



Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6, 2022

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OFFICE HOURS:

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

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Rev. Joseph Scheib, Saint Philip Rectory
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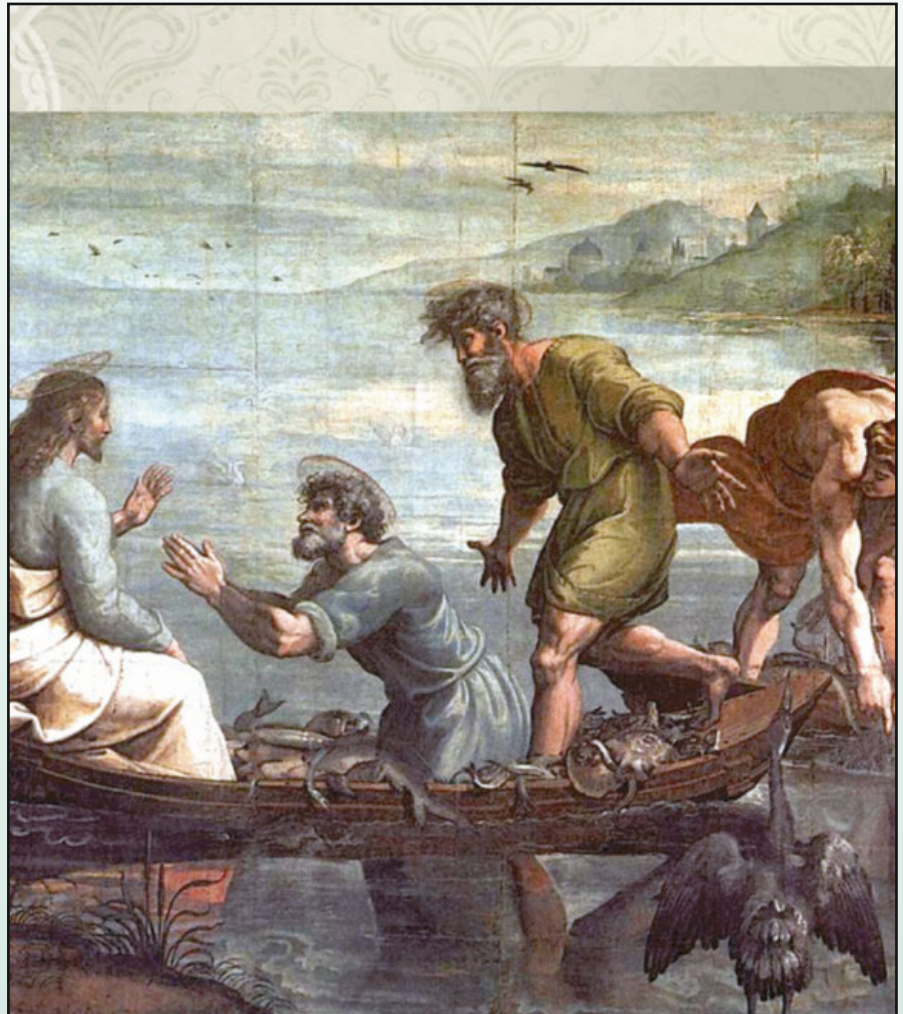
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Benjamin Bannon, Thomas Hipkiss,
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5th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

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, FEBRUARY 5 — SAINT AGATHA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Dorothy McDonald	McDonald Family
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Marty Martini	Donna & Family
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6 — FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Joseph & Louise Rago	Family
Ascension	9:30am	Florence & Margaret Ley	Blair Family
Saint Philip	11:00am	Francis Anthony Leone	Sister, Michelle Leone
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Dorothy Wisniewski	Mary Luxbacher
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Rosemary Freeman	Anita Stotlemeyer
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Lynn Vogelsberger	Rak Family
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10 — SAINT SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN			
Ascension	8:00am	Bob Super	Family
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Peggy Senn	A Friend
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Vi Griffiths	Kathy Hayes
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Ella Vorbach	Helen Demma
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13 — SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Pat Daly	Carol Bayer
Ascension	9:30am	Harry Kaczmarek	Wife, Ann and Paul & Theresa
Saint Philip	11:00am	Bill Rutherford	Rutherford Family

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 very good week and a blessed 2022!

A Sunday Reflection

In today's reading from the Gospel according to Luke, we hear of Jesus' sailing with the Apostles in their boats as they cast their nets into the waters hoping for a catch of fish to sell to the people. This catch of fish is one of the various images for God's People that are used in the Gospels and in the Bible. Another favorite image for the People of God is that of the Lord's chosen flock guided and guarded by the Good Shepherd.

These images and other Biblical images remind us that Jesus has come into the world to gather a great many followers to Himself. Jesus wants the Reign of God, the Kingdom of God, to be populated with countless members who will accept and live in the life and the ways of Almighty God.

As such, we often think of the People of God, the Flock of the Lord, as one very large gathering of Christians who comprise the Body of Christ - joined together in our Faith, our Baptism, and the Eucharist. We speak of the Catholic Church as the Lord's local, national, and worldwide community redeemed by the Blood of Christ and on pilgrimage to eternal life in the presence of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Yet, it's also good and important for us to remember and celebrate that we are unique and individual members of this Catholic community. We are all different from one another, but we are all called to be united in faith, in holiness, in love, and in respect for one another. The Lord Jesus has called each of us to

Himself, and He loves each and every one of us - even if our own appreciation of others, even other Catholic Christians, isn't readily apparent.

The Lord Jesus loves each and every one of us for our faith, for our dedication to Him, for our service of God and God's people, and for all that we bring to the Church and to the Kingdom. May you always remember how much Jesus loves you and every one of us. While we're individual members of an enormous flock of the Lord, may we all be grateful that Jesus has called each one of us to Himself, and may we be glad that He - and He alone - has brought redemption to all people and salvation to those who choose the fullness of life in Him!

What it means to be "Catholic"

I very much appreciate the times when a parish members - or anyone - asks me to explain some aspect of our faith. Recently, I was asked the question "What do we mean by the name 'Catholic'?"

In the first generations of the Lord's community (the Church), our ancestors who were becoming followers of the Risen Christ came to be called "Christians". This is still the name that we receive and proclaim even today.

During later generations, small groups of Christians became very exclusive and pursued their own versions of the Christian faith and community. They often excluded the poor and uneducated and outcast. They typically considered themselves to be much better than the average member of the Lord's Church. These groups were hostile to the Apostolic Church and its leaders and caused many difficulties and upset through the early centuries.

As a result, in order to distinguish faithful Church members from those who created small, exclusive groups (those who came to be called 'heretics'), the Church began teaching that true disciples belonged to a "Catholic Church" - an inclusive Church of Christ that does not exclude anyone and which seeks to share the Good News and the grace of the Lord with all people everywhere.

Today, we often use the name “Catholic Christians” as a reminder that we are indeed Christians baptized into Christ Jesus - and that we belong to the one Catholic Church (universal, inclusive, open to all) established by Jesus upon the foundation of Peter and the Apostles which welcomes all people and seeks to share salvation with all who believe and live in Jesus the Lord.

Remaining healthy and well

As we enter into the third year of this 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. 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!

Best wishes for a blessed 2022!

Best wishes for a very good and healthy 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

ST. PHILIP PARISH



This coming Lent, our parish will host a modified Fish Fry program for our members and families and community. We're making plans to offer Pick Up Fish Dinners at Conner Hall of Ascension Church during the evenings of Ash Wednesday (March 2) and the Fridays of Lent. Orders will be accepted before each event and also taken on those evenings. The hall will NOT be open for dining due to Covid concerns, but our delicious meals will still be available to take home.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To make our 2022 Fish Fry program a success, we need your help as a volunteer - especially with 1.) work in the kitchen, and 2.) cleanup work after each event. Perhaps your entire family can volunteer together!

Please complete the form on page 14, and send it to the parish office - or place it in the weekend collection. Your help is needed and greatly appreciated as we provide these Lenten meals and conduct this annual parish fundraiser!

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



Your goodness and participation
help to keep our parish alive!



BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 6

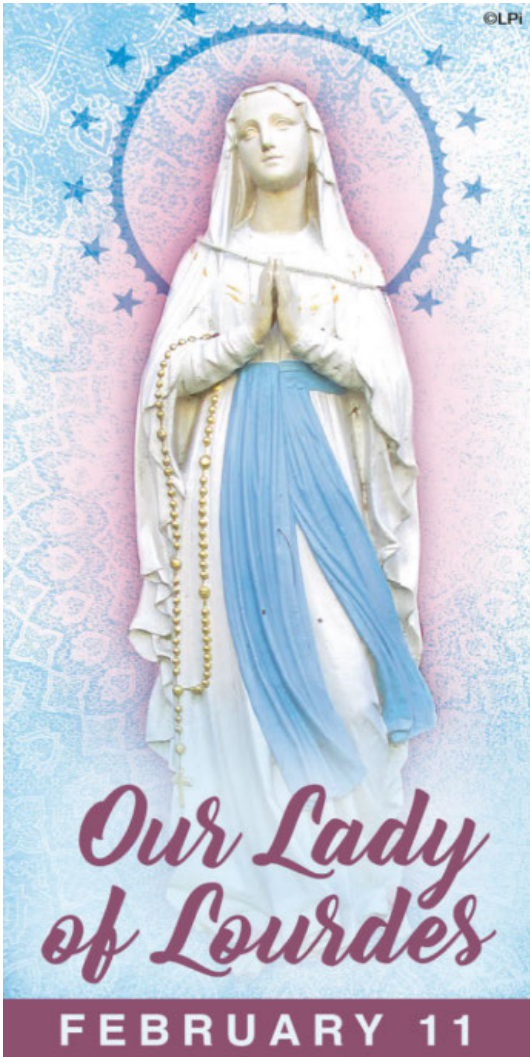
Isaiah 6:1-8;
1 Corinthians 15:1-11;
Luke 5:1-11

Weekdays

1 Kings 8-12;
Mark 6-8

Sunday, February 13

Jeremiah 17:5-8;
1 Corinthians 15:12-20;
Luke 6:17-26



FINANCIAL REPORT OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collection total, **January 29-30, 2022** -- \$7,825.00
Online donations last week -- \$2,785.00

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year -- \$724,000.00
Parish income received since July 1, 2021 -- \$339,045.96
Parish fundraising since July 1, 2021 -- \$17,463.52
Estate gifts received since July 1, 2021 -- \$15,000.00

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 -- \$1,630.32

Parish members -- 3,463 Parish families -- 1,719
Church attendance on **January 29-30** -- 512
Sunday envelopes used -- 204
Online contributions last week -- 42
Total households receiving envelopes -- 1,149

THE GLOBAL SYNOD: JOURNEYING, PRAYING AND WORSHIPING TOGETHER

We can only “journey together” toward the kingdom of God if we pray and worship and receive the sacraments together. For the synod, Pope Francis asks us to consider how prayer and liturgy inspire and direct our journey. How does each baptized Christian follow God as an individual while remaining true to the community? How do we as individuals and communities discern God’s call to us? These questions will be part of synodal sessions throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh in early 2022. For more information text “Synod2021” to 84576 and to download your Participant Guide go to www.diopitt.org/journeying-together.



In OUR PARISH, synodal sessions will be held on Wednesday, February 23 at 7:00pm in Ascension Conner Hall and Thursday, February 24 at 1:00pm in Ascension Conner Hall.



Parish News

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS - February 12 & 13

- 4:00pm at St. Philip - Art Bannon
- 5:30pm at Ascension - Robert Okraszewski
- 7:00am at St. Philip - B. J. Gamble
- 9:30am at Ascension - Linda Barone
- 11:00am at St. Philip - Joe Allen

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - February 12 & 13

- 4:00pm at St. Philip - Kathy Hayes
- 5:30pm at Ascension - Katie Phillips
- 7:00am at St. Philip - Karen Rozeck
- 9:30am at Ascension - Alice McAfee
- 11:00am at St. Philip - Maribeth Cringle

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 _____



**SALVATION HISTORY
AT OUR PARISH**

Our next session will be held on **Tuesday, February 8 at 7:00pm** in the 2nd floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building. We will discuss the *Exodus of the Chosen People from Egypt*. All are welcome.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

Sanctuary Lamps burn before Our Lord in the Tabernacle and are a wonderful way to remember our loved ones, living and deceased. There are still quite a few Sanctuary Lamps available in 2022. Contact Maureen in the Parish Office if you would like to schedule a date.

2022 CALENDAR LUNCHEON PARTY

You are cordially invited to the 20th annual Calendar Party Luncheon which will be held **Sunday, March 20 from 1:00pm to 3:30pm** at the Ss. Simon & Jude School Building Gym (1625 Greentree Road, 15220) of St. Raphael the Archangel Parish. Doors will open at 12:30pm. Admission is \$25 per person. Reservations are required. If you are unable to attend but would like to support this parish event, you can help us by:

- Donating Chinese Auction Baskets,
- Donating Gift Cards or other items to be used for Door Prizes,
- Helping to set up and/or clean up,
- Volunteering to work the event (help sell Chinese Auction Tickets, Table Centerpiece Auction Tickets and 50/50 Raffle Tickets; help serve lunch).

Please contact Regina McDonald at 412-771-0667 or Barb Hendrick at 412-608-7752.

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate the following students from our parish who were named to the Honor Roll at Bishop Canevin High School for the Second Academic Quarter:

High Honors: **Mason Anselm, Trinity Anselm, Francis Bochicchio, Josephine Bochicchio, Ashley Boehm, Rachel Boehm, Alysha Cutri, Leyton Cypher, Isabella Demark, Joseph Hurley, Maclaen Johnson, Lauren Kirsch, Natalie Kirsch, Isabella Malloy, Alexander Petrak, Grace Ravenstahl, Evan Seitz, George Shorthouse and Julianna Nelle Umalin**
Honors: **Zachary Bittner**

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Today's second collection will be taken up to support the ministry and charitable works of our parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society. Your generosity will be very much appreciated. **Please Note: All checks must be made payable to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.**

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH SYNOD 2021-2023



Pope Francis wants to hear from everyone about how the Church-the People of God- can help him discern the Holy Spirit's guidance. The Holy Father has described the synod as an opportunity to plant dreams and draw forth visions, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another, and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, and give strength to our hands.

ST. PHILIP SYNOD SESSIONS

Wednesday, Feb. 23 @ 7:00pm, Ascension Conner Hall
Thursday, Feb. 24 @ 1:00pm, Ascension Conner Hall

***Synod Opening Prayer:** We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, Who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.*



We offer our sympathy to the families of **John Donovan, James Flynn, Richard Kleer, Kathleen Phillips, Gary L. Snyder and Colleen Strosnider** who entered into eternal life. Please keep them in your prayers.

Connect with FLOCKNOTE!



To register, contact our parish office,
OR text **stphilippa** to **84576**, OR visit
www.stphilipchurch1.flocknote.com.



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

Thank you!

Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **St. Philip** burns
In Loving Memory of Michelle McCullough
Offered by Lillian Brandimarti

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **Ascension** burns
In Loving Memory of Frank Anthony Leone
Offered by Donna Leone



GALASSO REAL ESTATE SERVICES

*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: The Gospel for this Sunday speaks to our calling as St. Philip Parish. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon responds, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." **We can hear the same message.** Pope Francis with the guidance of the Holy Spirit is asking us to gather together to share our hearts and minds in synodal sessions this winter. The sessions for the people of St. Philip Parish are **February 23 and February 24**. We can respond to the invitation by saying, "but we have gathered before and nothing has changed." The question is, that like Simon, do we have the courage to say, "but at your command, I will attend and share my thoughts." **This invitation to gather is not like any gathering we have previously attended.** This gathering will plant dreams, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, weave together relationships and awaken a dawn of hope in the Church. Jesus invites us to be a part of this experience. Do we have the courage to respond, "Master, we have worked hard and done this before, but at your command I will attend?" Let us be part of the excitement. Let us share our dreams, visions, challenges and hopes. Let each of us say "Yes" so that we can hear Jesus say, "Do not be afraid; Come and follow me, from now on your Church will be filled with the Joy of the Gospel."



FAITH FORMATION: MARDI GRAS FREE PANCAKE DINNER. Our *Mardi Gras Free Pancake Dinner Celebration* is scheduled for *Monday, February 28*. Come enjoy a Pre-Lenten dinner of pancakes, sausage, applesauce and dessert. There will be music, coloring pages and fun for all ages. Please call 412-922-6388 for reservations. The entire parish and faith formation families are welcome.

LENTEN SOUP, SALAD AND SPEAKER SERIES RETURNS. Our *Soup, Salad and Speaker Series* begins in Ascension Conner Hall and Church on **Wednesday, March 9 from 6:15pm to 8:15pm**. Our topic for March 9 will be "Following Jesus in Prayer." Please join us for soup, salad, reflection, discussion, dessert and prayer. Dinner is from 6:15pm to 7:00pm. Our speaker with reflection, discussion and dessert begins at 7:00pm. Reservations are suggested but walk-ins are welcome. Call 412-922-6388.

SECOND GRADE FAITH FORMATION: Our second grade students will be recognized at the 11:00am Mass this weekend. Each student's name will be announced and each one will receive a Mass booklet. Our second grade students will have a tour of the church on **Monday, March 7 at 7:00pm**. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for First Eucharist on May 1.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: Our eighth grade students created blankets that were given to the Catholic Charities Warming Center. During this cold winter weather, these blankets were very much appreciated. Thank you to our 8th

grade students and their parents for helping with this service project. We also thank **Luke Palmer and his family** for generously donating the materials. Eighth grade students will also be helping with our **Parish Fish Fry**. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 15.



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: St. Philip Parish will be **collecting cans of soup** for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry during **Super Bowl weekend, February 12 and 13.**

There will be containers available in each church to place your donated cans of soup. *Thank you for your generosity.*



Our Confirmation students and their parents will be creating bag lunches for the homeless on **Monday, March 7 at 7:00pm** in Kelty Hall. We will be making 100 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for Jubilee Soup Kitchen. If you can **donate a jar of peanut butter or jelly**, please drop it off to Linda or MaryAnn at the Parish Office. There is also a **need for granola bars and individual bags of potato chips.** *Thank you for your generosity.*

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.

MR. DAN BAKER, MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH:

Math - Let's talk about it! The 5th grade has been working with decimals. They have discovered how to read them and how they are related to fractions. The students have been learning how to order, round, estimate, and complete problems with all the operations. They will also use decimals with money and learn how to solve real-life problems.

The 6th grade has been working on how to use data in real life. They made different kinds of graphs/plots from data that represent the information in different ways. They discussed what a share of stock is and how to use a line graph to predict how it might perform.

The 7th grade has been working on ratio, rates and probability. They learned how to compare different ratios, as well as find the probability. The students also calculated the probability of winning different types of games.

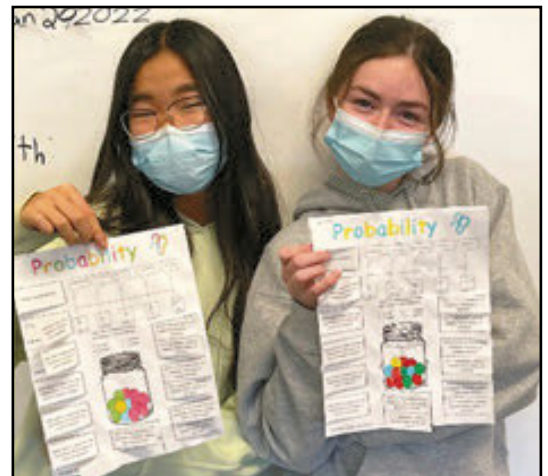
Our 8th graders have been working on slopes and polynomials. They discussed how slopes can be formed with equations and which jobs use slopes in the real world. The 8th grade will be working with polynomials and learning how to factor them. What's next? Geometry - shapes, formulas, and Pi oh my...



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

MR. JORDAN WIEGAND, HEALTH - GRADES 3-8 AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION - GRADES K-8

My name is Jordan Wiegand, and I am in my first year as the Health and Physical Education Teacher at Guardian Angel Academy and Bishop Canevin High School. I have more than 11 years of teaching experience. I obtained my Bachelor's Degree in Health and Physical Education from Slippery Rock University. I also have a Master's Degree in Sports Administration from Lock Haven University. When I am not in school, I am out on the soccer field coaching. I am the Head Boys Varsity Soccer Coach at Pine-Richland. I have more than 12 years of soccer coaching experience!



GUARDIAN ANGEL ACADEMY would like to acknowledge and congratulate our Middle School HONOR ROLL STUDENTS for the Second Quarter of the 2021-2022 School Year!

HIGHEST HONOR: Cooper Anselm, Hope Avery, Katie Butcher, Amari Elliot, Caroline Hall, Katelyn Miller, Sophia Muoio, Chloe Waxter, Lienna Bassano, Dom Bernardi, P.J. Doherty, Elizabeth Fuchs, Sam Hall, Marli Hornack, Dashiell Sargent, Averie Strohm, Hannah Hayes, Colby Lane, Salvador Lozano, Frankie Schlatterer, Shae Trombetta, Addy Batts, Christian Bush, Mason Dick, Brady Jenkins, Gabby Kim, Maria Leithauser-Mihalega, Emily Luzar, Raymond Piaggese, Mia Robles, Elsa Snover.

HIGH HONOR: Keely Bodnar, Alex Dela Cruz, Stephanie Twardy, Zoe Vesci, Luke Wrabley, Matthew Ziegler, Brody Schuck, George (Jacob) Boehm, Santino Phillips, Alana Antonelli-Sheffer, Carter Lemmon, Ava Lenigan.

HONOR: Allison Foster, Lacey Kubasiak, Joseph Wertz, Kevin Leslie, Santino Meredith, Carmella Rippole, Cienna Rung, Teodata Phillips, Ava Washington, Nathan Anglum, Mya Butler, Nancy Rose Delien, Mason Foster, Julia Kubasiak, Walter Leithauser-Mihalega, Mayra Nee, James Nicholson.



Around the Diocese and Community

PRE-CANA CLASS

St. Paul of the Cross Parish (Castle Shannon/Mt. Lebanon) will be hosting Pre-Cana marriage preparation on **Saturday, March 5 from 9:00am to 5:00pm** on the campus of St. Anne's Church. Six hours of preliminary preparation using FORMED is required prior to attending. Visit <https://forms.gle/xKQ9NyEVjUrytPXA6> for registration information or contact Don Fontana at dfontana@stpaulofthecross.com.

CRUSADERS
BISHOP CANEVIN HIGH SCHOOL

BISHOP CANEVIN

UPCOMING ADMISSIONS EVENT
Experience all that BC has to offer at the
2022 Bishop Canevin Showcase!
Open to students in grades 5-11 and
their families.
Wednesday, February 9
6:30 – 9:00 PM
Doors open at 6:00 PM for a
Welcome Reception
RSVP at bishopcanevin.org

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Questions?
Contact our Admissions Department at
(412) 922-7400 ext. 220
konklej@bishopcanevin.org

Holy Spirit Retreat

AT THE ARK AND THE DOVE

March 11-13, 2022

REGISTER AT
WWW.THEARKANDTHEDOVEWORLDWIDE.ORG
 OVERNIGHT: \$150 COMMUTER: \$100
 VIRTUAL: \$50

ALICIA HARTLE SR. MARIE FIDELIS GABRIEL SCHOONE
 FR. MIKE ACKERMAN FR. JOE FREEDY KATIE GRELLA

"YOU WILL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT..."
 ACTS 2:38

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

March 2-April 10

HELP SAVE LIVES IN PITTSBURGH!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 26 coordinated campaigns:

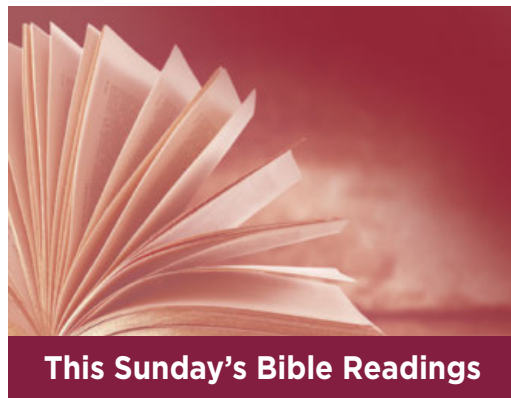
- Over 20,000 babies saved from abortion
- Over 200 abortion workers converted
- Over 100 abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- Vigil location:** Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh
- Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm daily
- Local contact:** Nikki Bruni
nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com or Donna Goss at gdgoss620@gmail.com
- Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!**

Go to: 40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh or visit our blog site at: 40daysforlifepittsburgh.com

Join us for our Kick-Off Mass & Eucharistic Procession on Tuesday, March 1st at 7:00 pm at Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church! Main Celebrant is Fr. Chris Donley, Pastor of Divine Mercy Parish. Eucharistic Procession to Planned Parenthood will immediately follow the conclusion of the Mass. All Christians are welcome to participate! Help us to begin these Lenten 40 days with Christ, truly with us! This is a free event.



This Sunday's Bible Readings

FIRST READING:

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!" (Is 6:8)



PSALM:

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord. (Ps 138)



SECOND READING:

Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed. (1 Cor 15:11)



GOSPEL:

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. (Lk 5:10-11)

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Ministries & Societies

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

Over the past few months, we have discussed a number of programs that are available to assist people that have difficulty paying their utility bills. Just in case anyone missed one of our articles, here is a recap of the programs that we have discussed.

LIHEAP - The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program provides households that meet certain income requirements grants from \$200 to \$1000, which can be applied to your electric or gas account, depending on which one you use to heat your home. Additional emergency grants to restore service or prevent service interruption are also available. To learn more about LIHEAP or to apply, please visit: www.dhs.pa.gov/LIHEAP.

Dollar Energy - The Dollar Energy Fund provides grants of up to \$500 per participating utility to eligible households. 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 your utility provider or visit www.dollarenergy.org/need-help/pennsylvania for more information.

LIHWAP - The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program provides qualifying households with one grant for delinquent water charges and one for delinquent sewage charges, up to \$2,500 each. For more information, or to apply, call 877-395-8930 or visit www.dhs.pa.gov/waterhelp.

ERAP - The Emergency Rental Assistance Program provides renters that live in Allegheny County, including the City of Pittsburgh, with utility assistance

for electric, gas, fuel oil, garbage, sewage and water bills as long as they meet certain income guidelines and have been financially impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. You can apply for ERAP utility assistance even if you have been previously denied assistance through some other program, such as LIHEAP or Dollar Energy. In order to apply or for more information, please visit <https://covidrentrelief.alleghenycounty.us> (this is the preferred method), call their hotline at 412-248-0021, or visit one of their “drop-in centers.” The ERAP program is also able to provide rent assistance.

PAHAF - The Pennsylvania Homeowner Assistance Fund provides qualifying homeowners who experienced a financial hardship as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic with up to 24 months or \$3,000.00 of assistance for any utility bill. To learn more or apply, please visit <https://pahaf.org> or call 888-987-2423. Online applications are strongly encouraged. The PAHAF program is also able to provide mortgage and real estate tax assistance.

With the exception of ERAP and PAHAF, these programs are available to both homeowners and renters. None of the assistance needs to be repaid. If you or someone you know has fallen behind in utility payments or are struggling to stay current, please take advantage of these resources.

This week, your generous donations enabled us to provide beds for three children. Thank you!

If you would like to make a monetary donation or a donation of \$10 Giant Eagle gift cards, please place your donation in one of the poor boxes, mail them to the parish office at 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15205, or donate online by visiting <https://saintphilipchurch.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/StVincentdePaul>. Monetary donations made to our conference are used only to assist friends in need and to pay our operational expenses. No money is given to any other organizations.

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. PHILIP PARISH



St. Philip Parish is having a fundraiser. This follows the 2022 NCAA Men's Division 1 Basketball Tournament (March Madness).

THE WAY IT WORKS IS:

1. You purchase a square on a 10x10 grid for \$50.
2. Once the grid is filled, numbers 0-9 are drawn randomly and placed on the grid's axis.
3. The horizontal axis is labeled the "winning team." The vertical axis is labeled "losing team."
4. Your numbers represent the last digit of the winning team's score and last digit of the losing team's score per each game played throughout the entire tournament. For example, if your numbers are: winning team 1 and losing team 9 and Pitt beats WVU 71-59, you win! Every game played in the tournament (starting with round one) will generate a winner.

Because you keep your numbers throughout the tournament, you have a great chance of winning multiple times per round or in different rounds. You don't have to fill out a bracket or know anything about college basketball. Just know that your odds of winning are great, and the parish greatly appreciates your support.

THE PAYOUT SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

- Round 1= \$25 Field of 64 - Thu., March 17 & Fri., March 19
- Round 2= \$50 Field of 32 - Sat., March 19, & Sun., March 20
- Round 3= \$75 Sweet Sixteen - Fri., March 24 & Sat., March 25
- Round 4= \$100 Elite Eight - Sat., March 26, & Sun., March 27
- Round 5= \$200 Final Four - Sat., April 2
- Round 6= \$500 Championship - Mon., April 4

The two play-in games known as the "first four" are not included in this event.

When we sell all 100 squares, we will be able to claim a \$1,500 profit. The event pays out a total of \$3,500 in winnings.

ACT QUICKLY BECAUSE THE GRID WILL FILL UP FAST!

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