



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

# Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

**WEEK OF OCTOBER 10, 2021**

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## PASTORAL STAFF

### OFFICE HOURS:

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

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

## PRIESTS IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Joseph Scheib, Saint Philip Rectory

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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- Faith Formation Office (412) 922-6388
- Society of SVdEP (412) 444-8140
- Guardian Angel Academy (412) 922-4765



**28<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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Mr. Robert Munz, Principal

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## CONFESSION

Offered Saturdays from 12:00pm to 1:00pm 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 *Ascension Church*. Call the Faith Formation Office at 412-922-6388 for more information.

**Matrimony:** The Pastor is to be contacted 6-18 months in advance of the requested wedding date. Participation in a Pre-Marriage Program is required. Please contact the Parish Office 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 Faith Formation Office at 412-922-6388 for more information.

**Priesthood/Religious Life:** Contact the Pastor 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, OCTOBER 9 — WEEKDAY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Gerry Chichilla	Lindy & Chuck Gigliotti
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Rosemary Rynn	Children & Grandchildren
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Robert B. Clark	Christine Kornosky
<b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10 — TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Galon & McConnell Families	John & Judy Galon
Ascension	9:30am	70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sam & DeDe Palombini	Kathy, Susie, Jo & Sam Palombini
Saint Philip	11:00am	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Wallace	Mr. & Mrs. James Flynn
<b>MONDAY, OCTOBER 11 — WEEKDAY</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Santo & Angela DiNardo	Donna Studeny
<b>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12 — WEEKDAY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Dolores Chilberti	Lindy Gigliotti
<b>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13 — WEEKDAY</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
<b>THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14 — WEEKDAY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	William J. McNabb	McNabb Family
<b>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15 — SAINT TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Kathleen Kanavy	Family
<b>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16 — WEEKDAY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Debi Gallagher	John & Anna Gallagher
Saint Philip	12:00pm	Wedding - Casey R. Hutzler and Sarah G. McKnight	
Saint Philip	2:00pm	Wedding - Matthew J. Stetar and Eva M. Simone	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Si & Rita Pfender	Barb Pfender
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Deceased of the Vorbach Family	Helen Demma
<b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17 — TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Rita Louise Mondine Hudack	Sister, Patricia
Ascension	9:30am	Sister Adele Rogers	Cousin, Pat
Saint Philip	11:00am	Lucy & Carl Kubiak	Family

**DID YOU KNOW?**



*Saint Philip Parish is on Facebook! Follow us today to learn about upcoming events and happenings.*



# Notes from the Pastor

## Farewell to Father Gary Oehmler

**Having been a priest resident at Saint Philip rectory since the beginning of the current Pandemic**, Father Gary Oehmler recently reached the retirement age of 70. To begin his retirement years, Father Gary has chosen to move to California to enjoy an abundance of sunshine all year round. During the 14 months of his residence here, Father Gary provided a great deal of assistance, and he will certainly be missed.

**Please know that Father Gary Oehmler is very grateful to the members of our parish community who were kind and supportive to him.** From time to time, Father Gary will return home for visits and will hopefully join us again at Saint Philip Parish during his future visits home in Pittsburgh.

## Welcome to Father Larry Adams

**Beginning NEXT weekend, we will now welcome Father Larry Adams to the Ascension rectory** as he begins his new role in Diocesan Administration. Father Adams was ordained in 2013 and has served as a parish priest and a parish administrator during these eight years. As of October 15, Father Adams will be the new Associate General Secretary of the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh. In that office, he will assist with the administration and the programs of our diocesan church.

**In addition, Father Larry Adams will become the new resident priest in the Ascension rectory**, and he will also assist with some of the weekday and Sunday Liturgies of our parish community.

**Congratulations and best wishes to Father Adams as he begins this new ministry!** Please join me in welcoming Father Larry to Saint Philip Parish and to our local community in the coming weeks!

Greetings once again, and best wishes for a very good month of October, our month of the Holy Rosary!

## A Sunday Reflection

**Jesus gives us a clear teaching in today's Gospel according to Mark:** Eternal Salvation in the Kingdom of God is NOT a blessing that human persons can achieve for themselves; Eternal Salvation in the Kingdom of God is a gift given by the Almighty to the people who profess their faith in God - and who live in the ways, love, and holiness of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All that anyone need do is look at the world around us. Human persons often make a mess of life in this world.** You can see what turmoil we create and what evil and darkness still affect humanity. This sad reality exists despite the tremendous growth of God's presence in the world - the growth of the Kingdom during the past twenty centuries thanks to the Lord, the Holy Spirit, and our ancestors in the Catholic Church. We also see this sad reality in today's hostility toward human life and the abuse of the created world that continues day after day.

**As Catholic Christians, we believe that the universe and all that exists have been created by a loving and gracious God.** May we always remember that the Lord wants us to be his people; he wants us to be saved from darkness, evil, and death. As such, may we be faithful to the ways of God and live faithfully in God's Kingdom, and may we call upon the Lord each day to save us and to bring us to everlasting life in the eternal Kingdom!

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



Your goodness and participation help to keep our parish alive!

A change to our Confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation) schedule

Given the number of Saturday weddings scheduled here in October and December 2021, **our time for Confessions at Ascension church will now be 12:00pm until 1:00pm on Saturdays.** This small change is needed to allow me (*Father Jim Torquato*) to both offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Ascension and also to preside at the 2:00pm weddings scheduled at Saint Philip.



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!

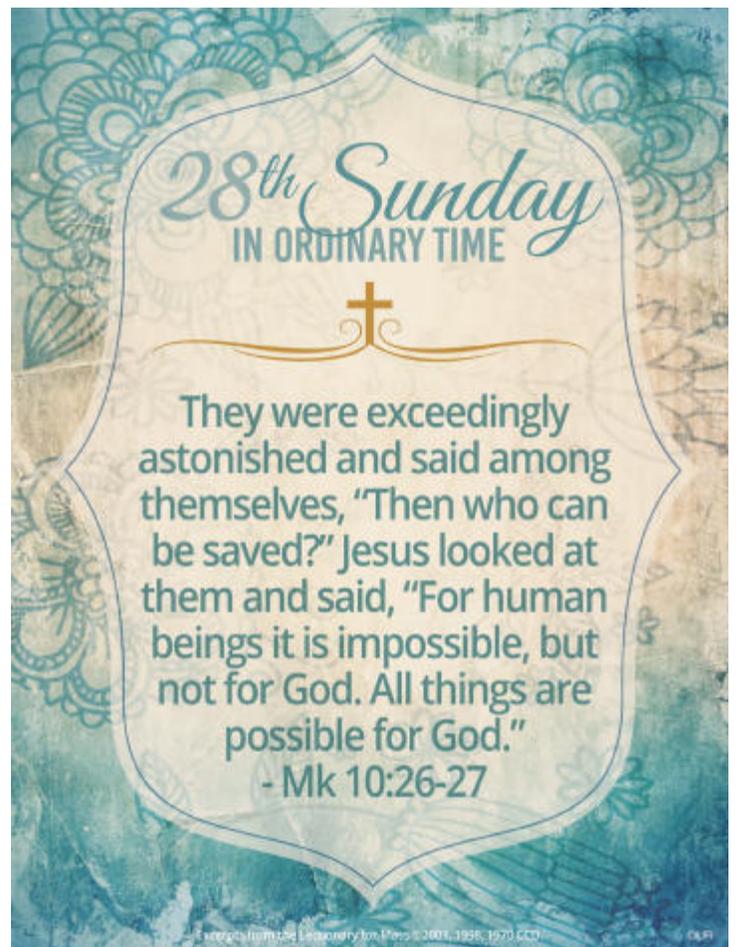
**Bishop David Zubik will preside at a special Liturgy for the Protection of Human Life on Tuesday, October 19, at 7:00pm, at Saint Paul Cathedral, Fifth Avenue in Oakland.** All our members and families are most welcome to attend and participate!  
Best wishes for this Sunday, this week, and October!

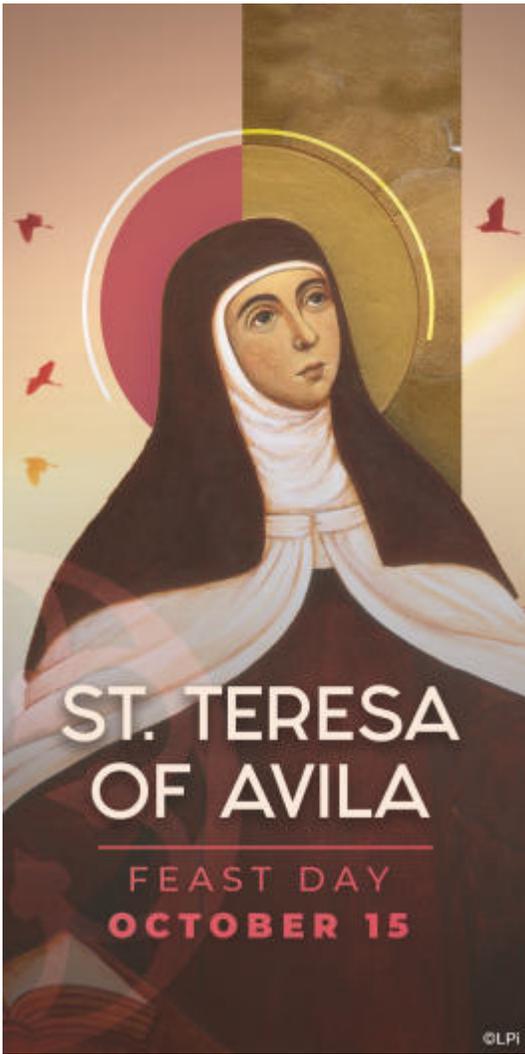
**Best wishes for a very good Sunday!** Again, thank you very much for your continued faith, discipleship, dedication, goodness, and generosity - to our parish community, to one another, and to those in need.

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





**Sunday, October 10:**

Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13;  
Mark 10:17-30

**This week:**

Romans 1-4 ; Luke 11-12

**Sunday, October 17:**

Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16;  
Mark 10:35-45

**FINANCIAL REPORT**  **OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES**

Sunday collection total, **October 2-3, 2021** -- \$10,056.00  
Average weekly online donations -- \$1,821.00

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year -- \$724,000.00  
Parish income received since July 1, 2021 -- \$141,665.00  
Parish fundraising since July 1, 2021 -- \$ 7,674.00  
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 -- 3,630      Parish families -- 1,795  
Church attendance on **October 2-3** -- 668  
Sunday envelopes used -- 248  
Total households receiving envelopes -- 1,192



**The Catholic Men's Fellowship of Pittsburgh  
& CMF Archangel Gabriel Parish Present**

**Holy Hour + Oktoberfest  
Saturday, October 16**

Holy Hour, Confessions, Praise & Worship, Fellowship

- **Praise & Worship by Brendan & Mirella Tobin**
- **St. Malachy Church (Archangel Gabriel Parish)**
  - 343 Forest Grove Road, Coraopolis PA 15108
- **4:00pm Regular Mass (General Audience)**
- **5:30pm Praise & Worship**
- **6:00pm Adoration, Confessions, Reflection Talk by Bishop Waltersheid**
- **7:00pm Oktoberfest Hour – FREE German Sausages & Beer**

- ✓ Any Love Offering Accepted at the Door
- ✓ RVSP to Jerry Hutter at [jerry.hutter@gmail.com](mailto:jerry.hutter@gmail.com)



# Parish News

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### LECTORS - October 16 & October 17

4:00pm at St. Philip - B. J. Gamble  
5:30pm at Ascension - Robert Okraszewski  
7:00am at St. Philip - Patrick Kelly  
9:30am at Ascension - Cindy Urban  
11:00am at St. Philip - Jessica Rea

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - October 16 & October 17

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

### 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.

### BYOB (Bring Your Own Bible) - SALVATION HISTORY

Please join us on **Tuesday, October 12 at 7:00pm** in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building on the Ascension campus. We will continue our discussion of Adam and Eve, the Fall, and look at the accounts of

Cain and Abel.

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.



Please welcome into our faith family... **Mason David Courtney**, son of David John Courtney and Lauren Nicole Paschel who received the Life of Christ in Baptism in our parish on Sunday, October 3, 2021. May he grow in wisdom, age and grace.

### PARISH EVENTS IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA Wednesday, October 13, Ascension Church, 7:00pm

Come to hear a 30 minute well researched presentation on this topic: *"What Was Going On in Moscow, Rome, and Fatima on October 13, 1917?"*

This will be an analysis of the last public apparition of Fatima that was witnessed by 70,000 people in Portugal and also occurrences that were happening in two other parts of the world. There will be time for questions and comments as well as light refreshments. An Ascension parishioner prepared this presentation and has given it at other parishes.

### Saturday, October 16, Saint Philip Cemetery Parking Lot, 12:00 noon

This annual Public Square Rosary Rally in our parish will also honor Our Lady of Fatima. There will be 21,000 other Rosary Rallies scheduled all over our nation at noon on that day. Time investment is 45 minutes. You are welcome to bring a lawn chair; otherwise chairs will be provided.

We hope that you can participate in both events. (Sponsored by the Legion of Mary.)

# Thank You for your support

Thank you to all who supported our fourth annual St. Philip Parish BINGO at Tiffany's... workers, sponsors, basket donors and most especially all who came out to enjoy a Sunday afternoon of bingo, food and fun with friends. The bingo was a huge success and the purses and baskets were a hit. The profit from our *Bingo at Tiffany's* fundraiser was **\$7,674.00**. Thank you again!

## BRIDAL COORDINATOR MINISTRY

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

## GUARDIAN ANGEL ACADEMY SANTA SHOPPE

Attention Crafters! We are looking for handmade items to sell at the Santa Shoppe at Guardian Angel Academy. In the past we have sold scarves, heating pads, hand-painted Christmas tree ornaments, and hand towels. **The Santa Shoppe sale will be held just after Thanksgiving.** If you are willing to donate your special items for the sale, contact Jen Ford at [jbxs36@yahoo.com](mailto:jbxs36@yahoo.com) as soon as possible. Thank you.

## GUARDIAN ANGEL ACADEMY BOOK FAIR

Guardian Angel Academy library is hosting a *Scholastic Book Fair* open house in the school cafeteria after all St. Margaret Masses (7:30am, 9:00am & 10:30am) on **October 17**. Check out books for all ages and pick up gift ideas for the holidays. Preorder *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Big Shot* at a special paperback price! Stop in to browse or buy. This is a great opportunity for parents to preview the Fair and help their students make selections. Or shop online through this link: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/guardianangelacademy>. All proceeds benefit our school library. Major credit cards accepted. Social distancing and masks are required.



We offer our sympathy to the families of **Joseph A. Quaquareucci, Rudolph R. "Rudy" DiPasquale, Jr., Mary Shutterly** and **Lori Omslaer** who entered into eternal life. Please keep them in your prayers.

## Connect with 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 Amanda Louise Ogden*  
Offered by Audra Ogden

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **Ascension** burns *In Loving Memory of Felix ☺ Ottlee Rodgers*  
Offered by Daughter, Pat



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

# Our NEW Initiatives here in Saint Philip Catholic Parish

9/2021

As this year (with our virus vaccinations) continues to return more normalcy to our lives following the world's Covid-19 pandemic, this is now a good time to revitalize our parish community and our life together as the Catholic Christians in Saint Philip Parish!

In addition to returning to our long-standing organizations and ministries, we also hope to establish these **NEW EFFORTS** for the benefit and well-being of our parish community.

Please consider joining in these new and important efforts. Please use this form to reply, and we'll contact you in October to begin these new parish groups and ministries. Thank you very much for your membership and your participation in the life of Saint Philip Catholic Parish. May the Lord Jesus bless you for your response and your dedicated service to him and to his people!

\_\_\_\_\_ **The Saint Philip Parish Evangelization Team** – we want to reach out to our many inactive members and families as well as our neighbors with the Good News of Jesus.

\_\_\_\_\_ **The Saint Philip Parish Volunteer Corps** – we want to create a team of 20 parish members who are willing to assist with parish projects throughout the year such as special events, preparing for the holidays, mailings, and other projects.

\_\_\_\_\_ **The Saint Philip Parish Fundraising Committee** – we want to establish a group of members who will guide and conduct our parish fundraising program and efforts.

\_\_\_\_\_ **The Saint Philip Church and Campus Care (CCC) Team** – we'd like to create a dedicated team of members who will care for our church and campus in Crafton.

\_\_\_\_\_ **The Ascension Church and Campus Care (CCC) Team** – we'd like to create a dedicated team of members who will care for our church and campus in Pittsburgh/ Ingram.

**YES**, I'll be glad to help my parish community! I would like to be considered for volunteer work with the new Saint Philip Parish group/s that I've checked above. Please contact me in the coming weeks as these new projects get underway.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephones Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

***Please complete and return this entire form to  
Saint Philip Parish, 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15205***



# Around the Diocese and Community

and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the following web addresses: [40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh](http://40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh) or [40daysforlifepittsburgh.com](http://40daysforlifepittsburgh.com).

**ADDICTION RECOVERY MINISTRY** — One of our valuable lessons learned over the past few generations is that people with similar pain can be very good for each other. The expansive growth of AA is probably the largest example, but there are many others. Anyone who has ever lost a child knows how helpful others can be who have spent time in a club that no one wants a membership to. Those who have lost a family member or friend because of an addiction have a uniqueness to their grief and thus far, not many groups have been created for this specific pain.

Addiction Recovery Ministry is beginning a grief group for family members or friends who have lost a loved one because of overdose or addiction. Our discussion will be framed by the video, *“Among the Many.”* We will strive to offer hope to anyone grieving such a tragic loss. Our weekly meetings will begin on **Tuesday, November 2 at 7:00pm**, and will be held at the Venerable Matthew Talbot Center for Healing and Hope, located at 2599 Freeport Road in Harmar. If you have experienced this tragedy, please feel welcome; or if you know of someone who has, please invite them. For more information, please contact Deacon Tim Noca at (412) 793-4511, ext. 21 or by email at [tnoca@diopitt.org](mailto:tnoca@diopitt.org).



**EVERY LIFE IS WORTH LIVING**

**MASS FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE AND RESPECT AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON** — Bishop David Zubik will celebrate a Mass for the protection of life in all of its stages to promote respect and care for the human person from conception to natural death on **Tuesday, October 19 at 7:00pm in St. Paul Cathedral**.

The **Rosary** will be prayed in the Cathedral at **6:30pm** in reparation for all disrespect and violence against human life.

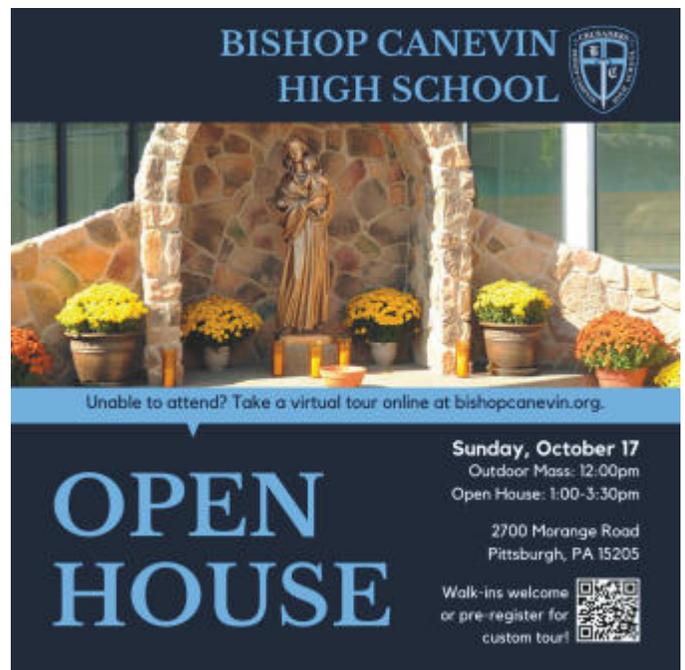
All are welcome to the Pro-Life Rosary and Mass.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND** — Walk in the footsteps of Jesus in the Holy Land, **January 14-24, 2022**, guided by Bishop William Waltersheid. Sail the Sea of Galilee, visit Bethlehem, walk the Via Dolorosa. \$3899 includes airfare, hotel, all transit and most meals. Optional extension to Jordan.

Book online at [www.bit.ly/Bishop2022](http://www.bit.ly/Bishop2022) or call Belinda at 724-679-7450 or [belinda@unitours.com](mailto:belinda@unitours.com). Other destinations are available in 2022-2023.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** — We 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, please contact Nikki Bruni at [nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com](mailto:nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com). Learn more; get involved;



**BISHOP CANEVIN HIGH SCHOOL**

Unable to attend? Take a virtual tour online at [bishopcanevin.org](http://bishopcanevin.org).

**OPEN HOUSE**

**Sunday, October 17**  
 Outdoor Mass: 12:00pm  
 Open House: 1:00-3:30pm

2700 Morange Road  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Walk-ins welcome or pre-register for custom tour!





# Religious Education

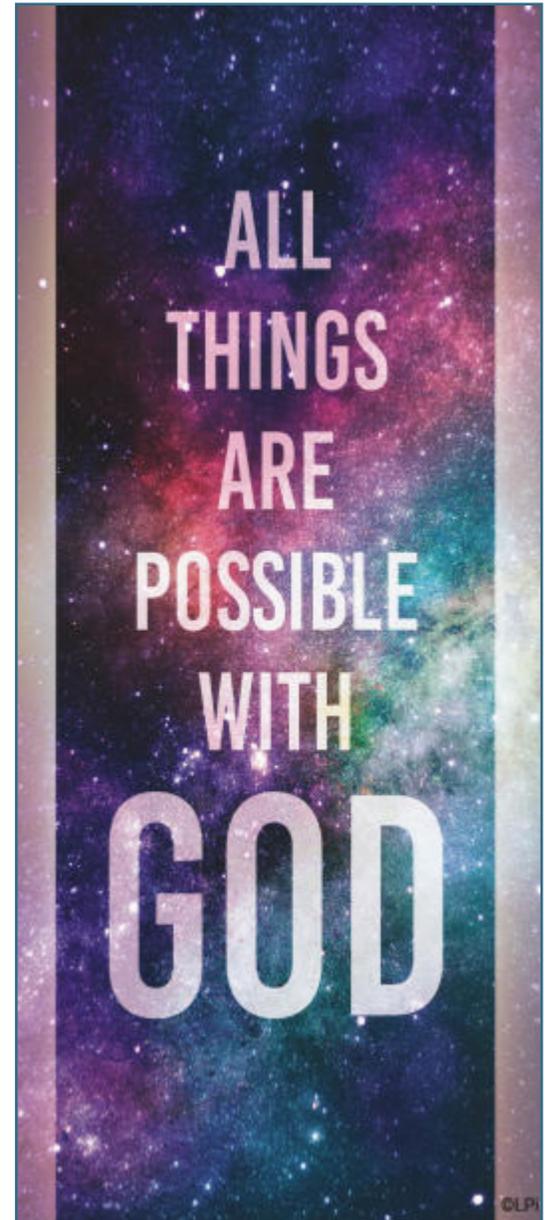
Ms. MaryAnn Garfold, Director of Religious Education  
412-922-6388 [stphilipreligioused@gmail.com](mailto:stphilipreligioused@gmail.com)

**MARYANN'S THOUGHTS:** In the second reading for this Sunday we hear, *"The Word of God is living and effective."* Here at St. Philip Parish we have had a busy week. On Sunday, Fr. John Skirtish spoke to our high school team on *"Responding to God's Call."* On Monday Night, our Faith Formation Program experienced how St. Francis heard the call of God and how he lived and shared the love of Jesus. We enjoyed celebrating together the Joy of the Gospel with a pizza supper and a visit from Animal Friends. On Tuesday, our Quilters Group gathered together and St. Vincent de Paul held their weekly meeting. The Salvation History Bible Study group also meets on Tuesdays. On Wednesday, our Travel Ministry Group traveled to Loretto, PA where we visited the residence and chapel of Fr. Gallitzin and celebrated Mass in the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. On Thursday, we initiated a faith group for mothers of small children. On Saturday, we shared our treasures at our Flea Market. The Word of God is very much in the hearts of the people of St. Philip Parish and we can say the *"Word of God is living and effective"* in this place. We will have many opportunities to hear and live the word of God in the coming weeks. Let us continue to share our love for God and one another.

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS: Monday Night Faith Formation Sessions take place each week from 7:00pm to 8:15pm.** If you have not registered your child and would like to participate, please call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

**BAPTISM:** We are accepting requests for the Sacrament of Baptism. Please call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388 if you would like to have your child baptized at St. Philip Parish. The process takes several weeks. First time parents are asked to attend a session to understand and prepare for the sacrament. Our next Baptism Session will be held on Wednesday, October 20 at 6:30pm in Ascension Administration Building.

**COFFEE, TEA AND COMMUNITY BREAKFAST:** Our first breakfast of the year will take place on **Thursday, October 21 from 8:30am to 10:00am.** We begin with a hot buffet breakfast of eggs, muffins, fruit, breakfast breads, cereal, yogurt, coffee, tea and juice. Following breakfast, we will hear a talk from MaryAnn Garfold on *"Praying in Color."* We conclude the morning with Community Speaker, Amber Atkins, owner of The Cakery Bake Shop speaking on finding the "perfect dessert." To make a reservation and join us, please call 412-922-6388.





# COFFEE, TEA & COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

**Thursday, October 21, 2021  
8:30am to 10:00am**

**Ascension Church Conner Hall**

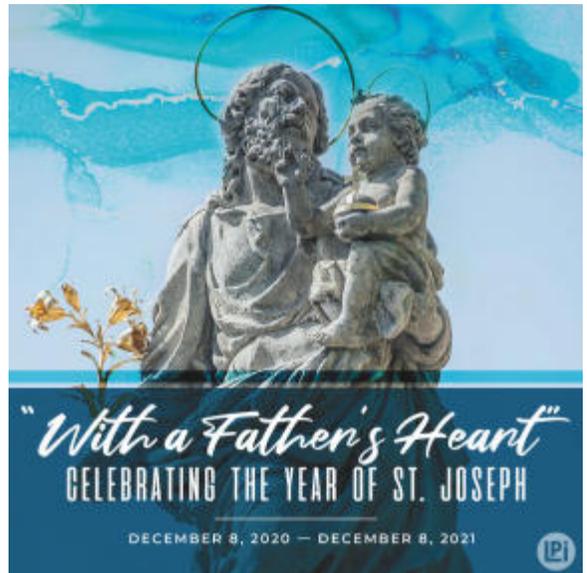
Enjoy eggs, muffins, bagels, waffles, cereal,  
yogurt, fruit, juice, tea and coffee.

**9:00am** - Prayer Reflection: *Praying in Color*

**9:30am** - Talk by Amber Atkins owner of  
The Cakery: Finding the Perfect Dessert  
for a Special Occasion

**10:00am** - Concluding Blessing

All are welcome. Reservations are  
requested by calling 412-922-6388.



The reason to have a devotion to Saint Joseph is simple: no one was closer to Jesus and Mary. Saint Joseph occupies a singular place among the saints. He was the spouse of the Blessed Mother, and he exercised fatherhood over the Incarnate Word. By drawing near to him, we draw near to the heart of Jesus Christ.

In *Patris Corde*, the apostolic letter which began the Year of Saint Joseph, Pope Francis writes that “each of us can discover in Joseph-the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet, and hidden presence, an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble.” Looking to the saints, we find ready testimony to the power of Saint Joseph’s patronage.

Saint Teresa of Avila says of Saint Joseph, “I do not remember even now that I have ever asked anything of him which he has failed to grant.” Many saints are noteworthy as patrons for particular sorts of people and situations, but Saint Joseph’s patronage is universal.

Sanctity lies in the loving acceptance of God’s will however our life unfolds. Joseph’s path to sanctity lay in serving Jesus and Mary within the Holy Family. This path led him through times of persecution and exile, and years of simple labor in Nazareth, all the while in silence and trust.

Let us pray to Saint Joseph often asking him to guide our hearts. Saint Joseph, pray for us.





# Ministries & Societies

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE



We would like to thank everyone who attended our *Help Thy Neighbor Walk* on September 26. We were blessed with perfect weather and enthusiastic participants. We started the day off with a prayer, Gospel reading and reflection, proceeded to walk laps around the Ascension worship site, and finished the day with lunch and fellowship. It was a great day and we hope that you will consider joining us next year!

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 buy raffle tickets at <https://form.jotform.com/201684852232151>. Be sure to specify that you are supporting the St. Philip

Conference. You can also purchase raffle tickets by calling or texting our hotline at 412-444-8140 or emailing us at [svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com](mailto:svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com). All of the money raised will stay with our conference and go to help friends in need in our community.

This week, your generous donations enabled us to provide a single mother with 2 beds, 2 dressers and \$300 toward rent; another single mother was given two beds, 4 dressers, clothing vouchers, a household goods voucher, and a washer and dryer; and a disabled woman was given a bed.

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 by visiting <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.

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# Guardian Angel Academy

**CLASSROOM CHRONICLES:** Each week we will highlight the amazing things that are going on in our classrooms here at Guardian Angel Academy.

## MR. DAN BAKER - MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH

Math is Everywhere!!! Let's talk about it!

**The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade** has been working on Solving Equations, Algebraic Expressions and Translating Word Phrases. The next step will be for the students to make word problems into equations and then solve them.

**The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade** has been working on integers with all operations. Next will be Central Tendencies and Strategies. They will find the mean, median, mode, and range. They will have to find what the true mean (average) is.

**The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade** has been working with Decimals! They are working on how to read decimals, place values and problems with all operations. Next, they will be working on how to turn decimals in to fractions, fractions with all operations, and integers in the real world.

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade** has been working on completing problems with all operations. They are working on expanding form and standard form. Next, they will be working on how to find the LCM, GCF, and FRACTIONS!

**TEACHER SPOTLIGHTS:** Each week we will spotlight one of our outstanding teachers here at Guardian Angel Academy.

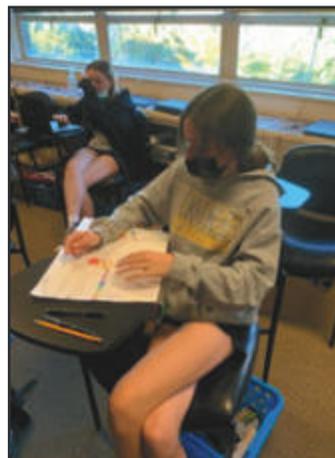
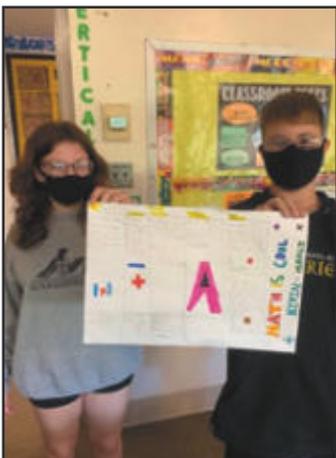


## MRS. VALERIE ROMANOVICH - PRE-SCHOOL AIDE

I am the preschool aide. I have been fortunate to have this position for the last five years. Working at the school that my daughter, Sophia (4<sup>th</sup> grade) goes to is such a blessing. I am happy to work in the borough that I live in.

I went to Holy Innocents Grade School, Bishop Canevin High School and I'm a graduate of Duquesne University with a Bachelors in Elementary Education. When not at work, I'm hanging out with my husband, Craig, stepson, Tyler and his wonderful girlfriend, Katelyn, and our daughter, Sophia. We were lucky to get in a full family vacation this year to the Disney Hilton Head Resort. Those are wonderful memories.

My other passion is baking. I own a homebased cookie business, V&S Homemade Cookies, LLC. I make over 30 different types of cookies. Keep my small business in mind for your next event.





## This Sunday's Bible Readings

### FIRST READING:

*I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepter and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her. (Wis 7:7-8)*



### PSALM:

*Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Ps 90)*



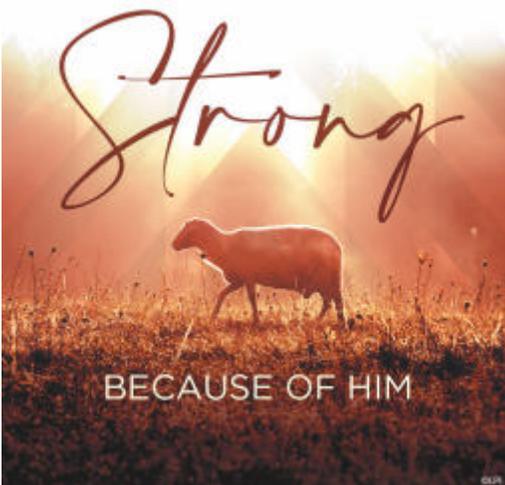
### SECOND READING:

*No creature is concealed from him, but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must render an account. (Heb 4:13)*



### GOSPEL:

*"Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." (Mk 10:21)*



## — AROUND THE COMMUNITY —

**BISHOP CANEVIN OPEN HOUSE** — Are you interested in learning more about Bishop Canevin High School? Join us on **October 17** for our Fall Open House. Students in grades 5-11 and their families are invited to visit BC for an insider's look at all that our Jesuit-inspired education has to offer. Come meet our students, faculty and staff and imagine yourself as a BC Crusader.

**Outdoor Mass begins at 12:00pm.**

**Open House will be held from 1:00pm to 3:30pm.**

Bishop Canevin High School is located at 2700 Morange Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15205. Walk-ins welcome, or pre-register online at <https://forms.gle/78CUctK7ZvfqShHdA>. We can't wait to meet you!

Unable to attend? Take a virtual tour of Bishop Canevin online at [www.bishopcanevin.org](http://www.bishopcanevin.org).



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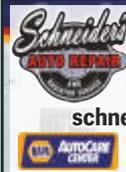
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