

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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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	PRIEST'S INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 — SAINT CALLISTUS I, POPE AND MARTYR			
Ascension	8:00am	Len & Louanna Weaver and John & Peg Gallagher	John & Anna Gallagher
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Si & Rita Pfender	Barb Pfender
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Brian Lach	Lach Family
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 — TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Amanda Louise Ogden	Audra Ogden
Ascension	9:30am	Raymond S. Twardy	Family
Saint Philip	11:00am	Carmella D'Aversa	Nancy D'Aversa
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16 — SAINT HEDWIG, RELIGIOUS; SAINT MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE, VIRGIN			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Mrs. Rita Torquato	Sons
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 — SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP & MARTYR			
Ascension	8:00am	Jean & Joan Gajewski	Mary Ellen Askin
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18 — SAINT LUKE, EVANGELIST			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Louise Mondine Hudack	Sister
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 — SAINTS JOHN DE BRÉBEUF AND ISAAC JOGUES, PRIESTS, AND COMPANIONS, THE NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS			
Ascension	8:00am	Special Intention of John & Anna Gallagher	
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 — SAINT PAUL OF THE CROSS, PRIEST			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Sam Palombini	Kathy, Susie, Jo, & Sammy
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Joe & Fran Quaquareucci	Ginger Quinn
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Hazel Knight	Tom Knight
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 — TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; WORLD MISSION SUNDAY			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Virginia Rose	Dorothy Postufka
Ascension	9:30am	Dorothy Killmeyer	Ray & Diane
St. Philip	11:00am	Paul Dacey	Rob Dacey
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 month of October!

All present, Sir!

If you've ever served in the military or if you've ever watched a movie with a military story, you know that the officers regularly check to make certain that all the personnel are present and accounted for - and in the best condition. We humans like to keep track of one another - especially in important or organized matters.

We see that same accounting concern in today's passage in the Gospel according to Matthew. In today's parable, we hear that the king wants to know if all the wedding guests have arrived for his celebration. When the invited guests refuse to attend, the king opens his doors to anyone and everyone who wishes to join him.

However, there's also a stipulation. All those coming before the king must be "presentable" in addition to being present!

Once again, Jesus' parables and teachings give rise to a great number of thoughts, reflections, and comments.

This Sunday, the final verse of today's Gospel brings to mind a question that's not often considered today. When we present ourselves to the Lord -- and to our family members, friends, and neighbors - do WE make ourselves presentable in every way? Do we make ourselves presentable in our speech,

in our manners, in our thoughts, and in our appearance?

For centuries, many of our ancestors made certain that they were presentable, courteous, and polite in every way - in their appearance, their speech, their actions. In this 21st century, it seems that society is almost irretrievably lost. Today, we live in a very, very casual and hyper-comfortable society which abides by few rules or expectations of behavior.

Today, many people speak crudely and harshly without any concern for who hears their language - adults or impressionable children. Many young adults - and adults of every age - demand the right and privilege to appear and behave in public in whatever way they want.

Does this make us a better society? Or are we a society in decline?

Today, Jesus Himself calls us to be "presentable" before God - and others - in our appearance, in our words, in our actions, and perhaps, yes, even in our personal manners.

May we all examine our lives and ourselves and ask: "Am I truly and always "presentable" and well-mannered before God, before my family, and before everyone I meet in my daily living?" Let's hope that all of us truly are presentable to God and to one another!

Best wishes for this October and the season of Autumn!

Best wishes to you and to all in our Saint Philip Parish community for a safe and enjoyable October and autumn! 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 eight 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;
- 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;
- 6.) our parish members and community who've brought many adults, young adults, and children to faith and life in Jesus, the Son of God; and
- 7.) so many personal and family connections which have been made and continue to be created among the members and families of Saint Philip Parish and which are very good for our lives and our community.
- 8.) The members and staff of Saint Philip Parish work together each day in a number of parish organizations that promote our Christian discipleship and that serve many in our parish community as well as many of our neighbors.

This week, we recall that our Saint Philip Parish community strengthens all our members and families in our Catholic Christian faith, hope, charity, and life. As the people of the Lord, we do NOT live alone as individuals. We live as a family, a community. That's why we gather for the Liturgy every Sunday - and why we share our faith and our lives in so many ways. We support and encourage one another because the Lord calls us to follow Him together - and to live in Him together! This is the 9th reason why our Saint Philip Parish community is so very important to all of us!

Thank you very much for sharing your life and years with other members of the Saint Philip Parish community! Thank you, too, for all the support which you provide for our parish life together. Your faith, goodness, and generosity keep Saint Philip Parish alive, vital, and vibrant as we continue "Sharing the Good News and growing the Kingdom of God!"

MASS INTENTIONS

for 2024

As of last Saturday, October 7, Mass Intention Request Forms for 2024 are now available in both Saint Philip and Ascension churches. We've also added the form to our parish internet site.

A parish member or family may request up to two (2) Sunday and two (2) weekday Mass Intentions for next year. You may also request one (1) Sanctuary Lamp Memorial at one or both of our churches. Please complete the form, print clearly, include the required donation, and return your requests to the parish office. Return envelopes are available in our churches!

Mass intentions will be scheduled by Father Torquato, and then your days and times will be sent to you by mail in **mid-November** once all the intentions have been scheduled.



*Thank you
for your generous
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contributions to*

**SAINT PHILIP
PARISH!**



Your goodness and participation help to keep our parish alive!

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 15

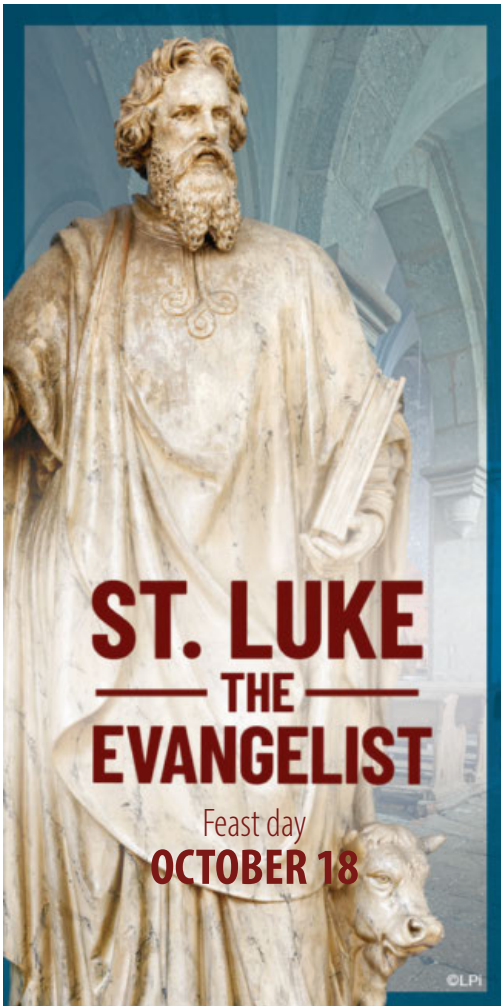
Isaiah 25:6-10a;
Philippians 4:12-20;
Matthew 22:1-14

Weekdays

Romans 1-4;
Luke 11-12

Sunday, October 22

Isaiah 45:1-6;
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5;
Matthew 22:15-21



FINANCIAL REPORT OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collections, **October 7-8** -- \$7,785.70*

** Includes Mail-in donations*

Online donations -- \$3,210.00

Maintenance donations -- \$90.00

Religious Education donations -- \$791.00

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

Parish income received since July 1, 2023 -- \$179,968.08

Parish fundraising since July 1, 2023 -- \$196.00

Estate gifts received since July 1, 2023 -- \$0.00

General donations since July 1, 2023 -- \$975.00

Average weekly staff salary and benefits expenses -- \$7,640.00

Average weekly maintenance/operation expenses -- \$2,175.00

Average weekly utility expenses -- \$2,343.00

Average weekly insurance expenses -- \$1,186.00

Weekly contributions to Guardian Angel Academy -- \$1,630.32

Parish members -- 2,286 Parish families -- 1,202

Church attendance on October 7-8 -- 616

Sunday envelopes used October 7-8 -- 243

Total households receiving envelopes -- 1,217

2023 Parish Appeal Goal -- \$129,011.00

Parish Appeal received as of October 8 -- \$164,721.66*

** Includes online Parish Appeal donations*

2023 Parish Appeal Donors -- 352

A EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL MOMENT

“At the Last Supper, on the night He was betrayed, our Savior instituted the Eucharistic Sacrifice of His Body and Blood. This He did in order to perpetuate the Sacrifice of the Cross throughout the ages until He should come again, and so to entrust to His beloved Spouse, the Church, a memorial of His Death and Resurrection: a Sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a Paschal banquet in which Jesus Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.”

- Catechism of the Catholic Church #1323.



Parish News

LIVE THE LITURGY: INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The goodness and mercy of God are gifts He wants to share with each one of us, but we have to be ready to receive them. Let's be prepared for whatever the Lord will ask of us this week.

PRAYER - FOR EVERYDAY & EVERYBODY

Prayer for Joy

*Dear Lord, Fill us with your joy today.
Let our hearts overflow with thanks and
praise for your goodness and grace in our lives.
Increase our trust in your providence,
our assurance of your love,
our awareness of your blessings. Amen.*



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. While only some are called to go to the missions to serve, all of us are called by our Baptism to support the Church's missionary work by our prayers and our financial help.

The entire Church is given this opportunity to assist the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe where priests, religious and lay leaders share our faith and serve the poorest of the poor. Thank you for your generous support of this annual appeal.

LOOKING AHEAD:

If you are interested in learning more about the following programs/events, call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

Monday, October 16 - Faith Formation Family Night, 6:30pm to 7:45pm with pizza supper in Kelty Hall

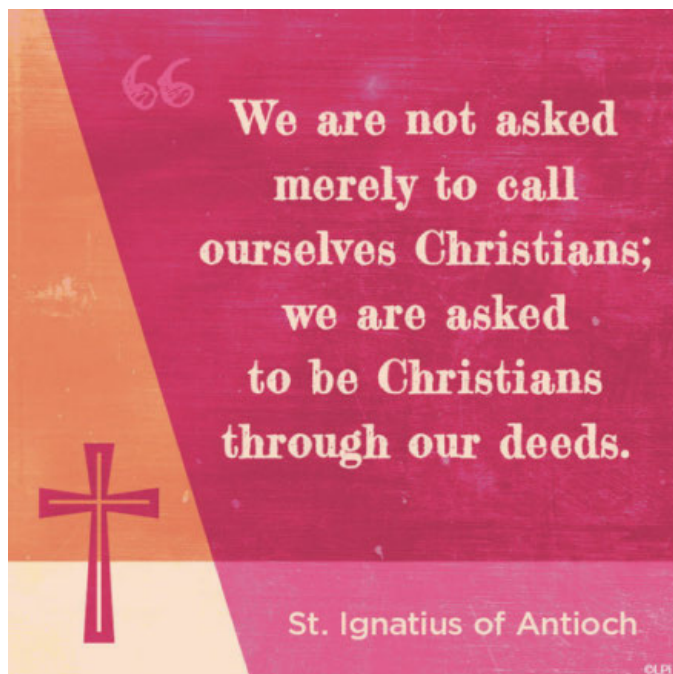
Wednesday, October 18 - Information on Mental Health Ministry, 6:30pm with light supper

Thursday, October 19 - 2nd Grade Parent Meeting, 7:00pm in Saint Philip library

Thursday, October 20 - Small Faith Group Meeting, 11:00am to 1:00pm in Admin. Building

Monday, October 22 - 2nd Grade Presentation, 9:30am Mass at Ascension followed by donuts, coffee and juice

Thursday, October 22 - Children's Liturgy, 11:00am Mass at Saint Philip church



ADVANCE PLANNING

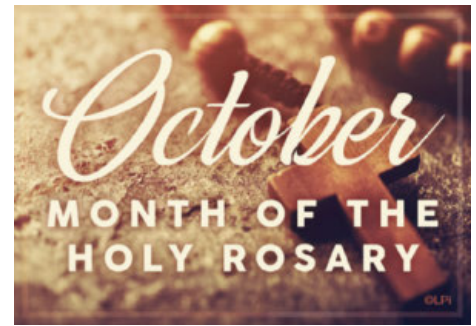
We're all encouraged, as Catholic Christians, to make advance plans for our departure from this present life when we begin our journey home to the Lord. Like our parents, grandparents, and many generations before us, it's good to make our personal and family plans for our funeral and burial in a cemetery. Yes, of course, this can be unnerving when we begin the process, but it's a true kindness to our family members if and when we put all of our plans, requests, finances, and estate in order long before our final day.

Thankfully, we have very fine attorneys, funeral directors, and other professionals in our local community who are more than willing to guide you through the planning process. You'll find them among our bulletin advertisers. We're also fortunate to have numerous Catholic and community cemeteries whose staff members are very helpful. In addition, the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh also offers the Catholic Funeral Plan (CFP, telephone 1-877-886-PLAN) in conjunction with the Catholic Cemeteries Association of Pittsburgh (CCA) and the Loyal Christian Benefits Association (LCBA) to create funding arrangements now so that all your plans can be set and funded long in advance of being needed.

For our part, how can Saint Philip Parish's staff help you? In response to requests from parish members, we're willing to send our Funeral Planning Booklet and Funeral Selection Forms to any parish members who request them in advance.

If you're making Advanced Funeral Plans now or in the coming years, there's no need to wait until later to plan a Funeral Liturgy. You're welcome to request these funeral planning items and then include your selections in your planning file - keeping one copy with your family and giving one copy to your chosen funeral director.

Again, to request funeral planning materials at any time, please contact our parish office by email or by telephone. May the good Lord bless you now - and as you prepare for your journey home to the Lord. God bless!



Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns *In Loving Memory of Joseph Manzella*
Offered by Daughter, Marie

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *In Loving Memory of The Schuler Family*
Offered by Family



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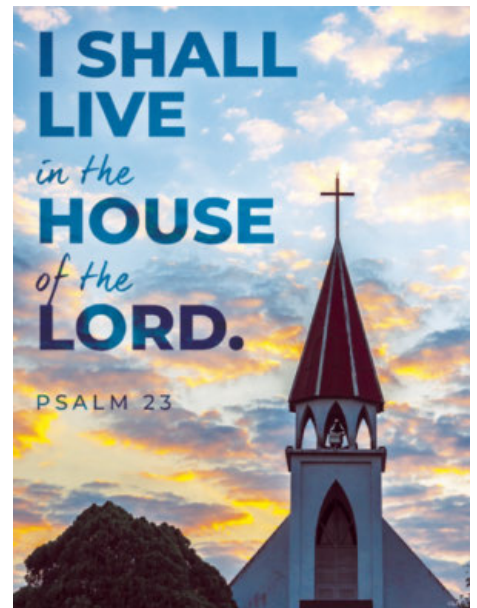
DONATE ONLINE 

Make donating easy!

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

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

**FIND US ON
FACEBOOK** 



A NOTE FROM MARYANN: October is such a special month. I just returned from a weekend retreat at Saint Paul's Retreat House on the South Side. During one of the talks on prayer, the speaker talked about prayer as just sitting with God holding hands. What a beautiful image of one just sitting in the peace of knowing God's love and concern. We don't have to say a lot of words; we only need rest in God's love and care while perhaps saying to ourselves "Jesus, Be with me."

That is the foundation of our new *Mental Health Ministry*, which begins on Wednesday. By gathering, breaking bread together, watching the video, and sharing our thoughts, we will become aware of how to be with one another as we each face life's challenges of loss, health concerns, grief, depression, fear, anxiety and other issues.

Saint Teresa of Avila, whose feast day we celebrate on October 15, said: "*God has no body now but mine. He prays in me, works in me, looks through my eyes, speaks through my words, works through my hands, walks with my feet, and loves with me here.*" This ministry invites us to be Christ to one another and especially to our fellow parishioners, neighbors, friends and family as they face life's challenges. **Everyone, Catholic or non-Catholic is welcome to join us at 6:30pm on Wednesday, October 18 at Ascension Hall.** The evening will begin with a light supper.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MINISTRY BEGINS: On **Wednesday, October 18** we will begin *Saint Philip Mental Health Ministry*. October (1-7) was Mental Health Awareness week. 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.

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**. 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.

On **Monday, October 30** all Second Grade students and their parents are invited to a special evening from 6:30pm to 7:45pm on Saint Philip campus. At 6:30pm, families will engage in a special activity to learn about the Mass. At 7:00pm, Father Torquato will give families a special tour of the sanctuary of the church.

Children's LITURGY

Good News -- Children's Liturgy will now be celebrated at both Ascension and Saint Philip churches. Our Children's Liturgy at Saint Philip will be held at the **11:00am Mass on October 22.**

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION: A reminder that retreat permission forms for the Retreat at Saint Paul's Retreat House on the South Side are due. The retreat will take place on **Sunday, November 5 from 2:00pm to 6:30pm** and includes dinner and Sunday 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.

CHRISTLIFE REUNION *Dinner*

The ChristLife Reunion Dinner was held in Kelty Hall on Wednesday, October 4. The evening began with an Italian dinner in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi's Feast Day. Participants then reflected upon quotes from Saint Francis. The gathering continued with a video on spiritual life and discussion. The evening concluded with prayer. The group continues to meet each month in small faith groups.



SAINT PHILIP PARISH

MENTAL HEALTH

Awareness Ministry

Wednesday, October 18 | 6:30pm

Ascension Conner Hall, 114 Berry Street

If you are looking for ways to understand and support a friend or family member or just searching for answers, come and join us. Our new Mental Health Ministry begins at 6:30pm with a light meal followed by an introduction, prayer, video and discussion.

ALL ARE WELCOME: You do not need to be Catholic to attend. This is not counseling but rather understanding the role of faith and the Church in mental health.

Mary's Tea

**THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 26**

Ascension Conner Hall

11:00am to 1:00pm



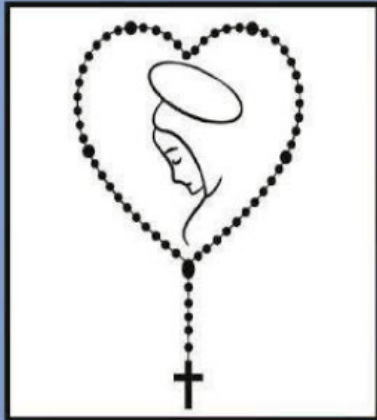
Finger sandwiches,
sweet breads, fruit, cakes, tea
Talk and Discussion on
Mary of the Rosary

Call 412-922-6388
for reservations



Guardian Angel Academy

One of the South Region Catholic Elementary Schools (SRCES)



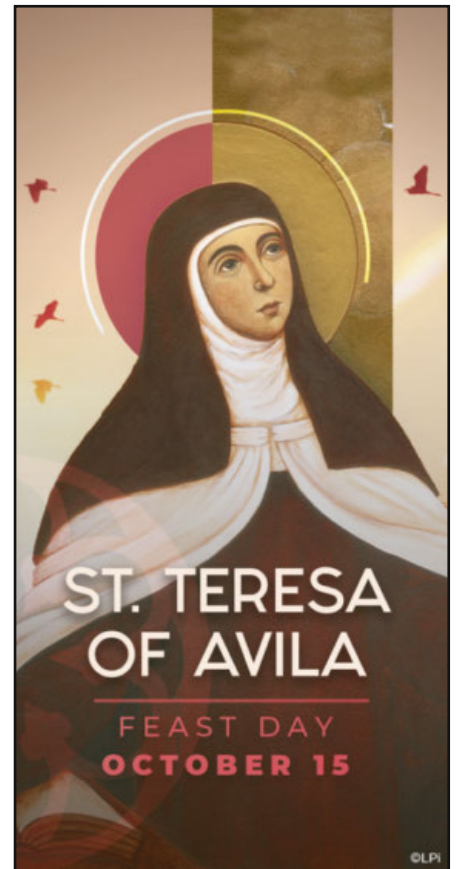
The Living Rosary

Prayed by the
students of
Guardian Angel
Academy

**Monday, October 16, 2023
6:00 PM**

**St. Raphael the Archangel Parish
St. Margaret of Scotland Worship Site**

**Please join us for this beautiful
evening of prayer honoring our
Blessed Mother.**



St. Teresa of Ávila (1515-1582) was a Spanish Carmelite nun who lived in the 16th century. She was a mystic and author of spiritual writings and poems. The originator of the Carmelite Reform, she founded numerous convents throughout Spain and restored a contemplative life to the order. She became well known for the mystical experiences, many of which she described in her autobiography.

The first of only four women to be named a Doctor of the Church, St. Teresa's ascetic doctrine and Carmelite reforms shaped Roman Catholic contemplative life, and her writings on the Christian soul's journey to God are considered works of art. Her writings, especially the "Way of Perfection" and "The Interior Castle," have helped generations of believers.

St. Teresa of Ávila died on October 15, 1582. She was canonized on March 22, 1622, along with three of her greatest contemporaries: St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Philip Neri.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

We have been blessed with some new Conference members (called Vincentians) recently, but we would love to have some more! The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has many opportunities at both the Conference (parish) and Council (diocesan) levels. Here are some of the ways that you can volunteer with us:

Furniture pickup and delivery - We have many friends in need who do not even have the most basic furniture items, and we have many people who generously donate their furniture, but we need pickup trucks and volunteers to bring the two together. The timing of these pickups and deliveries is often flexible, so this is the perfect opportunity for someone who may have limited availability, but wants to help out when their schedule allows. While it is not a necessity, it is a bonus if you have a pickup truck! Please call/text our hotline or email us if you'd like to be notified when furniture pickup and delivery opportunities are available.

Load trucks to West Virginia - The furniture, clothing and housewares donations that do not get distributed within our parish go to Donna's House of Hope in Tunnelton, West Virginia. We need volunteers that are willing to give about two hours of their time on a Friday evening, approximately once every six weeks, to help load the trucks. Call/text our hotline or email us if you'd like to be notified when we are loading.

Deliver monthly food - We currently have 18 teams delivering food to approximately 70 families within our parish boundaries that do not have reliable transportation with which to get to a local walk-in food bank. Different teams deliver at different times and on different days of the week (once per month), so this is another great opportunity for those who have limited availability. Packing and delivering the food usually takes about two hours. This is a unique opportunity to develop lasting relationships with your "food families." Call/text or email us if you are interested in joining a food team.

Thrift stores - The five St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores are always looking for volunteers. Volunteers help sort donations and stock the store. Contact the thrift store you would like to volunteer for more information; they'll work with you to find an opportunity (<https://svdppitt.org/stores/store-locations-directions>). Also, contact SVdP Volunteer Coordinator, Jeane Kish, at 412-343-4455.

Central Council Office - The Central Council office needs volunteers for administrative tasks, such as answering phones. This task can be done from your home as the phone system is digital! Contact SVdP Volunteer Coordinator, Jeane Kish, at 412-343-4455 if you would like to learn more.

Become a member - Our Vincentians meet every Tuesday at 6:30pm at the Hope House (the building between St. Philip Church and Wolbert Auto Repair). In addition to discussing how we can best assist our friends in need, we also spend time in prayer and fellowship. Call or text our hotline at 412-444-8140 or email us at svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com if you're interested in joining our organization!

The great thing about our organization is that the only thing you need in order to volunteer is a desire to help. We do not require any special skills or training. There is a sense of fulfillment that we receive from helping our neighbors in need out of love for them as our brothers and sisters in Christ.

This week, your generous donations enabled us to give a woman various furniture items; a single mother was given a refrigerator and a dryer; a single mother was given \$446 toward her rent; a woman was given a bed, other furniture items, a clothing voucher and a household goods voucher; a single mother and her children were given clothing vouchers; a woman was given a bed; a single mother was given a household goods voucher, three beds, and other furniture items; a woman was assisted with \$500 toward rent; a single mother was assisted with \$160 toward her internet bill; a woman was assisted with \$485 toward her security deposit; a woman was given a mattress; a family was given a couch and chair; and a woman was assisted with a refrigerator repair (or replacement if need be). It was a busy week, and we couldn't have done it without your generous support; thank you!



Around the Diocese and Community

CLASS OF 1974 - 50TH REUNION!

Attention former students of **Elizabeth Seton, St. Francis Academy, and South Hills Catholic**...The planning committee is in high gear! If you are interested, please contact a committee member to verify or update your contact information. Hope to see you soon!

Roseann Rekasie Green (Seton):

email: Roseannsteelerfan@hotmail.com

Jill Kacsuta Haley (Seton):

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Sandy Ganster (SFA):

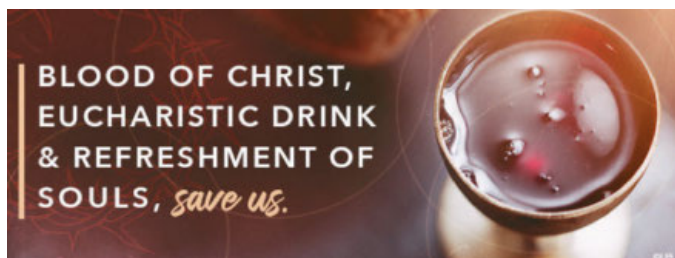
email sandyganster2@gmail.com

Gary Hartman (SHCHS):

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OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH!

"Every October, we consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death." - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; to learn or read more, visit www.usccb.org/resources/respect-life-reflection-radical-solidarity. Sign up to receive daily emails for the *Respect Life Novena*, **now through October 21** at www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month. Attend the *Harrisburg March for Life* on **October 16** <https://marchforlife.org/pennsylvania-march-for-life>.



BISHOP CANEVIN'S FALL FEST

We are excited to announce that the Bishop Canevin Fall Fest is back! Join us at Bishop Canevin High School on **Saturday, October 21 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm** for a night of fun-filled activities that will be sure to get you in the Halloween spirit. Our haunted hallways are sure to give you a thrill and our hayride will take you on a spooky adventure. Don't forget to stop by our food trucks for a bite to eat and participate in pumpkin painting. Back by popular demand, we are thrilled to offer the famous knocker-ball game along with other games. Bring your family and friends along for a night you won't forget! No registration is required. Fun for all ages!

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

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 Saint Francis of Assisi Church. Tickets are \$25 and reservations can be made by calling 412-378-9290 or emailing rhaasarm@gmail.com.

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