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

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Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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



Week of April 7, 2024

Divine Mercy Sunday

Second Sunday of Easter

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, APRIL 6 — SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER			
Ascension	8:00am	Charles Hiltgen & Family	Joan Chiconella
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Edward C. Dulick	Jacob D. Dulick
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Mr. & Mrs. Fred J. Askin	Mary Ellen Askin
SUNDAY, APRIL 7 — SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Cathern Priselac	Linda Priselac
Ascension	9:30am	Kelly & Gehring Families	Marge Kelly
Saint Philip	11:00am	Luigi Rea	Wife & Children
Saint Philip	3:00pm	Divine Mercy Novena Closing Service	
MONDAY, APRIL 8 — THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Michael & Mary Dolansky	Dolansky Family
TUESDAY, APRIL 9 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Rose & Stanley Bajoras	Daughter
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
THURSDAY, APRIL 11 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	John Henkel	Jerome J. Henkel, Jr.
FRIDAY, APRIL 12 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Ervin Leedstrom	Family
SATURDAY, APRIL 13 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Margaret Barker	Family
Saint Philip	2:00pm	Wedding - Michael P. Donovan and Marydeth E. Guerin	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Mildred & Leonard Gerlowski	Mary Clare & Tom Gerlowski
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Deceased Members of the Rittler Family	Rittler Family
SUNDAY, APRIL 14 — THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Debbie Galilei	Jeff & Marisa DiCesare and Anita Donadio
Ascension	9:30am	Helen & Edward Tuszynski	Marcy & Ed Tuszynski
Saint Philip	11:00am	JoAnn Snyder	Mary C. DeBold



Notes from the Pastor

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord Jesus is Risen from the grave! Divine Mercy Sunday greetings to you, and best wishes for fifty joyful days during this Easter Season!

Jesus' Resurrection and the Divine Mercy of the Lord

In the minds of many Christians, the Easter Holy Day is even shorter than our Christmas celebration.

For many Christians, Christmas is at least the Evening before AND Christmas Day.

In the minds of many Christians, celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus from the grave only lasts from Easter Sunday morning until Easter Sunday dinner.

However, in the official celebrations of the Church, this isn't the case. In the life and Liturgy of the Catholic Church, celebrating the Day of the Resurrection actually occurs over eight entire days - the Octave of Easter! Jesus' rising from the dead is so tremendously important that the first eight days of the Easter Season count as a single day of faith and celebration.

Following the Easter Octave, we continue the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection for another 42 days through the Ascension Holy Day and until the great celebration of the Day of Pentecost and the sending of the Holy Spirit among the Lord's apostles and disciples.

From Ash Wednesday until Pentecost Sunday, we spend 90 days of the Christian year focused on the death and Resurrection of Jesus. These three

holy months remind us of the true importance of the Paschal Event the event of Jesus' self-sacrifice on the cross and His glorious restoration in the new and glorious life of the Resurrection!

Without the Paschal Event - without the death and Resurrection of Jesus - there would be NO Christianity, NO church, NO redemption for humanity, and NO hope for everlasting life.

Everything that Jesus has done for us and for the world is a clear reminder of the Lord's love and mercy for us. If Jesus didn't care for us - if Jesus had no mercy or compassion toward us - then He wouldn't have come into the world in the first place.

Yet, Jesus did come among us, and He even became one of us. Jesus taught humanity of God's love, and He gave His life for our salvation, all because of His love and care and divine mercy.

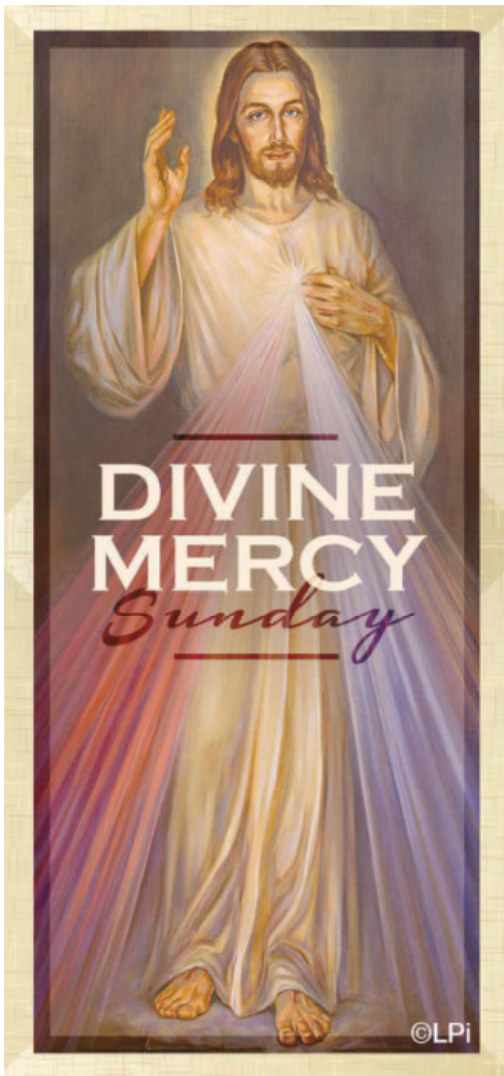
In this holy Easter Season, as we celebrate all that Jesus means to us, may we give thanks to God the Father for sending us His only divine Son.

May we also remember all that Jesus promises us - especially His promise of mercy. In addition to our celebration of the Resurrection, may we also remember and celebrate the Divine Mercy of the Lord every day. In our Divine Mercy Novena prayer service at Saint Philip church this Sunday, April 7, at 3:00pm, we will gather to give thanks to the Lord Jesus for His divine love and divine mercy - and for all that Jesus and His Resurrection has meant to the world and to us since that first Easter Sunday morning!

Best wishes for a joyful and blessed Easter Season!

During these holy days of the Easter Season, may the glorious Son of God bless you, your family, and our Saint Philip Catholic Parish community today and every day. Alleluia!

Yours, Father Jim Torquato



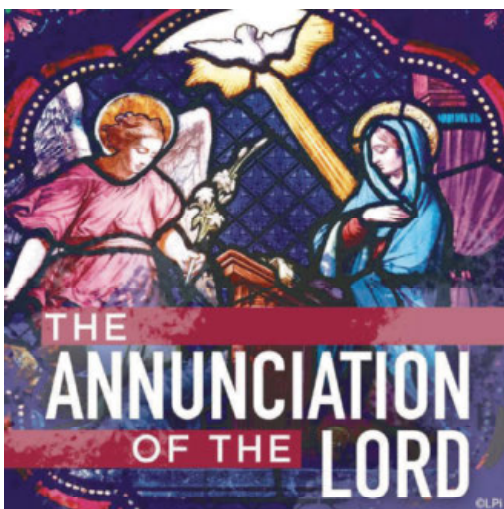
Thank you, thank you, thank you!

With true sincerity, our parish community and staff extend our tremendous gratitude to all our members, neighbors, and friends who made this year's Lenten Season, Holy Week, and Easter celebration very fine and memorable.

Many Easter thanks go: to those who made our Lenten Speaker series special once again this year - especially, our many participants, our guest speakers, our amazing soup makers, our volunteers, our Confirmation Candidates, our Faith Formation staff, and our parish staff.

Many thanks also go: to our catechists and our Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) Team; to our liturgical ministers and ushers and servers; to our Music Director, choir and schola, cantors, instrumentalists, and organists; to our collection counters; to our church decorators and property cleanup volunteers; to our parish staff and maintenance staff members; and to all who made this Lent and our Easter Sunday celebration so good and memorable.

May the Lord Jesus bless you for your goodness now and throughout the Easter Season!





Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35;
 1 John 5:1-6;
 John 20:19-31

Weekdays

Acts of the Apostles 4-6;
 John 3-6

Sunday, April 14

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-19;
 1 John 2:1-5;
 Luke 24: 35-48

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**

** Includes Mail-in donations*

Sunday collections, March 23-24	-- \$9,710.15*
Online donations, March 23-24	-- \$2,234.50
Maintenance donations	-- \$116.00
Religious Education donations	-- \$52.00
Sunday collections, March 30-31	-- \$12,673.17*
Online donations, March 30-31	-- \$2,554.50
Maintenance donations	-- \$61.00

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year	-- \$790,368.00
Parish income <u>received</u> since July 1, 2023	-- \$538,787.14
Parish fundraising since July 1, 2023	-- \$26,917.51
Estate gifts received since July 1, 2023	-- \$1,500.00
General donations since July 1, 2023	-- \$9,370.00

Average weekly staff salary and benefits expenses	-- \$7,640.00
Average weekly maintenance/operation expenses	-- \$1,758.10
Average weekly utility expenses	-- \$2,332.73
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 23-24	-- 905
Sunday envelopes used March 23-24	-- 322
Church attendance on March 30-31	-- 1,161
Sunday envelopes used March 30-31	-- 264
Total households receiving envelopes	-- 1,090

2024 Parish Appeal Goal	-- \$128,119.00
Parish Appeal received as of March 24	-- \$89,223.00*
<i>*Includes online Parish Appeal donations</i>	
2024 Parish Appeal Donors	-- 117



In Remembrance of
Sister Mary Thomas Rodgers, SC

November 26, 1924 - March 31, 2024

Our condolences and prayers are extended to the family of Sister Mary Thomas Rodgers, SC, and to the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill in Greensburg upon Sister Mary Thomas's passing on Easter Sunday.

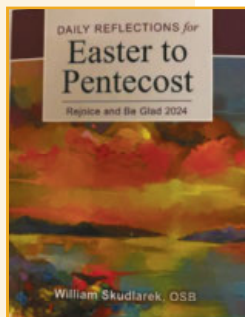
Sister Mary Thomas was a Sister of Charity for 80 years, and as many in our parish remember, Sister taught in Saint Philip Catholic School for nearly 30 years, 1977-2006. May the Lord now welcome Sister Mary Thomas, SC, into His divine presence, and may she receive her well-deserved reward for a lifetime of Catholic faith, Christian discipleship, and dedicated Religious service to the Lord's Church."



Parish News

EASTER SEASON DAILY REFLECTIONS

In recent weeks, more than 500 copies of Easter Season booklets were received by our parish members. Be sure to continue your daily Lenten reading into the 50 days of the Easter Season. Your spiritual life and prayer life will benefit greatly from this daily spiritual reading!



SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

We still have quite a few Sanctuary Lamp Memorials remaining for 2024. They are a wonderful way of honoring deceased loved ones. If you would like to schedule your intention, please contact Maureen in the Parish Office.

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.

"DIVINE MERCY,
SWEET RELIEF FOR
ANGUISHED HEARTS,
I TRUST IN YOU."

SAINT FAUSTINA



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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SERVICE

This **Sunday, April 7**, as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, our parish will hold the annual **Divine Mercy Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration in Saint Philip church at 3:00pm.**

All of our members, families, friends, and neighbors are welcome to this special time of prayer as we pray to the Lord for ourselves, for all the People of God, and for all the world.

The Divine Mercy devotion was shared with the Church by Saint Faustina Kowalska one century ago. Pope Saint John Paul II instituted Divine Mercy Sunday nearly forty years ago. We pray for Divine Mercy every day of the year and especially during this year's April 7 Divine Mercy Sunday.

Please join us in Saint Philip church **NEXT Sunday, April 7, at 3:00pm.**

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WELCOME

NEW OFFICE MANAGER

Welcome to our **NEW Office Manager, Mr. Frank Bey.** Frank is life-long member of this area and a long time member of Ascension church and now Saint Philip Parish. Along with his family members, Frank has been the environment coordinator at Ascension for several decades. Frank has also been a very active parish member and a Pastoral Council member for many years. He is thoroughly familiar with - and dedicated to - our Saint Philip Parish community.

We warmly welcome Frank to our parish staff as he begins this important service to the members and community of Saint Philip Catholic Parish!

ELECTION *Day*

BAKE SALE AND LUNCHEON

Primary Election Day is Tuesday, April 23. Our Election Day Luncheon and Bake Sale will be held from 10:00am to 2:00pm in Ascension Church Conner Hall.

Your delicious donations have made our bake sale an election day highlight, and we're grateful for your continued support. We invite you to bring out those cherished recipes once more and create a batch or two of your signature treats—be it cookies, cakes, pies, or candies. Your delicious donations will directly support our parish and help sustain this wonderful tradition. **Please drop off your baked goods at Conner Hall between 5:30pm and 7:00pm on Monday, April 22.** Remember, regardless of your polling location, you're always welcome to join us for lunch on voting day!



Rest in Peace

We offer our sympathy to the family of **Anita Corinda Macklin** who entered into eternal life. Please keep her in your prayers.

Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns *In Loving Memory of Denk & Moses Families*
Offered by Evelyn

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **Ascension** burns *In Loving Memory of the Deceased of the McMahon & Perry Families*
Offered by Joe & Lynn Perry McMahon



ADVERTISER of the Week

BRIDGEVILLE APPLIANCE

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

DONATE ONLINE

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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.



Faith Formation /Religious Education

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

A NOTE FROM MARYANN: In our First Reading for this Sunday we read, “*The community of believers was of one heart and mind....With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all.*” We are called to follow in the footsteps of the Apostles. We, the community of believers, are called to witness to the power of the Pascal Mystery. In order to witness, we first come together to pray and share fellowship as one heart and one mind.

On **Wednesday, April 10**, we are called to come together to identify, share and strengthen the mission of Saint Philip Parish. We are called to let God’s love guide our lives and to discover ways to share that love. Our Parish Mission needs each one of us.

We are called to gather for fellowship, a dinner meal, and an inspiring talk. The dinner, catered by *The Cooked Goose*, will be beef, chicken, potato, vegetable and a beverage. Following this time together, we will gather in the church to hear an inspiring talk by Father Carmen D’Amico. There will be time following the talk for fellowship and dessert. We need everyone to join us.

If you can not be there in person, we ask that you join us in prayer. Let us come together, young and old, long term member or newly registered, that we may know the risen Christ and share His love with each other and with our community. Please come and invite someone to join you.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS: Our next session will be **Monday, April 8** where we will discuss, in addition to our regular lesson, Divine Mercy Sunday and the story of Sister Faustina. Throughout April, we will be discussing Pentecost, Eucharistic Revival and things unique to our Catholic faith. On **Monday, April 29**, Faith Formation will have a May Crowning followed by an ice cream social. All are welcome.

2nd GRADE PARENTS: Our *First Eucharist Retreat* will be held on **Sunday, April 28** from 12:00 noon until 2:30pm on the Saint Philip campus.

— LOOKING AHEAD —

All are welcome to attend the following

Sunday, April 7 - Happy Easter

Monday, April 8 - *Faith Formation* at 6:30pm on Saint Philip campus

Tuesday April 9 - *Hooks & Needles Ministry* at 9:00am in the Administration Building

Wednesday April 10 - *Parish Mission*, 6:00pm to 8:00pm Ascension Church Conner Hall

Thursday, April 11 - *Ladies of Charity* at 1:00pm in Ascension Church Conner Hall

Thursday, April 11 - *Legion of Mary* at 6:30pm in Ascension Rectory



Our final Children’s Liturgy schedule for this school year is as follows:

Sunday, April 14
9:30am at Ascension

Sunday, April 28
11:00am at Saint Philip

Sunday, May 12
9:30am at Ascension

TRAVEL MINISTRY: Our Bus Trip to Saint Mary of the Assumption Basilica is full. We are taking names for a waiting list.

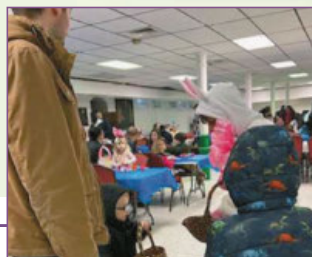


Easter EGG HUNT and Bunny BREAKFAST

On Saturday morning, March 23, our Faith Formation staff, catechists, parish volunteers, and Confirmation Class students provided our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on the grounds of Saint Philip church and in Kelty Hall.

More than 60 students - along with their parents and family members - enjoyed their search for 1000 plastic eggs filled with candy. Breakfast, treats, games and activities also filled the morning. In addition, our youngsters learned more about Jesus and His Resurrection which are what we truly and joyfully celebrate at Easter.

Many thanks to all who participated - and to all of our parish staff, our catechists and volunteers, and our many candy donors who made the Easter Egg Hunt Morning a great event once again!



Saint Philip

PARISH MISSION

Wednesday, April 10

**Easter Season Parish Dinner
and Mission Evening at
Ascension Church Conner Hall**

6:00pm — Dinner

Donated and catered by

The Cooked Goose Catering

Dinner includes: Sliced Roast Beef Au Jus, Stuffed Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Mixed Vegetable, Garden Salad, Assorted Desserts and a Selection of Canned Sodas

7:00pm — Speaker

Father Carmen D'Amico

"Jesus Promises Us the Fullness of Life - Now and Forever!"

All are invited to enjoy a delicious dinner, hear an inspiring speaker, have some time to rest in prayer, and meet new people.

Please join us!



*RSVP by calling the Office of Faith Formation
at 412-922-6388 or return this form to
114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh PA 15205.
Reservations are required.*

Family name

Phone number

Number of adults. Number of children and ages.



FISH FRY GRATITUDE



Thanks to the amazing dedication and work of more than 100 parish volunteers, our Annual Lenten Parish Fish Fry was, once again, a tremendous eight evening event and a major success for our annual parish fundraising!

Many, many thanks to: our Fish Fry patrons who joined us for dinner; our Fish Fry Coordinator (*and Maintenance Director*), Mr. Rick Hufnagel; all of our dedicated Fish Fry preparation team members; our hall setup crew; our many generous and amazing bakers; our outstanding cooks and kitchen staff; our meal service coordinators and announcers; our cashiers and finance volunteers; our hospitality crew; our student helpers and servers; our Confirmation Class student volunteers; our cleanup crew members; and all of our parish

members and friends who came together once again this Lent to serve our community and our parish!

From the very first coordination meeting in December, to the crab cake making marathon, to all the food and event preparation, to the eight long but fun evenings of our Fish Fry 2024, your generous work and dedication are truly and greatly appreciated!

You make Saint Philip Parish a very special community of faith and service each Lent and throughout the year. May the Lord graciously bless all of you for your goodness. May you get some rest following all your volunteer work, and may this Easter Season be a blessed and special time following all of your amazing volunteer service in this year's Parish Fish Fry!



Guardian Angel Academy

One of the South Region Catholic Elementary Schools (SRCES)

CONGRATULATIONS - GUARDIAN ANGEL ACADEMY FORENSICS TEAM

The Guardian Angel Academy Forensics Team competed in the last tournament of the year on Saturday, March 9. In the Finals round, the participants are judged based on the grading criteria. The top two readers in each room are invited to compete in the All Stars round. In this round, the competitors are ranked against each other. In the Finals round, **Eliana Cornetti** received a Second Place for Drama with her speech, "Elphaba." **Derek Elaiho** received a Second Place for Drama with his speech, "The Riddle House." **Haley Stickman** received a Second Place for Prose with her speech, "Wizard's Hall." **Adaya Nosa-Oviasu** received a First Place for Declamation for her speech, "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death." **Julia Piaggessi** received a First Place for Impromptu with her speech about opening a photography studio and dealing with customers. Adaya and Julia advanced to the All Stars round. Adaya received a First Place in Declamation. Julia received Second Place in Impromptu. Finally, the Southwestern Pennsylvania Forensics League honors the founder, Mary Fahey, every year by awarding students who show dedication to the competition. **Eliana Cornetti** received the award for Guardian Angel this year. Thanks to the team and parents for all your hard work and support.



CONGRATULATIONS to our Varsity Boys Basketball Team for winning their section championship and finishing as the runner up for the Diocesan Championship. GREAT JOB ON AN AMAZING SEASON!



CONGRATULATIONS MARIA LEITHAUSER-MIHALEGA

Our 8th grade student Maria Leithauser-Mihalega was selected as a 2024 CARSON SCHOLAR. With this honor she will receive a \$1,000 scholarship award that will be invested for her college education. In addition to the scholarship monies, she will receive a medal and certificate. Her name will also be added to our Carson Scholar Trophy in our school Trophy Case. She will be recognized at the 20th Annual Carson Scholars Fund's Pittsburgh Awards Banquet on Sunday, April 7. Maria is among a select group of gifted students from across the country that have been named Carson Scholars. Maria was chosen because she demonstrated the highest standards of academic achievement, integrity, civic and social responsibility. Her academic achievements and service to her community are what makes her stand out as a future leader. We are very proud of you Maria - FANTASTIC JOB!

What it means to be Catholic and Christian

Today, many people – *including Catholic Christians* – ask the question:

What do we mean by the name Catholic?

In the first generations of the Lord's community (the Church), our ancestors who were becoming followers of the Risen Christ came to be called "Christians." This is still the name that we receive and proclaim even today.

During later generations, small groups of Christians became very exclusive and pursued their own versions of the Christian faith and community. They often excluded the poor and uneducated and outcast. They typically considered themselves to be much better than the average, ordinary members of the Lord's Church. These groups were hostile to the Apostolic Church and its leaders – and caused many difficulties and upset through the early centuries.

As a result, in order to distinguish faithful Church members from those who created small, exclusive groups (those who came to be called 'heretics'), the Church began teaching that true disciples belonged to a "Catholic Church" – an inclusive Church of Christ that does not exclude anyone and which seeks to share the Good News and the grace of the Lord with all people everywhere.

Today, we often use the name "Catholic Christian" as a reminder that we are indeed Christians baptized into Christ Jesus – and that we belong to the one Catholic Church (*universal, inclusive, open to all*) established by Jesus upon the foundation of Peter and the Apostles which welcomes all people and seeks to share salvation with all who believe and live in the Lord Jesus. We are and always have been the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church for nearly 2,000 years!

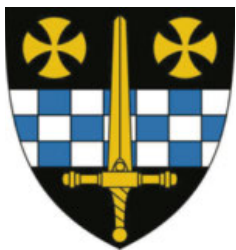


ENROLL TODAY

Guardian Angel Academy registration is beginning now for the 2024-2025 School Year. Register your children today for an excellent Catholic education in our parish's regional school.

For registration information, please call 412-922-4765 or visit www.guardianangelacademy.org this week for more information!





Around the Diocese and Community

GOLFING TO BENEFIT CHIMBOTE

For 60 years, the members of our Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh have supported a mission to the poor of Chimbote, Peru through the work of a Catholic maternity hospital and health clinic. Since 2005, the Chimbote Foundation has hosted a Summer Golf Outing at the South Hills Country Club to benefit the charitable work offered to moms, infants, and families in Chimbote, Peru.

To participate in this year's **June 3 Golf Outing**, visit www.chimbotefoundation.org or call 412-456-3165. Included are 18 holes of golf with carts, a driving range, beverages on the course, skill prizes, lunch, and dinner. Register today!

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Bethany Hospice & Palliative Care is looking for caring and compassionate people to join our team. Our Volunteers see patients in their current home to provide companionship! Volunteers work with the Spiritual Care Coordinator and Volunteer Coordinator to best serve our patients.

If you or someone you know are interested in becoming a Bethany Volunteer, please visit, www.bethanyhospice.com/programs/volunteer or contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Adrienne at 412-21-2209 or aleedy@bethanyhospice.com.

BICYCLE BLESSING

Join Archangel Gabriel Parish and Montour Trail Council on **Saturday, April 13 at 10:00am** at Mile Zero of the Montour Trail outside of Coraopolis on Rt. 51 (near the Highmark soccer fields) for a blessing of bicycles and their

owners. After the blessing, cyclists are welcome to ride the trail. Park at Mile Zero or alternatively park somewhere up the trail and ride to the blessing and then ride back to your car. (Rain date is April 20).

AN ITALIAN SAMPLER

Are you looking for a fun night of entertainment? Then come to "*An Italian Sampler*" on **May 3, 4 & 5** at Vincentian Hall (Saint Thomas a Becket campus) 139 Gill Hall Road, Jefferson Hills, with shows at 7:00pm nightly. The opening act features a medley of Italian songs, an intermission, and then a one-act play written by Father Joe Luisi titled, "*Friendly Fire*." It is about a recently widowed grandfather forced to live with his daughter, son-in-law, and grandson. Sparks fly when they interact with each other with false assumptions and begin to see each other in a new light.

Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be reserved by calling Nick at 412-525-2855 or Jean 412-215-6433 (Monday, Wednesday or Fridays) or Renee at 301-335-4941 or All 301-335-4962 (Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays or Sundays). After expenses, all proceeds will be split between Saint Vincent de Paul Society of Triumph of the Holy Cross Parish to help the poor, and The Ultrasound Initiative to buy an ultrasound machine for a pro-life clinic with the Diocese of Pittsburgh. You don't have to be Italian to enjoy the show! Ciao!

ARCHANGEL GABRIEL PARISH
KITE FESTIVAL
Sunday, April 14
Youthtowne (Clinton, PA)
12:00 - 4:00 PM
Learn more at
ArchangelGabrielParish.org/Kite.



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