

Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20, 2022 Download the bulletin at www.parishesonline.com

OFFICE HOURS:

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

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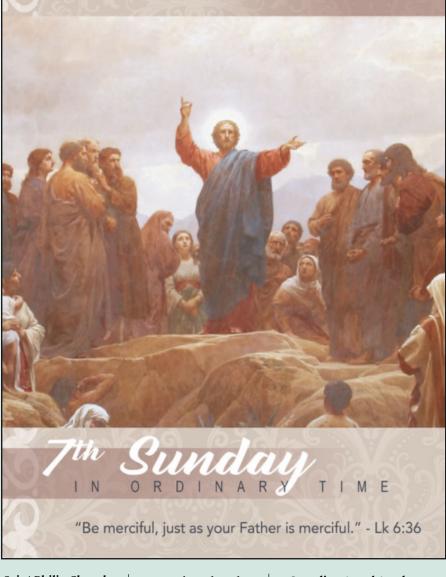
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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: Should be submitted to maureen@saintphilipchurch.org no later than 12:00pm on Friday to be included in the following week's bulletin.





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

REOUESTED BY LOCATION TIME MASS INTENTION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19 - WEEKDAY

Ascension 8:ooam Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish

Saint Philip 4:00pm (V) Monti & D'Versa Families 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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21 — WEEKDAY

Beverly Layton Lillian Brandimarti Saint Philip 8:ooam

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 — THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE

Ascension 8:ooam Dolores Cavic Holy Innocents Money

Counters

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 - SAINT POLYCARP, BISHOP

Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish Saint Philip 8:ooam

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24 - WEEKDAY

Rose Ascension 8:00am Joe & Joann Ragan

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - WEEKDAY

Saint Philip 8:ooam Lois Robbins Lillian Brandimarti

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26 - WEEKDAY

Ascension	8:00am	Doris & Albert Plouy	Janine & Mike Wilson
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Robert A. Seitz	Bob & Mary Ann Crespy
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Martha Schepner & Alfred Vorbach, Jr.	Estate

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27 — EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saint Philip	7:00am	Sonny Mascellino	Ramona Thibeault
Ascension	9:30am	Alene D'Andrea	Jolene D'Andrea
Saint Philip	11:00am	Hann F. & Aida Junsay	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

In twelve days, on Ash Wednesday, March 2, we will begin our annual Season of Forgiveness - the Holy Season of Lent! As you may know, Lent is the old English word which indicates that the daylight is "lengthening" as we approach the new life of Spring. In other languages, the Holy Season before Easter is referred to as the "Forty Days." Even though our ancestors in the English language did things in their own way, the practice and the purpose of the Season of Lent are still the same. It is the time to prepare for the Lord's Resurrection by observing a Season of Forgiveness.

Today's Reading from the Gospel according to Luke is an inspiring message from Jesus recorded in Luke's "Sermon on the Plain" (see Luke 6:20-49). In twelve verses today, Jesus gives us the wonderful message that He will share divine forgiveness with us. That is a promise that may not mean much to many people today. However, for many of Jesus' disciples still participating in the Church today, the promise and the gift of forgiveness are extremely important in their discipleship and daily living - both sacramentally and personally.

At the same time, Jesus calls each of us and all of us to imitate the forgiveness of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in our own lives, families, relationships, and communities. We are called as Catholic Christians to forgive if we ourselves ask the Lord's forgiveness.

Years ago, a veteran priest told me that many people make holding grudges their favorite pastime. All too many of the Lord's disciples brood over injuries and offenses done to them. Too many Christians harden their hearts against family and neighbors and refuse to be forgiving. Sadly, this leads to hardening of the heart and a great deal of unfortunate anger and sadness.

One reminder that I like to share is that, if the Lord has and continues to forgive all our sins and faults which we confess, then the least that we can do is forgive others as Jesus forgives us. Each of us sins and hurts others. That's true of others, and it's true of each one of us as well. Hurting others is an unfortunate element of our imperfect human condition. As such, if we expect to be forgiven, then as Catholic Christians, we should truly be forgiving ourselves.

In twelve days, we begin the Lenten Season of Forgiveness. Be sure to call upon the Lord's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and be sure to forgive your family members, relatives, friends, and neighbors (and all people) as Jesus calls us to do every day!

Our Parish Share Program 2022 will begin in one week

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. All contributions are welcome and important! 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 during the Pandemic, and because our 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. The 2022 Parish Share 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, thank very much for your participation in our parish community and Liturgy. Also, thank you for your financial contributions 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!

Best wishes for a blessed Season of Lent and a good 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.

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!

Your help is needed and greatly appreciated as we provide these Lenten meals and conduct this annual parish fundraiser!

> See page 14 for the 2022 Lenten Fish Fry Menu.

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



Your goodness and participation help to keep our parish alive!



Sunday, February 20

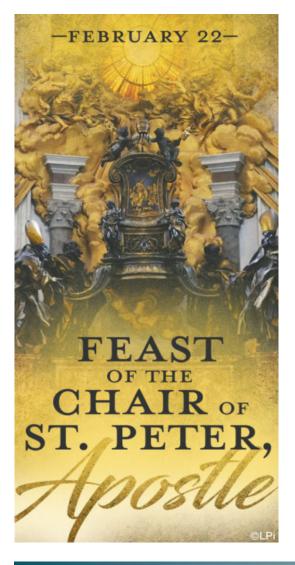
1 Samuel 26:2-23; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

Weekdays

James 3-5; Mark 9-10

Sunday, February 27

Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45



FINANCIAL POUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collection total, **February 12-13**, 2022 -- \$10,526.00 Online donations last week -- \$2,556.00

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year -- \$724,000.00 Parish income received since July 1, 2021 -- \$364,635.96 Parish fundraising since July 1, 2021 -- \$19,963.52 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 12-13 -- 565 Sunday envelopes used -- 234 Online contributions last week -- 45 Total households receiving envelopes -- 1,149

DAYS FOR LIFE..

Kick-Off Mass & Eucharistic Procession to Planned Parenthood

Tuesday, March 1st at 7:00 pm

Fr. Chris Donley, Main Celebrant

Mass at Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church followed by a Candlelit Eucharistic Procession to Planned Parenthood!

Many priests will be participating! Come and join us as we bring the light of Christ to the darkest place in our city!







For more information go to 40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh

nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com or call 412-926-9413



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS - February 26 & 27

4:00pm at St. Philip - Denny Maher 5:30pm at Ascension - Richard Schubert 7:00am at St. Philip - Patrick Kelly 9:30am at Ascension - Francis Sullen 11:00am at St. Philip - Jessica Rea

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - February 26 & 27

4:00pm at St. Philip - Susan Solt-Lonsinger 5:30pm at Ascension - Mary Schubert 7:00am at St. Philip - Beth Ayres 9:30am at Ascension - Debby Sullen 11:00am at St. Philip - Susan Kelly



SYNOD GATHERING

Those planning on attending the Synod Gathering on Wednesday, February 23 at 7:00pm or Thursday, February 24 at 1:00pm are asked to register by calling the Office of Faith Formation. Your participation is very important. Please see the bulletin for details.

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.



On February 26-27 our parish will participate in a diocesan-wide "Giving Weekend," inviting all parishioners to show their love for God by making a pledge to the Parish Share Program. This year's assessment is \$128,391.00.

Parish Share is based on an assessment of each parish's income. It offers support for ministries in ways that individual parishes can't provide on their own: from parish evangelization events to educating religion teachers, from homeless shelters to marriage preparation and divorce recovery ministries, from assistance to women with crisis pregnancies to providing payroll services that ease the administrative burdens of parishes and schools.

Please pray over what you will give. Text OneBodyInChrist to 84576 to receive stories about all the good things your donation to Parish Share will help to accomplish. It is important to note that if our parish raises more than its assessment, the excess stays within our parish.

SUPER BOWL POOL 2022

Congratulations to the lucky winners of our Parish 2022 Super Bowl Pool:

1st Quarter - Bill Nizinski - \$375.00 Half Time & Final - Anita Stotlemyer - \$1,750.00

3rd Quarter - **Marty Matko** - \$375.00

Thank you to all who supported this annual Parish Fund Raiser. Your support enabled us to raise **\$2,500.00** for our parish.

SALVATION HISTORY

The next Salvation History session will be held on Tuesday, February 22 at 7:00pm in the 2nd floor

Meeting Room of the Administration Building on the Ascension campus. We will continue our discussion of the events of the Exodus from the Old Testament. All are welcome.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate the following students from our parish who were named to the Honor Roll at Central Catholic High School for the First Semester:

High Honors: Charlie Michael Colantonio and Loghan Phillip Strohm **Honors:** Aodhan John Cringle

LIVE THE LITURGY — INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Love your enemies and do good to them." We have such a hard time with this teaching! But it doesn't end there. Jesus continues with turning the other cheek when struck, giving to everyone who asks, doing to others as you would have them do to you, being merciful, stopping our judgment of others, forgiving, and giving. We are okay when God does these things but get a little anxious when we realize that God really wants us to do them too! Secular justice and Gospel justice are definitely not the same. We need to remember that we are made in the image of God, not the image of ourselves. The Christian is called to act like Christ even in those situations where a more assertive or defensive response may seem more justifiable. In order to live up to this call we have to leave our resentment and need for retaliation behind, lose our defensiveness and bring into our mind and heart the realization of who we represent in this world. We are not here to satisfy or promote our own well-being and agenda. We are here for God's. That's a hard nut to crack especially when it comes to loving and forgiving people who do hurtful and violent things.







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!



This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns In Loving Memory of Nancy (4) Herb Mayhew Offered by Mary Shaner

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **Ascension** burns In Loving Memory of Frank Shaner Offered by Mary Shaner



OLANDER TREE & LANDSCAPE

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



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

A NOTE FROM MARYANN:

IMPORTANT! Please join us on Wednesday, February 23 at 7:00pm or Thursday, February 24 at 1:00pm. Call 412-922-6388 to register. Be a part of St. Philip Synod. Pope Francis wants to hear from everyone about how the Church-the People of God-can help him discern the Holy Spirit's guidance for the mission that Jesus gave to all baptized Christians. The first part of this consultation called a synod will be held in parishes throughout the Diocese this winter. Synod means Journeying Together. This is not like anything we have done before. This is not "been there done that." The



Thanks to all who donated peanut butter and jelly for our 8th grade service project. We have enough but we STILL NEED individual BAGS OF CHIPS and GRANOLA BARS.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE

for your generosity.

Holy Father has described the Synod as an opportunity to plant dreams, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken hope and give strength to our hands. The sessions for St. Philip Parish will be held on Wednesday, February 23 at 7:00pm in Conner Hall and Thursday, February 24 at 1:00pm in Conner Hall. You may attend either session. The thoughts and comments will be gathered and sent to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The bishops, in turn, will write a summary of what they have received from every diocese in the country and forward that document to Rome. In October 2023, bishops from across the globe will gather in Rome to consider what has been heard, shared and experienced. Don't miss this opportunity to gather, listen and dream together. The Church wants and needs to hear about your experiences. Mark your calendar for February 23 or February 24. We need to hear your voice!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

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.

CONFIRMATION: Our Confirmation students and their parents will be having an evening of service making bag lunches for the homeless on Monday, March 7 from 7:00pm to 8:15pm in Kelty Hall. All Confirmation Candidates and their parents are asked to attend.

CONFIRMATION: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, May 15 during the 11:00am Mass. Any adult who wishes to receive the sacrament should contact Fr. Torquato or the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

MARDI GRAS IS COMING! Monday, February 28, St. Philip Parish will sponsor a free Pancake Supper from 5:00pm to 7:30pm in Ascension Conner Hall. There will be food, a DJ, table activities, desserts, fun and King's Cake. This will be for all ages and for the entire parish. Registrations are requested. For reservations, please call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

OUR LENTEN SOUP, SALAD, AND SPEAKER SERIES RETURNS. Our Lenten Soup, Salad and Speaker Series begins on Wednesday, March 9 from 6:15pm to 8:15pm in Ascension Conner Hall. Our theme is Following Jesus on the Way. We will

gather in Ascension Conner Hall at 6:15pm for a homemade soup and salad dinner. We will be enriched by prayer and our speaker from 7:00pm to 7:45pm. We will engage in discussion with dessert from 7:50pm to 8:15pm. Please plan on joining us. Don't forget to bring a friend.

Speaker Series Our Speakers will be as follows:

March 9: Fr. Sam Esposito, "Following Jesus in Prayer"

March 16: Teresa Sullivan, "Following Jesus through Forgiveness"

March 23: Fr. Larry Adams, "Trusting in Jesus"

March 30: Deacon Tim Killmeyer, "Following Jesus through the Works of Mercy"

April 6: Sister Mindy Welding, IHM (Sister of Fr. Brian), "Listening to Jesus"

Save the Dates:

FEBRUARY 23 or 24 — Synod Listening Sessions. February 23 at 7:00pm or February 24 at 1:00pm

FEBRUARY 28 - Mardi Gras Free Pancake Dinner, 5:00pm to 7:30pm in Ascension Conner Hall

MARCH 2 — Ash Wednesday

MARCH 9 — Lenten Soup, Salad, and Speaker Series, 6:15pm to 8:15pm in Ascension Conner Hall.

APRIL 24-28 — Parish Mission!

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 vour 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!

Please make checks payable to St. Philip Church (write
MARCH MADNESS in memo) and send to Parish Office

Name (Please print)		
Phone Number		

Email Address



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. ANNE PETERSON'S CLASSROOM

The sixth grade has been busy learning many different things this year. In English class, we wrote opinion essays and are currently learning about verbs. We will also be responding to daily prompts in our writing journals based on our new novel. In reading class, we just began the novel, "Percy Jackson and the Olympians, The Lightning Thief." We will be completing comprehension questions and quizzes, a novel study, group discussion sessions, and an end of the novel project. This will lead into our future social studies topic of ancient Greece. However, we recently finished our study of ancient Egypt by creating a 3D model based on an Egyptian topic. The projects have been on display by the front entrance. We are currently learning about ancient India and the beginnings of civilizations in the region. In art class, we drew different dog breeds and are currently working on "paper molas" based on the Molas of Panama, in which fabric is stacked to make intricate patterns.

In seventh and eighth grade Spanish, we will be learning about Spanish speaking countries of South America. Students will have to learn the countries on a map and will create a Google slide presentation based on an assigned country. We will also begin our next lesson based on shopping words and phrases and will be learning present tense verbs.



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

MR. SEAN BLACK - BUILDING TEACHER SUBSTITUTE /MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT

Hello, I'm Sean Black and I'm currently a building subsitute/ maintenance assistant at Guardian Angel Academy. I taught for the past two years at St. Margaret of Scotland as a part-time Spanish, Computer, and Music Teacher. I also substituted, as needed, and completed my student-teacher assignment at St. Margaret of Scotland in the Spring of 2019, with Mr. Dan Baker as my Cooperating Teacher. After this, I received my degree in Middle Level Education from California University of

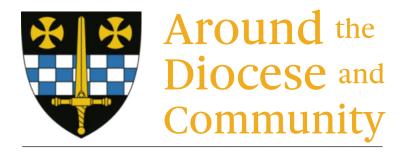








Pennsylvania. I grew up in Crafton, where I attended Carlynton School District. I enjoy working with kids, and frequently volunteer in various youth after-school programs at my church. Thank you all for being so friendly! I enjoy working with all the students and staff members at Guardian Angel Academy!



ANOINTING MASS: Addiction Recovery Ministry will celebrate an Anointing Mass on Sunday, February 27 at 3:00pm for those in recovery. The Mass will take place at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 2599 Freeport Road, Harmer, PA 15238. Please share this information with anyone who may be interested. All are welcome to attend.

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. Visit www.thearkandthedoveworldwide.org/2022Holy Spirit to register. 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. For registration information visit our website at https://forms.gle/xKQ9NyEVjUrytPXA6. Please email Don Fontana at dfontana@stpaulofthecross.com for more information.

RETROUVAILLE: Hope for Marriages and Families. Retrouvaille of Pittsburgh is pleased to announce that the ministry is continuing its message of hope, offering couples in distress a welcoming and loving space where they can, with God's help, heal and restore their marriages. For confidential information, call 412-277-3434 or visit 3014R@HelpOurMarriage.org. **CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB:** The CAC is a non-profit organization for single Catholics to meet and socialize with other singles. In addition to social activities, we also provide our members with programs for spiritual development and community service.

Softball & tennis players wanted, co-ed: SINGLES, 21 AND OVER. Softball is played in Blawnox and Tennis at Moore Park in Brookline. The Catholic Alumni Club is looking for players of all abilities. We offer dinners, spirituality events, trips, mini golf, hiking, volleyball, cultural and other great events.

Visit <u>www.cacpittsburgh.org</u> for more information or an application, or email CAC.softball@yahoo.com or Gary at Gary. Urbatis@verizon.net. To leave a message, call 412-341-4070.



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-infosession







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



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

Earlier this year, we were very happy to inform you that we had secured new storage space for donated furniture, appliances, clothing, and household goods after losing our prior storage space to the Knights of Columbus fire in July of 2021. Some donors were kind enough to hold on to their donations until we secured new space because they really wanted the donations to come to us. This sentiment really touched our members' hearts and meant a lot to us.

We have been blessed with so many donations since resuming our furniture mission last month that, despite the fact that our new space is almost three times as big as our old space, our storage space recently became almost full! That meant being able to resume another mission, which is taking excess donated furniture, household goods, appliances, and clothing to our friends in Tunnelton, West Virginia. The first truckload since the fire was delivered on February 19.

Since 1985, we have been taking donations to the Madonna Hope House, which is a thrift store that provides much needed and affordable clothing, shoes, furniture, household goods, appliances, health aids, children's toys, etc. to people in this economically depressed area. Customers who cannot afford to buy the things they need are given them for free. We are one of only a few organizations that consistently donates to the Madonna Hope House, so we were very excited to help them fill the store shelves again.

In addition to helping the people of Tunnelton, West Virginia, your donations of furniture, appliances, and household goods also go to help our friends in need that live within our parish boundaries. Being able to give donated items enables us to save money for other things, such as payment of rent and utilities.

The next time that you are buying new furniture or appliances, please consider giving your old furniture and appliances a new lease on life by donating them to us. This seemingly small gesture will make a big difference in someone else's life!

Recently, your generous donations enabled us to provide a woman with a clothing voucher; we assisted another woman with a stove repair; and a single mother was given furniture. Thank you for supporting our neighbors 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 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, please 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, please call, text or email us for more information.

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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 form one another, and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, and give strength to our hands.

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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.



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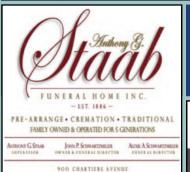
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