

Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

OFFICE HOURS

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

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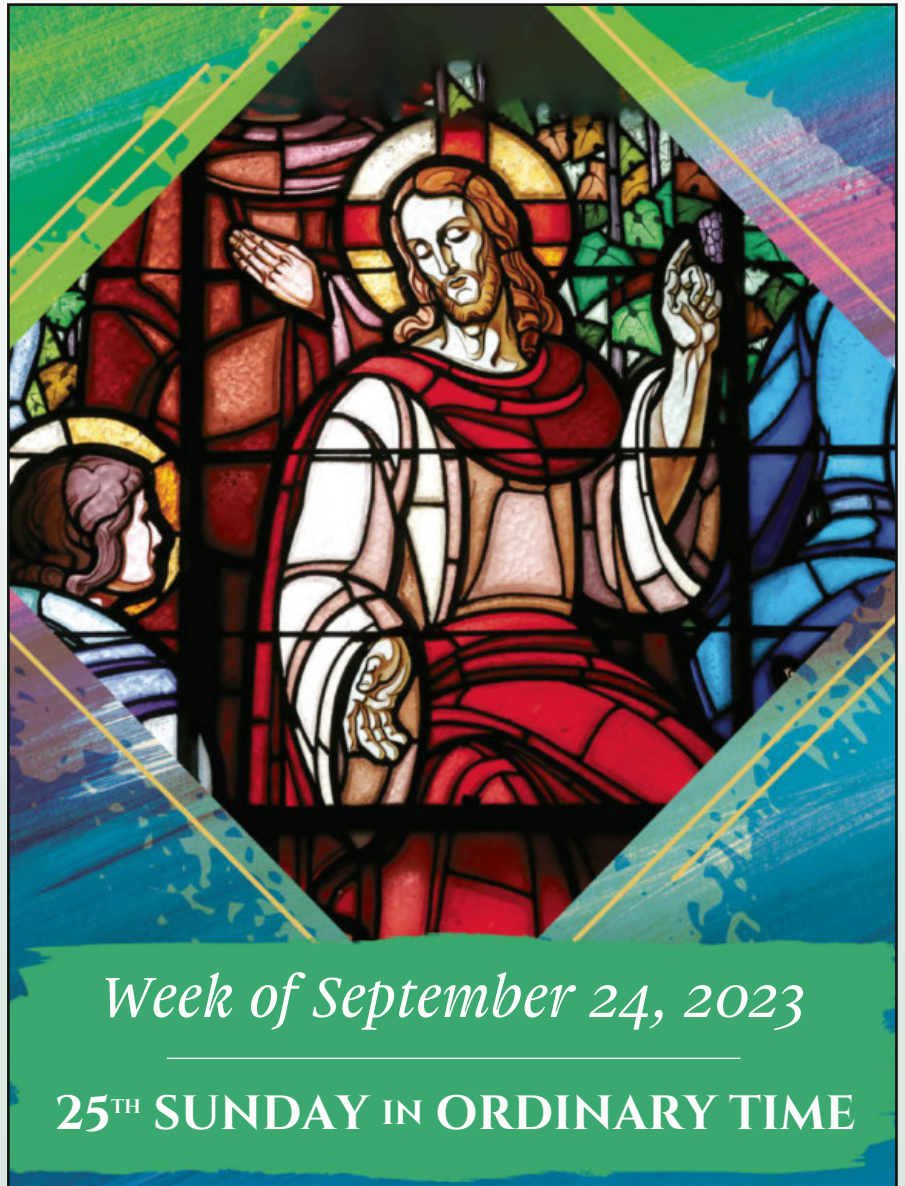
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Week of September 24, 2023

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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, SEPTEMBER 23 — SAINT PADRE PIO OF PIETRELICINA			
Ascension	8:00am	Lugaila & Smith Families	Family
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Thomas Kelly	Patrick Kelly
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	George Maurer & Family	Family
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 — TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Martha & Wilson Paul	Son, Keravin & Pritam Paul and Family
Ascension	9:30am	Enrica Palombini	DeDe Palombini
Saint Philip	11:00am	Rossario Mascellino	Mascellino Siblings
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Cassie Bloom Currier	Megyesy Family
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 — SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS			
Ascension	8:00am	Jerome & Helen Henkel	Jerome J. Henkel, Jr.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 — SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Fisher	McCoy Family
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 — SAINT WENCESLAUS, MARTYR			
Ascension	8:00am	John Rogers, Sr.	Daughter
FRIDAY, SEPT. 29 — SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 — SAINT JEROME, PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH			
Ascension	8:00am	Rosemary Rynn	Family
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Margaret O'Brien	Kathy & Rudy Fleck
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Audrey & Valentino Nania	McAlister Family
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 — TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Nicholas & Josephine Kulick	Daughter, Linda
Ascension	9:30am	Lena Manzella and Family	Family
Saint Philip	11:00am	Lucy & Karl Kubiak	Family
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.			







Notes from the Pastor

Greetings once again, and best wishes for a blessed season of Autumn!

Our final reward

For 2000 years, we who are Christians have marveled upon hearing today's parable teaching from Jesus in the Gospel according to Matthew. Jesus often described the Kingdom of God in striking and very memorable terms, and today's account is certainly remarkable!

As we hear in today's Gospel passage, Jesus asserts that the Kingdom of God can be likened to a landowner who gives all of his employees the same wage at the end of the workday - whether they worked eight hours, or six hours, or two hours, or one hour.

This message is a wonderful promise of the generosity of Almighty God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. All who come to the Lord and who serve the Lord as His disciples will receive the same generous reward at the end of time. What a remarkable promise!

And yet, I think we might wonder if those who worked a full day will actually return as early the following day. Then in what sort of predicament would the landowner be in if all the workers arrive at the last hour of the next workday?

Of course, I know it's a parable with a message from the Lord Jesus rather than a lecture on good business practices and labor relations. I simply think that it's an interesting question.

In truth, Jesus is assuring all His disciples that no matter at what point in their lives they come to faith and life in God, they/we will all receive the final reward that Jesus promises to all who come to Him. Jesus calls all of us to be His disciples, friends, and co-workers. He clearly assures us that, no matter when we come to Him and share our lives with Him, He will give us all the same generous reward of salvation and life in the presence of God.

For all of us who have been true to the Lord since our infancy and our Baptism, the happy truth is that, belonging to the Lord for our entire lifetime, we've been richly blessed with goodness and divine grace during all our years. We've already been rewarded throughout our lifetime. Rather than grumble like the day long workers in today's Gospel passage, we can rejoice in the Lord's goodness and generosity. We can be grateful that all who finally come to Jesus, even in their last days of life, will share in the company of the saints and angels with all of us and with all the holy people of God!

Best wishes for this new season of Autumn!

Best wishes to you and all in our Saint Philip Parish community for a safe and enjoyable autumn! 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 bless you, your family, and our Saint Philip Catholic Parish community now and always! Amen!

Yours,
Father Jim Torquato

LIFE IN SAINT PHILIP PARISH...



Sharing the Good News and growing the Kingdom of God!

So far, in the five weeks of this column, we've been reminded of the many blessings that are present in our parish community and life - blessings supported by you, our members, and our contributors. Here in

Saint Philip Parish, we have:

- 1.) one vital parish with two excellent churches and campuses;
- 2.) the celebration of the Liturgy and sacraments in both churches;
- 3.) the work of evangelization - sharing Jesus' Good News in many ways;
- 4.) a vital ministry of Catholic education and catechesis provided through Guardian Angel Academy and our various Faith Formation programs for children, youth, families, and adults in our parish: and
- 5.) a very charitable and generous community which provides for the poor in our own community as well as many neighbors who have needs in their life and family.

This week, we're reminded that the faith and witness of our Saint Philip Catholic Parish community benefit the lives of our members, families, and neighbors every day. As the People of God in this local community, your faith, witness, and service are blessings to the lives of so many individuals and families right here. Our parish has a long history filled with countless stories of how you have brought many adults, young adults, and children to faith and life in Jesus, the Son of God. Through our existence and life together as the Lord's people, we have guided many other Catholic Christians and former non-believers to new life and salvation in Christ Jesus by our faith, testimony, and example. It is the Catholic faith, life, and evangelization of so many already within the Saint Philip Parish community which have led so many others to become disciples of the Lord and true People of God.

Thank you very much for bringing so many new - and renewed - believers to life in Jesus and in his Church. Thank you, too, for all the support which you provide for our parish life together. Your faith, generosity, and goodness keep Saint Philip Parish alive, vital, and vibrant as we continue "Sharing the Good News and growing the Kingdom of God!"



St. Vincent de Paul is much more than a patron saint of thrift shops! Young Vincent became a priest hoping to advance and rise above his modest upbringing. His early ambition amounted to little when he was assigned to a poor rural parish. Here he experienced a new joy in his vocation. Hearing the profound deathbed confession of a dying servant, Vincent became more convinced of the special attention that must be given to the poor. In 1625, Vincent founded the Congregation of the Mission for the purpose of caring for the poor. Originally priests only, the mission expanded to include groups of laity who provided for spiritual and material needs of the poor in each parish. Nearly 400 hundred years later, his legacy lives on!

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 24

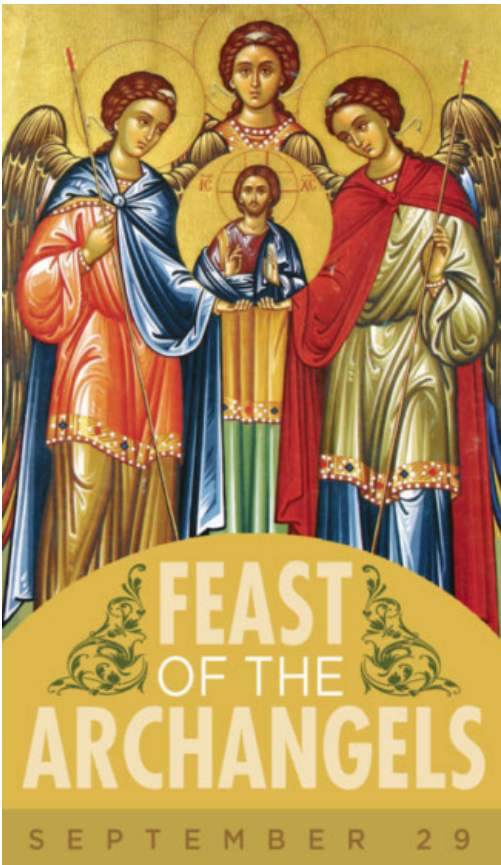
Isaiah 55:6-9;
Philippians 1:20-27;
Matthew 20:1-16

Weekdays

Ezra 1-9; Luke 8-9

Sunday, October 1

Ezra 18:25-28;
Philippians 2:1-11;
Matthew 21:28-32



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



Your goodness and participation
help to keep our parish alive!

FINANCIAL REPORT OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collections, **September 9-10, 2023** -- \$8,838.64*

**Includes Mail-in donations*

Online donations -- \$1,490.00

Maintenance donations -- \$55.00

Religious Education donations -- \$178.00

Please note: Collections and donations for September 16-17 are unavailable and will be included in the October 1 bulletin. Thank you.

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year -- \$850,409.00

Parish income received since July 1, 2023 -- \$132,719.62

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 -- \$7,640.00

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 September 9-10 -- 675

Sunday envelopes used September 9-10 -- 262

Church attendance on September 16-17 -- 667

Total households receiving envelopes -- 1,106

2023 Parish Appeal Goal -- \$129,011.00

Parish Appeal received as of September 10 -- \$159,297.58*

**Includes online Parish Appeal donations*

2023 Parish Appeal Donors -- 352





Parish News

LIVE THE LITURGY: INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Let us never make the grave mistake of assuming we earn our salvation in the same way we earn a wage. It is a gift lavished upon us by a God who does not count the hours of our labor or measure the amount of our output.



PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY & EVERYBODY

Prayer for Priests

*Dear Lord,
Thank you for the priests who have
ministered to us through our lives,
the ones who baptized us, gave us
communion, offered absolution, prayed for
us, inspired us, and nurtured our faith.
May they know your goodness and our
gratitude! Amen.*

OLSH SPEAKER SERIES

On **Monday, October 9 at 7:00pm** Dustin Dale, motivational speaker, best-selling author, and entrepreneur will speak on the topic of *Servant Leadership* at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School. The event is free and open to the public, however, registration is required. Visit www.olsh.org/apps/pages/speaker_series to reserve your seat.

SAINT PHILIP FLEA MARKET, BAKESALE & LUNCHEON

We are happy to announce the long-awaited Saint Philip Flea Market, Bake Sale and Luncheon will be held **Saturday, October 14 from 9:00am to 2:00pm** in Ascension's Conner Hall. A \$2:00 Bag Sale will be held at 1:00pm.

Drop-Off dates will be October 2 (Monday), October 3 (Tuesday), October 5 (Thursday), October 9 (Monday), October 10 (Tuesday), and October 12 (Thursday) from 9:00am to 10:00am and 5:30pm to 7:00pm.

This is a good opportunity to de-clutter your home and a great way to raise funds for parish programs. **We are sorry but we are NOT able to accept clothing, bedding, encyclopedias, TVs, electronics, large appliances, large furniture, or anything with Freon.**

SUPPORT OUR BAKE SALE

Is baking your talent? Thanks to your help, our parish bake sales are a big draw at our parish events. We hope you might once again find some time to make something delicious for our Flea Market Bake Sale. Donations of baked goods will be gratefully accepted and can be dropped off on **Friday, October 13 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in Ascension's Conner Hall.**

Chocolate Chips, Snicker Doodles, Pecan Sandies, Snow Balls, Sugar Cookies, Peanut Butter Cookies, Thumbprints, Lady Locks, Brownies, Fudge, Homemade Candy... We love 'em all!

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Catholic Charities of Pittsburgh's Roselia Pregnancy & Parenting Support Program is in urgent need of diapers for their clients, especially in sizes 4 - 5 - 6. **Please bring your donation of diapers and/or wipes to any Mass on October 7 & 8.** You can also use Roselia's Amazon registry at <https://a.co/ooe3V6E> to send supplies directly to them. Thank you for your generosity.

EUCHARISTIC ROSARY PROCESSION

In observance of the last apparition of Fatima 106 years ago, and this year of Eucharistic Revival, there will be a **Eucharistic Rosary Procession honoring Jesus and Mary on Friday, October 13 at 6:30pm at Ascension Church.** The Luminous Mysteries will be prayed as we process round the church with the Eucharist, followed by a statue of Our Lady of Fatima. After we reenter the church, there will be 15 minutes of silent adoration. A short homily on the True Presence will be given. Refreshments will be served in Conner Hall.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

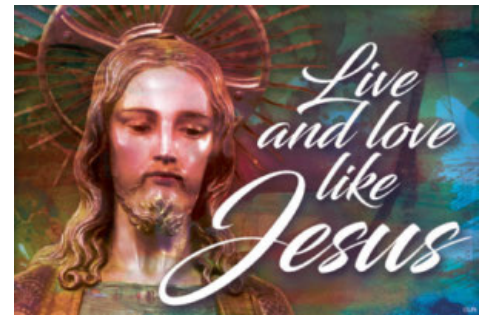
A Public Square Rosary will be held **Saturday, October 14 at 12:00 noon in the parking lot of Saint Philip Cemetery.** Thousands of people will be praying the Rosary at noon that day in reparation for the sins of our nation through the intercession of our Lady of Fatima. Please consider joining us for one or both Marian events.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Guardian Angel Academy library is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair open house in the school after all St. Margaret Church Masses on **October 14 and 15 (Saturday 4:30pm, Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am).** Check out books for all ages and pick up gift ideas for the holidays. Preorder the 18 Diary of a Wimpy Kid at a special paperback price or the latest Cat Kid Comic Club graphic novel! Stop in to browse or buy. This is a great opportunity for families to preview the Fair and help their students make selections. Or shop online through this link: www.scholastic.com/bf/guardianangelacademy1 beginning October 13. All proceeds benefit our school library. Major credit cards accepted.



Greentree - 915 Alice Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15220
For reservations, contact Kerri Lozano at
gaacraftshow@gmail.com or 412-953-8682



Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns *In Loving Memory of Deceased of the Rimkus Family*
Offered by Helen McDermott

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *In Loving Memory of Paul A. Thunell*
Offered by Wife & Family



GREEN TREE AUTO BODY

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.

A NOTE FROM MARYANN: A blessed Autumn season to each of you. I have so much to share with you. It has been such an active and blessed start to the year. I just returned from a conference from the Ladies of Charity in Buffalo with a great deal of information and ideas. I will be sharing those in the coming weeks.

Here at Saint Philip we were blessed to have 42 people attend the trip to the Catholic Shrines of Pittsburgh on Wednesday, September 13. There we learned of the beautiful history of our diocese and the many Catholic saints of Pittsburgh. On Thursday, September 14, we enjoyed a wonderful breakfast meeting with diocesan leaders to begin a local Ladies of Charity Ministry at Saint Philip Parish.

On Sunday, September 17, at the 9:30am Mass, we commissioned those in our Parish who will serve as Catechists in our Faith Formation program, OCIA program and Children's Liturgy. We ended the day with our Parish Picnic where approximately 200 people enjoyed food, entertainment and fellowship. We take a minute now to thank all who participated in these events and all who helped in any way. As the song says, "We've only just begun." Please consider joining us in October when we will have a *ChristLife* reunion, our annual Flea Market, Mental Health Awareness Night, and Mary's Afternoon Tea.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS: *ChristLife* reunion in October

There will be a reunion of anyone who attended *Discovering Christ*, *Following Christ*, or *Sharing Christ* on **Wednesday, October 4 at 6:30pm** in the Saint Philip campus cafeteria. There will be a free dinner, video reflection, dessert and discussion. If you would like to attend, please call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388 for reservations.



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MINISTRY BEGINS: On **Wednesday, October 18** we will begin **Saint Philip Mental Health Ministry**. October is Mental Health Awareness month. Perhaps you are looking for ways to understand and support a friend or family member or perhaps you are just searching for answers. In our time together, we will discover the role of faith in mental health and hear what God, Scripture and the Church have to say in light of the unique challenges and experiences of mental health problems. We will be using the *Sanctuary Course for Catholics*. Our program begins at 6:30pm with a light meal followed by an introduction, prayer, video and discussion. Our evening concludes at 8:15pm. If you would like to attend, please register by calling 412-922-6388. All are welcome. You do not need to be Catholic to attend.

Children's LITURGY

GOOD NEWS -- our Children's Liturgy will now be celebrated at both Ascension and Saint Philip churches. Our next Children's Liturgy at Ascension will be held on **October 8 at the 9:30am Mass**. Our next Children's Liturgy at Saint Philip will be held on **October 22 at the 11:00am Mass**.

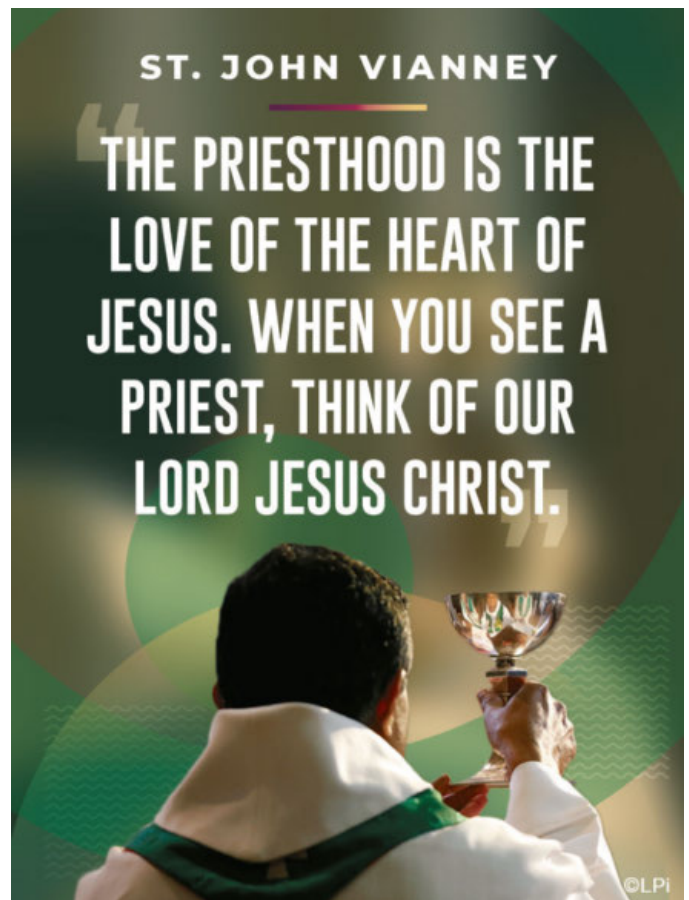
FIRST EUCHARIST INFORMATION: There will be a parent meeting for all children in Faith Formation and Catholic school participating in the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist on **Thursday, October 19 at 7:00pm** in the Saint Philip campus library.

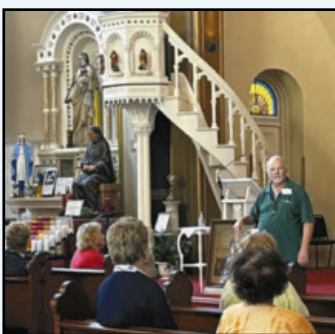
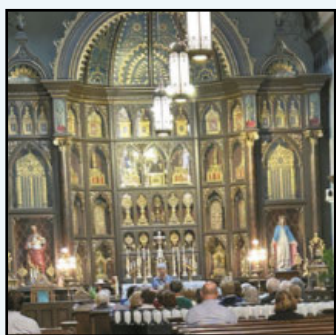
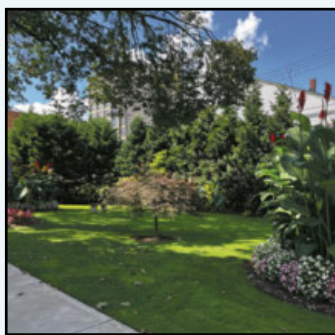
There will be a Recognition of all 2nd grade students at the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, October 22 at Ascension church. The students will receive their first Mass books and be recognized as preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. A donut, coffee and juice reception will follow in the Hall. All are welcome to congratulate the families and enjoy some refreshments following Mass.

MARY'S TEA: There will be an Afternoon Tea on **Thursday, October 26 from 11:00am to 1:00pm** in Ascension Conner Hall. The afternoon will include finger sandwiches, sweet breads, fruit, a variety of cakes, and tea. Following the meal, there will be a talk and discussion on Mary and the Rosary. To register, call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.



CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: Anyone who would like to know more about the Catholic faith or complete the Sacraments of Initiation is invited to call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388. Sessions are held based upon your schedule.



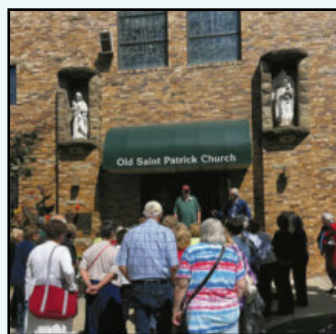


Saint Philip Parish TRAVEL MINISTRY

On **Wednesday, September 13**, Saint Philip Parish Travel Ministry visited the *Catholic Shrines of Pittsburgh*. We began the day by visiting Saint Anthony Shrine where we celebrated Liturgy with Father Torquato.

We enjoyed a lovely lunch in Station Square. Following lunch, we visited Saint Patrick and Saint Stanislaus Churches where we learned of the history of the diocese. We concluded the day with a visit to Saint Paul Cathedral. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon.

Our next trip will be to Marietta, Ohio, in the Spring where we will enjoy a tour of the Basilica and a river boat cruise. Watch the bulletin in early Winter for details.





Guardian Angel Academy

One of the South Region Catholic Elementary Schools (SRCES)

STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS: GOLDEN WARRIORS

Each week we will focus on OUTSTANDING students from Guardian Angel Academy to be recognized as our *Golden Warriors of the Week*.

REGAN BARRY - 4TH (A) Mrs. Valerie Romanovich, teacher

Regan Barry is the Golden Warrior for Mrs. Romanovich's 4A classroom. She is very busy after school with many activities. She is involved in track, cross country, soccer, volleyball and basketball. She also helps in the garden at her home. Papa is in a wheelchair and she often helps him to get around. The Barry family belongs to St. Philip Parish. Regan's favorite subject in school is Math. She wants to be a horse trainer when she grows up. She loves horses. In her "free" time she goes to the stables to ride horses or will play Roblox.



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

MRS. SARA CORNETTI - KINDERGARTEN (A) CLASS

Mrs. Cornetti's kindergarten is so excited to start the school year at Guardian Angel Academy. Students have been learning about their classmates and our amazing school. To get to know each other, students have been taking turns with Kindergarten's special show-n-tell bag. They each share five items that represent them.

Kindergarten has also been busy writing names, letters, and numbers. Students are



listening for beginning and ending sounds in words. They have even started reading to their friends.

In math, kindergarten is sorting colors and shapes, graphing data, and exploring different ways to represent numbers 1-5.

Mrs. Cornetti's class is very excited to start learning about apples. Students have already learned about the different types of apples and where they can be found. They will soon learn about the life cycle of the apple tree and the parts of an apple. Kindergarten is eagerly awaiting Johnny Appleseed Day. Students will be creating a recipe and making their own applesauce.

Most importantly, they have been learning about God and all His gifts. The students have been working hard to learn their prayers and prepare to attend their first school Mass.

Special **THANKS to TERESA FUCHS and the FUCHS FAMILY** for the awesome murals they painted in the hallways leading down to the Gym this summer. They truly did an amazing job! What a wonderful addition to welcome families into our Gym.



Thank you



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

This Wednesday, September 27, is the feast day of our namesake, St. Vincent de Paul. Our organization's founder, Frederic Ozanam, named the Society after St. Vincent due to his dedication to service to the poor.

St. Vincent de Paul was born on April 24, 1581 to a poor family in Pouy, France. Vincent decided to become a priest in order to earn money to support his family. He was ordained at the age of 19 after lying about his age to become a priest at a younger age than was allowed. According to legend, he was captured by pirates and sold into slavery while traveling from his hometown of Pouy to Toulouse, where he attended university. He eventually was sold to a former Christian that had converted to Islam. After hearing Vincent sing songs praising God, the slave owner's wife scolded her husband until he converted back to Christianity. After his conversion, the slave owner and Vincent escaped from Africa back to France, where Vincent was given his freedom.

Vincent did not realize his calling to serve the poor until a chance encounter with a gravely ill man in 1617. During his time as a tutor to the children of a wealthy Parisian family, Vincent traveled with the family to their country home, where he was asked to hear the confession of a dying peasant. Through the confession, Vincent learned that neither the spiritual, nor corporal needs of the poor were being met. The man eventually recovered and told the countess for which Vincent worked that Vincent had saved his soul by hearing his confession. The countess was so moved by this man's testimony that she asked Vincent to be her spiritual director and donated to his new mission to serve the poor.

St. Vincent de Paul fulfilled his calling to serve the poor by starting the Congregation of the Mission, which is an organization of priests and laymen that go on mission, mostly to rural areas, to preach to the people and perform works of charity. Vincent also partnered with his contemporary, St. Louise de Marillac, in order to organize noblewomen to serve the less fortunate. This effort later turned into the Ladies of Charity. Poor girls were recruited to help the Ladies of Charity, which became the Daughters of Charity.

Vincent passed away on September 27, 1660 after dedicating most of his life to serving the poor and effecting social change in France. He was canonized by Pope Clement XII in 1737 and was named the patron saint of all works of charity by Pope Leo XIII. For more details about St. Vincent, check out these articles from EWTN:

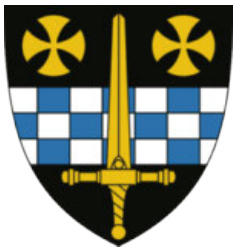
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We pray that we will all be able and willing to see the face of God in the poor as Saint Vincent did, and that our dedication to serving the poor is strengthened on his feast day! St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us!

This week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a single mother of four with \$500 to prevent an electric shutoff; a woman was assisted with \$400 toward rent; a family was given a household goods voucher; a woman was given various furniture items; a couple was given \$400 in rental and electric assistance; a single father of two was given \$400 toward rent; a family was added to our food delivery list; a man was assisted with \$300 toward rent; a man was given \$40 for a phone bill; and a single mother was given a full-sized bed for her daughter. It was a busy week, and we couldn't have done it without your generous support; thank you!



Around the Diocese and Community

ADDICTION RECOVERY MINISTRY

St. Francis of Assisi Church, 2599 Freeport Road, Harmar, PA 15238.

Father Michael will give a reflection on **Monday, September 25 at 7:00pm** in St. Francis of Assisi Church, Harmar, on the Gospel of Saint Luke 15:1-7 and the topic is "Service - Gratitude and Joy." All are welcome to attend.

Addiction Recovery Ministry will hold a Fall Bingo to benefit our brown-bag lunch initiative for Light of Life Rescue Ministry on **Sunday, November 5, at 2:00pm** in the hall of St. Francis of Assisi Church, Harmar. Tickets are \$25 and reservations can be made by calling 412-378-9290 or emailing rhaasarm@gmail.com.



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Praise Music: 1:00pm | Holy Mass: 1:30pm
Presider: Rev. Christopher D. Donley, STL

*"O Mary, conceived without sin,
pray for us who have recourse to thee."*



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From Sept. 27 through Nov. 5, you're invited to join other Christians for **40 Days for Life** – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: **Nikki Bruni**, nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com, or **Donna Goss** at gdgoss620@gmail.com

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Kick-off Mass at Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church on Tuesday, Sept. 26th at 6:30 pm, followed by a **Eucharistic Procession** to Planned Parenthood. Homily by Fr. Mario Majano of the Archdiocese of Washington DC! All Christians are welcome to participate in this free event!

JERICO MARCH AROUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD on Sunday, Sept. 24th at 3:30 pm, led by Pastor Joe Stump of Lincoln Place Church of the Nazarene! Join us as we pray and walk around Planned Parenthood SEVEN TIMES!

40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh for more info, or check out our blog at 40daysforlifepittsburgh.com



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Learn more about the speakers and topics at ArchangelGabrielParish.org/Speakers.



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OCTOBER 18, 2023

*The Eucharist: Mystical
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