

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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Week of October 22, 2023

29TH 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	PRIEST'S INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 — THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			
Ascension	8:00am	Sam Palombini	Kathy, Susie, Jo, & Sammy
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Joe & Fran Quaquarelli	Ginger Quinn
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Hazel Knight	Tom Knight
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 — TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; WORLD MISSION SUNDAY			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Virginia Rose	Dorothy Postufka
Ascension	9:30am	Dorothy Killmeyer	Ray & Diane
Saint Philip	11:00am	Paul Dacey	Rob Dacey
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 — SAINT JOHN OF CAPISTRANO, PRIEST			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Mic Chambers	Family
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24 — SAINT ANTHONY MARY CLARET, BISHOP			
Ascension	8:00am	Thomas & Kate Ferrie	Family
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Donald Brannan	Brannan Family
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Joe Hayes	Kathy Hayes
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Dave Stahurski	Wife, Valerie
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 — SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES			
Ascension	8:00am	Edward Goyke	Joan & Ed Goyke
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Deceased Members of Holy Innocents High School Class of 1973	Holy Innocents High School Class of 1973
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Bill McNabb	McNabb Family
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 — THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Herb Lucot, Sr.	Craig Lucot & Family
Ascension	9:30am	Paul A. Thunell	Wife & Family
Saint Philip	11:00am	Mr. & Mrs. Earl Hasting	Julian Family
BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: Should be submitted to m.takach@saintphilipparish.com 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!

Render unto Caesar

When our ancient ancestors began to live together, it became necessary for their communities to share with one another for the good of all. In ancient empires, as societies grew, their leaders turned to the community members for the financial support which they required to provide basic public services. The people had to “render unto Caesar” for the good of all.

The same is true of our communities and nations today. Every borough, city, state, and nation needs taxes from its populace to provide for needed services, public works, and the common good. Whether or not the people appreciate this practice, taxes are necessary for the life of each community and nation.

On the other hand, the Catholic Church of God has always relied on the “free will offerings” of church members. There is NO treasure chest in some far away, magical kingdom which funds the work of the Church in sharing the Good News and growing the Kingdom of God. The work of the Lord Jesus is indeed accomplished by the Holy Spirit of God, but it also requires the generosity of the People of God.

The Church in this modern world has NO ability - or desire - to “impose taxes” on our members. Yes, I know that there are modern mega-churches and some Christian groups which demand 10% of a family’s pre-tax income before they can register as members. They point to the Genesis 14:18-20 account of Abraham giving 10% of his treasure to the priest Melchisedek (*for his prayers and services*) as a justification for demanding 10% from every member.

For our part, the Catholic Church does NOT

impose such a requirement on our members. Following the messages of both the Old Testament and the New Testament, all people are invited to receive the life and grace of God without cost. The Good News and the blessings of the Lord are offered freely to everyone - whether they can contribute financially or not.

However, the Church of God will NOT move forward into the future without the free will generosity of our members and families. YES, we tend to be reluctant to mention the word “money” in church because - whether it was true or not - Catholic Christians often complained that, in past generations, priests only spoke about “money”. Today, we tend to only mention that word in February when we begin the Annual Diocesan Parish Appeal.

Nonetheless, it’s important to remind all our members that your generosity is essential to the life, ministry and future of any and every parish community. Without your goodness, parish communities can no longer exist. In large part, that’s why all our diocesan parishes have been consolidated in these 5 years - and why future consolidations may also be necessary.

This is why NEXT month, in November, Saint Philip Parish will begin our new “*Forward in Faith!* Stewardship Program” in order to encourage increased giving of 5%-10% more from all our contributors each week so as to keep Saint Philip Parish alive and filled with vitality. It will be our invitation to everyone to “Render unto God” the support needed by our parish community. In that only about 25% of our registered households give any financial support to our parish and diocese, it’s important that all of us continue to freely and generously support this Catholic community so that we’ll continue to exist for the generations still to come. Thank you all in advance, and God bless!

Best wishes for this October and the coming holidays!

Best wishes to you and to all in our Saint Philip Parish community for a safe and enjoyable October as all our holidays quickly approach! 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!

In the nine previous 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;
- 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 who 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; and
- 9.) members who share our life with one another in Catholic faith, hope, and love as we live together in the Saint Philip Parish community - and as we continue to support one another in our daily discipleship as the People of God.

And now, finally, we come to Parish Blessing #10 on our list:

- 10.) Our Saint Philip Parish community remains a true beacon of Christian light, hope, holiness, and charity in this local area! As our parish members, you are role models of goodness and generosity in our parish territory. In a society often lost in darkness, it is our parish community - and you our members and families - who continue to light the way and give hope to our members and all those around us!

Altogether, these are the Top Ten Reasons why Saint Philip Catholic Parish is so very important to all of us - and why your continued and generous support is of tremendous importance for the life, vitality, and future of our parish community.

Again, thank you all 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!"

A EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL MOMENT

"Know also that you will probably gain more by praying fifteen minutes before the Blessed Sacrament than by all the other spiritual exercises of the day. True, our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament will obtain a more abundant measure of grace."

- St. Alphonsus Liguori,
Doctor of the Church

*Thank you
for your generous
financial
contributions to*

**SAINT PHILIP
PARISH!**



Your goodness and participation help to keep our parish alive!



BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 22

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

Weekdays

Romans 4-7; Luke 12

Sunday, October 29

Exodus 22:20-26;
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10;
Matthew 22:34-40

Praying together in your home

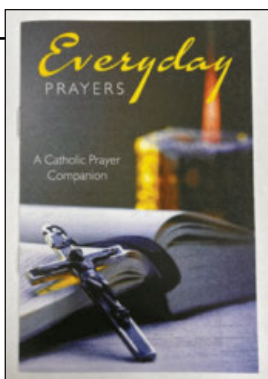
Beginning this
weekend,
everyone is
encouraged to

take time every day to pray at home
as a way to deepen your spiritual
life and the spiritual life of our
parish community!

At our church entrances, you'll
find copies of the booklet "Everyday
Prayers." If you intend to increase
your prayer time at home - alone
and with your family members -
please feel free to take the prayer
book/s which will be used by you
and in your family prayer time.

If we need to order more copies,
we'll gladly do so when our current
supply is exhausted.

Turn OFF your television and the
internet, and pray to the Lord each
day. You, your family, and our parish
community will all greatly benefit
from your daily time in prayer!



FINANCIAL REPORT OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collections, **October 14-15** -- \$10,516.60*

**Includes Mail-in donations*

Online donations -- \$1,790.00

Maintenance donations -- \$61.00

Religious Education donations -- \$104.00

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

Parish income received since July 1, 2023 -- \$192,439.08

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

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

General donations since July 1, 2023 -- \$10,927.42

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

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

Average weekly utility expenses -- \$2,384.00

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 14-15 -- 632

Sunday envelopes used October 14-15 -- 266

Total households receiving envelopes -- 1,217

2023 Parish Appeal Goal -- \$129,011.00

Parish Appeal received as of October 15 -- \$164,806.66*

**Includes online Parish Appeal donations*

2023 Parish Appeal Donors -- 352

OUR NEW *Forward In Faith!* STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

During the next few weeks, you'll be hearing about our
upcoming *Forward in Faith!* Stewardship Program here at Saint
Philip Catholic Parish. This new effort will be very important as we
continue to advance the mission and vision of Saint Philip Parish!

As a parish family, we have blessed and benefitted the lives of
so many members and neighbors of our Catholic community.
(Please also see Page 4.) In order to continue our mission and
ministries, we encourage all of you - our parish members and
families - to spend time in prayer and in discussion with your own
family reflecting on the life of - and all the good accomplished in -
our Saint Philip Parish community.

Our special Commitment Sunday Weekend will be held on
November 18-19 at both our churches. If you have any questions
regarding our new *Forward in Faith!* Stewardship Program as it
moves along, please feel free to contact the parish office. God bless!



Parish News

LIVE THE LITURGY: INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God is greater than this world, and His truth is stronger than all its ideologies. Remember that no matter how we vote, who we agree with or what our background is, we belong to Him alone.

PRAYER - FOR EVERYDAY & EVERYBODY

Prayer for Mission

Dear Lord, Ignite a fire in our hearts that burns brightly for You. Help us to see in every soul the value that You see. Lead us to the people who need to hear Your message. Inspire us, sanctify us, send us.

Here we are, Lord, send us!

SECOND COLLECTION

Today is 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 priest, religious and lay leaders share our faith and serve the poorest of the poor. Thank you for your generous support of this annual appeal.

THANK YOU

We recently received a check from The Pittsburgh Foundation, which accepts donations and some employee/employer match donations to the employee's charity. This past week we received a check in the amount of **\$7,972.42**. *We gladly accept this donation, and are grateful to those donors.*

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 23 - Faith Formation

Tuesday, October 24 - Hooks & Needles in Administration Building

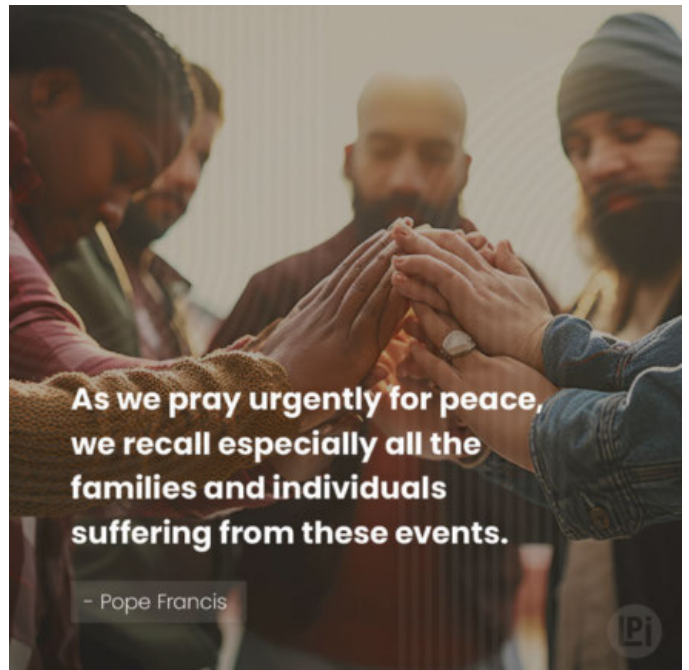
Tuesday, October 24 - Salvation History, 7:00pm in Administration Building

Tuesday, October 24 - St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 6:30pm in Hope House on Saint Philip campus

Wednesday, October 25 - Small Faith Gathering: Catching Fire, 6:30pm in Ascension Hall

Thursday, October 26 - Mary's Tea, 11:00am to 1:00pm in Ascension Hall

Thursday, October 26 - Legion of Mary, 6:30pm in Ascension Rectory



**As we pray urgently for peace,
we recall especially all the
families and individuals
suffering from these events.**

- Pope Francis



Celebrating Fatima and the Blessed Virgin Mary

For the annual October 13 commemoration of the appearances of our Blessed Mother Mary to the three children of Fatima, Portugal in 1917, a number of our parish members gathered at Ascension church for the annual evening of prayer, of Eucharistic Adoration, and a Eucharistic Procession around the church property. Many thanks go to our Legion of Mary members for planning and coordinating this special evening of faith and prayer!



Rest in Peace

We offer our sympathy to the Families of **Esther Bigger, Charles Evans, and Mary Jane Liberto**, who entered into eternal life. Please keep him in your prayers.

Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns *In Loving Memory of Frank N. Leone*
Offered by Daughter, Michele Leone

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

ADVERTISER of the Week

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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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OR text **stphilippa** to **84576**, OR visit
www.stphilipchurch1.flocknote.com.

A NOTE FROM MARYANN: A blessed mid-October to all of us. Here at Saint Philip Parish, we have been very blessed this Autumn. We have enjoyed a wonderful *Christ Life* reunion, a Faith Formation Open House and Family Night, a beginning of our Mental Health Ministry, small faith groups continue, and Parent Sacrament Meetings.

This Sunday, we welcome and recognize our Second Grade students and their families to the 9:30am Mass at Ascension. We as a parish commit ourselves to pray for these children as they begin their formal preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

As the students begin their preparation for First Eucharist, we are reminded of this year of Eucharistic Revival. The weekend of **November 3, 4 and 5**, we are blessed to have the “Eucharistic Miracles of the World” exhibition in Ascension Conner Hall. On Friday, November 3, our children and teenagers and their parents will be able to view the exhibit. On Sunday, we welcome Bishop Waltersheid to celebrate Mass with us at 9:30am followed by the coffee and donuts in the Hall. Bishop Waltersheid will join us in the hall with comments and an opportunity to view the display. In preparation for this wonderful opportunity, we offer the following reflective prayer based on *We Remember the Bread of Life* by Joyce Rupp.



Jesus, each time we gather to break bread together in the Eucharist, we recognize Your presence among us. We know who You are as the bread of our lives. Let us remember that this gift of Yourself, Your true presence helps us to remember:

- 1. You are the One who enters into the hungry places of our hearts waiting to shower us with Your deep, abiding love.*
- 2. You are the One who invites us to constantly choose life, even when our world and sometimes our own inner places taste of pain, loss, death and weariness.*
- 3. You are the One who invites us to grow and gives us hope.*

NEWS: In order that Parents may focus on Bishop Waltersheid’s homily on **Sunday, November 5 at 9:30am Mass**, there will be a **Children’s Liturgy at that Mass**. Children’s Liturgy for November will be as follows: November 5 at 9:30am at Ascension; November 12 at 9:30am at Ascension; November 26 at 11:00am at Saint Philip.

SECOND GRADE HAPPENINGS: 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.

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.

AROUND THE ADVENT CIRCLE: Beginning **November 30** a small faith group will participate in a reflection based on the Scripture readings of Advent. The evening begins with prayer, a reading of the Sunday Scripture, some reflections on the Scripture and discussion. The group will meet each Thursday for four weeks from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in Ascension Conner Hall. If you would like to join the group please call the Office at 412-922-6388.



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

Prayer and Fellowship



A NOVEMBER 5 VISIT FROM OUR AUXILIARY BISHOP

In conjunction with the November 4-5 Exhibit featuring the “Eucharistic Miracles from around the World” in Conner Hall at Ascension, our Auxiliary Bishop William Waltersheid will preside and preach at the 9:30am Liturgy at Ascension on Sunday, November 5. Following the Mass, Bishop Waltersheid will then speak about Blessed Carlo Acutis and the exhibit in Conner Hall. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join in this special visit by Bishop Waltersheid!

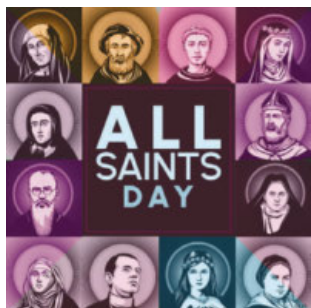


OUR ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE LITURGY

On **Sunday, November 5, during the 11:00am Liturgy** at Saint Philip church, we will hold our *Annual Remembrance Liturgy* when our parish will remember, honor, and pray for all our members who were laid to rest in our parish during the past 12 months.

The names of the deceased will be announced following the Homily, and a member from the family of each deceased person will be invited to light a candle to remember their loved one.

Everyone is welcome to join us for this special Annual Remembrance Liturgy on Sunday, November 5, 11:00am, at Saint Philip church.



OUR NOVEMBER 1 ALL SAINTS HOLY DAY

Please mark your calendars for the Liturgies celebrated during our **November 1 All Saints Holy Day of Obligation**. Because there is so much community activity on October 31, we will NOT schedule an evening Mass on October 31, All Hallows’ Eve.

Instead, our Wednesday, November 1 Holy Day schedule will be as follows:

8:00am at Saint Philip church;

4:00pm at Saint Philip church; and

7:00pm at Ascension church.

Please join us as we begin November by honoring all the Holy Ones of God who dwell in the presence of the Lord!



BEGINNING EACH LITURGY WITH PRAYER

As our *Envisioning Team begins some new initiatives* to revitalize the life of our parish community, one of the first efforts will be to start each Sunday/Saturday evening Liturgy with a few prayers before the Opening Song.

During the Liturgies of November 18-19, we’ll be learning new musical settings for the Gloria and our acclamations. Combined with the music page in your pews will be a selection of favorite Catholic prayers.

Together, each assembly will be invited to pray 2-3 prayers together after greeting each other and before we sing the Opening Song. We hope this will encourage a clearer focus on the Liturgy -- as well as more prayer in our daily Christian living at home!



Eucharistic Miracles of the World

Saint Philip Parish at Ascension Church
November 4-5, 2023

*Come and see Blessed Carlo Acutis' unique exhibition,
and increase your love and awe for the Blessed Sacrament*



***Blessed Carlo Acutis,**
pray for us!*

Blessed Carlo Acutis was born May 3, 1991. He had a great love for God and a tremendous devotion to the Holy Eucharist - he called it his "highway to heaven." He was a typical teenager who loved his family, his friends, sports, movies, and the computer.

Between the ages of 11 and 14, he used his gifts as a computer whiz to create a website reporting in detail on every Eucharistic Miracle recorded in history. Carlo died October 12, 2006 at the age of 15, just days after being diagnosed with a rare type of leukemia. He was beatified only 14 years later on October 10, 2020.



Exhibit Times:

Friday evening, November 3

Time for students and their parents;

Saturday, November 4

9:30am to 1:00pm; 4:00pm to 7:00pm;

Sunday, November 5

*10:30am until 2:00pm with a special
presentation by Auxiliary Bishop William
Waltersheid at 10:30am in Conner Hall.*

All are welcome and encouraged to visit!



Guardian Angel Academy

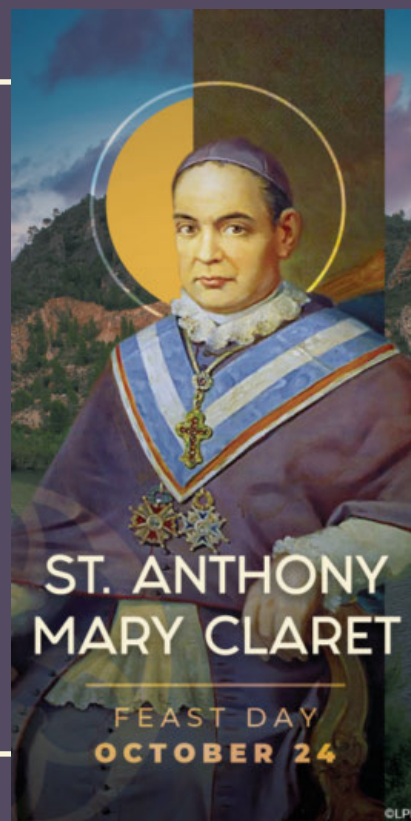
One of the South Region Catholic Elementary Schools (SRCES)



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As Guardian Angel Academy prepares to begin a new school year, please consider making a donation to our Guardian Angel Fund. The goal of Guardian Angel Academy is to continue to make a difference in every child who attends our school. With the help of donations from our supporters, we can continue to provide a quality Catholic Education for families who may otherwise not be able to afford it. Your donation will be placed into our Guardian Angel Fund and will assist these families in need. You may also sponsor a child. Our tuition rate for the 2023-2024 school year for one child is \$4,990.00. Your donation is tax-deductible. An acknowledgment letter of your contribution to Guardian Angel Academy will be provided for tax purposes. If you have any questions on how you can sponsor a child or about making a donation to our Guardian Angel Fund, please call me at school at 412-922-4765 or write me via email at rmunz@guardianangelacademy.org. Thanks again for your generous support of Guardian Angel Academy. It is greatly appreciated!

Many Blessings,
Mr. Munz, Principal



Saint Anthony Mary Claret is also known as the “spiritual father of Cuba.” He was born in Salient in Catalonia, Spain, in 1807. He became a weaver, like his father, and was very talented. But he studied in his spare time to become a priest and was ordained in 1835. In 1849 the saint founded the Claretians, a religious institute of missionaries, and a companion order of women religious who served as teachers for girls.

From 1850 to 1857 he served as Archbishop of Santiago de Cuba, Cuba, where he worked diligently to reform both clergy and laity. He opposed concubinage and instructed black slaves, and championed family-owned farms instead of the mass farming of a sugar cash crop. These stances were vehemently opposed by many, and Saint Anthony was the target of assassins.

He was recalled to act as Queen Isabella II's confessor, a duty he reluctantly agreed to, with the exceptions that he would reside away from the court, attending the household only to hear confessions and instruct the children. While in Spain he founded the Religious Publishing House and wrote or published 200 Catholic books and pamphlets. He went into exile to France with the Queen's household during the Spanish Revolution of 1868.

The saint returned to Rome to Participate in Vatican I where he defended the infallibility of the Pope. He died in France in 1870 and was canonized in 1950 by Pope Pius XII.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

The Duquesne Light Customer Assistance Program, or CAP, provides year-round savings for eligible households who take advantage of the program. In order to qualify for CAP, monthly household income for a household of one must be at or below \$1,823; \$2,465 for a household of two; \$3,108 for a household of three; and \$3,750 for a household of four (and there are higher limits for even larger households).

Qualifying households are billed based on their income and household size, not their electric usage. If you heat your house with electricity, you may qualify for a payment as low as \$40/month. If you do not heat your house with electricity, you may qualify for a payment as low as \$20/month. CAP can also be a big help to customers who enter into the program with a delinquent account balance. That balance will be forgiven over 24 months as you make your monthly CAP payments on-time. However, please note that you do not need to have a delinquent account balance in order to join the CAP program - all that you need to do is meet the income eligibility criteria.

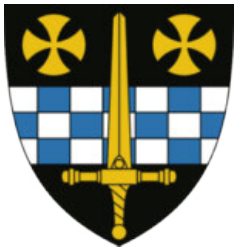
In order to learn more or apply for Duquesne Light's CAP, call 1-888-393-7600, apply online at <https://duquesnelight.com/account-billing/payment-assistance/customer-assistance-program> or reach out to a local CAP Agency office, such as the Holy Family Institute located at 19 May Avenue, McKees Rocks, PA 15136. The phone number for the Holy Family Institute is 412-331-8665.

This week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a woman with \$364 for rent; another woman was assisted with \$279 for a security deposit; and a single mother was given a \$100 PRT Connect Card so that she can use public transportation to get to work. Thank you!

If you would like to make a monetary donation or a donation of \$10 Giant Eagle gift cards, place your donation in one of the poor boxes, mail them to the parish office at 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15205, or donate online <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.

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Around the Diocese and Community

CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB

The Catholic Alumni Club is a non-profit organization providing a framework for single Catholics to meet and socialize with other singles. In addition to social activities, the CAC also provides programs of spiritual development and community service for its members.

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HELP FOR MARRIAGES

Living in a marriage that is missing love can be painful and miserable. If you have given up hope that your marriage can and will get better, ask your spouse to consider attending a Retrouvaille program.

Retrouvaille is an international Christian-based ministry that offers a program to help couples improve their marriages and rediscover the love they once shared, no matter how bad it may be, even for separated and divorced couples.

It is an eight - week program that begins with an in-person weekend retreat. The initial weekend is followed by seven weekly four-hour virtual follow-up sessions. An optional, ongoing monthly meeting is offered to couples for support and growth. It is not counseling or group therapy, and you will not share your struggles with others. For more information: visit HelpOurMarriage.org or call 412-277-3434.



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