. You may come alone or bring someone with you. People may talk or just listen. The first meeting is **September 16 in Connor Hall from 2:00pm to 3:00pm**. If this time is not good for you, we will be meeting the third Thursday of every month from 2:00pm to 3:00pm in Connor Hall.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

This is the first weekend for ticket sales for the *Help Thy Neighbor Raffle*. Tickets are \$5 and there will be one \$5,000 grand prize winner in the diocese. You can buy tickets after all Masses this weekend and next weekend, as well as online at <https://form.jotform.com/201684852232151>. If buying online, please be sure to specify that you want your ticket proceeds to go to the St. Philip Conference. Also, if you would like to join us for the *Help Thy Neighbor Walk*, which will occur on **Sunday, September 26 at 11:00am at Ascension Church**, simply call or text us at 412-444-8140 or email us at [svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com](mailto:svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com). **The deadline to sign up for the Walk is this Friday, September 17.**

We'd also like to remind you that next **Saturday, September 18** is the St. Raphael the Archangel Conference clothing drive to benefit our friends in need in Tunnelton, WV. Our friends in Tunnelton are especially in need of children's clothing. You can drop off your clothing donations in the upper parking lot of the St. Margaret Worship Site (off of Greentree road) from **8:00am to 12:00pm on Saturday, September 18**. We will be driving the truck directly from St. Margaret to Tunnelton, so we cannot accept donations at any other time.

This week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a small family with \$325 toward a security deposit and clothing vouchers; a disabled woman was given a stove; a man was given \$204 toward his gas bill; and a disabled woman was given a washer and dryer. We are very

blessed to have your continued support so that we are able to help our friends in need.

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.

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

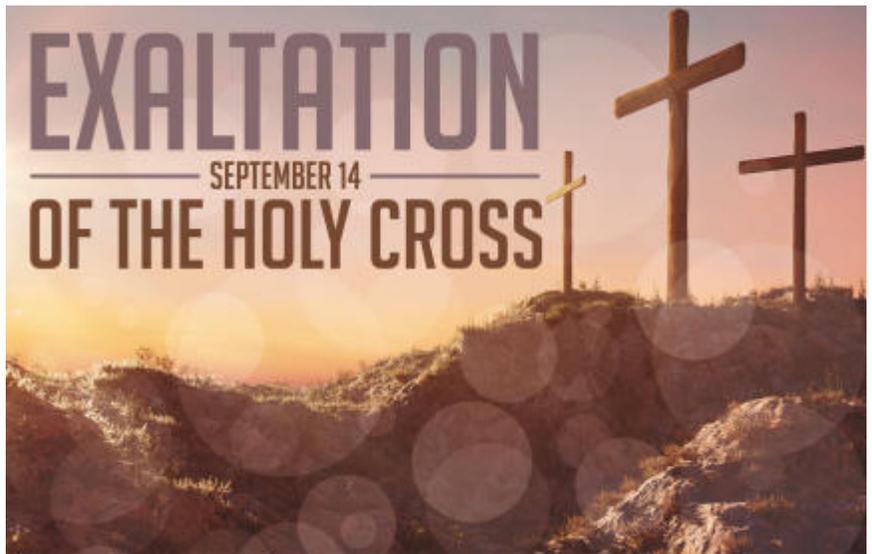
As always, if you, or someone you know, are in need of assistance, please call or text our hotline at 412-444-8140 or email us at [svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com](mailto:svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com).





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are the clean  
of heart, for  
they will  
see God.

— MATTHEW 5:8 —



## — AROUND THE COMMUNITY —

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**Join us for our Irish Mass on Sunday, September 12 at 10:00am.** Go online to [pghirishfest.org](http://pghirishfest.org) to view our 2021 entertainment schedule.

### **BISHOP CANEVIN BINGO**

#### **MONDAY NIGHT ZOOM BINGO: PAYOUT IS \$8,000 NIGHTLY**

- Zoom Bingo takes place every Monday at 7:00pm.
- Cards can be purchased at Bishop Canevin.
- Saturday 4:30pm to 7:00pm; Sunday 4:30pm to 7:00pm; and Monday 5:00pm to 6:30pm.
- Left side of cafeteria door will be open.
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#### **SATUDAY IN-PERSON BINGO**

- Doors open at 5:30pm.
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#### **SUNDAY IN-PERSON BINGO**

- Doors open at 4:30pm.
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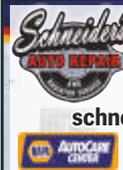
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