



Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

OFFICE HOURS

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

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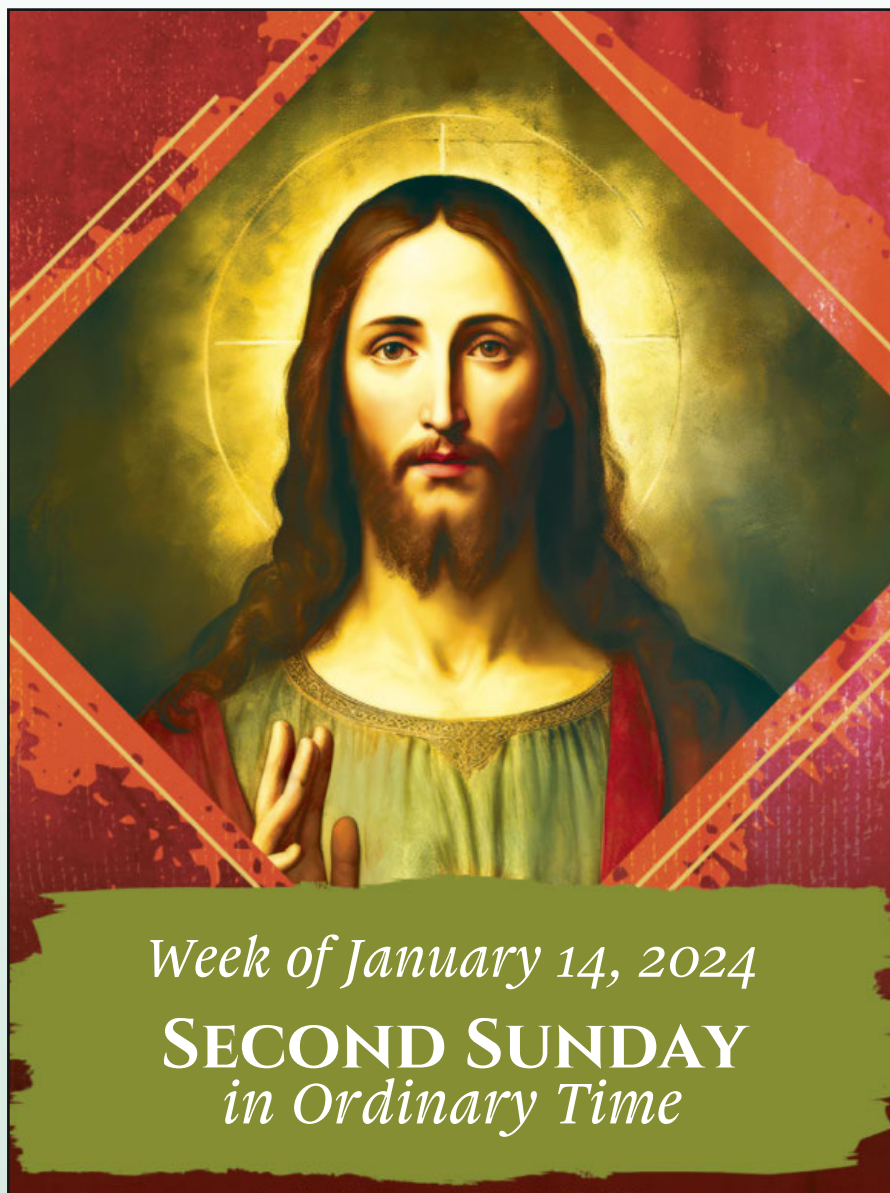
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Saint Philip Office (412) 922-6300
 Faith Formation Office (412) 922-6388
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CRISIS SUPPORT/SUICIDE PREVENTION

24-Hour Lifeline Dial 988
 Resolve Crisis Network 1-888-796-8226



Week of January 14, 2024

SECOND 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*.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA): 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, JANUARY 13 — SAINT HILARY, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Betsy & Lou DelleMonache	Family
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Richard Fettig	Wife
SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 — SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Mr. & Mrs. John Kimes	Mr. & Mrs. Larry Franklin
Ascension	9:30am	Sam Palombini	Kathy, Susie, Jo & Sammy
Saint Philip	11:00am	Bowen Family	Greg & Jeannie Shumovich
MONDAY, JANUARY 15 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	James M. O'Connor, Sr.	Wife, Cathy
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	The Walter Cielecy Family	James & Mary Kay (Cielecy) Potanko
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17 — SAINT ANTHONY, ABBOT			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Luigi Rea	Wife & Children
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Samuel F. Barker	Family
FRIDAY, JANUARY 19 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Nicholas & Rita Torquato	Family
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Bill Solt	Carol Solt
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Bill McNabb	McNabb Family
SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 — THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	John P. & Ellen R. O'Toole	O'Toole Family
Ascension	9:30am	Cynthia Killmeyer Laughlin	Julia
Saint Philip	11:00am	George Oleck	Michael Oleck

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 good month of January!

Back to the beginning

We began the 2024 Church Year in early December with the first Sunday of Advent. Then the Advent season was observed both to prepare us for the final return of the Lord and to get us ready for our annual celebration of Jesus' birth during the Christmas Season.

I hope that those first six weeks of the new Church Year 2024 were blessed and enjoyable for everyone in our community! Now we move from that "new beginning" to yet another "new beginning."

During these first weeks of Ordinary (numbered) Time, we hear once again of the beginning of Jesus' public ministry following His Baptism in the Jordan River. In a very simple and humble beginning, Jesus inaugurated the Kingdom of God by drawing His first apostles and disciples to Himself. In His preaching and miraculous healings, Jesus brought the divine life and love of God to the people of Israel and surrounding lands.

Each year, it's very good for us to remember the simple, humble beginning of Jesus' ministry as well as the essence of His Good News of God's compassionate and merciful love for the people of this world. In the 2000 years which have followed, the Gospel and the Kingdom of the Lord have grown under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Today the presence

and life of the Lord and His holy Church are found in every land and every age. Today alone, there are more than 2 billion baptized disciples of the Lord Jesus living in our world!

And yet, we're being told today by Church leaders and Catholic commentators that we should approach this current time and society as if we're back at the beginning once again. We're told that the Church's situation today is comparable to the time of Jesus and the first generation of Christianity - a time when very few people knew the message of Jesus and when the Gospel of Christ was first being heard and received by the pagans of the first century.

We see the true reality of our situation today when the majority of people reject even the mention of Jesus and of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In so many ways, our society and our nation have become pagan once again. Likewise, there's an unbelievable disdain for all things Catholic and Christian among most members of our younger generations of those 50 years of age and younger.

In response, we're called to remember the humble beginnings of Christianity in Jesus' solitary ministry. We're reminded too that the first Christians were only a small number. The number of dedicated Catholic Christians is much smaller in this generation, but we're called to be true and faithful to the Lord Jesus. While it may seem at times that we've gone back to the beginning of the Kingdom, we should remember just how significant is the presence and heritage of the Church around the world.

At the same time, we should accept that most people no longer know about our faith and our life. We should patiently evangelize our family members and neighbors. We should invite others in our daily lives to turn off the world and to instead turn to the Lord and his

holy people for life, love, meaning, guidance, and salvation.

The Lord Jesus and his Gospel and his Church are the one true hope for humanity. As always, the mission ahead of us is a daunting one, but it isn't hopeless if we trust in the Lord and the Spirit. May we remember the humble beginnings of Jesus' own ministry, and may we, like the Lord, be courageous and dedicated to God and the salvation that is offered to all who would be the Lord's people in the Kingdom!

Best wishes for a blessed 2024!

Best wishes to you and to all in our Saint Philip Parish community for a very good 2024 as we continue our life in the Lord Jesus. May the Son of God bless you, your family, and our Saint Philip Catholic Parish community throughout this year. Amen!

Yours, Father Jim Torquato

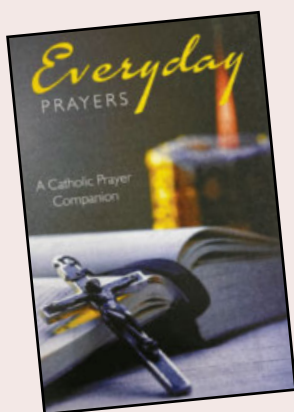


We're often reminded that all married and engaged couples need support and encouragement as you together make your journey through this life to God's Kingdom.

For the New Year 2024, please consider adopting this resolution: as husbands and wives, resolve to share at least SEVEN hugs and/or kisses EVERY DAY throughout 2024!

Yes, that may seem to be asking a lot, but it's a pastoral prescription meant to rekindle and keep alive the love and romance which brought couples to your wedding day and to your commitment to one another. Begin slowly if necessary, and then build up to SEVEN hugs and/ or kisses every day in the months ahead.

You and your family will all hopefully appreciate and benefit from this New Year's Resolution and activity!



Our Daily Prayer at Home

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!

Please keep with you (or in your residence) the small booklet Favorite Catholic Prayers which was made available to all our members and families in October. Every day, it's good to make time for prayer at home - alone and with your family members.

Please turn OFF your television and the internet, and spend time with the Lord each day. You, your family, and our parish community will all greatly benefit from your daily time in prayer!

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 14

1 Samuel 3:3-19;
1 Corinthians 6:13-20;
John 1:35-42

Weekdays

1 Samuel 15:24;
Mark 2-3

Sunday, January 21

Jonah 3:1-10;
1 Corinthians 7:29-31;
Mark 1:14-20

Grateful for your increased support!

During our 2023 **Forward in Faith!** Appeal, many of our parish families pledged a commitment to increase your weekly and monthly financial support for our parish community! Thank you for your dedication to Saint Philip Parish now and in the next generation.

Your increased contributions will soon be seen in our weekly collection totals and in the total parish income for this fiscal year. Should anyone need a reminder of the amount that you pledged, please contact our parish during weekly office hours.

Once again, thank you all for your support of our Catholic parish community - and for your dedication to and support of Saint Philip Parish today and in the years ahead.

FINANCIAL REPORT



OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collections, **December 23-24** -- \$9,484.11

** Includes Mail-in donations*

Online donations -- \$2,327.50

Maintenance donations -- \$125.00

Religious Education donations -- \$97.00

Flowers -- 40.00

Sunday collections, **December 25** -- \$2,054.68

** Includes Mail-in donations*

Religious Education donations -- \$25.00

Christmas -- \$11,699.00

Sunday collections, **December 30-31** -- \$15,702.00

** Includes Mail-in donations*

Online donations -- \$1,984.50

Religious Education donations -- \$60.00

Christmas -- \$1,117.00

Holy Day -- \$1,646.00

Children & Youth, December 23-24 -- \$3,783.00

Children & Youth, December 25 -- \$1,499.00

Children & Youth, December 30-31 -- \$95.00

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

Parish income received since July 1, 2023 -- \$364,449.02

Parish fundraising since July 1, 2023 -- \$9,715.64

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

General donations since July 1, 2023 -- \$4,920.00

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

Average weekly maintenance/operation expenses -- \$1,723.43

Average weekly utility expenses -- \$2,204.45

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 December 23-24 -- 640

Sunday envelopes used December 23-24 -- 269

Church attendance on December 25 -- 1,437

Christmas envelopes used December 25 -- 381

Church attendance on December 30-31 -- 715

Sunday envelopes used December 30-31 -- 263

Church attendance on January 6-7 -- 599

Total households receiving envelopes -- 1,090

2023 Parish Appeal Goal -- \$129,011.00

Parish Appeal received as of December 31 -- \$207,304.68*

** Includes online Parish Appeal donations*

2023 Parish Appeal Donors -- 352



Parish News

THE 2024 FOOD BANK RELOCATION



During 2022 and 2023, the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank held a monthly food distribution for West End families here on our Ascension campus.

Beginning this month, the Food Bank has relocated their operation to Sheraden at Langley K-8 located at 2940 Sheraden Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15204. The number of families coming here for the monthly food distribution has grown to the point where even our large site cannot accommodate both those who were pre-registered and those who came without registering.

Please see the Ministries notice on Page 11 to learn more or call the Pittsburgh Community Food Bank (412-460-3663) for more information on locations, days and times.



Please welcome into our faith family... **Ellianna Grace Dunn** and **Noah Matthew Dunn**, the children of Brian Matthew and Kristen Kelly Shorts Dunn, who received the Life of Christ in Baptism in our parish on Sunday, January 7, 2024. May they grow in wisdom, age, and grace.

Bereavement MINISTRY



Our Bereavement Support Group meets on the third Thursday of each month from 2:00pm to 3:00pm in Conner Hall on the Ascension Campus. We spend about an hour together hearing each other's stories with compassion and loving support. This is not a psychotherapy group but fellow parishioners who care for one another and support one another as we travel through the grief process together. You may come alone or bring someone with you. **Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, January 18.** Please consider joining us.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

To receive a copy of your contributions to Saint Philip Parish for 2023, please fill in the form below. If you wish your statement to be sent via email, please provide your email on the form. If you would like your statement to be sent through the U.S. Postal Service, please include a self addressed stamped envelope with the form. Thank you for your cooperation.

2023 IRS Contribution Statement

Yes, I would like a copy of my 2023 Contributions to St. Philip Parish.

Envelope # _____ Phone #: _____

Name _____

Email _____

Send by Postal Service to:

Address _____



FISH, FISH, FISH!

Our preparations for the 2024 Parish Fish Fry have begun! Our coordinators are putting all the details into place so that we'll be ready for an excellent launch with our first Fish Fry evening on Ash Wednesday, February 14.

Please mark your calendars for this year's Lenten Fish Fry evenings, and be sure to invite all of your family members, relatives, and friends to join us on February 14 and the seven Fridays of Lent.

Our veteran volunteers are most welcome to join us once again this year. If you'd like to become a NEW Fish Fry volunteer, please leave a message at our parish office (412-922-6300) this week. *We'll provide a purple Fish Fry shirt for you to be worn during our Fish Fry evenings.* Our volunteers always enjoy these evenings of community service, and our many guests truly appreciate the service and goodness of our many Fish Fry volunteers!

NEXT WEEKEND - SECOND COLLECTION

The Diocese of Pittsburgh is home to two nationally recognized educational programs for children with special needs: **St. Anthony School Programs** and **DePaul School for Hearing and Speech** (formerly known as DePaul Institute).

DePaul School for Hearing and Speech teaches children who are deaf or hard of hearing to listen, speak, and learn. St. Anthony School Programs provide inclusive education to children with Down Syndrome, Autism Spectrum Disorder, and other special needs. Together, DePaul School and St. Anthony's empower their students to become active members of their communities.

Through our donations, we can also support the spiritual and academic growth of these students. Proceeds from this collection will be credited to our 2023 Parish Share assessment. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Rest in Peace

We offer our sympathy to the families of **Mary Margaret Baker, Amy L. Spezialetti, Brian Frankowski, and Mary Ann Merville** 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*
Ed & Lena Barth
Offered by Children

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **Ascension** burns *In Loving Memory of*
Living & Deceased Members of the
Waigand Family
Offered by Sister Betty



LAKEWOOD MECHANICAL, INC.

Thank you for helping to underwrite the production of our weekly Parish Bulletin.

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.



Faith Formation /Religious Education

Ms. MaryAnn Garfold, Director of Religious Education
412-922-6388 m.garfold@saintphilipparish.com

A NOTE FROM MARYANN: *"Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will."* What a wonderful prayer to begin the New Year. The First Reading for this Sunday calls us to listen for the Lord's call and to respond as we reflect on the Scripture, *"Speak Lord, for your servant is listening."* Our first consideration when we encounter this Reading might be to ask ourselves, *"How am I listening to hear God's call?"* In our Faith Formation Children's Program, we teach children and families that God speaks to us in several ways. He speaks to us through nature. He speaks to us in Scripture. He speaks to us in the Sacraments. He speaks to us in silent and communal prayer and He speaks to us through others.

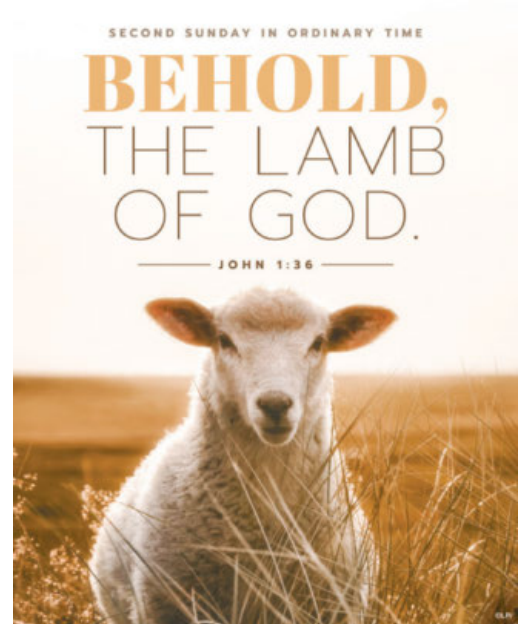
As adults, do we seek to hear God in these ways? Do we take a moment when we see something beautiful in our environment to stop and acknowledge God's presence? Do we read and reflect upon the Word of God sometime each week? Do we participate in the Sacraments, especially the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist on a regular basis? Do we have time for silence and prayer each day? Do we bring Christ to others in our conversation and do we recognize the Christ in others? As we begin 2024, perhaps we could consider spending some additional time by "listening" to the Lord in one of the many ways God speaks to us.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

There will be a ***Family Catechetical Session*** hosted by catechists Bob Bertocchi and Joe Allen on **Monday, January 15 at Ascension Hall**. It will begin with a pizza supper at 6:30pm followed by *"Who wants to be a Millionaire Disciple?"* With 4 teams of students vs. parents. This promises to be a fun evening.

CONFIRMATION ANNOUNCEMENT:

The ***Sacrament of Confirmation*** will be celebrated on **Sunday, April 21 at the 11:00am Mass in Saint Philip church** with Bishop William Waltersheid presiding. As part of the immediate preparation 8th grade students will be assisting with service opportunities throughout the parish and community. In addition, there will be a ***Family Service Night*** on **Monday, March 4 from 6:30pm to 7:45pm** and a field trip to the ***Historical Churches of Pittsburgh*** on **Sunday, March 10**. Please pray for our Confirmation candidates as they continue their time of study, prayer and service.



FAITH FORMATION PLEASE NOTE

There will be NO faith formation sessions on MONDAY, JANUARY 29 due to mandated catechist training by the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Sessions will resume on **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5.**



MARDI GRAS



MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION:

On **Monday, February 12**, Saint Philip Parish will host our annual **Mardi Gras celebration**. There will be a pancake dinner, disc jockey, table games, dessert, Kings' Cake as well as time to greet old and new friends. All members of the parish are welcome. All ages welcome. Please call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388 if you would like to attend.

ADULT CONFIRMATION:

The *Sacrament of Confirmation* will be celebrated on **Sunday, April 21 at the 11:00am Mass in Saint Philip Church**. If you are a high school student or adult who has not completed the Sacraments of Initiation and would like to be Confirmed, please contact the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388. Preparation time would be according to your needs and schedule.

BAPTISM:

We are accepting Baptism requests. If you would like information on having your child baptized at Saint Philip Parish, call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Children's Liturgy is celebrated on the **second Sunday of each month at 9:30am Mass in Ascension Church**. It is celebrated on the **fourth Sunday of each month at the 11:00am Mass in Saint Philip Church**.

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY:

Saint Philip Mental Health Ministry had its' first session of the New Year on Wednesday, January 10. At that time we considered the Church's view of suffering and "*What is Recovery?*" The next session will be held on **Wednesday, February 7 at 6:30pm in Ascension Hall**. All are welcome. The topic will be, "*Companioning Those with Mental Health Concerns*."

Throughout the Christmas Season, individuals placed the names of loved ones and friends who experienced challenges to their mental health on the prayer boards at the entrances to church. At this time, those names have been given to the Sisters of Saint Francis of the Providence of God and will be placed on their prayer list for continued remembrance.

AROUND THE LENTEN CIRCLE:

As we begin to think about **Lent, which begins on February 14**, the opportunity to gather with others and reflect upon the Scriptures will be available each Thursday afternoon and evening. If you are interested in joining this small faith sharing group, contact the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

— PLANNING FOR THE WEEK AHEAD —

Monday, January 15 - *Faith Formation Family Night* at 6:30pm in Ascension

Tuesday, January 16 - *Hooks & Needles* at 9:00am in the Admin. Building

Thursday, January 18 - *Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)* at 6:30pm in the Admin. Building

Saturday, January 20 - *Confirmation Service* at Little Sisters of Poor from 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Monday, January 22 - *Faith Formation* at Saint Philip

St. Philip Parish

Celebrates

MARDI GRAS



Monday, February 12, 2024
5:30pm to 7:30pm

Ascension Conner Hall: 114 Berry Street

Free Pancake Supper, Music,
Games, Desserts & Kings Cake.
Come join us for family fun. *All ages welcome!*

For reservations, either call the Office of Faith Formation
at 412-922-6388, or complete the form below and return
it to the Parish Office.

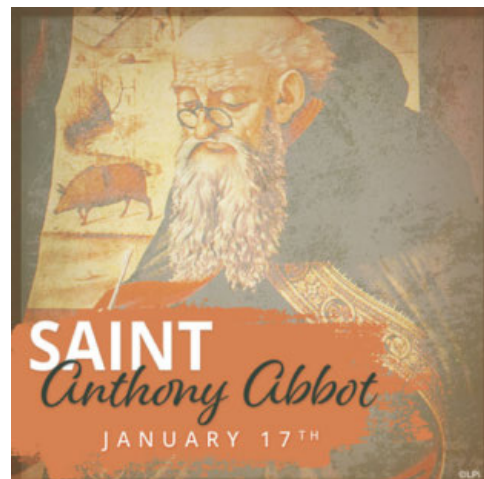
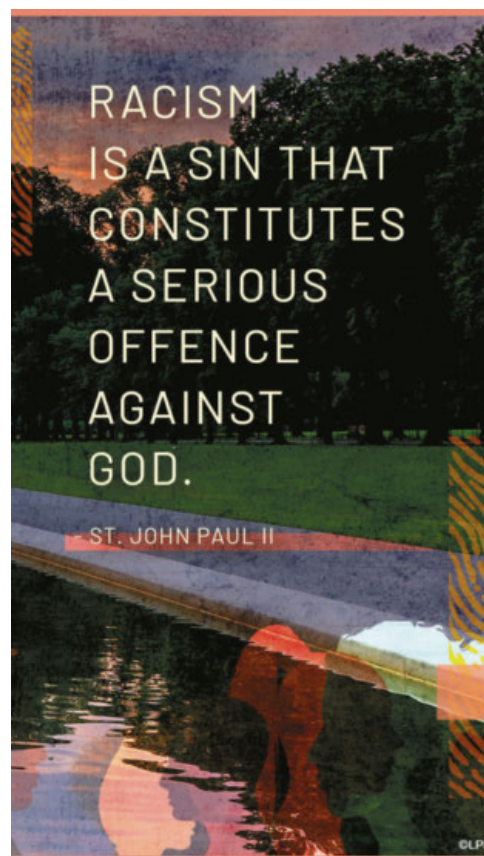
Name:

Telephone:

Email:

No. of Adults: _____

No. of Children: _____





FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTIONS

The Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank will no longer be offering a drive-up food distribution at the Ascension worship site. The Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank has chosen to move this food distribution back to Langley K-8, where it had been held prior to COVID. The walk-up food distribution will occur on the third Tuesday of each month from 5:30pm to 7:00pm in Sheraden at Langley K-8 located at 2940 Sheraden Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15204. The next three distributions will be on January 16, February 20, and March 19.

No pre-registration is needed and attendees receive 30-50 pounds of fresh, frozen, and non-perishable food. You do not need to bring proof of income to the distribution and anyone is eligible for assistance. Attendees will be able to walk through the line and select their food. It is recommended that you bring bags, boxes and a rolling cart, if you have one, in order to carry the food. Volunteers will be available to help you carry food to your car if you need assistance. To learn more about the Langley food distribution, as well as others in the area, please visit: <https://pittsburghfoodbank.org/what-we-do/in-dividuals-families/distributions>.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

This week, your generous donations enabled us to assist two people with \$100 Connect Cards, clothing vouchers and a household goods voucher; a single mother was assisted with \$300 toward rent; a man was assisted with a bed; a single mother of three was assisted with \$228

toward her sewage bill; a single mother was assisted with \$300 toward rent; and a disabled woman was given a bed. Thank you for helping us to make these positive impacts in our local community!

Our SVdP Conference would like to give a very big thank you to the Knights of Columbus Chartiers Council #875 for generously donating \$3,300 to our conference from its golf outing, and for its continued support of our neighbors in need!

Thank you

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please place your donation in one of the poor boxes, mail it to the parish office (attn SVdP) at 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh, 15205, or visit <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.

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

A special gift for 2024

Our Year of the Eucharist continues in the New Year 2024 until the final national celebration this summer.

To help deepen your appreciation of and love for the Eucharist - Jesus' sacred gift of Himself and His life - you're welcome to receive and read at home a new book, Beautiful Eucharist, published by Dynamic Catholic. It's a collection of reflections



about the amazing and wonderful gift of the Eucharist which Jesus gave to His apostles and disciples during His final Passover supper - and which Jesus continues to give all His people in the

Church every Sunday and every day of our lives!

As we continue these Years of our Eucharistic Revival, may your appreciation of our Catholic Christian faith, of the Lord's Gospel, of our Baptism and Eucharist and sacraments, and all of our graces and ways of life continue to grow and deepen now and throughout 2024. May the Lord bless you as you draw closer to Him and to His salvation each day!

SAINT PHILIP PARISH



We don't know who will play in this year's Super Bowl yet, but we do know the game is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 11, 2024 between the AFC and the NFC. We are having a Super Bowl Pool. The cost is \$50 per block. There are 100 blocks in the pool. We will have 4 payouts:

1st Quarter score - **\$375**
2nd Quarter score - **\$750**
3rd Quarter score - **\$375**
Final score - **\$1,000**

The names and numbers will be randomly drawn in advance. You will receive a copy of the completed pool prior to the Super Bowl.

Don't wait to long, this always sells out!!!

Purchase a block for yourself or partner with a friend. Please fill out the form below and return to the parish office. **Thank you.**

SAINT PHILIP SUPER BOWL POOL

_____ Square(s) @ \$50 each

Total enclosed _____

I would like to name my block(s)

Name

Phone number

Email



Around the Diocese and Community

“SENSORY FRIENDLY MASS” AT ARCHANGEL GABRIEL PARISH

Sunday, January 28 at 12:30pm Mass
Holy Trinity Church

Sunday, February 25 at 7:00pm Mass
Holy Trinity Church

Sunday, March 23 at 6:00pm Mass
St. Mary, Help of Christians Church

In an effort to make Mass more welcoming to adults and children with disabilities, particularly those with sensory processing disorders, Archangel Gabriel Parish is hosting Sensory Friendly Masses. Adaptations will include dimmer lights, no music, no incense, lower volume on microphones, and shorter, more literal homilies. In addition, we invite families and individuals to get up and move if needed, to bring alternative seating, fidgets or noise cancelling headphones, and to participate in the liturgy just as they are.

If you or someone you love would benefit from a Sensory Friendly Mass, we invite you to join us on January 28. For more information and other upcoming Masses, please visit us at ArchangelGabrielParish.org/Sensory.



A NEW PROGRAM OF CONSECRATION TO THE BLESSED MOTHER

A multi-week program of Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary is being conducted this winter by our Diocesan Office for Faith Initiatives. This **Tuesday, January 16, at 7:00pm, in Our Lady of Grace church of Saint Michael the Archangel Parish**, 310 Kane Boulevard, Pittsburgh, 15243, Auxiliary Bishop William Waltersheid will offer a special Marian presentation and a time of prayer. All are most welcome to participate!

This program of Marian Consecration will continue with other speakers on following Tuesday evenings in various churches in Allegheny County. The closing event will be a Liturgy and Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary on Sunday, February 11 (the traditional Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes) at 1:30pm at Saints John and Paul church (2586 Wexford Bayne Road, 15143) of Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish in Wexford. More information is available at www.diopitt.org, or call the Diocese at 412-456-5646.

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