

# Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

**WEEK OF APRIL 2, 2023**

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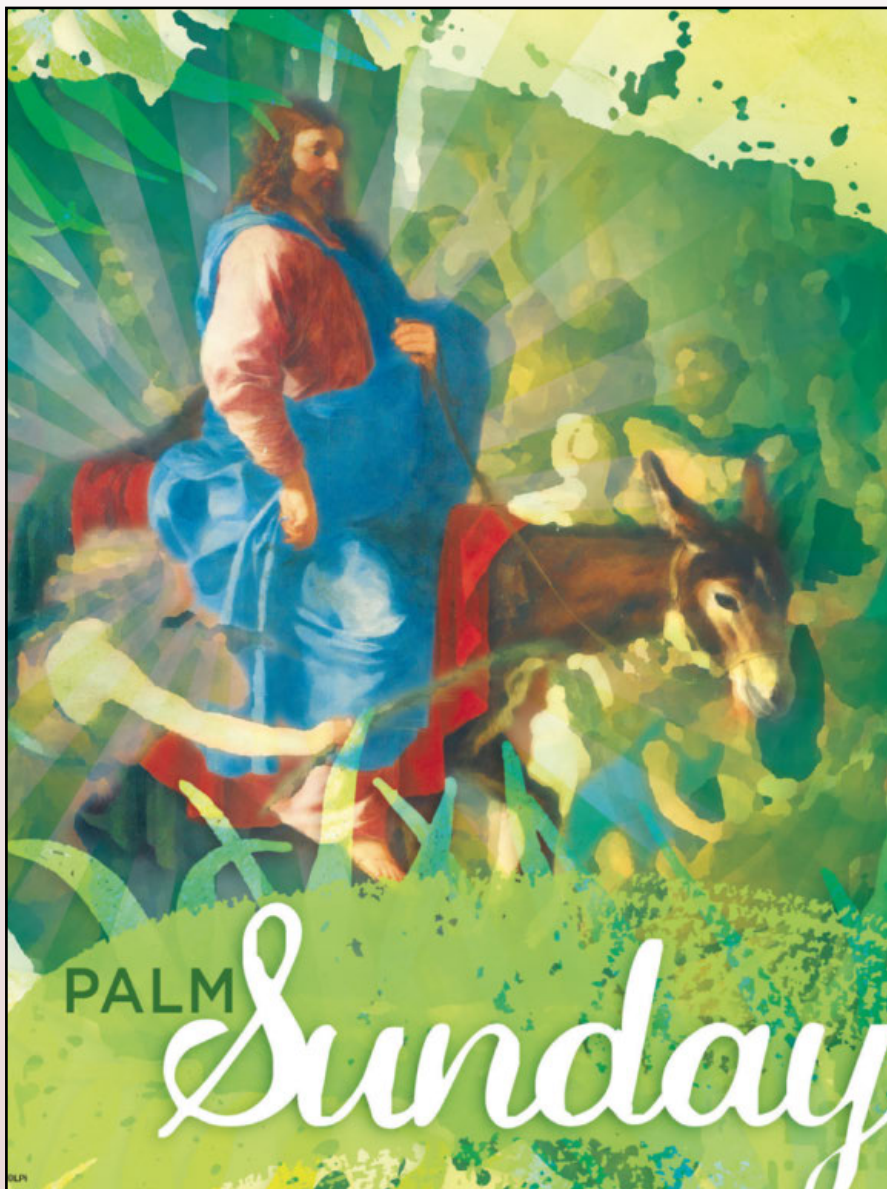
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 no later than 12:00pm on Friday to be included in the following week's bulletin.





## 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.*

# LITURGY 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, APRIL 1 — LENTEN WEEKDAY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Robert Super, Jr.	Family
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Dominick & Caroline Macino	Anita Macklin & Family
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Rose & Stanley Bajoras	Daughter
<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 2 — PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b>			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Rita Schrey	Anita Macklin & Family
Ascension	9:30am	Living & Deceased Members of the Waigand Family	Sister Betty
Saint Philip	11:00am	Santo Rea	Wife and Family
<b>MONDAY, APRIL 3 — MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Catherine Priselac	Linda Priselac
<b>TUESDAY, APRIL 4 — TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Paul Fischer	A Friend
<b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 — WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Patrick Brinzer, Sr.	Wife
<b>THURSDAY, APRIL 6 — HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER</b>			
Saint Philip	7:00pm	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
<b>FRIDAY, APRIL 7 — GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b>			
Saint Philip	12:00pm	Stations of the Cross	
Ascension	1:30pm	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion	
Ascension	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross	
<b>SATURDAY, APRIL 8 — HOLY SATURDAY</b>			
Ascension	12:00pm	Blessing of Easter Food Baskets	
Saint Philip	7:00pm (Vigil)	Vigil Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord	
Easter Vigil		Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 9 — EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b>			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Donald Brannan	Brannan
Ascension	9:30am	Living & Deceased Members of the Waigand Family	Sister Betty
Saint Philip	9:30am	Joseph R. Hanis	Anita Macklin & Family
Saint Philip	11:00am	Francis Anthony Leone	Sister, Michele Leone





# Notes from the Pastor

**Greetings once again, and best wishes for this Holy Week and Easter Sunday!**

Holy, Holy, Holy Week

**Now that we've almost completed the 40 days of this year's Lenten Season**, we've arrived this weekend at our celebration of Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion AND the beginning of Holy Week 2023.

**In our Palm Sunday Liturgy, we begin with the Blessing of Palm** and the reading of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem found in the Gospel according to Matthew. As related to us by all the Gospels, Jesus' final entrance into the Holy City of King David began with the acclamation of the crowds welcoming the Lord Jesus - the Messiah - into Jerusalem, the capital city of Israel. He was celebrated as a great prophet, the Holy One of God sent to renew and redeem the People of God!

**In the same way that those days began for Jesus - and begin for us today** - with the excitement of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem, soon enough those days and this Holy Week will find Jesus betrayed, arrested, put on trial, condemned, tortured, and finally crucified on a wooden cross. The joy of this Passion Sunday quickly gives way to the darkness of the final days of Jesus' life before His death on the cross and His burial in the tomb.

**As we know in our reading of the Gospel according to Matthew throughout this year**, one of the important aspects of Matthew's account of Jesus' life is to show how Jesus truly is the Messiah of Israel, the first People of God. Matthew often emphasizes Jesus' heritage among the Jewish people. Matthew also indicates that, while Jesus is rooted in the people of Israel, He moved forward in



creating a New People of God from among the remnants of that nation - and from among all the nations. Jesus' New People of God were created in a New Covenant with the Almighty which was completed by the blood of Jesus' self-sacrifice on the cross. This New Covenant is now continued and celebrated through the New Passover event and the celebration of the Eucharist throughout the world!

**During this Holy Week, may we stay close to Jesus every day.** May we all participate in our Holy Thursday Liturgy, our Good Friday services, the Great Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday! Then, may we celebrate every day of the 50 day Easter Season as we renew our belief in Jesus' Resurrection which is the source of our faith in the Lord - as well as the promise of everlasting life which is our ultimate Christian promise and hope!

Best wishes for a very good Holy Week and Easter Sunday!

**Best wishes, once again, for this Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday!** As always, 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.

**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 always bless you, your family, and our Saint Philip Catholic Parish community now and always!

Yours, Father Jim Torquato

# *Divine Mercy Novena*

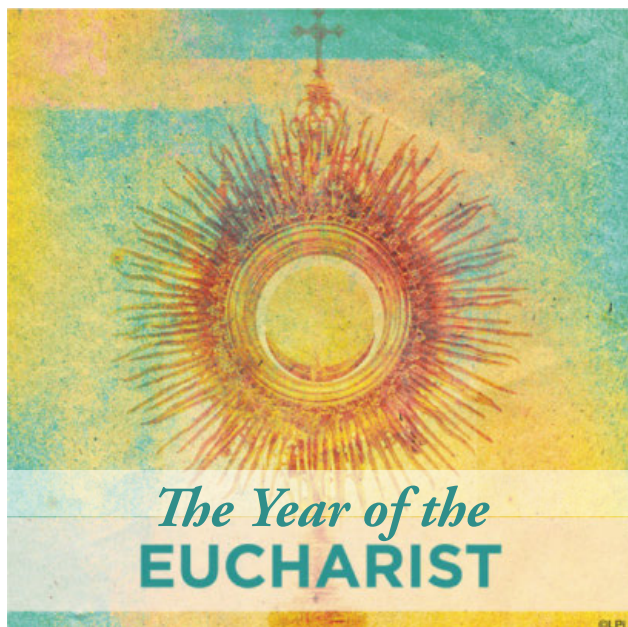
## *and Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16*

Beginning this Good Friday, April 7, all of our parish members are most welcome to participate in the Divine Mercy Novena in preparation for our April 16 celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday.

The Divine Mercy message and promises entered the church's life more than a century ago and are found in the appearances of the Lord Jesus to Sister Faustina - a young Polish Religious sister who, in time, brought the message and Chaplet of Divine Mercy to every Catholic community throughout the world.

To pray the Divine Mercy Novena at home and in church, you're welcome to receive a brief pamphlet of explanation at our church entrances.

Finally, on Sunday, April 16, 3:00pm, to conclude the Divine Mercy Novena, a number of our parish members and friends will lead and together pray the closing prayer service. Again, you're welcome to join us during the **afternoon of Sunday, April 16 at 3:00pm** in Saint Philip church for the final Prayer Service of the Divine Mercy Novena this year. God bless!



During 2023, our Diocesan Church of Pittsburgh and the entire Catholic Church in America are celebrating a Year of the Eucharist. In recent years, the bishops of the United States have decided that our entire nation should conduct a **Eucharistic Revival** to renew our faith in Jesus and our appreciation of His sacred gift of the Eucharist.

We are all encouraged to give time to Jesus in our **Eucharistic Adoration** and to cherish Jesus' truly important gift of the Eucharist in each of our Sunday and weekday Liturgies. As Jesus' Eucharist and our Holy Communion fill us with divine life and grace, may we always be grateful for the Body and Blood of the Lord which gives us a share in the very life of God. May we renew and profess our faith in the Lord and His Eucharist every day of this year, and may we receive all the blessings and divine grace of Jesus as His friends and as His holy Catholic Church.

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## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Palm Sunday, April 2

Isaiah 50:4-7;  
Philippians 2:6-11;  
Matthew 26:14 - 27:66

### Weekdays

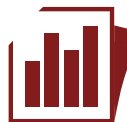
Isaiah 49-50;  
John 12-13

### Easter Sunday, April 9

Acts 10:34-43;  
1 Corinthians 5:6-8;  
Matthew 28:1-10



## FINANCIAL REPORT



## OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collection total, <b>March 25-26, 2023</b>	-- \$6,283.10
Mail-in donations total, March 25-26	-- \$2,607.04
Online donations total, March 25-26	-- \$1,535.00
Maintenance donations	-- \$ 23.00
Religious Education donations	-- \$ 166.00
Easter Flower donations	-- \$ 365.00
Easter Sunday donations	-- \$ 131.00

St. Vincent DePaul donations	-- \$ 105.00
Good Friday Holy Land donations	-- \$ 30.00
Human Development donations	-- \$ 279.00

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year	-- \$790,368.00
Parish income <u>received</u> since July 1, 2022	-- \$442,242.14
Parish fundraising since July 1, 2022	-- \$ 45,819.75
Estate gifts received since July 1, 2022	-- \$ 1,559.80
General donations since July 1, 2022	-- \$ 16,309.61

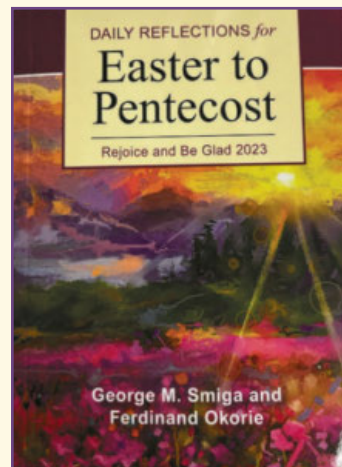
Average weekly staff salary and benefits expenses	-- \$7,640.00
Average weekly maintenance/operation expenses	-- \$2,175.00
Average weekly utility expenses	-- \$2,295.00
Average weekly insurance expenses	-- \$1,186.00
Weekly contributions to Guardian Angel Academy	-- \$1,630.32

Parish members -- 3,463	Parish families -- 1,719
Church attendance on March 25-26	-- 703
Sunday envelopes used March 25-26	-- 255
Total households receiving envelopes	-- 1,111

2023 Parish Appeal Goal	-- \$129,011.00
Parish Appeal received as of March 26	-- \$ 85,528.00*
<i>*Includes online Parish Appeal donations</i>	
2023 Parish Appeal Donors	-- 238

## Daily Reflections for Easter

Beginning last Sunday, March 26, Saint Philip Parish has made available 500+ copies of the NEW Daily Reflections for the Easter Season at both of our churches. Please accept a copy for yourself and your family. Beginning Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection, you'll find these reflections for the 50 days of the Easter Season to be truly inspiring as we celebrate the most important event and season of the Lord Jesus' Resurrection!







# Parish News

## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday, April 3, 6:00-8:00pm, at Ascension

Tuesday, April 4, 12:00-1:00pm, at Saint Philip

6:00-8:00pm at Ascension

Wednesday, April 5, 12:00-1:00pm, at Saint Philip

6:00-8:00pm at Ascension

## EASTER SUNDAY REMINDERS

Please remember that the **Saturday evening Easter Vigil begins at 7:00pm and continues until about 9:00pm**. There are NO Liturgies at 4:00pm OR at 5:30pm on Saturday, April 8. Also, on Easter Sunday morning, an extra Liturgy will be celebrated at Saint Philip church at 9:30am.

*Best wishes for Easter Sunday and for the Easter Season!*



In a recent update in the Church, the Easter Vigil Liturgy is NOW meant only for the Baptism of individuals NOT YET BAPTIZED. Other Baptized Christians are now received into the Catholic Church on other Sundays such as Divine Mercy Sunday.

St. Philip Parish is pleased to welcome **Beng Ljungman, Adam Mishkin** and **Jesse Reed** into Full Communion with the Catholic Church on Saturday, April 15 at the 5:30pm Liturgy in Ascension Church. During this Liturgy these individuals will participate in the sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation. Please keep Beng, Adam and Jesse in your prayers and welcome them to St. Philip Parish Community.

# SAINT PHILIP PARISH

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

### —HOLY THURSDAY—

**APRIL 6 at 7:00pm**, the Mass of the Lord's Supper at Saint Philip.

*The church will remain open until 11:00pm for personal prayer.*

### —GOOD FRIDAY—

**APRIL 7 at 12:00 noon**, the Stations of the Cross at Saint Philip; **1:30pm** the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death at Ascension; and **7:00pm** the Stations of the Cross at Ascension.

### —HOLY SATURDAY—

**APRIL 8 at 10:00am**, an Easter Egg Hunt for Families (Saint Philip Courtyard and Kelty Hall); **12:00 noon** the Blessing of Easter Food Baskets will be at Ascension; and **7:00pm** the Vigil Liturgy of the Lord's Resurrection at Saint Philip.

### —EASTER SUNDAY—

#### APRIL 9 MASSES

**7:00am** Liturgy at Saint Philip;

**9:30am** Liturgy at Saint Philip;

**9:30am** Liturgy at Ascension;

**11:00am** Liturgy at Saint Philip.

**Please mark your calendar now**, and be sure to join us as we celebrate the Lord Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday!

## PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous.

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday).

## GOOD FRIDAY FASTING AND ABSTAINING

This coming Good Friday brings us to the final Lenten day of Fasting and of Abstaining from meat. Again, fasting is required of all Catholics ages 14 - 59, and abstaining from eating meat is required of all Church members. May these acts of sacrifice and penance remind us that Jesus sacrificed His very life on the cross, and may these acts deepen our spiritual life in the Lord.

## GUARDIAN ANGEL ACADEMY: NIGHT AT THE RACES

Guardian Angel Academy presents *Night at the Races* on **Saturday, May 26** in the GAA Cafeteria. Doors open at 5:30pm with a Post Time of 6:30pm. Join us for an evening of racing, food, and fun with friends! Single admission is \$30 and couple admission is \$50. Purchase tickets online at [gaa-natr-2023.cheddarup.com](http://gaa-natr-2023.cheddarup.com). For any questions, please contact Kerri Lozano at [GAAdfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:GAAdfundraising@gmail.com). Proceeds benefit Guardian Angel Academy.

## Newly Baptized

Please welcome into our faith family... **Gabrielle Lynn, Jasmine Lee and Robert William, III, Vitous**, children of Robert William, Jr. and Jessica Lynn Scholz Vitous, who received the Life of Christ in Baptism in our parish on Sunday, March 26, 2023. May they grow in wisdom, age and grace.



## ◀ HOLY WEEK PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES ▶

Please remember the Parish Administrative Offices will be closed Holy Thursday (April 6), Good Friday (April 7) and Easter Monday (April 10). They will reopen on Tuesday, April 11 at 9:00am. For emergencies, please leave a message with the Answering Service and someone will get back to you.



## Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **Saint Philip** burns *In Loving Memory of*  
**Paul Valenti**  
Offered by Family

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **Ascension** burns *In Loving Memory of*  
**Paul Korol**  
Offered by Wife, Claudia

## ADVERTISER of the Week

**ROBERT P. BOTT, D.M.D.**

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

## A Final Gift to the Parish

**Please support**

**SAINT PHILIP PARISH**

*by including the community 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](http://www.stphilipchurch1.flocknote.com).



# Faith Formation /Religious Education

Ms. MaryAnn Garfold, Director of Faith Formation  
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**A NOTE FROM MARYANN:** Our theme these past few months at St. Philip has been “*Let’s See What Love Can Do.*” As we begin Holy Week, we are reminded that God so loved us that we are saved through Jesus’ Passion. We are also reminded as a Parish of “*What Love Can Do.*” You see our love, the love that flows from Jesus through us, can be seen in many ways.

We have baptisms scheduled for 6 school age children from 3 families. We have 3 adults preparing for Full Communion with the Catholic Church. We have 12 students preparing for Confirmation who, together with their parents, took a pilgrimage to the historical churches of Pittsburgh. We have 14 students preparing for First Eucharist. We have 52 families who participated in monthly faith formation sessions. We had over 200 people who celebrated *Mardi Gras* together and we had approximately 100 individuals share in our *Soup, Salad and Speaker Series*.

As we take time this week to pray and reflect upon the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, let us continue to find ways to share this Good News with others and to share God’s love with everyone we meet. A blessed and meaningful Holy Week to each of us.

## FAITH FORMATION HAPPENINGS:

Thanks to all who participated in our *Soup, Salad and Speaker Series*. If you missed any of the speaker’s talks they can be found on Saint Philip Crafton Facebook Page. Thanks to Robin Gump and Samantha Calorie for video taping these talks. Thanks to all of the individuals who made soups and salad throughout these weeks. They were:

Anita Okraszewski	Peggy Baehr	Natalie Balega
Eleanor Vistein	Diana Miller	Eileen Cox
Claire Megyesy	Kathy Julian	Robin Gump
Anna Gasper	Rose Musser	Linda Bey
MaryAnn Garfold	Grace Berard	Katie Kostishack
Samantha Calorie	Dorothy Kraemer	Robert Okraszewski
Mary Schubert	Ginger Haverlandt	Eileen Guay
Phyllis Gray	Mary Jane Roth	Katie Phillips

Our next **Faith Formation Family Evening** is **Monday, April 3** in Kelty Hall. The evening begins with dinner at 6:30pm followed by activities and crafts that help children and families prepare for Holy Week and Easter. **THERE WILL BE NO FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS ON EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 10.** Sessions will resume on April 17. There will be a dessert buffet and Confirmation practice for all Confirmation candidates on Monday, April 17 from 6:30pm to 7:45pm. All Confirmation Candidates are asked to attend.

**Easter Season  
dates to remember:**

## Sacrament of Confirmation

*Sunday, April 23  
at the 11:00am Mass.*

## First Eucharist

*Sunday, May 7 at  
the 11:00am Mass.*

Did you know  
that the last  
supper was when  
*Jesus instituted*  
the Eucharist?





**St. Philip Parish will hold a Parish Mission on Monday, April 24.** The mission begins with a spaghetti dinner at 6:15pm. Following dinner adults will enjoy a talk by Father Michael Ackerman while children will be entertained with crafts and activities. The evening will conclude with a Pittsburgh Cookie Table Dessert Social. All are welcome. Reservations are requested for dinner. Please contact the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

**St. Philip First Eucharist Family Retreat** will take place on **Sunday, April 30 from 12:00pm to 2:45pm.** The afternoon includes lunch, activities to help prepare for First Eucharist, and a rehearsal.

**St. Philip Women's Retreat** at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center on the South Side will take place from **April 14 to April 16.** Friday Mass at 5:30pm and an opening dinner at 6:10pm. Scholarships are available. The entire weekend is \$250 -- OR \$295 for a room with private bath and shower. A Saturday only option is available. For information, call Mary Jane Roth at 412-921-2361.

**St. Philip Easter Egg Hunt** will be held on **Saturday, April 8 beginning at 10:00am** on St. Philip Church campus. Donuts, juice and coffee will be available in the cafeteria beginning at 9:00am. Crafts, Easter Bags, Activities and Pictures with the Easter Bunny will be available in Kelty Hall. All are welcome. Come and enjoy the morning.

Walk With Me by Father Richard Gielow, CM, is a reflection on the Stations of the Cross. The following is a reflection on the final Stations of the Cross. Through these stations Jesus was teaching us a way to live life to the fullest.

As Jesus is nailed to the Cross, he talks to us about pain - Everyone is handicapped. Sometimes it shows and sometimes it does not. Jesus never complained about pain or suffering. Instead, He offered it to His Father for us. He offered the pain so that we would benefit and perhaps that is the key for us. When we offer our pain for others, they benefit. Jesus invites us to join Him on the cross not because suffering is wonderful but because it can benefit someone.

Finally, we come to the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> stops, we come to the thirteenth and fourteenth stops. The message here is LET IT GO. You and I need to let some things go. We need to forgive and let it go. We get hurt and, often, deeply. People say things, do things and we are scared. But Jesus said on the Cross, "*Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.*" Forgiveness is at the heart of happiness. When you and I can forgive, we truly love like Jesus. Forgiveness is a decision to love as Jesus loved, unconditionally. It doesn't mean to forget. Forgiveness is being kind enough to pray for someone and wish them happiness.

The Stations of the Cross take us to new life, new understanding, new hope. His message of the Stations brings great hope to all. He was just asking us to "*Come Follow Me.*"



## *Saint Philip Parish Mission*

**Monday, April 24 at 6:15pm**  
**Ascension Conner Hall**

- Begins with free spaghetti dinner
- Child care available
- Inspiring talk with Father Michael Ackerman
- Cookie Table Dessert Buffet

*Call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388 for reservations.*



# Guardian Angel Academy

*One of the South Region Catholic Elementary Schools (SRCES)*

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

Each week we will focus on a number of OUTSTANDING students from Guardian Angel Academy to be recognized as our **GOLDEN WARRIORS OF THE WEEK**. Students are selected based on the following criteria: Demonstrated exceptional academic achievement; exemplary personal and social qualities; showing a love for learning and engagement in the total school program; having good attendance, punctuality and discipline; being a role model by setting a good example for others to follow and a student who lives out their Catholic faith daily. Every student, regardless of ability, can be a GOLDEN WARRIOR.



### JONAH BAYS & ELIZA RUGGIERO - 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE TEACHER: MRS. CARRIE HACKETT

Eliza and Jonah are shining examples of how to live out your faith! They both put their faith formation as top priority! They participate at Mass, learn their prayers, and show others, through their words and actions, how to live as children of God!

Eliza and Jonah are also very respectful, helpful, and thoughtful! They are great listeners, work hard on class assignments, and support others when working with a partner/group. At a moment's notice, both are willing to help someone in need!

Eliza's favorite subjects in school are math and reading. She is looking forward to being able to be an altar server one day soon. In her free time, Eliza enjoys reading and dancing. She wants to work with animals as a veterinarian when she grows up.

Jonah's favorite things to do at school are reading and coloring. He is looking forward to being able to make a difference as part of the student counsel during his time at GAA. In his free time, Jonah enjoys coloring and playing soccer. He wants to protect and serve his community as a police officer when he grows up.

Eliza and Jonah model what being a child of God is by working hard every day to be the best version of themselves in all that they do!! You make us proud! CONGRATULATIONS, ELIZA AND JONAH!!

### SYDNEY TWARDY - 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE (B) TEACHER: MRS. ANNE PETERSON

Our 6B Golden Warrior is Sydney Twardy.

Sydney is a very active sixth grader. She is a member of the Guardian Angel volleyball and basketball teams. She is also a participant in the school musical. Sydney is a very responsible, kind and respectful student.



Sydney is very conscientious about her schoolwork and never misses an assignment. She has been on the Honor Roll each quarter. When a student is in need, she is always there to help. Whenever the teacher needs assistance, Sydney is there. Congratulations to Sydney Twardy, a true Golden Warrior.

# 2023 Easter Flower Memorials



## IN LOVING MEMORY:

Helen Abt/ Rust  
Thelma L. Achiko  
John J. & Barbara B. Adams  
Adamski Family  
Chuck & Lois Allison  
Altieri Family  
Frank Ambrozic  
Jennie Ambrozic  
MaryAnn Ambrozic  
John Ambrozic  
D. Amoroso Family  
Dolly Anderson  
Irene Anzelone  
Arlet Family  
M/M Fred J. Askin  
Diane B. H. Ayres Family  
Fred Azigue  
Ron Babilon  
Bob Bahl  
Walter Bailey  
Josephine Bailey  
Michael & Mary Barber  
Barnhart Family  
Beattie/Corrado Families  
Beistel Family  
Anna Bendig  
John Bendig  
Joe & Irene Benes Uhler  
Elie J. Berard  
Raymond Best  
Bey & Capretti Families  
Diane Bonadio  
J. Edward Brandimarti  
Philip Brandimarti  
Daniel Brannan  
Rosemarie Brannan  
Donald Brannan  
Susan Burke  
Al & Marge Butter  
Buzza Families  
James & Virginia Campbell  
Jim Canwell  
Bill & Mary Carnahan  
Chuck Cavalovitch  
Michele Cavalovitch  
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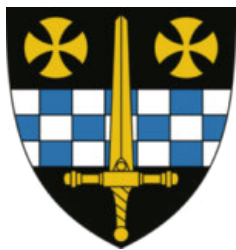
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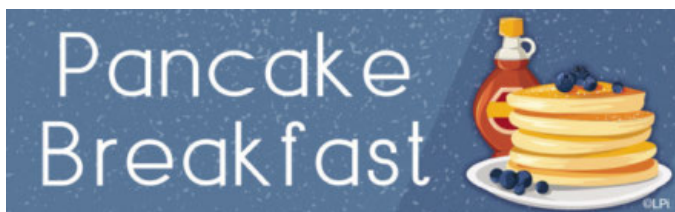
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# Around the Diocese and Community



**Crafton Boy Scout Troop 148** is hosting a **Pancake Breakfast, TODAY, April 2** at the Crafton Borough Building Community Room from **8:00am to 12:00pm**. Menu includes: pancakes, breakfast sausage, applesauce, coffee/tea, orange juice, milk. **Also Basket Auction and 50/50 Raffle**. Admission: \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, and \$4 for children under 10 year.

## EASTER SUNDAY BLESSING OF FAMILIES

For decades the Bishop of Pittsburgh and his auxiliaries have imparted their blessing on families at St. Paul's Cathedral on Easter. Join us on **Easter Sunday, April 9 at 2:00pm** for a short prayer or drop by any time before 4:00pm during our open house to meet, greet and receive the blessing of our shepherds. We hope many join in this beautiful family tradition to enrich this sacred day!

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CLOSING EVENT

Eucharistic Procession from Planned Parenthood to Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church on **Sunday, April 2**. Meet at Planned Parenthood at 4:30pm for prayer with the Blessed Sacrament. Procession begins at 4:45pm. Followed by Mass at 5:15pm. His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop William Walterscheid presiding. For more information, contact Nikki Bruni at 412-926-9413 or [nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com](mailto:nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com).

## A RETREAT FOR MOM

Mary, Mother of God - A Retreat for Mom will be held **Saturday, May 13** at The Ark and The Dove. Register at: [www.thearkandthedoveworldwide.org](http://www.thearkandthedoveworldwide.org).

## NIGHT AT THE RACES IS BACK!!!

Join us on **Saturday, April 15** in the Bishop Canevin High School Gymnasium for *Night at the Races*! Tickets are \$30 donation per person (21+) and includes food, beer and mixers! Doors open at 5:30pm. Post Time: 7:00pm sharp. There will be 50/50, basket raffle, games of chance, and silent auctions! To purchase tickets, buy a horse, or sponsor a race, visit <https://one.bidpal.net/races23/welcome>.

## WEEKEND RETREAT FOR HEALING

Rachel's Vineyard is a weekend retreat for women and men struggling in the aftermath of abortion. In a confidential supportive place, the retreatant can experience God's mercy and love and find healing, forgiveness, and peace. **Our next retreat is April 21-23 at the Ark and The Dove**. Please visit our web site [rvofpgh.com](http://rvofpgh.com) for more information or contact Toni Jester, [toniafj1@comcast.net](mailto:toniafj1@comcast.net) or 412-352-5348 All inquiries are confidential.

## SHOWTIME IN LANCASTER, PA

Enjoy 3 days and 2 nights on **April 25-27** featuring 3 performances: "*Moses*," "*Titanic*" and "*Footloose*." Package includes: 2 nights lodging; 2 breakfasts; 2 dinners including Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre's *Footloose*; Performances of *Titanic* at Fulton Steamboat Theatre, and *Moses* at the Sight & Sound Theatre; Bird-in-Hand Farmers Market; Herr's Snack Factory tour; Souvenir gift; Luggage handling; Taxes & meal gratuities; and motorcoach transportation. For per-person rates, more information and reservations, contact Ohio Valley Nurses Alumni, Evelyn Moses at 412-921-6388.



## SENIOR DERBY DINNER

Please join us for Senior Derby Dinner, **May 6 from 4:30pm to 7:00pm** at the Crafton Community Center (above the Library). The event includes dinner, entertainment and prizes. Admission is \$8.00 (Cash Only).

RSVP by April 22 online at [www.craftonborough.com/senior-dinner](http://www.craftonborough.com/senior-dinner) or call 412-921-0752, x 10. Presented by the Crafton Recreation Board.

# SAINT PHILIP 2023 CALENDAR PARTY & LUNCHEON



## *Thank you*

**OUR 2023 CALENDAR PARTY WAS A WONDERFUL SUCCESS!**

Many thanks to all who made the 2023 Calendar Party a success -- raising **\$13,211** for Saint Philip Parish!

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## CATHOLIC INTERNET SITES

Would you like to find good Catholic information, news, and inspiration on the Internet? Then explore these very good sites and sign up for their communications.

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[www.catholicnewsagency.com](http://www.catholicnewsagency.com)

[www.pittsburghcatholic.org](http://www.pittsburghcatholic.org)

# A Personal Examination of Conscience

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.**

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