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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 April 28, 2024

FIFTH 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 (OCIA): Call the Faith Formation Office at 412-922-6388 for more information.

Priesthood/Religious Life: Contact the Pastor for more information.

Victim's Assistance Hot-Line: If you are a person who has been hurt by abuse from clergy or others associated with the Church, the Diocese of Pittsburgh offers assistance with counseling, spiritual direction and referrals to other supportive services.

For information, contact our Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 412-456-3093.

Protecting God's Children —
VICTIM HOTLINE: 1-888-808-1235

CHILDLINE: 1-888-932-0313 to report child abuse
Call 911 if a child is in imminent danger.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Our Liturgies are celebrated at both Saint Philip Church, 50 West Crafton Avenue, Crafton, and Ascension Church, 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh

LOCATION	TIME	PRIEST'S INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
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 Tuszynski
Saint Philip	11:00am	Living & Deceased Members of the Dacey Family	Rob Dacey
MONDAY, APRIL 29 — SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Elizabeth Wagner	Augusta Kairys
TUESDAY, APRIL 30 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Albert & Margaret Butter	Randy & Kathi Butter
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 — SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
THURSDAY, MAY 2 — SAINT ATHANASIUS, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH			
Ascension	8:00am	Joseph Derda	Marcy & Ed Tuszynski
FRIDAY, MAY 3 — SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Al Schneider	Wife & Family
Saint Philip	8:30am	Eucharistic Adoration until 5:00pm	
SATURDAY, MAY 4 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Raymond J. Legath	Wife & Girls
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Si & Rita Pfender	Barb Pfender
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Abbott & Phillips Families	Katie
SUNDAY, MAY 5 — SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER			
Saint Philip	7:00am	James Bloom, Sr.	Bloom Family
Ascension	9:30am	Paul & Fran Burke	Joan
Saint Philip	11:00am	Margaret Mary McWilliams	Family



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!

Just where is the Kingdom of God?

In the Gospels and the other writings of the New Testament, there are a number of images used to depict the growth of God's presence in our world. Today's Gospel passage from the Gospel according to John, chapter 15, gives us the image of the Vineyard of the Lord. Jesus tells us that He is the main vine upon which the abundant grapes of the vineyard are grown. Jesus is the source of life, and the branches - the members - produce the fruits, the bounty of the Lord's vineyard.

Other images include the Temple of the Lord, the 'farm' of the Lord, the field of the Lord, the expansive trees that provide a home and shelter, a beehive of constant activity and work, and other images that are familiar to all Christians.

For many centuries since the life, death, and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus - and certainly in the centuries when the Church was dominant in the history of Europe - there were many among our Christian ancestors who equated the Kingdom of God with an actual political empire which they called "Christendom." These ancestors believed that the true presence of God was to be found in a Christian Kingdom which would spread throughout the world.

Today, our view of the 'Kingdom of God' - and the presence of Almighty God in our world - is

very different. We recognize that Jesus did NOT come among us to establish a new political empire. Jesus did NOT come among us to establish a worldwide government or political reality.

Instead, the "Kingdom of God" actually refers to the spiritual presence of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit here on earth.

The Kingdom of God, the "presence of God" can be found throughout the world in the lives of Jesus' disciples when we truly do the work of the Lord. The Kingdom of God, the "presence of God" can be found in the love and life and goodness that we share with one another. It can be found in the compassion, charity, mercy, patience, understanding, and goodness that we share with our family members and neighbors, with the needy and the poor.

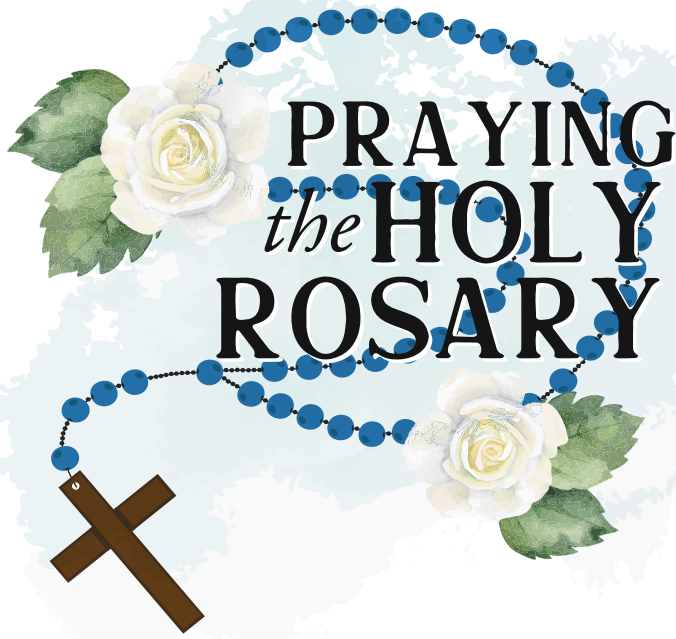
We can be sure that the presence of Almighty God is found and continues to grow in every place where love is truly present among individuals, families, and communities.

In this 21st century since the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus, we're called to be the disciples of Jesus, the "branches on the vine" which produce abundant growth and an amazing harvest. We accomplish this by remaining in communion with the Lord and by sharing divine life and holy love with those closest to us - and with all those who seek the life, grace, and the love of God Almighty. May we work for the "Kingdom of God" by being Christian disciples of love and goodness every day of our lives!

Best wishes for a joyful 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 now and every day. Alleluia!

Yours, Father Jim Torquato



The Rosary is a traditional Christian prayer which helps us to meditate on the life of the Lord Jesus and to honor His Blessed Mother, Mary.

Begin with the Sign of the Cross

“In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

Next, pray the *Apostles Creed*, then the *Lord’s Prayer*, the *Ave Maria* (3 times), and the *Glory Be*.

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!*

The Lord’s Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.*

Ave Maria

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your
womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.*

Glory Be

*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.*

Then announce or call to mind the first Mystery

Mondays and Thursdays – *Joyful Mysteries*
Tuesdays and Fridays – *Sorrowful Mysteries*
Wednesdays and Sundays – *Glorious Mysteries*
Saturdays – *Luminous Mysteries*

The Joyful Mysteries

*The Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary
The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth
The Nativity of the Lord Jesus
The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
The Finding of Jesus in the Temple.*

The Luminous Mysteries

*The Baptism of the Lord
The Wedding at Cana
The Proclamation of the Kingdom
The Transfiguration
The Institution of the Eucharist.*

The Sorrowful Mysteries

*The Agony in the Garden
The Scourging at the Pillar
The Crowning with Thorns
The Carrying of the Cross
Jesus’ Crucifixion and Death*

The Glorious Mysteries

*The Resurrection of Jesus
The Ascension of the Lord
The Pentecost sending of the Holy Spirit
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
The Crowning of Mary as Queen of Heaven.*

As you pray each of the five Mysteries of the day, begin with the Lord’s Prayer once (1), then pray the Ave Maria ten (10) times, then conclude with the Glory Be once (1).

You may then conclude each Mystery with the Fatima Prayer:

“O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls into heaven, especially those in most need of your mercy.”



At the end of the five Mysteries, pray the Salve Regina.

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary. / Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. O God, whose only begotten Son, by his life, death, and Resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal salvation, grant, we beseech thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.
Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us. Amen.**





BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 28

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

Weekdays

Acts of the Apostles 14-16;
John 14-15

Sunday, May 5

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-48;
1 John 4:7-10;
John 15:9-17



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 20-21	-- \$10,637.54*
<i>* Includes Mail-in donations</i>	
Online donations, April 20-21	-- \$2,029.50
Maintenance donations	-- \$26.00
Religious Education donations	-- \$80.00

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year	-- \$790,368.00
Parish income <u>received</u> since July 1, 2023	-- \$576,880.62
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 20-21	-- 856		
Sunday envelopes used April 20-21	-- 276		
Total households receiving envelopes	-- 1,090		

2024 Parish Appeal Goal	-- \$128,119.00
Parish Appeal received as of April 21	-- \$100,509.00*
<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.

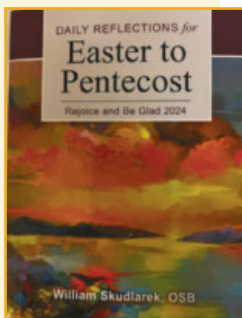
All contributions above this year's goal will be retained by our parish. Many thanks for your response and your continued generosity in helping our parish meet this obligation in 2024!



Parish News

EASTER SEASON DAILY REFLECTIONS

During Lent, 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.

LIVE THE LITURGY: INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Every Christian is a vine awaiting the loving attention of our gardener to prune and perfect us, to remove the parts of ourselves that are dead so that the fruitful parts burst forth with life. Trust the wisdom of the gardener. He alone can make us bloom.

PRAYER FOR EVERYDAY & EVERYBODY

Prayer of Fruitfulness

God in Heaven,

Your grace surrounds us every day as we seek to live and move and grow in You. Prune the spaces in our lives that distract us from You! Plant Your word more deeply within us!

Amen.



FIRST SATURDAYS WITH MARY

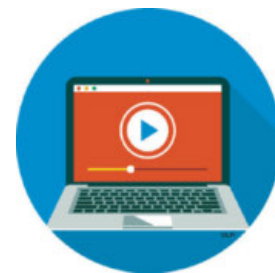
The Blessed Mother requested that 5 First Saturdays be offered in reparation to her Immaculate Heart. Join us at Ascension church on **Saturday, May 4** at 8:00am for:

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

CATHOLIC INTERNET SITES

Would you like to find good Catholic information, news, and inspiration on the Internet? Then explore these very good sites and sign up for their communications.

- www.aleteia.org
- www.diopitt.org
- www.vatican.va
- www.zenit.org
- www.catholic.com
- www.cruxnow.com
- www.ewtnnews.com
- www.catholicnews.com
- www.dynamiccatholic.org
- www.pittsburghcatholic.org
- www.catholicnewsagency.com



ADVANCE PLANNING

We're all encouraged, as Catholic Christians, to make advance plans for our departure from this present life when we begin our journey home to the Lord. Like our parents, grandparents, and many generations before us, it's good to make our personal and family plans for our funeral and burial in a cemetery. Yes, of course, this can be unnerving when we begin the process, but it's a true kindness to our family members if and when we put all of our plans, requests, finances, and estate in order long before our final day.

Thankfully, we have very fine attorneys, funeral directors, and other professionals in our local community who are more than willing to guide you through the planning process. You'll find them among our bulletin advertisers. We're also fortunate to have numerous Catholic and community cemeteries whose staff members are very helpful. In addition, the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh also offers the Catholic Funeral Plan (CFP, telephone 1-877-886-PLAN) in conjunction with the Catholic Cemeteries Association of Pittsburgh (CCA) and the Loyal Christian Benefits Association (LCBA) to create funding arrangements now so that all your plans can be set and funded long in advance of being needed.

For our part, how can Saint Philip Parish's staff help you? In response to requests from parish members, we're willing to send our Funeral Planning Booklet and Funeral Selection Forms to any parish members who request them in advance.

If you're making Advanced Funeral Plans now or in the coming years, there's no need to wait until later to plan a Funeral Liturgy. You're welcome to request these funeral planning items and then include your selections in your planning file - keeping one copy with your family and giving one copy to your chosen funeral director.

Again, to request funeral planning materials at any time, please contact our parish office by email or by telephone. May the good Lord bless you now - and as you prepare for your journey home to the Lord. God bless!



We ask you to remember in your prayers **Mrs. Virginia Forbidussi**, mother of Father Jack Forbidussi. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.



This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns *In Loving Memory of Francis Anthony Leone*
Offered by Michele Leone

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *In Loving Memory of Russell Toal*
Offered by Wife & Family



SCHULER SERVICE CENTER

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!





Faith Formation /Religious Education

Ms. MaryAnn Garfold, Director of Religious Education
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A NOTE FROM MARYANN: *“Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.”* These words from John 15: 1 -8 give us pause to reflect. In order to remain in God, we have to be open to receive God in our life. Joyce Rupp author of *May I Have This Dance?* reminds us that this kind of open is at the heart of the Easter Story. It begins with the opening of the tomb. Beside it stands a messenger of God asking compassionate women to open and not be afraid. As they listen they hear a profound and startling message: *“He is not here, for he has risen...”* As their minds and hearts struggle to accept this tremendous surprise they open their hearts to the great announcement, receive the word of resurrection like thirsty soil and hurry away to share the marvelous news with others. As we continue to celebrate this Easter Season, let us be aware of ways we can be open to discover God in our life, listen to his message and hurry away to share the marvelous news. We will bear much fruit by being open to God.

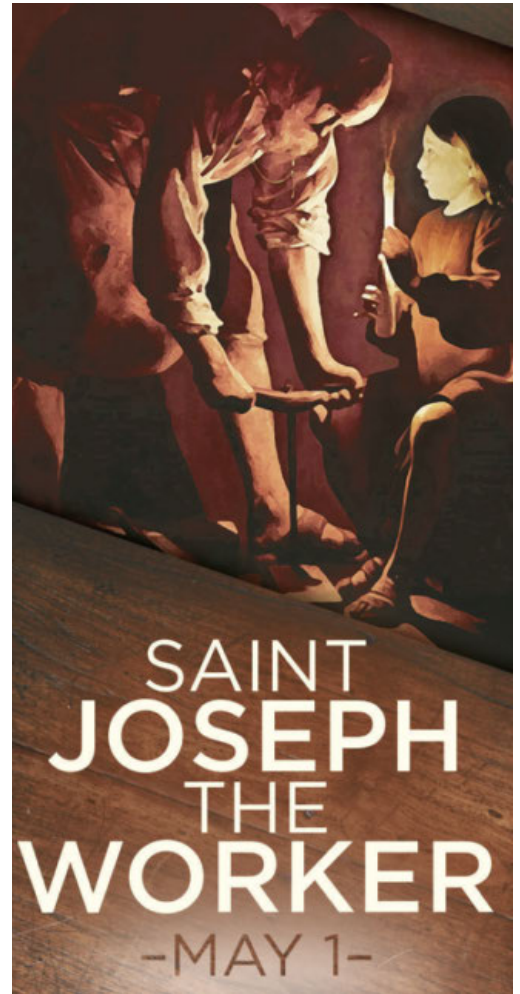
FAITH FORMATION NEWS: **Monday, April 29** will be our final session for the 2023-2024 school year. We will celebrate with a *May Crowning and Ice Cream Social*. We would like to invite everyone in the parish to attend. All are welcome. Please consider joining us. We will begin at 6:30pm in Saint Philip church.

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

First Eucharist will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 5 at the 11:00am** Liturgy in Saint Philip church.

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.



— LOOKING AHEAD —

*All are welcome
to attend the following*

Sunday, April 28 - *First Eucharist Retreat* from 11:00am to 3:00pm

Monday, April 29 - *May Crowning and Ice Cream Social* at 6:30pm on Saint Philip campus

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

Wednesday May 1 - *ChristLife Reunion Dinner* at 6:30pm in Ascension

Friday, May 3 - *Eucharistic Adoration* from 8:30am to 5:00pm in Saint Philip church



SAINT PHILIP PARISH CONGRATULATES the following students who participated in the *Sacrament of Confirmation* on April 21. Our students are:

- Carly Marie Apolito
- David Wade Burleson, Jr.
- Mya Renee Butler
- Robert James Hazard
- Mason James Kostishack
- Maria Leithauser-Mihalega
- Walter Leithauser-Mihalega
- Carter David Lemmon
- Sean David Martyn
- Sheryl Ann McGrath
- Bella Marie Meredith
- Matthew Patrick Neal
- James Patrick Nicholson
- Elsa Jane Snover
- Vincent Marco Termini
- Brianna Hope Tomaszewski
- Addison Mary Grace VanGoor
- Alyssa Sarah White
- Cash Timothy Wilson

SAINT PHILIP PARISH



May Crowning
AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Monday, April 29 at 6:30pm
Saint Philip Church



CHRISTLIFE™
CATHOLIC MINISTRY FOR EVANGELIZATION

**REUNION DINNER
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1**

Please call 412-922-6388 for reservations

- 6:30pm 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.



CONFIRMATION

Saint Philip Parish welcomed Bishop William Watersheid as he presided over the *Sacrament of Confirmation* during the 11:00am Liturgy on Sunday, April 21. Prior to the service, Bishop Watersheid talked with our 19 candidates in Kelty Hall, taking the time to pray and to speak with each one. The confirmation class prepared for this special day through prayer, study, service and days of reflection. Following the Liturgy, the Bishop remained for pictures in Kelty Hall where participants and guests enjoyed a cookie and punch reception.





✧ JOIN US ✧
 ON THE
Feast of
Saint Philip

**EUCCHARISTIC
 ADORATION**

FRIDAY, MAY 3
8:30am to 5:00pm
Saint Philip Church

Handbell Concert

Sunday, May 19
3:00pm at Ascension Church
 featuring RING! PITTSBURGH



Join us for an afternoon of music at Saint Philip Parish! On Pentecost Sunday, May 19 at 3:00pm, the renowned handbell ensemble *RING! PITTSBURGH* will perform a free concert at Ascension church.

This talented group is set to perform an enchanting 60-minute program featuring a variety of handbell music that promises to be a delight for all ages. Free-will offerings are welcome. A reception will be held in Conner Hall immediately following the concert.

Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy the harmonious sounds of RING! PITTSBURGH.



Guardian Angel Academy

One of the South Region Catholic Elementary Schools (SRCES)

CONGRATULATIONS - GUARDIAN ANGEL ACADEMY JUNIOR HIGH QUIZ BOWL TEAM

Congratulations to the following Middle School students: **Walter Leithauser-Mihalega, Chase Harris, Jackson Leslie** and **Noah Bays** for competing in this year's *Bishop Canevin's Junior High Quiz Bowl* on Saturday, April 6.

Eleven teams from six schools participated in the Junior High Quiz Bowl sponsored by Bishop Canevin's Academic Team. The team from St. Louise de Marillac took home the 1st place trophy and, for the first time, there was a tie for second place, resulting in another round of tiebreaker questions from which GUARDIAN ANGEL ACADEMY emerged victorious to finish in 2nd place.

The team from Archangel Gabriel was given third place medals. Students answered questions in several categories from Literature, History, Art and Music, Science, Mathematics, Religion and Mythology, Geography, and Current Events. GREAT JOB!!!



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, visit www.guardianangelacademy.org or call 412-922-4765 this week!

Dr. Seuss week

Dr. Seuss Week was celebrated the first full week of March. All week we had fun-filled activities such as a webquest researching fun facts about Dr. Seuss' life, writing project on creating a new Dr. Seuss book character, became fashion designers creating a new style of socks for "Fox in Socks" Day, wrote a letter to Sam I Am from "Green Eggs and Ham" to convince him to eat our favorite foods, and even wore fun slippers to school for "The Foot Book" Day.





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 pantry for over 40 years.

Most food pantries have certain hours each month during which people can come to the food pantry 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 pantry. 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 pantry 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 woman with \$400 in mortgage assistance; a single mother with up to \$400 in rental assistance; a family with \$227 for a motel stay; two women with \$150 each to qualify for utility assistance programs; two women with up to \$300 each in rental assistance; a single mother with \$400 for a plumbing repair; a woman with \$250 toward a security deposit; another woman with \$500 toward a security deposit; and a woman with \$252 in rental assistance. It was a busy week, and we couldn't have done it without your generous support; thank you!

As always, if you, or someone you know, needs assistance, call/text our hotline at 412-444-8140 or email svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com.



Around the Diocese and Community

PART TIME SALES & MARKETING ASSISTANT NEEDED

The Catholic Parish Cemeteries Association of The Diocese of Pittsburgh is seeking a part-time assistant to support the sales & marketing department at the Allegheny Office (West End). Qualified candidates should possess strong organizational, communication, and computer skills and have experience using Microsoft Word & Excel. For consideration, interested candidates should email their resume to careers@cpca-pgh.org.

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.

AN ITALIAN SAMPLER

Join us for “*An Italian Sampler*” on **May 3-5 at 7:00pm** at Vincentian Hall, 139 Gill Hall Road, Jefferson Hills. Enjoy Italian songs, followed by “*Friendly Fire*,” a play about family dynamics. Tickets are \$10. Call Nick at 412-525-2855 or Jean at 412-215-6433 on M/W/F, or Renee at 301-335-4941 or Al at 301-335-4962 on T/Th/Sat/Sun. Proceeds support local charities including Saint Vincent de Paul Society of Triumph of the Holy Cross Parish to help the poor and The Ultrasound Initiative. All are welcome!

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