



Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

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OFFICE HOURS:

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

PASTORAL STAFF

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,
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Joseph Hoover, Dolores Leone, Martin
Matko, Patricia McDermott (Co-Chair),
Katie Phillips, David Pilarski (Co-Chair),
Mary Schubert and Richard Schubert.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

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Saint Philip Office (412) 922-6300
Faith Formation Office (412) 922-6388
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Guardian Angel Academy (412) 922-4765



2ND 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

Available 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

Our Liturgies are celebrated at both Saint Philip Church, 50 West Crafton Avenue, Crafton, and Ascension Church, 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh

LOCATION	TIME	MASS INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
SATURDAY, JANUARY 15 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Joe Quaquareucci	Legion of Mary
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Antoin Rodgers	Rodgers Family
SUNDAY, JANUARY 16 — SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Staint Philip	7:00am	Maureen McDonough	Jeff & Marian Flaus
Ascension	9:30am	Paul Korol	Wife, Claudia
Saint Philip	11:00am	Joseph Stotlemeyer	Anita Stotlemeyer
MONDAY, JANUARY 17 — SAINT ANTHONY, ABBOT			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Ronald P. Dempsey, Jr.	Sharlene Romain
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Melinda Handler	Anita Stotlemeyer
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Pat Daly	Carol Bayer
THURSDAY, JANUARY 20 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Michael Alex Wroblewski	Mary & Dennis Bressler
FRIDAY, JANUARY 21 — SAINT AGNES, VIRGIN AND MARTYR			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Anton Vantol	Claire Megyesy
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22 — DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF PRE-BORN CHILDREN			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Angela & Victor Mancini	Mancini Family
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	John Rodgers	Edward & Joan Nock
SUNDAY, JANUARY 23 — THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Mike Suehr	Rago Family
Ascension	9:30am	Margaret Butter	Randy & Kathi Butter
Saint Philip	11:00am	Rose & Joe Givvin	Givvin Family



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 very good week and a blessed New Year 2022!

Congratulations to Auxiliary Bishop Mark A. Eckman, DD

This past Tuesday, January 11, the Most Reverend Mark A. Eckman was ordained as an Auxiliary Bishop of our Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh by Bishop David A. Zubik at Saint Paul Cathedral in Oakland. Our congratulations are extended to Bishop Eckman as he begins his episcopal ministry in our Diocese and in the Church!

Bishop Mark Eckman has been a priest of our Diocese for 36+ years, and he has served many years as a pastor and a parochial vicar as well as our clergy personnel director. In his new ministry, he will continue to be the Pastor of Resurrection Parish in Bethal Park/Upper St. Clair, and he will assist Bishop Zubik in the work of leading the People of God here in the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh which is comprised of the six counties of southwestern Pennsylvania. May the Lord continue to bless Bishop Mark Eckman now and always!

A Sunday Reflection

During this Church Year, we will be reading the Gospel according to Luke in Year C of the Scriptural rotation. The Gospel according to Luke is the Gospel which gives us the wonderful stories of Jesus' birth and infancy in Chapters 1-2. It is also the Gospel that presents to us Jesus' love for all people - and especially the poor and the outcast.

This Sunday, however, we hear instead from the Gospel according to John and the account of the Wedding at Cana which Jesus attended with his mother, Mary, and some of the Apostles. John tells us that the miracle at Cana was the first of Jesus' signs

(miracles) that show his identity as the anointed Christ - the Son of God and the Word of God. It is also the Miracle at Cana that should be among the many signs from Jesus which should inspire our faith in him as Lord and God.



Jesus' transforming of the ordinary water into a fine wine is a miracle that shows to us and to all the miraculous power of Jesus. In our Catholic Christian faith, Jesus indeed transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary, the sacred, the holy. We believe this to have been true at Cana - as well as in every celebration of the Sacraments that Jesus has given to his Church and which we continue to celebrate today. In his divine power, the Lord Jesus transforms what is lowly - including our own lives - into what is sacred, what is of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

The miracle at Cana also shows us Jesus' blessing of married and family life. By participating in this wedding event, the Lord shows us clearly that he honors the marriage covenant as we hear in the Gospel of John as well as in the Gospels according to Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Christian Marriage is essential to our lives, to our families, to our communities and nation, to our society and our world. Christian Marriage is an important and sacred relationship in the plan and the Kingdom of God. It is blessed by God. It is the sacred covenant in which a

man and woman share their lives with each in a partnership for life. Also, it hopefully provides for the birth of Catholic Christian children - as well as for stable families and homes in which future generations receive life, faith, and love.

Much as Jesus supported and blessed the young married couple at Cana, so too should we support the married couples in our families and in our lives.

Whether they be our children, or our parents or grandparents, our relatives, neighbors, our friends, or others, we always do well to honor, pray for, and support all husbands and wives and families with goodness and love - just as Jesus wishes to support all husbands, wives, and families through the Sacrament of Marriage!

May the wedding and the miracle at Cana found in John 2:1-11 inspire us to believe in Jesus as the Holy One sent from the Father. Likewise, may the event at Cana remind us to cherish, bless, and support all married couples so that they may always remain united in life and in love - and so that they and their families may be strong and blessed for many, many years!

Remaining healthy and well

As we enter into 2022 and this third year of the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic, please remember to protect yourself, your health, and your family during these winter months when illnesses are much more common and prevalent. We all wish this pandemic were finished, but as we hear in the media, this is not yet the situation.

Thank you for receiving a Covid vaccination and a booster vaccination - and a flu vaccination. Thank you for wearing a full face mask when appropriate and wise. Thank you for sanitizing and distancing. Please be mindful of current safety measures as we all try to mitigate and survive this ongoing health crisis. Thank you, too, for your patience and your understanding of these safety measures as we move through these winter months. May the good Lord protect you and all of us, and may we all have a healthy and safe 2022!



The January 22 Day of Penance and Prayer

In recent years, we as Catholic Christians in the United States have been asked by our bishops to observe a Day of Prayer and Penance on January 22 - the anniversary of the 1973 *Roe versus Wade* decision of the Supreme Court which permitted the abortion of children in their mother's womb. While hundreds of thousands of our fellow Americans will be marching and demonstrating for life in our nation's capital this week, may all of us pray for an end to this taking of innocent human life, and may we do some appropriate penance for the 50+ million lives that have been aborted in the womb during these 50 years.

Best wishes for a healthy and blessed 2022!

Best wishes for a very good and healthy NewYear 2022! 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 weekend, 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



BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 16

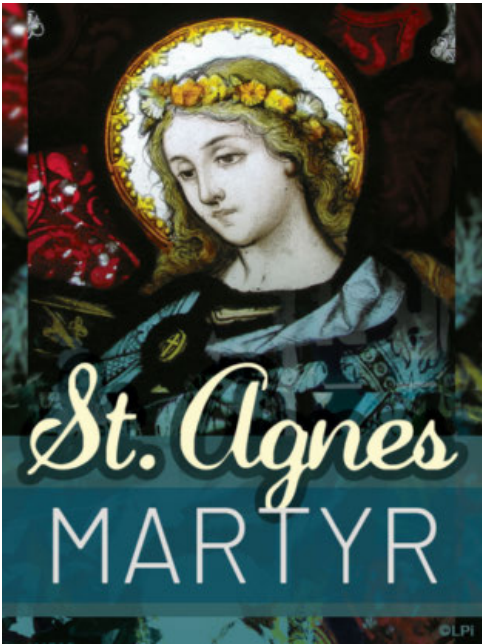
Isaiah 62:1-5;
1 Corinthians 12:4-11;
John 2:1-11

Weekdays

1 Samuel 15-24; Mark 2-3

Sunday, January 23

Nehemiah 8:2-10;
1 Corinthians 12:12-30;
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21



FINANCIAL REPORT OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collection total, January 8-9, 2022	-- \$7,553.35
Online donations last week	-- \$2,651.00

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year	-- \$724,000.00
Parish income <u>received</u> since July 1, 2021	-- \$303,271.46
Parish fundraising since July 1, 2021	-- \$17,463.52
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 January 8-9	-- 467
Sunday envelopes used	-- 211
Online contributions last week	-- 41
Total households receiving envelopes	-- 1,151

THE GLOBAL SYNOD: SHARING HOPES AND CONCERNS



Communion, participation and mission are the marching orders for our journey in the worldwide Synod on Synodality. We are called together to share our hopes and concerns as sisters and brothers in Christ, and to work together to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to the world, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The synodal sessions in early 2022 will give us the opportunity to listen more closely to the Holy Spirit by listening to one another.

For more information text "Synod2021" to 84576 and go to www.diopitt.org/journeying-together to download your Participant Guide.

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



Your goodness and participation help to keep our parish alive!



Parish News

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS - January 22 & 23

- 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 - Frank Daily

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - January 15 & 16

- 4:00pm at St. Philip - Regina McDonald
- 5:30pm at Ascension - Katie Phillips
- 7:00am at St. Philip - Dian Perkins
- 9:30am at Ascension - Alice McAfee
- 11:00am at St. Philip - Chris Falki

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

To receive a copy of your contributions to Saint Philip Parish for 2021, please fill in the form below. If you wish your statement to be sent via email, please provide your email on the form. If you would like your statement to be sent through the U.S. Postal Service, please include a self addressed stamped envelope with the form. Thank you for your cooperation.

2021 IRS Contribution Statement

Yes, I would like a copy of my 2021 Contributions to St. Philip Parish.

Envelope # _____ Phone #: _____

Name _____

Email _____

Send by Postal Service to:

Address _____

THE PARISH OFFICES ARE 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.

TODAY'S SPECIAL COLLECTION

The Diocese of Pittsburgh is home to two nationally recognized educational programs for children with special needs: **St. Anthony School Programs** and **DePaul School for Hearing and Speech** (formerly known as DePaul Institute).

DePaul School for Hearing and Speech teaches children who are deaf or hard of hearing to listen, speak and learn. St. Anthony School Programs provide an inclusive education to children with Down Syndrome, Autism Spectrum Disorder and other special needs. Together, DePaul School and St. Anthony's empower their students to become active members of their communities.

Through our donations to today's special collection, we can also support the spiritual and academic growth of these students. Proceeds from this collection will be credited to our 2021 Parish Share Assessment.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU!

Wow! Your enthusiasm, hard work and generosity are amazing! The support for our St. Philip **Christmas Cookie and Goodies Sale** seems to grow larger each year and this year's sale was our best yet!

We extend a heartfelt note of appreciation to all who supported our event the weekend of December 11 & 12. Thank you to all of our fabulous bakers for whipping up all the delicious treats during this busy Christmas season and to our awesome volunteers who gave up their weekend to tray, wrap and sell cookies. The sale was a huge success and with your help, **we raised \$2,542.00 for our parish.** Again, thank you and God bless you! See you next year!!!

SALVATION HISTORY

Our Salvation History group will resume on **Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 7:00pm** in the upstairs Meeting room in the Administration Building. We will continue our discussion of the Patriarchs. All are welcome.





THANK YOU
St. Phillip Parish

Catholic Charities of Pittsburgh would like to thank the generous parishioners of St. Phillip for your contribution Christmas Gifts to Catholic Charities children. Your donated gifts helped us bring Christmas to more than 230 families in need this holiday season. We are grateful for your support!

Happy New Year!

www.ccpgh.org/donate



We offer our sympathy to the families of **Gregory E. Schuster** and **Joanne E. Thompson** 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.stphilipchurch.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 Gary & Helen Tomcik
Offered by Son & Family

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **Ascension** burns
In Loving Memory of the Deceased
of *St. Philip Parish*

 **ADVERTISER**
of the Week

BRIDGEVILLE APPLIANCE

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



Religious Education

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

A NOTE FROM MARYANN: In this Sunday's second reading we hear, *There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord.* This year at St. Philip Parish, we will begin to explore our individual gifts and how we might use those gifts to build the kingdom of God in our families, our neighborhoods, our communities, our church and our world. We invite you to come and discover your gifts and share them with others. We will have many opportunities in the coming weeks and months. Whether discovering the gifts of hospitality at our *Mardi Gras* or *Fish Fry*, attending our *Lenten Programs*, participating in the *Sacraments*, being a part of our *Parish Mission* or joining our first parish *Discovering Christ Workshop*, we invite you to discover your gifts. Let us begin 2022 as we "*See What Love Can Do.*"

FAITH FORMATION NEWS: There will be no Faith Formation Sessions on Monday, January 17. Our next Session will be Monday, January 24.

Our next Family Faith Formation Session will be held on **Monday, February 14** in Ascension Conner Hall from **6:30pm to 8:00pm**. This will be our Valentine's Day celebration with the theme: *We Give Our Hearts to Jesus*. The evening will begin with a spaghetti, salad, rolls and dessert supper. This will be followed by making cards for Meals on Wheels, talks and a short prayer experience. All Families are welcome. Call MaryAnn at 412-922-6388 for reservations.

BAPTISMS: We are accepting Baptism requests for 2022. If you would like to have your child baptized at St. Philip Parish, please call 412-922-6388 to begin the process.

MARDI GRAS IS COMING! On **Monday, February 28**, St. Philip Parish will sponsor a *Free Pancake Supper* from **5:30pm to 7:30pm** in Ascension Conner Hall. There will be food, music, desserts, fun and King's Cake. This will be for all ages and for the entire parish. Registrations are requested. For reservations, call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

Watch for SSS this Lent!

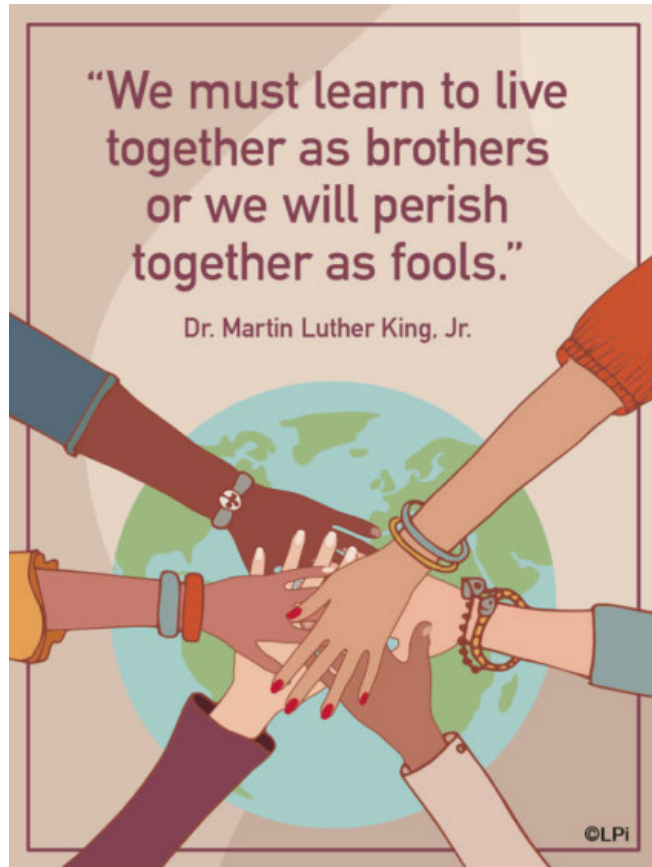


Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 - 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

COFFEE, TEA AND COMMUNITY BREAKFAST: Our next breakfast is scheduled for **February 10** in Ascension Conner Hall. It begins at **8:30am** with a hot breakfast of quiche, muffins, bagels, yogurt, fruit, juice, coffee and tea. This will be followed by a reflection with MaryAnn Garfold on *Laughter, Our Path to the Joy of the Gospel*. Dr. Carol Baric-Tarrow will then speak to us on *Care of Ourselves* and *How to Avoid Falls and Accidents*. Join Us. Call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388 for reservations. All are welcome! Come and bring a friend.



St. Philip Parish
Celebrates
MARDI GRAS



Monday, February 28, 2022
5:30pm to 7:30pm

Ascension Conner Hall
114 Berry Street

Free Pancake Supper, Music,
Desserts, Kings Cake
Come join us for family fun
- *All ages welcome!*

For reservations, either call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388, or complete the form below and return it to the Parish Office.

Name:

Telephone:

Email:

No. of Adults: _____

No. of Children: _____



Guardian Angel Academy

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

MRS. IACCHETTI'S MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASSES:

From the Desk of Mrs. Iacchetti



Our students are back (with in-person learning) after a long, restful Christmas vacation. Grades seven and eight have already been tested this past week in science on heredity and simple machines. Grade six has just completed a chapter on minerals, and are now beginning a week of review before the test. Both grade eight and grade seven students are currently working on adjectives and adverb modifiers in English. My grade eight students in religion class are currently studying about the early Church and how Christianity was spread during that time. We are all looking forward to Catholic Schools Week at the end of January, and are now making plans for the events during that week.

STAFF SPOTLIGHTS: This week we will spotlight one of our outstanding staff members at Guardian Angel Academy.



MRS. MICHELE O'TOOLE, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

"I am very excited to be a part of the staff here at Guardian Angel Academy!"

I have been involved with Catholic Schools in many ways for a very long time. As a parent, my two sons attended Brookline Regional Catholic/St. John Bosco Academy and Seton LaSalle High School. I have volunteered in many capacities and worked at Brookline Regional Catholic/St. John Bosco Academy for 20 years. For the past two years, I was on staff at St. Philip School. My family has been involved in the Boy Scout program with our sons for over 20 years. I love spending time with my grandchildren and baking family recipes for all our families to enjoy. My husband and I love biking the trails in and around Pittsburgh.





Around the Diocese and Community

ADDICTION RECOVERY MINISTRY (A.R.M.)

2599 Freeport Rd., Pittsburgh 15238 | 412-378-9290
Bringing hope and healing to those suffering from a
substance use disorder and those who love them.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

Mass: **Monday, Wednesday & Thursday at noon** in
St. Francis of Assisi Church, 2599 Freeport Rd.,
Pittsburgh 15238

CALIX Meeting — 2nd Sunday of the month from
2:45pm to 3:45pm in St. Francis Church

Anointing Mass — Sunday, February 27 at 3:00pm in
St. Francis Church for those suffering a substance
abuse disorder, their loved ones and those in recovery.

EDUCATION

Panel discussion — “A Day of Hope and Healing” —
Saturday, January 22 from 9:00am to 1:30pm featuring
speakers on recovery and substance use disorders.

Program includes: Dr. Janet Astle (Duquesne University
School of Pharmacy); Carin Fraioli (Recovery Services,
Gateway Rehab), Dr. Vince Giannetti, retired
(Duquesne University School of Pharmacy), Dr. Michael
Hagerty (retired cardiologist), Officer Brian Hoebel
(Sharpsburg Police Department), Rev. Michael
Decewicz (Director, Addiction Recovery Ministry),
Deason Tim Noca (Addiction Recovery Ministry, classes
and group support). Tickets available on Eventbrite or
by calling 412-378-9290. \$10 per person to help defray
the cost of lunch and are available for purchase at
www.eventbrite.com/e/226974535947. Tickets are also
available by calling 412-378-9290 and at the door.

SUPPORT

12-Step Meeting — every Wednesday at 6:30pm in St.
Francis Hall, 2599 Freeport Rd., Pittsburgh 15238. Also
meetings in Sharpsburg at the JPI Center, 201 9th Street,



NA - Mondays at 7:00pm, Wednesdays at 8:00pm,
Sundays at 7:00pm.

NARANON - Tuesdays at 7:30pm

ALANON - Mondays at 7:30pm

Grief Support — every Tuesday from May 24 through
July 5 at 7:00pm in St. Francis Hall.

Six Steps to SANITY — every Tuesday from February
22 through May 10 at 7:00pm in St. Francis Hall.

ENRICHMENT

A brief presentation given by Fr. Michael Decewicz on
issues surrounding addiction and recovery every
Monday at 1:00pm on our Facebook page, Addiction
Recovery Ministry Pittsburgh, our YouTube channel,
Addiction Recovery Ministry Pittsburgh, and our website,
www.addictionrecoveryministrypittsburgh.org.

7:00pm — 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00pm in St.
Francis Church, also on Facebook (live streaming) and
on our website and YouTube Channel.

SOCIAL/FUNDRAISERS

Virtual and Live Bingo — Sunday, February 20 at
2:00pm in St. Francis Hall or through a ZOOM feed.
Tickets are \$25 per person for 20 games.

St. Patrick Celebration with dinner and Irish music on
Sunday, February 27. Doors open at 4:30pm; Dinner at
5:30pm. Music, dancing and basket raffle follows.
Tickets are \$50 per person (only 50 tickets will be sold).



Ministries & Societies

February 15 and Tuesday, March 15. Please share this information with family, friends and neighbors who could benefit from these local food distributions!

This week, your generous donations enabled us to provide a single mother with up to \$600 toward her delinquent electric and phone bills (the exact amount is still being finalized). Thank you for your continued support of our friends in need.

If you would like to make a monetary donation or a donation of \$10 Giant Eagle gift cards, 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, call or text our hotline at 412-444-8140 or email us at svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com. 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, call, text or email us for more information.

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE



Another drive-up food distribution event will be held by the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank this Tuesday, January 18 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm in the parking lot of our Ascension Church! Each household will receive at least 50 pounds of food, including fresh produce, frozen foods and non-perishable food. One car can pick up food for up to three households. There are no residency restrictions as to who can sign up for the drive-up event.

In conjunction with the drive-up food distribution event, the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank is now offering a limited number of home deliveries for those who cannot attend the drive-up event. These home deliveries are only available to those living in the following zip codes: 15205, 15204, 15220, 15136 and 15106. **Those who sign up for a home delivery will receive one 25-pound box of shelf-stable food, which will be delivered Tuesday, January 18 between 4:00pm and 8:00pm.**

You must register ahead of time for both the drive-up event and home delivery. You can do so by visiting <https://pittsburghfoodbank.org/drive-up> or calling 412-460-3663, ext. 655. Also, **mark your calendars for the following two distributions at Ascension, which are scheduled for Tuesday,**

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

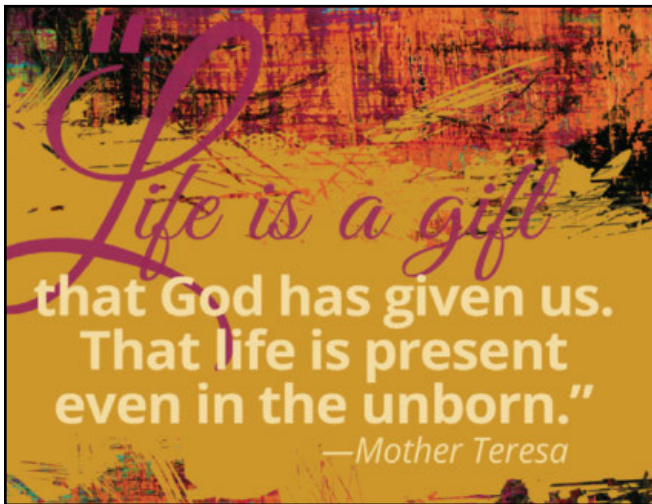
The St. Philip Grief Support Group will meet **Thursday, January 20 from 2:00pm to 3:00pm** in Connor Hall. The Grief Support Group meets on the third Thursday of the month and is an open, caring sharing group for adults who have lost someone to death. You may come alone or bring someone with you.



PLENARY INDULGENCE

A Plenary Indulgence for Pilgrims for the March for Life Events January 20-21, 2022

This year's plenary indulgence provides for those pilgrims who will attend events in person and for those pilgrims who will attend events virtually. A plenary indulgence is considered to be remission of punishments deserved for one's sins. Pilgrims who participate in person, or virtually due to age, sickness or other grave reasons that prevent them from leaving their homes, but who join via TV, radio or social media in the National Prayer Vigil for Life at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday, January 20, 2022 will obtain a plenary indulgence. The same conditions apply for pilgrims, who will attend in person or virtually the Mass for Life, which will be celebrated on Friday, January 21, 2022 at The Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle.



SAINT PHILIP PARISH



We don't know who will play in this year's Super Bowl yet, but we do know the game is scheduled for **Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022** between the AFC and the NFC. We are having a Super Bowl Pool. The cost is \$50 per block. There are 100 blocks in the pool. We will have 4 payouts:

- 1st Quarter score — **\$375**
- 2nd Quarter score — **\$750**
- 3rd Quarter score — **\$375**
- Final score — **\$1,000**

The names and numbers will be randomly drawn in advance. You will receive a copy of the completed pool prior to the Super Bowl. Don't be left out.
We already have blocks sold!!

Purchase a block for yourself or partner with a friend. Please fill out the form below and return to the parish office. **Thank you.**

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— GOSPEL MEDITATION —

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God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's

delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.



This Sunday's Bible Readings

FIRST READING:

*As a young man marries a virgin,
your Builder shall marry you;
and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride
so shall your God rejoice in you.*
(Is 62:5)



PSALM:

*Proclaim his marvelous deeds
to all the nations.* (Ps 96)



SECOND READING:

*But one and the same Spirit produces all
of these, distributing them individually to
each person as he wishes.* (1 Cor 12:11)



GOSPEL:

*Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs
at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory,
and his disciples began to believe in him.*
(Jn 2:11)

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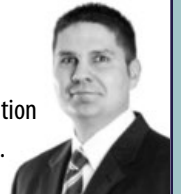
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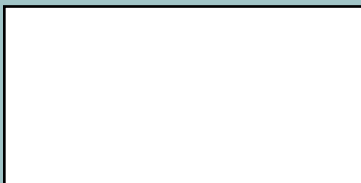
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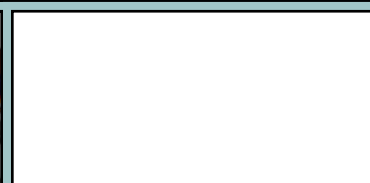
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