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

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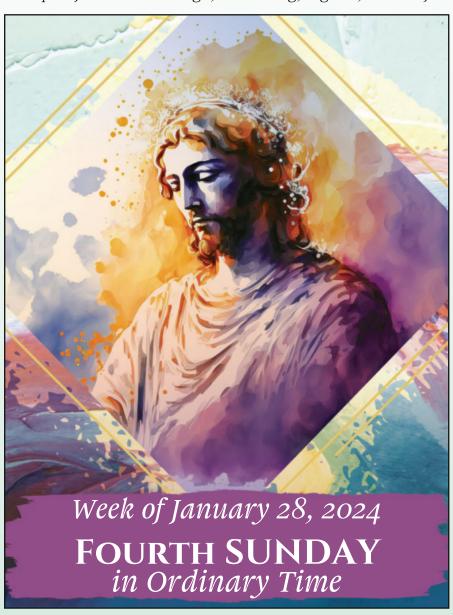
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24-Hour Lifeline Dial 988 Resolve Crisis Network 1-888-796-8226

Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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



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 27 — WEEKDAY

Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish Ascension 8:ooam

4:00pm (Vigil) Bill Solt Saint Philip Family

Ascension Fettig & Marshall Eileen Fettig 5:30pm (Vigil)

Families

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Edward Rogers Spezialetti Family Saint Philip 7:00am Raymond Killmeyer, Sr. Ray & Dianne Ascension 9:30am Saint Philip 11:00am Terry Keeley Pat Keeley

MONDAY, JANUARY 29 - WEEKDAY

Saint Philip 8:00am Charles Iacob Joanne McCamey

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30 — WEEKDAY

McDonald Family Ascension 8:00am Esther Bigger

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31 - SAINT JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST

Saint Philip 8:00am Theresa Davis Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1 — WEEKDAY

Ascension 8:ooam Anna Gasper Rosemary & Regina

McDonald

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2 - THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Children Saint Philip 8:ooam John & Minnie Guay

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3 — SAINT BLAISE, BISHOP AND MARTYR

Ascension Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish 8:ooam

Saint Philip 4:00pm (Vigil) Angela & Victor Mancini Family

Mancini

Albert & Catherine Alice Dobbins Ascension 5:30pm (Vigil)

Roth

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 — FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saint Philip 7:00am Alice "Sally" Brown Dugan Family

Schuler & Connell Ascension Edward & Mary Connell 9:30am

Families

Raymond & Dolores Saint Philip Family 11:00am

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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 February and a holy Lent!

The authority of the Lord Jesus

In today's passage from the Gospel according to Mark, we hear the people of Jesus' day exclaim that Jesus teaches and acts with authority - an authority to which they were NOT accustomed in their day.

As Catholic Christians, we believe the Lord's own words that all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Jesus (see Matthew 28:18) - the Son of God, the Redeemer, the Savior. The Lord displayed His divine authority in His teaching and in His miracles. The Apostles, the disciples, and the people of Jesus' own day knew full well that he possessed power and authority unknown before their time.

Since the days of Jesus and the early Church, the authority among the Lord's followers was entrusted to Saint Peter and his successors - as well as all the Catholic Bishops joined together with Peter's successor. This authority is symbolized by "the Keys to the Kingdom" which the Gospels tell us Jesus gave to Saint Peter during his years of ministry.

This authority of the Holy Father, the Pope, Saint Peter's successor - in union with the Bishops of the whole Church - is still recognized throughout the world as the primary authority in all of Christianity! Catholic Christians, other Christians, and even

those who aren't Christians look to the Holy Father - and his co-workers in Rome and our bishops too - every day to hear and learn what is our faith and our way of life. Just as Jesus taught and acted with divine authority, so too do all the successors of Saint Peter and the Apostles lead and teach with authority in the name of the Lord

While some details of our Catholic Christian faith and life have received clearer explanation - and even some modification through the centuries, we can be certain that the essential beliefs and elements of Jesus' Good News and His Church will always be maintained, respected, and proclaimed now and throughout the generations to come as we await for the final return of the Lord Iesus in glory!

Best wishes for a very good February and a holy Lent!

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

Yours, Father Jim Torquato



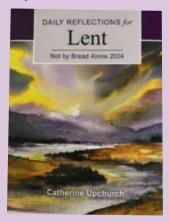


As the Season of Lent draws near, it is helpful to recall the discipline of the Church with regards to fast, abstinence and other forms of penance.

- 1. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States.
- 2. The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 18 and 59. No one should consider this obligation lightly.
- 3. Those individuals who have a medical condition in which fasting may be considered harmful are not obliged to fast, but should perform some other act of penance or charity.
- 4. Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to their age.
- 5. All members of the Christian Faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by law.
- 6. As a general rule, a request for a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence on Fridays of Lent will not be considered unless some serious reason is present. The attendance at social events, banquets, wedding rehearsals or receptions are not considered sufficient reason to request a dispensation.

Coming to you on February 1

The holy Season of Lent will begin in just 17 days. Starting on Ash Wednesday, February 14, we will dedicate 90 days (the 40 days of Lent and the 50 days of the Easter Season) to focusing on the blessed life, sorrowful death, and glorious Resurrection of the Lord Iesus!



To guide us through the Season of Lent, a new booklet of reflections for Lent will be made available beginning Thursday, February 1, in both of our churches. We'll make hundreds of copies available to our members and families so that your prayer life, your spiritual life, and your life in the Lord Jesus will be deepened and strengthen in the weeks leading to our celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. We will also make booklets for the Season of Easter available during Holy Week.

Please be sure to take and read these Lenten reflection booklets every day at home, and then share these reflections with your family members and children throughout Lent!



Sunday, January 28

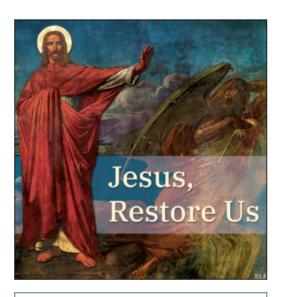
Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28

Weekdays

2 Samuel 15-24; Mark 5-6

Sunday, February 4

Job 7:1-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39



Thank you for your generous financial contributions to

SAINT PHILIP PARISH!

Your goodness and participation help to keep our parish alive!

FINANCIAL POUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collections, January 20-21 -- \$8,699.00* * Includes Mail-in donations Online donations -- \$1,674.50 Maintenance donations -- \$226.00 Religious Education donations -- \$260.00

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year -- \$850,409.00 Parish income <u>received</u> since July 1, 2023 -- \$401,481.21 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 families -- 1,202 Parish members -- 2,286 Church attendance on January 20-21 -- 591 Sunday envelopes used January 20-21 -- 280 Total households receiving envelopes -- 1,090

2023 Parish Appeal Goal -- \$129,011.00 Parish Appeal received as of January 21 -- \$219,301.68* *Includes online Parish Appeal donations 2023 Parish Appeal Donors -- 352

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.



OUR LENTEN PARISH FISH FRY

Our parish community is getting ready now for the 2024 Parish Fish Fry! 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!

VOLUNTEER FOR OUR LENTEN FISH FRY - AND GET A FISH FRY SHIRT!

Please be sure volunteer this week for our Fish Fry so that, before February 14, we can order a Fish Fry shirt for you! Please



call the office at 412-922-6300 to volunteer.



The traditional blessing of Saint Blaise will be offered next Saturday conjunction with our Mass and Confessions schedule. The blessing of throats will be offered at these times:

at Ascension 8:30am at Ascension 12:00 noon at Saint Philip 5:00pm 6:30pm at Ascension

FIRST SATURDAYS WITH MARY

The Blessed Mother requested that 5 First Saturdays be offered in reparation to her Immaculate Heart. Join us at Ascension Church on **Saturday**, **February 3** at 8:00am for:

- 1. Mass and Holy Communion
- 2. Confession within 8 days before or after the First Saturday
- 3. 5 decades of the Rosary prayed that day
- 4. 15 minutes of meditation on the mysteries



We are happy to welcome the following new parishioners into our Saint Philip Parish Family:

Daniel and Christina Durkin, III and their daughter, Carmella; Dr. William Repack; Tina Burns; and Kristy Dobis.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Catholic Charities is proud to confirm that 2023's Christmas Gift Supply Program was a resounding success. Between our two gift-raising programs, Loving Hearts and Family Christmas Plan, we were able to give away over 2,000 gifts to our client families in need across the six counties we serve.

This accomplishment would have been impossible without the volunteers, churches and businesses that assisted us. Your support allows us to fulfill our mission of lending a hand in our community and spreading joy throughout the holidays. On behalf of Catholic Charities Diocese of Pittsburgh and our client families, thank you for all the effort of your parish. We look forward to working together again next Christmas and other initiatives in between.

SAINT PHILIP PARISH ANNUAL CALENDAR PARTY LUNCHEON

Our 22nd Annual Calendar Party Luncheon will be held Sunday, March 3 at Bishop Canevin High School. Doors open at 11:30am. Lunch will be served at 1:00pm. The Calendar Party should conclude at 3:30pm. Admission is \$25 and reservations are required.

If you are unable to attend but would like to support this parish fundraiser, you can help us by:

- Donating a Basket for the Chinese Auction
- Donating Gift Cards or other items to be used as a Door Prize
- Helping to set up and/or clean up
- Volunteering to work the event (help sell Chinese Auction Tickets, Table Centerpiece Auction Tickets, 50/50 Raffle Tickets, or help serve lunch)

For reservations or if you're interested in hosting a table, please contact Regina McDonald at 412-771-0667 or Barb Hendrick at 412-608-7752 for more information.





We offer our sympathy to the family of Mary Flynn, who entered into eternal life. Please keep her in your prayers.



This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns In Loving Memory of The D'Aversa Family Offered by Nancy D'Aversa

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **Ascension** burns *In Loving Memory of* Mr. (4) Mrs. Fred J. Askin Offered by Mary Ellen Askin



APPLIANCE SERVICE CENTER

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

A Final Gift to the Parish Please support

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by including the community in your will and estate planning.

Thank you!





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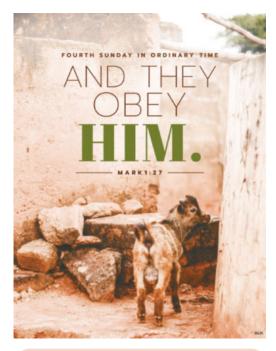
A NOTE FROM MARYANN: "If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts." As I reflect upon this on the coldest day of the year so far, I can't help but think that it is hard to hear God's voice in the cold, darkness of winter. On the other hand, this can be a perfect time to listen for the voice of God. Winter calls us to slow down. During winter, we still try to keep our schedules and activities but we are forced to slow down and often think of remaining at home, especially in bad weather.

On the first major snowfall of the past week, I was forced to remain at home until the roads cleared before I could begin my errands. All I could do was look outside and watch the beautiful snowfall while I enjoyed a cup of tea. As I let my plans go, I was able to listen to the voice of God in the beauty of creation. I was able to relax and feel God's presence in the moment and in the decisions of my life. Perhaps we can make time this week to just relax, be still, and listen to the voice of God.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS: Faith Formation for children and families has begun its second semester. If your child has participated in past years and has not been enrolled to date, you are welcome to register at this time. Should you have conflicts with school activities, we can accommodate you. We welcome all children and families. Please contact the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388 for more information. There must be approximately 2 years of instruction prior to participating in the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

There will be no Faith Formation Sessions on Monday, January 29 due to mandated catechist training.

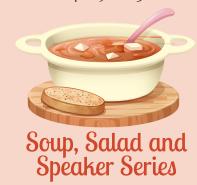
MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION: On Monday, February 12, Saint Philip Parish will host our annual Mardi Gras celebration. There will be a pancake dinner, disc jockey, table games, dessert, Kings' Cake as well as time to greet old and new friends. All members of the Parish are welcome. All ages welcome. Please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



IT'S ALMOST HERE:

Saint Philip Parish Lenten Soup, Salad and Speaker Series begins Wednesday, February 21. Our theme this year is, "Deepening Our Life in Jesus." We have some great speakers this year who include: Deacon Paul Lin, Father David Egan and Bishop Mark Eckman among others. Make plans to join us this Lent and make this Lent a wonderful journey in faith.

We need your special homemade soup for our Lenten Soup, Salad and Speaker Series. If you can donate a crockpot of soup, please call 412-922-6388.



MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY: Saint Philip Mental Health Ministry would like to offer a special evening to remember in prayer those whose names were placed on our Mental Health Remembrance Board in December and January. This evening will take place on Wednesday, **February 7**. It will begin at 6:30pm with a light dinner followed by a candlelight prayer service for all the names on the prayer board of those with mental health challenges as well as those we have lost. Personal intentions will also be remembered. The evening will conclude at 7:45pm with a cookie table social. All are welcome! You do not need to be Catholic or belong to Saint Philip Parish to attend.

- LOOKING AHEAD -

Sunday, January 28 - Bingo at Tiffany's Purse Bingo at Ascension

Monday, January 29 - Catechist Training at 6:15pm in Kelty Hall

Tuesday, January 30 - Hooks (+) Needles at 9:00am in the Admin. Building

Wednesday, January 31 - Men's Fellowship at 7:00pm in the Admin. Building

Thursday February 1 - OCIA (RCIA) Mini Retreat Night at 6:30pm in the Admin. **Building**

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, call 412-922-6388.



Presents

SAINT MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION BASILICA

Marietta, Ohio Wednesday, May 29, 2024

Trip includes:

- Bus transportation to Saint Mary of the Assumption Basilica in Marietta, Ohio
- Tour of the new beautiful Basilica
- Celebration of Mass
- Lunch provided by Ladies of the Basilica
- Tour of the Basilica Museum
- 90 minute Boat Cruise
- Free Time to shop on charming Marietta's Main Street
- Dinner Stop on your own

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The next Ladies of Charity meeting is Thursday, February 8 at 1:00pm in Ascension Hall.

The **Ladies of Charity are collecting items** for gift bags to give to the Little Sisters of the Poor. Items needed include: pocket size Kleenex, travel size shampoo, travel size lotions, notecards, mesh shower puffs and unopened bags of Chapstick. There will be a collection box at the entrance to each church until February 3 and 4.

The Ladies of Charity have chicken noodle soup available for any parishioner who may be in need due to illness or personal concerns. Contact the Office of Faith Formation if you have such a need.

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ENTALHEALTH twareness (Ministry



CANDLELIGHT EVENING OF PRAYER Wednesday, February 7 | 6:30pm

Ascension Church Conner Hall, 114 Berry Street

Join us to pray for those who have experienced mental health challenges, those currently experiencing mental health challenges and those we have lost. All are welcome. You do not need to belong to Saint Philip Parish to attend.

6:30pm - Light Dinner Gathering

7:15pm - Candlelight Prayer Service

7:45pm - Social with cookie table and beverages

The Corporal Works of

EVERY CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN IS CALLED:

To feed the hungry,

To give water to the thirsty,

To clothe the naked,

To shelter the homeless,

To visit the sick,

To visit the imprisoned, and

To bury the dead.

The Spiritual Works of

EVERY CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN IS CALLED:

To teach and instruct others,

To counsel the doubtful.

To be patient with those who wrong us,

To forgive offenses,

To comfort the afflicted,

To admonish sinners, and

To pray for the living and the dead.

St. Philip Parish

Celebrates



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

Ascension Church Conner Hall: 114 Berry Street

Free Pancake Supper, Music, Games, Desserts & Kings Cake. 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.

<u></u> -	Name:
 	Telephone:
 	Email:
	No. of Adults:
	No. of Children:

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 too 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



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

For the 2022 tax year, the average federal income tax refund was \$2,753 according to Time Magazine (https://time.com/personalfinance/article/average-tax-refund). Many people count on their tax refund each year, as it is the one time a year that they will have access to a lump sum of money that can be used for a rainy day fund, vehicle repairs, home repairs, real estate tax payments, or other extraordinary expenses. Those who are anxiously awaiting their tax refund can soon get the process started by filing their 2023 federal tax return.

The IRS will start accepting and processing 2023 tax returns on January 29. Filers with income of less than \$79,000 can take advantage of the Free File program, which allows qualifying filers to utilize online tax preparation software and file their return electronically for free. For more information, please visit www.irs.gov/filing/free-file-do-your-federal-ta xes-for-free.

For those that are less tech-savvy or do not feel comfortable doing their own taxes with the assistance of online tax preparation software, tax preparation assistance is available through the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs. Individuals must meet certain qualifications. Generally, people with household income of \$64,000 or less will qualify for assistance. Appointments

available now. Call 2-1-1 to find out more and to schedule an appointment.

The IRS estimates that it will be able to issue most refunds in 21 days or less, but if your return needs to be reviewed for inaccuracies, or if you file by mail instead of electronically, your refund will likely take longer. If you are anxiously awaiting your refund money, you should file your return early - and you can monitor the status of your return by utilizing the "Where's My Refund?" tool on the IRS website at www.irs.gov/wheres-my-refund.

This week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a man with a bed; a woman was also given a bed; a single mother was assisted with \$101 toward her water bill; a single mother was given five beds for her and her children; a man was given a TV stand; a single mother was given \$213 to restore her water service; and a single mother was given clothing vouchers and \$31 for internet service. Thank you so much for supporting our neighbors in need!

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 (to the attention of SVdP) at 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15205, or donate online at https://saintphilipchurch.weshareonline.org/w s/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.

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.



One of the South Region Catholic Elementary Schools (SRCES)



This year Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated from Sunday, January 28 through Friday, February 2. The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community. We are planning many activities where we will focus on this theme. Catholic Schools Week schedules, complete with activities and daily dress themes, will be sent out via a FACTS alert in the coming days!

CLASSROOM CHRONICLES

Each week we will highlight the amazing things that are going on in our classrooms at Guardian Angel Academy.

MISS LINDA GERRITY'S - 2ND GRADE CLASSROOM

Second Grade is a busy place to be. We are having lots of fun and learning at the same time. We are growing every day in our faith, preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion later this school year. The class has learned about the Seven Sacraments, parts of the Bible, the Ten Commandments and currently are learning about God's forgiveness and praying their Prayer of Sorrow daily.

Cursive handwriting has begun and the students are loving this new way of writing. In science class we have been studying Earth Science. An exciting project was creating our own Solar System posters with clay. As an end to our Solar System unit, the second grade enjoyed a field trip to the Carnegie Science Center, exploring all the exhibits and the planetarium.

In math class we have been adding and subtracting two-digit numbers with regrouping and enjoy competing with each other to improve knowing our basic math facts for speed. The class enjoys their Chromebook time. They have started learning how to use Google Docs to do some of their writing assignments. Art class is a favorite class for 2nd grade. We have enjoyed sketching, using water colors, and painting. The favorite class project so far was making paper mache lighthouses and then painting them.



The school's PTG sponsored a Read-A-Thon in November and 2nd grade came out on top. They raised \$2,300 for the school and won a trophy, pizza party, and extended recess time.



CENTRAL CATHOLIC CREW'S 28TH ANNUAL IRISH NIGHT - ROW ON FOR BRENDAN -

Sunday, February 18 at 4:00pm Central Catholic High School

With great anticipation and gratitude we invite you and your families to join us for a rich and lively performance at our annual Irish Night - Row on for Brendan. This beautiful evening, filled with Irish music and dance, is a tribute to Brendan Foley, who brightened the halls of Central Catholic, rowed for the school, and left this world a better place for his 15-and-a-half years of life. We are indebted to Brendan's family and friends for supporting the Central Catholic Crew program by supporting this wonderful event.

Over the past 27 years Irish Night has raised more than \$600,000 for Central Catholic Crew. The program has provided young men an opportunity to learn and compete in a demanding sport and represent Central Catholic on the national rowing stage.

Irish Night website: www.irishnight.net Purchase tickets: www.irishnight.net/tickets Visit www.irishnight.net/donate for details on sponsorships and advertising levels. Sponsorships and ads must be received by February 2 to be included in the promotional materials.

We look forward to sharing a beautiful evening with you. Please join Joanie Madden, Bruce Foley, and Friends!

OLSH SPEAKER SERIES

Roberto Clemente, Jr.

Wednesday, February 7 at 7:00pm

Clemente, Jr., philanthropist, Roberto humanitarian, entrepreneur, producer, former broadcaster and professional baseball player, and son of Pittsburgh Pirates legend Roberto Clemente will speak at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School on February 7. The talk will focus on legacy, the value of service, and faith. The event is free and open to the public, however advance registration is required. To reserve your seat, please visit our website at www.olsh.org/apps/pages/speaker_series.

BISHOP CANEVIN OPEN HOUSE: REGISTER TODAY!

Wednesday, February 28 6:00pm to 8:00pm

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