



# Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

**WEEK OF MARCH 6, 2022**

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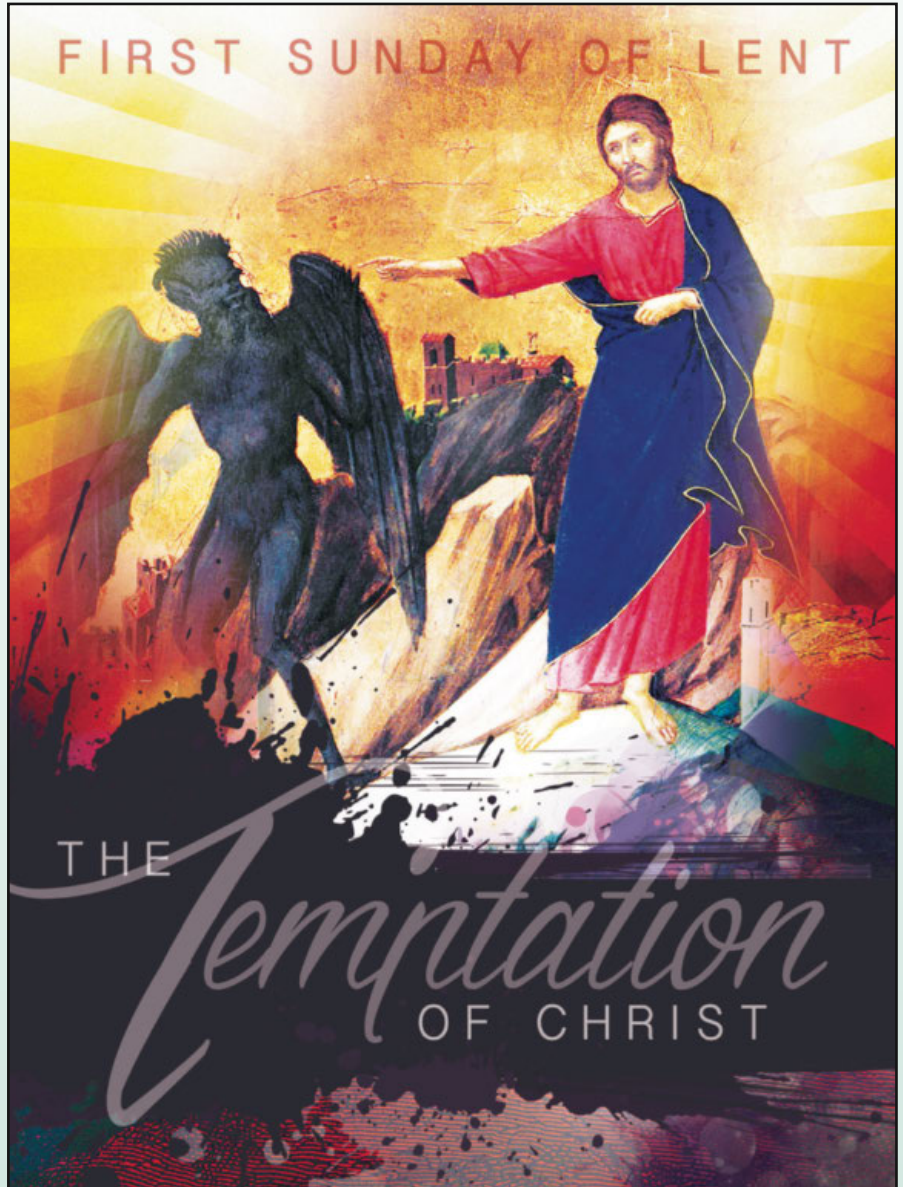
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## CONFESSION

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
<b>SATURDAY, MARCH 5 — SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Alfred Schneider	Wife & Children
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Anthony & Mary Polus	Family
<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 6 — FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Deceased of the Shields & Englert Families	Mark Shields
Ascension	9:30am	McClure Family	Family
Saint Philip	11:00am	Katherine Fazio	Mindy Presto Floro
<b>MONDAY, MARCH 7 — LENTEN WEEKDAY</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
<b>TUESDAY, MARCH 8 — LENTEN WEEKDAY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Hazel Knight	Chuck & Lindy Gigliotti
<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9 — LENTEN WEEKDAY</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Joe & Dorothy Chmiel	Chmiel Family
<b>THURSDAY, MARCH 10 — LENTEN WEEKDAY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Charlie Moffat	Anita Stotlemeyer
<b>FRIDAY, MARCH 11 — LENTEN WEEKDAY</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Rose Norris	Mary Luxbacher
<b>SATURDAY, MARCH 12 — LENTEN WEEKDAY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Carmella D'Aversa	Nancy D'Aversa
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	William Kocyan	Family
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Alice & Ellsworth Wentz	Barbara & Louis Wentz
<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 13 — SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Pat Doherty	Chris Bloom
Ascension	9:30am	Paul Korol	Wife, Claudia
Saint Philip	11:00am	James R. Reilly	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 blessed Season of Lent!

## A Lenten Sunday Reflection

I tend to think that most Christians are raised to be trusting of others - especially in our personal relationships. We have been raised to believe that others are honest and good - that others want to be true and faithful disciples of Jesus just as we want to be.

Unfortunately, more than a few people think that being “trusting” is simply being “naïve.” They trust no one and think that most people are deceptive and dishonest. They think that we who are trusting individuals are all too often are misled and swindled.

Those people with such a negative evaluation of others have an unfortunate view, but they may have a point to which we should pay attention. That point is that we need to be aware of what is truly going on in our lives, our community, and our society.

In particular, I believe that we all need to be mindful of the messages, images, and activities found throughout our society today which are anything but Christian. Related to the temptations that Jesus experienced in his personal life, we too find temptations all around us every day. Following Jesus’ example in today’s Gospel reading, we need to protect ourselves, our families, and our communities from the toxic and poisonous messages, temptations, and social trends that wash over us each day like a tsunami.

Rather than accepting all the electronic messages and common thoughts expressed in our media and our society, we are reminded this Sunday by the Gospel to protect ourselves from the temptation, sin, darkness,

and evil that are present in our society every day.

How can we protect ourselves and resist the temptation and sin all around us? This will be a good start: unplug as much as possible! Unplug from the internet, from television, and from the entertainment world as much as possible to avoid being lead into sin and evil. Instead, create quiet in your life and in your home. Read the Gospels, spend time in prayer, and turn your life toward the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother Mary.

The darkness that still remains present in our world will harm many lives, families, communities, and nations. Let’s not be naïve about that. Rather, let us be vigilant and committed to protecting ourselves from all those things that are not of the Lord Jesus and his Kingdom. Best wishes to you and everyone for a good and holy Lent as we draw nearer to Jesus and as we make our way to the celebration of the Lord’s Resurrection at Easter. God bless!

## Our Parish Share Program for 2022 has begun!

As all our members and parishes have done for 50 years, we’ve begun 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 generous! The donations received above 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 offertory 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**. 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 contribute \$500, or \$1000, or \$2500 or more, your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Contribution and pledge cards have already been mailed to all of our registered parish households. Additional donation and pledge envelopes are available in both of our two churches.

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 Catholic 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!

**Best wishes for these holy weeks of Lent!** 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

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

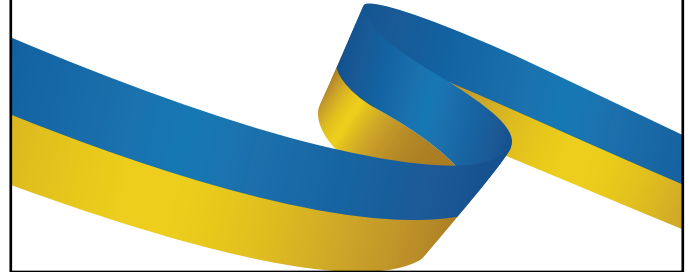


Your goodness and participation help to keep our parish alive!

## A Prayer of *peace*

**Merciful God,**

*We pray for the people of Ukraine and their family members around the world. We ask that all those involved respond with wisdom and courage and that a peaceful resolution may be achieved. Lord, during these challenging times please lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust and lead us from hatred to love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Prince of Peace. Amen.*





# BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

## Sunday, March 6

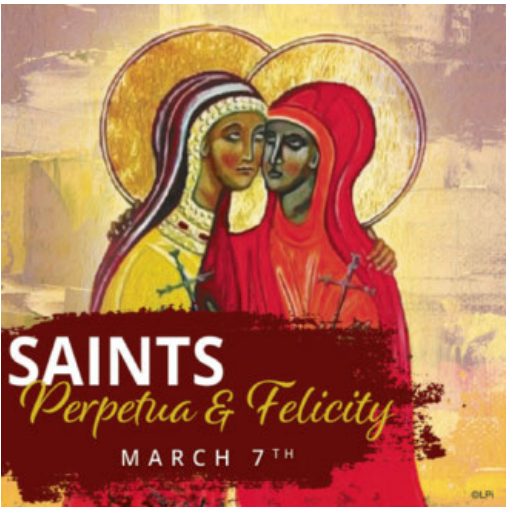
Deuteronomy 26:4-10;  
Romans 10:8-13;  
Luke 4:1-13

## Weekdays

Isaiah 55;  
Matthew 25

## Sunday, March 13

Genesis 15:5-18;  
Philippians 3:17-4:1;  
Luke 9:28b-36



**SAINTS**  
*Perpetua & Felicity*  
MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>

# BAKED GOODS NEEDED!



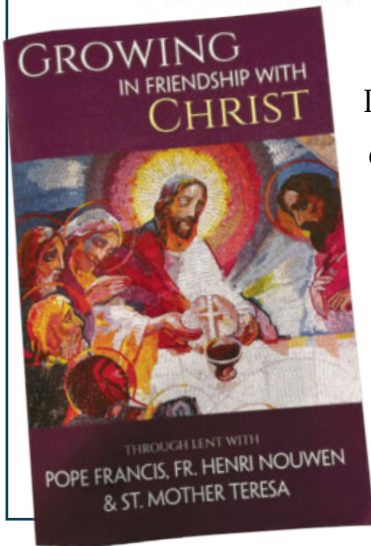
Calling our loyal bakers, donations of homemade baked goods are needed for our Lenten fish fry. If you could again help us out, please drop off donations on Thursday or Friday mornings.

# FINANCIAL REPORT OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES



Sunday collection total, <b>February 26-27, 2022</b>	-- \$9,134.00
Online donations last week	-- \$1,350.00
Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year	-- \$724,000.00
Parish income <u>received</u> since July 1, 2021	-- \$385,541.60
Parish fundraising since July 1, 2021	-- \$22,463.52
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 <b>February 26-27</b>	-- 597
Sunday envelopes used	-- 253
Online contributions last week	-- 54
Total households receiving envelopes	-- 1,149
2022 Parish Share Goal	-- \$128,391.00
Parish Share received as of February 20	-- \$42,347.65

# LEN TEN READING



Please remember to read every day the booklet of Lenten Reflections, ***Growing in Friendship with Christ***, that was offered to our parish members and families prior to Lent!

**DON'T FORGET** that our fabulous **Drive Thru Fish Fry is being held on the Ascension Campus from 4:00pm to 7:00pm every Friday during Lent.** Enjoy an amazing Fish or Crabcake Dinner, or delicious Seafood Platter! Don't miss out!





# Parish News

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### LECTORS – March 12 & 13

4:00pm at St. Philip – Art Bannon  
5:30pm at Ascension – Colleen Pilarski  
7:00am at St. Philip – Patrick Kelly  
9:30am at Ascension – Frank Daily  
11:00am at St. Philip – B. J. Gamble

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – March 12 & 13

4:00pm at St. Philip – David Sammel  
5:30pm at Ascension – Barbara Hendrick  
7:00am at St. Philip – Karen Rozeck  
9:30am at Ascension – Alice McAfee  
11:00am at St. Philip – Maribeth Cringle

## 2022 PARISH SHARE PROGRAM

Have you made your pledge to the 2022 Parish Share Program? We invite all parishioners to show their love for God by making a pledge to the Parish Share Program. Your support of the Parish Share Program 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.

Parish Share is based on an assessment of each parish's income. This year our assessment is \$128,391.00. **Please pray over what you will give and then consider a generous donation to the 2022 Parish Share Program.** It is important to note that all donations received over our annual goal stay within our parish for the benefit of our ministries and day to day operations.

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

## Easter Candy Needed



We are just beginning our Lenten journey but Easter will be here before we know it. One of our favorite parish traditions is the annual **Easter Egg Hunt for our children**. If you would like to help out, we could use **donations of individually wrapped candy or small toys to fill the Easter Eggs**. Monetary donations to be used toward the event are also greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office.



## *Calendar Luncheon Party*

You are cordially invited to the **20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## SALVATION HISTORY

Please join us this **Tuesday, March 8 at 7:00pm** in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room of the Administrative Building on the Ascension Campus as we discuss the 10<sup>th</sup> Plague and the going forth of the Chosen People from Egypt. All are welcome.

## FRIDAY ABSTINENCE

Please keep in mind that the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States. The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. As a general rule, a request for a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence on the Fridays of Lent will not be considered unless some serious reason is present. The attendance at social events, banquets, wedding rehearsals or receptions are not considered sufficient reason to request a dispensation.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed **every Friday during Lent** at 8:30am at St. Philip Church and at 7:00pm at Ascension Church.

## CONGRATULATIONS

We wish to congratulate the following students from our parish who were named to the Honor Roll at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School (OLSH) for the Second Academic Quarter:

**HIGHEST HONORS:** Malley Aiello, Grace Avery, Giavanna Booz, Kaleigh Costantino, Katelyn Hoff, Presley Holmes, Katarina Komoroski, Gianna Marino, Rachel McDevitt, Paige Smith and Nicole Szabo

**HIGH HONORS:** Bernard Komoroski and Emily Schuck

**HONORS:** Tavon Lane, Matthew McDevitt, Gabriella Muoio, Loren Rodriguez, Rocco Spadafora and Garrett Zug

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Guardian Angel Academy library is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair open house in the school cafeteria after the 7:30am and 10:00am Masses at St. Margaret Church this **Sunday, March 6**. Check out books for all ages and pick up gift ideas for Easter. Stop in to browse or buy. This is a great opportunity for parents to preview the Fair and help their students make selections. Or shop online: [www.scholastic.com/bf/guardianangelacademy](http://www.scholastic.com/bf/guardianangelacademy). All proceeds benefit our school library. Major credit cards accepted.

## SARRIS EASTER CANDY SALE

A sweet way to support Guardian Angel Academy! Order your Easter treats online at [SarrisCandiesFundraising.com](http://SarrisCandiesFundraising.com) - GAA group number is 10-0784. Orders are shipped directly to your home! So share on Facebook to let friends and family participate! \$5 packaging and handling fee will be applied. Online orders are open until April 10. Contact Jessica Cerchiaro at [jesscheerios@gmail.com](mailto:jesscheerios@gmail.com).



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To register, contact our parish office,  
OR text **stphilippa** to **84576**, OR visit  
[www.stphilipchurch1.flocknote.com](http://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 the Deceased Members  
of St. Philip Parish*

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **Ascension** burns  
*In Loving Memory of Anthony & Mary Polus*  
Offered by Family

 **ADVERTISER**  
*of the Week*

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# Religious Education

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**A NOTE FROM MARYANN:** This week begins our Lenten Journey. Repent and Believe the Good News. Our theme this Lent is *Following Jesus on the Way*. This Sunday's Gospel invites us to *Follow Jesus into the Desert*. If we follow Jesus then we know Jesus is with us in the deserts of our lives. He is with us as we enter the desert of loneliness. He is with us as we enter the desert of broken relationships. He is with us as we enter the desert of health concerns. He is with us as we enter the desert of financial worries. He is with us as we enter the desert of misunderstandings. He is with us as we enter the desert of conflict and war. This week let us sit quietly for a few minutes and allow Jesus to be with us in the desert time of our lives. May we recite the following prayer each day this week: *Jesus, let me follow You into the desert. As I sit quietly let me be reminded that You are always with us. Help me to lean on You and to learn from You. May I not give in to fear and worry. Let me trust in Your presence which strengthens. Encourage me during my desert times. Jesus, I trust in You. Lead me out of my deserts into New Life. Amen.*

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

**THANK YOU!!** A warm thank you to all who attended the Parish Synod. We will be submitting everyone's thoughts to the Diocese in the coming days and weeks. A summary of each session will be shared in future bulletins.

**TRAVEL MINISTRY! CATHOLIC CLEVELAND!** Travel Ministry will be going to Cleveland on **Thursday, May 26**. The trip includes: Depart Ascension Church at 6:30am with breakfast stop on your own; Visit the magnificent Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus for a tour and Mass; lunch will be provided and time for shopping and sightseeing; visit to St. Paul Shrine, home of Poor Clare Nuns with perpetual adoration and home of Mother Angelica's early formation; visit Cleveland Museum of Art; arrive back at Ascension Church at 7:00pm. with dinner stop on your own; and gift shops are available at all stops. **Tour Fare: non refundable \$115 per person, payable to Wendt Touring. Call 412-922-6388 for reservations. Tour is limited to 50 people.**

**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 Keltly 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.

**THANK YOU** to everyone for your generosity in providing items for lunches for those guests of the Jubilee Soup Kitchen. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be making bag lunches of peanut butter sandwiches, chips, snack bars and water on March 7.

**OUR LENTEN SOUP, SALAD, AND SPEAKER SERIES RETURNS** 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, followed by an engaging discussion with dessert from 7:50pm to 8:15pm. Please plan to join us and bring a friend. All are welcome. No reservations needed. If you would like to help us by making a crock pot of soup, please call Linda at 412-922-6388.

## Save the Dates:

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

**APRIL 24-28** — Parish Mission!

Christlife is Coming

**May 26** — Travel Ministry to Cleveland





**Our Lenten Soup, Salad and Speaker Series 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:** Sr. Mindy Welding, IHM (Sister of Fr. Brian) - *Listening to Jesus*

# CATHOLIC Cleveland

*Presented by St. Philip Parish*

## Thursday, May 26, 2022

Depart Ascension Church at 6:30am for Cleveland. A breakfast stop will be made en route. Later this morning we arrive in the historic Slavic Village of Cleveland and visit the magnificent Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus. Serving the Poles since 1886, St. Stanislaus is one of the largest and most impressive Gothic-style churches in the country. St. Stanislaus was Cleveland's first Polish parish and was visited by the late Pope John Paul II. Enjoy a tour of the church followed by Mass. Later today, we gather for a special group luncheon at a local restaurant followed by free time for shopping and sightseeing. This afternoon we visit the beautiful St. Paul. A Franciscan parish, St. Paul Shrine serves as an oasis of prayer and devotion through the perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament by the Poor Clare Nuns in residence. Dubbed the "Montmartre of Cleveland," St. Paul's is a fine example of Victorian English country gothic architecture.

Next, visit the Cleveland Museum of Art, located in the University Circle neighborhood on the city's east side. Internationally renowned for its vast holdings of Asian and Egyptian art, the museum houses a diverse permanent collection of more than 61,000 works of art from around the world. With an endowment of over 750 million, it is the fourth-wealthiest art museum in the United State and one of the most visited art museums in the world. Later today, we begin our journey home. A brief dinner stop will be made en route. Arrival back at Ascension Church at approximately 7:00pm.

**TRIP INCLUDES:** Motorcoach transportation, group luncheon, shrine donations, attractions and is fully escorted.

**TOUR FARE:** \$115.00 per person and is due to guarantee your reservation. **Make checks payable to Wendt Touring** and send to St. Philip Parish, 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh PA 15205. For more information, call MaryAnn Garfold at 412-922-6388.



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# Guardian Angel Academy

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

## MISS LAUREN ASTWOOD'S - 5A CLASSROOM

First, 5<sup>th</sup> grade! 5A is currently reading Wonder and we love it! It is such a wonderfully inspiring book that has an overall theme of *KINDNESS*. In English, we are writing opinion essays. Students have the opportunity to give their persuasive writing skills a whirl while debating their point of view on a chosen topic. In Religion, we are studying the gifts of the Holy Spirit and creating a simple, but beautiful illustration and description of each gift to help us develop a deeper understanding of how each gift can help us follow God's will. In Social Studies, both 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes are learning about the Thirteen Colonies, why each was important, and how they united to become the first states in the United States of America.

Next up, art class! In 5<sup>th</sup> grade art, students have worked with a variety of media so far including watercolors, oil pastels, paints, and more. Our latest project was inspired by our upcoming musical, *The Little Mermaid, Jr.* They created various types of sea life to be added to our underwater ocean scenes. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders are creating 3-D illustrations using glue and paint to form unique art pieces. Finally, music class! The 5<sup>th</sup> graders are continuing to practice their recorders and are learning about different genres of music. The 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders just finished up a musical genre unit and are now diving into the different types of music from around the world.

## MRS. LOUELLA JOSEPH - 5B CLASSROOM

The fifth graders have been working hard participating in STEM and computer coding challenges involving the robot, Sphero. They have also been working hard on their original inventions for the *Invention Convention* competition that is held in April at Seton LaSalle High School. During this time, the students are actively applying the scientific method, problem solving, and higher level thinking skills to these STEM challenges.

The students have also finished a classroom novel that

teaches them the importance of friendship, loyalty and acceptance among all people. In addition to their novels, they will be working on their second book report for the year.

In religion class, they have been growing in their faith by learning how the Sacraments give them special graces in their lives. They also participated in various service and school community activities during Catholic Schools Week earlier this month.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:** Now that our celebration of National Catholic Schools Week has ended, I would like to THANK the faculty, staff and all our families, friends and parishioners. SPECIAL THANKS TO FR. GRECCO and FR. ALEK for celebrating vocations with our students, to our PTG BOARD and our parent volunteers, Our GAA ATHLETIC BOARD our STUDENT COUNCIL and everyone that helped make our celebration of Catholic Schools Week so special. PTG sponsored an Ice Cream Social, Bingo and an Ice Skating Party at PPG Ice Rink downtown. Student Council sponsored a service project, where our students made treat bags, crafts and Valentines for the residents at Vincentian Marion Manor, prayer partner activities, Middle School Volleyball Tournament and daily dress down themes, (school spirit day, sports teams, blast from the past, dress up and color days). Our Athletic Board sponsored the Parents versus Students Basketball Game, Pep Rally and Spirit Stick competition which was awarded to the class with the most spirit. Congratulations to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade for winning the Spirit Stick. Lastly, was our Warriors Spirit Day, at Bishop Canevin, where all of our Basketball teams participated. Seton LaSalle sponsored a Virtual Trivia Bowl via Kahoot, where our Middle School Students competed against other local Catholic Schools. Our Catholic Schools are truly special places where Faith, Excellence and Service are not only visible during Catholic Schools Week, but are on display daily. Below are some pictures of our celebration of Catholic Schools Week.

*\*Pictured below: 5<sup>th</sup> grade and Kindergarten working on a service project for Marion Manor during Catholic Schools Week.*



# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



## This Sunday's Bible Readings

### FIRST READING:

*'We cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry.'* (Dt 26:7)



### PSALM:

*Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.*  
(Ps 91)



### SECOND READING:

*For, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*  
(Rom 10:9)



### GOSPEL:

*Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.* (Lk 4:1-2)

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# BE WITH ME, O GOD.



PSALM 91



# Around the Diocese and Community



## HOLY WEEK RETREAT

The Ark and The Dove is hosting a silent retreat during Holy Week, from **Holy Thursday, April 14 at 6:00pm through Holy Saturday, April 16 at 12:00pm**. The retreat will include Holy Week Liturgies, Confessions, silent prayer time, overnight accommodations, and the opportunity for spiritual direction. Space is limited. Reserve your spot today! The registration fee is \$200. Visit [www.thearkandthedoveworldwide.org/triduum](http://www.thearkandthedoveworldwide.org/triduum) to register

## 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 email [3014R@HelpOurMarriage.org](mailto:3014R@HelpOurMarriage.org).

## MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

Join us on this spiritual journey to The Shrine of Our Lady, Queen of Peace in Medjugorje, **April 21-30**. While in Medjugorje, we will attend daily Mass, Adoration, climb Apparition Hill and Cross Mountain, visit other villages, and attend the talks of any visionaries that may be present. We will tour Dobrovnik with an overnight stay. Price of \$2,995.00 includes: round-trip air from Pittsburgh; all transfers in luxury motor coach, breakfast and dinner in Hotel Villa Grace in Medjugorje, overnight in Dubrovnik, all applicable taxes and English speaking guide. Deposit of \$500 by March 22. For additional information, please contact Bernadette at 412-563-3857 or email: [marystravel2@gmail.com](mailto:marystravel2@gmail.com).



The message and reality of Lent is felt when, on Ash Wednesday, we hear the reminder of the Church: *Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return*. The Lenten call to repentance is a continuing challenge of the Gospels, so that we may grow and develop our spiritual life. None of us should remain satisfied with our level of Christian awareness or the quality of our Christian living. **The grace of God awaits us! We can let Lent pass unheeded or grasp it with faith and love.**

## —LENTEN REGULATIONS—

As the Season of Lent draws near, it is helpful to recall the discipline of the Church with regards to fast, abstinence and other forms of penance.

1. **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States.**
2. The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 18 and 59. No one should consider this obligation lightly.
3. Those individuals who have a medical condition in which fasting may be considered harmful are not obliged to fast, but should perform some other act of penance or charity.
4. Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to their age.
5. All members of the Christian Faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by law.
6. As a general rule, a request for a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence on Fridays of Lent will not be considered unless some serious reason is present. The attendance at social events, banquets, wedding rehearsals or receptions are not considered sufficient reason to request a dispensation.



# Ministries & Societies

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

These days, having internet service is almost a necessity. Whether it is working remotely, looking for employment online, signing up for benefits, or attending school virtually, the internet isn't just for entertainment anymore. Thankfully, there are resources available for low-income households to make internet service more affordable.

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is a federal program that provides discounts of up to \$30/month for internet service through participating providers. If you qualify for SNAP (food stamps), WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children), Medicaid, or SSI (Supplemental Security Income), then you qualify for the Affordable Connectivity Program. You can also qualify based on household income. For more information or to apply, visit <https://acpbenefit.org>. You can also call your current provider to see if they participate in the program and how they can help you to apply.

Two major internet service providers in our area participate in the ACP. Comcast/Xfinity is currently offering free internet service through its Internet Essentials program using funds from the ACP (while those funds last). The cost for this service is normally \$9.95 per month. Visit <https://internetessentials.com> or call 1-855-8-INTERNET (1-855-846-8376) to apply. Verizon Fios offers a \$20/month discount for qualifying households. Visit [www.verizon.com/info/low-income-internet](http://www.verizon.com/info/low-income-internet) for more information. We urge qualifying households to take advantage of these benefits to stay connected in the most affordable way possible - while freeing up some money that can be used on other necessities.

**We would like to remind everyone that we will be kicking off our first**

**ever Lenten Food Drive this weekend.** Bags with the suggested donation list will be available for pickup at both churches. Once again, please do not feel obligated to donate all of the items on the list. Thank you in advance for your support of our food bank and the 60+ families that we serve each month!

This week, your generous donations enabled us to provide a single woman with \$414 toward her gas bill; a family was given various pieces of furniture and a household goods voucher; a woman was given \$285 for transitional housing; an elderly man was assisted with a stove repair; and a family was given a couch and lamps. Thank you for your support of our friends in need!

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.

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](mailto: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](http://eshoppittsburgh.com). Also, we are always looking for volunteers! Any donation of your time is extremely valuable to us. If you'd like to join us in helping our friends in need or just want to learn more, please call, text or email us for more information.

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





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# ST. PHILIP PARISH



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### 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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