



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 24, 2021

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

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30TH 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 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
MONDAY, OCTOBER 25 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	John Gorman	Francine Fischer
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Marie & Bill Reif	Sue & Mike Rust
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28 — SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES			
Ascension	8:00am	Rosemary Rynn	Rynn Family
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Joe & Dorothy Chmiel	Chmiel Family
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	John Schiller	Joanne DiCesare
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Max Homer	Regina McDonald
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Felix & Ottlee Rodgers	Pat Rodgers
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31 — THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Torquato	Family
Ascension	9:30am	Joseph A. Yoest	Peggy Baehr & Debby Sullen
Saint Philip	11:00am	Kathy Lundell	Jeff & Sue Maurer

DID YOU KNOW?



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



Notes from the Pastor

Greetings once again, and best wishes for a good final week of October!

A Sunday Reflection

This Sunday's Gospel reading is the wonderful account of Jesus' healing the blind man in the Gospel according to Mark chapter 10. This account tells us of Jesus' power to give healing to those in need whether that need be physical or spiritual. The account also reminds us that Jesus was called the "Son of David" - a name applied to the long-awaited Messiah and leader of God's People. Finally, this account in Mark shares with us Jesus' assurance that "your faith has saved you" - a promise of the Lord still shared with us and important to all of us today as we continue to place our own faith (and the faith of the entire Church) in Jesus the Lord. These are three wonderful teachings found in today's Gospel according to Mark!

Of course, I could give a thought about each of those three teachings, but I'll simply make a comment about the healing of eyesight. Our vision is one of our five physical senses - senses which we usually take for granted, senses without which we would find life to be very challenging. My prayers go out to those who live without hearing, feeling, taste, or smell - and especially to those who live without eyesight. Most of us can't even imagine what life would be like without eyesight, and so may we be very compassionate and kind to those who are blind or who have limited vision.

Then again, there are so many people who do NOT see the life around them because their eyes and their minds are captivated by all the images and messages of our modern media. So many of us forget our families, our neighbors, and our fellow believers because our eyes are focused only on our smartphones, notebook computers, and television screens. In a very real sense, many people are blind to the life and world around them because they're hypnotized by modern

electronics. Not only does our media distract us from and blind us to what is the real world around us, our modern electronics also infect us with poisonous messages and temptations, and our modern electronics rob us of peace, quiet, and the spiritual life of God.

We all want to see, and to see clearly. In today's world, may we close our eyes to the deluge of modern media and messages that floods into our eyes and our lives every moment of every day. Instead, may we tune out the electronics and tune into the people around us and into the realm of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, our Christian silence, meditation, and prayer can and will give us true and blessed daily living - as well as deeper life in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. May the Lord soon open all our eyes to the very life of God, and may our daily life in the Lord lead all of us into eternal salvation. God bless!

November 1 - All Saints Day

Many people in our nation will be celebrating the Halloween holiday next Sunday. **As Catholic Christians, we celebrate All Saints Day on November 1 and All Souls Day on November 2.** These are two important days during which we remember all the Holy Ones of our Christian history as well as all our deceased family members, friends, and fellow believers.

Because November 1 is a Monday, it will NOT be a Day of Obligation to worship this year, and so our one All Saints Day Liturgy will be Monday, November 1, at 8:00am, at Saint Philip Church.

On Sunday, November 7, at the 11:00am Liturgy, we will remember and pray for all our parish members who were laid to rest in Saint Philip Parish in the past 12 months. We invite the families of our beloved deceased - as well as all parish members and families - to join us for the Annual Memorial Liturgy on Sunday, November 7 at 11:00am at Saint Philip Church. Please join us!

2022 Mass Intention and Sanctuary Lamp Request Forms

Beginning THIS WEEKEND, Mass Intention and Sanctuary Lamp Request Forms for next year - 2022 - will be available in both Saint Philip and Ascension churches. 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 in the coming days 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.

Welcome to Father Larry Adams

Once again, we 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 is 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 these 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 come to preside at the Liturgy on Saturday evenings. Many thanks to them for their assistance!

Best wishes for this Sunday, for All Saints Day, and for the month of November!

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!



TIMES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

These are the times when the **SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION** is available here at Saint Philip Parish and also at Archangel Gabriel Parish:

SAINT PHILIP PARISH

Saturday: 12:00pm - 1:00pm
at *Ascension Church*

ARCHANGEL GABRIEL PARISH

Monday-Friday: 5:30pm - 6:15pm
at *Holy Trinity Church*

Saturday: 11:00am - 12:00pm
at *Saint Malachy Church*

Sunday: 9:30am - 10:30am
at *Saint Mary Church*



BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 24:

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

This week:

Romans 8-9

Sunday, October 31:

Deuteronomy 6:2-6;
Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34

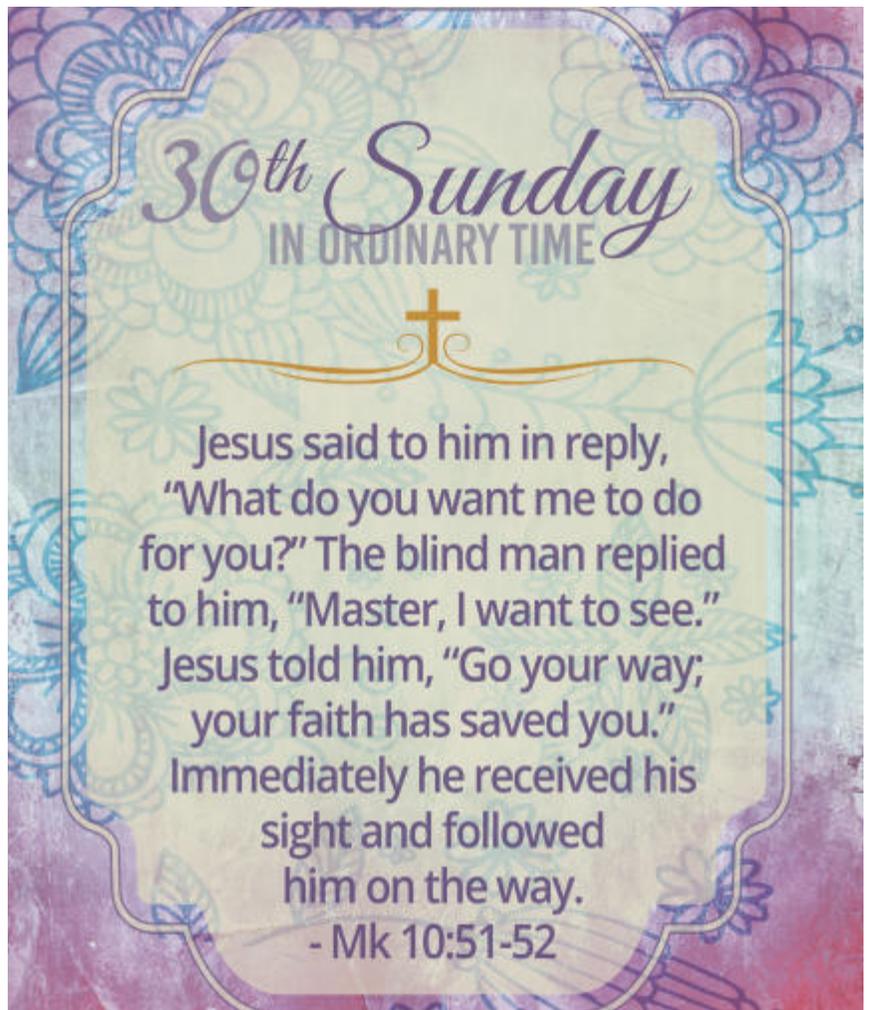
FINANCIAL REPORT  **OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES**

Sunday collection total, **October 16-17**, 2021 -- \$8,067.00
Average weekly online donations -- \$2,456.87

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year -- \$724,000.00
Parish income received since July 1, 2021 -- \$159,856.87
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 16-17** -- 596
Sunday envelopes used -- 244
Online contributions this week -- 21
Total households receiving envelopes -- 1,151





Parish News

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS - October 30 & October 31

- 4:00pm at St. Philip - Denny Maher
- 5:30pm at Ascension - Robert Okraszewski
- 7:00am at St. Philip - Patrick Kelly
- 9:30am at Ascension - Linda Barone
- 11:00am at St. Philip - B. J. Gamble

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - October 30 & October 31

- 4:00pm at St. Philip - Ursula Eberle
- 5:30pm at Ascension - Nancy Salinski
- 7:00am at St. Philip - Karen Rozeck
- 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.



Please welcome into our faith family... **Niko Joseph Tancraitor** son of Gregory Joseph and Lisa Marie Lach Tancraitor, who received the Life of Christ in Baptism in our parish on Sunday, October 17, 2021. May he grow in wisdom, age and grace.

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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



SPECIAL COLLECTION

Today we 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.

ST. PHILIP ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT

The annual St. Philip Men's Retreat will be held **November 12-14** at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center on the Southside. If you wish to attend or would just like information, call Al Bannon at 412-853-1341 or Joe Hoover at 412-310-6691.

ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE AND LUNCHEON

Election Day is **Tuesday, November 2**. Our parish Election Day Luncheon and Bake Sale will be held from **9:00am to 2:00pm** in Ascension's Conner Hall. We have become known for our fabulous baked goods table thanks to your generosity and willingness to help. Sooo..., we are asking you once again to get out your recipes and consider whipping up a batch or two of your specialties (cookies, cakes, pies, fudge, candy) for our bake sale. All proceeds benefit the parish. Help us keep this good thing going.

Donations of baked goods can be taken to Conner Hall from 5:30pm to 6:30pm on Monday, November 1. And don't forget, no matter where your polling place, if you are looking for somewhere to have lunch before or after voting, please stop by.



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, please contact Jen Ford at jbxbs36@yahoo.com as soon as possible. Thank you.

GUARDIAN ANGEL ACADEMY PTG
CASH BASH
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022
IN THE GUARDIAN ANGEL ACADEMY CAFETERIA
 Doors open at 5:00pm, Dinner at 5:30pm, Games start at 6:00pm, Raffles start at 7:00pm, Auction Drawings start at 9:00pm, Final Payout at 9:30pm.

\$25 PER TICKET Includes admission to the event, catered dinner and beer. BYOB is allowed.

TABLE RESERVATIONS - Reserve a table of 8 seats for an additional \$20.
 Face masks will be required inside unless eating or drinking.

Each ticket includes 3 raffle numbers.	7:00pm - \$500.00	7:45pm - \$150.00	8:30pm - \$350.00
Only 333 tickets will be sold!	7:15pm - \$150.00	8:00pm - \$500.00	8:45pm - \$150.00
	7:30pm - \$350.00	8:15pm - \$150.00	9:30pm - \$1,500.00

Additional Cash Prizes will be available to win. TICKET MUST BE PRESENTED FOR ADMISSION. Each ticket admits one person. Need not to be present to win. Winners will be notified. Must be 21 years old to enter. All unclaimed tickets become property of Guardian Angel Academy PTG Cash Bash.

For Tickets, email Carla Dick at cadick3@gmail.com
They are also available for pick up at the Guardian Angel Academy office.



We offer our sympathy to the families of **John J. Cherry, Joseph W. Manzella** and **Dorothy Renziehausen**, 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.

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 Joe Hayes
 Offered by Kathy Hayes

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

SECURITIES BROKERAGE SERVICES

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



St. Philip Parish has teamed up with Texas Roadhouse to raise a little "Dough"!

All orders due at the parish office on November 4th.

Non Refundable Payment is due with order. All orders are PICK UP ONLY @ Conner Hall on Wednesday, November 17, 2021.



Ribs, Chicken, Pulled Pork, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, and Dinner Roll

Cost: \$20 per dinner



Purchase those delicious rolls and butter for your holiday feast!!!

1 dozen Frozen Dinner rolls \$5
8 oz. Honey Cinnamon Butter \$2

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Dinners: _____ Dinner Rolls _____ Butter _____

Total enclosed _____ Please make checks payable to: St. Philip Parish

Please check your time of pickup. **Wed., Nov. 17, 2021**



4:00-4:30



4:30-5:00



5:00-5:30



5:30-6:00



Around the Diocese and Community

Book online at www.bit.ly/Bishop2022 or call Belinda at 724-679-7450 or email her at 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 provides programs of spiritual development and community service for its members.

ADDICTION RECOVERY MINISTRY — Our Grief Support for those who have lost a loved one to addiction begins 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. Our *Six Steps to Sanity* classes continue led by Chico and Joe Ficalal. For more information, contact Deacon Tim Noca at 412-793-4511, ext. 21 or by email at tnoca@diopitt.org.



FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER — A *Free Thanksgiving Dinner* for those suffering from Substance Abuse Disorders will be held **Thursday, November 25 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm** in the St. Francis Social Hall, 2599 Freeport Road, Harmar, PA 15238. This community outreach is sponsored by Addiction Recovery Ministry.

In addition, Addiction Recovery Ministry will hold a *Trivia Night* fundraiser on **Saturday, November 27 starting at 7:00pm** in the church hall at St. Francis, 2599 Freeport Road. The registration fee is \$10 per person and teams consist of up to 4 people.

Contact: 412-378-9290 or mwdarm@gmail.com, rhaasarm@gmail.com.

Facebook: Addiction Recovery Ministry Pittsburgh
Website: addictionrecoveryministrypittsburgh.org.



REVEAL: THEOLOGY OF THE BODY CONFERENCE

— Join with Catholics from around the diocese for *REVEAL: Theology of the Body Conference*. Receive the inspiring teaching of Pope St. John Paul II from dynamic speakers: Fr. Joe Freedy, Fr. Adam Potter, Maria & Dave Phelps, Fr. Tim Deely and Lindsay Fey. Hear in-depth but understandable presentations on the theology, plus practical application in today's culture. Conferences are intended for all adults regardless of vocation. Two dates, two locations, same great conference:

October 30, 8:30am to 4:00pm - St. Louise de Marillac

November 6, 8:30am to 4:00pm - St. John Neumann

Go to drybonespgh.org/reveal for more information or to register.

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.



Religious Education

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

MARYANN'S THOUGHTS: I have in the past shared my pilgrim journeys with you and this week I share my most recent journey to the Basilica in Washington, D.C. on October 13. After a 6-hour journey across the Pennsylvania Turnpike, we arrived at the Basilica for lunch and a tour. Little did we know that there was no lunch. The cafeteria was closed due to COVID. We were not expected to eat again until 6:00pm that night. We were not ready for a 12 hour fast although someone suggested it. One woman had a rice crispy treat, another a few pieces of hard candy, one other woman had a small package of crackers. That was it. The sharing was incredible. Each person took only a small piece of what they needed to eat. So that little food fed 21 people. We lived the Gospel message that day. So the words we share in our responsorial psalm for this week are true, *"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."* We need only be guided by the Holy Spirit to allow the Christ within us to shine forth.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS: On Monday, November 1, Faith Formation will celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls Day with special activities. Each family has chosen a particular patron saint for their family and there will be a special prayer service and blessing to honor each of the saints. Each family will also receive a candle and a prayer to remember a loved one on All Souls Day, November 2. Families will gather at 7:00pm in Kelty Hall. If you would like your family to attend and they are not registered in the Faith Formation Program, please call MaryAnn 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.

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.



**“The Lord
has done
great things
for us;
we are filled
with joy.”**



This Sunday's Bible Readings

FIRST READING:

*I will gather them from the ends of the world,
with the blind and the lame in their midst.*
(Jer 31:8)



PSALM:

*The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.* (Ps 126)



SECOND READING:

*No one takes this honor upon himself
but only when called by God,
just as Aaron was.* (Heb 5:4)



GOSPEL:

*The blind man replied to him,
"Master, I want to see."
Jesus told him, "Go your way;
your faith has saved you."
(Mk 10:46-52)*

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Go to Joseph, the young, strong, silent man. His silence, once entered into, heals all it touches. His silence is a school of courage, faith, and love. It makes a beautiful bridge between humanity and God, a bridge we need to find, oh, so terribly much today, when most lives are so empty of God that men and women have forgotten the way back to Him.

Go to Joseph, the poor man whose foster Son was born in a stable and whose family lived most frugally in a little forgotten village of Palestine but who held in his arms the *Wealth of the Nations* and the *Light of the World*, and who can teach us all how to empty our hands of tinsel and fill them with love, faith, and happiness.

Go to Joseph, the mender of broken toys, furniture, houses, as well as broken hearts, souls, bodies, minds, and families. Yes, let us go to Joseph, whom Jesus and Mary love so much.

-Servant of God Catherine de Hueck Doherty

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

*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 a man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself as
a father and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from all evil. Amen*



Ministries & Societies

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

Last week, our post discussed the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, better known as LIHEAP, which provides grants of up to \$1,000 to eligible households to pay for their heating bills. If you or someone you know are in need of additional help paying heating bills, or help with another utility bill, the Dollar Energy Fund may be able to help. The Dollar Energy Fund provides grants of up to \$500 per participating utility to eligible families each year, and the program is now accepting applications.

In our area, grants are available for ALCOSAN, Columbia Gas, Duquesne Light, Penn Power, Pennsylvania American Water, Peoples Gas, and Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority. The grants can be applied to existing balances or can be applied as a credit to be used toward future bills. Eligibility varies by utility company, so contact the utility company or visit www.dollarenergy.org/need-help/pennsylvania for more information. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to ease the burden of utility costs as we enter the colder months when these bills are often the highest.

For those of us fortunate enough not to need utility assistance, you can help your neighbors in need by donating to the Dollar Energy Fund. You can do so by checking a box on your utility bill, which will allow you to automatically donate \$1 each month. You can also donate by going to www.dollarenergy.org/donate or by sending a check to Dollar Energy Fund Inc., Box 42329, Pittsburgh, PA 15203. Your donations are tax deductible and they are matched by participating utility companies, so your donation goes twice as far.

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 provide a single mother with various living room, bedroom and kitchen furniture, a household goods voucher, clothing vouchers, and a one-month bus pass; and a refrigerator was purchased for another woman in need.

If you would like to make a monetary donation or a donation of \$10 Giant Eagle gift cards, please place your donation in one of the poor boxes, or mail them to the parish office at 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15205. 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.

MISS LAUREN ASTWOOD'S CLASSROOM

First, 5th grade! 5A has been working hard and it shows! In Reading class, we just started our first novel, Maniac Magee and we are hooked. In English, we are practicing our grammar and mechanics and will begin a creative writing assignment: *Spooky Stories*. Students will get the opportunity to share their stories in the dark by way of flashlights to set the scene. In Religion, we are learning all about the sacraments and have been sharing our experiences about the sacraments received so far. In Social Studies, both 5th grade classes have been studying Native Americans and we created our very own class totem poles. Next, we will be moving into the Age of Exploration where concepts like the Middle Ages, Marco Polo, and the importance of trade will be discussed.

Next up, Art class! In 5th grade art, students have worked with a variety of media so far including watercolors, oil pastels, paints, and more. Our latest project was inspired by what we were learning in Social Studies class. The 8th graders have been working so hard to create beautiful murals inspired by the artist Diego Rivera. Our version of the murals is Guardian Angel Academy inspired. Each group created a mural depicting school life including a religious mural, a Fine Arts mural including all things music and art, a sports mural with our school emblem as the focal point, and two academic murals: one with a focus on Math, Science, Computers, and STREAM and the other with a focus on ELA, Social Studies, and Spanish.

Finally, Music class! The 5th graders are learning to play recorders. So far, they have learned 3 notes, the difference between a quarter note, half note, and whole note, and what a "rest" means. The 6th-8th graders just finished up a musical instrument unit where they learned about all the different families of instruments and created their own instruments that they presented

to their classmates. Now we are learning all about music theory and musical notations. It's been a great start to the year! Go Warriors!



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

MISS HEIDI RODGERS - 1ST GRADE TEACHER

My name is Heidi Rodgers. I am a first grade teacher at Guardian Angel Academy. I joined the Guardian Angel family after teaching first grade and kindergarten at St. Philip School for the past 17 years.

I graduated from Carlow University with a dual certification in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education. I then went to Clarion University to earn my Masters in Curriculum and Instruction.

I am currently involved in the school through Craft Club, after school care and hopefully more to come! When I find some free time I enjoy crafting, camping, scrapbooking, and spending time with my family and friends.





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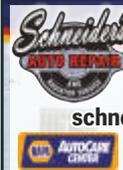
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