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One Church**

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for supporting our  
*Annual Parish Appeal!*

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

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24-Hour Lifeline Dial 988  
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# Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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



*Week of February 25, 2024*

**SECOND  
SUNDAY** of *Lent*

**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
<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
Saint Philip	11:00am	Patricia & Richard S. Bookser	Family
<b>MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26 — LENTEN WEEKDAY</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Richard Krieger	A Friend
<b>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27 — LENTEN WEEKDAY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Bob & Mary Dalla Piazza	Don & Patty Martin
<b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 — LENTEN WEEKDAY</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	William Weber	McDonald, Weber & Fryer Families
<b>THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29 — LENTEN WEEKDAY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Doris & Al Plouy	Joan & Ed Goyke
<b>FRIDAY, MARCH 1 — LENTEN WEEKDAY</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Debbie Muha	Family
Saint Philip	8:30am	Stations of the Cross	
Ascension	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross	
<b>SATURDAY, MARCH 2 — LENTEN WEEKDAY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Dulick & Slackta Families	Edward C. Dulick, II
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Felix & Ottlee Rodgers	Pat Rodgers
<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 3 — THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Robert & Mary Phillips	Pat & Al Bannon
Ascension	9:30am	Family of Wayne & Pat - Special Intention	Wayne & Pat Willy
Saint Philip	11:00am	Frank & Jean Daily	Frank Daily



# Notes from the Pastor

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

Gathered together with Jesus

**In today's account from the Gospel according to Mark**, we hear once again the event of Jesus' Transfiguration which took place during Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem. The Gospels inform us that Jesus shared this important moment with Peter, James, and John because He wished to strengthen their faith in Him before their arrival in Jerusalem and the final events of Jesus' life.

**Jesus appears before these three Apostles in His divine glory.** He is then seen conversing with Moses and Elijah - two of the most important persons of the Old Testament - who confirm Jesus' identity and His importance. Then the voice of God the Father is heard affirming that Jesus is the chosen Son of God sent to humanity by the Father.

**What an incredible privilege the Apostles enjoyed** throughout their years of sharing in Jesus' ministry. Likewise, what an incredible privilege Peter, James and John shared during Jesus' Transfiguration on Mount Tabor. They were truly fortunate and blessed to be with the Lord during His public ministry and at that incredible Transfiguration event.

**In truth, the same opportunity to be gathered together with Jesus is also given to**

**us today!** While Jesus' Apostles and first disciples shared the Lord's company in person, we ourselves are given the invitation to share in the Lord's presence and life sacramentally in the Eucharist. Not only did Jesus share Himself with the people of His day. He also shares Himself with us at the Lord's Supper every Sunday and every day in our Liturgy.

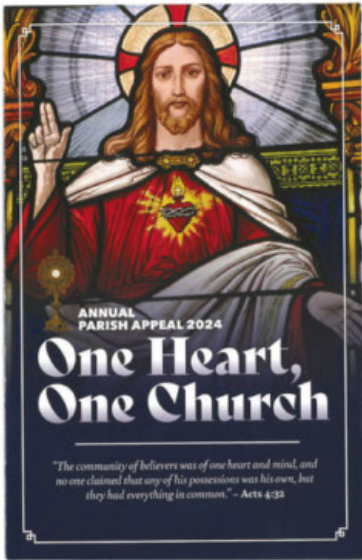
**We may not think very often of this reality**, but when we gather together with one another in church, in our Liturgy, we are gathering in the presence and in the very company of Jesus as did the Apostles. In our celebration, we also receive the very life and divine grace of Jesus in the Eucharist - the sacrament and treasure that Jesus offers to all of us who are His faithful disciples, co-workers, companions, and friends.

**As we remember and celebrate the Lord's Transfiguration** once again this Lent, may our faith be strengthened by that amazing event. When we ourselves gather in the presence of the Lord, may we remember what a privilege it is to be companions of the Lord. Finally, from our gathering with Jesus in the Liturgy, may we be very grateful that He gives us his own life to us in the Eucharist whenever we come together with Him to share in His Supper!

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

**During 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.



If you're interested in hosting a table or volunteering, 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 25

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

### Weekdays

Jeremiah 17-18;  
Matthew 20-21

### Sunday, March 3

Exodus 20:1-17;  
1 Corinthians 1:22-25;  
John 2:13-25

## LENTE 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, call 412-922-6300.

*Thank you for your generous financial contributions to*

## SAINT PHILIP PARISH!



Your goodness and participation help to keep our parish alive!

## FINANCIAL REPORT OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collections, **February 17-18** -- \$10,214.50\*

*\*Includes Mail-in donations*

Online donations -- \$1,574.00

Maintenance donations -- \$322.00

Religious Education donations -- \$927.00

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

Parish income received since July 1, 2023 -- \$456,409.50

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 -- 2,287 Parish families -- 1,202

Church attendance on February 17-18 -- 677

Sunday envelopes used February 17-18 -- 287

Total households receiving envelopes -- 1,090

2024 Parish Appeal Goal -- \$128,119.00

Parish Appeal received as of February 18 -- \$41,839.00\*

*\*Includes online Parish Appeal donations*

2024 Parish Appeal Donors -- 75

## 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

## 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, March 2** at 8:00am for:

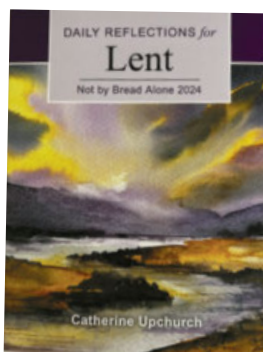
1. Mass and Holy Communion
2. Confession within 8 days before or after the First Saturday
3. 5 decades of the Rosary prayed that day
4. 15 minutes of meditation on the mysteries



Please welcome into our faith family... **Cade Leonid-David Roussos**, son of Jordan Aristotle and Krista Danielle Kuhn Roussos, who received the Life of Christ in Baptism in our parish on Sunday, February 18, 2024. May he grow in wisdom, age, and grace.

## 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.

## LADIES OF CHARITY

The *Ladies of Charity* have a soup and salad meal available to anyone in need. If you or someone you know can use a meal due to personal circumstances, call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

## CAN YOU HELP?

Our Confirmation students and their parents will be making bag lunches for the homeless on Monday, March 4. If you can **donate granola bars or bags of chips**, please drop them off at the Office of Faith Formation **before Friday, March 1**.

## Women's RETREAT

Join the Women of Saint Philip Parish for a retreat the weekend of **April 12 - 14** at Saint Paul of the Cross Retreat Center on the South Side of Pittsburgh. Enjoy delicious meals, opportunity for the Sacraments, great conferences, beautiful gardens, workshops, quiet prayer time, meaningful liturgies and wonderful gatherings of friends. For information or to register, call Mary Jane Roth at 412-921-2361. You may also call the Office of Faith Formation for a registration form.

# 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!*

## *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.***

## **OLSH PRESENTS: RODGERS AND HAMMERSTEIN'S OKLAHOMA - MARCH 1-9**

Join us for this classic, beloved musical! Showtimes are March 1, 2, 8, & 9 at 7:30pm and March 3 & 9 at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students (grade 12 & under). Advance ticket sales only - order yours at [www.olsh.org](http://www.olsh.org)!

# SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS



## Rest in Peace

We offer our sympathy to the family of **Paul Kovach** who entered into eternal life. Please keep him in your prayers.

## Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns *In Loving Memory of Frank & Jean Daily*  
Offered by Frank Daily

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **Ascension** burns *In Loving Memory of James M. O'Connor, Sr.*  
Offered by Wife, Cathy

## ADVERTISER of the Week

**GREENTREE AUTO BODY**

*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!*

**FIND US ON FACEBOOK**





# Faith Formation /Religious Education

Ms. MaryAnn Garfold, Director of Religious Education  
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**A NOTE FROM MARYANN:** Our Responsorial Psalm for the Second Sunday of Lent is, “*I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.*” In Lent of 2023, we took a look at the Stations of the Cross through the eyes of walking with Jesus. In each Sunday bulletin, we used a reflection from the booklet, Walk with Me by Father Richard Gielow, CM, to find Jesus’ message for us in His walk to Calvary.

I recently wrote a reflection on the Stations of the Cross using the Church of Mercy by Pope Francis as a guide. In that reflection, I focused on how Jesus’ Mercy reveals itself to us in each station, and how we can imitate that Mercy.

In the Stations, we have a chance to slow down and look at what Jesus wants to tell us. In our world today, we need to turn to Jesus to find our way. The Way of the Cross can be a wonderful opportunity to walk with Jesus to find our way through the challenges we face. Why not pray the Stations of the Cross with Saint Philip Parish Community this Lent? The Stations are prayed each Friday morning following the 8:00am Mass at Saint Philip Church and each Friday evening at 7:00pm at Ascension Church.

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

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 specific items to Faith Formation Sessions throughout Lent. We also welcome any parishioner who may want to drop these items off at the Office of Faith Formation. **We are especially in need of travel size shampoo, travel size lotion, cards for writing to family and mesh shower puffs.** Please only these items. No other items will be accepted. **We will accept donations until March 8.**

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

## — LOOKING AHEAD —

(All are welcome to attend the following)

**Sunday, February 25** - *Children’s Liturgy* in Saint Philip at 11:00am

**Monday, February 26** - *Faith Formation* at 6:00pm on Saint Philip campus

**Tuesday, February 27** - *Hooks ☕ Needles* at 9:00am in the Administration Building

**Wednesday, February 28** - *Soup, Salad ☕ Speaker Series* at 6:15pm in Ascension Church Conner Hall

**Thursday, February 29** - *Around the Lenten Circle* 6:30pm in Ascension Church Conner Hall

**Friday, March 1** - *Stations of the Cross* following 8:00am Mass in Saint Philip Church and at 7:00pm in Ascension Church

**Friday, March 1** - *Fish Fry* from 4:00pm to 7:00pm in Ascension Church Conner Hall

# THANK YOU!

We take a moment to thank the ladies from the *Hooks ☕ Needles* group for volunteering to make soup each week for our Lenten series. If you can make a crock pot of soup for any of our Wednesday evenings, please call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388 to volunteer.



# MARDI GRAS

## SAINT PHILIP PARISH CELEBRATED MARDI GRAS ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Approximately 180 people enjoyed a pancake and sausage dinner along with music and dancing. It was good to see so many old friends and make some new ones. The event was co-sponsored by Faith Formation and Family Life. Consider joining us for our next gathering, May Crowning and ice cream social, on April 29 in Saint Philip Church and cafeteria.



# TOP 5 REASONS

to attend our  
*Soup, Salad and Speaker Series:*

1. Enjoy an excellent home-made dinner.
2. Meet new people.
3. Hear a great speaker.
4. Have time for prayer this Lent.
5. Enjoy a delicious dessert with friends.



**BONUS:** Meet Jesus in the midst of your challenges and fears.

Come each Wednesday evening from 6:15pm to 8:15pm in Ascension Church Conner Hall.

## IT'S COMING!!!

### *Easter Egg Hunt & Bunny Breakfast!*



Easter Egg Hunt and Bunny Breakfast will be held on **Saturday, March 23 from 8:00am to 11:00am** on Saint Philip campus. Breakfast and crafts will start at 8:00am in Kelty Hall. The Egg Hunt will begin at 9:00am in the Saint Philip courtyard. There will be breakfast, crafts, face painting, and games. All are welcome.

If you would like to donate candy for the eggs, please drop them off at the Office of Faith Formation beginning March 4. Please only small chocolate bars, m&ms, twix, wrapped jelly beans. **Please NO nuts, taffy, peanut butter, bubble gum or money to fill the eggs.**

## SAINT PHILIP PARISH



This parish fundraiser follows the 2024 NCAA Men's Division 1 Basketball Tournament (*March Madness*).

The way it works is:

1. You purchase a square on a 10x10 grid for \$50.
2. Once the grid is filled, numbers 0-9 are drawn randomly and placed on the grid's axis.
3. The horizontal axis is labeled the "winning team." The vertical axis is labeled "losing team."
4. Your numbers represent the last digit of the winning team's score and last digit of the losing team's score per each game played throughout the entire tournament. For example, if your numbers are: winning team 1 and losing team 9 and Pitt beats WVU 71-59, you win! Every game played in the tournament (starting with round one) will generate a winner.

The payout schedule is as follows:

- Round 1=\$25 Field of 64, March 21 & March 22
- Round 2=\$50 Field of 32, March 23 & March 24
- Round 3=\$75 Sweet Sixteen, March 28 & March 29
- Round 4=\$100 Elite Eight, March 30 & March 31
- Round 5=\$200 Final Four, April 6
- Round 6=\$500 Championship, April 8

The two play-in games known as the "first four" are not included in this event. When we sell all 100 squares, we will be able to claim a \$1,500 profit. The event pays out a total of \$3,500 in winnings. Act quickly because the grid will fill up fast.

Please make checks payable to St. Philip Church (write *March Madness* in memo) and send to Parish Office.

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Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number

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Email address

# 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

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 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!*



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## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

This year, we are 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.

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 are 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, tooth-brushes, 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 second week of Lent, you can shop for the suggested lunch foods, which are mac and cheese, condensed tomato soup, condensed vegetable soup, condensed chicken noodle soup, canned chicken, canned tuna, and fruit cups.

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

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This week, your generous donations enabled us to provide a woman with a refrigerator; a single mother was given a stove; a woman was assisted with \$185 toward her gas bill and \$39 toward her sewage bill; and a woman was assisted with \$195 toward her security deposit. Thank you!

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please place your donation in one of the poor boxes, mail it to the parish office (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](mailto:svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com).




# Around the Diocese and Community

## CARE FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS

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.

**Catholic Men's Fellowship**



**of Western Pennsylvania**

**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).

# Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress

**INDIANAPOLIS  
JULY 17 - 21, 2024**

with Bishop David Zubik  
and the Diocese of Pittsburgh



Participate in this pivotal moment in the Church and draw into a deeper intimacy with our Lord. Join our diocese by registering today! Scan the QR code or click Book Now to attend this historic event.



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**This July 17-21**, Catholic Christians from across the United States will gather in Indianapolis for the National Eucharistic Congress. These days will celebrate and reaffirm our belief in the Lord's Real Presence in the Eucharist.

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