



Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

WEEK OF MARCH 20, 2022

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OFFICE HOURS:

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

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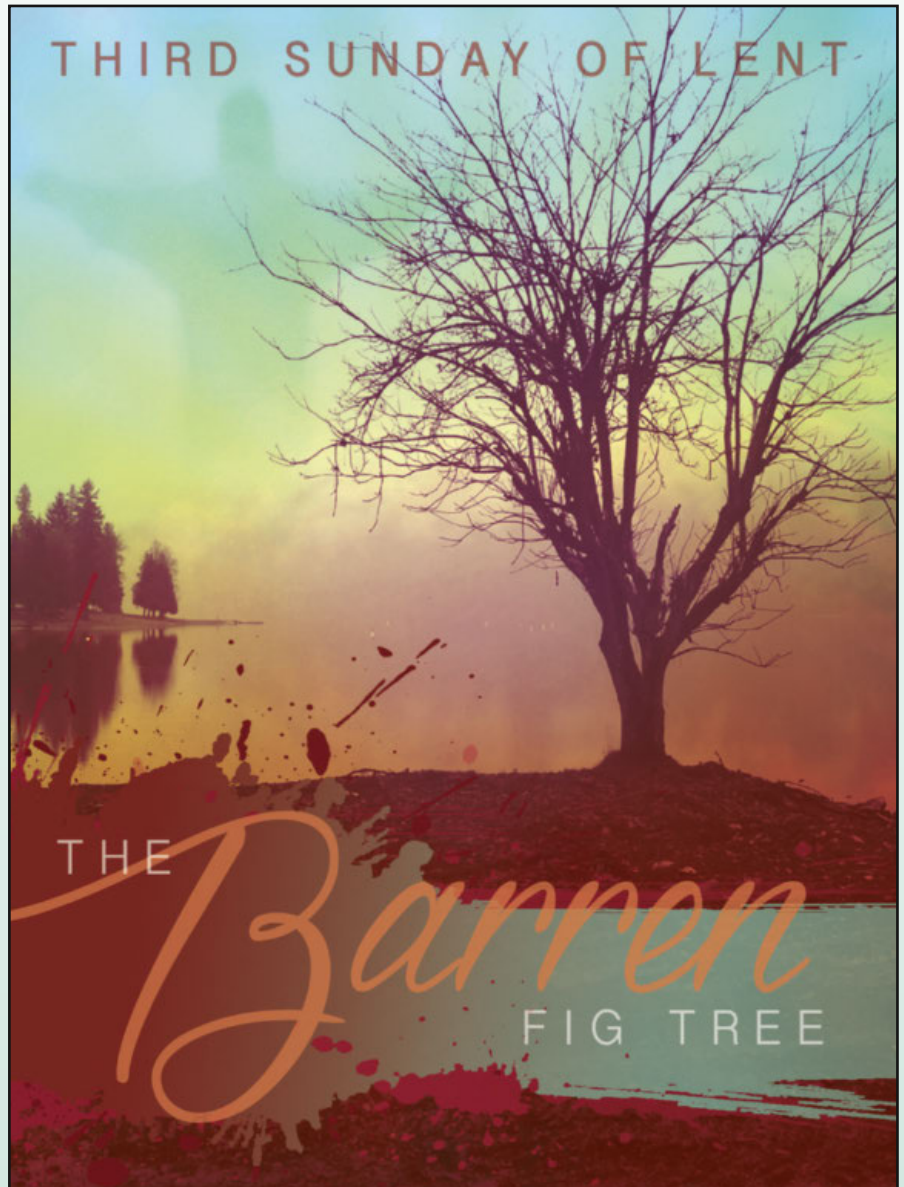
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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: Should be submitted to maureen@saintphilipchurch.org
no later than 12:00pm on Friday to be included in the following week's bulletin.





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 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
MONDAY, MARCH 21 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Sean McShane	Jack & Dian Perkins
TUESDAY, MARCH 22 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	John Rogers, Jr.	Sister, Pat
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Catherine M. Rodgers	Rodgers Family
THURSDAY, MARCH 24 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Virginia & Harold Jonas	Robin & Jim Gump
FRIDAY, MARCH 25 — THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Marlene Andrascik	A Friend
SATURDAY, MARCH 26 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	2:00pm	Wedding - James Peter Sciulli, Jr. and Malena Christine Hughes	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Fred Wisniewski	Mary Luxbacher
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Felix & Ottlee Rodgers	Pat Rodgers
SUNDAY, MARCH 27 — FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Mary Ann Greer	Family
Ascension	9:30am	Albert Butter	Randi & Kathi Butter
Saint Philip	11:00am	Peter Witkowski & Mildred Hutchinson	The Witkowski 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

Why do bad things happen to good people? This question has been asked by the People of God and many others for countless generations. It is the same issue that Jesus addresses in part in this Sunday's Gospel reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Many of our ancestors in the Church and outside the Church presumed that bad things happen to those who deserve punishment and retribution. Jesus knows that this attitude was very common in His own day, and it's been a common way of thinking throughout Christian history and human history.

However, Jesus clearly rejects this thinking in today's Gospel passage when he states that those killed tragically at Siloam were indeed NOT punished because they must have been "wretched sinners." The event was a tragedy and NOT punishment.

So, where does that leave us? If the bad things that befall us and others are NOT necessarily a result of our sins, then "Why do bad things happen to good people?"

In reality, I think that the simplest and truest answer is that "Life happens!" Unlike the people of Islam who believe that everything (every single detail of life) is willed by Allah, we as Catholic Christians simply acknowledge and accept the fact that "Life happens!"

Yes, we believe in the will and the plan of Almighty God, but we don't believe that God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit directs every single

detail of life and of the world. Given our own free will, much of what happens in life is determined by us as individuals and communities. Much of what happens in life is the direct result of our decisions, our words, and our actions. Much of what is bad is a result of human activity. Violence, crime, and many of the tragedies and disasters in this world are caused by us. Much of the illness in this world is caused by what we've done to ourselves, to the environment, and to the world.

You could also say that many of the bad things that happen in our lives are caused by human sin which still pervades the life of almost everyone in this world. Those problems and unfortunate occurrences that aren't the result of sin can often be attributed simply to the fact that "Life happens!"

As Catholic Christians, we approach life (and our individual and family lives) with the attitude that life on this Earth is good and blessed by God. Every day, we give thanks to the Lord Jesus for his goodness and providence and blessings. When bad things or illness or tragedy come our way, we first recall the goodness of Almighty God and the many graces and blessings that we have received throughout our lives. Then we remind ourselves that God is good and NOT hurtful, that many times "Life just happens!" We receive consolation in our belief that we are promised the eternal life and salvation that will heal us of all the bad things that happened to us in this life - that we will receive and share in the divine life of God where all will be well and all will be good!

Our 2022 Parish Share Program - Aiming to reach our goal

As all our members and parishes have done for 50 years, we're conducting 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

A Personal Examination OF CONSCIENCE

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Before celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession, it's important to conduct a personal examination of conscience in order to offer a complete confession.

"You shall love the Lord with all your heart, all your mind, and all your soul!"

- Is God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit of greatest importance in your life?
- Do you spend time in prayer each day?
- Do you offer thanks and praise to God each day?
- Do you give higher priority to your work, recreation, or possessions?
- Do you speak respectfully of the Lord at all times?
- Do you respect the name of God, and especially of Jesus, at all times?
- Have you missed church worship on any Sunday or any Holy Day?
- Do you keep Sunday as the day of the Lord and a day of prayer?

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

- Are you a person of love as Jesus commands us to be?
- Do you treat your parents, other adults, and all people with respect?
- Do you speak of family members, friends, neighbors, and strangers with charity?
- Have you taken the life of a human person or harmed someone?
- Have you ended or helped to end the life of a pre-born child?
- Have you mistreated or harmed other life?
- Have you broken your marriage commitment or intruded on another's marriage?
- Have you engaged in marital relations before or outside of married life?
- Have you used pharmaceuticals, prophylactics, or surgery to prevent conception?
- Have you made use of pornography or engaged in self-abuse?
- Have you engaged in theft of another's property or money?
- Have you damaged the property of someone else?
- Have you abused or damaged the natural resources of the earth?
- Have you told lies about other people? Have you lied about other matters?
- Have you spoken poorly of others or treated others with little or no respect?
- Have you spoken profanity or curses or sacrilege or blasphemy?
- Are you judgmental or critical of others without cause?
- Do you hold grudges and refuse to forgive family members or others?
- Are you envious and jealous of others, their families, or their possessions?
- Do you appreciate and give thanks for your own blessings?
- Do you share your blessings and possessions with others? With the Church?

An Act of Contrition - Lord God, I am sorry for all my sins. In choosing to do wrong, and failing to do good, I have offended you, whom I should love above all else. With the help of your grace, I promise to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Our Savior, Jesus Christ, suffered and died for our sins. In his name, my God, have mercy. **Amen.**



BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 20

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

Weekdays

Daniel 3-4; Luke 10-11

Sunday, March 27

Joshua 5:9-12;
2 Corinthians 5:17-21;
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



For more than 20 years, our Bishops of Pittsburgh have encouraged those who haven't celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation in many years to do so on a specific evening each Lent and Advent. Most parishes will have this special evening on Wednesday, March 30 beginning at 6:00pm.

However, because of our Wednesday evening Lenten *Soup, Salad, and Speaker Series*, we will offer these evening hours for Reconciliation on Thursday, March 31. This important and healing Sacrament will be available **Thursday, March 31 from 6:00pm until 8:00pm in Ascension Church.** *The Light will be On for You!*

FINANCIAL REPORT OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collection total, **March 12-13, 2022** -- \$5,282.45
Online donations March 6 & March 13 -- \$5,110.00

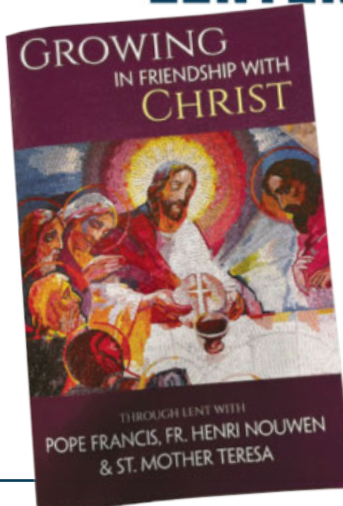
Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year -- \$724,000.00
Parish income received since July 1, 2021 -- \$405,230.20
Parish fundraising since July 1, 2021 -- \$22,463.52
Estate gifts received since July 1, 2021 -- \$15,000.00

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 12-13 -- 472
Sunday envelopes used -- 104
Online contributions March 6 & March 13 -- 103
Total households receiving envelopes -- 1,149

2022 Parish Share Goal -- \$128,391.00
Parish Share received as of March 13 -- \$71,621.65

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!

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

Your goodness and participation help to keep our parish alive!



Parish News

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS - March 26 & 27

4:00pm at St. Philip - Denny Maher
5:30pm at Ascension - Robert Okraszewski
7:00am at St. Philip - Beth Ayres
9:30am at Ascension - Linda Barone
11:00am at St. Philip - Jessica Rea

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - March 26 & 27

4:00pm at St. Philip - Regina McDonald
5:30pm at Ascension - Carroll Gorman
7:00am at St. Philip - Don Wolbert
9:30am at Ascension - Terry Stacy
11:00am at St. Philip - Susan Kelly

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!

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

In preparation for the Easter holiday, LPI, publishers of our Sunday bulletin, is requesting early submissions for our bulletin information. Please note the following:

Articles to be included in the **April 10 bulletin** are due to the parish office on **THURSDAY, MARCH 31**.

Articles to be included in the **April 17 bulletin** are due to the parish office on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6**.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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.

Easter Candy Needed



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.

NEXT WEEKEND-SPECIAL COLLECTION

The second collection next weekend March 26 & 27 will be the combined collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Home Missions and the National Collection for Black and Indian Missions. This collection provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States.

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 23 at 6:15pm** in Ascension Conner Hall as we welcome Fr. Larry Adams who will address the topic of *Trusting in Jesus*. This is a wonderful opportunity to have a remarkable Lent. Join us and bring a friend!

SALVATION HISTORY

The next Salvation History session will be held on **Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00pm** in the 2nd floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building on the Ascension Campus. All are welcome.

FRIDAY FISH FRY

Our Parish Fish Fry is in full swing. 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.

FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are so grateful to everyone who has supported our Parish Fish Fry and worked so hard during the past few weeks to make it run smoothly. Preparation for the Fish Fry is a weeklong process and there are so many people who help to make the Fish Fry happen... from the cabbage choppers, the prep people for haluski and mac and cheese, to the loyal Friday morning breaders and the entire evening crew, including the bake sale portion and clean up.

We can always use additional volunteers at various times. **We have found a window on Friday afternoons where some additional assistance is needed.** It is from the time the Friday morning crew leaves and the evening crew arrives, **12:30pm to 3:30pm.** During this time, we finish cleaning up and begin setting up for our 4:00pm to 7:00pm dinner crowd. If you have some spare time on Friday afternoons or would like to volunteer where needed, please contact the Parish Office at 412-922-6300. Child Abuse Clearances are needed. As they say, “It takes a village.” Thanks so much.

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.

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!**

**\$10 DONATION
PER TICKET**

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.



GUARDIAN ANGEL
ACADEMY

LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS - BETTER ODDS OF WINNING!



Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **St. Philip** burns
In Loving Memory of Joe Hayes
Offered by Kathy Hayes

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **Ascension** burns
In Loving Memory of Patrick R. Brinzer
Offered by Godmother, Joan Chiconella



STEPS OF FAITH CLINICAL ADDICTION TREATMENT

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



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

Thank you!

Connect with FLOCKNOTE!



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



Religious Education

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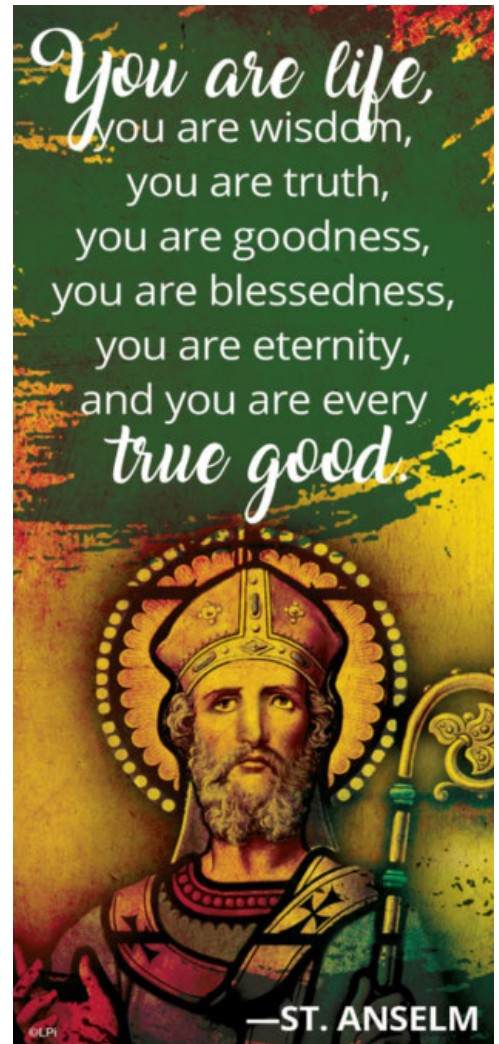
A NOTE FROM MARYANN: How is your Lent going so far? Here at St. Philip a number of individuals have taken advantage of the opportunities for prayer, sacrifice and service to others. Our Stations of the Cross on Fridays have been well attended. Approximately 70 individuals have enjoyed our *Soup, Salad and Speaker Series* so far. Our Confirmation students made 134 bag lunches for those in need at Jubilee Soup Kitchen. Many people have attended daily Mass and the St. Vincent de Paul Lenten Food Drive is underway with all the Lenten bags being distributed. What are you doing to make this a remarkable Lent? There are still many opportunities within the parish and community. Why not attend daily Mass once a week or pray a decade of the rosary before going to bed? Perhaps you may want to call and offer to help at the Parish Fish Fry if needed or offer to make some soup or dessert for the Wednesday evening Speaker Series? There is still time to attend the series or attend Stations of the Cross. Whatever your plans, great or small, Lent is a time of renewal when we turn our hearts and minds toward Jesus in order to bring our lives into focus. Let's continue together during this special time in the Church Year. Below are a few ideas for this week.

- Pray for your enemies.
- Don't turn on the car radio and instead offer it for someone in need.
- Give \$10 to a non-profit of your choosing.
- Take 5 minutes of silence at noon or during the day.
- Give 5 items of clothing to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.
- Forgive someone.
- Introduce yourself to someone.
- Don't complain today-about anything.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! Our Confirmation students and their parents made 134 bag lunches for those in need at Jubilee Soup Kitchen. Your generosity in donating the supplies was very much appreciated. The guests and staff of Jubilee Soup Kitchen were very grateful and thanked us for thinking of them in their time of need.

CONFIRMATION: Our Confirmation students will take a field trip to the historical churches on Sunday, March 20 following the 11:00am Mass. Please keep our students in your prayers as they embark upon this wonderful experience.



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

CATHOLIC Cleveland

Presented by St. Philip Parish

Thursday, May 26, 2022

TRAVEL MINISTRY! ONLY 20 SEATS LEFT! Seats are going fast! First come, first seated. 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;
- Gift shops are available at all stops.

Trip Includes: Motorcoach transportation, group luncheon, shrine donations, attractions and is fully escorted.

Tour Fare: non refundable \$115 per person 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.



FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT MEETING: There will be a parent meeting for First Eucharist on **Thursday, March 24 at 6:30pm** in Ascension Church.

LENTEN SOUP, SALAD, AND SPEAKER SERIES: Fr. Sam Esposito shared some wonderful insights on prayer during our series on Wednesday, March 9. If you missed it, Father's talk and the opening prayer can be viewed on St. Philip Parish Facebook page. There are also hand-outs from that talk that are available. In addition, each week we have a free book exchange in Conner Hall throughout the series. Come, join us for some homemade soup, fellowship and inspiration.

Our *Lenten Soup, Salad and Speaker Series* is held each Wednesday during Lent. Our theme is *Following Jesus on the Way*. We 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 then engage in discussion with dessert from 7:50pm to 8:15pm. All are welcome and no reservations are needed. If you would like to help us by making a crock pot of soup, call Linda at 412-922-6388. Upcoming speakers include:

- MARCH 23:** Fr. Larry Adams - *Trusting in Jesus*
MARCH 30: Deacon Tim Killmeyer - *Follow Jesus through the Works of Mercy*
APRIL 6: Sr. Mindy Welding, IHM (sister of Fr. Brian) - *Listening to Jesus*



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. MELISSA BENOVTICH - 3RD (A) GRADE CLASSROOM
Third grade has been very busy in honing many of our skills. We set the goal of writing in cursive and have achieved it. We have transitioned to writing completely in cursive for all of our subjects. We are working on perfecting many of the pesky uppercase letters. In reading, we have continued to read different stories in many different genres and practicing comprehension skills. We have focused on different types of figurative language that can make comprehension tricky. We have explored metaphors, similes, and idioms. We are preparing for a STEM activity testing flight using paper planes of different wing spans to measure the difference in area covered. We have been working hard to master our multiplication facts and use them to help with division. We started exploring fractions. We are using unit fractions to label parts of a shape as well as number lines to label fractions. We will be moving onto finding the area and perimeter in our next unit. Social Studies has focused on the early settlers of our country. We have read about four Native American

tribes and how they used the resources. We will be reading about the European settlers next. Finally, in Religion, we have been learning about the ministries of the Church. We have also talked about how the Church prays. As we are now in Lent, we will be focusing on praying the Stations of the Cross. We have continued to discuss some of the important feast days and saints of the Church.

CONGRATULATIONS to our 8th grade student Katelyn Miller for being selected as a 2022 CARSON SCHOLAR.

With this honor she will receive a \$1,000 scholarship award that will be invested for her college education. In addition to the scholarship monies, she will receive a medal and certificate. Her name will also be added to our Carson Scholar Trophy in our school Trophy Case. Katelyn is among a select group of gifted students from across the country that have been named Carson Scholars. Her academic achievements and service to her community are what makes her stand out as a future leader. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU KATELYN - FANTASTIC JOB!





SATURDAY April 23, 2022

GUARDIAN ANGEL ACADEMY CAFETERIA
DOORS OPEN 5:30pm • POST TIME 6:30pm

\$25 SINGLE ADMISSION
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NIGHT AT THE RACES

Join us for an evening of racing, food, and fun with friends! Proceeds to benefit Athletics and General Fundraising at Guardian Angel Academy. Enjoy Races, a door prize, Chinese Auction, 50/50 raffle and ladies wear your best hat for a chance to win a prize! \$15 per horse - can't make the event? You can still get your horse in the race! Winning horses payout \$40 (winners do not need to be present at the event.) For questions or if you would like to make a donation, contact Kerri Lozano at kerri.craine@gmail.com or call/text 412-9530-8682.



Around the Diocese and Community

THE NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY

NAS, a national Catholic ministry which meets locally at St. Margaret of Scotland Church, St. Raphael The Archangel Parish is an association of Catholics dedicated to prayer before the Eucharist for the praise of God and for the needs of the world. Membership requires one thing only: to spend one hour once a month during the hours of the night in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament exposed in church. To ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone, NAS members are arranged in groups that are rotated between different hours each month. We adore, pray communally, read from the Old and New Testament, and have periods of quiet personal prayer. **Adoration hours begin at 10:00pm, the First Friday of each month and ends with Benediction at 7:00am on Saturday.** Nocturnal Adoration offers a unique opportunity to be in the presence of Jesus at a time when there are no distractions; to meditate on His passion, death, and resurrection; to pray with Him to our Father; and to receive the strength of the Holy Spirit to continue His mission of love and compassion. Members pray for the intentions of society members worldwide, for world peace, for pro-life issues, vocations, victims of war and natural disasters, and our departed brothers and sisters. Any parishioner of any parish is welcome to come to any hour(s) and experience this profound liturgy.

If interested, contact Jim Mannarino at 412-482-8814, jemannarino@gmail.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 by visiting: www.thearkandthedoveworldwide.org/triduum. The registration fee is \$200.



IRISH NIGHT

Addiction Recovery Ministry is sponsoring an Irish Night on **Sunday, March 27 starting at 4:30pm** in St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall, 2599 Freeport Road, Pittsburgh, 15238, featuring Pittsburgh Irish musician, Mike Gallagher. Come enjoy good food, dinner and basket raffles!

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, 2022** 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, contact Toni Jester at 412-352-5348 or toniafj1@comcast.net or visit www.rvofpgh.com.

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, please call 412-277-3434 or email 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. For more information, contact Bernadette at 412-563-3857 or email marystravel2@gmail.com.



Ministries & Societies

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

If you've been thinking about volunteering with St. Vincent de Paul, but either don't have much time to spare or don't know where to start, volunteering to load a truck with donations bound for the Madonna Hope House in Tunnelton, West Virginia is a great place to start.

For those of you who aren't familiar with our furniture ministry, we collect donated furniture, appliances, housewares and clothing. Some of those items are given to friends in need within our parish boundaries. We are blessed to have such generous donors that we have enough to provide to our local friends in need - and we have enough donations left over to send items to our friends in need in Tunnelton. We usually send a truck full of donations to Tunnelton every six weeks or so.

We will be loading a truck bound for the Madonna Hope House this **Friday, March 25** at approximately 5:30pm. We are usually done in an hour or an hour and a half, depending on the number of volunteers we have. This is a great opportunity to better familiarize yourself with our mission and to meet some of our Vincentians. If you are interested in joining us, please call or text our hotline at 412-444-8140 or email us at svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com.

This week, your generous donations enabled us to provide a single mom with a house of furniture and household goods voucher; a refugee family was assisted with \$500 for rent; and a couple was given \$147 toward rent. Thank you for your continued support of our friends 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 at <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.

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.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary resumed its weekly meetings on 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, call Eileen Guay at 412-920-9091 and leave a message.



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Planning is underway and registrations are coming in for the running events being held on Marathon Weekend, **April 30 and May 1, 2022.**

We are always interested in volunteer assistance with the Friday Expo, coordination, race day fluid stations and many other needs of our runners on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Anyone interested in assisting 30,000+ participants is asked to visit www.pittsburghmarathon.com/volunteering to register or contact Tom Heisey (Community Relations) at 412-586-7785.



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