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# Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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



*Week of May 5, 2024*

**SIXTH 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
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 4 — EASTER WEEKDAY</b>			
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
<b>SUNDAY, MAY 5 — SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>			
Saint Philip	7:00am	James Bloom, Sr.	Bloom Family
Ascension	9:30am	Paul & Fran Burke	Joan
Saint Philip	11:00am	Margaret Mary McWilliams	Family
<b>MONDAY, MAY 6 — EASTER WEEKDAY</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	John & Barbara Adams	Daughter, Valerie
<b>TUESDAY, MAY 7 — EASTER WEEKDAY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Valentino & Audrey Nania	Amy, Sean, Myah & Ethan McAlister
<b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 8 — EASTER WEEKDAY - VIGIL OF THE HOLY DAY</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Daniel & Rosemarie Brannan	Brannan Family
<b>VIGIL OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>			
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Tom Knight	Joanne DiCesare & Family
<b>THURSDAY, MAY 9 — THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Joseph & Hilda Pschirer	Eileen Guay
Saint Philip	7:00pm	Mary Ann Kormick	Ray Koerner
<b>FRIDAY, MAY 10 — EASTER WEEKDAY</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 11 — EASTER WEEKDAY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Paul Korol	Claudia Korol
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	James Lucot, Sr.	Family
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Rev. Walter Sobon	Diana Miller
<b>SUNDAY, MAY 12 — SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Amanda Louise Ogden	Audra Ogden
Ascension	9:30am	Raymond Best	Terry Best
Saint Philip	11:00am	Martin & McElligott Families	Cathy O'Connor



# 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!

## God our loving Father

**From the beginning of humanity**, our ancient ancestors asked from whence we came. They marveled at the world in which we still live, and they knew that there must have been a creator who brought about all life. Throughout the millennia, many beliefs - which we tend to call myths and mythology - came into existence. Every ancient people and culture had their beliefs about humanity and about the divinity which they believed to be the origin of the earth and all life.

**Four millennia ago, beginning with Abraham and Sarah**, our ancestors - the Hebrew people - came to believe in the One who revealed Himself to Abraham as the one and only God, the one and only Divinity who is both Creator and Lord. Then throughout the next two millennia, the Hebrews - the first People of God in our belief - followed the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Later known as the People of Israel, those who were faithful to the Lord sought to remain the Lord's people in both good times and in troubled times (*including their centuries of exile from their land*).

**Two thousand years ago, from the People of Israel came Jesus of Nazareth** - the man and teacher whom we today still call the Son of Almighty God, the Lord, the Messiah, the Holy One, our Savior, the Christ.

**In His teaching which we hear again today**

**in the Gospel according to John**, we have learned from Jesus that God is truly a Trinity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit - One God who is actually a Divine community of life and love and which is the origin of all life.

**To call God our Father is an extraordinary belief taught to us by Jesus Himself.** Before Jesus taught His Good News to the world, our ancient ancestors believed in all sorts of gods and goddesses - usually divinities who had little or no use for humanity. By teaching us that God the Father loves us and blesses us - and all humanity, Jesus has given all of us a most remarkable and wonderful revelation that the Almighty Creator is a Divine and loving Father to all people and to all creation. To most people who are NOT Christians, this belief is hard to accept, but for all of us who are faithful disciples and friends of Jesus, this understanding of God as our Father is truly amazing and extraordinary.

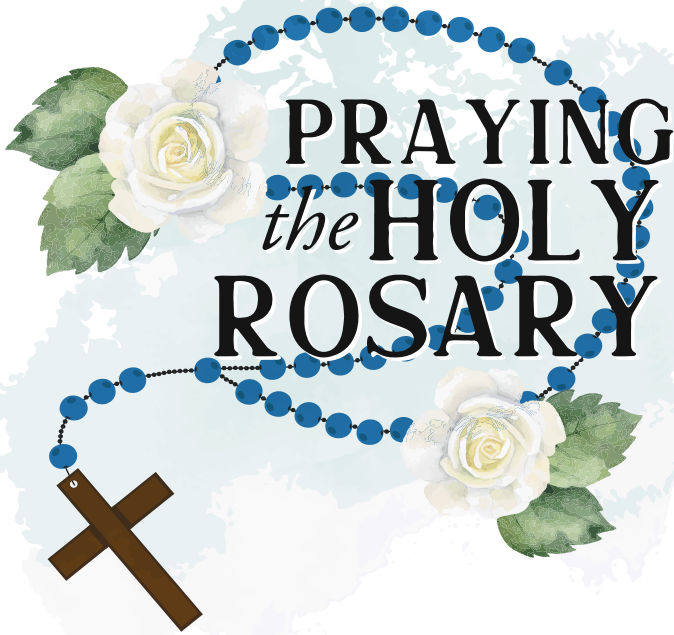
**Whenever we hear Jesus revelation of God as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit** - and every time we pray the Lord's Prayer (*the 'Our Father'*) may we remember and appreciate what a most wonderful understanding of our Creator and God is this Christian belief. May we truly be thankful for Jesus' teaching that God is our loving and heavenly Father who cares for all His children. May we be grateful for Jesus' divine revelation that God is our Father who calls all people - through His divine Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit of God - to enter into the everlasting presence, life, love, and Kingdom of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen! Alleluia!

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, May 5

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

### Weekdays

Acts of the Apostles 16-18;  
John 15-16

### Sunday, May 12

Acts of the Apostles 1:15-26;  
1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11-19

*Thank you for your generous  
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## SAINT PHILIP PARISH!



Your goodness and  
participation help to keep  
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## FINANCIAL REPORT OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

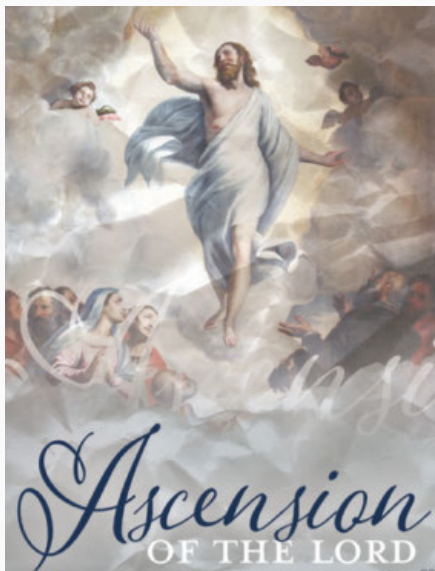
Sunday collections, April 27-28	-- \$9,281.25*
<i>* Includes Mail-in donations</i>	
Online donations, April 27-28	-- \$2,169.50
Maintenance donations	-- \$530.00
Religious Education donations	-- \$1,055.00

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year	-- \$790,368.00
Parish income <u>received</u> since July 1, 2023	-- \$589,916.37
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 27-28	-- 769		
Sunday envelopes used April 27-28	-- 279		
Total households receiving envelopes	-- 1,090		

2024 Parish Appeal Goal	-- \$128,119.00
Parish Appeal received as of April 28	-- \$103,374.04*
<i>* Includes online Parish Appeal donations</i>	
2024 Parish Appeal Donors	-- 117



## *The Holy Day of the Lord's Ascension* will be celebrated this **Wednesday evening May 8 and Thursday, May 9!**

**Forty days after Jesus' Resurrection**, the Lord ascended into the presence of the Father and the glory of Almighty God. Ascension Thursday is our annual celebration of this event which confirmed the Lordship of Jesus and his place at the right hand of God the Father.

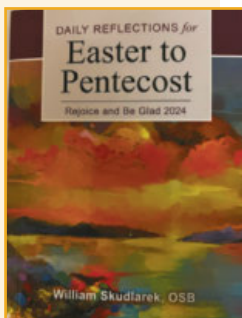
**For this Holy Day of Obligation**, our Liturgies will begin on Wednesday, May 8 at 4:00pm (Saint Philip) and 5:30pm (Ascension). On Ascension Thursday, Liturgies will be celebrated at 8:00am (Ascension) and 7:00pm (Saint Philip). Thank you all for joining us for this glorious Ascension Holy Day of Obligation!



# 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!



## MOTHER'S DAY IS NEXT SUNDAY

This day reminds us to express our gratitude not just through words or gifts but through actions that reflect our appreciation all year round. It's a time to reconnect, to say the things left unsaid, and to celebrate the bond that only grows stronger with time.

## 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

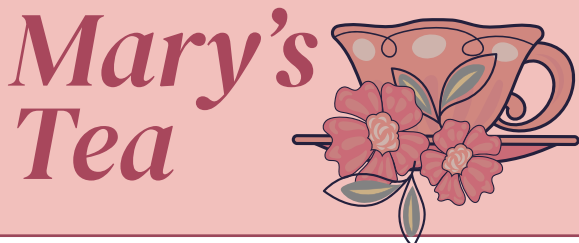
Christ's love for us is radical — it changed the whole world. It will not be easy to love as Christ loved, but this is the mission for which we have been chosen by God. So let us love one another. Let us change the world.

## HANDBELL CONCERT

Save the date! On **Sunday, May 19 at 3:00pm**, RING! PITTSBURGH will perform a captivating handbell concert at Ascension Church. The concert features a delightful blend of sacred and secular music. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. After the concert, join us for a reception in Conner Hall. Bring your family and friends to savor this unique musical experience! Hosted by St. Philip Music Ministry.

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Holy Day of the Ascension of the Lord, our parish offices will be closed Thursday, May 9. Messages may be left with the answering service or sent via email. Offices will reopen Friday, May 10.



**Wednesday, May 15**

**11:00am to 1:00pm**

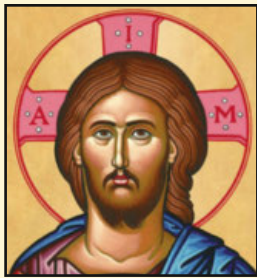
Ascension Church Conner Hall

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.**



# LIFE IN SAINT PHILIP PARISH...



## *Sharing the Good News and growing the Kingdom of God!*

Throughout the year, it's good to reflect on the many blessings that are present in our parish community - blessings supported by you, our members, and our contributors. And so, once again, here in Saint Philip Parish, we have:

- 1.) one vital parish with two excellent churches and campuses;
- 2.) the celebration of the Liturgy and sacraments in both churches;
- 3.) the work of evangelization - sharing Jesus' Good News in many ways;
- 4.) a vital ministry of Catholic education and catechesis provided through Guardian Angel Academy and our various Faith Formation programs for children, youth, families, and adults in our parish;
- 5.) a very charitable and generous community which provides for the poor in our own community as well as many neighbors who have needs in their life and family;
- 6.) our parish members and community who've brought many adults, young adults, and children to faith and life in Jesus, the Son of God;
- 7.) so many personal and family connections which have been made and continue to be created among the members and families of Saint Philip Parish - and which are very good for our lives and our community;
- 8.) the many members and staff of Saint Philip Parish who work together each day in a number of parish organizations that promote our Christian discipleship and that serve many in our parish community as well as many of our neighbors;
- 9.) dedicated members and families who share our life with one another in Catholic faith, hope, and love as we live together in the Saint Philip Parish community - and as we continue to support one another in our daily discipleship as the People of God; and
- 10.) an excellent Saint Philip Parish community which remains a true beacon of Christian light, hope, holiness, and charity in this local area!

**These are the Top Ten Reasons why Saint Philip Catholic Parish is so very important to all of us** - and why your continued and generous support is of tremendous importance for the life, vitality, and future of our parish community.

**Thank you so very much for sharing your life and years with our Saint Philip Parish community!** Thank you, too, for all the support which you provide for our parish life together. Your faith, goodness, and generosity keep Saint Philip Parish alive, vital, and vibrant as we continue "Sharing the Good News and growing the Kingdom of God!"



We offer our sympathy to the family of **Jeanette Samansky** 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 Mary Ann Kormick*  
Offered by Ray Koerner

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *In Loving Memory of The Wentz and Leon Families*  
Offered by Louis and Barbara Wentz



## **D. R. SEVACKO PLUMBING & HEATING**

*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](http://www.saintphilipchurch.weshareonline.org).



# Faith Formation /Religious Education

Ms. MaryAnn Garfold, Director of Religious Education  
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**A NOTE FROM MARYANN:** *“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.”* We find this in the second reading of the Sixth Sunday of Easter. As a Saint Philip Parish Community, we have taken the challenge given by Saint Francis De Sales, *“Let’s see what love can do.”*

This past week we had many opportunities to experience and share God’s love. On Sunday, our second grade students and their families participated in a family retreat experience.

On Monday, our parish honored Mary and celebrated the blessings of our Faith Formation Program with a *May Crowning* and ice cream sundae social.

On Wednesday, anyone who attended *CHRISTLIFE* gathered to share a meal together and discuss a presentation, *“Saying Yes to God.”* They will continue gathering throughout the year in small faith communities to share their faith through book discussion and reflection on the scriptures.

On Friday, May 3, we celebrated our *Parish Feast Day* through Adoration and Prayer. This Sunday, May 5, we witness and recall God’s love for us in the Eucharist as our second grade students receive Jesus for the First time in the *Sacrament of First Eucharist*. God’s love continues to bless us and calls us to go forth and share that love with one another.

Throughout May, we have additional opportunities to experience God’s blessing and love. On Wednesday, May 15, our Wellness and Mental Health Ministry will sponsor *“Mary’s Tea,”* where we will enjoy an afternoon luncheon and hear a talk on joy and laughter. On May 19, our Parish will celebrate *Pentecost* with a handbell concert at 3:00pm. On May 29, our *Parish Travel Ministry* will journey to Ohio to visit the Basilica of Saint Mary of the Assumption.

Let us be aware that God loves us and of the many ways He blesses Saint Philip Parish. Let us reach out to one another and share that love by gathering and participating in the many opportunities to grow together. Let us remain in God’s love that we may share *The Good News* with our families, friends and neighbors.



— **LOOKING AHEAD** —  
*All are welcome  
to attend the following*

**Sunday, May 5** - *First Holy Eucharist* at 11:00am Liturgy in Saint Philip church

**Thursday May 9** - *Legion of Mary* at 6:30pm in Ascension Rectory

**Children's  
LITURGY**

Our final *Children's Liturgy* for this school year will be on **Sunday, May 12 at the 9:30am** Liturgy in Ascension church.



# MENTAL HEALTH



## and Wellness Ministry

This May, in the spirit of Mental Health Awareness Month, Saint Philip Parish has launched its *Mental Health and Wellness Ministry*. We all get colds, the flu, maybe a sinus infection or backache... all things that keep us from functioning at our best. No one thinks twice about getting help for a physical ailment, but when it comes to mental health it's an entirely different story.

We all exist on a Mental Health continuum, which means that sometimes our ability to function optimally is hindered by mental health issues. Whether it's loss, financial stress, caregiving demands, relationship strain, depression, anxiety, or other challenges, we all encounter these concerns at some point.

Shockingly, one in four people will be impacted by mental health problems during their lifetime, affecting their ability to perform at their best. The prevalence of mental illness, as reported by the *National Institute of Health*, is even higher than we might imagine. As a Church, we are called to demonstrate God's love by caring for and supporting those in need. Individuals grappling with mental health problems constitute a significant population deserving of care. As a parish, one meaningful action we can take is to pray for those affected by mental health crises, situations, or illnesses.

In the coming weeks, you'll see prayer crosses at our church entrances. From May 12 to June 1, we invite you to write the first name of anyone needing prayer for hope and healing due to mental health challenges on a square post-it and place it on the prayer board. Additionally, we'll pray for those lost to mental illness or suicide by writing their first names on butterfly post-its and placing them on the board. Our prayer is that the Lord will hold all these loved ones in His care.



## RESOURCES AVAILABLE

### MENTAL HEALTH IN PENNSYLVANIA

The following are resources available to those experiencing mental health challenges:

#### **1-888-796-8226: Resolve Crisis Network**

Resolve is a 24-hour, 365-day crisis service that's free to all Allegheny County residents. It is a partnership between the county and UPMC Western Psychiatric Hospital. Call any day, any time, any reason.

#### **988: National Suicide Prevention Lifeline**

A direct line for suicide prevention and crisis support. Contacting 988 will connect individuals to 24/7 free and confidential support if they are in distress or in need or prevention and crisis resources for themselves or a loved one. Call or text 988 to start the conversation.

#### **Red Bird Ministries**

This is a Catholic ministry that focuses on bereaved families who have experienced a child loss of any age and circumstance, including pregnancy loss through miscarriage and stillbirth, and after birth as an infant, child, adolescent or adult. Visit [www.redbird.love](http://www.redbird.love) to learn more.

#### **SAMHSA: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration**

This is a government site with lots of free information. Visit [www.samhsa.gov](http://www.samhsa.gov) for more information.

# First Holy COMMUNION

SAINT PHILIP PARISH CONGRATULATES the following children who will receive their *First Eucharist* on May 5 at the 11:00am Liturgy in Saint Philip church.

Julian Apolito  
Owen Columbus  
Elliana Dunn  
Peyton Haberley  
John Jason  
Bishop Jenkins  
Theodore Katze

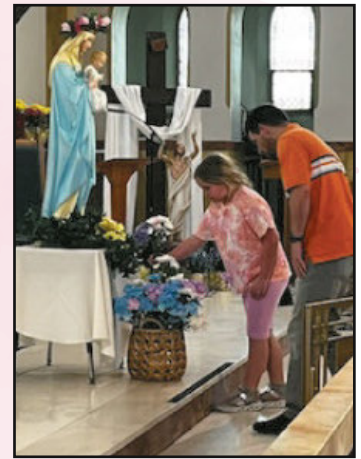
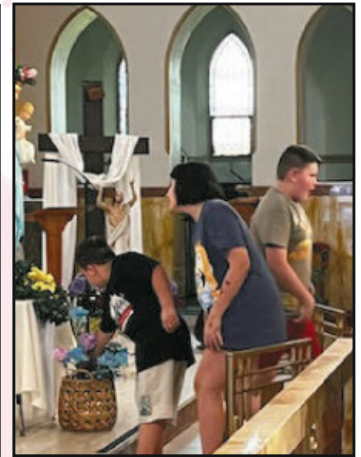
Declan Lozano  
Dane Madsen  
Dalton McKissick  
Lorenzo Morini  
Sophia Rzotkiewicz  
Brandon Strahler  
Jasmine Vitous

## SAINT PHILIP PARISH



## May Crowning AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

On Monday, April 29, Saint Philip Parish joyously observed our annual May Crowning ceremony. Students who had recently received the *Sacrament of Confirmation* took on various roles during the celebration including greeters, readers, procession leaders, and ushers. Joe Allen delivered a heartfelt reflection on Mary, and all those present paid tribute to her with flowers and prayers. The event concluded with a delightful ice cream social.





## 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!

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# Handbell ★ Concert

*Sunday, May 19*  
*3:00pm at Ascension Church*

**Saint Philip Parish**  
*Music Ministry Presents*

## 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 sacred and secular 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  
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# Guardian Angel Academy

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## CLASSROOM CHRONICLES

### Mrs. Jaclyn Walsh - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (B)

Fourth Grade Science is “egg-cited” to share the news that our chicken eggs have finally hatched! For 21 days students observed, candled, and waited patiently for the eggs to incubate and hatch. Students were “egg-static” to enjoy these bundles of joy for two weeks before returning to their forever home at the chicken farm.

We welcomed: Strawberry, Chirpy, Spot, Fluffsters, and Pepper. Thank you to Rent the Chicken© for this hands-on educational opportunity for our students!

Going along with our baby chicks, fourth grade students are in the process of publishing a book! Each student has been writing a short story about our baby chicks and illustrating a picture. This will be a wonderful keepsake and memory of our baby chickens.



### Ms. Melissa Benovitch - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (A)

The 5A Classroom has been working very hard all year. We are currently working on graphing line and plot graphs in Math. The children have been able to identify rules for different types of data. By creating a chart, we have written ordered pairs and plotted the data

on a coordinate plane graph. In reading, we are finishing a unit that covered expository texts and persuasive articles. We have used main idea and details to identify the author’s point of view and then summarize the pieces. We are looking forward to starting the novel, “Because of Winn-Dixie” by Kate DiCamillo.

In art, we created tessellations using a cat pattern. We are also looking forward to our next social studies unit on the American Revolution. We will be creating an interactive notebook to record information on the causes leading up to the war, the battles in the war, culminating in the writing of our Declaration and Constitution. We will also be enjoying the action through *Liberty’s Kids* video series to connect with the topic. Finally, in Religion, we have been learning about the Sacraments of Healing. We enjoyed a visit from Fr. Dan about vocations. We are looking forward to a great end of the year.



Join us for an afternoon of fun, food and bingo!  
10 games will be played with an adult and youth winner for each.

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## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

The five St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores, located in Coraopolis, Castle Shannon, Monroeville, Penn Hills and Butler, are in great need of volunteers. Store hours and directions can be found here: <https://svdppitt.org/stores/store-locations-directions>. Volunteers help sort donations and stock the store. The store staff will work with you to find a volunteer opportunity that you enjoy.

The stores provide an important service for our neighbors in need as they supply free clothing and household goods (linens, cookware, utensils, small kitchen appliances, etc.) through the fulfillment of clothing and household goods vouchers that are issued by conferences like ours. Please contact the St. Vincent de Paul Council of Pittsburgh's Director of Conference Formation, Karen O'Keefe, at [kokeefe@svdppitt.org](mailto:kokeefe@svdppitt.org) if you are interested in volunteering or would simply like to learn more.

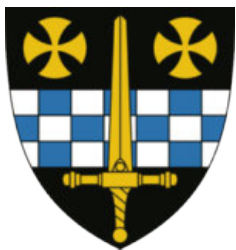
Our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society also has a volunteer opportunity coming up this Friday, May 10, beginning at 5:30pm in the Saint Philip church courtyard. We will be loading a truck with donations of furniture, household goods, and clothing, destined for Donna's House of Hope in Tunnelton, West Virginia. This is a great way to spend an hour or two of your time in supporting our friends in need in rural West Virginia. If you are available and interested in helping us on Friday, please contact us to confirm your attendance - either by phone or text at 412-444-8140 (just leave a voicemail if

calling by phone), or by email at [svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com](mailto:svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you!

This week, your generous donations enabled us to provide a couple with the money to renew their state IDs; a woman was provided with a \$50 household goods voucher and furniture items; a woman was given \$550 toward her security deposit; and a single mother was given \$150 toward her gas bill. Thank you!

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please place your donation in one of the poor boxes, mail it to the parish office (to the attention of SVdP) at 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15205, or visit <https://saintphilip-church.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/StVincentdePaul>. Monetary donations made to our conference are used only to assist friends in need and to pay our operational expenses. No money is given to any other organizations.

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](mailto: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](http://eshoppittsburgh.com). Also, we are always looking for volunteers! Any donation of your time is extremely valuable to us. If you'd like to join us in helping our friends in need or just want to learn more, please call, text or email us for more information.



# Around the Diocese and Community

## TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

Join the Diocese of Pittsburgh in May 2024 for *To Jesus Through Mary*, a month-long focus on deepening devotion to the Blessed Mother. Register to receive daily texts in May that will help you grow closer to Jesus through His mother.

To join, text **MARY2024 to 84576** or visit: <https://diopitt.org/to-jesus-through-mary>.

## EUCHARISTIC ROSARY MARCH

The 89<sup>th</sup> Pittsburgh *Eucharistic Rosary March* will occur on **Sunday, May 19** at Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church (164 Washington Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15219). Holy Mass will begin at 1:30pm. After Mass the Holy Rosary will be prayed in procession from Epiphany Church through the City of Pittsburgh, returning to Epiphany Church where there will be Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Crowning of Our Lady of Fatima. The *Eucharistic Rosary March* is sponsored by the Pittsburgh Regia of the Legion of Mary. For information on the Legion of Mary, call Marlene at 412-310-7793 or Barbara at 412-884-3154.

## 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](mailto:careers@cpca-pgh.org).



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