

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 November 5, 2023

31ST 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, NOVEMBER 4 — SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO, BISHOP			
Ascension	8:00am	Catherine Ruffalo	Rose
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Elizabeth & Lou Dellemonache	Family
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Ed Ramolt	Brother, Ron
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 — THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
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
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	George & Dona Petsel	Granddaughter & Family
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Maria Robson	Pat Rodgers
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Reif & Ceros Families	Susan & Mike Rust
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9 — THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA			
Ascension	8:00am	Frank Leone	Donna Leone
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10 — ST. LEO THE GREAT, POPE & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Dave Staherski	Wife, Valerie
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 — SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of Saint Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	2:00pm	Wedding - Brandon N. Schneider and Haley N. Loesch	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Denk & Moses Families	Evelyn Moses
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Frank Leone	Donna Leone
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 — THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Harry Phillips & Family	Family
Ascension	9:30am	Joseph J. Hoegle	Family
Saint Philip	11:00am	Margaret M. Burlikowski	Albert Burlikowski
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 November!

May I be of service?

Most of us who participate in the Liturgy on Sundays, Saturday evenings, or weekdays (that is, those of us who are 18 years of age and older) can probably remember our years in high school. We can probably recall one of the important questions asked of us by our teachers and counselors throughout our four years leading up to final graduation.

The question to which I'm referring is of course this one: "So, (*insert your name*), what would you like to make of your life? What would you like to become as an adult?"

That topic probably unnerved more than a few of us (including myself) as we tried to think about our future, our abilities, and our interests while still being very young.

Some probably responded "I want to be a doctor, or an attorney, or a scientist, or an engineer, or an educator!" A few may have answered by saying "I'd like to be a good spouse and parent." Others may have responded "I have NO idea just yet!"

I have a feeling that NO ONE ever said "I want to be a servant of others. That's right, I want to be a servant of others!"

In our cultural history, being a servant was left to those who couldn't accomplish something "more important or significant". Being a servant was reserved for those who

weren't well educated or "weren't raised in a good family."

However, for us as Catholic Christians, being a servant of others is one of our highest and most honored vocations in the eyes of the Lord. Jesus calls us in this Sunday's Gospel teaching to humble ourselves if we are to be His friends and co-workers. The Lord calls us to always be servants - servants of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit - and servants of one another. Jesus Himself is, before all else, the Divine Servant - the very Son of God who became the Servant of all humanity and who redeemed all people in the eyes of God.

Jesus is the Divine Servant who became one of us to bring healing, hope, compassion, love, life, and all the blessings of Almighty God to all who will accept what Jesus offers. Jesus served many in His own lifetime - and throughout these past twenty centuries. Jesus continues to be the Divine Servant to all of us today as well.

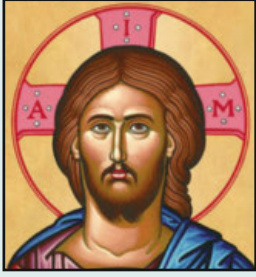
Just as Jesus is still our Divine Servant, may we imitate the Lord by fashioning ourselves into true and humble servants of others - our spouses and children, our parents and siblings, our friends and fellow Christians, our neighbors and yes, even strangers and especially the poor. If being a Servant was Jesus' preferred role in this world, then we can do NO better than to emulate Jesus - and to imitate His amazing life by being humble servants to those around us.

Best wishes for November and our month of remembrance!

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

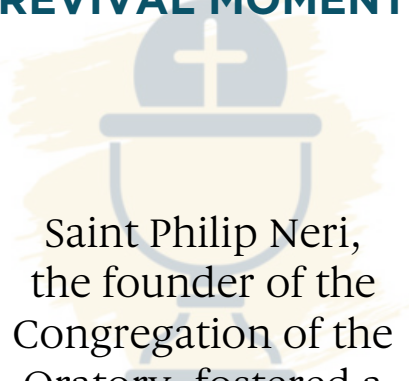
As we'll soon begin our *Forward in Faith!* Stewardship Program and appeal, it's good to reflect on the many blessings that are present in our parish community and life - blessings supported by you, our members, and our contributors. And so, once again, here in Saint Philip Parish, we have:

- 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



Saint Philip Neri, the founder of the Congregation of the Oratory, fostered a spirit of reparation as he re-evangelized the people of Rome in 1551. He promoted the Forty Hours Devotion, a solemn period of Eucharistic Adoration said to signify the time that our Lord lay in the tomb.

***Thank you
for your generous
financial
contributions to***

**SAINT PHILIP
PARISH!**



Your goodness and participation help to keep our parish alive!

In Memoriam

In this month of November, the Church remembers all who have walked the way of Christ and passed from this life. A special Liturgy will be celebrated this Sunday, November 5, at 11:00am as we pray for all those who were buried from our parish since last November 2022. Individual candles will be lit in honor of each of the deceased. Let us continue to pray for our deceased loved ones. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.



Charles Buzon
Sylvia Olechowicz
John Yorkgitis
Thelma McKnight
Rita Schrey
Maureen (Dean) Stewart
Santo Rea
Mary S. Marino
Roseann B. Finnerty
Bernadette A. (Quinn) Bigger
Francis R. Kronz
Joan Rich
Mary Perkins
Howard Kelly
Patricia Urbanic
William Earnharth
Joseph E. Richter
Anna Kaczmarek
Margaret Sabatowski
Samuel M. Palombini
Paul Kannenburg

Eleanor Klemmer
James P. O'Brien
Clara Parke
Arlene Smith
Renee Thompson
Mary J. Pekich
Florence A. Cicola
Rose Michelotti
Helen A. Adamo
Charles Scarantino
Thomas Malone
Theresa Kranick
Mary Louise Reynolds
Ann Lovell
Adam Kinzler
Brian J. Cox
Michael E. Grasso
Michael J. Reilly
Johnathan Kerns
Kathleen A. McVicker
Violet Remp
James D. Lucot, Sr.

Carol Arduini
Christina Cain
Raymond Muckian
Mary Theresa White
Mary Ellen Trageser
Theresa Kaczmarek
Robert Vitale
Rosemary Duffy
Leah Gerger
Michael T. McKittnick
Arthur H. Butter
Gerard R. Bey, Jr.
Anna M. Gasper
Margaret C. Irwin
Mary Jane Liberto
Esther Bigger
Charles D. Evans
Mary Margaret Weber
Charles J. Strosnider
Joyce Dougan
Eileen Clancy

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*



BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 5

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

Weekdays

Romans 8-11; Luke 13-14

Sunday, November 12

Wisdom 6:12-16;
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18;
Matthew 25:1-13



Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces.

Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever.
Amen.

- The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

FINANCIAL REPORT OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collections, **October 28-29** -- 7,286.00*

* Includes Mail-in donations

Online donations -- \$1,550.00

Maintenance donations -- \$835.00

Religious Education donations -- \$71.00

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

Parish income received since July 1, 2023 -- \$211,201.08

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

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

General donations since July 1, 2023 -- \$3,155.00

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 28-29 -- 654

Sunday envelopes used October 28-29 -- 266

Total households receiving envelopes -- 1,217

2023 Parish Appeal Goal -- \$129,011.00

Parish Appeal received as of October 29 -- \$186,311.66*

* 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!

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

This 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 this Sunday, November 5 at 11:00am.



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. **When we come to the First Sunday of Advent, December 2-3**, we'll turn again to the music page at your seats, and together we'll pray 3 favorite Catholic prayers as a way to focus our minds and hearts on the Liturgy.

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 better focus on the Liturgy -- as well as more prayer in our daily Christian living and at home as families!



THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

During 2023, our Diocesan Church of Pittsburgh and the entire Catholic Church in America are celebrating a Year of the Eucharist. In recent years, the bishops of the United States have decided that our entire nation should conduct a **Eucharistic Revival** to renew our faith in Jesus and our appreciation of his sacred gift of the Eucharist.

We are all encouraged to give time to Jesus in our Eucharistic Adoration and to cherish Jesus' truly important gift of the Eucharist in each of our Sunday and weekday Liturgies. As Jesus' Eucharist and our Holy Communion fill us with divine life and grace, may we always be grateful for the Body and Blood of the Lord which gives us a share in the very life of God. May we renew and profess our faith in the Lord and his Eucharist every day of this year, and may we receive all the blessings and divine grace of Jesus as his friends, as his co-workers, and as his holy Catholic Church. Amen.



Parish News

LIVE THE LITURGY: INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Christ turns the way of the world upside down: the great become the small and the honored ones become humble. Be small, and you will feel His greatness. Be humble, and you will know the honor of Heaven.



VISITING OUR FAMILY MEMBERS AT THEIR PLACES OF REST

A very traditional Catholic Christian practice is to regularly visit the graves of our grandparents, parents, family members and friends throughout each year - and especially during this month of November.

These are our loved ones who gave life to us - and who shared life with us for years. They are truly important to each one of us!

As Christian disciples, we firmly believe that they - and all of us - live on eternally in the Lord. We retain their remains in cemeteries in anticipation of the Day of Resurrection when Jesus will raise them - and us - to a new and everlasting life in a restored and glorified body.

In this time of waiting for our final reunion, we do well to visit the resting places of our deceased loved ones and to pray for their eternal rest, and peace, and salvation!

LOOKING AHEAD:

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

Monday, November 6 - Faith Formation, 6:30pm on Saint Philip campus

Tuesday, November 7 - Election Day

Wednesday, November 8 - *Mental Health Ministry* in Ascension Hall, 6:30pm

Thursday, November 9 - Free *Coffee, Tea and Community Breakfast*, 8:30am to

10:00am in Ascension Conner Hall with Prayer Spiritual Topic: *Ministry-Showcase*

Saturday, November 11 - Veterans Day



We offer our congratulations and best wishes to: **Michael J. Kimmel and Heather N. Metro** who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage at St. Philip Parish on October 7, 2023. May God bless them as they begin their lives together.

ELECTION DAY LUNCHEON/BAKE SALE

Join us on November 7 from 9:00am to 2:00pm in Conner Hall. Donations of baked goods can be dropped off on **Monday, November 6 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm in Conner Hall**. And remember, no matter where your polling place, you're welcome to stop by before or after voting.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank all who, baked, worked and partonized the October 14 Flea Market, Bake Sale and Luncheon. Through your efforts, we were able to raise **\$3,909.49** (*proceeds from the Flea Market*), **\$651.00** (*proceeds from the Bake Sale*), and **\$386.25** (*proceeds from the Luncheon*). We are grateful for your continued support of our parish's fundraisers.

Best Wishes

On Sunday, October 29, our Saint Philip Parish community bid farewell and best wishes to Father Larry Adams as he today becomes the new Pastor of Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Parish in eastern Pittsburgh. A farewell reception was held in Conner Hall. May the Lord bless him and his new community!



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

You are invited to take part in the annual *Christmas Giving Tree*, which will be up the weekend of November 18 & 19 at both Saint Philip and Ascension churches. **Gifts should be returned by Sunday, December 3 and must be in a gift bag with tag attached.** The *Giving Tree* is a wonderful opportunity to help families in need by helping them provide Christmas presents for their children and to give a little Christmas joy to the elderly and homebound.

Some agencies that benefit from your generosity are: the Crafton Food Bank, our Sister Parish in Tunnelton, WV, Catholic Charities, F.O.R. (McKees Rocks), Back Pack for Kids (Sheraden), as well as our Parish's shut-ins and residents in nursing homes. We thank you in advance for your Christmas charity.



Rest in Peace

We offer our sympathy to the families of **Eileen Clancy** and **Geraldine "Gerry" Clark**, 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 The Carson & Dulick Families*
Offered by Tamara Dulick

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *In Loving Memory of Paul Korol*
Offered by Wife, Claudia

ADVERTISER of the Week

MURPHY'S FAMILY DENTISTRY

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.

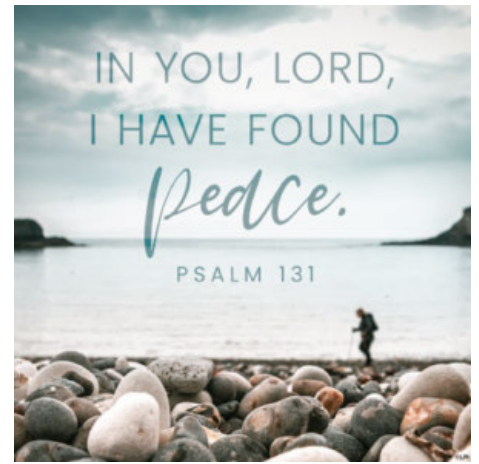
Thank you!





Faith Formation / Religious Education

Ms. MaryAnn Garfold, Director of Religious Education
412-922-6388 stphilpreligioused@gmail.com



A NOTE FROM MARYANN: Blessings as we enter this wonderful month of November. This time of year we remember the Saints in heaven with All Saints Day last Wednesday and the saints that lived among us in our friends and relatives with All Souls Day last Thursday. As we consider the Saints, we can spend some time looking at the Myths of Sainthood from the book, 5 Things with Father Bill. Father writes, *“Some people feel the way to become a saint is just to die, as if a life of heroic virtue means nothing.”* So, perhaps it’s time to clear up some misunderstanding with five myths of sainthood:

- 1. Popes don’t “make” saints.** Rather the Pope solemnly declares someone to be among those who are models and intercessors for the whole Church. He recognizes them to be in heaven either because they were martyrs or lived lives of heroic virtue.
- 2. Catholics don’t worship saints.** We give God alone glory and adoration. We honor saints for the way they have lived their lives devoted to Jesus. It teaches the rest of us how to be better.
- 3. Saints aren’t middlemen and-women.** Why do we need a middleman when we can just go straight to Jesus? Jesus is our one mediator but if I have a special need, I would not think twice about asking a friend to pray for me. My friends help me carry my load to the one who can help me unburden it. In the Book of Revelation, we hear that before the throne of God there are “gold bowls filled with incense,” which are the prayers of the saints. (Rev. 5:8). Why not have the holy ones fill their bowls with your prayers?
- 4. It’s not that God doesn’t answer.** “I prayed and nothing happened.” When nothing happens, it does not mean that the saints were asleep at the wheel or that God doesn’t care. God never says no. He says, “I have something better.” Pray to gain trust in His will.
- 5. Saints aren’t superheroes with magical powers.** Many people think that saints are different than us ordinary humans, as if they had magical powers on earth. No! They were people like you and me who just tried really hard to trust in Christ and let His love flow through them. Jesus calls all of us to be saints.

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 **Thursday, 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.

COMING ATTRACTIONS:

Our second meeting of our new *Mental Health Ministry* will be **Wednesday, November 8 at 6:30pm** in Ascension Conner Hall. The group will consider the stages of mental health and mental illness and how to support those we love who are in crisis. Snacks and beverages will be served.

Our *Coffee, Tea and Community Breakfast* will be held on **Thursday, November 9 from 8:30am to 10:00am** in Ascension Conner Hall. Call 412-922-6388 for reservations. Our spiritual topic is prayer and our general topic is the Ministry of the Legion of Mary and the many happenings in our Parish.

DECEMBER HAPPENINGS:

Friday, December 1: *Children's Advent Night* is at 8:00pm in Ascension Church Hall. Children will enjoy food, crafts, games, activities and a movie. Registration forms will appear in the bulletin or call 412-922-6388.

Wednesday, December 13: *Parish Advent Evening of Prayer: The Three Wise Women* from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in Ascension Church with Christmas treats of cookies and cakes to follow in the hall.

Monday, December 18: *Faith Formation Family Night: A Night in Bethlehem* from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in Ascension Church Hall. Families will enjoy a pizza supper. Evening includes crafts, sweet treats, Christmas stories, a gift for each child and a sing-a-long in church. All are welcome. Call 412-922-6388 for reservations.

SAINT PHILIP FAITH FORMATION

Class is held on Monday night from 6:30pm to 7:45pm on the Saint Philip campus. Each primary grade has a catechist and an aide. The children are learning about God the Father, creation, the 10 Commandments and the Trinity.





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!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

If you, or someone you know, need major home repairs or modifications to make your home more accessible, the Allegheny County Whole-Home Repairs Program may be able to help.

In order to qualify, you must own and live in a home in Allegheny County and have a household income that does not exceed the following limits: \$56,250/year for 1 person; \$64,250/year for 2 people; \$72,300 for 3 people; and \$80,300 for four people. Your home must be in need of a major repair, such as foundation work, new windows, roof, electrical repairs, etc., or your home must need modifications made in order to accommodate someone in the house who is living with a disability.

Unfortunately, due to funding limitations, not everyone that applies will be accepted into the program. If your application is accepted, the repairs and/or accommodations will be done at no cost to you by a program-certified contractor. To apply or to find out more information about the Allegheny County Whole-Home Repairs Program, visit <https://actionhousing.org/our-services/allegheny-county-whole-home-repairs-program> or call 412-248-0021. Applications must be submitted by Friday, November 17 at 4:00pm. Please do not let this opportunity pass you by if you are in need of a major home repair or disability accommodation!

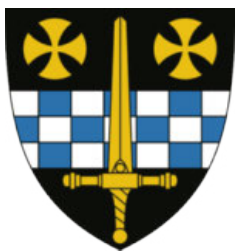
This week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a single mother with 3 beds, 2 dressers and a household goods voucher; a single mother was given a chair and a dresser; a woman was given a table and chairs, end table

and a living room chair; a man was given living room and dining room furniture; a man was assisted with \$192 toward rent; a single mother was given a futon bed; a woman was given \$542 to restore her gas service; a household was given a couch and end tables; a single mother was assisted with \$203 toward her electric bill; and a man was given emergency food. Thank you for allowing us to serve our neighbors in need!

If you would like to make a monetary donation or a donation of \$10 Giant Eagle gift cards, please place your donation in one of the poor boxes, mail them to the parish office at 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15205, or donate at <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. 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 and visit our online store at eshoppittsburgh.com. Also, we are always looking for volunteers! Any donation of your time is extremely valuable to us. If you'd like to join us in helping our friends in need or just want to learn more, please call, text or email us for more information.

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Around the Diocese and Community



Families with children of any age are invited to spend some time with Jesus as Archangel Gabriel Parish hosts Eucharistic Adoration for Children & Families on **Friday, November 17, from 1:30pm to 3:30pm** at Holy Trinity Church (5718 Steubenville Pike, Robinson Twp, PA 15136). Registration is not required but is requested. Sign up for a 15-minute shift online at ArchangelGabrielParish.org/FamilyAdoration.

It's an opportunity to introduce your children to Adoration in an environment where they are free to move around, ask questions, and not worry about disturbing others. Feel free to bring books or anything that will make your children feel like welcome guests in God's house. Resources will also be available at the church, including parent guides, prayers, and coloring and activity pages. For more information, contact Isabella Parrish at iparrish@archangelgabrielparish.org.

ADDICTION RECOVERY MINISTRY

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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The 2023 Pittsburgh Catholic Women's Conference is **Saturday, November 11**.

The 2023 Joan of Arc Ministries Women's Conference, GLORY, will be held on November 11 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.

THANK you!

Thank you for your generous response to the parish diaper drive! You gave more than 3,000 diapers and over 8,000 wipes to the families being served by Roselia Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program, run by Catholic Charities of Pittsburgh. They were so excited and grateful to receive the donations!

If you missed the chance to give or would like to give again in the future, it's not too late. The Roselia Program has an online wish list at Amazon, allowing you to send diapers and other needed supplies directly to them. Find it at <https://a.co/00e3V6E> or point your smartphone camera at this QR code.





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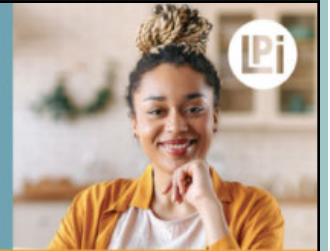
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