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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 March 3, 2024

**THIRD
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 (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, MARCH 2 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
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
SUNDAY, MARCH 3 — THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT			
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
MONDAY, MARCH 4 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Carl J. McKelvey	Madeline Tancosh
TUESDAY, MARCH 5 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Paul Korol	Claudia Korol
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Shumovich Family	Greg & Jeannie Shumovich
THURSDAY, MARCH 7 — SAINTS PERPETUA AND FELICITY, MARTYRS			
Ascension	8:00am	Hazel & Tom Knight	Family
FRIDAY, MARCH 8 — SAINT JOHN OF GOD, RELIGIOUS			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Martin Mulkerrin	Mulkerrin Family
Saint Philip	8:30am	Stations of the Cross	
Ascension	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY, MARCH 9 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Joe & Dorothy Chmiel	Chmiel Family
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Anthony & Mary Polus	Family
SUNDAY, MARCH 10 — FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Mary Jane Liberto	Stephanie & Mathia Holsinger and Francis Milano
Ascension	9:30am	Paul Korol	Claudia Korol
Saint Philip	11:00am	Mary Kay Potanko	James Potanko
BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: Should be submitted to m.takach@saintphilipparish.com no later than 12:00pm on Friday to be included in the following week's bulletin.			





Notes from the Pastor

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

Following the ways of the Lord

As we together prepare to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead during the Easter Season, these 40 days of Lent are meant to prepare us for our Resurrection celebration. This Season of Lent prepares us for the holiest days of our Catholic Christian year by guiding us more deeply into the ways and the life of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Following the ways of God and deepening our life in God means first and foremost returning to and living the ways of the Lord that were revealed to our ancestors in the first People of God - the people of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; the people of Israel; the people of Moses; and the people of King David.

As our first Bible reading today from Exodus reminds us, the ways of God - the commandments of Almighty God - were fully revealed to Moses on Mount Sinai in the divine gift which we know as the Ten Commandments. These commandments have been essential to Christianity, to our society, and to the world for the three millennia since they were received.

Of course, our human tendency is to resent commandments and laws. We often - and mistakenly - see them as restrictions on our freedom, but in truth, the commandments of

the Lord are given us for our own benefit and for the good of all people.

If we had no commandments, no divine and human laws, then humanity would never have survived this long. If we had no commandments, our ancestors would have descended into anarchy and total chaos - and we wouldn't be here today!

Thanks to the statutes of the Lord, we live in the very ways of God's holiness, truth, goodness, and divine love. By faithfully following the commandments of the Lord, we not only live as God lives, but we also deepen our life in the divine life more and more each day and each year!

Despite what many people think today, the commandments of God and the ways of the Lord Jesus are extraordinary gifts from our Jewish-Christian history that have been shared with all of us who are and who continue to be the People of God.

May we always recognize and remind others that the commandments and ways of the Lord are given us for the benefit of all humanity. The commandments and the ways of God allow us to live like God - and to live more and more in the divine life of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

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

A PERSONAL EXAMINATION of *Conscience*

Before celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession, it's important to conduct a personal examination of conscience in order to offer a complete confession.

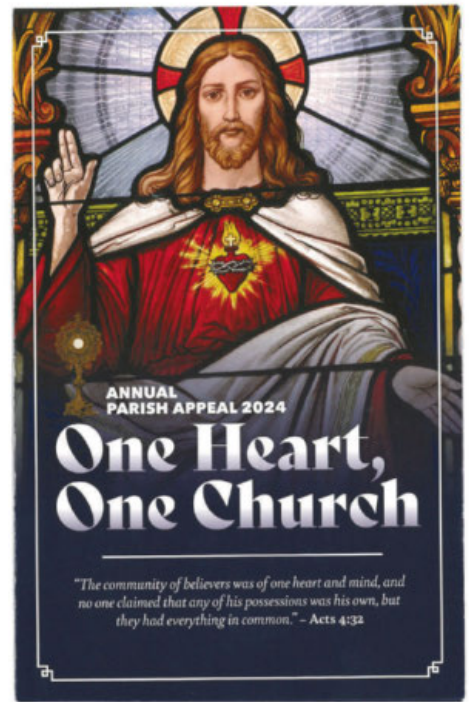
“You shall love the Lord with all your heart, all your mind, and all your soul!”

- Is God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit of greatest importance in your life?
- Do you spend time in prayer each day?
- Do you offer thanks and praise to God each day?
- Do you give higher priority to your work, recreation, or possessions?
- Do you speak respectfully of the Lord at all times?
- Do you respect the name of God, and especially of Jesus, at all times?
- Have you missed church worship on any Sunday or any Holy Day?
- Do you keep Sunday as the day of the Lord and a day of prayer?

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

- Are you a person of love as Jesus commands us to be?
- Do you treat your parents, other adults, and all people with respect?
- Do you speak of family members, friends, neighbors, and strangers with charity?
- Have you taken the life of a human person or harmed someone?
- Have you ended or helped to end the life of a pre-born child?
- Have you mistreated or harmed other life?
- Have you broken your marriage commitment or intruded on another's marriage?
- Have you engaged in marital relations before or outside of married life?
- Have you used pharmaceuticals, prophylactics, or surgery to prevent conception?
- Have you made use of pornography or engaged in self-abuse?
- Have you engaged in theft of another's property or money?
- Have you damaged the property of someone else?
- Have you abused or damaged the natural resources of the earth?
- Have you told lies about other people? Have you lied about other matters?
- Have you spoken poorly of others or treated others with little or no respect?
- Have you spoken profanity or curses or sacrilege or blasphemy?
- Are you judgmental or critical of others without cause?
- Do you hold grudges and refuse to forgive family members or others?
- Are you envious and jealous of others, their families, or their possessions?
- Do you appreciate and give thanks for your own blessings?
- Do you share your blessings and possessions with others? With the Church?

An Act of Contrition - Lord God, I am sorry for all my sins. In choosing to do wrong, and failing to do good, I have offended you, whom I should love above all else. With the help of your grace, I promise to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Our Savior, Jesus Christ, suffered and died for our sins. In his name, my God, have mercy. **Amen.**



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!



BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 3

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

Weekdays

Hosea 14;
Mark 11-12

Sunday, March 10

Chronicles 36:14-23;
Ephesians 2:4-10;
John 3:14-21

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 24-25 -- \$10,334.12*

*Includes Mail-in donations

Online donations -- \$2,189.50

Maintenance donations -- \$937.00

Religious Education donations -- \$119.00

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

Parish income received since July 1, 2023 -- \$469,989.12

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

Estate gifts received since July 1, 2023 -- \$1,500.00

General donations since July 1, 2023 -- \$8,770.00

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 24-25 -- 668

Sunday envelopes used February 24-25 -- 323

Total households receiving envelopes -- 1,090

2024 Parish Appeal Goal -- \$128,119.00

Parish Appeal received as of February 25 -- \$60,696.00*

*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

The *Light* is on for you!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday, March 7
6:00pm to 8:00pm
ASCENSION CHURCH

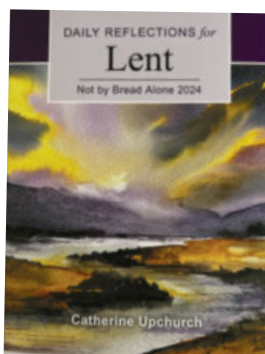
Due to our Wednesday evening Lenten series at Ascension, our "Light is On for You!" evening of Reconciliation at Ascension has been transferred to Thursday, March 7.

NEXT WEEKEND - SPECIAL COLLECTION

The second collection next weekend, **March 9 & 10** is the combined collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Home Missions, and the National Collection for Black and Indian Missions. This collection provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States.

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!



PLEASE NOTE: SPRING FLEA MARKET CANCELLED

Due to a conflict in our schedule, the Spring Flea Market has been cancelled. But our Fall Flea Market will be in October as always.



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.

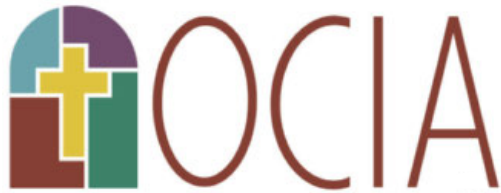
Thank you in advance for all of your delicious contributions!

LIVE THE LITURGY: INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus was not afraid to confront iniquity wherever He encountered it, and His zeal for righteousness was so strong it looked like anger as He drove the moneychangers from the temple. Pray that, with that same devotion and care, He will cleanse our hearts from sin.

PRAYER - FOR EVERYDAY & EVERYBODY

Dear Lord,
Help me to place You in the center of my plans for the future, my dreams for my life, my goals for the time ahead. Be my God and my guide. Amen.



Order of
Christian
Initiation of
Adults

Alex DeBernardo participated in the Rite of the Elect with Bishop Zubik at Saint Paul Cathedral on Sunday, February 18. Alex has journeyed with us through the OCIA (RCIA) process since January 2023. We look forward to welcoming Alex through the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.



Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns *In Loving Memory of Mycah Shaw & Helen Pearce*
Offered by Pat Keeley

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **Ascension** burns *In Loving Memory of Anthony & Mary Polus*
Offered by Family

LADIES OF CHARITY

The *Ladies of Charity* created 100 gift bags to share with the Little Sisters of the Poor residents this Easter. Each resident will receive a bag of "goodies" along with an Easter card from Saint Philip Parish.



AROUND THE LENTEN CIRCLE

Can you give 75 minutes a week to make this Lent special? Call 412-922-6388 to register for our small faith sharing group. Each Thursday during Lent, join us 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



**SBS SECURITIES
BROKERAGE SERVICES**

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.

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, 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!

Father Al Semler kicked off our Lenten **Soup, Salad and Speaker Series** on February 21 with a presentation on *"Jesus Our Life."* More than 80 people enjoyed a variety of eight different soups, an inspiring talk, fellowship, and dessert.

You're invited to join us for this week's talk, *"Jesus Our Hope"* with Sister Mindy Welding.





Faith Formation / Religious Education

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

A NOTE FROM MARYANN: We have many examples of fasting, prayer and almsgiving throughout our parish this Lent. May our small gestures and sacrifices in this regard lead us to experience and share the joy of Easter.

One of our small faith groups has taken additional personal time for spiritual reading of The Passion and the Cross by Father Ronald Rolheiser. In one chapter the role of Simon of Cyrene, the one who helped Jesus carry His cross, is discussed. In the book it is noted that Simon is a man victimized by circumstance. Simply by being at a given place at a given time, he is conscripted to do a task that is unwanted, unplanned for, humbling, and disruptive. And yet this unwanted thing, becomes, in the end, the most important thing he will ever do.

So, Father Rolheiser asks, "How does this happen to you? How do you become Simon of Cyrene, helping Jesus carry the cross?" He suggests you help Jesus carry the cross when:

- You are the one who has to take care of an aging relative because circumstance arranged that you are the one who happens to be living close by.
- You are the one to whom a lonely neighbor reaches out.
- You are the one who forever finds herself caught up in duties not of her own choosing that always have you around when the less glamorous work needs to be done.
- You are the one in the grocery store to whom the confused person speaks.
- You are the one whose life is disrupted by unwanted circumstance.

Pure earthly circumstances often make us responsible for what is divine, and they allow us to do our real work - helping Simon of Cyrene carry the cross of Jesus. How will you help carry the cross this week?

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Our 2nd grade students participated in the *Sacrament of Reconciliation* on Saturday, March 2. Congratulations to each of them and to their families. Please pray for these children as they now begin preparation for the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

— LOOKING AHEAD —

All are welcome to attend the following

Sunday, March 3 - Calendar Party at Canevin High School

Monday, March 4 - Faith Formation at 6:30pm on Saint Philip campus

Monday, March 4 - 8th Grade Family Service Night at 6:30pm in Kelty Hall

Tuesday, March 5 - Hooks ☎ Needles at 9:00am in the Administration Building

Wednesday, March 6 - Soup, Salad ☎ Speaker Series at 6:15 in Ascension Church Conner Hall

Thursday, March 7 - Around the Lenten Circle at 6:30pm in Ascension Church Conner Hall

Thursday, March 7 - Legion of Mary at 6:30pm on Ascension campus

Friday, March 8 - Stations of the Cross after 8:00am Mass at Saint Philip and 7:00pm Mass at Ascension

Friday, March 8 - Fish Fry from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at Ascension



Our next *Children's Liturgy* is on **Sunday, March 10 at the 9:30am** Mass in Ascension Church.



The next meeting for the *Ladies of Charity* is **Thursday, March 14 at 1:00pm** in Ascension Church Conner Hall.

Our 8th Grade students and their parents will participate in a *Family Service Night and Evening of Reflection* on **Monday, March 4 at 6:30pm** in Kelty Hall. On **Sunday, March 10**, they will take a field trip to the Historic Churches of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

OCIA (RCIA) NEWS

Alex DeBernardo will participate in the *Sacraments of Initiation* in Saint Philip Parish at the Easter Vigil in 2024. In preparation, Alex will begin a period of more intense spiritual preparation, consisting of more interior reflection. This period in the Church is formally called the *Period of Purification and Enlightenment*, when the Church celebrates *The Scrutinies*, which are specific prayers for the Elect (those preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation). *The Scrutinies* are celebrated in order to deliver the Elect from the power of sin and to protect them against temptation and give them strength in Christ. There are three Scrutinies.

The **First Scrutiny** will be celebrated on the Third Sunday of Lent at the 4:00pm Liturgy on **Saturday, March 2**. The **Second Scrutiny** will be celebrated on the Fourth Sunday of Lent at the 5:30pm Liturgy on **Saturday, March 9**. The **Third Scrutiny** will be celebrated on the Fifth Sunday of Lent at the 5:30pm Liturgy on **Saturday, March 16**.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS



Bishop William Waltersheid visited Saint Philip Faith Formation on February 19. He spoke with the 7th and 8th Grade about the *Sacrament of Confirmation* as well as a variety of topics. He also prayed with and blessed all our families. Bishop Waltersheid will celebrate the *Sacrament of Confirmation* at Saint Philip Parish at the 11:00am Mass on April 21.



Easter Egg Hunt and Bunny Breakfast!

Easter Egg Hunt & *Bunny Breakfast* will be held on **Saturday, March 23 from 8:00am to 11:00am** on Saint Philip campus. Breakfast and crafts will begin 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 to fill the eggs, please drop them off at the Office of Faith Formation (114 Berry Street) beginning on March 4. Please only small chocolate bars, M&Ms, Twix, wrapped jelly beans. **Please NO nuts, taffy, peanut butter, bubble gum or money.**



Guardian Angel Academy

One of the South Region Catholic Elementary Schools (SRCES)

Spelling Bee

The GAA Spelling Bee was held on Wednesday, February 21, for the top students from each homeroom in Grades 4 through 6. **CONGRATULATIONS to THOMAS MCGOVERN** for winning our local Spelling Bee. He will go on to represent Guardian Angel Academy at the Diocesan Elementary Spelling Bee in May.

Congratulations to all of our top spelling students! We are very proud of all you!

- 4th Grade: **Roman Avigliano** and **Thomas McGovern**
- 5th Grade: **Sara Stickman, Haley Stickman, Anna Rizzo,** and **David Proch**
- 6th Grade: **Oladosu Asanbe, Danny Proch,** and **Dylan Courtney**




Guardian Angel Academy

SATURDAY
March 23, 2024

GUARDIAN ANGEL ACADEMY CAFETERIA

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30pm
POST TIME OF 6:30pm

Join us for an evening of racing, food, and fun with friends!
Proceeds to benefit Guardian Angel Academy

\$30 SINGLE ADMISSION → \$10 Fundraising Credit

\$50 COUPLE ADMISSION → \$20 Fundraising Credit

Admission includes dinner buffet, desserts, beer and drinks.
BYOB and other snacks allowed.

RACES • DOOR PRIZE • BASKET AUCTION • 50/50 RAFFLE

SPACE IS LIMITED - GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

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

THERE ARE ONLY 17 SEATS LEFT for the Saint Mary of the Assumption Basilica Trip to Marietta, Ohio on May 29. For information or to reserve your seat, call 412-922-6388.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

This year, we are holding our third annual Lenten food drive to benefit our Saint 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 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. If all of the paper bags have been taken, please feel free to return your donations in some other bag or box.

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 third week of Lent, you can shop for the suggested dinner foods, which are chunky soups, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, baked beans, and instant mashed potatoes.

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

This week, your generous donations enabled us to provide the St. Margaret Mary Conference in Moon Township with \$500 twinning to assist a homeless veteran; a man was assisted with a \$100 PRT Connect Card; and a woman was assisted with \$458 toward rent (pending confirmation of additional assistance from another organization). Thank you!

If you would like to make a donation of furniture or household goods, please call or text our hotline at 412-444-8140 or email us at svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com. If you would like to donate clothing, shoes or accessories, please place your donation in the blue bins in front of the Hope House at St. Philip or in the rear parking lot at Ascension, or you can call, text or email us to arrange a pickup if you are unable to transport them yourself. Please do not place any other items in those bins or leave anything outside of them because they will be thrown away. If you are looking to purchase new or gently-used clothing, housewares or furniture, please shop at the St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores and visit our online store at eshoppittsburgh.com. Also, we are always looking for volunteers! Any donation of your time is extremely valuable to us.



**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
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SOUP OF THE DAY –Quart -----	\$6.00
GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH -----	\$3.00
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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 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.

REGINA COELI PARISH GUEST SPEAKER SESSIONS

Regina Coeli Catholic Parish welcomes Father Anthony Federico for a two-night Lenten Mission. The first evening, **Monday, March 11 will begin at 7:00pm** at Saint John Neumann church in Franklin Park, when Father Federico will share his vocation story: "*From ESPN to the Priesthood: How the Eucharist Changed a Sportswriter's Life.*"

The second evening, **Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00pm**, will take place at Assumption church in Bellevue. Father Federico will discuss "*Angels & Demons: Everything Catholics Need to Know About the Spiritual Realm.*" All are welcome to attend this Lenten Mission in the North Hills!

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NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

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.

Our diocese is hoping to send 250 participants from among our parish communities, and several members of Saint Philip Parish are already on board for this historic gathering!

If you would like to travel to Indianapolis and participate in this national event in July, visit www.diopitt.org/eucharistic-revival this week for information and registration! You can make this a personal pilgrimage - or even a special family experience! Reserve your seat/s this week.



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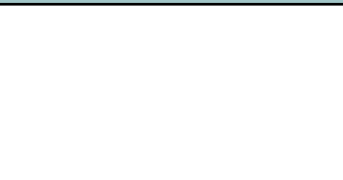
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