

# Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

## OFFICE HOURS

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

## PASTORAL STAFF

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*Week of October 29, 2023*

**30<sup>TH</sup> 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
<b>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 — SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES</b>			
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
<b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 — THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>			
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
<b>MONDAY, OCTOBER 30 — WEEKDAY</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Max Homer	Regina McDonald
<b>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31 — WEEKDAY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Frank N. Leone	Daughter, Michele Leone
<b>WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 — SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Joseph & Wilda Miloser	Patrick Kelly
Saint Philip	4:00pm	Genevieve McNally	Bill McNally
Ascension	7:00pm	Joe Hayes	Wife
<b>THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2 — THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
<b>FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3 — SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES, RELIGIOUS</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Loretta Rosano	Rita Keblish
<b>SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 — SAINT CHARLES BORROME0, BISHOP</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Catherine Ruffalo	Rose
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Elizabeth & Lou Dellemonache	Family
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Ed Ramolt	Brother, Ron
<b>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 — THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Nicholas & Josephine Kulick	Daughter, Linda
Ascension	9:30am	Mary M. Badish	Paula Badish
Saint Philip	11:00am	Regis & Kathleen Kanavy	Family



# Notes from the Pastor

Greetings once again, and best wishes for a blessed month of November!

## Our Catholic Holy Days and holidays

**The season of Autumn is a favorite time of the year** for many of us - especially when the weather is moderate to warm - and sunny! Then again, this is Southwestern Pennsylvania where clouds and storms can always be expected to create cold, overcast, and rainy days.

**During this Autumn season, we also come to some of the most favorite Holy Days** and holidays of every calendar year - beginning with All Saints day on November 1, and then Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, the season of Advent, the Immaculate Conception Holy Day, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and then the Christmas celebration of Jesus' birth which we celebrate until the Solemnity of the Epiphany and the Baptism of Jesus!

**As this Year of Grace 2023 moves toward its conclusion**, we're reminded in these final two months of all the faith and goodness that fill our lives as the People of God!

**In this time of celebration, of homecoming and of giving thanks**, we begin by first honoring our ancestors in the Church who are listed among the many heroes of Christianity. For many of us who are Catholic Christians, All Saints Day is a favorite day in the Church Year. As we honor the Lord Jesus and renew our faith in Him, All Saints Day is a wonderful celebration and memorial for all the heroes of the Gospel and of our 2,000 years of Christian history.

**I hope that all of us have our favorite saint or saints.** It's to these outstanding men and women of our faith that we turn for inspiration, support and guidance. The strong and abiding faith of all the

saints inspires our own faith in the Lord Jesus. The work, service, and charity of all the saints hopefully inspire all of us to imitate their discipleship and their work for the Kingdom of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Immediately after the November 1 Solemnity of All Saints**, we then observe the Day of All the Faithful Departed (*or All Souls' Day*). Along with the entire month of November, All Souls Day is a very important day for us to remember our parents, grandparents, family members, friends and fellow members of the Church who are making their way home to our Creator and Lord. Most people forget our Christian belief that we are made for eternal life and a share in the Lord's Resurrection. Yet the reason why we place our mortal remains into cemeteries is to await the final Day of Resurrection when the Lord Jesus will raise us to new and glorious life in our transformed bodies.

**It's good and important that we remember and pray for** our family members and fellow disciples who've gone before us. It's beneficial to remember everything that those who are now deceased have shared with us. Also, it's a commendable Christian practice to visit the burial places of our beloved deceased during the month on November for a time of prayer.

**While so many people in our nation** are occupied with All Hallows' Eve on October 31, may we instead keep our attention fixed on All Saints Day and All Souls Day and the month of November - a month of gratitude and prayer for our ancestors and loved ones who've served the Lord - and us - with faith and generosity. May they all enjoy peace and rest in the presence of God until they and all of us are given a share in the glory and eternal life of God!

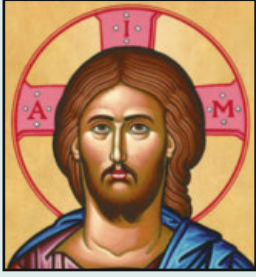
Best wishes for November and the coming holidays!

**Best wishes to you and to all in our Saint Philip Parish community for a safe and enjoyable November as all our Holy Days and 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!*

As we'll soon begin our *Forward in Faith!* Stewardship Program and appeal, it's good to reflect on the many blessings that are present in our parish community and life - blessings supported by you, our members, and our contributors. And so, once again, 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 many 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;
- 9.) dedicated members and families 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
- 10.) an excellent Saint Philip Parish community which remains a true beacon of Christian light, hope, holiness, and charity in this local area!

**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.

**Thank you so very much for sharing your life and years with our 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

"Eucharistic adoration is the greatest power in the universe, capable of transforming us and changing the face of the earth."

- St. Maximilian Kolbe,  
Knight of the Immaculata,  
and Martyr of Auschwitz



***Thank you  
for your generous  
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Your goodness and participation help to keep our parish alive!

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, October 29

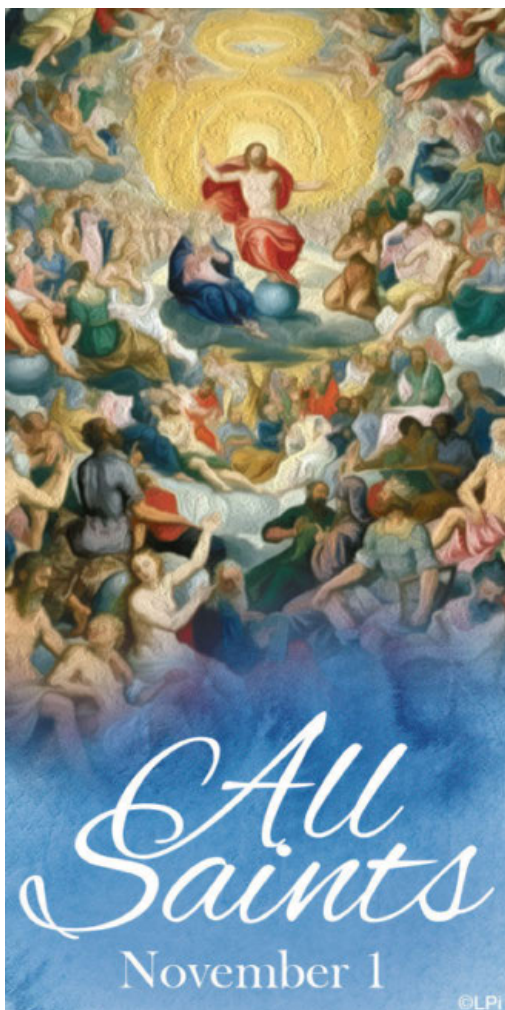
Exodus 22:20-26;  
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10;  
Matthew 22:34-40

### Weekdays

Romans 8-11;  
Luke 13-14

### Sunday, November 5

Malachi 1-2;  
1 Thessalonians 2:7-13;  
Matthew 23:1-12



## FINANCIAL REPORT



## OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collections, **October 21-22** -- \$7,220.00\*

*\* Includes Mail-in donations*

Online donations -- \$1,535.00

Maintenance donations -- \$185.00

Religious Education donations -- \$80.00

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

Parish income received since July 1, 2023 -- \$201,459.08

Parish fundraising since July 1, 2023 -- \$5,142.74

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

General donations since July 1, 2023 -- \$2,955.00\*\*

*\*\* The \$7972.42 donation from the Pittsburgh Foundation included in last week's total was designated for the St. Vincent DePaul Society.*

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 21-22 -- 735

Sunday envelopes used October 21-22 -- 261

Total households receiving envelopes -- 1,217

2023 Parish Appeal Goal -- \$129,011.00

Parish Appeal received as of October 22 -- \$186,026.66\*

*\* Includes online Parish Appeal donations*

2023 Parish Appeal Donors -- 352

## OUR NEW *Forward In Faith!* STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Beginning in mid-November, our parish will inaugurate a NEW Increased Offertory Program to (*hopefully*) increase the financial stewardship and support of our parish community now and in the years to come. Until then, please review all the life and blessings already present in Saint Philip Parish (*see Page 4 of this bulletin*) which we'd like to continue for many years!

Stay tuned for upcoming information - and please give some thought as to how you can help bolster Saint Philip Parish financially so we'll remain strong and vital for the next generation! Thank you very much in advance!

# FIRST QUARTER REPORT FOR THE 2023-2024 PARISH FISCAL YEAR provided by the Financial Staff of the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh

## 485001 - Saint Philip

(Quarter-1 2023/2024)

### OPERATING REVENUE:

Offertory Collections	174,816
Donations & Bequests	1,278
Fundraising	196
Other Income	6,486
	<b>182,776</b>

### OPERATING EXPENSE:

Administration	87,320
Operations & Maintenance	49,378
Liturgical & Rectory	32,251
Religious Ed & School Subsidy	29,810
Property & Liability Insurance	14,231
Social/ Outreach/ Other	2,108
	<b>215,098</b>

**OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT) (32,322)**

### NON-OPERATING ITEMS:

Extraordinary Maintenance Expense	(16,670)
Net Third Party Collections	5,482
Proceeds from Insurance Claim (Net)	(5,801)
	<b>(16,989)</b>

## FEATURED ASSETS and LIABILITIES at 9/30/2023

### ASSETS:

#### Unrestricted Funds:

Cash	190,617
Deposit & Loan Operating Savings	875,042
	<b>1,065,659</b>

#### Restricted Funds:

Deposit & Loan Restricted Savings	40,618
Deposit & Loan Restricted Campaign	9
Parish Endowment Investment	38,951
Other Investments	415
	<b>79,993</b>

### LIABILITIES:

Insurance Past Due	-
Deposit & Loan Borrowing Debt	-
Other Payables	-
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Our Diocesan Central Administration sends Quarterly and Final Financial Reports to each parish for inclusion in our parish bulletin. Here is the First Report for this Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Contributions have been good.

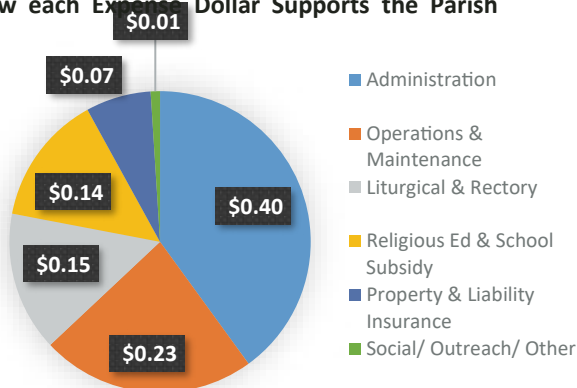
Thank you for your generosity which keeps Saint Philip Parish alive and doing well!

### Revenue vs. Expense for 7-1-2023 thru 9-30-2023

Revenue: **182,776**

Expense: **215,098**

### How each Expense Dollar Supports the Parish



**A Parish is much like a business. There are costs that keep the Parish running. The pie chart above details how your dollars are spent. The following line items include but are not limited to:**

Offertory Collections: Offertory, Parish Appeal

Campaign Income: Capital Imp., Debt Reduction, etc.

Other Income: Interest Income, Hall Rentals, Votive

Administration:

Staff, Office Supplies/Equipment, Management Fee

Operations & Maintenance:

Staff, Church Utilities, Upkeep, Taxes, Supplies

Religious Ed & School Subsidy:

Staff, Supplies, CCD, Adult Ed, RCIA, Elem School Grant

Liturgical & Rectory:

Staff, Worship Expense, Rectory Food, Utilities, Upkeep

Social/Outreach/Other:

Youth, Community, Net Rental Property, Preschool

Extraordinary Maintenance Expense:

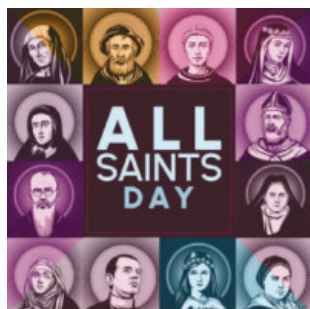
Purchases/Improvements over \$4,000

Net Third Party Collections:

e.g. St. Anthony's, Holy Land, Peter's Pence



# Prayer and Fellowship



## 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!



## 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

Next **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 **November 5**.



## 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!





# Parish News

## LIVE THE LITURGY: INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God became human to show us that only love can change the world. Let's not just believe in that love — let's be that love, each and every day.

## PRAYER - FOR EVERYDAY & EVERYBODY

### *Prayer for Our Deceased*

*Dear Lord,  
Comfort us in our grief as we mourn  
those no longer with us on earth.  
Free those in purgatory quickly,  
and guide us in Your will,  
so that one day we may all be united  
with You, for eternity. Amen.*

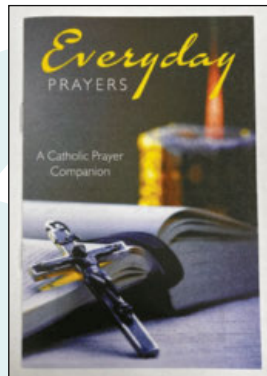
## PRAYING TOGETHER IN YOUR HOME

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 "Favorite Catholic 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!



## LOOKING AHEAD:

If you are interested in learning more about the following events, call 412-922-6388.

**Monday, October 30** - Faith Formation Family Night

**Monday, October 30** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Family Night and Tour of Sanctuary

**Tuesday, October 31** - *Happy Halloween*

**Wednesday, November 1** - Mental Health Ministry, 6:30pm at Ascension Hall

**Thursday, November 2** - Legion of Mary, 6:30pm in Ascension Rectory

**Friday, November 3** - Eucharistic Miracles of the World for Families

**Saturday, November 4** - Eucharistic Miracles of the World, 9:30am to 1:00pm & 4:00pm to 7:00pm

**Sunday, November 5** - Bishop Waltersheid celebrates 9:30am Liturgy

**Sunday, November 5** - Eucharistic Miracles of the World, 10:30am to 1:00pm

**Sunday, November 5** - Mass of Remembrance, 11:00am at Saint Philip

**Sunday, November 5** - Confirmation Retreat at St. Paul's Retreat Center, 2:00pm to 6:30pm

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Our Parish Office will be closed on **Wednesday, November 1** in observance of the Feast of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation. We will reopen on Thursday, November 2 at 9:00am.

## ELECTION DAY LUNCHEON/BAKE SALE

Election Day is Tuesday, November 7. We are asking all of our bakers to donate baked goods for our Election Day Luncheon and Bake Sale on Nov. 7 in Conner Hall from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

**Donations can be dropped off at Conner Hall from 5:30pm to 7:00pm on Monday, November 6.**

And remember, no matter where your polling place, you're welcome to stop by for lunch before or after voting.



# Best Wishes

## Farewell and best wishes to Father Larry Adams

Beginning Wednesday, November 1, our resident priest, Father Larry Adams, has been appointed Pastor of Saint Mary Magdalene Parish in Point Breeze, Homewood, and Wilkinsburg. Father Larry will also continue to serve on Bishop Zubik's staff (now part-time) in our Central Administration. The Bishop needs a good Pastor in the eastern area of Pittsburgh, and he's chosen a good Pastor in Father Larry Adams.



Father Larry has been a resident priest living in the Ascension rectory for the past two years, and he's been a blessing to our community in our weekly and daily Liturgies, in his Bible and Catechism in a Year programs, at our Lenten Fish Fry, and in many ways.

We will miss Father Larry, and we wish him many blessings in his new parish. **We'll bid Father Larry farewell at the Sunday, October 29, 9:30am Liturgy at Ascension. Many thanks, Father!**

## FEAST OF ALL SOULS

Following the Solemnity of All Saints is the Feast of All Souls. On this day, we are offered a very special opportunity to remember in prayer all of our beloved deceased and to pray that God will reward them for their good and holy lives.

Scripture tells us that it is a good and wholesome practice to pray for the dead. Believers constantly do this, for our deceased are never far from our sight when we pray for them. All the wonderful experiences of their lives come before us. We gratefully thank God for their influence of good in our lives.

The Church commemorates the Faithful Departed on November 2, the Feast of All Souls. **We will celebrate our annual All Souls Memorial Mass on Sunday, November 5 at the 11:00am Mass** at St. Philip Church to remember all those who were buried from our parish since last November 2022. Please consider joining us for this beautiful and touching Liturgy.



We offer our sympathy to the Families of **Joyce Dougan, Charles J. Strosnider, and Mary Margaret Weber** who entered into eternal life. Please keep them in your prayers.

## Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns *In Loving Memory of* **William & Genevieve McNally**  
Offered by Bill McNally

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **Ascension** burns *In Loving Memory of* **Anthony M. Tarullo**  
Offered by The Tarullo 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](http://www.saintphilipchurch.weshareonline.org).

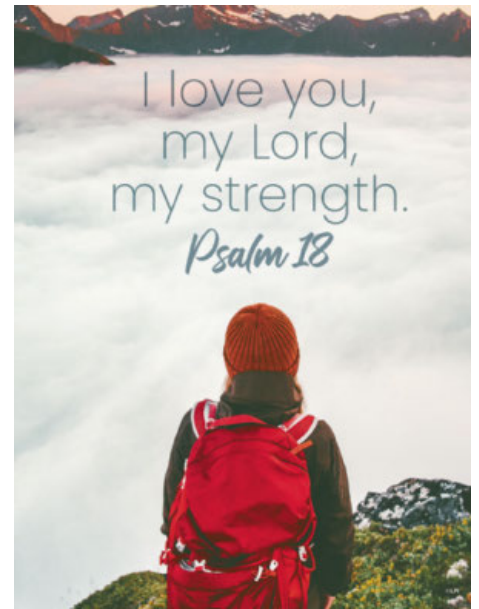
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# Faith Formation /Religious Education

Ms. MaryAnn Garfold, Director of Religious Education  
412-922-6388    [stphilipreligioused@gmail.com](mailto:stphilipreligioused@gmail.com)



**A NOTE FROM MARYANN:** Blessings as we enter this beautiful time of the year in our Church. This Sunday's readings from the Bible focus on love. The Gospel tells us that the greatest commandment calls us to love the Lord, our God, with all our heart, with all our soul and with all our mind. The second greatest commandment calls us to love our neighbor. I recently attended a National Conference where the theme was, "We Choose Love." One workshop focused on "What Is Love?"

In his First Letter to the Corinthians, chapter 13, Saint Paul describes love as patient, kind, not jealous, not rude etc. But he doesn't answer the question, "What Is Love?" Saint Thomas Aquinas provides us with a definition of love as, "Working hard to bring out the best in the other." This calls us to a life of forgiveness, generosity, sharing, prayer, and service done in the name of Jesus. It calls us to want happiness in heaven for all people, even those who have hurt us in some way. These are some thoughts for us to pray with as we move into All Saints and All Souls Day celebrations. The saints and our loved ones knew love and shared love. They were people of forgiveness, generosity, prayer and service. They shared the Good News of Jesus Christ with us. Perhaps this week we could remember our loved ones when we pray and call upon them to guide us to be people of Love.

**EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD:** On **Friday, November 3**, our students and your parents will have an opportunity to view the exhibit. We encourage all of our Faith Formation and Catholic School families to attend. For more information on the times that our students and your parents can attend, please call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388. Please note Friday night is only for Faith Formation and Catholic School children and their families.

A reminder that Confirmation students may earn credit for attending *Eucharistic Miracles of the World*.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** In order that Parents may focus upon 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 9:30 am at Ascension, November 12 at 9:30 am at Ascension, and November 26 at 11:00 am 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 Liturgy.

**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 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 412-922-6388.

#### COMING ATTRACTIONS:

- Our *Coffee, Tea and Community Breakfast* will be held on **Thursday, November 9 from 8:30am to 10:00am** in Ascension Conner Hall. Please call 412-922-6388 for reservations. Our spiritual topic is prayer and our general topic is the "Ministry of the Legion of Mary."
- *Children's Advent Night* is **Friday, December 1 from 5:30pm to 8:00pm**. Children will enjoy food, crafts, games, activities and a movie. Registration forms will appear in future bulletins or call 412-922-6388 for reservations.
- December *Mary's Tea* will be held on **Thursday, December 7 from 11:00am to 1:00pm** in Ascension Conner Hall. Call 412-922-6388 for reservations.



Saint Philip Faith Formation Family Night took place on Monday, October 16 in Kelty Hall. The families enjoyed a pizza supper followed by lessons on "*Following in the footsteps of the Saints.*" The evening included lessons on the Trinity, prayer and service accompanied by take home crafts and activities. Each child created a card to be taken to local nursing home residents. The evening concluded with a prayer. Our next Family Night is November 20 in Kelty Hall. For more information on our program, call 412-922-6388.







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## ***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  
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### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, better known as LIHEAP, will begin accepting applications for its 2023-2024 program year this **Wednesday, November 1 and will continue accepting applications through April 5, 2024.** If you, or someone you know, worries about how they will pay to heat their home this winter, LIHEAP is here to help.

LIHEAP provides households that meet certain income requirements with grants from \$300 to \$1000, which can be applied to your electric or gas account, depending on which one you use to heat your home. This money does not have to be paid back, and you can get the grant even if you are not behind on your heating bill. LIHEAP also helps people in emergency situations by providing monetary assistance of \$25 to \$1000 to avoid a shut off, restore a shut off utility, replenish heating fuel, and fix broken heating equipment. Qualifying households can receive one regular LIHEAP and one LIHEAP crisis grant per program year. Grants are available to both homeowners and renters.

Customers of any utility company can call the LIHEAP hotline at 1-866-857-7095 for additional information.

If you heat your home with electricity and are a Duquesne Light customer, visit [www.duquesnelight.com/account-billing/payment-assistance/liheap-grants](http://www.duquesnelight.com/account-billing/payment-assistance/liheap-grants) for more info, including ways to apply for LIHEAP.

If you heat your home with gas and are a Peoples Gas customer, please visit [www.peoples-gas.com/my-account/help-pay/](http://www.peoples-gas.com/my-account/help-pay/)

[pa/liheap.php](http://pa/liheap.php) for more information, including ways to apply for LIHEAP.

If you would like to apply for LIHEAP in person, the closest County Assistance Office is located at 5947 Penn Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15206. Please call the office at 412-562-0330 for office hours and to find out what information you will need to bring with you.

This week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a woman with \$479 toward her gas bill, and another woman was assisted with \$300 toward her rent. 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.

If you would like to make a donation of furniture or household goods, please call or text our hotline at 412-444-8140 or email us at [svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com](mailto:svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com). If you would like to donate clothing, shoes or accessories, please place your donation in the blue bins in front of the Hope House at St. Philip or in the rear parking lot at Ascension, or you can call, text or email us to arrange a pickup if you are unable to transport them yourself. Please do not place any other items in those bins or leave anything outside of them because they will be thrown away. If you are looking to purchase new or gently-used clothing, housewares or furniture, please shop at the St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores or visit [eshoppittsburgh.com](http://eshoppittsburgh.com).

As always, if you, or someone you know, need assistance, call/text our hotline at 412-444-8140 or email us at [svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com](mailto:svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com).



# Around the Diocese and Community

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

2023 Pittsburgh Catholic Women's Conference  
- November 11

The 2023 Joan of Arc Ministries Women's Conference, GLORY, will be held on November 11, 2023 at North Catholic High School. Join us for a day of amazing speakers, community with powerful women, and transformative prayer. Speakers will include Leticia Ochoa Adams (author, *Our Lady of Hot Messes*), Sr. Monica Spates, TOR, Lillian Fallon (author, *Theology of Style*) and Mrs. Heidi Potter. We are blessed to offer Eucharistic Adoration, confession, a quiet chapel for personal prayer, a time of prayer devoted to Our Lady, and a 4:00pm Vigil Mass. Early bird ticket price of only \$55 includes breakfast and lunch. Details and registration at [www.joanofarcministries.com](http://www.joanofarcministries.com).

## 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](http://HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 412-277-3434.

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