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Annual Parish Appeal!

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

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24-Hour Lifeline Dial 988
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Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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



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 20 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Fr. H. Michael Kernan & Fr. Bob Herrmann	Rose
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Marie & Bill Reif	Sue & Mike Rust
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Arlene Ramolt	Husband, Ron
SUNDAY, APRIL 21 — FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Deceased of the Rosano Family	Rita Keblish
Ascension	9:30am	Sam Palombini, Sr.	DeDe Palombini
Saint Philip	11:00am	Bob & Von Reinstadtler	Mary Ann Daily
MONDAY, APRIL 22 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Dave Stahurski	Wife, Valerie
TUESDAY, APRIL 23 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Mary Ann Kormick	Kormick Family
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
THURSDAY, APRIL 25 — SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST			
Ascension	8:00am	Helen Zak & Chuck Wilde	Rose
FRIDAY, APRIL 26 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Ervin Leedstrom	Family
SATURDAY, APRIL 27 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Joe & Joann Ragan and Ed & Trudy Ragan	Rose
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	50 th Wedding Anniversary of Thomas & Marirose Grayson	Family
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Favaro, Fico, Bird, & Morris Families	Family
SUNDAY, APRIL 28 — FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Timothy Megyesy	Claire & Children
Ascension	9:30am	Anna & Victor Zink	Marcy & Ed Tuszyński
Saint Philip	11:00am	Living & Deceased Members of the Dacey Family	Rob Dacey



Notes from the Pastor

Alleluia! The Lord Jesus is Risen from the grave!
Easter Season greetings to you, and best wishes for these fifty joyful days!

Staying close to the Lord

Do you remember your years in high school? Of course, if you're thirteen years of age or younger, you haven't yet begun your high school years. Then again, if you're that young, you're probably NOT reading this page in the bulletin.

Back to my question: do you remember your years in high school? Were they 10 years ago? 20 years ago? 30? 40? 50? 60? 70? More?

If you do remember those secondary school years, do you recall how many classmates you had in your division? Do you remember how many fellow students, faculty, staff, and administrators were part of the high school community?

Whatever that number may have been, I'll wager that you were seldom or never alone when you were on the campus of your school. Being surrounded by fellow students - as well as adults - is certainly the most common experience which everyone has in our school years. Throughout our years of education, we are constantly in the company of friends and fellow young people.

Then comes graduation, and we immediately find ourselves to be alone. After that high school commencement, we are never again surrounded by so many other individuals - for better or worse. After high school, it may take years for a person to create their own family for this journey through life. You may work in the company of a small number of individuals. Then again, you may find yourself much more alone than you ever expected.

Those years in school give us the false sense that we'll never be alone - that we'll always be connected to many, many people - including some friends. However, we find a different existence as adults.

As Catholic Christians, we can find a great deal of consolation in this Sunday's reading from the Gospel according to John, chapter 10 - the Good Shepherd teaching. Whether you're traveling through this life with many family members and friends, or even if you find yourself fairly alone quite often, Jesus gives us the blessed assurance that HE is always present to us as our friend and companion and shepherd. I hope that it's a promise all of us can appreciate - whether we share our lives with many others each day, or if we think of ourselves as lone pilgrims on this journey to everlasting life in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

May you and I and all of us keep in mind each day that Jesus, our Good Shepherd - and His mother, Mary, and Joseph, all the saints, and indeed all God's people - accompanies us all our days. If we take time for prayer -- *inviting the Lord and the Holy Spirit to be with us each day*, then we will be surrounded by the best company that we could ever hope to have.

May you and all of us walk closely with Jesus our Good Shepherd every day during our lifetime. May Jesus' company and the company of all the saints and disciples be a blessing - and a source of strength and support - to you and to all of us. In our lives, may the presence of Jesus and of our all Catholic family be a real treasure as we together make this pilgrimage to the glory of the Resurrection - and to the eternal home that Jesus promises all of us in the Kingdom of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit! Amen! Alleluia!

Best wishes for a joyful Easter Season!

During these holy days of the Easter Season, may the glorious Son of God - our divine Good Shepherd - bless you, your family, and our Saint Philip Catholic Parish community now 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!



A Thank You Note from the Sisters

During the Season of Lent, members of our parish were invited to send charitable donations to the Passionist Sisters near Brentwood. The Passionist Sisters live a lifetime of prayer for the benefit of all the Lord's people. They pray for you, for our parish community and the parish communities in our diocese - as well as for all Catholic Christians and, in fact, for all people. These 10 holy and prayerful Religious Sisters also make by hand the Communion hosts for most parishes in our Diocese - the Communion hosts which allow us to receive the Eucharist, the Body of the Lord every Sunday and every day.

The Passionist Sisters did, in fact, receive generous support from a number of our parish members and families. For your goodness and charity, they are very, very grateful, and they send their thanks to our donors and our parish community!

If at any time of the year, you'd like to share your kindness and charity with the Passionist Sisters, their address is:

The Passionist Sisters
2715 Churchview Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15227

Again, thank you for your kindness and goodness to the Passionist Sisters. God bless!



BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 21

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12;
1 John 3:1-2;
John 10:11-18

Weekdays

Acts of the Apostles 11-13;
John 10-14

Sunday, April 28

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31;
1 John 3:18-24;
John 15:1-8



DID YOU KNOW?

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS IS OBSERVED ON GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY.

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, April 13-14	-- \$10,089.60*
<i>* Includes Mail-in donations</i>	
Online donations, April 13-14	-- \$2,019.50
Maintenance donations	-- \$38.00
Religious Education donations	-- \$30.00
Easter Sunday donations	-- \$8,945.50

Holy Land donations -- \$274.00

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year	-- \$790,368.00
Parish income <u>received</u> since July 1, 2023	-- \$564,107.58
Parish fundraising since July 1, 2023	-- \$73,199.38
Estate gifts received since July 1, 2023	-- \$1,500.00
General donations since July 1, 2023	-- \$10,270.00

Average weekly staff salary and benefits expenses	-- \$7,640.00
Average weekly maintenance/operation expenses	-- \$1,686.37
Average weekly utility expenses	-- \$2,261.09
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 April 13-14	-- 692		
Sunday envelopes used April 13-14	-- 318		
Total households receiving envelopes	-- 1,090		

2024 Parish Appeal Goal	-- \$128,119.00
Parish Appeal received as of April 14	-- \$98,399.00*
<i>* Includes online Parish Appeal donations</i>	
2024 Parish Appeal Donors	-- 117

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.

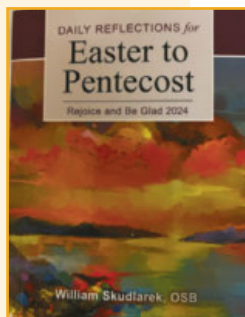
All contributions above this year's goal will be retained by our parish. Many thanks for your response and your continued generosity in helping our parish meet this obligation in 2024!



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!



PRAYER FOR EVERYDAY & EVERYBODY

Prayer of the Good Shepherd

Dear Lord, You are my Shepherd, a Good Shepherd, who leads in ways beyond my understanding. Guide me in the paths You would have me go. Amen.

Blessings

TO OUR NEWLY MARRIED!



HOLY MATRIMONY

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to **Michael P. Donovan** and **Marydeth E. Guerin** who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage at Saint Philip Parish on April 13, 2024. May God bless them as they begin their lives together.

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.

LIVE THE LITURGY: INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus the Good Shepherd knows that real love is an action, not an idea. His sacrifice is the proof of His love for His flock. Let us remember to love one another as the Good Shepherd loves us: not just in words but in actions, in choices, in deeds.



Welcome to our community, **Bishop William Waltersheid!**



This Sunday morning, April 21, we welcome our Auxiliary Bishop, the Most Reverend William J. Waltersheid, DD, to Saint Philip Parish for the annual celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation!

Having visited with our Confirmation candidates in March, Bishop Waltersheid returns this morning to share with our young students this final Sacrament of Initiation. Today, the bishop comes to us as an Apostle of Jesus. As on the first Pentecost and during the ministry of Saint Peter and the Apostles, the bishop will today share the Holy Spirit of God with this year's candidates. For their part, in accepting Confirmation, our young students will personally profess our Catholic Christian faith for themselves - in the same way that their parents professed our holy faith for these young men and women during their Baptism as children.

We sincerely thank Bishop Waltersheid for being with us today at the 11:00am Liturgy at Saint Philip church for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thanks also go to our Newly Confirmed for professing our faith and dedicating themselves to the Lord Jesus. Many thanks, too, are extended to our Confirmation sponsors, parents, catechists, and Faith Formation Director and staff for guiding our young students to this important and special day. May the Holy Spirit inspire faith and discipleship in all of us throughout our lives as Jesus' holy disciples!

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. **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!



Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns *In Loving Memory of the Kwasniewski Family*
Offered by Ken & Jane Kwasniewski

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *In Loving Memory of Arlene Ramolt*
Offered by Shiela Giza & Family



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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.



Faith Formation /Religious Education

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

A NOTE FROM MARYANN: We have so much to celebrate this week. We come together in prayer to welcome Bishop William Waltersheid, who will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with our 19 candidates on **Sunday, April 21 at the 11:00am Liturgy in Saint Philip church.** We also celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday this week. In our second reading we hear, “*See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are.*” It is interesting to think about the characteristics of children. Here might be a few:

- Children are not afraid to ask adults for what they want and need. *Do we think to go to God on a regular basis to ask for what we want and need?*
- Children take delight in creation. Everything is new and exciting. *Do we take the time to admire and acknowledge God in all things?*
- Children love to play and exhibit endless joy. *Do we take time just to enjoy life? Do we take time to relax and rest in God’s love?*
- Children trust that their needs will be met. *Do we trust that God cares for us and all will be well. Do we trust that no matter what we are experiencing it is the best thing that could happen because God has a plan?*

This week, let us consciously think about ourselves as God’s children.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

April 29 will be our final session for the 2023-2024 school year. We will celebrate with a *May Crowning and ice cream social.* We would like to invite everyone in the Parish to attend. All are welcome. Please consider joining us. We will begin at 6:30pm in Saint Philip church.

SECOND GRADE PARENTS

Our *First Eucharist Family Retreat* will be held on **April 28** on Saint Philip church campus. The children will attend 11:00am Mass in Saint Philip church followed by a catered lunch, learning centers, and rehearsal.



— LOOKING AHEAD —

*All are welcome
to attend the following*

Sunday, April 21 — *Celebration of Confirmation* at 11:00am in Saint Philip church

Monday, April 22 — *Faith Formation* at 6:30pm on Saint Philip campus

Tuesday April 30 — *Hooks ☩ Needles Ministry* at 9:00am in the Administration Building

Thursday April 25 — *Legion of Mary* at 6:30pm in the Ascension Rectory



As we conclude our 2023-2024 Faith Formation year, I would like to acknowledge and thank the following individuals for their dedication to sharing the faith each Monday night throughout the year and on specific weekend events:

- Cassie Mishkin**, Pre-School Catechist
Jenny Dugan, Pre School Aide
MaryJane Roth, Kindergarten Catechist
Eleanor Vistein, First Grade Catechist
Phyllis Gray, Second Grade Catechist
Judy Moskovitz, Second Grade Aide
Claire Megyesy, Third Grade Catechist
Patti Beattie, Third Grade Aide
Robin Gump, Fourth Grade Catechist
Laura Rea, Fourth Grade Aide
Eileen Cox, Fifth Grade Catechist
Bob Bertocchi, Sixth Grade Catechist
Samantha Calorie, Seventh Grade Catechist and Middle School Ministry
Katie Kostishack, Eighth Grade Catechist and Middle School Ministry
Joe Allen, Eighth Grade Catechist and Middle School Ministry
Dawn Kostishack, Substitute Catechist
Barb Stokes, Substitute Catechist
Eileen Guay, Substitute Catechist
Jennifer McDevitt, Children's Liturgy and Special Events
Denise Ball, Children's Liturgy and Special Events
Art Bannon, Hall Monitor and Classroom Aide

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our final Children's Liturgy schedule for this school year is as follows: **Sunday, April 28 at 11:00am** in Saint Philip church and **Sunday, May 12 at 9:30am** in Ascension church.

TRAVEL MINISTRY

Our bus trip to Saint Mary of the Assumption Basilica is full. We are taking names for a waiting list.



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REUNION DINNER WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

Please call 412-922-6388 for reservations

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| 6:15pm | Dinner |
| 6:50pm | Small Faith Group and Others Sharing |
| 7:00pm | "Saying Yes to God" Video Discussion |
| 7:50pm | What Next? |
| 8:00pm | Dessert and fellowship |

Mary's Tea



Wednesday, May 15
11:00am to 1:00pm

Ascension Church Conner Hall

Enjoy tea, finger sandwiches, salads, scones, sweet cakes, breads, and special treats. Presentation on, "And She Kept All These Things In Her Heart."

Call 412-922-6388 to register.

Saint Philip **PARISH MISSION**

Wednesday, April 10

On Wednesday, April 10, Saint Philip Parish experienced a wonderful and spirit-filled Mission Night. Approximately 130 people enjoyed a buffet dinner donated by *The Cooked Goose*. We then joined together as we heard information on our three new ministries: *The Ladies of Charity*, *Well-Being and Mental Health Ministry* and *Teen Leadership Service Corps*. Following prayer, we were inspired by Father Carmen D'Amico and ended the evening with fellowship and dessert. If you were unable to attend Father Carmen's talk can be found on the Saint Philip Crafton Facebook page.



Sharing the Faith

WHAT CAN PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS DO?

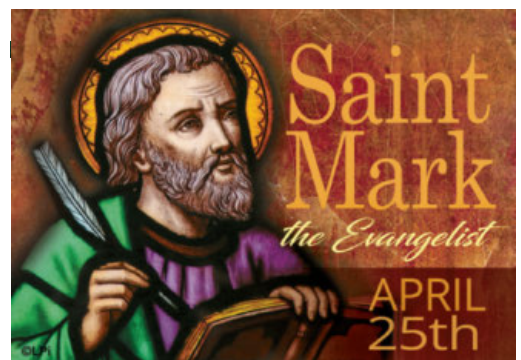
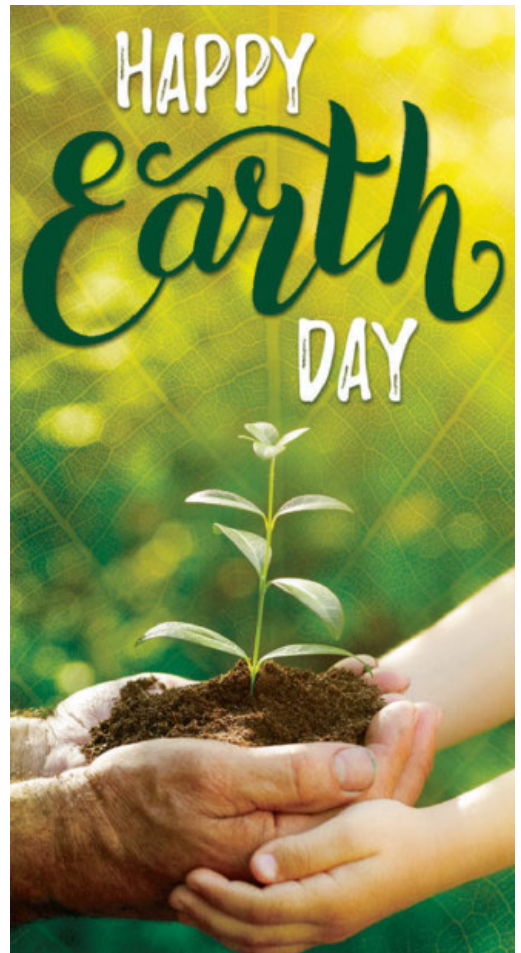


Many parents and grandparents ask how they can and should share our Catholic Christian Faith with their children and grandchildren. There are many ways you can hand on our Faith to our younger generations and, in doing so, lead your young ones to Jesus and to the love, life, and People of God.

Try these daily practices:

- Tell your young ones of God's love and care for them;
- Tell them about God the Father, God the Father's Son Jesus, and God's Holy Spirit of love and goodness;
- Teach your child/ren the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be. Pray these prayers together throughout each day
- Read children's Bible stories to your kids;
- Bring your children to the Liturgy each weekend;
- Teach your young ones the prayers, creed, responses, and songs of our Liturgy;
- Review with them the Ten Commandments and Jesus' command to love God and all others;
- Read with them a catechism for children;
- Pray with them before meals, during the day, and before bedtime.

These are some worthwhile suggestions. Many faith resources are available through various Internet shopping sites. You can also call our Faith Formation Office for suggestions. As always, thank you for sharing our Faith with your young ones and the next generations!



The Eucharist is the sacrament of love: it signifies love, it produces love

- ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

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The Apostles' Creed

In the early Church of Rome, this Christian Creed – known as the APOSTLES' CREED – was taught to new Christians preparing for Baptism. It was also used in the Baptism Ceremony – just as it continues to be employed in our own Baptism and Confirmation ceremonies today AND in the celebration of Easter Sunday each year. This Creed can also be prayed in the Sunday Liturgy, and it is recited at the beginning of the Rosary. It is good and important to know the Apostles' Creed.



I believe in God,
the Father almighty
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from there He will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.

Amen!



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 today!



Please keep our students who will be receiving their First Holy Communion in your prayers.





ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

We often write about families being added to our monthly food delivery list, but what does that mean? The St. Philip Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has operated a unique, delivery-only food bank for over 40 years.

Most food banks have certain hours each month during which people can come to the food bank and pick up food. For people who rely on public transportation, are disabled or have other transportation issues, getting to a normal food bank and transporting the food home is problematic. That's where we come in. We serve those who live within our parish boundaries and do not have reliable transportation to get to - or are otherwise not capable of transporting food home from - a traditional food bank.

Our volunteers deliver food once a month to the homes of our "food families." We are a partner food pantry of the Greater Pittsburgh Area Food Bank, which allows us to purchase food from the food bank for much less than it could be purchased from a grocery store. Local businesses donate pizzas and baked goods to our food bank. We obtain donations from individuals through church and school food drives. As a last resort, we purchase the rest of the food that we need from grocery stores.

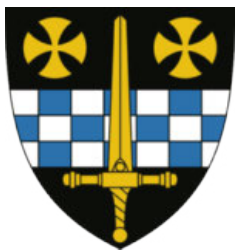
Food families can receive monthly food assistance from us as long as they continue to meet the Greater Pittsburgh Area Food Bank income requirements. Volunteering by delivering food once a month with our food bank is a great opportunity for those with a busy schedule, as

different teams deliver at different times of the day and on different days of the week. Packing and delivering the food usually takes about two hours. This is a unique opportunity to develop lasting relationships with your food families as you will get to see the same people every month. Call or text us at 412-444-8140 or email us at svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com if you are interested in joining a food team or if you know someone in need of food assistance. We currently are in need of volunteers for our food bank, so we would love to have your help!

Also, we are currently in need of donations of couches and loveseats for our friends in need. If you have a gently used couch or loveseat that still has some life in it that you would like to donate, please call or text us at 412-444-8140 or email us at svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com to arrange a pick up.

This week, your generous donations enabled us to provide a man with \$310 to retrieve his car from impound; a single mother was given two beds and two dressers for her children; a single mother was given \$365 toward her electric bill; and a man was given various furniture items. 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.



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!

Please help us to weed and plant at the
Sam Palombini
Community Garden

Where: 3010 Chartiers Avenue

When: Saturday, May 4
Saturday, May 18

Time: 9:00am
both days



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MAGNIFICAT PRAYER BREAKFAST

Women are invited to join us on **Saturday, May 11 from 9:00am to 12:00 noon** for a prayer-filled breakfast at the Pittsburgh Marriott North at Cranberry Woods, 100 Cranberry Woods Drive, Cranberry Twp. Guest speaker will be Andi Oney, international Catholic evangelist. Registration is \$35 and includes music by Living Praise, speaker, and breakfast. Register online or download mail-in registration at www.magnificatpittsburgh.org.

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Addiction Recovery Ministry presents "*It's Murder, Charlie Brown!*" on **Sunday, April 28, at 2:30pm** in the John Paul I Center, 201 9th Street, Sharpsburg. Come enjoy an afternoon of fun, followed by a catered dinner, as we try to solve the mystery of Charlie Brown's demise. This fundraiser will benefit the programs sponsored by Addiction Recovery Ministry and will also feature basket raffles and a 50/50 raffle. The cost of admission is \$50. Contact Rosemarie at 412-378-9290 or email rhaasarm@gmail.com for reservations.

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