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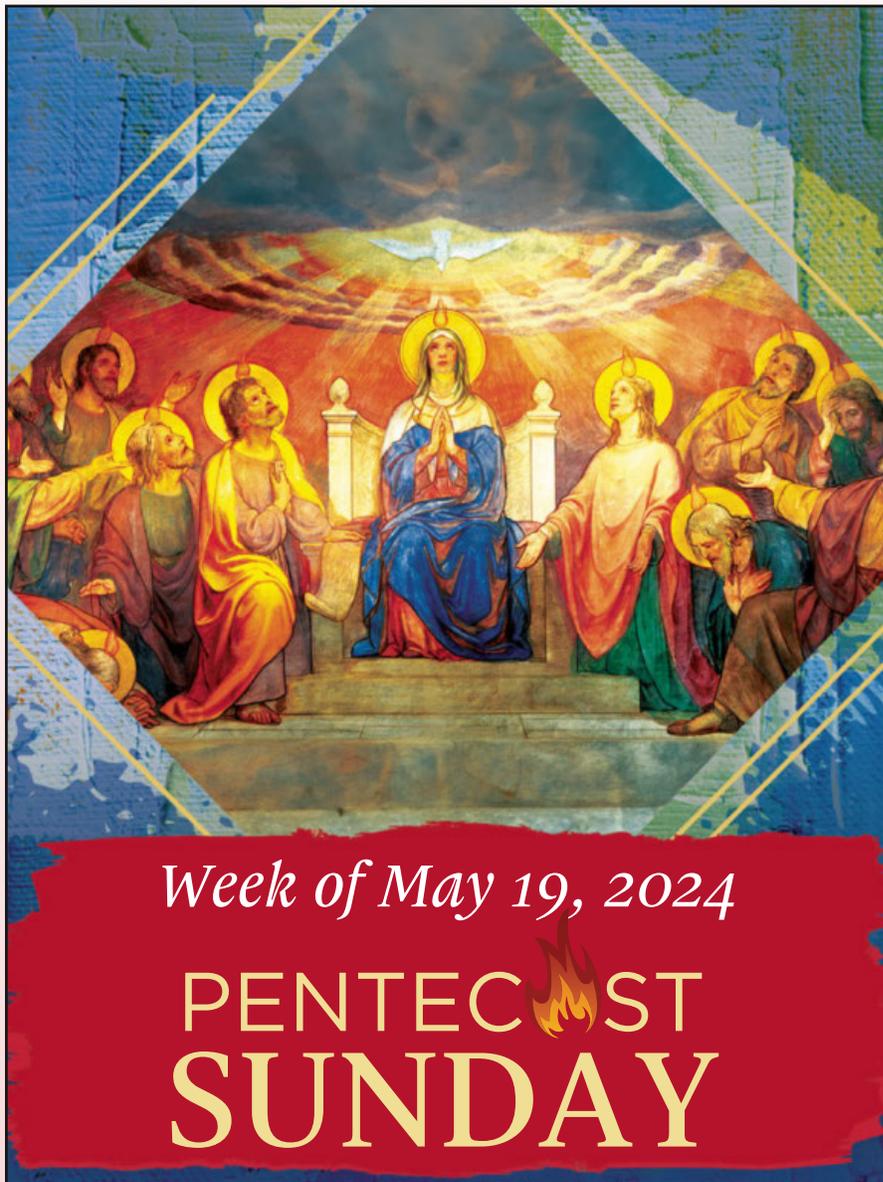
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Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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



SAINT PHILIP CATHOLIC PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Catholic Community of Saint Philip Parish, united in faith and empowered by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, are firmly committed to promoting full and active participation in the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church.
We answer the call of the Gospel to bring about the kingdom of justice and peace through worship, education, service, and stewardship.

Saint Philip Church
50 West Crafton Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Ascension Church
114 Berry Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

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



CONFESSION

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

SACRAMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

LOCATION	TIME	PRIEST'S INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
SATURDAY, 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
MONDAY, MAY 20 — THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Max Homer	Regina McDonald
TUESDAY, MAY 21 — SAINT CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES AND COMPANIONS			
Ascension	8:00am	John & Peg Gallagher	Family
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22 — SAINT RITA OF CASCIA			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Mary Catherine (Hannon) Brown	Nancy Thorns
THURSDAY, MAY 23 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
FRIDAY, MAY 24 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Michael J. Barber	Michael & Patti Diduch
SATURDAY, MAY 25 — SAINT BEDE THE VENERABLE			
Ascension	8:00am	Debbie Schmeider	Pat Hudson
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Francis Anthony Leone	Michelle Leone
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Alice & Ellsworth Wentz	Louis & Barbara Wentz
SUNDAY, MAY 26 — THE MOST HOLY TRINITY			
Saint Philip	7:00am	William Thomas McDevitt	McDevitt Family
Ascension	9:30am	Bess DeAngelis Mott	DeDe Palombini
Saint Philip	11:00am	Rose Given & Joseph Given, Sr.	Given 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 Risen Lord Jesus has sent the Holy Spirit to His disciples! Best wishes for a joyful Pentecost celebration!

Filled with the Holy Spirit of God

It's quite amazing that events of the past - even from ancient days - still have a tremendous influence on our own life today. All the history of the universe and of our world has brought us to where we are today - and is still with us.

This is also true of the life of God's holy people in the Lord's Church. The birth of Jesus, His life and teaching and miracles, and most especially Jesus' death and Resurrection have brought the world to where we are today. Without Jesus' life and death and Resurrection, our world, our history, and our present world today would be entirely different than they are.

The past is always with us as we build on everything which has come before us and our current generation.

The same is true of our own discipleship in Jesus. While the events of our personal life - our Baptism, our Confirmation, our Catholic marriage ceremony - may have been celebrated many years ago, the grace of these Sacraments is still present in our lives today. All that our parents and teachers have shared with us in our own faith formation remains important to us even today.

The same is also certainly true of the Pentecost Sunday event - and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit into the life of the Church - which occurred fifty days after Jesus' Resurrection. YES, the Holy Spirit descended upon the Peter and the

Apostles in a very dramatic way on that Pentecost Sunday. It is wonderful to hear the account in this Sunday's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles! Remember, however, the first Pentecost Sunday was NOT the only time that the Holy Spirit was given to the People of God in the Church.

While the Spirit was sent by the Lord Jesus to His first followers, the Holy Spirit has been given and continues to be shared with the Lord's people every day since the first Pentecost! We may think of Pentecost Sunday as an ancient historic event, yet it's an historic event which continues to be a part of our faith and our lives and our discipleship today as well!

The Risen and Ascended Lord Jesus sent to our ancestors the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. Ever since that first descent of the Holy Spirit 2000 years ago, the very Divine Spirit of God has been shared with Catholic Christians and with the whole Church every day. It's the Holy Spirit which raised up Jesus' first community. It's the Holy Spirit who has guided the Church in every age. It's the Holy Spirit who inspired the writing of the Gospels and the entire New Testament - and who has also guided the teaching of our holy Catholic faith. It's the Holy Spirit who brings the Sacraments of the Lord Jesus to us. It's the Holy Spirit who continues to inspire faith in each of our hearts when we call upon the Spirit of God.

The gift of the Holy Spirit has NEVER been "one and done." The Holy Spirit of God is shared with us every day - as it always has been since the first Pentecost Sunday. May we place our trust in the Spirit of the Lord, and finally, may we call upon the Holy Spirit every day to inspire and deepen our faith, our discipleship, and our faithful service of the Lord Jesus.

Best wishes for a blessed Pentecost Sunday!

During this Pentecost Sunday celebration, may the glorious Son of God bless you, your family, and our Saint Philip Catholic Parish community each and every day. Alleluia!

Yours, Father Jim Torquato

THE NICENE CREED

Every Sunday in the Liturgy, we pray the Nicene Creed as an important way of proclaiming our Catholic Christian Faith in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This Sunday Creed also reminds us of the most important elements of the Good News of Jesus and the faith of all Christians throughout the world.

Officially titled the **Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed** (since its writing began at the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D. and was finally completed at the Council of Constantinople in 381 A.D.), the 'Nicene Creed' is the official statement of belief for all Christians. A disciple's Baptism and their acceptance of this Creed – along with acceptance of the New Testament – are the signs that a person is indeed a Christian disciple of the Lord Jesus! And so, each Sunday, we together profess:

I believe
in
one God

*I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.*

*I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through Him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation,
He came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.*

*For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
He suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and His kingdom will have no end.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.*

*I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen!*

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

Weekdays
 James 4-5;
 Mark 9-10

Trinity Sunday, May 26
 Deuteronomy 4:32-40;
 Romans 8:14-17;
 Matthew 28:16-20



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, May 11-12	-- \$10,766.05*
<i>* Includes Mail-in donations</i>	
Online donations, May 11-12	-- \$1,974.50
Maintenance donations	-- \$1,179.00
Religious Education donations	-- \$60.00

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year	-- \$790,368.00
Parish income <u>received</u> since July 1, 2023	-- \$621,962.75
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	-- \$10,570.00

Average weekly staff salary and benefits expenses	-- \$7,640.00
Average weekly maintenance/operation expenses	-- \$1,644.46
Average weekly utility expenses	-- \$2,348.00
Average weekly insurance expenses	-- \$1,100.00
Weekly contributions to Guardian Angel Academy	-- \$1,397.92

Parish members -- 2,286	Parish families -- 1,202
Church attendance on May 11-12	-- 815
Sunday envelopes used May 11-12	-- 303
Total households receiving envelopes	-- 1,090

2024 Parish Appeal Goal	-- \$128,119.00
Parish Appeal received as of May 12	-- \$109,134.04*
<i>* Includes online Parish Appeal donations</i>	
2024 Parish Appeal Donors	-- 117

One person each year...

At the heart of our Catholic Christian faith is Jesus' commission to the Apostles and all His disciples to "go out and preach the Good News." We are all called by our Baptism and our Confirmation to share the Lord with others and to grow the Kingdom - the Presence - of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit with our family and with others.

This year and every year, it will be good for each of us to *focus our encouragement and prayers on one chosen person each year* - doing our best to lead them to (or back to) the Lord Jesus and his Church. If we lead one person (family member or friend) to the Lord Jesus each year - instead of making some unfocused effort - then we're more likely to actually bring many others in the years ahead to life and salvation in the Lord!



Parish News

THIS WEEKEND'S SPECIAL COLLECTION

Please give to this 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.

THE 2024 CALENDAR IS NOW FILLED

At this time, the 2024 parish calendar of Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Lamp Memorials is completely filled. Thank you for remembering your loved ones in our Liturgies and our Sanctuary Lamp Memorials. The 2025 parish calendar will be opened for intentions and memorials in early October.

LIVE THE LITURGY: INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Like a stool that cannot stand on two legs alone, we need the Holy Spirit. The third Person of the Trinity is the puzzle piece whose testimony completes the beautiful picture of salvation. Let us never fail to say: come, Holy Spirit!

PRAYER FOR EVERYDAY & EVERYBODY

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit! Enlighten us! Embolden us! In flame us! Stir our hearts anew!

You have called us to live and minister in this time, in these spaces, to these souls. Set us on FIRE with fresh inspiration and sacred direction! Amen.



SAINT PHILIP PARISH FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Pre-School through 8th Grade

If you have not been previously enrolled, feel free to contact us at 412-922-6388 to be placed on the mailing list.

Our Program Features:

- **Flexible Scheduling:** Tailored to individual needs.
- **Sacramental Preparation:** For First Eucharist and Confirmation.
- **Weekly Sessions:** Mondays from 6:30pm to 7:45pm.
- **Creative Activities:** Including music, art, and multimedia.
- **Family Events:** Monthly gatherings with dinner.
- **Educational Tools:** Utilizes alphabet, colors, shapes, and language development.
- **Community Fun:** Pizza nights, Mardi Gras, ice cream socials, kids' nights, and Easter egg hunts.
- **Spiritual Growth:** Traditional and experiential prayer.
- **Retreats:** Age-appropriate retreat experiences.
- **Volunteering:** Service opportunities available.

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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:

- 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.



We offer our sympathy to the family of **Helen Evans** 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 Herb & Joan Reffert* Offered by Ken Reffert

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *In Loving Memory of Zunic & Henkel Families* Offered by Jane Beistel



CRAFTON ICE CREAM DELITE

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.



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 this 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: One of the Extended Form Readings for the Vigil Liturgy on Pentecost Sunday is from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel 37: 1-14. In that Scripture reading we hear, “*Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! Thus says the Lord God to these bones: See! I will bring spirit into you, that you may come to life. I will put sinews upon you, make flesh grow over you, cover you with skin, and put spirit in you so that you may come to life and know that I am the Lord.*” At one time or another, many people experience the feeling of “dry bones.” Life can create times of uncertainty or worry. We experience health concerns, financial concerns, relationship concerns, or family concerns.

This Sunday we celebrate the fulfillment of Jesus’ promise to send the gift of the Father, the Holy Spirit. This promise was fulfilled when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples who were gathered in the upper room. Through Baptism, we were given life in the Spirit. God puts His Spirit in each of us that we too may have life.

When we encounter a feeling of “dry bones,” let us remember that God’s Spirit is within us calling us to life. If we look around, we can see God’s Spirit in our world. We see God’s Spirit in the joy of a little child, in the kindness of a stranger, in a beautiful sunrise, in the flowers growing in our garden. God’s Spirit is everywhere. God’s Spirit is within each of us. Let us pray, “*Come, Holy Spirit*” when we experience “dry bones.”

An experience of “dry bones” can happen when:



- We, or someone we love, are experiencing depression or anxiety.
- We, or someone we love, are experiencing the loss a loved one.
- We, or someone we love, are experiencing a medical crisis.
- We, or someone we love, are experiencing financial worries.
- We, or someone we love, are struggling with a relationship or job.
- We, or someone we love, are struggling with addiction.
- We, or someone we love, are experiencing a mental health challenge.
- We, or someone we love, are raising a child with special needs.
- We, or someone we love, are a single parent.
- We, or someone we love, are struggling with day-to-day tasks.

At such times we pray:

“Spirit of God, Come into my heart. Breath into me (or loved one) the breath of life. Let your Spirit remind me (or loved one) of your great love and care. Come Holy Spirit. Be with me (or loved one).”



The Holy Spirit:
Our Companion on the Way
 from Pope Francis' Homily
 June 8, 2014

The extraordinary outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday was not limited to the moment in the Upper Room but continues to be renewed each day. Christ glorified at the right hand of the Father continues to fulfill His promise, sending upon the Church the life-giving Spirit, who teaches us, reminds us, and lets us speak.

The Holy Spirit teaches us the path, the way. Jesus Himself is the Way and the Holy Spirit teaches us to follow Him, to walk in His footprints. The Holy Spirit reminds us of all that Jesus said. He helps us understand the words of the Lord. The Holy Spirit reminds us of the commandment of love and calls us to live it. The Holy Spirit lets us speak with God in prayer. Without the Holy Spirit, none of us is able to say *“Jesus is Lord.”* The Holy Spirit lets us speak with others, recognizing them as brothers and sisters.

The day of Pentecost, when the disciples *“were all filled with the Holy Spirit,”* was the baptism of the Church, which was born in *“going out,”* in departure, to proclaim the good News to everyone. Jesus was peremptory with the apostles: do not depart from Jerusalem, but wait until you have received the power of the Holy Spirit from above (Acts 1: 4-8) Without Him there is no mission, there is no evangelization. For this, within the whole Church, let us implore: Come, Holy Spirit!



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, please 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.

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.



Help Wanted! Each Spring we review our needs for the coming year. Our Faith Formation Program is in need of individuals who feel called to the following ministry:

We are beginning a Faith Formation Session on Monday night for students in pre-school through 2nd grade with special needs. If you have experience and would like to serve as a catechist for this session, contact the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

We are in need of parents who would be willing to join our Baptism Preparation Team to provide faith sharing and support for first-time parents. If you would be interested in joining the Baptism Preparation Team, please call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

3 Fundamental Catholic Christian Beliefs

It's good for all the members of our parish and all Catholic Christians to know the basic beliefs of our faith - along with the many elements of Catholic Christianity and the Good News of the Lord Jesus. Our Catholic faith and life are indeed tremendous treasures that are comprised of so many amazing facets - just like a diamond.

As Catholic Christians, our three most basic beliefs are these:

1.) DIVINITY.

We believe there is One Eternal God in Three Divine Persons (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit) as revealed to us by Jesus of Nazareth;

2.) INCARNATION.

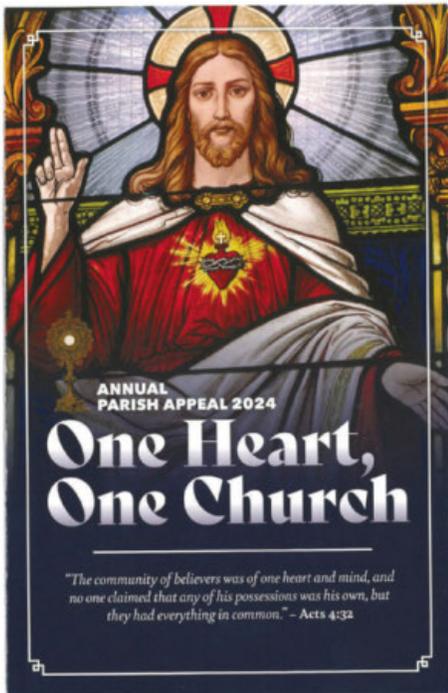
The Son of God became fully human in Jesus of Nazareth thus joining together both the Divine and humanity; and

3.) RESURRECTION.

The Lord Jesus was raised from the dead three days after His crucifixion and death on the cross, and Jesus' Resurrection gives us hope for our own Resurrection and Eternal Life.

There are many wonderful beliefs in our Catholic Christian faith, yet it's always good to see everything in the context of these three basic beliefs: ***Divinity, Incarnation, and Resurrection!***





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

MR. DANIEL KOCHMAN 7TH GRADE (B) HOMEROOM TEACHER-MIDDLE SCHOOL HISTORY/ELA/RELIGION

As the academic year draws to a close, 7th and 8th graders are not slowing down on their educational adventures! Seventh graders have recently completed their exploration of the Declaration of Independence in U.S. History class and are gearing up to delve into the Constitution, the cornerstone of American governance. In English class, they're honing their analytical skills by crafting cause and effect essays, drawing on historical events, societal issues, and scientific inquiries to weave compelling narratives from their research findings.

In their study of Religion, seventh graders are contemplating the significance of Jesus as the "bread of life," a theme that resonates with the Easter season's liturgical observances.

Eighth graders, on the other hand, are transitioning from the Progressive Era to an in-depth study of the World Wars in their U.S. History class, with a current focus on the Prohibition Era. Literature class has them immersed in the classic American novel "The Outsiders," sparking insightful discussions on the contrasting dynamics and viewpoints of the Greasers and Socs.

Meanwhile, the Board Game/Comic Book Club, led by Mr. Kochman and Mr. Baker, is a hub for developing vital social skills and understanding the foundational elements of various game genres.

ENROLL TODAY FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

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!



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Ministries & Societies

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE



Once summer starts, many people enjoy visiting local farmers' markets, getting fresh-from-the-farm fruits and vegetables and supporting local family farms. For those on tight budgets, they may feel like farm-fresh fruits and vegetables are not something that they can afford, but the Farmers Market Nutrition Programs, which are available to WIC recipients and senior citizens, can help!

The WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants & Children) Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) allows WIC recipients to obtain three \$10 checks, and the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) allows people 60 years of age and older who meet certain income guidelines to obtain five \$10 checks, to be used at certain farmers markets for fresh fruits, vegetables, and edible herbs.

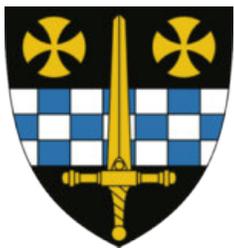
For more information, including income guidelines, applications, and a search tool to find a participating farmers market near you, call 717-787-2940 or visit the website https://prdagriculture.pwpca.pa.gov/Food/food_assistance/Farmers%20Senior%20Farmers%20Market%20Nutrition%20Program.

We are still in need of new twin and full sheet sets, as well as couches and loveseats for our friends in need. 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. Thank you!

This week, your generous donations enabled us to provide quarterly twinning assistance in the amount of \$500 to the St. Joseph Conference in Kingwood, West Virginia; \$500 to the St. Agnes Conference in Beaumont, Grand'Anse, Haiti; \$500 to the Good Shepherd Conference in Braddock; and \$500 to the Mary Mother of God Conference in McKeesport. (As a reminder, "twinning" is the term used within the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to describe when conferences come together to assist friends in need.) In our local area, a woman was assisted with \$500 toward her rent; a family was assisted with \$301 for their electric bill; a single mom was provided with \$500 for her security deposit; a single mom was assisted with \$240 toward electric and \$102 toward her water bill; a family was provided with two beds; and a woman was given a bed. Thank you so much for allowing us to help not only our local neighbors in need, but also some additional people who are served by conferences that have little to work with financially.

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.

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.

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

SIX STEPS TO SANITY

Join us for “*Six Steps to SANITY*,” a faith-based support group adapted from the bestselling book, Setting Boundaries with Your Adult Children by Allison Bottke, focusing on addiction in families. Learn how enabling and codependency contribute to addiction and find healing and sanity through shared experiences and tools. This confidential and supportive environment welcomes anyone dealing with a loved one’s substance abuse, offering 12 weeks of guidance and understanding. Don’t suffer alone - join us and find solace among others who 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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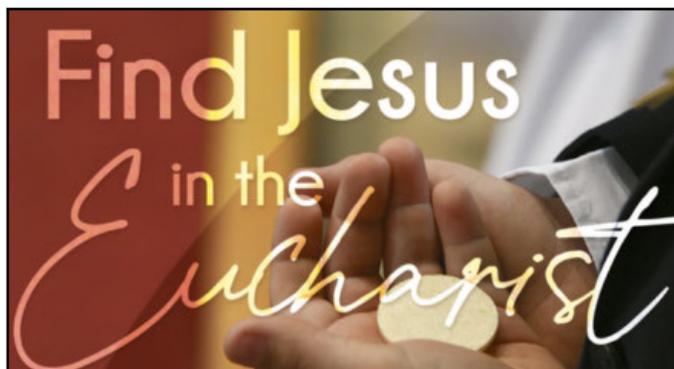
information, contact the diocesan Stewardship Office at 412-456-3085 or mfreker@diopitt.org.

BENEDICTINE OBLATES

On **Sunday, June 2**, the South Hills Benedictine Oblates will gather at Saint Louise de Marillac Church to present and discuss, “*Christian Significance of Title and Duty*” based on the Rule of St. Benedict with contributions from monks and oblates of Saint Vincent Archabbey in The Rule in Bits and Pieces. The meeting will begin with Liturgy of the Hours Daytime Prayer at 1:30pm and end at 3:00pm. Please arrive to be seated before 1:30pm in the Bishop Leonard Room (directly under Saint Louise de Marillac Church). Questions? Contact Oblate Mary Ann Kaufman at 412-302-8501.

ASPIRE - ADULT SINGLE PEOPLE: INSPIRING, RELATING, EVOLVING

The ASPIRE Ministry invites Catholic Singles over 21 to join us on **May 31 at 6:30pm**. Hopefully everyone can join us for this last event before our summer break. We’re going to celebrate our first season with a picnic and games in the outdoor pavilion (weather permitting). We’ll feast on grilled burgers and hotdogs and other picnic fare. In addition, Jennifer Engel, MX, MPPM, Executive Director of the Sister Candace Introcaso Center for Lifelong Learning at LaRoche University will tell us about the wonderful opportunities available. This event will take place at Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish in the large pavilion behind Saints John & Paul Catholic Church located at 2586 Wexford Bayne Road, Sewickley, PA 15143. For planning purposes, RSVP to <https://saintluke.net/aspire>.





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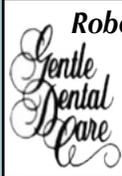
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