

2024
A Year of
DIVINE
GRACE!

Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

OFFICE HOURS

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

PASTORAL STAFF

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Saint Philip Office (412) 922-6300
 Faith Formation Office (412) 922-6388
 Society of St. Vincent dePaul (412) 444-8140
 Guardian Angel Academy (412) 922-4765

CRISIS SUPPORT/SUICIDE PREVENTION

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



Week of February 4, 2024

FIFTH 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 (OCA): 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, FEBRUARY 3 — SAINT BLAISE, BISHOP AND MARTYR			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Angela & Victor Mancini	Mancini Family
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Albert & Catherine Roth	Alice Dobbins
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 — FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Alice “Sally” Brown	Dugan Family
Ascension	9:30am	Schuler & Connell Families	Edward & Mary Connell
Saint Philip	11:00am	Raymond & Dolores Drozak	Family
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5 — SAINT AGATHA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Jane Robinholt	Merrie Kaltz & Family
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 — THE JAPANESE MARTYRS			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Deceased of the Ambrozic Family	Frances Ambrozic
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8 — SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA, VIRGIN			
Ascension	8:00am	Helen & Jerome Henkel	Jerome J. Henkel, Jr.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of the Riebel Family	John Riebel
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 — SAINT SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN			
Ascension	8:00am	Metro & Mari Novoselski	Ray & Paula Butter
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Francis Anthony Leone	Michele Leone
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Ella E. Vorbach	Helen Demma
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 — SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Joseph & Louise Rago	Family
Ascension	9:30am	Marie V. Twardy	Family
Saint Philip	11:00am	Saint Philip Choir	Greg & Jeannie Shumovich



Notes from the Pastor

presence of Almighty God - to all who would believe and accept His offer.

The priority which Jesus gives to restoring and reviving life and health should be a message that we always carry with us as we witness to the Lord. When anyone asks us "What is Jesus all about?" or "Why should we follow Jesus of Nazareth?", you can clearly and honestly tell them that, more than anyone else in human history, Jesus came to bring life in all its fullness to humanity - to every person - and to all the created world!

According to Chapter 1 of Mark's Gospel, Jesus came into the world - first and foremost - to promote and renew the divine gift of life. Jesus first priority was NOT to judge and condemn and punish. The Lord came to bring life and light, healing and salvation.

May we continue to be grateful that Jesus still offers the same gifts of life and salvation to us today - the same gifts of life and salvation which he offered to the people during His ministry, the same gifts of life and salvation that He offered to all our ancestors and to all humanity since He first brought divine healing and life to all who would accept this remarkable gift and blessing!

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

We are now ten days from the beginning of the holy Season of Lent. May Jesus, the Son of God bless you, your family, and our Saint Philip Catholic Parish community throughout Lent and the Easter Season - and every day of this Year of Divine Grace 2024. Amen!

Yours,
Father Jim Torquato

Greetings once again, and best wishes for a good February and a holy Lent!

Divine healing from the Lord

During these Sundays before we arrive at Ash Wednesday (February 14) and the Season of Lent, we continue to hear from the very first chapter of the Gospel according to Mark.

Have you noticed - as I have - that this very first chapter in the Gospel according to Mark is filled with accounts of Jesus bringing divine and lasting healing to the people of His day, especially the possessed and the unfortunate, the sick and the lame?

Isn't it quite remarkable that the "Gospel", the "Good News" (*our title in English for Jesus' message*) is first and foremost about divine healing and new life?

From the very beginning of the very first written account of Jesus' life, teaching, death, Resurrection and Ascension, we hear of the Lord's mission to bring healing and health and new life!

While many Christians - and even non-Christians - have presented Jesus' message and teaching in all sorts of different ways, the first witnesses to the Lord proclaim to us that, first and foremost, Jesus is all about healing and new life. According to Mark and the other Evangelists, Jesus' first mission was to restore life to the people and to offer the fullness of life - here on earth and in the

LENTEN PRACTICES AND REGULATIONS



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, February 14, 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.

Daily Reflections for Lent

The holy Season of Lent will begin in just 10 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 Jesus!



To guide us through the Season of Lent, a new booklet of Lenten reflections is available to you at the doors of both our churches. We've made 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!

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 4

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

Weekdays

1 Kings 8-12; Mark 6-8

Sunday, February 11

Leviticus 13:1-46;
1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1;
Mark 1:40-45

BAKING FOR THE FISH FRY

Attention all parish bakers!
Your generous help is needed
once again this year.

Your donations of baked
goods are needed for the “Baked
Goods Corner” at our eight (8)
Lenten Fish Fry evenings in
Conner Hall. Cookies, cakes,
candies, breads, brownies, pies,
homemade candies, and fudge
are all welcome!

**The time for drop offs at
Ascension Church Conner Hall
is February 13, 6:00pm to
8:00pm, and every Thursday in
Lent, 6:00pm to 8:00pm.**

*Thank you in advance for all of
your delicious contributions!*

FINANCIAL REPORT OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collections, **January 27-28** -- \$10,274.61*

** Includes Mail-in donations*

Online donations -- \$1,869.50.00

Maintenance donations -- \$1,573.00

Religious Education donations -- \$198.00

Saint Anthony/DePaul School, January 20-21 -- \$232.00

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year -- \$790,368.00

Parish income received since July 1, 2023 -- \$415,396.32

Parish fundraising since July 1, 2023 -- \$26,417.51

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

General donations since July 1, 2023 -- \$6,020.00

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 January 27-28 -- 697

Sunday envelopes used January 27-28 -- 307

Total households receiving envelopes -- 1,090

2024 Parish Appeal Goal -- \$128,119.00

Parish Appeal received -- \$0.00*

**Includes online Parish Appeal donations*

2024 Parish Appeal Donors -- 0

Grateful for your increased support!

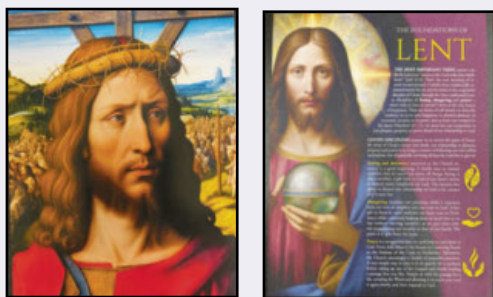
During our 2023 **Forward in Faith!** Appeal, many of our parish families pledged a commitment to increase your weekly and monthly financial support for our parish community! Thank you for your dedication to Saint Philip Parish now and in the next generation.

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.

TWO MORE ITEMS FOR LENT

Next weekend, February 10-11, Lenten prayer cards will be available at both our churches, and a special Lenten insert will be placed in the bulletin. Enjoy these Lenten items as we prepare for Ash Wednesday!



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 to 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.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH THE ROSARY AND FATIMA PRAYERS

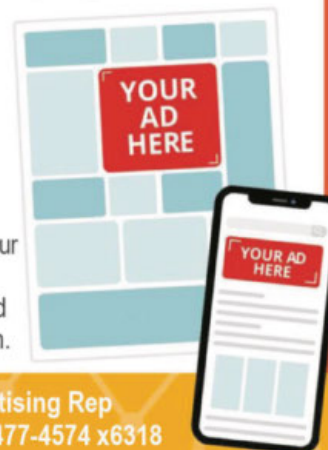
Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto, two of the children of the Fatima Apparitions, will be honored on **Saturday, February 17** at 12:00 noon at Ascension church. Come for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration with the Rosary and Fatima prayers, and an opportunity for confession. Let's begin the first week of Lent in the presence of the Lord in this Eucharistic Revival Year and also honor Our Lady and the two canonized Fatima seers.



AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Sue Novosel from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



Sue Novosel, Advertising Rep
724-831-0975 | 800-477-4574 x6318
snovosel@4lpi.com

MANY THANKS TO OUR BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENT SPONSORS! HELP IS STILL NEEDED!

We would like to thank all the advertisers who have generously committed to the Bulletin for this year! We still have space available and humbly ask that you consider advertising your business or remembering a loved one in our Weekly Bulletin.

Our parish Bulletin is one of our main communication tools to our parish members. It provides inspirational words from Father, Mass, intentions, news, and events for the week ahead. We are thankful that this crucial communication piece is provided to our parish at no cost thanks to the generous support of our parishioners and community-minded businesses. Sponsors of our bulletin recognize the tremendous value of connecting with our Church Family, who in turn respond by Supporting our Sponsors!

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.



Rest in Peace

We offer our sympathy to the families of **Margaret Christman** and **Mary Flynn** 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*
Debbie Galilei

Offered by Jeff & Marisa DiCesare
and Anita Dimadio

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **Ascension** burns *In Loving Memory of*
Michelle McCullough

Offered by Lillian Brandimarti



**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL,
ST. PHILIP CONFERENCE**

*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: In the Gospel for this Sunday, we experience the Compassion and Healing of Jesus. Perhaps we are in a place in our life where we need Compassion or Healing. Perhaps the events of our life; the aches and pains of the cold weather; family demands; plans that don't work out; health concerns; failed relationships or financial concerns have left us feeling depressed or weary.

This Wednesday, we will gather together as a Parish to pray with and for those who struggle with mental health concerns. We will ask Jesus to "grasp our hands and help us up." The evening will begin with a light dinner at 6:30pm followed by a prayer service.

Many of us are weary and many of us long to know the healing power of Jesus in our lives. Join us this Wednesday in Ascension Church Conner Hall to pray for those who struggle with mental health concerns, those whose names were on our prayer board this Advent and for ourselves as we ask Jesus to touch our lives with healing and compassion.

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.

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 are welcome. Please call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388 if you would like to attend.

— LOOKING AHEAD —

Monday, February 5

Faith Formation classes, 6:30pm

Tuesday, February 6

Hooks & Needles, 9:00am

Wednesday, February 7

*Catholic Men's Fellowship,
7:00pm*

Wednesday, February 7

Mental Health evening, 6:30pm

Thursday, February 8

Ladies of Charity, 1:00pm

Soup, Salad and Speaker Series



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 need your help!

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.



THE 2024 PARISH APPEAL FOR OUR DIOCESE

Next weekend, February 10-11, all parishes of our Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh will begin this year's 2024 Parish Appeal. For the past 50 years, each parish has been required to support the work of our bishop, his staff, and all diocesan programs based on the annual income of that parish community. The 2024 goal for our Saint Philip Parish community is \$128,119.

All contributions above this year's goal will be retained by our parish. Please check your mailbox this month for the information and pledge form being sent to you. Many thanks for your response and your continued generosity in helping our parish meet this obligation in 2024!

SAINT PHILIP PARISH

MENTAL HEALTH *Awareness 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

Around the Lenten Circle

Small Faith Group Sharing



Each Thursday during Lent, join us in the **afternoons from 1:00pm to 2:15pm** OR in the **evenings from 6:30pm to 7:45pm** for:

- 75 minutes of prayer and reflection each week
- Discussion on the Sunday Scriptures
- An opportunity to share the faith
- An opportunity to meet new people
- Light snacks for each session

Can you give 75 minutes a week to make this Lent special? Call 412-922-6388 to register.

Saint Philip Parish **FAITH FORMATION**

Family NIGHT

Families enjoyed Saint Philip's Faith Formation Game Night. The children beat their parents in a game of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire Disciple?" Each team answered questions related to the Catholic faith. Families enjoyed pizza, chocolate chip cookies and lots of fun.



Historic Marietta, Ohio



Presented by St. Philip Parish
Wednesday, May 29, 2024

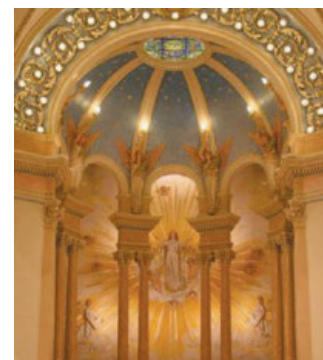
Depart Ascension church at 6:30am aboard a private motorcoach and travel to historic Marietta. A coffee/breakfast stop will be made en route. In 1788, Pioneers of the Ohio Company made Marietta the first permanent settlement in the Northwest Territory. Today we will discover this picturesque riverboat town, where the past peacefully resides with the present.

Upon arrival visit the lovely Basilica of Saint Mary of the Assumption which was recently restored to its original magnificence. Founded in 1838, St. Mary's houses a series of outstanding stained-glass windows which came from Munich, Germany. Following a guided tour and celebration of Mass, gather for a group luncheon in the church hall. Later this afternoon we embark on a delightful sightseeing cruise along the Muskingum and Ohio rivers aboard the 300-passenger *Valley Gem* sternwheeler. Following the cruise enjoy free time for shopping, browsing or relaxing in Marietta's quaint historic district.

This lovely area of the city features brick streets, charming lampposts and a collection of shops offering antiques, vintage clothing, collectibles, fine jewelry, novelties and books. Later today we begin our journey home. A dinner stop will be made en route. Arrive back in the Pittsburgh area at approximately 8:00PM.

TOUR FARE: \$149.00 per person which includes motorcoach transportation, group luncheon, riverboat cruise, all sightseeing and admissions, church donations and is fully escorted. Make checks payable to: Wendt Touring and send to St. Philip Parish, 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh, PA, 15205. For more information call Mary Ann Garfold at 412-922-6388. Full payment is required to hold a seat and it is non-refundable. Space is limited!

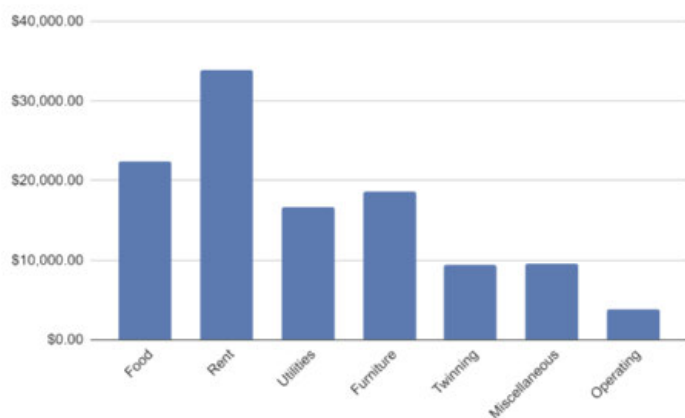
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Wendt Touring, Inc.
613 Canton Road
Wintersville, OH 43953
Phone: 740-282-5790
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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

We previously published this article on January 7, but we thought it would be a good idea to run it again, just in case anyone missed it due to their travels for Christmas and the new year. We would like to take a look back at all of the good your donations did during our last fiscal year, which ended September 30, 2023. In the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the St. Philip Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul spent \$114,480.53 helping our friends in need! The breakdown of how the funds were spent is as follows:



Spending in the miscellaneous category went to help our friends in need with less-common requests, such as bus passes, as well as the cost of renting trucks and paying for gasoline for our trips to deliver donations to Donna's House of Hope in Tunnelton, WV. The operating expenses category covers items such as electric bills for our food pantry. Of course, the St. Philip Conference is a 100% volunteer organization, so there are no operating

expenses related to compensation for our volunteers' time. The furniture spending is for furniture purchased from, and delivered by, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Central Council of Pittsburgh warehouse. It's important to note that the above figures do not include all of the friends in need that we were able to help through your generous donations of furniture, appliances, housewares, clothing and food!

Last fiscal year, we collected \$82,503.33 in monetary donations from our incredibly generous supporters. We were able to distribute more in assistance than we collected in donations due to the fact that we had less requests for financial assistance during the height of Covid, when moratoriums against evictions, foreclosures, and utility shutoffs were in place and the Allegheny County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) had funding. However, as expected, when the moratoriums ended and the ERAP funding was exhausted, the need was still great - and we were blessed to be able to assist our friends in need with the money we had on hand.

This week, your generous donations enabled us to pledge up to \$800 in security deposit assistance for a single mom and her children who have been without a home for several weeks; an immigrant family of four was provided with clothing vouchers, a \$50 household goods voucher, and a \$100 PRT Connect Card; a senior was provided with a donated couch; and a woman was provided with \$420 toward her gas utility and a clothing voucher. Thank you!

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.

St. Philip Parish

Celebrates

MARDI GRAS



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.

Name:

Telephone:

Email:

No. of Adults: _____

No. of Children: _____

SAINT PHILIP PARISH



The NFL Championship Game on February 11 will be Kansas City vs. San Francisco. For this event, we're having a Game 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



**SAINT PHILIP
CATHOLIC PARISH
ASCENSION CHURCH
114 Berry Street**

2024 FISH FRY MENU

FISH SANDWICH -----	\$9.00
FISH DINNER ----- (Fish sandwich, fries, coleslaw)	\$11.00
BAKED FISH DINNER ----- (Fish, fries, coleslaw, roll)	\$12.00
JUMBO SHRIMP DINNER ----- (5 Shrimp, fries, coleslaw, roll)	\$12.50
CRABCAKE DINNER ----- (3 Homemade Crabcakes, fries, coleslaw, roll)	\$12.50
SEAFOOD PLATTER ----- (Fish, 2 Shrimp, Crabcake, fries, coleslaw, roll)	\$12.50
MACARONI & CHEESE -Quart -----	\$6.00
MACARONI & CHEESE --Small-----	\$4.00
HALUSKI -Quart-----	\$6.00
HALUSKI --Small-----	\$4.00
SOUP OF THE DAY --Quart -----	\$6.00
GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH -----	\$3.00
FRENCH FRIES -----	\$3.00

4:00pm-7:00pm
**Ash Wednesday
& Fridays**

Good Friday
3:00pm-7:00pm

ASSORTED DESSERTS
\$3.00

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