



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH
December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021

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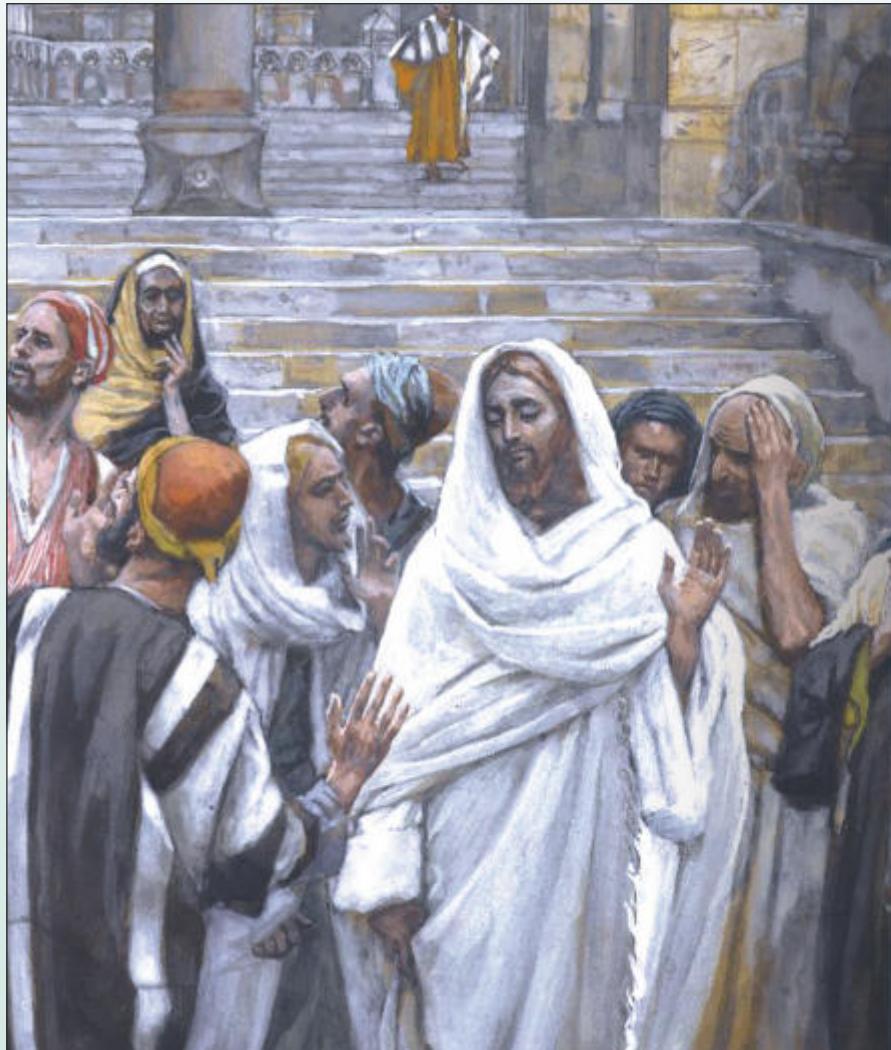
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Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Ascension Church
114 Berry Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Guardian Angel Academy
915 Alice Street
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no later than 12:00pm on Friday to be included in the following week's bulletin.





CONFSSION

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, SEPTEMBER 25 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Nicholas Torquato	Joanne DiCesare
Saint Philip	2:00pm	Wedding - John Fuhrer and Alisa Fingers	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Bill Solt	Solt Family
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Frank P. Demma	Helen Demma
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 — TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Nicholas & Josephine Kulick	Daughter, Linda
Ascension	9:30am	Joseph & Rosemary Rynn	Children & Grandchildren
Saint Philip	11:00am	Carmine & Amalia DiPaolo	Michael & Elvira Hoff and Family
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 — SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST			
St. Philip	8:00am	Tom & Ann Moneck	Daughter, Joan Chiconella
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Denk & Moses Families	Evelyn
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 — SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS			
St. Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 — SAINT JEROME, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH			
Ascension	8:00am	John Gorman	Francine Fischer
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1 — ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH			
St. Philip	8:00am	Deceased of the Shields	Mark and Englert Families
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2 — THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS			
Ascension	8:00am	John Rogers, Sr.	Daughter
St. Philip	4:00pm (V)	Paul Meehan	Barb Pfender
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Deceased of the Demma Family	Helen Demma
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 — TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
St. Philip	7:00am	Nicholas & Josephine Kulick	Daughter, Linda
Ascension	9:30am	Enrica Palombini	DeDe & Sam Palombini
St. Philip	11:00am	65 th Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. James & Mary Flynn	Mary & Jim Flynn
SUNDAY COLLECTIONS			
Collection for Sept. 19 see page 5		Catholic Emergency Disaster Fund: \$1,950.00	



Notes from the Pastor

Greetings once again, and best wishes for a very good month of October as we enter into the Autumn!

A Sunday Reflection

We face so many distractions in our lives today. The whole world seems to be addicted to television and social media and entertainment in its many forms. There's never time for quiet and prayer in most people's lives, and because of this, most Christians are no longer familiar with the practices of prayer and meditation. It's a very sad situation which continues the decline in the life of the Church at every level and in every community and household.

Yet if we truly intend to follow our faith in the Lord Jesus and to be faithful to his way, then we certainly and absolutely need to take time every day to be with the Lord in quiet prayer—and to use some of our prayer time to review and examine our daily living and our Catholic Christian discipleship. Otherwise, we can lose our way and even be diverted into the darkness of sin, vice, and evil.

A Catholic practice which began many centuries is to find a quiet place at the end of the day and prayerfully review and examine that particular day in our life. It's meant to be a time to remember how we spoke to others, how we treated our family and neighbors, what good we accomplished during the day, how we served those in need, and what time we spent with the Lord through the working of the Holy Spirit. It's a nightly spiritual practice of personal review that can make a tremendous difference in our lives. It's a nightly practice that will benefit those who are committed to this practice – and will benefit their spouse and children and family as well.

In today's Gospel according to Mark, Jesus calls us to be very mindful of who we are called to be as his people. He calls us to be disciples of holiness and love and integrity. In seeking to be true to the Lord, may each of us review our lives every day – especially at the end of the day. May we continue to follow the way of the Lord Jesus,

and may our faithfulness and our daily discipleship lead us one day to the glorious presence of Jesus in the eternal Kingdom of God!

Returning to our Catholic Sunday Obligation

Once again, every member of the Catholic Church is obligated to participate in the Sunday or Saturday evening Liturgy IN PERSON – unless there is difficulty due to age or illness or infirmity. 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. Be certain to join our parish community for the Sunday or Saturday evening Liturgy every week here at Saint Philip Parish!

Sharing Saint Philip Parish Financial Information with you

Beginning this week, we'll be sharing more complete financial information for Saint Philip Parish with you, our members and families. You'll find this information on Page Five of the weekly bulletin. We'll do our best to make certain this information is correct and complete each week.

Celebrating and honoring the Angels of God this week

Every late September and early October, the Catholic Church throughout the world celebrates and honors the Archangels of God (on September 29) and the Guardian Angels (on October 2) as well. Our belief in the angels has existed for thousands of years and has been maintained in the Jewish faith and in Christianity as well.

The Angels of the Lord remind us that the Creation of life by God includes both material and visible reality as well as spiritual and invisible reality. The Angels of the Lord also remind us of God's care for his creation that is shared with us by the angelic messengers and servants of the Almighty. May you enjoy these upcoming celebrations of

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Your goodness and participation help to keep our parish alive!

the Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael as well as the Guardian Angels, and may you know the care and the goodness of God shared with us through the Holy Spirit and the angels of God!

October - a month for Pro-Life efforts

For at least 50 years, members and shepherds of the Catholic Church in the United States and around the world have been promoting greater respect for life and greater protection for life in our country and in our society. Our human lives and all creation are sacred gifts of God who gives life to all the earth - and who cares for and provides for all people and all creation.

The month of October is a special time to promote greater respect and protection for human life from its conception until natural death. For the sake of humanity and the world and the future, may we each promote respect for human life and all life, and may we do all that we can to protect life and support life in our families and parish and community!

October - a month for the Rosary

The month of October is also one of our traditional months to honor Mary, the Blessed Virgin Mother of the Lord Jesus. Mary has been most important to her divine son, Jesus, and Mary continues to be most important to us and to all the People of God in the Catholic Church.

One of our best ways to remember and honor and be close to Mary is through the praying of the Rosary. The Rosary is a magnificent prayer in which we remember 20 important events of Jesus' life -- and by which we honor God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit along with the honor we also give to our Blessed Mother Mary.

You can find instructions on praying the Rosary on the Internet or in a variety of Catholic books. Rosaries themselves are also available in so many places. Make this month a time to pray the Rosary, and you'll find yourself drawing closer to the Lord and to his Mother, Mary. You'll also find peace, consolation, faith, and encouragement as you take up a Rosary and pray this wonderful prayer every day!

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

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!

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!



Our newly merged regional school has begun its first year! Saint Philip Parish families are welcome to learn more about Guardian Angel Academy and to enroll in this new school year.

Please contact
GUARDIAN ANGEL ACADEMY
this week at 412-922-4765.



Sunday, September 26:
Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6;
Mark 9:38-48

This week:
Zechariah 8; Luke 9-10

Sunday, October 3:
Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11;
Mark 10:2-16

FINANCIAL REPORT | OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collection total, **September 18-19**, 2021 -- \$7,485.75
Average weekly online donations -- \$1,361.00

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year -- \$724,000.00
Parish income received since July 1, 2021 -- \$121,489.00
Parish fundraising since July 1, 2021 -- \$0.00
Estate gifts received since July 1, 2021 -- \$0.00

Average weekly staff salary and benefits expenses -- \$7,208.00
Average weekly maintenance/operation expenses -- \$ 973.00
Average weekly utility expenses -- \$1,539.00
Average weekly insurance expenses -- \$1,251.00

Parish members -- 3,638 Parish families -- 1,797
Church attendance on **September 18-19** -- 621
Average Sunday envelopes used -- 250
Total households receiving envelopes -- 1,314



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Who are the little ones? They are the many and varied faces of people who see hope in Jesus' message about the Kingdom of God. They have come to believe that there is a different world to be had: a place where everyone has a home, all have an equal opportunity to share in God's bountiful gifts and blessings, where justice reigns, truth presides, and peace fills hearts. The little ones are those who may have left their former views behind, perhaps even their former lives to follow Jesus and believe in the Beatitudes as God's world vision. They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who have learned that suffering and death are nothing to fear. These are all of the little ones. Jesus gathers and protects them as a shepherd guards his sheep. Whoever causes one of these little ones to sin deserves the greatest wrath. Be more concerned about what people are doing than where they came from.



Parish News



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS - October 2 & October 3

4:00pm at St. Philip - Denny Maher
5:30pm at Ascension - Colleen Pilarski
7:00am at St. Philip - Patrick Kelly
9:30am at Ascension - Frank Daily
11:00am at St. Philip - B. J. Gamble

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - October 2 & October 3

4:00pm at St. Philip - Kathy Hayes
5:30pm at Ascension - Carroll Gorman
7:00am at St. Philip - Dorothy Kraemer
9:30am at Ascension - Alice McAfee
11:00am at St. Philip - Chris Falki

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**.

MARRIAGE BLESSINGS

HOLY MATRIMONY

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to: **Grant T. Hebrank** and **Caroline H. Evans** who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage at Saint Philip Parish on September 18. May God bless them as they begin their lives together.



Please welcome into our faith family... **Brooks Scott Liller**, son of Scott Matthew and Michelle Luisa DeFelice Liller; and **Liam Michael Schelb**, son of Michael James and Catherine Marie Forgeenie Schelb who received the Life of Christ in Baptism in our parish on Sunday, September 19, 2021. May they grow in wisdom, age and grace.

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.

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, contact the parish office.

BRIDAL COORDINATOR MINISTRY

Would you like to assist our engaged couples as they prepare for their wedding day? Would you like to be an ambassador for our parish and for the Catholic Church? Have you ever considered becoming a parish Bridal Coordinator? We are seeking candidates for this very special volunteer ministry at St. Philip Parish. Training will be provided and coordinators always work together as a team at the Wedding Rehearsal and Wedding Mass/Ceremony. For more information, contact Maureen at the parish office.



We offer our sympathy to the families of **Rose Buchan** and **Frank R. DeNardis** who entered into eternal life. Please keep them in your prayers.

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To register, contact our parish office, OR text **stphilippa** to **84576**, OR visit www.stphilipchurch1.flocknote.com.

DONATE ONLINE

Make donating easy!

Your regular online contributions to Saint Philip Parish are encouraged and always welcome!

You can send your weekly donations through our **We Share!** internet service at www.saintphilipchurch.weshareonline.org.

Sanctuary Lamp

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

In Loving Memory of Robert Badish
Offered by Barbara Hendrick

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

In Loving Memory of James M. O'Connor, Sr.
Offered by Wife, Cathy

ADVERTISER of the Week

GREENTREE AUTO BODY

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

ST. PHILIP FALL FLEA MARKET AT ASCENSION, CONNER HALL LUNCHEON AND BAKE SALE Saturday, October 9, 2021 9:00am - 2:00pm



Well, friends and neighbors, it is that time of year again to go through your "stuff" and contribute it to our **Flea Market**.

The rule of thumb seems to be that if you have not worn it or used it for two years, donate it!

All donations are greatly appreciated.
Just a reminder, **we do not accept encyclopedias, televisions or refrigerators.**

Drop-off times are listed in this week's bulletin with additional information in bulletins to follow.

In addition to your "stuff," we pride ourselves on our quality bake sale, so keep in mind that may be a way you can help.
Look for more information in the next few weeks.



Religious Education

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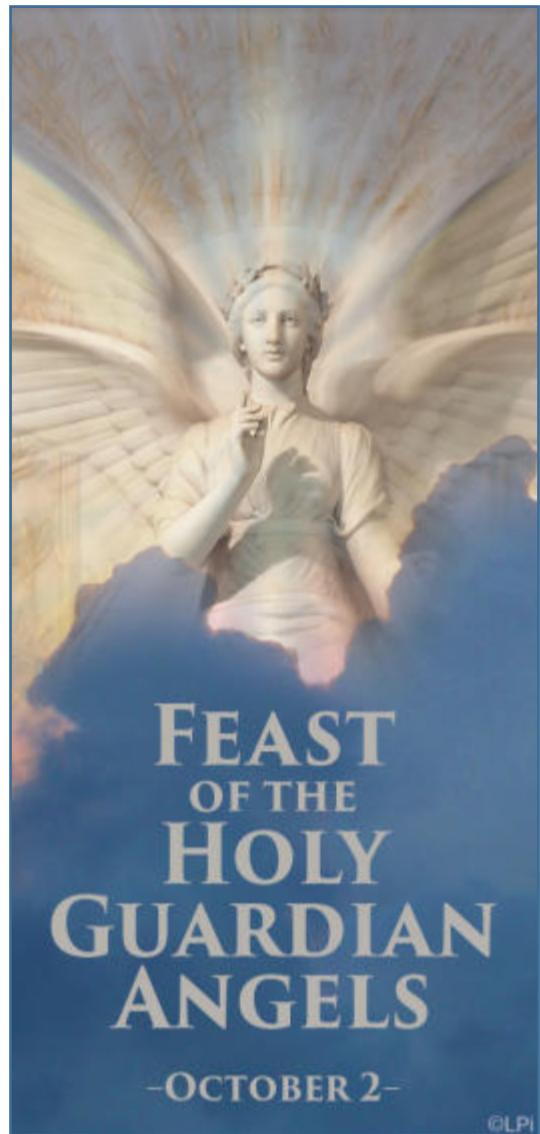
MARYANN'S THOUGHTS: A few years ago one of the activities on the Diocesan Youth Ministry Boat Experience contained a video clip from *Lord of the Rings*. In the video a young man was in trouble and his father gave him the tools to fight the enemy while saying, "Just Keep Your Eyes on Me." This is really the message for us all from this Sunday's readings. We sin and turn away from God when we keep our eyes on our possessions, our wants, our hurts, and our selfishness. If we keep our minds and hearts centered on God and if we keep our eyes on Jesus, then we can be people of joy and peace.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS: On Monday, September 20, our Faith Formation families each created a quilt patch to honor the Church's Year of St. Joseph. In the coming weeks, we will be putting the quilt together. We will then display the quilt in November at both churches. **Next Monday, October 4 at 6:45pm our Faith Formation Session will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.** We will enjoy a pizza supper, recall the story of St. Francis and why we celebrate his sainthood, say a blessing for our pets, and hear a talk from Animal Friends. All families with children are welcome to join us. If you are a Catholic School family, please call 412-922-6388 to register.

You may still register for Faith Formation by calling 412-922-6388.

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. Fr. John 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!

MOM'S NIGHT OUT: On **Thursday, October 7 from 6:45pm to 8:00pm**, there will be an evening of dessert, beverages and conversation for moms. There is babysitting available. This is an opportunity for mothers to have a break, enjoy some fabulous desserts and make some new friends. For information or to register, call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.



“*His Angels
will Protect
You Wherever
You Go.*”

St. Philip Parish Presents



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

6:45pm to 8:00pm

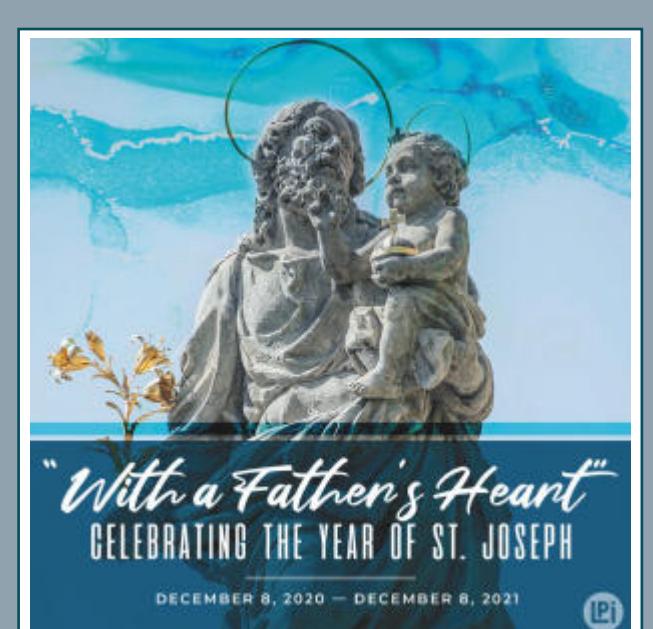
St. Philip Church Campus
Parish Center

Join us for an evening of dessert, babysitting and conversation for moms. This is an opportunity for mothers to have a break, enjoy some fabulous desserts, and make new friends.

Take a break.
Come and meet new friends.

**Call 412-922-6388
for reservations.**

E-mail:
stphilipreligious@ gmail.com



Prayer to the Sleeping St. Joseph

O St. Joseph, you are a man greatly favored by the Most High. The angel of the Lord appeared to you in dreams, while you slept, to warn you and guide you as you cared for the Holy Family. You were both silent and strong, a loyal and courageous protector. Dear St. Joseph, as you rest in the Lord, confident in His absolute power and goodness, look upon me. Please take my need into your heart, dream of it, and present it to your Son (**mention your request**). Help me then, good St. Joseph, to hear the voice of God, to arise, and to act with love. I praise and thank God with joy. St. Joseph, I love you.

Amen.

St. Joseph was called by God to serve the person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood.

-Pope Saint John Paul II

The Gospel does not record a single word from him [St. Joseph]; his language is silence.

Saint Joseph's silence and humility are the foundation of his greatness.

-Pope Saint Paul VI

BINGO at Tiffany's IV

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CeCe Bruder

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Marianne Palombi

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Snapology

Keystone Safari

Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium

Lemont Restaurant

Portofino's Pizza

Dairy Queen (Settlers Ridge)

First Watch Café

Farmers Insurance (David Ross)



Bishop Canevin's BINGO

Remnant City

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Craft Heating

Advance Auto

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Market District (Settlers Ridge)

M6 Technology

Giant Eagle Crafton

Ryan Automobile

Rockerfeller's Grille

Scoglio's Greentree

Carnegie Science Center

Scoops Carnegie

Rege's Barber Shop

Ghost Glass

White Landscaping



Thank you to all my workers, I could never do this without any of you. Everyone not only gave up their time, but they also donated money or items.

Alice Leone, Gail Pawlos, Eileen Cox, Susan Kelly, Patty Mayer, Sharon Zietak, Chris Donnelly, Judy Lester, CeCe Bruder, Evelyn Moses, Mary Ann Sabram, Ric Hufnagel, Dorothy Koger, Tom Koger, Leigh Anne Kraemer Naser, Dian Perkins, Diana Miller, Caroline Naser, Charlotte Naser.



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Ministries & Societies

BYOB (Bring Your Own Bible) - SALVATION HISTORY

Come and join us as we look at the second creation account and the sin of Adam and Eve in the Book of Genesis. We also will discuss the difference between Catholic and Protestant bibles. We will meet on **Tuesday, September 28 at 7:00pm** in the second floor meeting room of the Administration Building on the Ascension Church campus. Any questions? Please call Debby and Fran Sullen at 412-481-9063. You really don't need to bring a bible; we have plenty available. All are welcome.

LEGION OF MARY — All are welcome. *Save the Dates for Jesus and Mary:*

- October 1** First Friday, 8:00am Mass in reparation to the Sacred Heart
- October 2** First Saturday, 8:00am Mass in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary with Adoration from 8:30am to 9:30am
- October 13** Parish Program in honor of the Last apparition of Fatima at Ascension Church at 7:00pm
Topic - *What Was Going On in Moscow, Fatima, and the United States on October 13, 1917?*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

This Monday, September 27, is the feast day of our namesake, St. Vincent de Paul. Our organization's founder, Frederic Ozanam, named the Society after St. Vincent due to his dedication to service to the poor.

St. Vincent de Paul was born on April 24, 1581 to a poor family in Pouy, France. Vincent decided to become a priest in order to earn money to support his family. He was ordained at the age of 19 after lying about his age to become a priest at a younger age than was allowed. According to legend, he was captured by pirates and sold into slavery while traveling from his hometown of Pouy to Toulouse, where he attended university. He eventually was sold to a former Christian that had converted to Islam. After hearing Vincent sing songs praising God, the slave owner's wife scolded her husband until he

converted back to Christianity. After his conversion, the slave owner and Vincent escaped from Africa back to France, where Vincent was given his freedom.

Vincent did not realize his calling to serve the poor until a chance encounter with a gravely ill man in 1617. During his time as a tutor to the children of a wealthy Parisian family, Vincent traveled with the family to their country home, where he was asked to hear the confession of a dying peasant. Through the confession, Vincent learned that neither the spiritual, nor corporal needs of the poor were being met. The man eventually recovered and told the countess for which Vincent worked that Vincent had saved his soul by hearing his confession. The countess was so moved by this man's testimony that she asked Vincent to be her spiritual director and donated to his new mission to serve the poor.

St. Vincent de Paul fulfilled his calling to serve the poor by starting the Congregation of the Mission, which is an organization of priests and laymen that go on mission, mostly to rural areas, to preach to the people and perform works of charity. Vincent also partnered with his contemporary, St. Louise de Marillac, in order to organize noblewomen to serve the less fortunate. This effort later turned into the Ladies of Charity. Poor girls were recruited to help the Ladies of Charity, which became the Daughters of Charity.

Vincent passed away on September 27, 1660 after dedicating most of his life to serving the poor and effecting social change in France. He was canonized by Pope Clement XII in 1737 and was named the patron saint of all works of charity by Pope Leo XIII. For more details about St. Vincent, please check out these articles from EWTN:
www.ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/vincent-de-paul-795
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We pray that we will all be able and willing to see the face of God in the poor as St. Vincent did, and that our dedication to serving the poor is strengthened on his feast day! St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us!

We would like to remind you that there is still time to buy tickets for the *Help Thy Neighbor* raffle. The grand prize is \$5,000! Tickets will be sold through October 31. You can



**ST. VINCENT
DEPAUL
SOCIETY**

I will praise your name forever and ever.

— PSALM 145:2 —

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A stained glass window depicting St. Vincent de Paul holding a small child. Below the window, the text "ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY" is displayed in large, bold, white letters on a dark background. A decorative red flourish is centered below the society's name. To the right of the name, a small copyright symbol and "©LPI" are visible. At the bottom left, a quote from Psalm 145:2 is written in a flowing, cursive script. Below the quote, the reference "— PSALM 145:2 —" is centered. Another decorative red flourish is at the bottom center.

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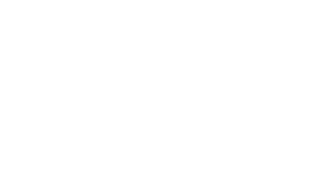
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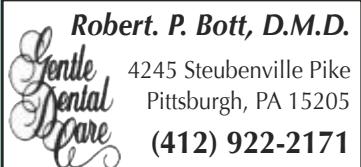
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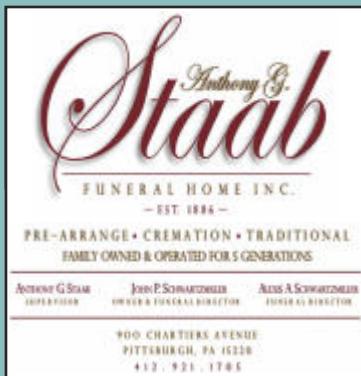
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