



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 17, 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
- Rev. Lawrence Adams, Ascension Rectory

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

- Robert Bertocchi, Frank Bey,
- Patricia Cygrymus, Barbara Hendrick,
- Joseph Hoover, Dolores Leone, Martin Matko,
- Patricia McDermott (Co-Chair), Katie Phillips,
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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

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- Saint Philip Office (412) 922-6300
- Faith Formation Office (412) 922-6388
- Society of SVdEP (412) 444-8140
- Guardian Angel Academy (412) 922-4765



29TH 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
Pittsburgh, PA 15220
Mr. Robert Munz, Principal

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: Should be submitted to maureen@saintphilipchurch.org no later than 12:00pm on Friday to be included in the following week's bulletin.





CONFESSION

Offered Saturdays from 12:00pm 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
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16 — WEEKDAY			
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
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17 — TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
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
MONDAY, OCTOBER 18 — SAINT LUKE, EVANGELIST			
Saint Philip	8:00am	John Priselac	Linda Priselac
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19 — SAINTS JOHN DE BREBEUF & ISAAC JOGUES, PRIESTS AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS			
Ascension	8:00am	Robert B. Clark	Jeff, Kathy, Doug, & Sherrylynn
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	John Malich	Linda Garay
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Debbie Warner	Family
Saint Philip	2:00pm	Wedding - Brad T. Clingan and Carlie F. Goodwin	
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Jenny McNally	Bill McNally & Family
Saint Philip	2:00pm	Wedding - James R. DeWeese & Kelly E. O'Toole	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Dave Stahurski	Wife, Valerie
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	David Hendrick	Katie Phillips
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24 — THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Joe Hayes	Family
Ascension	9:30am	Dorothy Killmeyer	Ray & Dianne Killmeyer
Saint Philip	11:00am	Joan Meyer	Bernard Meyer & Family

DID YOU KNOW?



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



Notes from the Pastor

Welcome to Father Larry Adams

Beginning this weekend, we 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!

Additional priest assistance on Saturday evenings

For a great many people, Saturday is a day for relaxing, watching sports, having activities with the family, or taking care of the house. Here at Saint Philip Parish (as *in every parish*) Saturday is a very busy day. We have the morning Liturgy. We have funerals. We have Confessions. We have weddings. We also have two evening Liturgies. In fact, Saturday is usually our busiest day of each week when it comes to parish Liturgies.

Now that Saint Philip Parish has ONE PRIEST assigned to the parish, several priests from the nearby Saint John Vianney Retirement Manor have offered to assist with our Saturday evening Liturgies in both of our churches. Having recently retired from full-time ministry, Father James Kunkel and Father Al Semler will begin joining us on a rotating schedule for one of the Saturday evening Masses. They have both served our Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh for many years, and now we welcome them to our Saint Philip Parish churches beginning this weekend.

Please join us in welcoming Father Jim Kunkel and Father Al Semler as they join us for the Liturgy and

Greetings once again, and best wishes for a very good Autumn!

A Sunday Reflection

This weekend, Bishop David Zubik has asked that every Liturgy be a Mass of the Holy Spirit as Pope Francis has begun a time of conversation and discussion in the Catholic Church throughout the world. As with all things in the life of the Church, we rely on the Holy Spirit to fill us with divine grace and to guide and inspire our actions and our life together.

This new time of discussion over the next two years will be a time to examine our life together as disciples of the Lord Jesus and as members of the People of God. We are all united in one Faith, one Lord, and one Baptism. We share a communion of life with God and with one another. Yet, in this shared life, we still have our own distinct cultures and histories and societies. It's Pope Francis' hope that we will have a worldwide conversation to deepen our bond with one another and to learn, understand, and respect the differences that exist among Catholics around the world.

As this new Catholic Synod begins - and as it continues - may we all offer and continue our prayers to the Holy Spirit and to the Lord Jesus that we and the entire Church throughout the world will conduct a good and holy and fruitful conversation. Over the next two years, may this Synod unite us more closely to the Lord Jesus and to all our fellow Catholic Christians in the bonds of our faith, of the Eucharist, and of charity!

You're invited to a Liturgy with Bishop David Zubik this Sunday afternoon, October 17, at 2:30pm, at Saint Paul Cathedral, Fifth Avenue, Oakland, as he leads our local Church in prayer to the Holy Spirit for this new worldwide Catholic Synod. All are welcome!

the Eucharist on Saturday evenings. Many thanks to them for their assistance!

[2022 Mass Intention and Sanctuary Lamp Request Forms](#)

Beginning NEXT SATURDAY, October 23, Mass Intention and Sanctuary Lamp Request Forms for next year - 2022 - will be available in both Saint Philip and Ascension churches beginning at 8:00am. Return envelopes will also be available in both churches.

Once again, you may request TWO (2) Sunday and TWO (2) Weekday Mass Intentions for next year. We will maintain the same Mass Schedule next year as we have this year. Please complete your Request Form with all the information needed, and then return the Form with your Mass Intention donations (\$10 each) or your Sanctuary Lamp donations (\$20 each) to the parish office or to the collection basket (or even through the postal mail).

We will also send out the Request Form via our Flocknote email service next weekend as well.

Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Lamp Requests will be scheduled in the order they are received! A notice of your scheduled dates and times will be sent to you in late November once all the requests have been scheduled.

October - a month for Pro-Life efforts

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!

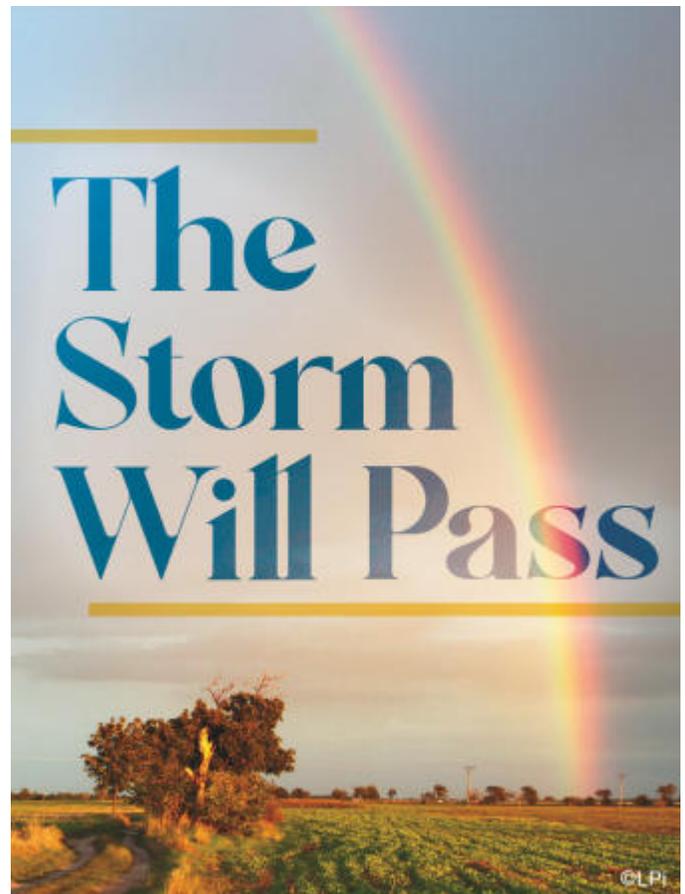
Bishop David Zubik will preside at a special Liturgy for the Protection of Human Life on Tuesday, October 19, at 7:00pm, at Saint Paul Cathedral, Fifth Avenue in Oakland. All our members and families are most welcome to attend and participate!

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!

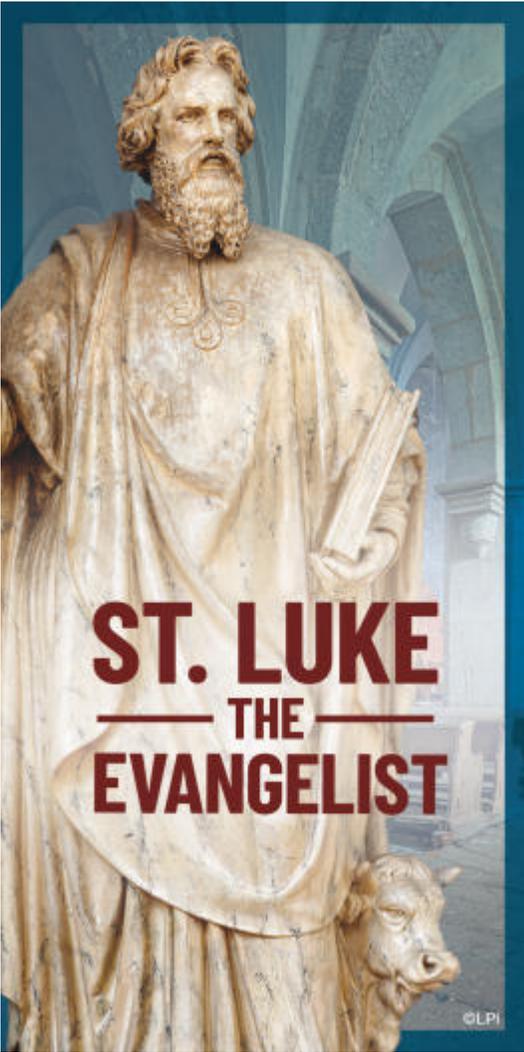
Yours,
Father Jim Torquato



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



Your goodness and participation help to keep our parish alive!



ST. LUKE — THE — EVANGELIST



BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 17:

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

This week:

Romans 5-6; Luke 12-13

Sunday, October 24:

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6;
Mark 10:46-52

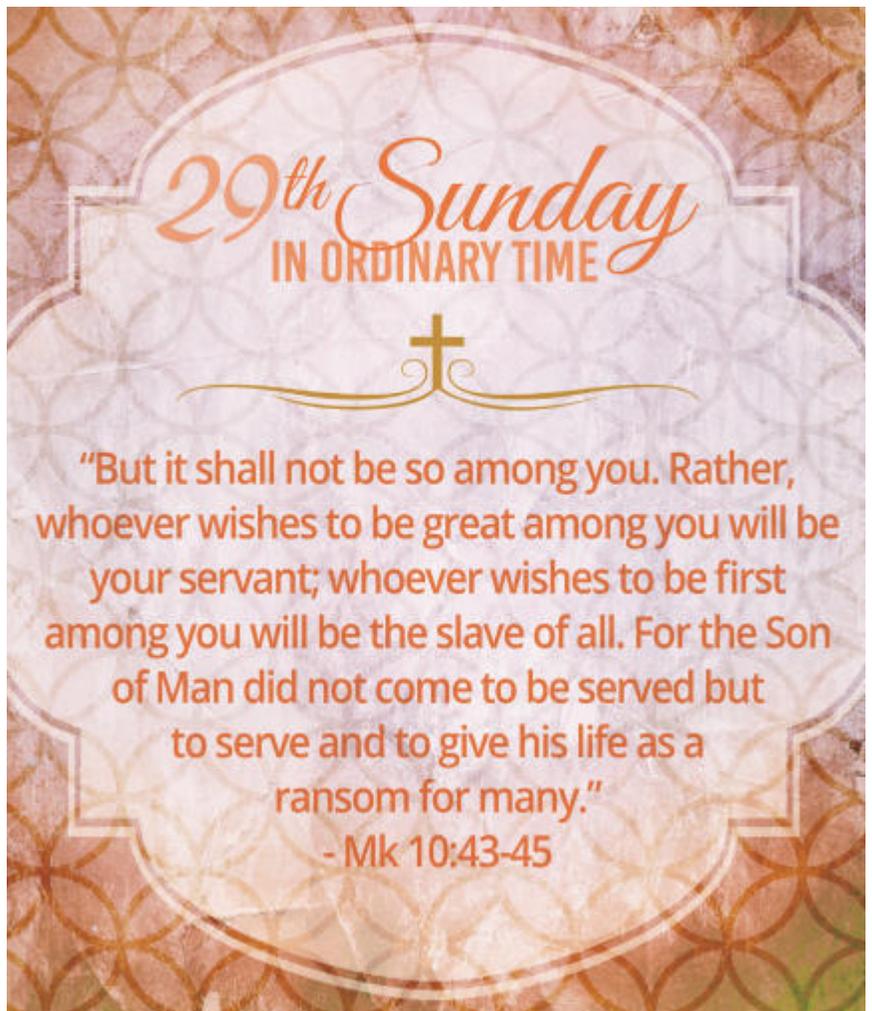
FINANCIAL REPORT OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collection total, October 9-10 , 2021	-- \$5,884.00
Average weekly online donations	-- \$1,784.00

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year	-- \$724,000.00
Parish income <u>received</u> since July 1, 2021	-- \$149,333.00
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
Weekly contribution to Guardian Angel Academy	-- \$1,400.00

Parish members -- 3,463	Parish families -- 1,719
Church attendance on October 9-10	-- 619
Sunday envelopes used	-- 227
Online contributions this week	-- 33
Total households receiving envelopes	-- 1,151





Parish News

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS - October 23 & October 24

4:00pm at St. Philip - Richard Musser
5:30pm at Ascension - Richard Schubert
7:00am at St. Philip - B. J. Gamble
9:30am at Ascension - Linda Barone
11:00am at St. Philip - Katelyn Hoff

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - October 23 & October 24

4:00pm at St. Philip - Kathy Hayes
5:30pm at Ascension - Mary Schubert
7:00am at St. Philip - Beth Ayres
9:30am at Ascension - Joe Allen
11:00am at St. Philip - Chris Falki

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.

ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE

Tuesday, November 2 is Election Day and our bake sale is returning. We hope we can count on our bakers once again. **Baked goods can be dropped off Monday evening, November 1 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm.**



Please welcome into our faith family... **Norah Jane Kaczorowski**, daughter of James Ronald and Stephanie Patricia Baeder Kaczorowski, who received the Life of Christ in Baptism in our parish on Sunday, October 10, 2021. May she grow in wisdom, age and grace.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please keep in mind that the bulletin deadline is 12:00pm Friday for the following Sunday's bulletin.

NEXT WEEKEND - SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next Sunday, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. While only some are called to go to the missions to serve, all of us are called by our Baptism to support the Church's missionary work by our prayers and our financial help. The entire Church is given this opportunity to assist the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe where priest, religious and lay leaders share our faith and serve the poorest of the poor. We ask you to be as generous as you can to this annual collection.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

St. Philip Parish is represented at the *40 Days for Life* Campaign every Wednesday from 3:00pm to 5:00pm outside Planned Parenthood at 933 Liberty Avenue. Come to pray and hold a pro-life sign with your parish family. If you would like to carpool downtown, call 412-920-9091 and leave a message.

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 jbxbs36@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 an 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: www.scholastic.com/bf/guardianangelacademy. All proceeds benefit our school library. Major credit cards accepted. Social distancing and masks are required.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE Closing Event!

Eucharistic Procession from Planned Parenthood to Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church, Sunday, October 3rd

Followed by Mass at Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church at 7:00pm,

to close our 40 Days for Life fall campaign, and to thank God for His protection and provision, and for all the lives saved from abortion during the fall 40 Days for Life campaign.

Prayers with the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 6:30pm in front of Planned Parenthood (933 Liberty Ave), followed by a candle-lit procession to Epiphany Church (Candles will be provided). Mass will immediately follow.

For more information contact Nikki Bruni, 412-926-9413 or nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com



We offer our sympathy to the families of **Mary Ann Bussard, Judith Krivickas, Anthony Krivickas, Helen Crowley, and John Rodgers** 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.



Please Support
SAINT PHILIP PARISH!
by including the parish in your will and estate planning.

Thank you!

Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **St. Philip** burns
For the Special Intention of Lenore Pope

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **Ascension** burns
In Loving Memory of The Gallagher
☺ Morris Families
Offered by John & Anna Gallagher



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

Renewing our current Saint Philip Parish organizations and ministries following the Pandemic.

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It's time now to renew our many parish organizations and ministries as we move into community life after the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Here's your opportunity to step forward and serve our Saint Philip Parish community in one of these long-standing organizations and ministries which we're seeking to revitalize as we approach 2022 and the years ahead.

Please consider renewing your organization membership, OR consider becoming a **NEW** member or minister in the following groups. Thank you very much for your active participation in the Church of the Lord.

Name _____ Address _____
Telephone _____ Cell phone _____
Email address _____

Liturgical Ministries

- Greeter/ Hospitality
- Usher
- Lector
- Communion Minister
- Church Sacristan
- Student Server
- Adult Server
- Funeral Server/ Sacristan
- Wedding Coordinator

Music Ministries

- Choir Member
- Cantor
- Instrumentalist

Faith Formation / Religious Education

- Classroom Catechist **OR** Aide
- CCD Session Assistant
- Baptism Prep Team
- RCIA Team **OR** High School Ministry

Parish and Catholic Organizations

- Saint Vincent de Paul Society
- Legion of Mary
- Knights of Columbus
- Ancient Order of Hibernians
- Ladies' Quilting Group
- Men's Fellowship Group
- Parish Outreach to Seniors
- Grief Support Group

***Please complete and return this entire form to the Saint Philip Parish Office,
114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15205 (Telephone 412-922-6300). Thank you!***



Around the Diocese and Community

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 or contact Belinda at 724-679-7450 or belinda@unitours.com. Other destinations are available in 2022-2023.

MASS FOR SINGLE ADULTS —

A Mass for Single Adults with The Most Reverend William J. Waltersheid, Auxiliary Bishop of Pittsburgh, will be held **Friday, November 12 at 6:30pm** at the St. Malachy Worship Site of the Archangel Gabriel Parish, 343 Forest Grove Road, (Kennedy Township), Coraopolis, PA 15108. After Mass, join the Catholic Alumni Club in the social hall for light refreshments, games and socialization.

Visit: www.cacpittsburgh.org/bishop-waltersheid-mass or call 412-341-4070, opt 4 for more information.

The Catholic Alumni Club is a non-profit organization providing a framework for single Catholics to meet and socialize with other singles 21 and over. In addition to social activities, the CAC also provides programs of spiritual development and community service for its members.

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 that 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.

BISHOP CANEVIN OPEN HOUSE —

Join us this **Sunday, October 17** for our Fall Open House. Students in grades 5-11 and their families are invited to visit BC (located at 2700 Morange Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15205) for an insider’s look at all that our Jesuit-inspired education has to offer. **Outdoor Mass begins at 12:00pm. Open House will be held from 1:00pm to 3:30pm.** Pre-register at <https://forms.gle/78CUctK7ZvfqShHdA> or Walk-ins welcome! Unable to attend? Take a virtual tour of Bishop Canevin at www.bishopcanevin.org.

BIRTHRIGHT: HOW WE CAN HELP —

If you think you might be pregnant, we at Birthright of Pittsburgh want to provide help and hope. We care about you and your baby and are here to give encouragement and practical assistance. **Services include:** guidance, free pregnancy tests, emotional support, infant clothing, diapers & wipes, advocacy, practical resources (bus passes, Uber cards, grocery gift cards), and other emergency assistance. **We also provide information about** pregnancy/fetal development, adoption, insurance assistance, childcare, continuing education, employment, housing/shelter, community resources and prenatal care. For information, call 412-621-1988 or email: hope@birthrightpittsburgh.org.

PATHWAY TO CARE AND RECOVERY —

If you or someone you know needs information, support or help with a drug or alcohol problem, call 412-325-7550 or PA Get Help Now at 1-800-662-HELP (4357). **Services include:** information, peer support, case management, connection to other human services, mobile response teams, and more. 365/24/7 - Call or walk in (326 Third Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15222). Here you will find care - no judgment.



Religious Education

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

MARYANN'S THOUGHTS: In today's Gospel we hear: *"Whoever wants to be great among you, will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you, will be the slave of all."* How do we serve others? For parents the answer is easy. When we cook dinner for a family after a hard day, we are God's servants. When we spend time helping children with their homework; when we call a friend who lives alone; when we lose sleep staying up with a sick child or parent; when we rake the leaves of an elderly neighbor; when we take the time to listen to a stranger in the grocery store, we are God's servants. Let us look for moments this week when we can be servants. Let our wants and desires give way to the wants and desires of God in our lives.

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 the Administration Building on the Ascension campus.

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, call 412-922-6388.

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM: Our next High School gathering will be on **Sunday, November 7 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm**. There will be a social gathering with teen activities, trivia contest, pizza and desserts. We will enjoy faith sharing with Pastoral Associate and former High School Campus Minister, Amy Martin. All will be home in time for the Steelers' game.

Faith Formation Program



Travel Ministry



Saint Philip Parish Faith Formation Events

ST. PHILIP FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM celebrated the feast of St Francis on October 4 with a pizza supper followed by a visit from Animal Friends. Participants learned about the life of St. Francis and how he was responsible for the first Nativity Scene. Later they shared their pet stories and received a blessing for their pets.



On Wednesday, October 6, **ST. PHILIP TRAVEL MINISTRY** traveled by bus and Amtrack Train to Loretto, PA. They toured St. Michael the Archangel Minor Basilica where Father Torquato celebrated Mass. They enjoyed a hot buffet lunch followed by a visit to the home and chapel of Father Demetrius Gallitzin known as the Apostle of the Alleghenies. The trip ended with a tour of Mount Assisi Sunken Gardens and the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. Plan to join us on our next trip in the Spring of 2022.





COFFEE, TEA & COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Thursday, October 21

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.



Now the angel, having thus appeared, talks not with Mary but with Joseph. And what does he say? *“Arise, and take the young Child and His mother. For Herod will seek the Child’s life.”*

Joseph, when he heard these things, was not offended. Neither did he say, *“This is hard to understand. Did you not earlier say that, ‘He should save His people?’ And now He saves not even Himself, instead we must flee and go far from home, and be a long time away. The facts are contrary to the promise.”*

No, none of these things does he say—for the man was faithful. Neither is he curious about the time of his return, even though the angel had put it indefinitely: *“Stay there until I tell you.”* Instead, not even at this did he shudder, but he submits and obeys, undergoing all trials with joy... Hence, again we are taught never to be thrown into confusion when what is happening appears contrary to God’s promise... Be not troubled, for He usually accomplishes His own plans through what is opposed to them, providing us from this a very great demonstration of His power.

Thus did the Lord lead on His own disciples also, and prepared them to do all their duty, bringing about things by their contraries, that the marvel might be greater.

—Saint John Chrysostom

God of all consolation, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that, like Saint Joseph, we may endure all weaknesses, uncertainty, confusion, insults, hardships, challenges, and persecutions for the sake of Jesus Christ who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Hail, guardian of the redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.



Ministries & Societies

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

When the weather starts to get cold, most of us are fortunate enough to turn on our furnace without thinking too much about the cost of the electricity or gas needed to power it. Unfortunately, for some, the cost of heating their home during the winter is a big hardship. If you or someone you know worries about how you will pay to heat your home this winter, LIHEAP is here to help.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, better known as LIHEAP, provides households that meet certain income requirements grants from \$200 to \$1000 which can be applied to your electric or gas account, depending on which one you use to heat your home. This money does not have to be paid back, and you can get the grant even if you are not behind on your heating bill. LIHEAP also helps people in emergency situations by providing monetary assistance to avoid a shut off, restore a shut off utility, replenish heating fuel, and fix broken heating equipment. If you use Peoples Gas to heat your home, you can apply starting October 18. If you use another utility company's service to heat your home, you can apply starting November 1.

To learn more about LIHEAP or to apply, visit: www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/LIHEAP.aspx. To apply prior to November 1 if you are a Peoples Gas customer, visit: www.peoples-gas.com/my-account/help-pay/pa/liheap.php.

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. All of the money raised will stay with our conference and go to help friends in need in our community.

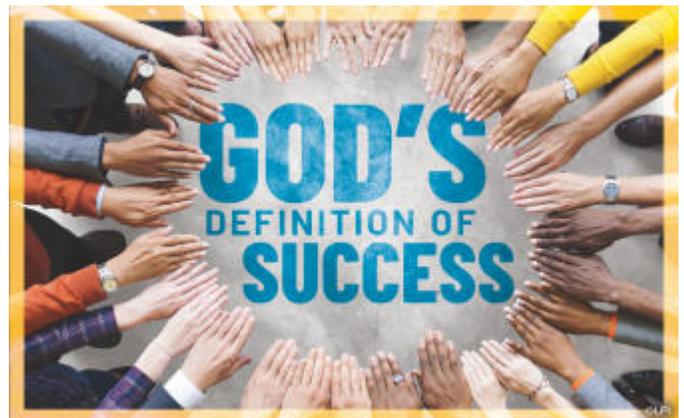
This week, your generous donations enabled us to give a disabled, single mother up to \$500 to get her gas turned

back on, and a woman who has been out of work due to health reasons was given up to \$500 for rent (the final dollar amounts are still pending).

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. 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. 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.



MRS. ANNE PETERSON'S CLASSROOM

Students in Mrs. Peterson's sixth grade Social Studies Class will be studying ancient civilizations this year. We started by learning about the stone ages and early cultures. Students were broken into groups to research and create a Google Slideshow and poster based on Neolithic Megaliths around the world. They also recreated "Stone Age Cave Paintings" in art class using blending techniques and pastels.

After reading a number of short stories and poetry by authors such as Jack London, Ray Bradbury, Walt Whitman and Robert Frost in our reading class, students switched gears and are reading the novel, "[The Egypt Game](#)." We will be completing a novel study, chapter quizzes, and projects based on it. The novel will also lead up to our next ancient civilization in social studies, Egypt.

Some other projects we have been working on in our sixth grade classes are personal narratives in English class, the seven days of creation posters for religion, and recreations of Van Gogh's Sunflowers, inspired by sunflowers grown in Mrs. Peterson's garden, in art class.

In Mrs. Peterson's seventh and eighth grade Spanish Class, students started the year learning about Spanish speaking countries around the world, concentrating this quarter on Central America and the Caribbean. They were quizzed on locating the countries and capitals on a map. They are also required to create a Google slide presentation based on their assigned country. Students will be researching the government, religion, culture and geography of the country. In addition to this, they are beginning to learn to speak and write in Spanish about themselves and others. They are working on preparing a conversation with a partner to perform in front of the class.

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



MRS. OLGA KAISER: My name is Olga Kaiser and I am currently the kindergarten teacher at Guardian Angel Academy.

I am a graduate of Edinboro State University with a B.S. in Elementary and Early Childhood Education. I received my Instructional II and Permanent Certification from the State of Pennsylvania.

My teaching experiences include the following grades: Kindergarten, 1st, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade English. During the years of 2016 to 2020, I enjoyed working with the students from 5th through 8th grade in developing their public speaking skills as Forensics Moderator. I currently oversee the Morning and After School Program.

I love my work and am blessed to be a part of Guardian Angel Academy, with a great team of dedicated faculty/staff, students and families.

I reside in South Park Township with my husband, Jim, and our cat, Buster. I enjoy spending time with family, riding horses, reading, gardening, and vacationing at the beach and mountains.



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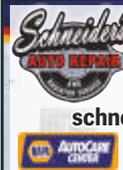
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