



Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13, 2022

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OFFICE HOURS:

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

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Rev. James R. Torquato, Pastor
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Rev. Lawrence Adams, Ascension Rectory

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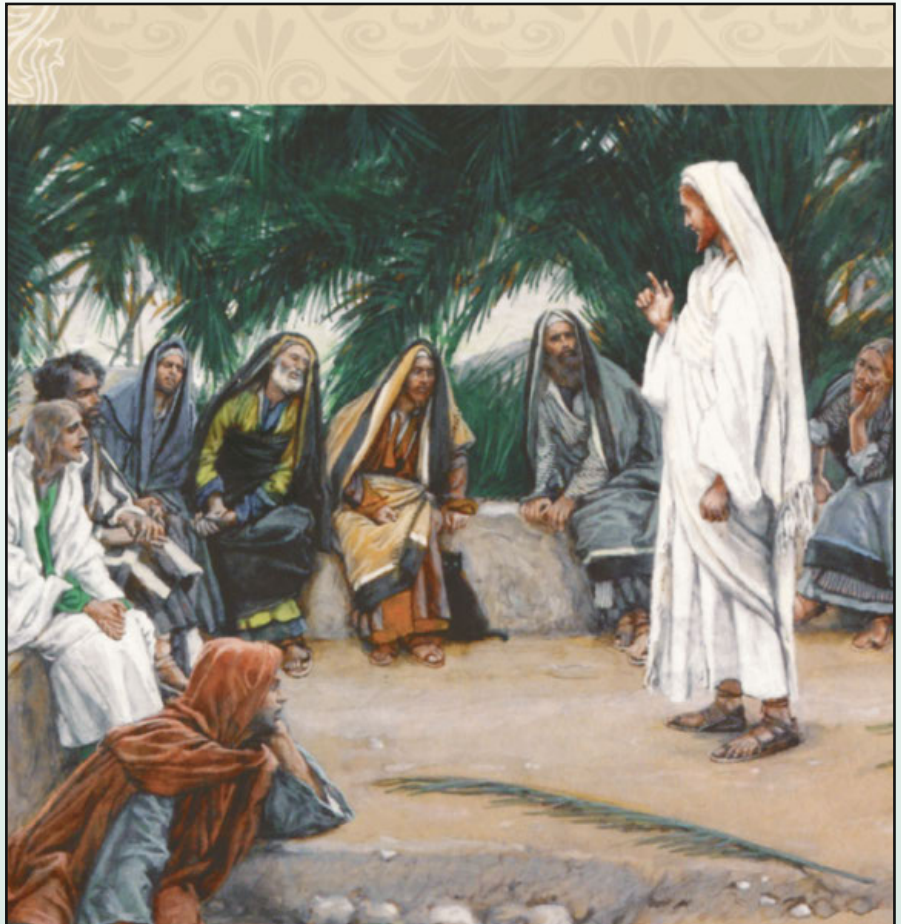
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Faith Formation Office (412) 922-6388
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Guardian Angel Academy (412) 922-4765



6th 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 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
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14 — SAINTS CYRIL, MONK AND METHIDIUS, BISHOP			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Frank & Jean Daily	Frank Daily
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Loretta & Bernard Cook	Robin & Jim Gump
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 — WEEKDAY			
St. Philip	8:00am	Richard Kreiger	Friend
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Ronald Reiss	Darla Reiss
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Patricia Bookser	Barekzai Family
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Monti & D'Versa Family	Family
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Zunic & Henkel Families	Jane Beistel
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20 — SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Thomas A. Ogden, Sr.	Pauline Ogden
Ascension	9:30am	Sophia Patterson	Jolene D'Andrea
Saint Philip	11:00am	Raymond Drozak	Barekzai 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 2022!

A Sunday Reflection

This Sunday, our Gospel reading from the Gospel according to Luke sounds very similar to the Beatitudes found in the Gospel according to Matthew. The Beatitudes are found at the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in Mathew's Gospel. Today's passage from Luke's Gospel begins the Sermon on the Plain found in Luke.

In fact, the Gospels according to Luke and Matthew and Mark all share many similarities. In recent centuries, Biblical scholars have determined that Mark's Gospel was compiled first. Then the Gospels according to Luke and Matthew were compiled using Mark's Gospel as a source for their own composition.

Building on Mark, the Gospel of Matthew was addressed to Jewish Christians who were very familiar with the Jewish faith and heritage. The Gospel of Matthew also presents Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah who gave clear direction to His Apostles and to the first Christians as to how they should live and conduct themselves.

The Gospel according to Luke - which is the primary Gospel read on Sundays during this Church Year - is also built on the Gospel according to Mark. However, Luke is thought to have been written primarily for Gentile (*non-Jewish*) Christians who sought to become disciples of Jesus even though they had not been numbered among the People of Israel.

Luke's Gospel adds to the message of Mark's Gospel, and Luke also sounds fairly similar to Matthew. However, Luke has a more inclusive and compassionate message spoken by Jesus throughout His ministry. In Luke, Jesus reaches out to many people who were not Jewish, and in Luke, Jesus

especially shows care and kindness to those who are poor, outcast, and mistreated. In addition, in Luke, Jesus gives us the amazing parables that teach us of God's mercy, love, forgiveness, and compassion. In Luke, during Jesus' suffering and crucifixion as well as in His Resurrection, the Lord speaks of forgiveness, mercy, and understanding.

May we all pay close attention to the passages from Luke's Gospel which we are hearing this year on Sundays. May we also read Luke's Gospel at home. Finally, may we appreciate the Good News from Jesus that Luke shares with us as we too are invited to follow the Lord faithfully in this lifetime and to journey with Him to the Eternal Kingdom!

Our Parish Share Program 2022 will begin in two weeks

As all our members and parishes have done for 50 years, we will soon begin this year's Parish Share Program to contribute our required funding for the operations of the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh in 2022. The PSP allows Bishop David Zubik and his staff to continue and oversee and all the offices and programs of our Diocesan Church.

Many of you, our parish members and families, have been supportive of this important program since its beginning. Some parish members are even very, very generous! All the donations received above and beyond our annual goal are retained by Saint Philip Parish for the benefit and operations of our own Catholic community!

Every year, each parish is asked to raise an extra 17.5% of its income received during the previous year. This extra 17.5% is our annual Parish Share Goal. **Because our parish received extra income from our members and estate gifts during the Pandemic, and because our monetary subsidy given to the school was lower thanks to the 2020-2021 Federal PPP funding, this year's 2022 Parish Share Goal is higher than other recent years.**

For 2022, our Parish Share Goal for Saint Philip Parish will be \$128,391. This year's goal is \$51,422 higher than the 2021 PSP goal.

As such, I invite every household in our parish to again contribute or pledge at least \$250 to the Parish Share Program this year. If you can contribute \$500, or

\$1000, or \$2500 or more, your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Contribution and pledge cards will be sent in the postal mail to each of our households this month.

As always, I thank you very much for your participation in our parish community and Liturgy, and I thank you for your financial contributions and support for the benefit and operation of our Diocesan Church of Pittsburgh and our Saint Philip Parish. Your generosity and donations help to keep our parish alive - and help to continue and to grow the Kingdom of God here in our community and region!

Remaining healthy and well

As we continue 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. Thank you for wearing a full face mask when appropriate and wise - especially in church. 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 FISH FRY



WHAT'S NEW

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 Drive Thru Fish Dinners at Conner Hall of Ascension Church during the evenings of Ash Wednesday (March 2) and the Fridays of Lent. **Orders will be taken by phone. Payment will be check or credit card only. Cash will not be accepted.** The pick-up will be by Drive Thru only. 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 13

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

Weekdays

James 1-3;
Mark 8-9

Sunday, February 20

1 Samuel 26:2-23;
1 Corinthians 15:45-49;
Luke 6:27-38



FEBRUARY 14

SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS

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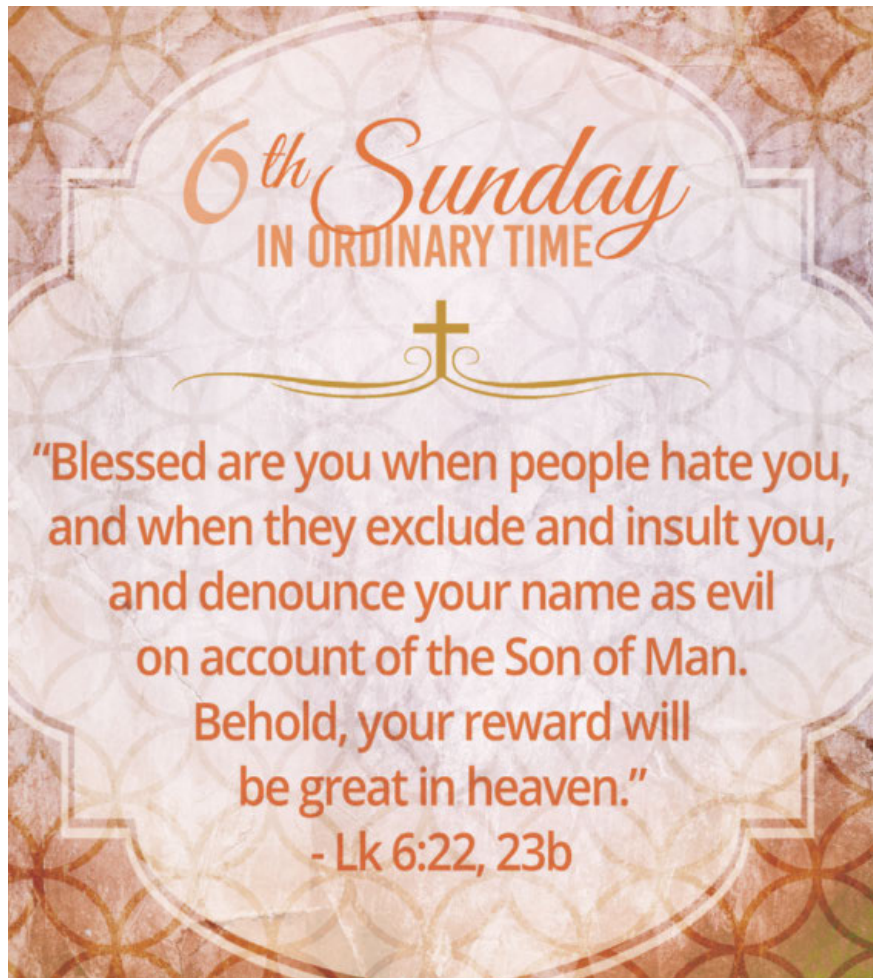
FINANCIAL REPORT OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collection total, **February 5-6, 2022** -- \$10,491.00
Online donations last week -- \$2,017.00

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year -- \$724,000.00
Parish income received since July 1, 2021 -- \$351,553.96
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 **February 5-6** -- 523
Sunday envelopes used -- 270
Online contributions last week -- 53
Total households receiving envelopes -- 1,149





Parish News

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS - February 19 & 20

- 4:00pm at St. Philip - Gregory Healy
- 5:30pm at Ascension - Colleen Pilarski
- 7:00am at St. Philip - Beth Ayres
- 9:30am at Ascension - Frank Daily
- 11:00am at St. Philip - Katelyn Hoff

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - February 19 & 20

- 4:00pm at St. Philip - Ursula Eberle
- 5:30pm at Ascension - Nancy Salinski
- 7:00am at St. Philip - Dian Perkins
- 9:30am at Ascension - Barbara Hendrick
- 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 _____

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

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.

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 Gymnasium (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.

LIVE THE LITURGY — INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The human heart will always find itself wanting unless it finds its rest in God. Many people haven't yet figured out that pursuing purely secular ideologies and interests and side stepping their relationship with God causes them to fall short of their potential. When we seek our satisfaction, seek our strength, and establish priorities based entirely on the things of this world, we come up empty. There is never enough and we are always reaching for more. We develop distorted senses of justice, lose our moral axis, and lower our benchmarks for change, growth, and development. That is why knowing the beatitudes and God's vision they contain is so important. They remind us that our consumption, success driven lives can actually hurt and exploit others; quickly moving us away from God's idea of how things need to look. God ultimately will set things straight. We can assist in that mission now by trusting, hoping, and looking to God for our cues for how to live, set goals for ourselves and discern the best way to share this world with our brothers and sisters.



We offer our sympathy to the family of **Regis Sullivan** who entered into eternal life. Please keep him in your prayers.

We ask you to remember in your prayers **Tracy Belcastro**, the nephew of Mary Klinkner. May his soul and the souls of the Faithful Departed rest in peace.



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.

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.

Sanctuary  Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **St. Philip** burns *In Loving Memory of Schneider ☺ McDonough Families* Offered by Schneider Family

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **Ascension** burns *In Loving Memory of Samuel "Herb" Irwin* Offered by Wife, Marge Irwin



WEST HILLS LAW

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: *“Let’s See What Love Can Do.”* This week is Valentine’s Day and the perfect time for us to “see what love can do.” This past week the leadership of St. Philip Parish came together to begin planning our journey to share Christ’s love with one another and with the Community. We begin with the Synod as Pope Francis calls us together to help him discern the Holy Spirit’s guidance for the direction of the Church. **Our Synod gathering 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.** Please try to attend one of these sessions as your input is very important. We continue our sharing with one another during our Mardi Gras Celebration Free Pancake Dinner on Monday, February 28 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Our Friday weekly Drive-Thru Fish Fry begins on Friday, March 4. Why not buy an extra for someone who can not get there? **Our Lenten Wednesday weekly Soup, Salad and Speaker Series begins on Wednesday March 9 from 6:15pm to 8:15pm in Ascension Conner Hall with speaker Fr. Sam Esposito.** Our Parish Mission with Fr. Joe Freedy begins the week of April 24. Plan to join us for many of these programs. Let us reach out to one another, pray for and with one another, welcome one another and then *“Let’s See What Love Can Do.”*

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

BAPTISMS: We are once again scheduling Baptisms. If you would like to have your child baptized, please contact the Office of Faith Formation at 412-215-7743 to begin the process.

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation at St. Philip Parish will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 15 at the 11:00am Mass.** If there are any adults who are not yet confirmed and would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, a few short sessions can be arranged. Please contact Father Torquato or the Office of Faith Formation.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: Any child who prepared but was unable to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist or Reconciliation due to COVID and would like to receive the Sacraments this coming year is asked to call MaryAnn in the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

FAITH FORMATION: There is a Faith Formation Parent Meeting on **Monday, February 14 at 7:00pm** in St. Philip Church. All Parents are invited to attend.



Help is Needed!



Our Confirmation students and their parents will be creating bag lunches for the homeless on **Monday, March 7 at 7:00pm** in Kely 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.*

SAVE THE DATE

February 23: *Synod Meeting @ 7:00pm in Ascension Conner Hall*

February 24: *Synod Meeting @ 7:00pm in Ascension Conner Hall*

February 28: *Mardi Gras Free Pancake Supper (5:30pm to 7:30pm in Ascension Conner Hall. Call 412-922-6388 to register.)*

March 2: *Lent Begins, Fish Fry Ash Wednesday and Fridays*

March 9: *Free Soup, Salad, ☺ Speaker Series with Father Sam Esposito*

March 16: *Free Soup, Salad ☺ Speaker Series with Theresa Sullivan*

March 23: *Free Soup, Salad ☺ Speaker Series with Father Larry Adams*

March 30: *Free Soup, Salad ☺ Speaker Series (speaker TBA)*

April 6: *Free Soup, Salad ☺ Speaker Series (speaker TBA)*

April 16: *Parish Easter Egg Hunt @ 10:00am in St. Philip Courtyard*

April 24-28: *Parish Mission Week (see bulletin for details)*

May: *Christlife Program Begins*



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: _____

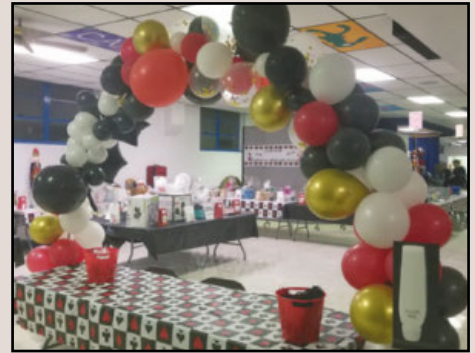


Guardian Angel Academy

Our newly merged regional school is almost through their first year! Saint Philip Parish families are welcome to learn more about Guardian Angel Academy. Applications are now being accepted for the 2022-23 school year.

To learn more, please contact Guardian Angel Academy this week at 412-922-4765.

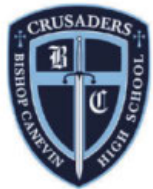
Thank You



The Guardian Angel Academy Cash Bash was a huge success! The PTG was able to raise a profit of \$15,613 for our school.

We wish to thank all in attendance for your support of Guardian Angel Academy and Catholic education and all those who supported the event through your many donations.

We also thank our many volunteers who put in countless hours before, during and after the Cash Bash to make the event such a success. A BIG thank you, also, to event organizer, Carla Dick for her direction and hard work. It was so great to have a full house and see so many people there for our first Cash Bash as Guardian Angel Academy.



BISHOP CANEVIN

NOW ENROLLING FOR FALL 2022

Financial Aid
and Scholarships available

Apply online at
bishopcanevin.org/apply-now

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Financial aid & scholarship information
session for prospective families.

Wednesday, February 23

6:30 - 7:30 PM

Bishop Canevin Library

Register online at
bishopcanevin.org/financial-aid-info-session

@bishopcanevin   

Questions?

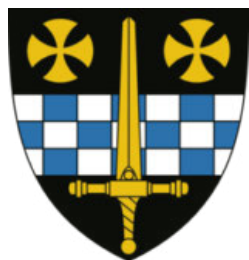
Contact our Admissions Department at
(412) 922-7400 ext. 220
konklej@bishopcanevin.org





The history of St. Conrad of Piacenza is quite fascinating. A member of one of the most noble families of Piacenza, he was known for his utmost honesty. One day while out hunting with friends, he thought he saw some game in an area of brush and ordered his attendants to set fire to the brush in order to scare it out of hiding. Unfortunately, the dry brush quickly ignited, and fire started to spread. Soon, the surrounding area was engulfed in flames.

Unfortunately, a known arsonist happened to be in the same area as the fire. This man was later imprisoned, tried, and condemned to death for the damage. But on his way to his execution, St. Conrad of Piacenza, full of guilt, stopped the proceedings and confessed to the fire. To make restitution for the damages, Conrad had to sell all his belongings, which reduced him to poverty. Soon after, he decided to retire to a hermitage, where he became a hermit of the Third Order of St. Francis, and his wife entered the Order of Poor Clares.



Around the Diocese and Community

RETREAT: The Ark and The Dove Retreat Center (Gibsonia, Pa) is hosting a Holy Spirit Retreat from **March 11-13**. Participants can register for overnight registration (\$150), commuter registration (\$100), or virtual registration (\$50). We invite you to attend and experience a deeper encounter with the Holy Spirit. To register, visit our website: www.thearkandthedoveworldwide.org/2022HolySpirit. Space is limited, so register today! Speakers include Fr. Joe Freedy, Fr. Mike Ackerman, Alicia Hartle, DLJC Sisters, Katie Grella, and more!

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. Registration information can be found at <https://forms.gle/xKQ9NyEVjUrytPXA6>. Please contact Don Fontana, dfontana@stpaulofthecross.com, for more information.

ADDICTION RECOVERY MINISTRY: One of our valuable lessons learned over the past few generations is that people with similar pain can be very good for each other. The expansive growth of AA is probably the largest example, but there are many others. Anyone who has ever lost a child knows how helpful others can be who have spent time in a club that no one wants a membership to. Those that have lost a family member or friend because of an addiction have a uniqueness to their grief and thus far, not many groups have been created for this specific pain.

Addiction Recovery Ministry is beginning a grief group for family members or friends who have lost a loved one because of overdose or addiction. Our discussion will be framed by the video, "*Among the Many*." We will strive to offer hope to anyone grieving such a tragic loss.

Our **weekly meetings take place on Tuesdays**, and will be held at the Venerable Matthew Talbot Center for Healing and Hope, located at 2599 Freeport Road in Harmar.

If you have experienced this tragedy, please feel welcome. If you know of someone who has experienced this tragedy, please invite them. If you would like more information, please contact Deacon Tim Noca at 412-793-4511, ext. 21 or by email at tnoca@diopitt.org.



Ministries & Societies

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

We often report that a friend in need received a clothing voucher and/or a household goods voucher, but what are those things and where do the items come from?

Many of you know that the St. Vincent de Paul Central Council of Pittsburgh operates thrift stores, and you may have even donated by placing items in their blue bins (in front of the Hope House and behind the Ascension Worship Site) or by dropping donations off at one of the thrift stores. There are stores in Coraopolis, Castle Shannon, Monroeville, Penn Hills and Butler. These stores not only provide employment opportunities and low-cost items for sale, but they also supply our friends in need with free items!

When we meet a new friend in need, we often find that the friend in need lacks clothing and/or basic household goods like pots, pans, silverware, towels or sheets. We are able to fulfill these needs by ordering a clothing voucher and a household goods voucher. A clothing voucher entitles the friend in need, and everyone in their household, to obtain three free outfits from a St. Vincent de Paul thrift store. There is no cost to the conference for a clothing voucher.

A household goods voucher allows a friend in need to obtain a certain dollar amount (usually \$50) of items from one of the thrift stores for free. The referring conference pays for the value of the goods that the friend in need “purchases,” but our money goes much further by allowing the friend in need to purchase gently used items from our thrift stores than it would if we had to purchase new items.

In order to help the thrift stores to be able to continue the clothing and household goods voucher programs, you can shop at one of the thrift stores or make a donation of new or gently used clothing or household

goods. Clothing, shoes and accessories (purses, scarves, etc.) can be placed in the blue bins in front of the Hope House and behind the Ascension Worship Site, or donated directly to one of the thrift stores. Household goods like pots, pans, lamps and towels must be donated at one of the thrift stores (they cannot go in the blue bins). To view store locations and hours, visit <https://svdppitt.org/stores/store-locations-directions>. Thank you in advance for helping the needy in our diocese by supporting the Council of Pittsburgh, and for your constant support of the St. Philip Conference.

Recently, your generous donations enabled us to help a brother and sister, who are seniors, with \$630 for heating oil. Thank you for your support of our friends in need during these cold winter months!

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 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.

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.



The St. Philip Grief Support Group will meet **Thursday, February 17 from 2:00pm to 3:00pm** in Conner 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.

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March 2-April 10

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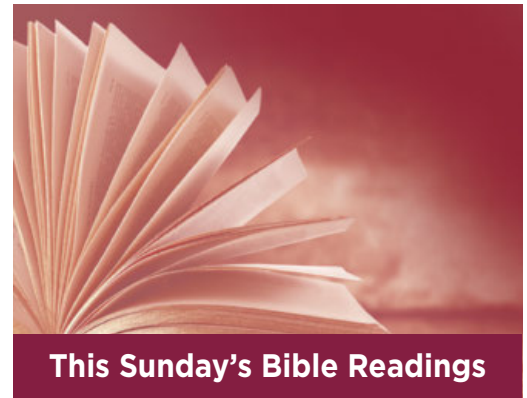
- Over 20,000 babies saved from abortion
- Over 200 abortion workers converted
- Over 100 abortion centers closed

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:

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. (Jer 17:7)



PSALM:

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord. (Ps 1)



SECOND READING:

If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain. (1 Cor 15:16-17)



GOSPEL:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours." (Lk 6:20)

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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.

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