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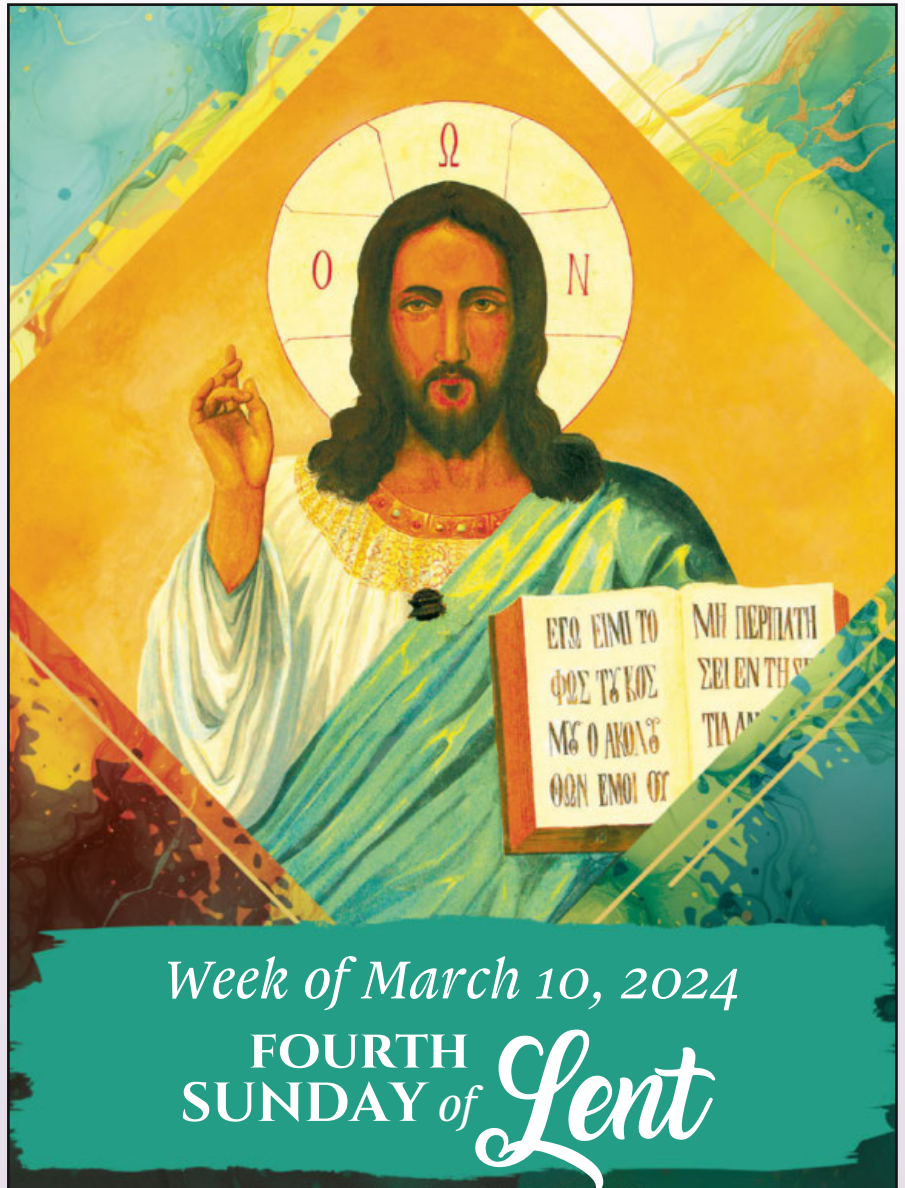
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24-Hour Lifeline Dial 988
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Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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



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 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
MONDAY, MARCH 11 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Ron Andrascik	A Friend
TUESDAY, MARCH 12 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Mary Jane Liberto	Stephanie & Mathia Holsinger & Francis Milano
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
THURSDAY, MARCH 14 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	J. Edward Brandimarti	Lillian Brandimarti
FRIDAY, MARCH 15 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Patrick Brinzer	Family
Saint Philip	8:30am	Stations of the Cross	
Ascension	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY, MARCH 16 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Mary Jo & James Romano	Friends
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Gloria Weishorn	Diane Chuckro
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Valentino & Audrey Nania	Valarie & Richard Nania
SUNDAY, MARCH 17 — FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Dennis Murphy	Dulick Family
Ascension	9:30am	Albert Butter	Randy & Kathy Butter
Saint Philip	11:00am	O'Connor & Sweeney Families	Cathy O'Connor



Notes from the Pastor

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

Living in the Light of the Lord

You probably don't remember this little detail, but when you and I received the Sacrament of Baptism as infants, our parents, grandparents, and godparents were given a candle for us lit from the church's Easter Candle. Along with this candle - lit from the most important candle in every Catholic church - the priest or deacon spoke the words "Receive the Light of Christ." This simple yet solemn action announces that, when we are baptized, we become children of the divine light, the light of Almighty God.

While very few family members - and baptized children - ever think of the significance of receiving this lighted Baptism candle, the Scriptures and our repeated use of lit candles remind us that we are, indeed, meant to walk always in the light of the Lord Jesus! We are always meant to be disciples of Christ who avoid the darkness of the world around us - and who instead always live and walk in the light of the Lord.

Our thoughts, words, and actions should never be hidden or shrouded in shadows or in darkness and evil. Instead, it should always be clear that our thoughts, words, and actions are filled with the holiness and goodness of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit at all times.

Today's inspiring passage from the Gospel according to John, chapter 3, reminds us in this Season of Lent that we should always avoid the darkness that leads to sin, evil, and death. As faithful Catholic Christians, may we instead live like the Lord Jesus each day in this lifetime so that we may dwell forever in the life and goodness and divine light of God forever.

Approaching Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum

In two weeks, we will arrive at Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion and the beginning of the holiest week of the entire Christian year.

This means that we still have three weeks from today to make the most of this year's Season of Lent. We still have three weeks to draw closer to Jesus through our extra time in prayer, our personal acts of penance, and our charitable goodness. Certainly, we can practice prayer, penance, and charity throughout the year - and hopefully we do. However, these Lenten days are set aside for us as the 40 days when we truly focus on our discipleship and our way of life.

As we get closer to Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection, may all of us be stronger, more faithful, and more devoted disciples of Jesus thanks to our Lenten renewal so that we will celebrate joyfully the Lord's Resurrection on Easter Sunday and throughout the 50 day Easter Season!

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 these days and in the coming Easter Season!

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.

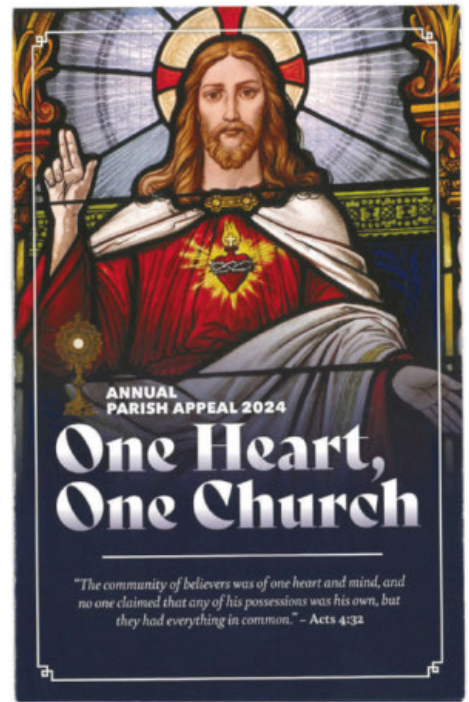
"You shall love the Lord with all your heart, all your mind, and all your soul!"

- 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 10

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

Weekdays

Isaiah 49-50 14; John 4-5

Sunday, March 17

Jeremiah 31:31-34;
Hebrews 5:7-9;
John 12:20-33

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, **March 2-3** -- \$11,605.50*

**Includes Mail-in donations*

Online donations -- \$2,379.50

Maintenance donations -- \$243.00

Religious Education donations -- \$103.00

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

Parish income received since July 1, 2023 -- \$484,320.12

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 March 2-3 -- 713

Sunday envelopes used March 2-3 -- 332

Total households receiving envelopes -- 1,090

2024 Parish Appeal Goal -- \$128,119.00

Parish Appeal received as of March 3 -- \$68,393.00*

**Includes online Parish Appeal donations*

2024 Parish Appeal Donors -- 75

Welcome to Bishop Zubik & the 2024 Deacon Class



Next Sunday, March 17, our parish community will welcome our Diocesan shepherd, Bishop David A. Zubik, for a special ceremony at Ascension church during the 9:30am Liturgy. As the Deacon Class of 2024 moves toward their ordination this coming October, one of the final steps is for these men to be 'installed' as official Acolytes of the Church. Several years ago, they became official candidates for Deacon Ordination. Last year, they became official Lectors of the Church. Next week, these eight men - including our own parish's Joseph Allen - will take this final and important step before their Deacon Ordination.

We will warmly welcome Bishop Zubik and the Deacon candidates and their families next Sunday morning at Ascension church. Following the 9:30am Liturgy, our Ladies of Charity and other helpful parish members will host a reception in Conner Hall to which everyone is invited. Please be sure to join us for this special ceremony and reception!



Parish News

Women's RETREAT

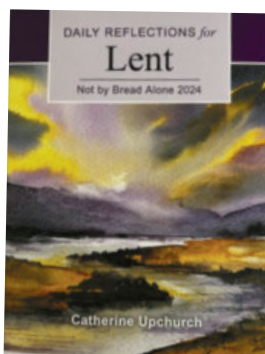
Join the Women of Saint Philip Parish for a retreat the weekend of **April 12 - 14** at Saint Paul of the Cross Retreat Center on the South Side of Pittsburgh. Enjoy delicious meals, opportunity for the Sacraments, great conferences, beautiful gardens, workshops, quiet prayer time, meaningful liturgies 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. Scholarships are available. Call 412-922-6388.

THIS WEEKEND'S SPECIAL COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend 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!



SPRING FLEA MARKET CANCELLED

Due to a conflict in our schedule, the Spring Flea Market has been cancelled. However, 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, home-made 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!



Saturday, March 23
8:00am to 11:00am

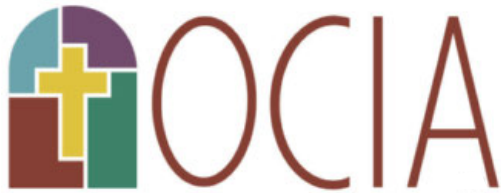
Saint Philip Church Campus

Food • Crafts • Games • Breakfast
Face Painting • Easter Bunny Pictures

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Best wishes for a good Saint Patrick's Day on March 17!





Order of
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Adults

OCIA (RCIA) NEWS: Please welcome **Jennifer Lauteuschlager** as she prepares to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation this Easter Season. Jennifer has been joining us for prayer and study throughout this past year. Many of you have met Jennifer on our trips and at Parish functions. Please keep Jennifer in prayer.

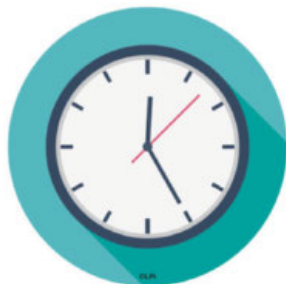


GUARDIAN ANGEL ACADEMY: BOOK FAIR

Guardian Angel Academy Library is hosting a *Scholastic Book Fair* open house in the school after all St. Margaret Church Masses on **Sunday, March 17** (8:00am and 10:00am). Check out books for all ages and pick up gift ideas for Easter baskets. Preorder the 12th *Dog Man* graphic novel! Stop in to browse or buy. This is a great opportunity for families to preview the Fair and help their students make selections. Or shop online at www.scholastic.com/bf/guardianangelacademy1 beginning on March 15. All proceeds benefit our school library. Major credit are cards accepted.

GUARDIAN ANGEL ACADEMY: NIGHT AT THE RACES

Join us for an evening of racing, food and fun with friends on **Saturday, March 23!** Doors open at 5:30pm with post time of 6:30pm. Tickets are \$30 single admission (\$10 fundraising credit) and \$50 couple admission (\$20 fundraising credit). Admission includes dinner buffet, desserts, and drinks (BYOB and other snacks allowed). Space is limited, call 412-922-4765 today!



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

Don't forget that Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday. As you change your clocks ahead remember to also change the batteries in your smoke detectors and other home safety devices.



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



This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns *for the Living and Deceased Members of Saint Philip Parish*

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **Ascension** burns *In Loving Memory of Patrick Brinzer*
Offered by Family



GALASO REAL ESTATE SERVICES

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!



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 13, 2024:

Deacon Paul Lim - "*Jesus Our Joy*"

Wednesday, March 20, 2024:

Doctor Thomas Octave - "*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!

More than 90 participants enjoyed the second Wednesday evening of the **Soup, Salad and Speaker Series**. They chose from seven different homemade soups for a delicious meal. After dinner they heard an inspiring talk on Jesus' Mercy. They concluded the evening with an apple pie dessert and discussion. Please consider joining us this Wednesday when we will hear Deacon Paul Lim speak about "*Jesus Our Joy*."





Faith Formation /Religious Education

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

A NOTE FROM MARYANN: At the recent Rite of Election that was held for those wishing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) in the Catholic Church, Bishop Zubik noted that, *“the practices of Lent originated with the Elect. Those wishing to receive the Sacraments participated in deep prayer, fasting and almsgiving as preparation for their Baptism. Others saw the effect of such practices in the lives of these individuals and began to engage in deep prayer, fasting and almsgiving that they too may have a newness of life and a personal relationship with Jesus. This time of deep prayer, fasting and giving to those in need has become known as Lent.”*

So what has been the effect of our Lenten Practices so far in our lives? Has anyone noticed a difference? Have we discovered the light of Christ within and been willing to share it with others? Have we discovered that neither death, nor life nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus? (adapted from Rom 8:35 - 39) Have our practices really increased our awareness of God in our life and the lives of others? As we continue our practices, perhaps we can reflect upon our Lord asking each one of us the following questions as found in [May I Have this Dance](#) by Joyce Rupp.

1. Will you believe that I love you without any reservations?
2. Will you trust me?
3. Will you let me be your strength?
4. Will you believe in your own giftedness?
5. Will you allow my grace to move within you?
6. Will you open up your heart?
7. Will you spend more time in prayer so that I can empower you?
8. Will you be quiet enough to hear me?
9. Will you talk with me about what is really difficult for you?
10. Will you be there for someone today?

— LOOKING AHEAD —

All are welcome to attend the following

Sunday, March 10 - 8th grade field trip to historic shrines, 11:00am to 4:30pm

Monday, March 11 - Faith Formation, 6:30pm on Saint Philip campus

Monday, March 11 - Confession Faith Formation grades 3rd - 8th

Tuesday, March 12 - Hooks ☪ Needles, 9:00am in Administration Building

Wednesday, March 13 - Soup, Salad ☪ Speaker Series, 6:15pm in Ascension Church Conner Hall with Speaker Deacon Paul Lim on “Jesus Our Joy”

Thursday, March 14 - Ladies of Charity Meeting, 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Thursday, March 14 - Around the Lenten Circle, 6:30pm in Ascension Church Conner Hall

Thursday, March 14 - Legion of Mary, 6:30pm at Ascension

Friday, March 15 - Stations of the Cross following 8:00am Mass in Saint Philip Church and at 7:00pm in Ascension Church

Friday, March 15 - Fish Fry, 4:00pm to 7:00pm in Ascension Church Conner Hall

Saturday, March 16 - Third Scrutiny for the Elect, 5:30pm Mass at Ascension Church

Sunday, March 17 - Bishop Zubik celebrates Liturgy at 9:30am followed by parish reception in Ascension Church Conner Hall

FAITH FORMATION NEWS: On Monday, March 4, the 8th grade Confirmation Candidates and their parents joined together in a service project to make bag lunches for the Red Door. They made 100 bag lunches. Each lunch contained a Scripture verse or personal message. On Sunday, March 10 the Confirmation candidates will travel to the historic shrines of Pittsburgh to learn about the history 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 more in interior reflection. This period in the Church is formally called the *Period of Purification and Enlightenment*. As part of this Period of Purification and Enlightenment, 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 3 Scrutinies.

The *First Scrutiny* was celebrated on March 2. The *Second and Third Scrutinies* will both be celebrated on the Fifth Sunday of Lent at the 5:30pm Liturgy on **Saturday, March 16**.

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.

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

TRAVEL MINISTRY: There are only 14 seats left for the Saint Mary of the Assumption Basilica Trip in Marietta, Ohio on May 29. For more information, call 412-922-6388.

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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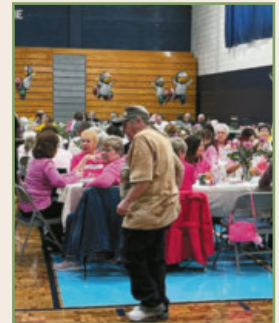
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SAINT PHILIP PARISH ANNUAL
Calendar
 PARTY LUNCHEON
March 3, 2024

On Sunday, March 3, our parish community held the annual Calendar Party in the Bishop Canevin High School gymnasium. More than 300 participants and volunteers enjoyed the afternoon together. Among the various table holiday themes were: Mardi Gras, The 70's, A Day at the Zoo, Breakfast at Tiffany's, Steeler Sunday, Barbie's 65th Birthday, a Dog's Day, and other celebrations.

Honored by the Pittsburgh City Council for their service to our parish and community - and for their 22 years as Calendar Party organizers - were **Regina McDonald** and **Barb Hendrick!**



Our participants enjoyed munchies throughout the gym as well as a fine lunch. We had many winners of the 70 prize baskets that were donated to the event - along with other prizes, door prizes, and the 50/50 drawing!



Many thanks are extended to Regina and Barb as well as all of our table captains, our participants, our many volunteers, our table transporters from our parish Saint Vincent DePaul Conference, our cleanup crew, and all who made the day a great success. Thank you all! Best wishes for a great calendar year!



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.

Lenten FOOD DRIVE

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 fourth week of Lent, you can shop for the suggested toiletries, which are bath soap, body wash, toothbrushes, and toothpaste.**

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 a single mother with \$500 toward her rent; a man was assisted with \$400 toward his rent; a single mother was given a gas stove; a couple was assisted with \$200 toward their gas; a woman was added to our monthly food delivery list; a woman was given a recliner, kitchen table and chairs; a man was given a \$100 PRT Connect Card and \$48 to pay his cell phone bill; a woman was given a full sized bed, assisted with \$74 toward her cable and internet bill, and added to our monthly food delivery list; a man was assisted with \$525 for rent; and a woman was assisted with a service call for her refrigerator, and if the refrigerator cannot be fixed, we will replace it. It was a busy week, and we couldn't have done it without your generous support; thank you!

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