



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

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WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7, 2021

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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Ascension Church
114 Berry Street
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Guardian Angel Academy
915 Alice Street
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CONFSSION

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, NOVEMBER 6 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary	Legion of Mary
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Joseph Kosta	Judy Boenigk
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Eddie Nordick, Sr.	Marcy & Family
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7 — THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	James Glaser	Wife, Alice
Ascension	9:30am	Raymond & Marie Bartnik	Rose & Rick Musser
Saint Philip	11:00am	Joe Hayes	Family
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Marlene Andrasik	A Friend
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 — THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA			
Ascension	8:00am	Bob & Dona Petsel	Granddaughter and Family
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 — SAINT LEO THE GREAT, POPE & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11 — SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP			
Ascension	8:00am	Mary M. Badish	Badish Family
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12 — SAINT JOSAPHAT, BISHOP AND MARTYR			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Dave Stahurski	Wife, Valerie
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13 — SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, VIRGIN			
Ascension	8:00am	Jay & Mary DeAngelis	DeDe & Sam Palombini
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Edward Ramolt	Brother, Ron
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Peter Dobbins	Family
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14 — THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Dorothy & Harry Phillips	Kraemer Family
Ascension	9:30am	Mary Ann Greer	Family
Saint Philip	11:00am	Alyce Kaminski	Colleen & Chuck Hayes

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 blessed month of November!

Why today's Gospel reading?

In these final weeks of the Church Year, we usually hear of the end of time and the Lord's return in power and glory. Many of these readings are found in the Gospels according to Matthew and Luke. This year, as we complete our reading of the Gospel according to Mark, we hear of the elderly woman who placed two simple coins - her entire savings - into the Temple treasury. Jesus commends her for her devotion to God and her complete donation of her life to the work of God.

At the end of the Church Year, this account reminds us that Jesus asks us to dedicate and donate our lives to God and to Jesus as well. We are called to be disciples dedicated entirely to God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and to serve the Lord Jesus, the Gospel, the Kingdom, and his Church throughout our lives. As we begin the new Church Year this coming Advent, may we -- like the elderly woman -- give our lives to Jesus each day so as to continue his ministry and grow the Kingdom of God through our Christian faith, our witness, and our service. God bless!

Remembering and praying for our family members and friends

Do you remember and pray for your deceased family members, relatives, and friends? Do you visit their graves in November and throughout the year? These were once very common practices among Catholic Christians for countless centuries, but they're practices that have been generally forgotten today.

It is good for us to remember and pray for our deceased parents, grandparents, spouses, and family members. They're still connected to us through the Holy Spirit of God, and we trust that one day we will be reunited with them in the heavenly Kingdom.

Also, we place the bodies and remains of our beloved deceased in our Catholic cemeteries because we believe

that, one day, Jesus will raise our mortal remains in the final Resurrection. With this in mind, we visit the resting places of our deceased loved ones in order to remember them and to pray for them. These are very good practices throughout the year. They are also very commendable practices to share with children and grandchildren so that these memories and prayers will continue for many future generations.

May the Lord Jesus bless us in this month as we remember and pray for our deceased family members and loved ones - and as we spend time with them at their places of rest!

2022 Mass Intention and Sanctuary Lamp Request Forms

At this time, 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).

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.

Best wishes for this Sunday 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!

A Personal Examination OF CONSCIENCE

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Before celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession, it's important to conduct a personal examination of conscience in order to offer a complete confession.

"You shall love the Lord with all your heart, all your mind, and all your soul!"

- Is God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit of greatest importance in your life?
- Do you spend time in prayer each day?
- Do you offer thanks and praise to God each day?
- Do you give higher priority to your work, recreation, or possessions?
- Do you speak respectfully of the Lord at all times?
- Do you respect the name of God, and especially of Jesus, at all times?
- Have you missed church worship on any Sunday or any Holy Day?
- Do you keep Sunday as the day of the Lord and a day of prayer?

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

- Are you a person of love as Jesus commands us to be?
- Do you treat your parents, other adults, and all people with respect?
- Do you speak of family members, friends, neighbors, and strangers with charity?
- Have you taken the life of a human person or harmed someone?
- Have you ended or helped to end the life of a pre-born child?
- Have you mistreated or harmed other life?
- Have you broken your marriage commitment or intruded on another's marriage?
- Have you engaged in marital relations before or outside of married life?
- Have you used pharmaceuticals, prophylactics, or surgery to prevent conception?
- Have you made use of pornography or engaged in self-abuse?
- Have you engaged in theft of another's property or money?
- Have you damaged the property of someone else?
- Have you abused or damaged the natural resources of the earth?
- Have you told lies about other people? Have you lied about other matters?
- Have you spoken poorly of others or treated others with little or no respect?
- Have you spoken profanity or curses or sacrilege or blasphemy?
- Are you judgmental or critical of others without cause?
- Do you hold grudges and refuse to forgive family members or others?
- Are you envious and jealous of others, their families, or their possessions?
- Do you appreciate and give thanks for your own blessings?
- Do you share your blessings and possessions with others? With the Church?

An Act of Contrition - Lord God, I am sorry for all my sins. In choosing to do wrong, and failing to do good, I have offended you, whom I should love above all else. With the help of your grace, I promise to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Our Savior, Jesus Christ, suffered and died for our sins. In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen.

NATIONAL
VOCATION
AWARENESS
WEEK



LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

It all really boils down to a matter of the heart, and actions do speak louder than words. We cannot hide from the truth. A problem with religion is that it is possible for someone to make everything appear to be right when actually it is not. We can say all of the right prayers, perform all of the proscribed rituals, claim that we adhere to orthodox doctrines and still lead a distorted, empty and sometimes pitiful life. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even the noblest looking actions can amount to nothing. It is no wonder, then, that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus. While it may not always appear to be the case, God has a special care and regard for those who depend upon him in times of trouble and want. Only the person who is truly poor is the only one who can see this. Because of a lack of trust, the one who has much is afraid to take a risk and sees only what they possess as their only security.

DON'T FORGET
TO TURN BACK
THE CLOCKS





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 - 6:30pm
at Holy Trinity Church

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

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

FINANCIAL REPORT | OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collection total, October 30-31, 2021	-- \$6,844.00
Average weekly online donations	-- \$1,643.71

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year	-- \$724,000.00
Parish income <u>received</u> since July 1, 2021	-- \$179,145.58
Parish fundraising since July 1, 2021	-- \$12,594.52
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 contributions to Guardian Angel Academy	-- \$1,400.00

Parish members -- 3,463	Parish families -- 1,719
Church attendance on October 30-31	-- 569
Sunday envelopes used	-- 256
Online contributions this week	-- 44
Total households receiving envelopes	-- 1,151



Sunday, November 7:

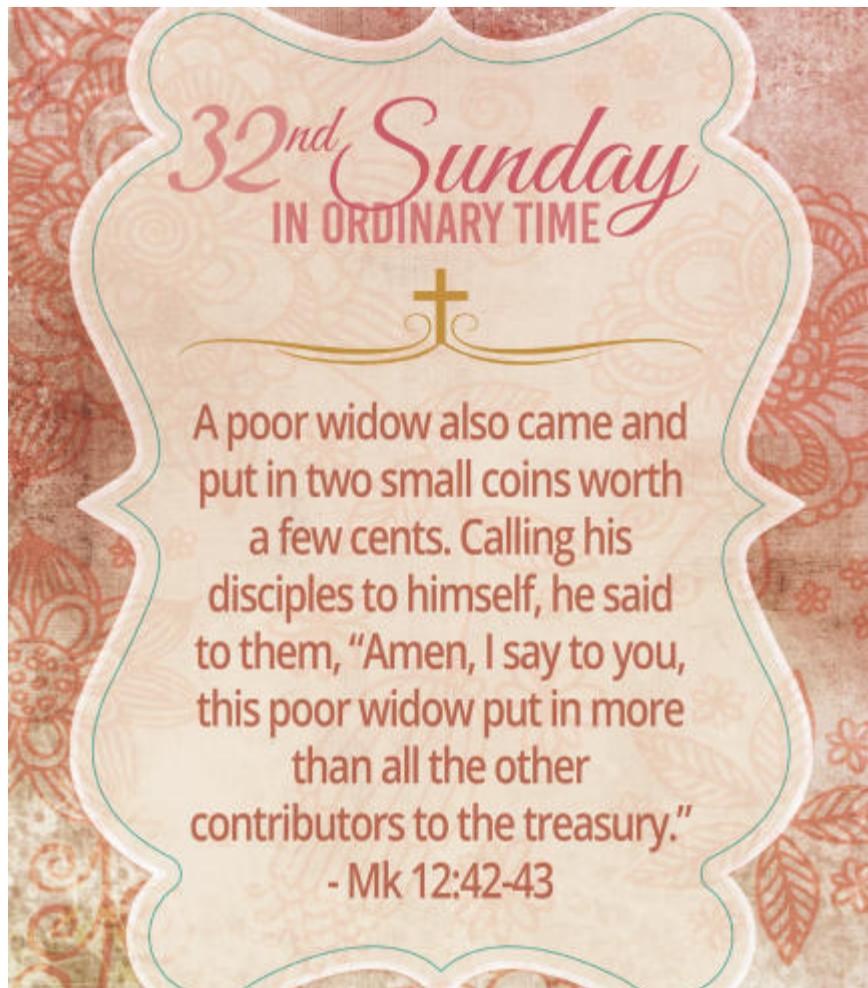
1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28;
Mark 12:38-44

This week:

Wisdom 1-18; Luke 17-18

Sunday, November 14:

Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18;
Mark 13:24-32





Parish News

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS - November 13 & November 14

4:00pm at St. Philip - Denny Maher
5:30pm at Ascension - Robert Okraszewski
7:00am at St. Philip - B J Gamble
9:30am at Ascension - Frank Daily
11:00am at St. Philip - Jessica Rea

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - November 13 & November 14

4:00pm at St. Philip - Susan Solt-Lonsinger
5:30pm at Ascension - Carroll Gorman
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.

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.



CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE & GIVING TREE

The joyful Christmas season is quickly approaching and we are pleased to announce that St. Philip will once again be holding its annual *Christmas Cookie Sale* on December 11 & 12, and the annual *Christmas Giving Tree* is scheduled for the weekend of November 20 & 21. Look for more information to follow.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THANKSGIVING DAY COLLECTION DRIVE

Our parish St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting non-perishable food items, personal care items, \$10 Giant Eagle gift cards, and monetary donations for its food bank at the **church entrance prior to the Thanksgiving Day Mass**. If you are unable to attend Mass on Thanksgiving Day, you can also donate the weekend before or after Thanksgiving by placing your donation in the bins inside the church entrances. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

A DELICIOUS WAY TO SUPPORT GUARDIAN ANGEL ACADEMY - SARRIS CANDY!

Order your Sarris holiday candy online at SarrisCandiesFundraising.com using GAA group number 10-0784. Orders are shipped directly to your home! Packaging and handling is only \$5 and can be shipped around the country. **Online orders are open until December 19**. Make sure to credit your favorite school family to earn a percentage of your order toward their fundraising goal. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Cerchiaro at jesscheerios@gmail.com.



Thank You for your Support

The Annual Fall Flea Market, Luncheon and Bake Sale was held on October 9, 2021 in Father Conner Hall. This fundraiser (which also helped everyone clean out their house & garage) was very successful. **Marie Dettling and Jan Tracy** chaired this event which had a **profit of \$4,920.50**. Thanks Marie, Jan and all the people that worked on this fundraiser for donating your time and talent to our parish.

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.

BYOB (Bring Your Own Bible) SALVATION HISTORY

We will meet on **Tuesday, November 9 at 7:00pm** in the meetin room in the Administration building. We will continue our discussion of Noah and the Flood and the Tower of Babel. All are welcome. Please call Fran and Debby Sullen at 412-481-9063 with any questions.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR WEEKLY BULLETINS EARLY SUBMISSIONS IN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER:

Due to the upcoming holidays, LPI, the publisher of our weekly bulletin has asked that we submit bulletin information earlier than our usual transmission dates. Thank you very much for your cooperation. **Articles must be received in the Parish Office no later than 9:00am on the following dates:**

Sunday, November 21 Bulletin: Information needed by **Thursday, November 11.**

Sunday, November 28 Bulletin: Information needed by **Wednesday, November 17.**

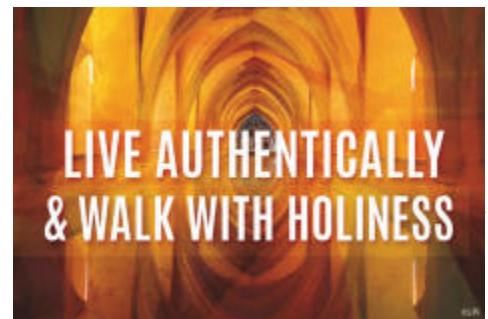
Sunday, December 5 Bulletin: Information needed by **Tuesday, November 23.**

Sunday, December 12 Bulletin: Information needed by **Friday, December 3.**

Sunday, December 19 Bulletin: Information needed by **Thursday, December 9.**

Sunday, December 26 Bulletin: Information needed by **Wednesday, December 15.**

Sunday, January 2 Bulletin: Information needed by **Monday, December 20.**



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OR text **stphilippa** to **84576**, OR visit
www.stphilipchurch1.flocknote.com.

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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 Nicholas
and Josephine Kulick
Offered by Daughter*

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

*In Loving Memory of Bey and Valentas Families
Offered by Family*

ADVERTISER of the Week

ROBERT P. BOTT, DMD

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



Guardian Angel Academy

TEACHER SPOTLIGHTS: This week, we will spotlight two of our outstanding teachers here at Guardian Angel Academy.

MISS CATHERINE RODGERS

3RD GRADE TEACHER

My name is Miss Kati Rodgers, and I am a graduate of St. Philip school and have taught at SPS for 19 years teaching all grades first through third. Now I am back to teaching third grade at Guardian Angel Academy. I graduated from Carlow College with a degree in Early Childhood, Elementary Education, and Special Education. I also have a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Clarion University.

I have worked in the afterschool program and the summer camp program at SPS for about twenty-three years now and continue to work in the afterschool program at Guardian Angel Academy. I also run Camp Invention, a STEAM camp, during the summer. I have been directing this camp for four years and look forward to it every year. I am currently involved in doing craft club during the school year.

During my free time I enjoy making crafts, spending time at my cabin and scrapbooking.



MRS. ROBIN SANDERS

4TH GRADE TEACHER

Hello! My name is Robin Sanders. I am the fourth grade teacher at Guardian Angel Academy. I joined the Guardian Angel family after teaching fifth and fourth grades at St. Philip School for the past 20 years.

I graduated from Robert Morris University with a B.S. in Health Services Management. From there, I worked at UPMC in the Planning and Marketing Department for a few years before teaching. I earned my Masters of Education from Duquesne University.

During my free time, I can be found at a football field or basketball court being a huge cheerleader for my two kids.



This Sunday's Bible Readings

FIRST READING:

She left and did as Elijah had said. She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well; the jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, as the LORD had foretold through Elijah. (1 Kgs 17:15-16)



PSALM:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)



SECOND READING:

But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice. (Heb 9:26)



GOSPEL:

"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." (Mk 12:43-44)

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2022 MASS INTENTION AND SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIAL REQUEST FORM

Your Name: _____

Your Full Address:

Your Telephone: _____ Your Email: _____

WEEKEND MASS INTENTION REQUESTS (\$10 per Intention):

SL Philip – 4pm Saturday / 7am and 11am Sunday Ascension – 5:30pm Saturday / 9:30am Sunday

1.) Requested Date _____ Time _____ Church _____

Name of Intention _____ Deceased? _____ Living? _____

Requested by _____

2.) Requested Date _____ Time _____ Church _____

Name of Intention _____ Deceased? _____ Living? _____

Requested by _____

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTION REQUESTS (\$10 per Intention):

SL Philip – 8am Monday, Wednesday, Friday Ascension – 8am Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

1.) Requested Date _____ Time _____ Church _____

Name of Intention _____ Deceased? _____ Living? _____

Requested by _____

2.) Requested Date _____ Time _____ Church _____

Name of Intention _____ Deceased? _____ Living? _____

Requested by _____

SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIAL REQUEST (\$20 per Memorial Request):

In Memory of: _____ Donor: _____

Preferred Week: _____ Church: _____ Alternate Week: _____

Please include the Mass Intention donations (\$10 per Intention) and the Sanctuary Lamp Memorial donations (\$20 per week) with this form. **Notice of your dates and times will be sent in late November.**

**Please return this completed form to St. Philip Catholic Parish, 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15205.



Religious Education

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

MARYANN'S THOUGHTS: In 2022, St. Philip Parish will engage in a time of re-evangelization and evangelization. I came across the following reflection by Joyce Rupp that may be something to think about as we begin. *"I wonder if the twelve apostles were afraid? Did they wonder if they could proclaim the kingdom and heal those in need? Compared to Jesus, did they feel inadequate and unworthy? What persuaded them to go? Did Jesus' belief in them have anything to do with it? And Jesus said: "Take nothing for the Journey" What did he mean? Did he perhaps imply that we can't wait until we have all the possible things we need? That we can't postpone 'doing' until we are positive of our talents? That we can't hold off our commitment until we are absolutely sure we have the time and won't make a mistake? I think of all the excuses and reasons we can give for not serving, not giving, not participating: no talent, no time, no knowledge, no energy, no assured results. Jesus says "take nothing. Don't worry about your inadequacies. I will provide for you. Go! Just go! Go with my power. Try. Risk, Show-Up, Go! I will be with you. What else do you need?"*

SAINT JOSEPH QUILT: The families in the Monday Night Faith Formation Program created a quilt to honor the *Year of St. Joseph* as proclaimed by Pope Francis. The Year began in December of 2020 and ends on December 8, 2021. The quilt was unveiled at the Monday Night Family Faith Formation Session on November 1. **The quilt will be displayed in St. Philip Church on November 6 and 7 and Ascension Church on November 13 and 14.** Thank you so very much to all the quilters who did all the sewing of the actual quilt. It is such a tribute to such a wonderful saint.

COFFEE, TEA AND COMMUNITY BREAKFAST: Our next breakfast will be held on **Thursday, November 18 from 8:30am to 10:00am** in Conner Hall. Following a breakfast of French toast casserole, eggs, bagels, cereal, muffins, fruit, yogurt, juice, coffee and tea, MaryAnn will speak on All Souls with a short reflection on Saint Joseph. Following MaryAnn's talk, Marcy Burke from Animal Friends with Marla her therapy dog, will speak on what is the difference between a pet, therapy dog, service dog and companion. She will also share a bit about how Animal Friends serves the community. To register call MaryAnn or Linda at 412-922-6388. Try something new. Come and bring a friend.

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: Need Service hours for National Honor Society or school requirements? Where does God fit in your life? Want to give 90 minutes a month to find out? 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. There will also be a time for service. To register, call MaryAnn at 412-922-6388. Give us a try. Come and bring a friend.



SAVE THE DATE! Advent begins on November 28. Our Parish Celebration of Advent will be the event **Gather for Advent** on **Thursday, December 9 from 6:15pm to 8:00pm**. We will begin with a free homemade soup, salad, bread and dessert supper followed by reflections, readings and carols in Church. We will even have a special visit by St. Nicholas. So mark your calendar and plan to join us for this intergenerational event. Reservations not required but suggested. Call 412-922-6388. Space may be limited so call early. Social Distancing will be observed.

On **Monday, December 13**, Faith Formation will sponsor “*A Night in Bethlehem*” for all parish families in Ascension Conner Hall. It begins at 6:15pm with a pizza supper. The evening will include dinner (pizza for all or mac & cheese), a variety of hot chocolate flavors to taste, seasonal pastries, snack bags, crafts and activities. Each child will receive a book and a small gift. The evening will conclude with the *Story of the First Christmas* and a *Prayer Service*. If your family would like to attend and you are not registered in our Monday Night Faith Formation Program, please call the Faith Formation Office at 412-922-6388 to register for this evening.

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

The prophet Nathan, in obedience to God's command, tells David: "*I will raise up your heir after you.*" (2 Sam 7:12). David must accept that he will die before seeing the fulfilment of this promise, which will come to pass "*when his time comes*" and he will rest "*with his ancestors*." We thus come to realize that one of mankind's most cherished desires-seeing the fruits of one's labors-is not always granted by God. I think of those among you who are mothers and fathers of families. Parents quite rightly desire to give the best of themselves to their children, and they want to see them achieve success.

Yet make no mistake about what this “success” entails: what God asks David to do is to place his trust in him. David himself will not see his heir who will have a throne “*firm forever*” (2 Sam 7:16) for this heir, announced under the veil of prophecy, is Jesus. David puts his trust in God.

In the same way, Joseph trusts God when he hears his messenger, the Angel, say to him: “*Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her.*”

Throughout all of history, Joseph is the man who gives God the greatest display of trust, even in the face of such astonishing news.

- Pope Benedict XVI

We pray that we may be filled with trust like Saint Joseph, the man who gives God the greatest display of trust in all of history,

Heavenly Father, you have promised never to forsake those who trust in you. Give us, we pray, a share in the trust of Saint Joseph. By the grace of the Holy Spirit may we always rest assured of his intercession. May his example guide us in the path of life. Amen.



Around the Diocese and Community

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

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.

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 email mdwarr@gmail.com, rhaasarm@gmail.com. Facebook: Addiction Recovery Ministry Pittsburgh Website: addictionrecoveryminstirypittsburgh.org

IN THE COMMUNITY

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.

PATHWAY TO CARE & 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. Located at: 326 Third Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, call or walk in — 365/24/7. Here you will find care, no judgment.





Ministries & Societies

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Archangel Gabriel Parish for continuing to hold its annual coat drive to benefit our friends in need in Tunnelton, WV. This past Friday, our volunteers loaded a truck full of the coats and other donated items and, on Saturday, another one of our volunteers drove the truck to the Madonna Hope House in Tunnelton. Especially at a time when our St. Vincent de Paul conference is still working to finalize storage space for donations of furniture and clothing, which, in part, are taken to the Madonna Hope House, the donations received through the Archangel Gabriel coat drive were especially important for our friends in need in Tunnelton. Thank you, parishioners of Archangel Gabriel Parish, and all of our donors for your generosity!

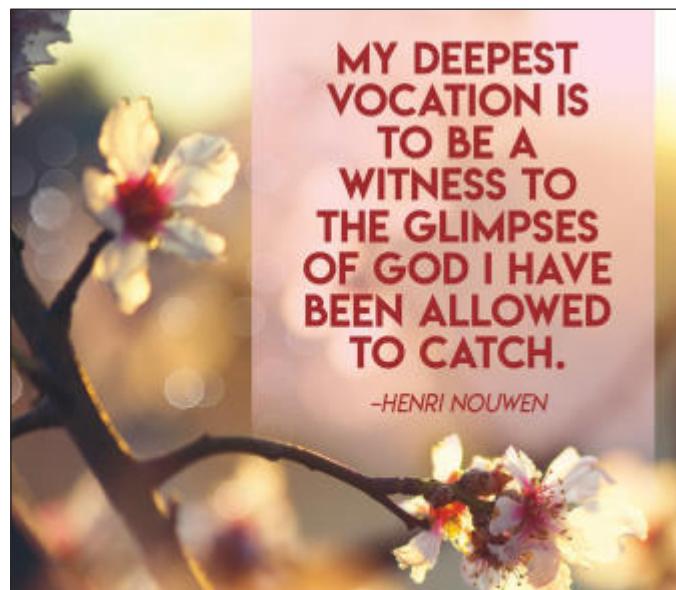
If you, or someone you know, have been impacted by Covid and are in need of financial assistance, a new resource is available to people in our area. North Hills Community Outreach, which normally only assists those living in the North Hills, recently received funds that can be given to people outside of their normal service area who were impacted by Covid in any way. In order to receive the funds, you must live in one of the following zip codes: 15136, 15017, 15026, 15031, 15057, 15071, 15106, 15108, 15126, 15142, 15205, 15225. The Covid impact can be direct or indirect; for example, someone who could not go to work due to the fact that their child's daycare was closed due to Covid could qualify for assistance. In order to apply for assistance, simply fill out this form: <https://form.jotform.com/202385289786168>.

This week, your generous donations enabled us to give a woman a bus pass to enable her to search for work; a single mom of two was given \$114 for a water bill and three clothing vouchers; a single mom was given a bed, dressers and nightstands; a disabled man was given a gas stove; a family was given \$417 to avoid a gas shutoff; a man was given \$200 for gas to enable him to get to his new job; and a single dad was approved for up to \$500 for rent.

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.

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





Prayer for Veterans

*Lord God, Almighty Father,
creator of mankind and author of peace,
as we are ever mindful of the cost paid
for the liberty we possess,
we ask you to bless the members
of our armed forces.*

*Give them courage, hope and strength.
May they ever experience your firm support,
gentle love and compassionate healing.*

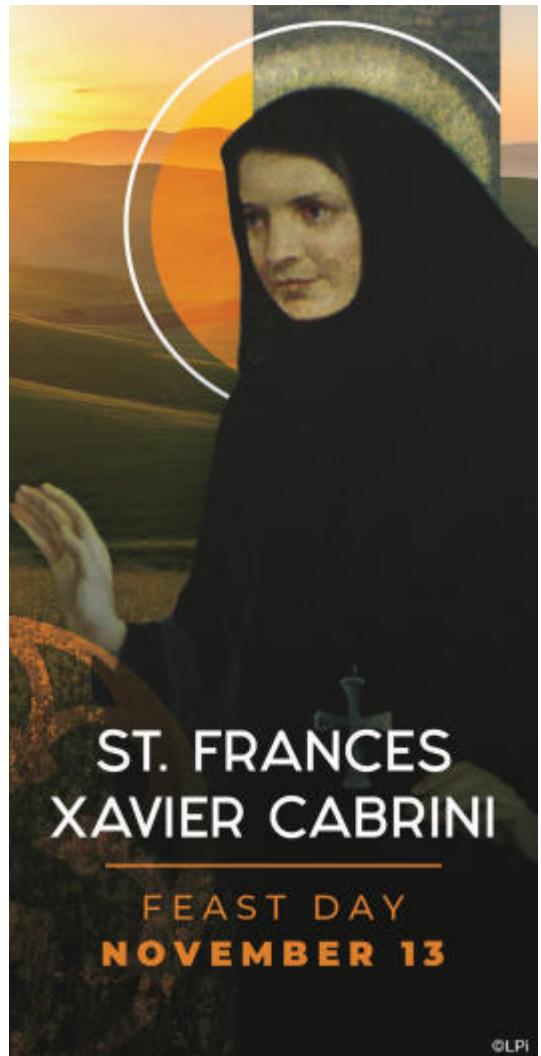
*Be their power and protector,
leading them from darkness to light.
To you be all glory, honor and praise,
now and forever.*

Amen.

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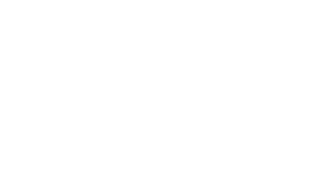
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