

Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

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Monday - Friday: 9:00am to 3:00pm

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SAINT PHILIP CATHOLIC PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Catholic Community of Saint Philip Parish, united in faith and empowered by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, are firmly committed to promoting full and active participation in the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church.
 We answer the call of the Gospel to bring about the kingdom of justice and peace through worship, education, service, and stewardship.

Saint Philip Church
 50 West Crafton Ave.
 Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Ascension Church
 114 Berry Street
 Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Guardian Angel Academy
 915 Alice Street
 Pittsburgh, PA 15220
 Mr. Robert Munz, Principal



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
SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 — SAINT JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, RELIGIOUS			
Ascension	8:00am	79 th Jubilee of Sister Betty Waigand, SFCC	Family
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Gary Tomcik	Son & Family
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Anthony & Mary Polus	Family
SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 — NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Herbert Lucot, Jr.	Craig Lucot & Family
Ascension	9:30am	Theresa & Stanley Jakiel	Kathleen Badish
Saint Philip	11:00am	55 th Wedding Anniversary of Robert & Lilla Mikush	Mikush Family
MONDAY, AUGUST 14 — SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, PRIEST AND MARTYR			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Rita Schrey & Family	Anne & Vance Schrey
VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			
Saint Philip	4:00pm	Santo Rea	Wife & Family
Ascension	5:30pm	Anthony M. Tarullo	Tarullo Family
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15 — THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			
Ascension	8:00am	Ruth Hoerster	Estate
Saint Philip	7:00pm	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16 — SAINT STEPHEN OF HUNGARY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Katie Fazio	Husband, Timothy Fazio
THURSDAY, AUGUST 17 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Wedding Anniversary of Jane & Phil	Jane Beistel
FRIDAY, AUGUST 18 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Anna Winfield	Daughter, Eve St. Clair
SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 — SAINT JOHN EUDES, PRIEST			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Juan E. Rivera	Wife, Sonia Rivera
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Rev. Walter Sobon	Diana Miller
SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 — TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Elizabeth & Victor Muzzie	David Dulick
Ascension	9:30am	Coleman Donley	Parents
Saint Philip	11:00am	Raymond & Dolores Drozak	Family



Notes from the Pastor

Greetings once again, and best wishes for the Holy Day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - and for a good month of August!

Mary's entrance into the presence of the Lord

For Catholic Christians, all the events of Jesus' life and his mother Mary's life are amazing and inspiring. These sacred events are remembered in our daily prayer of the Holy Rosary as well as in our reading of the New Testament and the study of our marvelous faith.

Like so many mothers and their children, Mary and Jesus are truly inseparable in their love for one another and in their life together. From the Annunciation of Jesus' birth to Mary, all the way to Mary's joining her divine Son Jesus in the realm of the Almighty, it is entirely understandable that Mary and Jesus would quite naturally share their life with one another always.

This is the belief and the reality which we celebrate each year in the Solemnity (*the Holy Day of Obligation*) of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Jesus is so united with his own mom that he assumed her body and soul into the divine realm after her death. What a well deserved honor for the mother of our Savior, and what a remarkable act of love Jesus has extended toward his own mother.

Of course, there are always those who ask for proof of our Catholic Christian beliefs, and it is good that we respond to their questions. Why do we believe that Mary was assumed into the presence of God?

First, Mary was so very important among the followers of Jesus that, if her body were still on this

earth, you can be certain that it would be buried in a remarkable tomb that would be visited by countless pilgrims every day. Given the existing tombs of the Apostles, Mary's burial place would be a tremendously important site in all of Christianity. Yet, Mary is not buried in a tomb.

Second, the tradition from the days of the Apostles contains the belief that after her burial, Mary's grave was found to be empty - just like Jesus' own tomb.

Third, our first ancestors knew that Mary was "full of grace" from the moment of her Immaculate Conception in the womb of her own mother Anne. We've always believed that Mary has a most special role in God's plan of salvation - a special role for which she was honored by God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit at the end of her earthly life.

Fourth, throughout these twenty centuries, Mary has visited her Son's disciples in many ages and lands. If we truly believe these visits to be true and authentic, then we can certainly believe that Mary is fully alive in the glory of her divine Son Jesus. From Mary's place in the Kingdom of God, she continues to be an emissary for the Lord as well as a friend and mother to Jesus' many disciples throughout the world.

For twenty centuries, Catholic Christians have believed and professed that Mary was assumed into the glory of God following her passing from this life. May we continue to honor the Blessed Mother, and may we continue on our own journey to sainthood so that at the end of our days we might join Jesus, Mary, Joseph, and all the saints of God in the eternal life and joy that Jesus promises his faithful people!

Best wishes for the days ahead!

Best wishes to you and all in our Saint Philip Parish community for a safe and enjoyable summer! May the Lord Jesus bless you, your family, and our Saint Philip Catholic Parish community now and always!

Yours,
Father Jim Torquato



Pastoral Planning for the years ahead -- Information from the Secretary for Parish Services

PASTORAL PLANNING - ENVISIONING TEAM AND PURPOSE

An essential step before beginning a pastoral plan is to establish a parish Envisioning Team consisting of five to seven members. This team will assist Father with analyzing the results of the Disciple Maker Index Survey and in the creation of a pastoral plan. A pastoral plan lays the path for how best the parish is going to achieve its mission and lead parishioners in furthering our call to Jesus and our ability to lead others to Jesus.

The Church teaches that the purpose of the parish is to proclaim the Gospel, celebrate the Sacraments, and promote works of charity all directed towards the salvation of souls. The process of pastoral planning will allow us to bring this purpose to life as we strive to live out the mission entrusted to the Church by Christ: *"Go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all of creation."* (Mark 16:15).

A VISION FOR THE PARISH

As our parish begins the work of pastoral planning, we will be charged to look to the future of the parish. In the next three to five years, how will our parish look and act differently? How will we be living out the purpose of the Church which was given to us by Christ: *"Go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all of creation"* (Mark 16:15)?

The Envisioning Team, our pastoral planning leadership body, will work to create a parish vision that will answer these questions. The parish vision is a statement of hope that summarizes the way in which we will bring our mission to life. Accomplishing our parish vision for the future will not be a simple task. It will only be accomplished through much prayer, discernment, and work towards bringing about the mission of Christ.

PASTORAL PRIORITIES

As many of you may know, Bishop Zubik is requiring that every parish in the diocese create a pastoral plan that will help us grow our mission and ministry over the next three to five years. All pastoral plans are due by February 14, 2024, but may be submitted as soon as this fall due to staggered pastoral planning schedules and the efforts and diligence of the Envisioning Team.

As the work of pastoral planning continues, one of the key elements of our work will be developing three pastoral priorities. The priorities are specific to what the parish sees as needs of the community utilizing the results of the Disciple Maker Index Survey.

These pastoral priorities will move the vision forward for the next three to five years. The priorities are to be focused on accomplishing the vision for the future set by the Envisioning Team while taking into account the three priorities that Bishop Zubik has identified for the diocese as the priority focus areas:

- Evangelization
- Missionary Discipleship
- Shifting the focus of the parishes from Maintenance to Mission

THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY RESULTS ARE COMING

As you recall, the Disciple Maker Index Survey closed on March 31, 2023, and due to the great volume of information gathered, all of our parish leaders have been and continue to review the results. In next week's bulletin, you will see a one-page parish summary report that will provide information such as:

- How many parishioners completed the survey and the overall response rate
- Key parish strengths and opportunities for growth
- Summary of key responses

These results will enable parish Envisioning Teams, our pastoral planning leadership body, to begin the work of pastoral planning. The information will be repeated in the bulletin for the next two weeks to reach as many of our parishioners as possible during the summer travel season.

REMINDER: The universal distribution date for DMI results has been established for the weekend of **August 19-20, 2023**. All parishes in the diocese will use a common template to publish their individual results.

The weekend of **August 26-27, 2023** aggregate results for the entire diocese will be published in parish bulletins.



Sunday, August 13

1 Kings 19:9-13;
Romans 9:1-5;
Matthew 14: 22-23

Weekdays

Joshua 24; Matthew 18-19

Sunday, August 20

Isaiah 56:1-7;
Romans 11:13-32;
Matthew 15:21-28



Holy Day of Obligation Liturgy Schedule

Monday, August 14

Saint Philip 4:00pm
Ascension 5:30pm

Tuesday, August 15

Ascension 8:00am
Saint Philip 7:00pm

FINANCIAL REPORT OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collections, August 5-6, 2023	-- \$7,485.00
Mail-in donations	-- \$2,240.00
Online donations	-- \$3,011.00
Maintenance donations	-- \$180.00
Religious Education donations	-- \$170.00
Holy Day of Obligation donations	-- \$95.00

St. Vincent dePaul donations	-- \$185.00
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Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year	-- \$850,409.00
Parish income <u>received</u> since July 1, 2023	-- \$66,548.56
Parish fundraising since July 1, 2023	-- \$0.00
Estate gifts received since July 1, 2023	-- \$0.00
General donations since July 1, 2023	-- \$25.00

Average weekly staff salary and benefits expenses	-- \$7,560.00
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 August 5-6	-- 689		
Sunday envelopes used August 5-6	-- 276		
Total households receiving envelopes	-- 1,106		

2023 Parish Appeal Goal	-- \$129,011.00
Parish Appeal received as of August 6	-- \$141,605.00*
*Includes online Parish Appeal donations	
2023 Parish Appeal Donors	-- 352



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

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Your goodness and participation
help to keep our parish alive!



Parish News

LIVE THE LITURGY: INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Christ is always coming to us in ways that we do not expect. Ways that shock us. Ways that frighten us. Ways that seem impossible. Are we ready to accept Him however He comes, amidst whatever fear and doubt we are battling with in our hearts?

PRAYER - FOR EVERYDAY & EVERYBODY

Prayer for Discernment

*Dear Lord, We're seeking your voice today.
Through the winds, quakes, and fires of our
days, help our hearts to be attuned to your
gentle whispers.*

Help us to hear. Help us to listen.

Help us to move and act, boldly and bravely.

Help us to not be afraid. Amen.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

The St. Vincent dePaul Society's Fourth Annual Food Drive is this weekend, **Saturday, August 12 and Sunday, August 13** and they will be collecting non-perishable food items and personal care items. Please see this week's St. Vincent de Paul Update on page 13 for more information. High School students are also welcome to volunteer for the event.

FAITH FORMATION STARTING SOON

Registration is now being accepted for Fall Faith Formation Sessions. The sessions take place on Monday nights from 6:30pm to 7:45pm. There are sessions for students from pre-school (3 & 4 years old) through 8th grade. For information, call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

SAINT PHILIP PARISH ANNUAL MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

The retreat for the men of Saint Philip Parish will be held **September 22-24** at Saint Paul of the Cross Retreat Center on the South Side. Please call Al Bannon at 412-853-1341 or Joe Hoover at 412-310-6691 for more information.

Newly Baptized

Please welcome into our faith family... **Xavier Alexander Mar**, son of Michael Calabrese and Shatera Larraine Mar; **Zayden**



Raimere Stringer-King, son of Michael Calabrese and Jackie Natasha Stringer-King; and **Parker Charles Winesickle**, son of Kaleb Sebastian and Lauren Bawn Roycroft Winesickle, who received the Life of Christ in Baptism in our parish on Sunday, August 6, 2023. May they grow in wisdom, age and grace.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The following ministries need assistance beginning in the Fall. If you can help with any of the ministries listed below, call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

- Children's Liturgy Leader at 9:30am Mass
- Hall Monitor for Faith Formation Sessions on Monday Nights
- Baptism Ministry for Baptism Preparation
- Substitute Catechist on Monday Nights as needed
- High School Leaders for Teen Service Corps
- RCIA Team Leaders

Sharing the Faith

WHAT CAN PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS DO?



Many parents and grandparents ask how they can and should share our Catholic Christian Faith with their children and grandchildren. There are many ways you can hand on our Faith to our younger generations and, in doing so, lead your young ones to Jesus and to the love, life, and People of God.

Try these daily practices:

- Tell your young ones of God's love and care for them;
- Tell them about God the Father, God the Father's Son Jesus, and God's Holy Spirit of love and goodness;
- Teach your child/ren the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be. Pray these prayers together throughout each day
- Read children's Bible stories to your kids;
- Bring your children to the Liturgy each weekend;
- Teach your young ones the prayers, creed, responses, and songs of our Liturgy;
- Review with them the Ten Commandments and Jesus' command to love God and all others;
- Read with them a catechism for children;
- Pray with them before meals, during the day, and before bedtime.

These are some worthwhile suggestions. Many faith resources are available through various Internet shopping sites. You can also call our Faith Formation Office for suggestions. As always, thank you for sharing our Faith with your young ones and the next generations!



We offer our sympathy to the families of **Raymond Muckian**, **Mary Ellen Trageser** and **Mary Theresa White** 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* **Nicholas & Josephine Kulick**
Offered by Daughter, Linda

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **Ascension** burns *In Loving Memory of* **John & Marie Zunic**
Offered by Jane Beistel



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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!

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



Faith Formation /Religious Education

Ms. MaryAnn Garfold, Director of Religious Education
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A NOTE FROM MARYANN: SAVE THE DATE! We are refreshed from Summer. Now it is the time of year to look forward and plan our Fall schedules. Here are some of the Fall happenings at Saint Philip Parish. Try to attend one or more of the following events:

- AUGUST 17** — RCIA gathering at 6:30pm in the Ascension Administration Building (weekly)
- SEPTEMBER 11** — Faith Formation Sessions begin 6:30pm on Saint Philip Campus
- SEPTEMBER 13** — Travel Ministry to Historical Churches of Pittsburgh
- SEPTEMBER 14** — Free *Coffee, Tea and Community Breakfast* at 8:30am in Ascension Hall; speaker will be President of Diocese of Pittsburgh Ladies of Charity
- SEPTEMBER 17** — Catechetical Sunday at 9:30am Mass
- SEPTEMBER 17** — Parish Picnic from 3:00pm to 6:00pm at Ascension Hall
- SEPTEMBER 21** — Confirmation Parent Meeting at 6:30pm on Saint Philip campus
- OCTOBER 4** — *ChristLife* Dinner Reunion for all who attended in Saint Philip Café at 6:30pm
- OCTOBER 14** — Saint Philip Flea Market and Café at Ascension
- OCTOBER 19** — First Reconciliation Parent Meeting at 7:00pm on Saint Philip campus
- OCTOBER 22** — Second Grade Presentation at 9:30am Mass followed by donuts and juice
- OCTOBER 26** — *Mary's Tea* from 11:00am to 1:00pm at Ascension Conner Hall

FAITH FORMATION NEWS: Registration forms for Faith Formation Pre-School through 8th grade were mailed this week. Please complete and return as soon as possible. If you did not receive a form and would like to register your child, please call 412-922-6388. **A CHILD MUST BE REGISTERED in a FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM or CATHOLIC SCHOOL by DECEMBER 1, 2023 in order to participate in the Sacraments of First Eucharist or Confirmation.**

SCRIPTURE SMALL FAITH GROUP: A scripture small faith sharing group will be held on **Thursday evenings from 6:30pm to 7:45pm in Ascension Conner Hall beginning August 24.** Scripture passages and



*Help your
children
meet their
best friend!*

ATTENTION FAMILIES: If you have a child entering three years old through grade eight who has not previously attended Religious Education sessions, we invite them to join our **Saint Philip Parish Faith Formation Program which begins September 11.** Sessions are held from 6:30pm to 7:45pm on Saint Philip Church campus.

Special free dinners and activities are held once per month. For information and registration, call 412-922-6388.

For any new Families or inquiries, there will be an in person registration night for Faith Formation ages pre-school (3 year old) through 8th grade on **Monday, August 28 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm** in the courtyard of Saint Philip Church.

discussion points will be provided. Light refreshments will be served. If you are interested in joining this-six week discussion group, please call 412-922-6388.

FAITH SHARING BOOK DISCUSSION: Saint Philip Parish is beginning our Small Faith Community discussion groups based on the book Catching Fire, Becoming Flame by Albert Haase, OFM. The first group will meet once a month on **Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in Ascension Conner Hall beginning August 23**. The second group will meet on Fridays beginning **August 18 from 11:00am to 1:00pm in the Administration Building second floor**, 114 Berry Street in Ingram. If you are interested in joining either of these groups, please call 412-922-6388. Books are provided.

TRAVEL MINISTRY: Only few seats left! Sign up now! Join Saint Philip Parish on **Wednesday, September 13** as we visit the Historic Churches of Pittsburgh. Cost is \$129 which includes transportation, tour guide, gratuities and lunch. Call 412-922-6388 for reservations. Make checks payable to Wendt Touring.

NEW BAPTISM REQUESTS: For all of us, our journey of faith begins with the Sacrament of Baptism. Baptism *"is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which give access to the other sacraments."*(Catechism of the Catholic Church 1213)

To help make your child's baptism a special time, the process for baptism at Saint Philip Church will include new opportunities. There will be an introductory welcome meeting for any baptism requests. Meetings will take place on Sundays at 10:30am at Ascension or at a time convenient to parents. This meeting will streamline the process and make it easier for parents to know and understand the Church's requirements for baptism. There will also be a baptism class for new parents and follow-up contact to provide support as a loved member of Saint Philip's community. If you know of anyone who would like to have a child baptized, please call 412-922-6388.

RCIA IS NOW OCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults "RCIA" is the process by which the Church welcomes new converts to the Catholic faith and educates catechumens and candidates. Recently, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops changed the name to the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). The change from "Rite" to "Order" is in part a retranslation of the Latin to English. The new translation is more accurate and comprehensive. After all, it is not one single rite; it is a collection of rites. OCIA reflects a more continuous process of spiritual formation.

The Catholic Bishops Conference states the following with regard to the Order of Christian Initiation. The Order of Christian Initiation is designed for adults who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. Who might participate with the OCIA process?

- Individuals who have no experience with a particular faith community and would like to know more about the Catholic Church;
- Individuals who were baptized in another faith but would like to learn more about the Catholic faith community; and
- Individuals who were baptized in the Catholic faith but have had no specific religious instruction and have not received the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation are welcome to join the group for catechetical instruction.

Last Spring, we welcomed three adults and two children into the Church who participated in the process. **If you, or someone you know, would like more information or if you would like to be part of the OCIA Leadership team, call 412-922-6388.**

Saint Philip Parish will sponsor a **Coffee, Tea and Community Breakfast on Thursday, September 14 from 8:30am to 10:00am in Ascension Conner Hall**. Our theme is *"Charity Towards All"* and our speaker will be the Pittsburgh Diocese Ladies of Charity. **BOTH MEN AND WOMEN ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.** This breakfast will also help launch the beginning of the Saint Philip Parish Ladies of Charity. Enjoy a breakfast buffet, meet old and new friends, pray, and listen to a great speaker. Registration is recommended, please call 412-922-6388.



Holy Pittsburgh

*Featuring: St. Anthony Chapel of Relics
Old Saint Patrick Church
St. Stanislaus Kostka Church
St. Paul Cathedral
Historic Strip District
Station Square*

**Presented by St. Philip Parish
Wednesday, September 13, 2023**

Depart Ascension Church at 8:00am and travel aboard a deluxe motorcoach to Troy Hill and visit St. Anthony's Chapel Shrine of Many Relics. Under the direction of Father Suitbert G. Mollinger, St. Anthony's Chapel was dedicated on the feast of St. Anthony, June 13, 1883. Since then, more than 4,400 relics of saints and blessed have made their way into the chapel. Among these relics include splinters of the True Cross and of the Last Supper table, pieces of instruments from the scourging of Jesus, and other elements from the Passion.

Following a group luncheon at a local restaurant in Station Square, travel into the historic Strip District and visit St. Patrick Church. Established in 1808 by Father William Frances Xavier O'Brien, St. Patrick's is Pittsburgh's first Roman Catholic Church. Pilgrims come to see the beautiful outdoor monastery garden and the famous "Holy Stairs," replicated from the original Holy Stairs in Rome. The garden features a large outdoor grotto built in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Holy Stairs includes 28 steps which represent Christ's ascent to Pilate who condemned Our Lord to death.

Next, visit St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. Tracing its roots back to the 1800s, St. Stanislaus Kostka is a beautiful European-style church which became known as the "Mother Church" of Pittsburgh's Polish community. Along with many other churches throughout Pittsburgh which reflect the diversity and vitality of the city's early immigrant faith communities, St. Stanislaus stands as a symbol of the dedication and discipleship of the city's early Polish settlers. Enjoy free time to explore the shops and markets of the strip district.

Continue onto North Oakland and St. Paul Cathedral, Mother Church of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. St. Paul's parish was established in 1834 and then later chosen as the cathedral when the diocese was established in 1843. Return to Ascension Church at approximately 6:00pm.

Payment Policy: Trip cost is \$129.00 per person. Full payment is due to secure your reservation – Space is limited. Make checks payable to Wendt Touring and send to St. Philip Parish, 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh, PA, 15205. For more information, call MaryAnn Garfold at 412-922-6388.



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Our **MANIFESTING THE KINGDOM** *Award Recipients*

Throughout the past three decades, an award first instituted by Cardinal Donald Wuerl (*the former Bishop of Pittsburgh, 1988-2006*) has been presented to members of each of our diocesan parish communities in gratitude for their exemplary dedication to the Lord and their service of the Gospel. Within the parishes which now comprise our current Saint Philip Parish, more than 34 individuals and married couples have received this award.

Now that the Covid-19 pandemic has subsided, Bishop David Zubik is returning to this practice of recognizing and honoring Catholics of our diocese for their discipleship and service.

As recommended by Father Torquato, the Bishop will recognize and honor the leadership of our Saint Philip Parish Conference of the Saint Vincent DePaul Society for their exemplary Catholic Christian faith and their service of the Kingdom of God. On Sunday, August 13, at Saint Paul Cathedral, as our Diocese celebrates the 180th anniversary of this local Church of God, Bishop Zubik will present the **Manifesting the Kingdom Award** to:

Mr. David Sammel - president of our parish SVdeP conference;
Mrs. Lauren Sammel - vice-president of the parish SVdeP conference;
Ms. Regina McDonald - district SVdeP captain for Sheraden;
Mr. John Heavill - district SVdeP captain for Crafton;
Mr. Mark Walker - district SVdeP captain for Crafton Heights;
Mr. Ronald Elker - district SVdeP captain for Ingram.



Representing our entire parish conference of the Saint Vincent DePaul Society, these six awardees deserve and will receive recognition for their personal service as well as the service provided by all of our SVdeP members and associates. We're truly grateful to our parish awardees and to all our parish Vincentians for their faith, discipleship, and charitable service provided to our parish members and to many neighbors within our parish territory. Congratulations on this special recognition! May your faith and service inspire many in our community to also manifest the Kingdom of God here in Saint Philip Catholic Parish.

SAINT PHILIP PARISH PICNIC



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Ascension Campus	3:00pm - 6:00pm
Food Served	3:30pm - 5:30pm
BINGO	4:30pm

**Hot dogs, hamburgers, sides and beverages
will be provided at NO cost to you.**

*Come join in the fun, food, games, crafts, bingo, 50/50 raffle,
music and fellowship! Something for everyone!*

We ask each family to bring an item for the dessert table.

If you plan on attending our Parish Picnic, please make a reservation
either by filling out this form and putting it in the collection basket or
calling the Parish Office of Faith Formation at: 412-922-6388. Thank you!

Name: _____

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DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: Friday, September 8, 2023



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

This weekend is our Fourth Annual Summer Food Drive! Vincentians will be available before all Masses to collect your donations, or you can drop off your donations during our drive-through event, which will take place on Saturday from 10:00am to 12:00 noon in the Wolbert Auto Repair (formerly Knights of Columbus) parking lot. We are looking forward to another great weekend filled with fellowship and helping our friends in need!

We are in need of high school students to volunteer at the drive-through event. You do not need to volunteer for the entire time. Volunteers will collect donations from cars and sort and date check the donations. We also are in need of high school-aged volunteers for a second sorting event, which will be held on **Sunday, August 13 from 12:00 noon to 2:00pm**. This event will allow us to sort and date check the donations that were dropped off at the Masses. These are great opportunities for students who need service hours! If you are interested, call or text our hotline at 412-444-8140 or email us at svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com, but walk-up volunteers are also welcome!

We would like to provide an update on the donations that we received for our food bank during the ***Pittsburgh Foundation's One Day Critical Needs Alert fundraiser on August 1***. We received **\$5,503.00** in donations and we anticipate receiving approximately **\$1,558.00** in matching funds. Your donations and the matching funds we receive will go to purchase food and Giant Eagle gift cards for our neighbors in need. Thank you for your kind generosity!

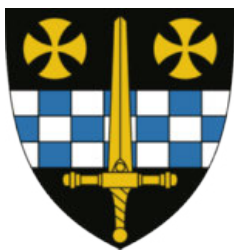
We are still in need of new, complete twin and full sheet sets for our friends in need. When we give a friend in need a bed, we like to also give them a

new set of sheets. If you would like to donate a set of sheets, call or text our hotline at 412-444-8140 or email us at svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com. Thank you very much to those who have already donated and are helping our friends in need to have a good night's sleep.

This week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a single mother with \$321 to stop an electric shut off; a single mother was given baby furniture; a family was given two beds; another family was given three beds and a dresser; a woman was provided with \$80 to avoid an electric shut off; a woman was assisted with \$423 toward her gas bill; and a woman was given \$80 toward her electric and \$60 toward her sewage bill. Thank you for allowing us to serve our neighbors in need!

If you would like to make a monetary donation or a donation of \$10 Giant Eagle gift cards, please place your donation in one of the poor boxes, mail them to the parish office at 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15205, or donate online by visiting <https://saintphilipchurch.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/StVincentdePaul>. Monetary donations made to our conference are used only to assist friends in need and to pay our operational expenses. No money is given to any other organizations.

If you would like to make a donation of furniture or homegoods, call/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, shop at the St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores and visit our online store at eshoppittsburgh.com. Also, we are always looking for volunteers! Any donation of your time is extremely valuable to us. If you'd like to join us in helping our friends in need or just want to learn more, please call, text or email us for more information.



Around the Diocese and Community

ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held on **Saturday, September 23** in the Power Center of Duquesne University. Nationally known and inspiring speakers will include Chris Stefanick, Ennie Hickman and Mark Houck - along with music from JohnPaul VonArx and Dan Boze. Hosted by the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Western Pennsylvania, all adult and young adult Catholic men are most welcome! Register this week at www.cmfwpa.org. Join us for a day of faith, inspiration, and prayer!



Bishop Waltersheid and the Office of Faith Initiatives is working with Corpus Christi Parish and St. Catherine Labouré Parish to bring in Christopher West from the Theology of the Body Institute to present his Made For More event!

It's typically \$25 a ticket, but we're offering it as a free event! Everyone from any parish in the diocese and beyond is invited.

Wednesday, August 30 at 7:00pm

St. Louise de Marillac Church

320 McMurray Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15241

MAGNIFICAT PRAYER BREAKFAST FOR WOMEN

Join us on **Saturday, August 26**, 9:00am to 12:00pm, for a prayer-filled breakfast at the Hilton Garden Inn Southpointe, 1000 Corporate Drive, Canonsburg, PA. Guest speaker will be Jess Echeverry. Registration is \$35 and includes music by *Living Praise*, speaker, and breakfast. Registration deadline for mail-in form is August 16. Online registration deadline is August 24. Register online at www.magnificatpittsburgh.org.

37TH ANNUAL BENEFIT LUNCHEON FOR THE SEMINARIANS OF THE PITTSBURGH DIOCESE

Saturday, September 16 at St. Paul's Seminary - O'Connor Hall, 2900 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh 15205. Luncheon, Chinese Auction, Raffles and Bake Sale. Doors open at 10:00am for early-bird players (cards or board games). Lunch will be served at 12:00 pm. Choice of entree: Chicken Romano, Crab Cakes or Pasta Primavera. Donation is \$30. Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Pittsburgh Diocesan Committee. Reservations must be made by September 1.

For reservations or additional information, please contact: Laraine McGinnis at 724-263-2161 or lam1719@outlook.com OR Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court in your area.

SIX STEPS TO SANITY

Six Steps to SANITY Ministry is a safe, confidential environment that offers support and tools to families dealing with a loved one's substance abuse. The next session starts on **August 22 and run until October 31 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm** at St. Francis Church in Harmar. We invite anyone who is dealing with a loved one's substance abuse who could benefit from this ministry.

This faith-based ministry and support group is adapted from the best-selling book, Setting Boundaries with Your Adult Children by Allison Bottke, for people who are dealing with addiction in their families. Using the Study Guide workbook, parents and families will learn how enabling and codependency contribute to addiction. Registering in advance is required. To register or for more information, contact Deacon Tim Noca at 412-456-3165 or tnoca@diopitt.org.



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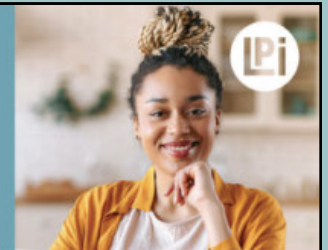
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