



Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

WEEK OF MARCH 13, 2022

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OFFICE HOURS:

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

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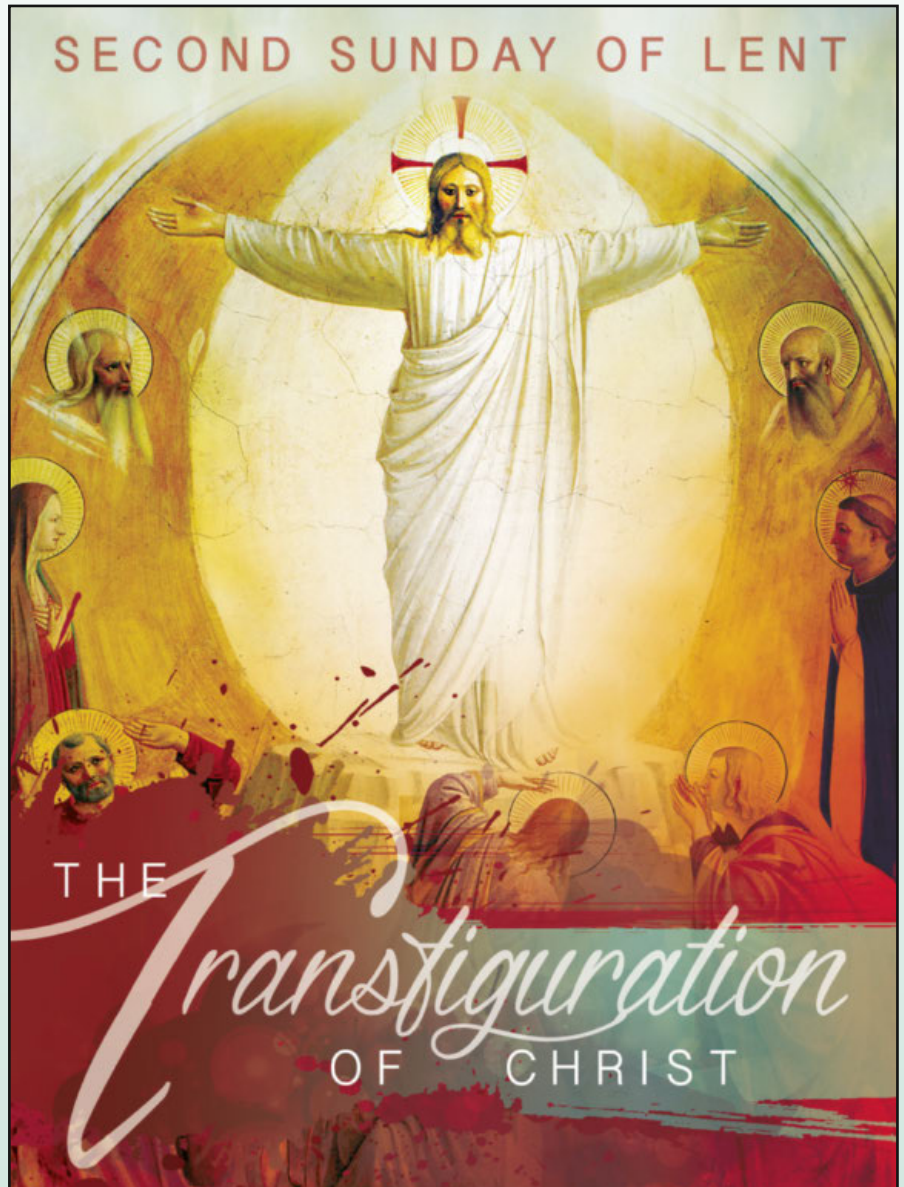
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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: Should be submitted to maureen@saintphilipchurch.org no later than 12:00pm on Friday to be included in the following week's bulletin.





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

LOCATION	TIME	MASS INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
SATURDAY, MARCH 12 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Carmella D'Aversa	Nancy D'Aversa
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	William Kocyan	Family
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Alice & Ellsworth Wentz	Barbara & Louis Wentz
SUNDAY, MARCH 13 — SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Pat Doherty	Chris Bloom
Ascension	9:30am	Paul Korol	Wife, Claudia
Saint Philip	11:00am	James R. Reilly	Family
MONDAY, MARCH 14 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
TUESDAY, MARCH 15 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	McElligott & O'Connor Families	Cathy
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Dave Wilson	A Friend
THURSDAY, MARCH 17 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Patrick R. Brinzer	Godmother, Joan Chiconella
FRIDAY, MARCH 18 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Gregory Edward Schuster	Sandy & Bob Keir
SATURDAY, MARCH 19 — SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			
Ascension	8:00am	Albert J. Plouy	Joan & Ed Goyke
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Paul Mattern	Mary & Tom Gerlowski
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Arlene Ramolt	Sheila Giza & Family
SUNDAY, MARCH 20 — THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Bob Doherty	Chris Bloom
Ascension	9:30am	Joseph R. Twardy	Family
Saint Philip	11:00am	Stephen Kaczynski	William Kaczynski & 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

In these first Sundays of Lent, we hear of some remarkable events in the life and ministry of Jesus. Last Sunday, we heard the account of the temptations visited upon Jesus by Satan - temptations which Jesus turned aside just as we should shield ourselves from the many temptations that afflict us in these modern times.

This Sunday, we hear once again of the amazing manifestation of Jesus' divine glory that He shared with Peter, James, and John on Mount Tabor prior to their arrival in Jerusalem for Jesus' final days. This manifestation which we call the "Transfiguration" hopefully assures us that Jesus is the Son of God and our Lord. Hopefully the Transfiguration also strengthens our faith in Jesus just as it bolstered the faith of the Apostles in their time and lives.

In addition to these two remarkable events, this Season of Lent reminds us to deepen our faith and our lives in the Lord Jesus. We are indeed the Lord's people thanks to our faith, our Baptism, the Eucharist and the other Sacraments, our prayer and worship, as well as our discipleship and our Christian service. Yet we are called to deepen and to strengthen our life in Christ Jesus each day and every year.

During Lent (and during the Easter Season, and in fact, throughout the entire year), we're called to increase our life in the Lord through **prayer, penance, and charity**.

Prayer deepens our communion with God the

Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Prayer is NOT only making requests of the Lord. Prayer is also listening to the Holy Spirit in silence and meditation. Prayer is also reading the Word of God in the Bible and allowing God's Word to speak to our hearts. Prayer is also thanking, praising, and giving glory to God in gratitude for the life, Good News, and divine grace that are given to us.

Penance is an important way to discipline ourselves and to make real our contrition for the sins we have committed. Penance, fasting, and self-sacrifice are important elements of the self-discipline which makes our stronger in our Christian discipleship and in our faithfulness to the Lord.

Finally, acts of charity deepen our life in Christ by our imitating the love and charity of Almighty God in real and helpful ways. Just as God is truly generous and charitable to all of us, so too are we called to live just like the Lord Jesus by being generous and good to others - especially those who are truly poor and in need of our help and support.

As we make our way through Lent, may we find ourselves improving our discipleship during each week of this season. May we also continue this effort during the Easter Season and all throughout the year. Now and until we are joined with the company of all the Lord's Holy Ones - his Saints - in the eternal life and Kingdom of God, we're called to deepen our life in Christ Jesus each and every day!

Our Parish Share Program for 2022

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.

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.

For 2022, our Parish Share Goal for Saint Philip Parish will be \$128,391.

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!



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.



BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 13

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

Weekdays

Jeremiah 17-18; Luke 16

Sunday, March 20

Exodus 3:1-15;
 1 Corinthians 10:1-12;
 Luke 13:1-9



Wow, the response to our Friday Fish Fry was AMAZING! And, in order to handle the demand and to get you your food as soon as possible, we are switching from a “call in” to a “stop down” event! We are still only take out. Just c’mon over, place your order when you come in, and we will promptly have you on your way with fresh-cooked delicious food. Cash, check or card are welcome.

See our Fish Fry menu on page 14.

FINANCIAL REPORT OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collection total, March 5-6, 2022	-- \$9,296.15
Online donations last week	-- Next Bulletin
Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief Appeal	-- \$8,566.44

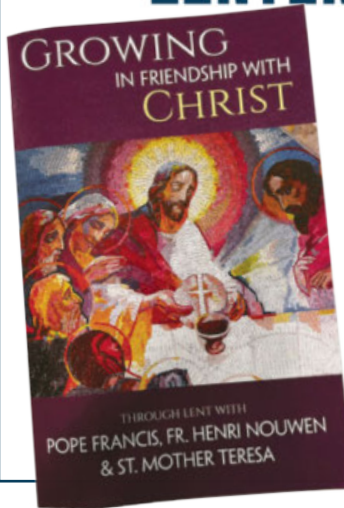
Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year	-- \$724,000.00
Parish income <u>received</u> since July 1, 2021	-- \$394,837.75
Parish fundraising since July 1, 2021	-- \$22,463.52
Estate gifts received since July 1, 2021	-- \$15,000.00

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 March 5-6	-- 636
Sunday envelopes used	-- 306
Online contributions last week	-- Next Bulletin
Total households receiving envelopes	-- 1,149

2022 Parish Share Goal	-- \$128,391.00
Parish Share received as of March 6	-- \$61,318.65

LENTEN 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!





Parish News

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS - March 19 & 20

- 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 - Katelyn Hoff

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - March 19 & 20

- 4:00pm at St. Philip - Kathy Hayes
- 5:30pm at Ascension - Mary Schubert
- 7:00am at St. Philip - Beth Ayres
- 9:30am at Ascension - Debby Sullen
- 11:00am at St. Philip - Chris Falki

2022 PARISH SHARE PROGRAM

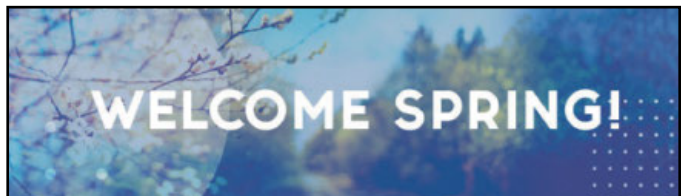
If you have not yet made your donation or pledge to the 2022 Parish Share Program, please consider a generous response this week. Your support of the Parish Share Program offers support for ministries in ways that individual parishes can't provide on their own. This year our assessment is \$128,391.00. We ask that you return all Parish Share donations and pledges to the parish office or the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity!

BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

Daylight Saving Time begins this weekend. Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour.



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 **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.



Lenten Soup, Salad and Speaker Series

Join us each Wednesday during Lent for a delicious meager meal, fellowship, prayer, and an inspiring talk by one of our guest speakers.

The evening begins with a homemade soup, salad and bread dinner at 6:15pm followed by prayer and an inspirational talk. Following the talk, we gather for discussion and dessert. The evening concludes at 8:15pm.

Join us this **Wednesday, March 16 at 6:15pm** in Ascension Conner Hall as we welcome Teresa Sullivan who will address the topic of forgiveness. This is a wonderful opportunity to have a remarkable Lent. Join us and bring a friend! (*See future speakers on page 8*)

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

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.

GUARDIAN ANGEL ACADEMY

\$10,000 CASH RAFFLE

FIRST PRIZE \$5,000 - SECOND PRIZE \$3,500 - THIRD PRIZE \$1,500

SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION
GAA'S BIGGEST FUNDRAISER!

For tickets, please contact Kerri Lozano at
kerri.craine@gmail.com or call/text 412-953-8682
OR stop by the school office during business hours.

*Tickets will NOT be automatically mailed out
to all parishioners this year.*

Winning tickets to be randomly drawn on April 22, 2022.

LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS - BETTER ODDS OF WINNING!

\$10 DONATION
PER TICKET

GUARDIAN ANGEL
ACADEMY



We offer our sympathy to the families of **Janice Olander** and Constance A. "Connie" Callaghan who entered into eternal life. Please keep them in your prayers.

Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **St. Philip** burns
In Loving Memory of Si & Rita Pfender
Offered by Barb Pfender

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **Ascension** burns
In Loving Memory of James M. O'Connor, Sr.
Offered by Cathy O'Connor



ADT MONITORED HOME SECURITY

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

DONATE ONLINE

Make donating easy!

Your regular online contributions to Saint Philip Parish are encouraged and always welcome!

You can send your weekly donations through our *We Share!* internet service at www.saintphilipchurch.weshareonline.org.

Connect with FLOCKNOTE!

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



Religious Education

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

A NOTE FROM MARYANN: This week is the second week of Lent. It is a time of prayer, fasting and giving to those in need. Loyola Press suggests is a time to rededicate ourselves to prayer. These are some suggestions to help spiritually prepare ourselves during Lent.

1. Make your abstinence a prayer-in-action. Whenever you encounter the thing you are abstaining from or the time of day that you would normally enjoy it, take a moment to say a prayer in recognition of God's gift to enjoy life without it.
2. Pray the Stations of the Cross at least once during Lent. Stations can be found using the internet at home if that is convenient.
3. Meditate on Holy Scripture with Lectio Divina. This method of prayer is characterized by the slow reading and consideration of a text from Scripture, with repetition and meditation on and attention to key words or phrases.
4. Make use of the *Growing in Friendship with Christ* booklets that can be found at the entrance to Church
5. Start a practice of daily prayer that will last after Lent.
6. Participate in Parish Lenten Prayer Activities and Experiences.
7. Perform a special act of kindness for a neighbor, friend, or stranger.

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 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.**

MARDI GRAS PHOTOS (see page 9) : St. Philip Parish celebrated our first annual Mardi Gras with approximately 180 guests on Monday, February 28. Everyone feasted on fluffy home-made pancakes with sausage. Families enjoyed dancing the "Chicken Dance" along with other favorites. King's cake was the highlight with four members crowned the Kings of Mardi Gras. Each King received a gift card from Dunkin Donut in honor of Donut Day or Fat Tuesday.



SOUP, SALAD & SPEAKER SERIES:

Our theme is *Following Jesus on the Way*. Each Wednesday, we will gather in Ascension Conner Hall at 6:15pm for a homemade soup and salad dinner followed by prayer and guest speaker from 7:00pm to 7:45pm. From 7:50pm to 8:15pm, we will engage in discussion with a dessert. All are welcome and no reservations are needed. **If you would like to help us by making a crockpot of soup, call Linda at 412-922-6388.** Speaker series schedule:

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*

Save the Dates:

EVERY WEDNESDAY OF LENT

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

APRIL 11 — Holy Week Family Faith Formation Night

APRIL 16 — Easter Egg Hunt @ 10:00am on St. Philip Campus

APRIL 24-28 — Parish Mission Week

May 18 — ChristLife Program begins. Register at 412-922-6388.

May 26 — Catholic Cleveland Travel Ministry Trip



Mardi gras
 Celebration @ St. Philip Parish





ST. PHILIP PARISH COME AND SEE!

Christ Life Series: Discovering Christ

The **Christ Life Series**, *Discovering Christ*, is coming to St. Philip Parish! This program uses videos and discussion. Individuals discover the meaning of life and establish a close relationship with Jesus Christ. This free weekly program runs for 7 weeks **beginning Wednesday, May 18 from 6:30pm to 8:45pm** and includes dinner. **A typical evening is as follows:**

- 6:30pm **Doors open and a light dinner offered*
- 7:15pm **Opening prayer and spiritual reflection*
- 7:30pm **Video*
- 8:00pm **Small group discussion*
- 8:30pm **Wrap up and closing prayers*

SESSION DATES INCLUDE:

- Wednesday, **May 18, 25**
- Wednesday, **June 1, 8, 15**
- Saturday, **June 18** (Retreat
9:00am to 2:00pm)
- Wednesday, **June 22, 29**

CHRISTLIFE: COME AND SEE!

What an awesome way to personally encounter a fuller, satisfying relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ following our Parish Mission. Please feel free to invite others and plan now to attend this program. You can register by calling the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388. This program is open to everyone. You do not have to be a member of St. Philip to attend.

ChristLife “*Discovering Christ*” Program Registration Form

Name:

Email:

Telephone:

If attending with others, do you have any preference
in seating within the small discussion group?

To register, drop this registration form in the collection basket, or mail to
St. Philip Parish, 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15205. You may also call 412-922-6388.



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. ROBIN SANDERS - 4TH GRADE CLASSROOM

The last few weeks of school have been very exciting for the 4th grade - celebrating Catholic Schools Week and taking part in two Flexible Instruction Days while continuing to perform well in their lessons.

During Religion class, we have learned the first three Commandments help us to show our love and respect for God. Before continuing onto the other Commandments, we are going to spend time breaking down the parts of the Mass to better understand their meanings. This year the 4th grade will take part in the *Invention Convention* hosted at Seton LaSalle High School. Students are broken into groups to put their creative minds together to create products to help improve our daily lives. Fourth grade did an excellent job completing the multiplication chapters in math. We are now beginning to learn the process of long division. Lunch Money by Andrew Clements is the novel we are currently reading. The story centers around a student's drive to make money. Students are not only practicing their reading skills but are also participating in discussions and writings to better comprehend the novel.



MISS CATHERINE RODGERS - 3RD (B) GRADE CLASSROOM

3B is having a great year, not too long ago we celebrated the 100th day of school! In reading class, we are talking about what it takes to meet a challenge. We continue to use genres such as expository text, folktales, fairy tales and historical fiction to learn more about stories. We will soon be writing and publishing our own book. During the first week of March we celebrated Dr. Seuss Week by reading some of his books and doing activities on them. We even had a scavenger hunt to see how many feet we could find and whom they belonged to. In math, we are working on multiplying and dividing using different methods. We have also been taking fast fact quizzes to help us master our facts. In Religion, we are learning about the Church season of Lent and how to become closer to God during this time. We are looking forward to learning more about the Stations of the Cross while doing a project with our prayer partners. In science class, we are learning about ecosystems and we are working on a project to display what we have learned about each ecosystem.





Around the Diocese and Community

OLSH OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to learn more about Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School's transformative educational experience and incredible 90-year history as an independent ministry of the Felician Sisters! Meet our faculty, staff, students, and coaches by touring campus and exploring our Athletics and Activities Fair. Registration is recommended, but not required. Walk-ins are welcome!

Register online at www.olsh.org.

WHAT IS CALIX?

CALIX is an association of Catholic alcoholics, drug addicts, and family members and friends affected by addiction who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12-step program. Our first concern is to interest Catholics with these problems in the virtue of total abstinence. Our second stated purpose is to promote the spiritual development of our membership.

CALIX Pittsburgh will begin face-to-face meetings on the second Sunday of every month at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 2599 Freeport Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238. You are invited to join us for a Holy Hour, Adoration and Benediction from **1:30pm to 2:30pm on Sunday, March 13** followed by a CALIX meeting from 2:30pm to 3:30pm.

Please come and join us as we support each other by growing in spiritual maturity and frequent participation in celebrating Mass and penance and growing in prayer. And as it says in Step 12, "to practice these principles in all of our affairs." Remember, everyone is welcome to come to CALIX. If you would like more information, please contact Deacon Tim Noca at 412-793-4511, ext. 21 or by email at tnoca@diopitt.org.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Rachel's Vineyard, a weekend retreat for women and men, who struggle and suffer from the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion. It will be held **April 22-24** at the Ark and the Dove. The retreat begins at 1:00pm on Friday. In a confidential and supportive atmosphere, the retreatant will find the love and acceptance of the retreat team and experience the healing peace and love of Jesus. To register or for more information, call Toni Jester at 412-352-5348, or email toniafj1@comcast.net. You can also visit our website at www.rvofpgh.com.

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, 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 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 25, 2022. For additional information, please contact Bernadette at 412-563-3857 or email marystravel2@gmail.com.



Ministries & Societies

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

For almost a year, the Allegheny County Emergency Rental Assistance Program or ERAP has been providing renters impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic with much needed assistance. It allows renters to get caught up on up to 12 months of delinquent rent and utility payments, as well as paying for up to 3 months of future rent and/or utility bills. The program has distributed over \$83 million dollars to over 12,000 households. Unfortunately, ERAP's funding is almost exhausted and it was recently announced that the program will be coming to an end soon.

Renters who already have approved ERAP applications and qualify for additional future rent and/or utility payments must request those payments for April and May by March 15. No new applications will be accepted after March 31. New applicants requesting future rent and/or utility assistance must do so when submitting their initial application. No future rent and/or utility payments will be made past May. For the latest information or to apply, visit: <https://covidrentrelief.alleghenycounty.us>.

Even though ERAP is ending, renters who have fallen behind on rent or who are struggling to pay delinquent utility bills can still get help. If you, or someone you know, is in need of assistance, please reach out to us. We knew the time would come when the Covid-19 relief funds would run out, but we also knew that there would still be people in need. We can assist financially and by directing you to other resources for additional help, if necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact us by calling or texting our hotline at 412-444-8140 or emailing us at svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com.

This week, your generous donations enabled us to provide a woman with a couch; a woman was given a bus pass to get to work; a woman was given a desk; a couple was given \$260 for propane for cooking; and a woman was given \$779 for her sewage bill. We are very blessed to have your continued support so that we are able to help 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.

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.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

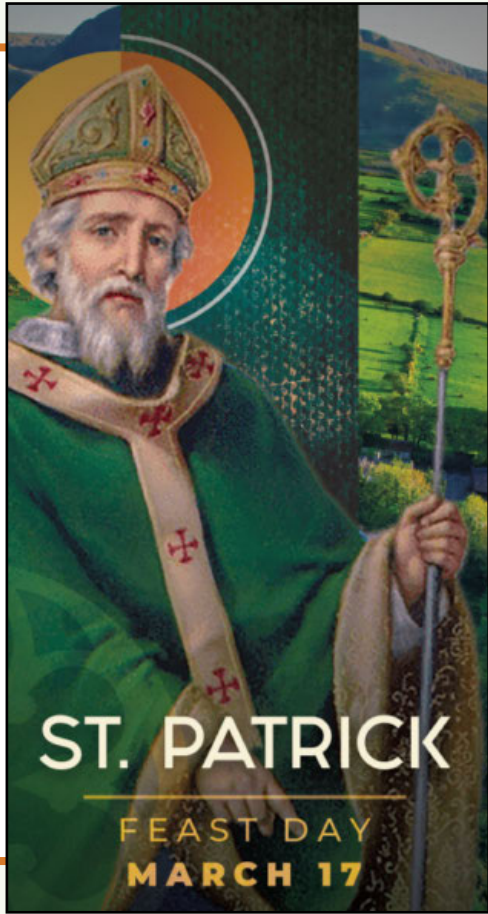
The St. Philip Grief Support Group will meet **Thursday, March 17 from 2:00pm to 3:00pm** in Conner Hall. The Grief Support Group meets on the third Thursday of the month and is an open, caring sharing group for adults who have lost someone to death. You may come alone or bring someone with you.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary resumed its weekly meetings on **Thursday, March 10 at 7:00pm** in the Ascension Rectory across from Conner Hall. The meetings are 90 minutes and consists of both prayer and a business meeting. All over 18 years of age are welcome to "come and see" the works of Our Lady's worldwide apostolate within St. Philip Parish. Our current works are:

1. Visiting parish shut-ins in nursing homes or keeping contact with them through cards if they are quarantined.
2. Providing parish booklets to connect them with parish life (Advent, Lenten, Synod, guest speaker programs, Divine Mercy Novena).
3. Choosing a St. Paul Seminarian to pray for and sending him a monthly card of encouragement.
4. Circulating an Our Lady of Fatima statue to parishioners' homes weekly or monthly.
5. Bereavement outreach to deceased parishioners' families and praying the rosary for the deceased before their funerals.
6. Consecrating ourselves yearly to the Blessed Mother on the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25).
7. Welcoming new parishioners

The Legion of Mary is celebrating its 100th year worldwide until September 7. There is a three month commitment-free time period to attend meetings and decide if Our Lady is calling you to share in her mission of evangelizing her children. Any questions or concerns, call Eileen Guay at 412-920-9091 and leave a message.



Whether you know him as the man who brought Christianity to Ireland or simply as a reason you eat corned beef and cabbage in March, St. Patrick (415 - 493) is a well-known saint around the world.

St. Patrick was born in Britain of a Romanized family. At the age of 16, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders from the villa of his father, a deacon and local official, and brought into slavery in Ireland. He spent six long years there as a herdsman, during which he turned to his faith for strength. He later escaped back to Britain on a ship, where he was eventually reunited with his family.

His years of captivity changed him and brought out a zeal for God and a yearning to spread the message of Jesus Christ. Despite the constant danger of martyrdom, he continued to travel throughout Ireland where he baptized and confirmed in the name of Christ.



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