

**One Heart,
One Church**

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Annual Parish Appeal!

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

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CRISIS SUPPORT/SUICIDE PREVENTION

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 May 12, 2024

SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER

SAINT PHILIP CATHOLIC PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Catholic Community of Saint Philip Parish, united in faith and empowered by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, are firmly committed to promoting full and active participation in the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church.

We answer the call of the Gospel to bring about the kingdom of justice and peace through worship, education, service, and stewardship.

Saint Philip Church

50 West Crafton Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Ascension Church

114 Berry Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Guardian Angel Academy

915 Alice Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15220
Mr. Robert Munz, Principal



CONFESSION

Available Saturdays from 12:00pm to 1:00pm at *Ascension Church*.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: A seminar is required for first-time parents. Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month at 12:15pm at *Saint Philip Church* or at *Ascension Church*. Call the Faith Formation Office at 412-922-6388 for more information.

Matrimony: The Pastor is to be contacted 6-18 months in advance of the requested wedding date. Participation in a Pre-Marriage Program is required. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Anointing of the Sick: Following a weekend Mass and on the last Saturday of the month at 8:30am at *Ascension Church*.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCA): Call the Faith Formation Office at 412-922-6388 for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

LOCATION	TIME	PRIEST'S INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
SATURDAY, MAY 11 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
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
SUNDAY, MAY 12 — SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MOTHER'S DAY			
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
MONDAY, MAY 13 — OUR LADY OF FATIMA			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Our Lady's Intentions	A Parish Member
TUESDAY, MAY 14 — SAINT MATHIAS, APOSTLE			
Ascension	8:00am	Denk & Moses Families	Evelyn
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Shane Phillips	Grandparents
THURSDAY, MAY 16 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Robert J. Dulick	David G. Dulick
FRIDAY, MAY 17 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Jill Hillebrand	McCoy Family
SATURDAY, MAY 18 — EASTER WEEKDAY VIGIL OF PENTECOST SUNDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Juan E. Rivera	Sonia Rivera
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Louis & Irene Schubert	Family
SUNDAY, MAY 19 — PENTECOST SUNDAY			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Bernard & Helen Bannon	Pat & Al Bannon
Ascension	9:30am	Schuler & Connell Families	Edward & Mary Connell
Saint Philip	11:00am	Santo Rea	Family
BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: Should be submitted to m.takach@saintphilipparish.com no later than 12:00pm on Friday to be included in the following week's bulletin.			





Notes from the Pastor

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

Stepping up for the Lord

If you've ever taken the time to read - and perhaps even study - the Acts of the Apostles in the New Testament, you know the importance of this sacred book attributed to Saint Luke as the sequel to the Gospel according to Luke.

After compiling a magnificent account to of Jesus' life in his Gospel, Luke then collected important accounts from the earliest years of the Apostles' preaching the Good News, their ministry, and the life of the earliest Christian communities. The Acts of the Apostles is truly worth reading every Easter Season both in the Liturgy and at home!

In the Acts of the Apostles, we hear how the teachings of Peter and the Apostles shaped the existence of Christianity and the Church long before the books and letters of the New Testament were even written. This is a clear reminder that the official teachings of church leadership are on par with the writings of the Scriptures.

You might remember my occasionally repeated bulletin article reminding everyone that the Three Pillars of Christianity are: 1.) the Sacred Scriptures (*the Holy Bible*); 2.) the Tradition of the Apostles; and 3.) the Magisterium - the Official Teachings of our Church Leadership. **Just remember the acronym 'S.T.M.!'** (*See the article on Page 10 of this bulletin.*)

Not only are there very important beliefs and lessons to be learned in our reading the Acts of

the Apostles, there are also accounts of how the earliest Christian community - the Church of the Lord - lived and evangelized and grew day after day.

Today in the first reading of our Liturgy, we hear the selection of Matthias as an Apostle to replace Judas the Iscariot who betrayed Jesus. Because the People of Israel were established upon the twelve sons of Jacob, Jesus chose twelve Apostles upon whom He would establish the New People of God. In the earliest days following Jesus' return to the Father in the Ascension, the eleven remaining Apostles led by Saint Peter added Matthias to their number to complete the twelve once again.

This is an important historical fact, and it's also a reminder to all of us even today that, even today, each of us and all of us are called to "step up." Each of us and all of us are called to take our place, to assume our role, to pursue our mission in service to the Lord Jesus. Like Matthias, each of us is called to be the next missionary disciple, the next evangelist, the next servant of the Kingdom which Jesus Himself calls us to be by our Baptism and our Confirmation and the Eucharist!

During these twenty centuries, the Kingdom of God - the Divine presence of God - has grown throughout our world. During the history of God's people in the Church, humanity and our civilization have been so greatly blessed and improved because many of our ancestors stepped up to serve the Lord and His people - just like the original Apostles and Saint Matthias.

In the days and years ahead, remember to "step up" like Saint Matthias, and be a true friend, co-worker, disciple, and evangelist of the Lord Jesus and His Good News. Amen! Alleluia!

Best wishes for a joyful Easter Season!

During this final week 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

First Holy COMMUNION

CONGRATULATIONS to our Second Grade students who received their *First Holy Communion* on May 5.





BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 12

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

Weekdays

Acts of the Apostles 19-28;
John 16-21

Pentecost Sunday, May 19

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11;
1 Corinthians 12:3-13;
John 20:19-23



ST. MATTHIAS
APOSTLE

MAY 14

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FINANCIAL REPORT OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collections, May 4-5	-- \$13,660.33*
<i>* Includes Mail-in donations</i>	
Online donations, May 4-5	-- \$3,777.50
Maintenance donations	-- \$305.00
Religious Education donations	-- \$324.00

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year	-- \$790,368.00
Parish income <u>received</u> since July 1, 2023	-- \$607,983.20
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	-- \$2,348.00
Average weekly insurance expenses	-- \$1,186.00
Weekly contributions to Guardian Angel Academy	-- \$1,397.92

Parish members -- 2,286	Parish families -- 1,202
Church attendance on May 4-5	-- 845
Sunday envelopes used May 4-5	-- 317
Total households receiving envelopes	-- 1,090

2024 Parish Appeal Goal	-- \$128,119.00
Parish Appeal received as of May 5	-- \$109,017.04*
<i>* Includes online Parish Appeal donations</i>	
2024 Parish Appeal Donors	-- 117

Grateful for your increased support!

During our 2023 *Forward in Faith!* Appeal, many of our parish families pledged a commitment to increase your weekly and monthly financial support for our parish community! Thank you for your dedication to Saint Philip Parish now and in the next generation.

Your increased contributions will soon be seen in our weekly collection totals and in the total parish income for this fiscal year. Should anyone need a reminder of the amount that you pledged, please contact our parish during weekly office hours.

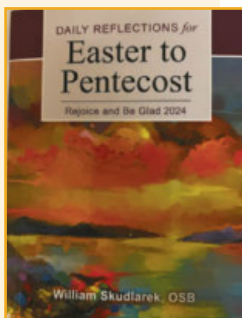
Once again, thank you all for your support of our Catholic parish community - and for your dedication to and support of Saint Philip Parish today and in the years ahead.



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!



LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Please support the Little Sisters of the Poor with donations at the church entrances today. Your donations enable them to continue their work of caring for the elderly poor at their Home on Benton Avenue on Pittsburgh's North Side. They are counting on your support.

MARY'S TEA

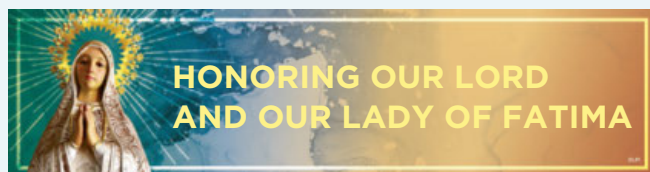
Come to *Mary's Tea* at Ascension Church Conner Hall on May 15 from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Delight in various teas, treats, and a special presentation. RSVP at 412-922-6388.

NEXT WEEKEND SPECIAL COLLECTION

Please give to next weekend's vital collection supporting Catholic Relief Services, The Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America, and Africa. Your generosity aids humanitarian efforts, resettlement programs, and advocacy for the oppressed. Contributions also bolster seminaries, youth ministries, and evangelization. Your kindness can make a difference in countless lives. Please be generous.

Bakers Needed

WE NEED YOUR HELP: Saint Philip Music Ministry presents RING! PITTSBURGH, a handbell concert featuring sacred and secular music on Sunday, May 19 at 3:00pm. We are in need of cookies to be part of the reception that will immediately follow the concert. **If you can help by donating homemade baked cookies, please drop them off at Ascension Church Conner Hall on Saturday, May 18, from 10:00am to 1:00pm.**



Everyone is invited to spend an hour of Eucharistic Adoration at Ascension Church on Our Lady's six Fatima apparition dates from May 13 to October 13. Come pray a rosary with the Blessed Mother and spend quiet time with her Son between 7:00pm and 8:00pm each month. The Blessed Mother's message for each apparition will be shared. The tentative schedule will be as follows:

Monday, May 13 at 7:00pm

Thursday, June 13 at 7:00pm

Saturday, July 13 at 7:00pm

Tuesday, August 13 at 7:00pm

Friday, September 13 at 7:00pm

Sunday, October 13 at 7:00pm

A Public Square Rosary will be prayed on Saturday, October 12 at 12:00 noon in Saint Philip Cemetery parking lot in conjunction with 22,000 other rosary rallies praying at the same hour in many cities in our nation.



Celebrating our moms and the Blessed Mother

For more than a century, the people of the United States have chosen this second Sunday of May to honor our mothers for the life, faith, goodness, upbringing, and service that they give to us each days throughout the years. Without our mothers, none of us would be here - none of us would have the life that we've been given by our parents.

May we be grateful today and every day for our mothers, our grandmothers, and all the women who are and who've been so important to us. May we sincerely thank them today and every day for their love and goodness, and may we be the good sons and loving daughters that they raised us to be!

Also, may we give thanks today and throughout the month of May for our Blessed Mother, Mary - the mother of the Lord Jesus and our heavenly mother too! May we remain close to our moms and to our Blessed Mother. Best wishes for a very good Mother's Day this year. One day, may we all come to share in the everlasting life and love of God along with holy Mary and all of our mothers and all the people of God!



Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns *In Loving Memory of Juan E. Rivera*
Offered by Sonia Rivera

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *In Loving Memory of Donald & Donna Scholz*
Offered by Family



HOME IMPROVEMENTS,
CALL RODGER

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!



A CUSTOM FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 19

An annual custom in the life of the Church is to celebrate Pentecost Sunday - and the conclusion of the Easter Season - **by wearing the color RED if you have some red clothing!**

As we celebrate Pentecost Sunday next weekend, may all of God's holy people rejoice in the Gift of the Holy Spirit, and may we call upon the Holy Spirit every day in our prayers to the Lord!



Faith Formation /Religious Education

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

A NOTE FROM MARYANN: In the second reading from Sunday, May 12 we hear, “Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him and he in God.” As the weather becomes warmer and “Summer-like,” I came across a writing by Father William Byrne titled, “*Tips for ‘Sonbathing.’*” Father notes the following from his book, 5 Things with Father Bill.

While I caution everyone to stay out of the sun, I am a strong advocate for catching the Son’s rays. Jesus is the Way, The Truth, and the Life, and if we don’t get enough time with Him, we can get lost, begin to believe lies, and feel less alive. Here are five tips for “Sonbathing:”

- 1. Seek direct exposure.** Real love requires face time. At Mass on Sunday, we have the deepest encounter with the Lord in the Eucharist. If you can make a weekday Mass, that is a way to allow the Lord more deeply into your week.
- 2. Find a good reflector.** To ensure an even tone, some people put tinfoil on cardboard to reflect the rays. The strongest rays of the Son come from the Scriptures and the Sacraments, but Christ speaks to us in many ways. Pope Francis has emphasized to the Church that we need to have a heart for the poor. In serving others we also truly encounter Jesus. Those in need are powerful reflectors of the Son.
- 3. Multitask.** The good news is that we can get the Son all through our day. It does not just have to happen in church. Our commute, waiting in the dentist’s office, in line at the bank, on hold on the phone: all of these are perfect chances for multitasking. Have a favorite prayer handy, and instead of worrying or being bored, be blessed.
- 4. Avoid “Sonblock.”** I am not talking about S-P-F; I am talking about S-I-N. God does not force us to love Him. He invites us gently. Sin disrupts our capacity to hear Him and experience His love most fully. Seeking His forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation is not just for Advent and Lent. Let the light in every day.
- 5. Glare is good.** Normally, we avoid glare, but glare from the Son is good. Not only is it good, it is essential for effective Sonbathing. Good gifts get better when we share them. Be God’s glare. Let his love continually reflect off of you and into the darkness of our world. I believe the most effective tool for evangelization is joy. A smile is the best way to win hearts for Christ.



WEAR
RED

Pentecost Sunday is May 19. We encourage you to wear Red to Sunday Mass next week as we celebrate the birthday of the Church.

Children's
LITURGY

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

FAITH FORMATION: Baptism - for all of us, our journey of faith begins with the Sacrament of Baptism. Baptism “is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which give access to the other Sacraments. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1213) If you would like to have your child baptized, please contact the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388. Our process includes completion of a baptism request form, required birth and Catholic sponsor certificates, as well as a 75-minute session for first-time parents.



Order of
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Initiation of
Adults

OCIA (Formerly RCIA) is for those individuals who, after hearing and experiencing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, seek the living God and desire to enter the way of faith and conversion within the Catholic Church community as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, contact the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

MENTAL HEALTH and Wellness Ministry

Beginning this week, you'll see prayer boards 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.



CHRISTLIFE™
CATHOLIC MINISTRY FOR EVANGELIZATION

Reunion Dinner on May 1

Individuals who participated in ChristLife Evangelization Ministry gathered for a dinner, video presentation and discussion on May 1. The group meets in small groups once per month to reflect on a spiritual reading and discuss the Scriptures. If you are interested in joining a small faith group, please contact the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.





Pillars of our Catholic Christian Faith

As you know, the three most fundamental beliefs of Catholic Christianity are: 1.) *the Divine Trinity* - there is one Almighty God in three Divine Persons; 2.) *the Incarnation* - the Divine Son of God became fully human in the person of Jesus of Nazareth; and 3.) *the Resurrection* - following His death on the Cross, on the third day, Jesus was raised to new and glorious life by the Father and the Holy Spirit.

It's also important to remember the three foundational pillars of Catholic Christianity. They are:

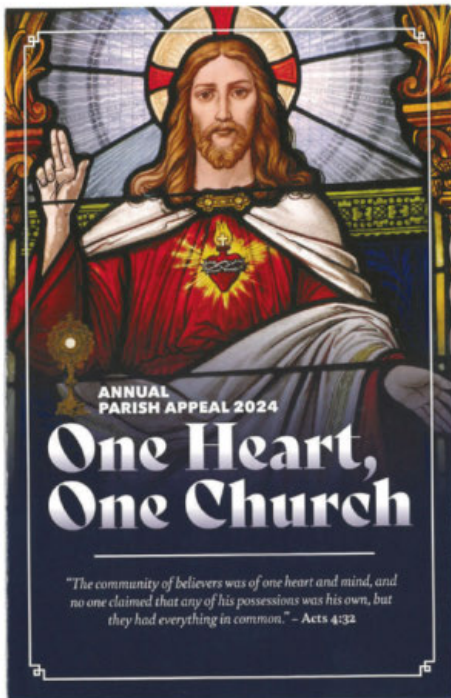
- 1.) ***The Sacred Scriptures in the Bible*** - the inspired Word of God in the Old Testament and the New Testament;
- 2.) ***The early Tradition*** - the Tradition from Jesus, the Apostles, and the early Church that existed in addition to the writings of the New Testament in the first century; and
- 3.) ***The Magisterium*** which is the official teaching of the Church, its apostles, and shepherds beginning with the Council of Jerusalem in the first years of Christianity and continuing through all the official councils of the Church.

These three pillars are often abbreviated “*S.T.M.*” for easy remembrance. All three of these pillars are essential to Christianity and the Church!

In recent centuries, many Christians have claimed that “our faith is all about the Bible,” but in reality, since the first century, these Three Pillars have all been of tremendous importance. In fact, the Apostolic Tradition and the official Magisterium came into existence even before the writings of the New Testament existed. The Bible is of tremendous importance, but the full and balanced faith of the Church includes the ancient and original Tradition as well as all the official teachings (the Magisterium) of the Catholic Church since the first years after Jesus’ life, death, and Resurrection.

Take a look at *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* and every approved catechism of the Church. You’ll see countless passages from and references to the *Scriptures*, the *Tradition*, and the *Magisterium*. We are blessed to have not only one pillar of Christianity but *THREE Pillars of our faith*. Read *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* AND the *Bible*, and you’ll have the complete picture of our Christian faith as it has been believed and lived in the Catholic Church for 2000 years. *God bless!*





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
opportunity to enjoy the
harmonious sounds of
RING! PITTSBURGH.**





Guardian Angel Academy

One of the South Region Catholic Elementary Schools (SRCES)



CLASSROOM CHRONICLES MRS. ALYSON WOODALL - PRESCHOOL

During the winter, Pre-K students enhanced their literacy by practicing sound counting and syllable identification, and improved their math by adding and subtracting objects to understand group sizes. They've made significant progress in these foundational skills.

Our Pre-K class has made remarkable strides in their Catholic faith, mastering prayers like The Our Father and Hail Mary, and understanding the Holy Trinity and Jesus' sacrifices during Lent. Their kindness in giving alms, celebrating Saint Patrick's Day, and engaging with the Easter story through crafts and storytelling are significant achievements for our young learners.

Our preschool children recently explored measurement concepts, using non-standard units like snap cubes for height and candy hearts for length. They engaged in activities to compare the capacity of containers with pom poms and concluded with a fun balance scale exercise to learn about weight. The students were thrilled to apply their math skills practically.



PRESENTS



MAY 14-16 7PM SHOWTIME
BISHOP CANEVIN HS

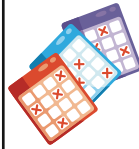
GET TICKETS ONLINE AT
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Join us for an afternoon of fun, food and bingo!
10 games will be played with
an adult and youth winner for each.



EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Doors open at 11:30 am - Games start at Noon
Guardian Angel Academy Cafeteria
915 Alice Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15220

**BASKET AUCTION • 50/50 • PULL TICKETS
CONCESSIONS • DAUBERS • EXTRA TICKETS**

EARLY BIRD TICKETS BY MAY 10

ADULTS \$20
10 GAMES, 6 CARDS

YOUTH \$10
10 GAMES, 3 CARDS

DOOR PRICING: ADULTS \$25, YOUTH \$15

GET TICKETS ONLINE AT:
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Questions? Contact Kerri Lozano at klozano@guardianangelacademy.org



items; a man was assisted with \$130 toward rent; a man will be given up to \$350 toward rent; a woman was assisted with \$200 toward her electric bill; and our conference twinned with the Archangel Gabriel conference in the amount of \$200 for security deposit assistance for a friend in need. Thank you for allowing us to serve our neighbors in Christ!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

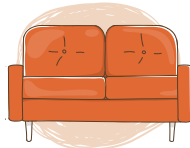
New beds are one of the most requested furniture items by our neighbors in need. Sometimes they have beds that are in desperate need of replacement; sometimes they are sleeping on air mattresses; and sometimes they have no bed of any kind. When we give a bed to a friend in need, we also like to give them a new set of sheets as oftentimes, they do not have adequate bedding either.

Last summer, we asked for donations of new twin and full sheet sets and you generously donated approximately 50 sets, which have lasted us until now. We are again asking for donations of new twin and full sheet sets to help give our friends in need a comfortable night's sleep. If you would like to donate, please call or text our hotline at 412-444-8140 or email us at svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com to arrange a dropoff or pick up.

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 donate online at <https://saintphilipchurch.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. 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. 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.

DONATIONS NEEDED

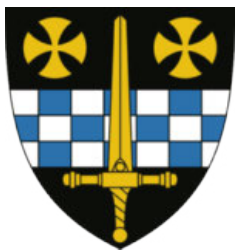


We are still in need of donations of couches and loveseats for our friends in need. If you have a gently-used couch or loveseat that still has some life in it that you would like to donate, you can also call, text or email us to arrange a dropoff or pick up.

Thank you in advance for your constant support of our friends in need!

This week, your generous donations enabled us to provide a family with a household goods voucher, clothing voucher and various furniture

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



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.

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EUCHARISTIC ROSARY MARCH

The 89th 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.

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understand. Sessions will be held **every Wednesday from May 22 to August 7 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm** at Saints John and Paul Church in Franklin Park. You are also able to join the meeting via Zoom. For more details, contact Chico Ficerai at Chico.Ficerai1@gmail.com.

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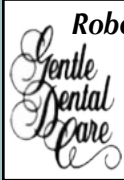
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