



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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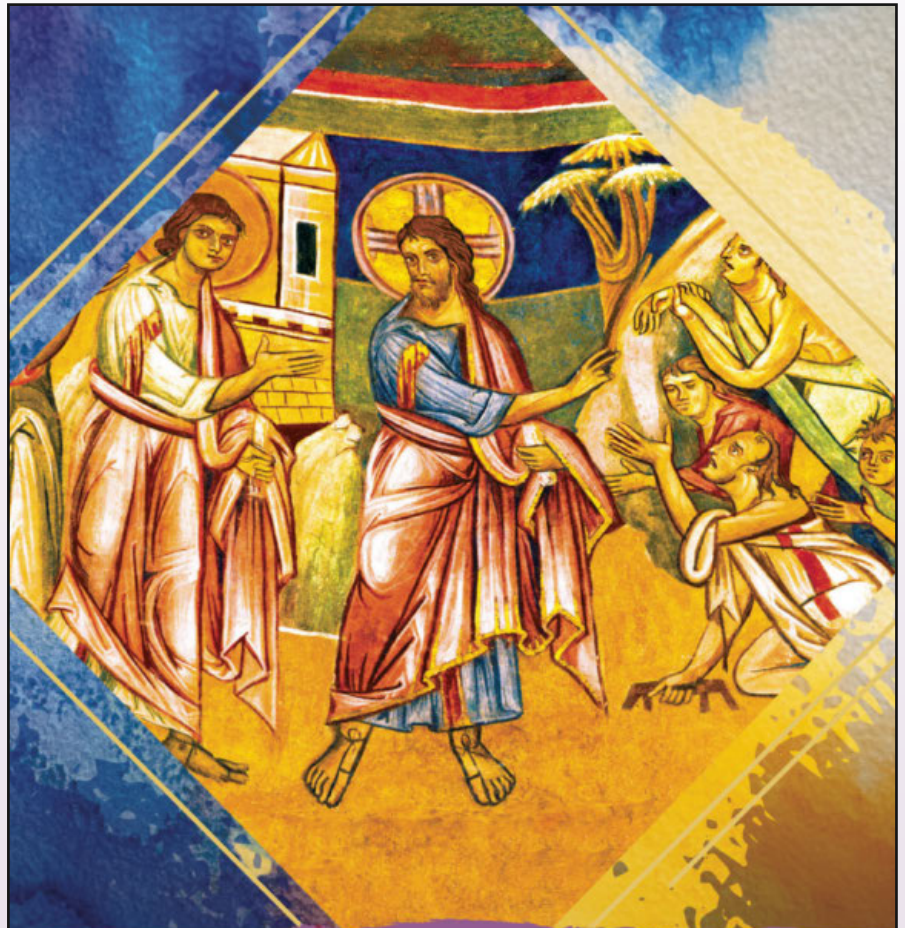
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CRISIS SUPPORT/SUICIDE PREVENTION

24-Hour Lifeline Dial 988
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Week of February 11, 2024

SIXTH 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, FEBRUARY 10 — SAINT SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN			
Ascension	8:00am	Metro & Mari Novoselski	Paula & Ray 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
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Regis, Mary B. & Dorothy McDonald	McDonald Family
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Elie, Hank, Ella & Tom	Family
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 — ASH WEDNESDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Patty Wolbert McDermott	Barbara Witt Hosack & Family
Ascension	12:00pm	Prayer Service with Ashes	
Saint Philip	4:00pm	Prayer Service with Ashes	
Ascension	7:00pm	Arlene Ramolt	The Giza Family
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15 — THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Michael J. Kennel	Family
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 — FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Marie Reif	Sue & Mike Rust
Saint Philip	8:30am	Stations of the Cross	
Ascension	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 — SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Alma & Bill Yingling	Gabrielle Yingling
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Zunic Family	Jane Beistel
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 — FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Thomas A. Ogden, Sr.	Pauline Ogden
Ascension	9:30am	Donald Scholz	Donna Scholz
Saint Philip	11:00am	Mary Adelaide & Christopher Sprowls	Family



Notes from the Pastor

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

And the people kept coming to Jesus

During these first six Sundays in Ordinary Time - Sundays when we've been listening to the very first chapter of the Gospel according to Mark in this Church Year 2024 - we've heard account after account of Jesus' preaching the Good News of God's Kingdom. We've also heard of the numerous healings and exorcisms which Jesus accomplished in the early days of His public ministry.

Beginning this coming Ash Wednesday, February 14, we will pause these readings from Jesus' early ministry. Instead, we'll hear the Gospel readings of Lent and the Easter Season during the next 90 days.

Of interest to me this Sunday is the final verse of today's Gospel reading in which Mark tells us "and people kept coming to [Jesus] from everywhere."

So many people who heard of Jesus in His own day dropped everything to be close to Him. Many went to Him in order to receive the same healing and goodness that Jesus had shared with the people He had already visited. Even in our own day, so many people instinctively go where they believe they'll receive something free and good.

We'll see this human and Christian instinct, once again, this Ash Wednesday, February 14,

when our Liturgies and services with ashes will be very well attended - often with individuals who only come to church on this one day of the year, on Ash Wednesday. It's never a surprise that, when people hear of something good and free being offered, many will rush to receive what they can - especially if it's only available one day each year.

As faithful Catholic Christians, we're called to do more than run to Jesus when something good and free is offered to us. We're called to walk regularly with the Lord, to be faithful and attentive disciples and companions of Jesus, and to focus all our days on God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

When we stay close to Jesus every day - not only on special occasions - then the good and free blessings of God come to us time and time again.

Yes, we are visited by the Holy Spirit of God every day - and called into Jesus' company - including on Ash Wednesday and every day of Lent and Easter. May we commit ourselves to walking with the Lord each day - not only on special occasions. May we also encourage our family members, friends, and neighbors to accompany Jesus every day along with us and with all His faithful people and friends!

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

We are now two days from the beginning of the holy Season of Lent. May 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

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 3 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 strengthened 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 11

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

Weekdays

James 1-2;
Mark 8-10

Sunday, February 18

Genesis 9:8-15;
1 Peter 3:18-22;
Mark 1:12-15

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, February 3-4	-- \$10,100.00*
<i>*Includes Mail-in donations</i>	
Online donations	-- \$2,702.50
Maintenance donations	-- \$347.00
Religious Education donations	-- \$174.00

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year	-- \$790,368.00
Parish income <u>received</u> since July 1, 2023	-- \$429,311.43
Parish fundraising since July 1, 2023	-- \$26,417.51
Estate gifts received since July 1, 2023	-- \$0.00
General donations since July 1, 2023	-- \$6,220.00

Average weekly staff salary and benefits expenses	-- \$7,640.00
Average weekly maintenance/operation expenses	-- \$1,728.65
Average weekly utility expenses	-- \$2,273.91
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 February 3-4	-- 688
Sunday envelopes used February 3-4	-- 298
Total households receiving envelopes	-- 1,090

2024 Parish Appeal Goal	-- \$128,119.00
Parish Appeal received as of February 4	-- \$4,972.00*
<i>*Includes online Parish Appeal donations</i>	
2024 Parish Appeal Donors	-- 48

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!

EUCCHARISTIC 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.



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.



Please welcome into our faith family... **Carmella Marie Durkin**, daughter of Daniel Jude, III and Christina Marie Rust Durkin; and **Vera Rucelle Reiss**, daughter of Cody Alexander and Breanna Lanice Hancock Reiss, who received the Life of Christ in Baptism in our parish on Sunday, February 4, 2024. May they grow in wisdom, age and grace.

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.





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**ANNUAL
PARISH
APPEAL
2024**

One Heart, One Church

PLEASE HELP US, ONCE AGAIN, TO SUPPORT THE IMPORTANT WORK OF
BISHOP DAVID ZUBIK AND THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH!

Dear members and families of Saint Philip Parish –

Greetings in the Lord, and thank you for your support of Saint Philip Parish and the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh! I'm most grateful for your contributions to our parish in our Sunday and special collections. Once again, this Lent, I'm again asking your support for the **2024 Annual Parish Appeal** to collect our parish's required Diocesan Management Fee to fund the daily service provided to Saint Philip Parish by Bishop David Zubik and his central diocesan administration. Each year, the Annual Parish Appeal funds the ministries and services of our Diocesan Church which:

- provide for us all the leadership, offices and daily operations of the Bishop and the Diocese;
- continue services to the elderly, families, young people, and those in need;
- direct all of our parish Faith Formation programs, Catholic schools, youth ministry activities, and young adult programs;
- provide legal and financial services to our parish every day of the year;
- continue evangelization through the internet, radio, and television;
- provide marriage preparation for engaged couples and programs for married couples;
- enhance liturgical and music ministry as well as ecumenical efforts;
- give training and formation to our seminary students and diocesan priests,
- ensure care and support for the retired priests of the Diocese; and
- conduct many other efforts and programs of our diocesan Church of Pittsburgh!

Our own parish is served by Bishop Zubik and the programs of the Diocesan Church every day!

In that our Annual Parish Appeal assessment for 2024 is **\$128,119**, I'm asking (*as in past years*) that each household of the parish pledge and contribute \$250 or more during this year. If you can contribute \$300, \$500, \$1000 or more, that would be most helpful! All funds contributed above our \$128,119 goal will remain with our parish. It is your generosity alone that allows us to meet this financial obligation to the entire diocesan church. Your pledge can be paid now or fulfilled over the coming ten months. Last year, we did meet our Parish Share goal for this annual campaign – please help us to meet our goal again in 2024!

Please know that I'm most grateful for your support of the 2024 Annual Parish Appeal. Please use your reply form sent to you in the mail for your direct donation OR your pledge to be paid over the next ten months. Donation envelopes can also be found in our two churches. Once again, thank you very much, and may the Lord Jesus continue to bless you, your family, our fine parish, and our entire Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh now and in the year ahead!

Gratefully,

Father Jim Torquato

February 2024

Rev. James R. Torquato
Pastor / Trust Administrator

CATECHIST CERTIFICATION

13 Saint Philip catechists gathered to begin the Franciscan University course of study for certification as a catechist in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Over the next few years they will complete courses in Scripture, Liturgy, Sacraments, The Creed, Methodologies, Spirituality, Prayer, Faith and Moral Development. Congratulations to all of our wonderful catechists as they begin this program of study.



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 families of **Alexander T. Onyszko** and **Dolores Finigan-South** 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 Alfred Schneider*
Offered by Wife & Family

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **Ascension** burns *In Loving Memory of The Schwartzmiller & Lucot Families*
Offered by Family



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS,
CHARTIERS COUNCIL #875**

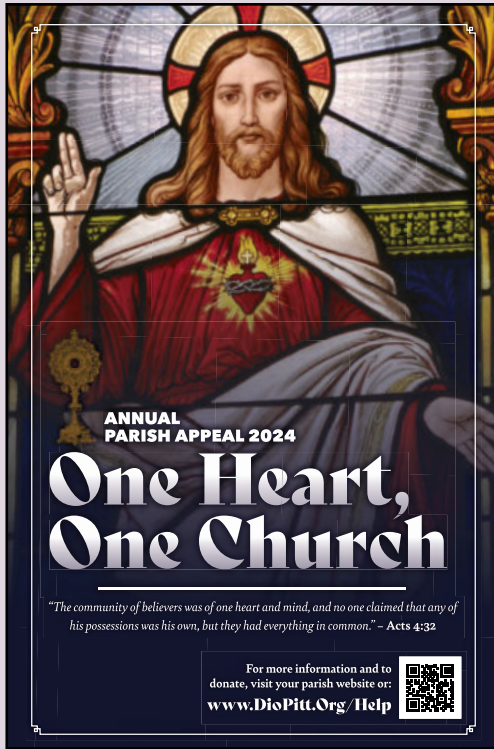
Thank you for helping to underwrite the production of our weekly Parish Bulletin.

A Final Gift to the Parish
Please support

SAINT PHILIP PARISH
by including the community in your will and estate planning.

Thank you!

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THE 2024 PARISH APPEAL FOR OUR DIOCESE

This 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!

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.



Faith Formation /Religious Education

Ms. MaryAnn Garfold, Director of Religious Education
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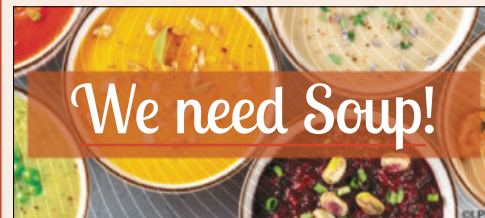
A NOTE FROM MARYANN: “Let’s make this the best Lent ever.” Ash Wednesday is upon us and we may have heard that saying somewhere along the way. So what will make this Lent different from all the others? Perhaps we will attend one or more of the Saint Philip Parish offerings. Perhaps we will begin a practice of prayer. Perhaps we will give of ourselves to those in need. Perhaps, most of all, we will acknowledge that God has created us with many gifts and we will begin a practice of deep gratitude for the experience of God’s love and God’s blessing.

During this Lent, we can begin to change our hearts as we **deepen our life in the Lord Jesus**. As we journey through Lent, we ask God to touch our hearts. We reflect this week on the following prayer, “*Create in Me a Clean Heart*” by Joyce Rupp from Psalm 51.

- +*Create in me a clean heart*, open and receptive, so that I may embrace the many ways you choose to visit my life.
- +*Create in me a clean heart*, cleared of the refuse of old battles with others and deadly criticism of myself.
- +*Create in me a clean heart*, washed from harsh thoughts, shame, and a need to do it my way, so that I can warmly welcome others with the embrace of nonjudgment.
- +*Create in me a clean heart*, brushed free of frantic busyness, so that I will have time to dwell with you and listen in the space of silence.
- +*Create in me a clean heart*, washed with your mercy and strengthened by your love, helping me move beyond whatever keeps me from deepening my life in you.

THIS WEEK IN LENT: Each week we will look at a few Lenten Practices taken from Lenten Plans for Busy Families by Janet Schaeffler, OP. This week we consider:

- Give up all complaining,
- Give 2 compliments each day to someone in your circle - and to someone you meet,
- Take 5 extra minutes for prayer.



If you can make a crock pot of soup for any of our *Lenten Soup, Salad and Speaker Series* evenings, please call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388 to volunteer.

LOOKING AHEAD-

(All are welcome to attend the following)

Monday, February 12 - Mardi Gras, 5:30pm to 7:30pm in Ascension

Tuesday, February 13 - Hooks & Needles, 9:00am

Tuesday, February 13 - Salvation History Session, 7:00pm

Wednesday, February 14 - Ash Wednesday, check the bulletin for service times

Wednesday, February 14 - Fish Fry, 4:00pm to 7:00pm in Ascension

Thursday, February 15 - Around the Lenten Circle, 1:00pm & 7:00pm

Thursday, February 15 - Grief Support Meeting, 2:00pm in Ascension Church Conner Hall

Thursday, February 15 - Legion of Mary, 6:30pm at Ascension

Friday, February 16 - Fish Fry, 4:00pm to 7:00pm in Ascension

Friday, February 16 - Stations of the Cross, 8:30am in Saint Philip & 7:00pm in Ascension

Saturday, February 17 - Adoration with Fatima Prayers & Rosary, 12:00 noon in Ascension

FAITH FORMATION NEWS: 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 call 412-922-6388 for more information. There must be approximately 2 years of instruction prior to participating in the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

This year our Faith Formation Families are asked to help the *Ladies of Charity* as they collect items for the Little Sisters of the Poor. Each grade is asked to bring the following items to Faith Formation Sessions throughout Lent.

- Pre-K/Kindergarten = Pocket size Kleenex
- 1st/2nd grade = Travel size shampoo
- 3rd grade = Travel size lotion
- 4th grade = Note cards
- 5th grade = Mesh shower puffs
- 6th/7th/8th grade = Unopened bags of Chapstick



AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION: We have the following Lenten Reading Books available, call 412-922-6388.

The Passion and the Cross by Father Rolheiser

Freedom and Forgiveness by Father Farren

DVD - Reflections on the Stations of the Cross

Soup, Salad and Speaker Series



Deepening Our Life in the Lord Jesus

Greetings once again, and best wishes for a very good Season of Lent! You, your family, and your friends are welcome to join us Wednesday evenings for the 2024 Saint Philip Parish Lenten Soup, Salad, and Speaker Series.

Along with our Lenten meal, we'll have presentations from:

- February 21:** Father Al Semler - "*Jesus Our Life*"
- February 28:** Father David Egan - "*Jesus Our Mercy*"
- March 6:** Sister Mindy Welding, IHM - "*Jesus Our Hope*"
- March 13:** Deacon Paul Lim - "*Jesus Our Joy*"
- March 20:** Bishop Mark Eckman - "*Jesus Our Life and Our Salvation*"

NO reservations are needed! Simply come to Ascension Church and join us! The Wednesday evening schedule will be as follows:

- 6:15pm:** Gather for Soup & Salad Dinner in Conner Hall, Ascension
- 7:00pm:** Prayer and the Speaker's presentation in Ascension Church
- 7:50pm:** Dessert and discussion in Conner Hall
- 8:15pm:** Departure

This Lent, we hope to deepen our life in the Lord Jesus! Join us each Wednesday evening as we journey to the Resurrection and the Season of Easter!



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. **Our next grief support meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 15.** Please consider joining us.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

This year, we will be holding our third annual Lenten food drive to benefit our St. Philip St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. Our food pantry volunteers currently deliver food to approximately 70 households each month who do not have transportation with which to reach a traditional food bank. We also serve those who contact our hotline and are in need of emergency food assistance.

This week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a single mother with \$400 toward rent; a man was assisted with some furniture items and kitchenware; and a man was assisted with a water heater replacement. Thank you for allowing us to serve our neighbors in need!

Lenten Food Drive



For the Lenten food drive, we are asking that you donate certain foods and toiletries that we need the most, but we will happily accept any unexpired, non-perishable food items or toiletries that you would like to donate. Paper bags with an attached list of suggested donation items will be available at the St. Philip Church courtyard (ramp) entrance and the Ascension Church main entrance. Donations can be returned to those same locations until Palm Sunday, March 24.

We are asking for the following items: **kid-friendly cereals, instant oatmeal, whole grain cereals, jelly, peanut butter, canned fruit, mac and cheese, condensed tomato soup, condensed vegetable soup, condensed chicken noodle soup, canned chicken, canned tuna, fruit cups, chunky soups, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, baked beans, instant mashed potatoes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and bath soap or body wash.**

If you would like to use our Lenten food drive as an opportunity to get your whole family involved in an almsgiving activity, you can shop each week for some of the items as a family, drop your donation off at church when you attend Mass together, and say a prayer together for those who do not have enough food to eat. For the first week of Lent, you can shop for the suggested breakfast foods, which are kid-friendly cereals, instant oatmeal, whole grain cereals, jelly, peanut butter and canned fruit.

Thank you in advance for supporting our Lenten food drive, our food bank, and our neighbors in need!



BINGO at Tiffany's

The "BINGO at Tiffany's" was very successful! Two Hundred attendees had a great time.

The profit our parish netted is \$16, 387!!!

Please support and thank the following business/families that donated to our event. Please remember these businesses/families make our event even more successful.

Our Local Sponsors:

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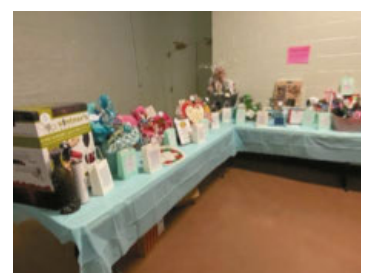
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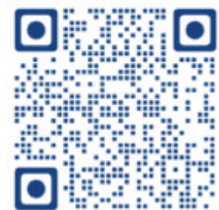
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