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# 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 (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
<b>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 — SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY</b>			
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
<b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 — FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Thomas A. Ogden, Sr.	Pauline Ogden
Ascension	9:30am	Donald & Donna Scholz	Family
Saint Philip	11:00am	Mary Adelaide & Christopher Sprowls	Family
<b>MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19 — LENTEN WEEKDAY</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Len Murin	A Friend
<b>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20 — LENTEN WEEKDAY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Irene Anzelone	Cathy O'Connor
<b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 — SAINT PETER DAMIAN, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Frank & Jean Daily	Frank Daily
<b>THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 — THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Mary Jane Liberto	Stephanie & Mathia Holsinger and Francis Milano
<b>FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23 — SAINT POLYCARP, BISHOP AND MARTYR</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	8:30am	Stations of the Cross	
Ascension	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross	
<b>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 — LENTEN WEEKDAY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Martha Schepner & Alfred Vorbach, Jr.	Estate
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Fannie Carson	Edward C. Dulick, II
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Laurie S. Henkel	Jerome J. Henkel, Jr.
<b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 — SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Mary Jane Liberto	Stephanie & Mathia Holsinger & Francis Milano
Ascension	9:30am	Deceased Family of Wayne & Pat	Wayne & Pat Willy
St. Philip	11:00am	Patricia & Richard S. Bookser	Family



# Notes from the Pastor

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

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of God

**With everything we do, there's always a beginning.** Our parents gave us our beginning. Our lives, our families, our career path, and our Christian discipleship all had their beginning.

**This First Sunday of Lent, we hear once again the beginning of Jesus' own public ministry.** After years of preparing His ministry in His home and work - and then in the desert, Jesus came to the people of Israel when the first People of God truly needed a messiah, a leader, a savior.

**The fullness of God's presence, the fullness of God's Kingdom** received its beginning with Jesus. His preaching and healing ultimately led to the re-establishment of the People of God - the new beginning of God's chosen people.

**Once every beginning is started,** then hopefully progress and success will follow.

**This past week, we began the new Season of Lent on Ash Wednesday** when we accepted ashes on our foreheads - the admission of our own sinfulness, the mark of our repentance,

**Now as we begin these holy days of the Season of Lent,** it's most important that we remain committed to our new beginning. It's important that we remain committed to the

conversion, the holiness, and the renewed discipleship that we've promised to pursue through our Lenten prayer, penance, charity, and observances.

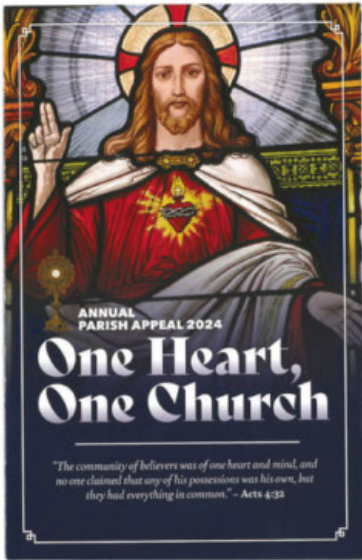
**Make time in these six weeks** to read the daily reflection in your *Daily Reflections for Lent* booklet provided by our parish. Meditate on the face of Jesus depicted on our parish's Lenten prayer cards. **Also, choose specific ways in which you can:** spend more time in silent prayer at home and in church; participate each Sunday - and even weekdays - in our parish Liturgy; read the Gospel according to Mark and other New Testament writings; choose some regular penance for yourself and practice fasting from time to time; be charitable to the poor and those in need as often as possible; and finally, profess your faith in the Lord Jesus and recommit yourself to the Christian discipleship that is yours and all of ours.

**As we prepare for our celebration of the Easter Season** and the Lord's Resurrection, make the most of these 40 days of Lent which we've recently begun. Give time to the observances and practices of Lent every day so that, with an honest and committed effort, you and all of us may make progress in our Christian discipleship as we continue our journey through this life - our journey to eternal life with God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in the Kingdom of the Lord.

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

We have all begun this holy Season of Lent. May the Son of God bless you, your family, and our Saint Philip Catholic Parish community throughout Lent and the coming Easter Season - and every day of this year. Amen!

Yours,  
Father Jim Torquato



## THE 2024 PARISH APPEAL FOR OUR DIOCESE

All parishes of our Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh have begun 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!

Our 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.



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



## A LENTEN CHARITY

As Catholic Christians, our lives should be marked by prayer, penance, and charity every day. Here's a suggestion if you're looking for a local charity that you can assist during Lent.

**The Passionist Sisters in south Pittsburgh** (2715 Churchview Avenue, Pittsburgh, 15227) are a community of 12 cloistered Religious Sisters who've been making our Communion hosts for many years. They also spend many hours in prayer each day interceding for our parish community and all parish communities of our diocese.

**If you'd like to share some monetary charity with them, there are addressed envelopes in the main entrances of both our churches.** The Sisters will appreciate your charity as they devote their lives to serving and praying for all the Catholics of our diocese!





## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, February 18

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

### Weekdays

Isaiah 55-56;  
Matthew 5-6

### Sunday, February 25

Genesis 22:1-18;  
Romans 8:31-34;  
Mark 9:2-10



## 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 every Thursday in Lent from 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 10-11** -- \$11,505.57\*

*\*Includes Mail-in donations*

Online donations -- \$2,374.00

Maintenance donations -- \$100.00

Religious Education donations -- \$81.00

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

Parish income received since July 1, 2023 -- \$443,372.00

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

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

General donations since July 1, 2023 -- \$6,770.00

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 10-11 -- 697

Sunday envelopes used February 10-11 -- 283

Total households receiving envelopes -- 1,090

2024 Parish Appeal Goal -- \$128,119.00

Parish Appeal received as of February 11 -- \$28,816.00\*

*\*Includes online Parish Appeal donations*

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.



# Parish News

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

In the desert, Jesus endured forty days of hardship and temptation. But He did not endure it alone: *“the angels ministered to Him,”* the Gospel tells us. Remember that you do not face Lent alone. God is beside you in your journey to the desert.

## PRAYER FOR EVERYDAY & EVERYBODY

*Dear Jesus,*

*This is the first Sunday of Lent, and I want to commit myself more deeply to You this season. Inspire me with the Lenten penances You most desire, the ones that help me to grow ever nearer to You. Amen.*

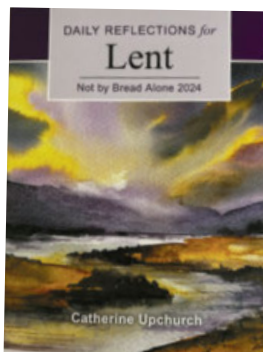


## LENTEN PARISH FISH FRY

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 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm every Friday of Lent (including Good Friday). If you'd like to volunteer, please call 412-922-6300.

## DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR LENT

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



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.

## CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate the following students from our parish who have been named to the Honor Roll at OLSH for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Academic Quarter:

Highest Honors: **Mason Bannon, Hannah Hayes, Presley Holmes, Salvador Lozano, Gianna Marino, Rachel McDevitt, Katelyn Miller**

Honors: **Hope Avery, Keely Bodnar, Colby Lane, Brianna Stumpf**

Congratulations also to **Charlie Michael Colantonio** who received High Honors at Central Catholic High School for the First Semester.

## 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

## 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 & 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.*

## CONFIRMATION STUDENTS



The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation students shared an afternoon with the residents of The Little Sisters of the Poor. The students were given a tour followed by sharing an afternoon of bowling with 18 of the residents. The students concluded the afternoon by presenting all the bowlers with a gift bag.



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## Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns *In Loving Memory of Bob & Von Reinstadtler*  
Offered by Mary Ann Daily

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **Ascension** burns *In Loving Memory of Raymond & Eleanor Legath*  
Offered by Marlene Legath

## ADVERTISER of the Week

**OLANDER TREE AND LANDSCAPE**

*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](http://www.saintphilipchurch.weshareonline.org).



# SAINT PHILIP PARISH



## Soup, Salad and Speaker Series

### *Deepening Our Life in the Lord Jesus*

The Wednesday evening schedule is as follows:

**6:15pm**

Gather for Soup & Salad Dinner in Conner Hall, Ascension Church

**7:00pm**

Prayer and the Speaker's presentation in Ascension Church

**7:50pm**

Dessert and discussion in Conner Hall

**8:15pm**

Departure

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:

**Wednesday, February 21, 2024:**

Father Al Semler - "*Jesus Our Life*"

**Wednesday, February 28, 2024:**

Father David Egan - "*Jesus Our Mercy*"

**Wednesday, March 6, 2024:**

Sister Mindy Welding, IHM - "*Jesus Our Hope*"

**Wednesday, March 13, 2024:**

Deacon Paul Lim - "*Jesus Our Joy*"

**Wednesday, March 20, 2024:**

Bishop Mark Eckman - "*Jesus Our Life and Our Salvation*"



**NO reservations are needed!** Simply come to Ascension Church (114 Berry Street) and join us!

*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!*



# Faith Formation / Religious Education

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

**A NOTE FROM MARYANN:** *“The Kingdom of God is at hand, repent, and believe in the Gospel.”* Our theme this Lent is *Deepening Our Life in the Lord Jesus*. If we deepen our life in the Lord Jesus, we might become like Jesus. So how might our life change if we become like Jesus. We can look to the Stations of the Cross to see how Jesus reacts to life’s situations:

- Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.** *He prays.*
- Jesus, betrayed by Judas, is arrested.** *He is calm.*
- Jesus is denied by Peter.** *He accepts others’ weaknesses.*
- Jesus is judged by Pilot.** *He is quiet.*
- Jesus bears the cross.** *He endures.*
- Jesus is helped by Simon of Cyrene.** *He allows others to help.*
- Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem.** *He thinks of others.*
- Jesus is crucified.** *He is in pain.*
- Jesus promises His kingdom to the good thief.** *He forgives.*
- Jesus speaks to His mother and disciple.** *He watches over His family.*
- Jesus dies on the cross.** *He weeps.*
- Jesus is placed in the tomb.** *He loves.*

To deepen our life in the Lord Jesus, we have to feel what others feel; accept our own situation with grace and hope, face up to the evil around us, reach out to those who need us, and answer evil with love. We ask ourselves, what will my life be like if I deepen my life in Jesus? What will our Parish be like if we deepen our life in Jesus? Perhaps this Lent we might attend the Stations of the Cross on one or more Fridays to further reflect upon *“Deepening my life in the Lord Jesus”* (The above reflection taken and adapted from Station to Station by Gary Jensen)

**OCIA (RCIA) EXCITING NEWS FOR SAINT PHILIP PARISH:** The OCIA Team is happy to announce that **Alex DeBernardo** will participate in the Sacraments of Initiation in Saint Philip Parish at the Easter Vigil in 2024. Alex will attend the Rite of Election with Bishop David Zubik on Sunday, February 18. Alex has journeyed in faith through the OCIA program since January of 2023. We are also happy to welcome **Jennifer Lautenschlager** into the full Communion of the Catholic Church *(continued page 11)*

## — LOOKING AHEAD — *(All are welcome to attend the following)*

- Sunday, February 18** - Rite of Election at Saint Paul Cathedral
- Monday, February 19** - Bishop Waltersheid visits 8<sup>th</sup> grade Faith Formation class at 6:30pm in Kelty Hall
- Tuesday, February 20** - *Hooks & Needles* at 9:00am in the Administration Building
- Wednesday, February 21** - *Soup, Salad and Speaker Series* at 6:15pm in Ascension Church
- Thursday, February 22** - *Ladies of Charity* Work Session in St. Philip cafeteria
- Friday, February 23** - *Stations of the Cross* following 8:00am Mass in St. Philip Church and at 7:00pm in Ascension Church
- Friday, February 23** - *Fish Fry* from 4:00pm to 7:00pm in Conner Hall

## SAVE THE DATES!

**Wednesday, May 1** - *Discovering Christ Reunion Dinner* at 6:30pm in Kelty Hall. Discussion and Video Reflection.



**Wednesday, May 15** - *Mary’s Tea* from 11:00am to 1:00pm in Ascension Church Conner Hall. Our topic will be on well being and stress.

in the near future. Jennifer has attended weekly Liturgy at Saint Philip Parish and has participated in various events and Travel Ministry. Congratulations to these individuals and we look forward to continuing our faith journey with them.

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS:** This week, Faith Formation welcomes Bishop William Waltersheid who will speak and answer questions with our 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation candidates.

This Lent 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

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade = Travel size shampoo

3<sup>rd</sup> grade = Travel size lotion

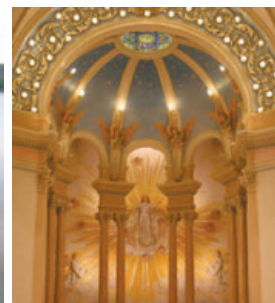
4<sup>th</sup> grade = Note cards

5<sup>th</sup> grade = Mesh shower puffs

6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade = Unopened bags of Chapstick



*Saint Philip Parish*  
**TRAVEL**  
**MINISTRY**



*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



Departure is at 6:30am from Ascension church, and our return is at 8:00pm. The cost per person is \$149 payable to Wendt Touring. To reserve your spot, send your non-refundable payment to the Office of Faith Formation or call 412-922-6388.



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

This year, we will be holding our third annual Lenten food drive to benefit our Saint Philip Saint 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.

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 Saint 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 pantry, and our neighbors in need!

This week, your generous donations enabled us to provide quarterly twinning assistance in the amount of \$1,000 to the Saint Joseph Conference in Kingwood, West Virginia; \$500 to the Saint Agnes Conference in Beaumont, Grand'Anse, Haiti; \$500 to the Good Shepherd Conference in Braddock; and \$500 to the Mary Mother of God Conference in McKeesport. (As a reminder, "twinning" is the term used within the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul to describe when conferences come together to assist friends in need.) In our local area, a single mother was assisted with four beds and other household items; a family was assisted with a washing machine repair; a woman was assisted with \$109 toward a rental fee; a woman was assisted with a \$100 PRT Connect Card; and a woman was given emergency food. Thank you so much for allowing us to help not only our local neighbors in need, but also some additional people who are served by conferences that have little to work with financially.

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](mailto:svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com).



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On **Wednesday, March 20 from 9:00am until 3:00pm**, the Vincentian Collaborative System and our Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh will host a day to support family caregivers at the Vincentian Learning and Engagement Institute, 8200 McKnight Road in the North Hills.

There will be caregiver workshops and presentations to support those who regularly care for family members. The keynote speaker will be Jennifer Antkowiak of our Catholic Diocese. The donation is \$10 and includes a catered lunch. Email [vlei@vcs.org](mailto:vlei@vcs.org) OR call 412-720-020 this month for information and registration.

## **YOUNG ADULT MEN'S SUMMIT**

On **Saturday, March 23, 1:00pm to 5:00pm**, the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Western PA will host a gathering for young Catholic men titled, "*Strengthening Masculine Leadership.*" This gathering will feature Father Joe Freedy, Father John Sweeney, and Mr. David VanVickles as presenters. There will also be time for prayer and discussion. This event is free to all participants, and it will be held at the nearby Diocesan Pastoral Center, 2900 Noblestown Road. For registration this month, please visit [www.cmfwpa.org](http://www.cmfwpa.org).



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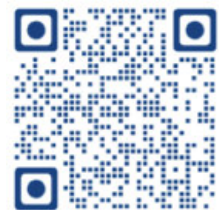
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