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24-Hour Lifeline Dial 988
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Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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



Week of May 26, 2024

The Most **TRINITY**
HOLY

SAINT PHILIP CATHOLIC PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

Ascension Church
114 Berry Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

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



CONFESSION

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

SACRAMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

LOCATION	TIME	PRIEST'S INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
SATURDAY, MAY 25 — SAINT BEDE THE VENERABLE PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH			
Ascension	8:00am	Debbie Schneider	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 Givven & Joseph Givven, Sr.	Givven Family
MONDAY, MAY 27 — WEEKDAY MEMORIAL DAY			
Saint Philip	9:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
TUESDAY, MAY 28 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Mary Mondine	Family
WEDNESDAY, MAY 29 — SAINT PAUL VI, POPE			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Mary & Ed Goyke	Janine & Mike Wilson
THURSDAY, MAY 30 — SAINT JOAN OF ARC			
Ascension	8:00am	George & Margaret Oleck	Michael Oleck
FRIDAY, MAY 31— THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Our Lady's Intentions	A Parish Member
SATURDAY, JUNE 1 — SAINT JUSTIN, MARTYR			
Ascension	8:00am	Deceased of the Vorbach & Demma Families	Helen Demma
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Helen & Frank Chuckro	Diane Chuckro
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Jerry Crowley	Rita Crowley
SUNDAY, JUNE 2 — THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Arthur Butter	Norkus Family
Ascension	9:30am	Francis D. Schneider	Jean Schneider
Saint Philip	11:00am	Anniversary of Ordination Rev. James Dowds, CSSR	Family
Saint Philip	12:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration until 4:00pm	



Notes from the Pastor

Having completed this year's Easter Season on Pentecost Sunday, we now come to the celebration of Holy Trinity Sunday. Best wishes to you and our entire community for this solemn celebration of the most fundamental belief of Christianity - the celebration of our belief in one Divinity, the one God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Trinity makes all the difference

Since the beginning of humanity, our ancestors believed in the divine - a realm of beings far superior to mere humans. These divinities were usually seen as a collection of gods and goddesses who oversaw or controlled all aspects of the world and of human activity.

Beginning with Abraham and Sarah - and their descendants who became the People of Israel, a different belief and religion entered into the world in which Divinity came to be ascribed to a single Creator God instead of a multitude of divinities.

This is the understanding of the Divine which Jesus knew and which He taught in His ministry. However, much to the surprise of all the world, Jesus deepened our understanding of the Divine by proclaiming and teaching that the Divinity is actually a "Divine community" of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The essence and the life of God is found in the One God which is a Trinity of Divine persons rather than a single Divine being.

Unfortunately, when most people today speak the name of "God" (that is, "the One who is Good"), they are simply referring to some generic, undefined notion of a Divinity who has created our world and who gives us life.

Instead, Jesus' own teaching gives us the very specific revelation and understanding that the one Divinity who has created this world, who has

redeemed humanity, and who leads us into the eternal life of God is actually the Blessed Trinity of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit! Like a family or a community, the Divine Trinity finds its fullness of existence as a community of perfect love and life. The Trinity teaches us that life is NOT life when it's lived in solitary isolation. Instead, the fullness of all life comes in the self-giving and interaction of all the members.

This Sunday, we celebrate the world changing proclamation of Jesus - a belief which has changed human history for all time and for all peoples (*including those who do not comprehend or accept the Divine Trinity*).

Whenever you speak of God, always remember our Catholic Christian belief that God is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit - the divine three-in-one source of all life, love, goodness, and salvation. It's truly important to speak regularly of the three Divine Persons rather than simply using the name "God." It's important to speak very clearly and specifically of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. This is a very profound profession of our faith. It's a very clear and important witness to who the Triune God is for all of us - and who we are as the People of God, the people of the Holy Trinity. This is the most essential and fundamental belief for all who are Catholic Christian disciples and friends of Jesus of Nazareth, the Holy One and Son of God who has revealed to us the full truth of who God is - and what is the divine life we are promised to share with the Trinity in the life to come.

Best wishes for these days and for the summer months!

Inspired by the Holy Spirit of God, may we remain true to Jesus, to his way, to his divine revelation, and to his holy people in the Church. Through prayer and study, may we deepen our faith and our life in the Trinity of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Finally, as we celebrate Holy Trinity Sunday, may God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit bless you, profoundly deepen your personal faith in the Lord, and bring you and all God's people to the eternal life and love which is found in the life and love of the Blessed Trinity!

Yours, Father Jim Torquato

What it means to be Catholic and Christian

Today, many people – *including Catholic Christians* – ask the question:

What do we mean by the name Catholic?

In the first generations of the Lord's community (the Church), our ancestors who were becoming followers of the Risen Christ came to be called "Christians." This is still the name that we receive and proclaim even today.

During later generations, small groups of Christians became very exclusive and pursued their own versions of the Christian faith and community. They often excluded the poor and uneducated and outcast. They typically considered themselves to be much better than the average, ordinary members of the Lord's Church. These groups were hostile to the Apostolic Church and its leaders – and caused many difficulties and upset through the early centuries.

As a result, in order to distinguish faithful Church members from those who created small, exclusive groups (those who came to be called 'heretics'), the Church began teaching that true disciples belonged to a "Catholic Church" – an inclusive Church of Christ that does not exclude anyone and which seeks to share the Good News and the grace of the Lord with all people everywhere.

Today, we often use the name "Catholic Christian" as a reminder that we are indeed Christians baptized into Christ Jesus – and that we belong to the one Catholic Church (*universal, inclusive, open to all*) established by Jesus upon the foundation of Peter and the Apostles which welcomes all people and seeks to share salvation with all who believe and live in the Lord Jesus. We are and always have been the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church for nearly 2,000 years!

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

REMEMBER OUR HEROES

MONDAY, MAY 27, 2024

*God of power and mercy,
You destroy war and put
down earthly pride.*

*Banish violence from our
midst and wipe away our
tears, that we may all
deserve to be called Your
sons and daughters.*

*Keep in Your mercy those
men and women who have
died in the cause of freedom
and bring them safely into
Your kingdom of justice
and peace.*

*We ask this through Jesus
Christ our Lord.*

Amen



BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Trinity Sunday, May 26

Deuteronomy 4:32-40;
Romans 8:14-17;
Matthew 28:16-20

Weekdays

1 Peter 1-2;
Mark 10-11

Corpus Christi Sunday, June 2

Exodus 24:3-8;
Hebrews 9:11-15;
Mark 14:12-26



SUNDAY ADORATION

As part of our Eucharistic Revival, our parish will have Eucharistic Adoration **NEXT Sunday, June 2, 12:00 noon until 4:00pm in Saint Philip church.** Please join us in prayer during our June 2 Solemnity!

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 18-19** -- \$9,393.66*

** Includes Mail-in donations*

Online donations, May 18-19 -- \$1,584.50

Maintenance donations -- \$321.00

Religious Education donations -- \$145.00

Collection for Catholic Relief Services and the Church in other nations -- \$2,131.00

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year -- \$790,368.00

Parish income received since July 1, 2023 -- \$633,406.91

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 -- \$10,670.00

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 18-19 -- 680

Sunday envelopes used May 18-19 -- 278

Total households receiving envelopes -- 1,090

2024 Parish Appeal Goal -- \$128,119.00

Parish Appeal received as of May 12 -- \$112,433.04*

**Includes online Parish Appeal donations*

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



Each year, on the final Monday of May, our nation remembers and honors all of our military veterans who are now deceased. Having been initiated at the time of the Civil War, Memorial Day gives us a day to remember and honor all those military veterans who died during their time of service to the United States of America – as well as all those veterans who have passed since their years of service.

Among the local Memorial Day services this Monday, May 27, there will be a Memorial service at the Crafton Borough Building at 11:45am to which everyone is invited. Tomorrow and every day, please keep in mind that we enjoy our freedom, liberty and safety thanks in large part to the men and women who have served our nation and its defense during times of warfare and conflict for the past 248 years of the life of the United States of America! May we remember and honor our deceased veterans, and with sincere gratitude, may we give heartfelt thanks to all of them!

Please note: the parish office will be closed Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join our Faith Formation team! We are seeking experienced catechists for Monday night sessions for pre-school to 2nd grade students with special needs. Also, parents are invited to support new families by joining our Baptism Preparation Team. Call 412-922-6388 to participate.

“It takes a village to raise a child...”

And... it takes a “village” to come together to celebrate the end of the Easter Season on Pentecost Sunday with a fabulous handbell concert that was given by RING! PITTSBURGH in Ascension church. By one estimate, there were about 169 people (including the handbell ringers) who enjoyed an afternoon of music played entirely by handbells and chimes and enjoyed a fabulous reception afterward. Our village included:

- **RING! PITTSBURGH**, and their wonderful concert.
- **The Music Ministry team**, including organists, schola, choir, and cantors, for beautifying Conner Hall, financial support to cover costs, and serving as ushers and greeters.
- **The planning team**, for crafting the menu, aiding in food preparation, and offering essential guidance.
- **Parish bakers**, for contributing time, skills, and resources to create an exceptional “Pittsburgh cookietable.”
- **Parish volunteers**, for their help with clean-up and various other tasks.
- **The custodial staff**, for their diligent work in setting up and providing supplies.
- **Father Jim Torquato**, for allowing RING! PITTSBURGH at Ascension and promoting the event.
- **All our parish members**, whether or not you were able to attend this event – YOU ARE THE “VILLAGE” THAT HOLDS US TOGETHER by your prayers, support, and presence at our Liturgy and events binding us as a community and embodying the Spirit of Pentecost.

May that Spirit of Pentecost renew us again with hope, gratitude and love as we journey together in service to the Lord!!

- Beth Barsh, Music Director

Our Pentecost Concert

For the celebration of Pentecost Sunday on May 19, our parish hosted the local ensemble "Ring! Pittsburgh" for a handbell and chimes concert in Ascension church.

Many thanks go to Ring! Pittsburgh for this wonderful event. Also, many thanks go to our Music Director, Mary Beth Barsh, for organizing this special concert and reception -- as well as all who assisted with this musical celebration and everyone who attended!



Rest in Peace

We offer our sympathy to the family of **Clare W. Cuff** 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 James Lucot, Sr.*
Offered by Family

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *In Loving Memory of Felix & Ottlee Rodgers*
Offered by Pat Rodgers

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Faith Formation /Religious Education

Ms. MaryAnn Garfold, Director of Religious Education
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A NOTE FROM MARYANN: In the Gospel for Trinity Sunday we hear, *"Then Jesus approached and said to them, 'All power in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.'"*

In the book, *Sacred Fire* by Father Ronald Rolheiser, he suggests a series of commandments proposed for mature discipleship. The intent is to invite us to a higher place, a deeper maturity, and a more intimate relationship with God and one another. These commandments are:

1. **Live in gratitude** and thank your Creator by enjoying your life.
2. **Be willing to carry more** and more of life's complexities with empathy.
3. **Transform jealousy, anger, bitterness and hatred** rather than give them back in kind.
4. **Let suffering soften your heart** rather than harden your soul.
5. **Forgive those who hurt you**, your own sins, the unfairness of your life, and God for not rescuing you.
6. **Bless more** and curse less!
7. **Live in a more radical sobriety**. Live in the light of God.
8. **Pray, affectively and liturgically**. Make our very lives a prayer.
9. **Be wide in your embrace**. Welcome the other.
10. **Stand where you are supposed to be** standing and let God provide the rest.

DISCOVERING CHRIST: Everyday Evangelization from our *Discovering Christ* sessions, we were introduced to the following steps for Evangelization.

1. **DECIDE.** Decide that when someone gives you an opportunity, you will share how you came to know the Lord.
2. **PRAY.** Pray daily for specific people in your social environments (family, relatives, friends, coworkers or acquaintances).
3. **SERVE.** Conduct your daily life as loving service to others. Doing this will give Christian witness to people in your social environments.
4. **PREPARE.** Prepare a one-minute explanation of how you came to know the Lord. You will then be ready to share Christ with others.
5. **TELL.** At some point be ready to speak with others about how you came to know Christ.

A sixth step would be to **INVITE**. Don't be afraid to call a friend and invite them to a parish function.

BAPTISM INFORMATION: Baptism marks the start of a Christian's spiritual journey. It's essential for Christian life and opens the door to other Sacraments. To arrange a baptism at our parish, call 412-922-6388. The process involves a request form, birth and Catholic sponsor certificates, and a session for new parents.



CHILDREN'S RESOURCES: Beginning this Sunday there will be Missals for children and toddlers at the entrance to each church. In Ascension they will be in the vestibule and at Saint Philip they will be in the back of church near the vestibule. Please feel free to use these during Mass and return them. They will be wiped clean for the next use.

ORDER OF CHRISITAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (formerly RCIA): Welcomes individuals who have felt the call of Christ and are drawn to seek the Divine in their lives. It is a journey of faith and transformation, guided by the Holy Spirit, for those wishing to join the Catholic Church Community. For more information or to explore the Catholic faith further, reach out to the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY: Prayer boards are at the entrance of each church for a special prayer initiative from **May 12 to June 1**. You're invited to write the first names of individuals seeking hope and healing from mental health challenges on square Post-Its for the prayer board. For those who have passed away due to mental illness or suicide, their names will be written on butterfly Post-Its as a symbol of remembrance and prayer. The collective prayer is for these individuals to be embraced in the Lord's care.

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH:

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



RESOURCES AVAILABLE

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 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 for more information.



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Congress**

Parishes in the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh where the **National Eucharistic Pilgrimage** will visit for Liturgy, Adoration, Eucharistic Processions, and prayer this

June 12 – 19, 2024



June 12

Mary, Mother of God Parish (Saint Patrick church), McKeesport
6:30pm Wednesday Holy Hour and Welcome Reception



June 13

Mary, Mother of God Parish (Saint Patrick church), McKeesport
8:30am Thursday Liturgy followed by a procession in McKeesport



Saint Teresa of Kolkata Parish (Resurrection church), Brookline
11:00am Eucharistic Procession in Brookline
6:30pm Holy Hour at Saint Catherine of Siena church, Beechview



June 14

Saint Teresa of Kolkata Parish (Saint Catherine of Siena church), Beechview



8:45am Liturgy followed by Eucharistic Procession to *Saint Michael the Archangel Parish* (Saint Bernard church), Mount Lebanon - and Benediction



Saint Michael the Archangel Parish (Saint Bernard church), Mount Lebanon - **6:30pm** Holy Hour



June 15

Divine Mercy Parish (Saint Mary of Mercy church), Stanwix Street, Downtown - **12:00pm** Liturgy



June 16

Saint Paul Cathedral, Fifth Avenue, Oakland
12:00pm Sunday Liturgy with Bishop David A. Zubik, DD

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come experience the **Eucharistic Revival**

June 16

Saint Augustine Parish (Saint Monica church),
Beaver Falls
5:00pm - Holy Hour followed by picnic
dinner

June 17

Saint Augustine Parish (Saint Blaise church),
Midland
7:00am Liturgy followed by Eucharistic
Procession to Beaver Falls

Holy Spirit Parish (Saint Vitus church),
New Castle
6:00pm Holy Hour at Saint Vitus church

June 18

Holy Spirit Parish (Saint Vitus church)
9:00am Liturgy followed by Eucharistic
Procession through New Castle

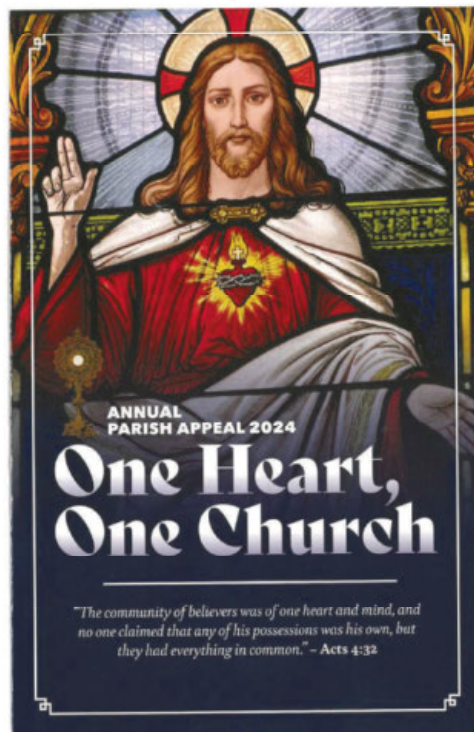
Corpus Christi Parish (Holy Child church),
Bridgeville - **5:00pm** Holy Hour

June 19

Corpus Christi Parish (Saint Barbara church),
Bridgeville
7:00am Liturgy followed by Eucharistic
Procession through Bridgeville

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish (Saint Joseph
church), Coraopolis
5:30pm Holy Hour followed by Liturgy and
Farewell reception

Participants in this cross country **National Eucharistic Pilgrimage** will then travel to the Dioceses of Wheeling-Charleston, Steubenville, and finally Columbus for the final visits of their summer Eucharistic Pilgrimage to Indianapolis for the National Eucharistic Congress in July.



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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Mary's Tea

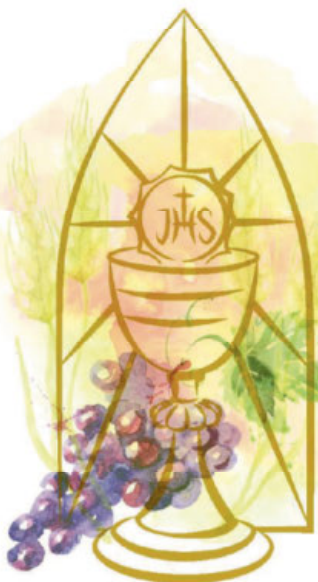
On Wednesday, May 15, Saint Philip Parish hosted a delightful afternoon tea that was attended by 30+ members. Attendees were treated to a delicious light lunch, which set the stage for a captivating and insightful talk titled *"Mary, the Mother of Joy."* This engaging presentation delved into the significance of Mary's role and her enduring influence as a symbol of joy and compassion in the community.



THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

Our Diocesan Church of Pittsburgh and the entire Catholic Church in America are celebrating a Year of the Eucharist. In recent years, the bishops of the United States have decided that our entire nation should conduct a **Eucharistic Revival** to renew our faith in Jesus and our appreciation of his sacred gift of the Eucharist.

We're all encouraged to give time to Jesus in our **Eucharistic Adoration** and to cherish Jesus' truly important gift of the Eucharist in each of our Sunday and weekday Liturgies. As Jesus' Eucharist and our Holy Communion fill us with divine life and grace, may we always be grateful for the Body and Blood of the Lord which gives us a share in the very life of God. May we renew and profess our faith in the Lord and his Eucharist every day of this year, and may we receive all the blessings and divine grace of Jesus as His friends and as His holy Catholic Church.





ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

Many people take for granted that they can come home after a long day, have a seat on their couch, have dinner at the kitchen table and then go to bed. It sounds like a simple enough existence, but there are people within our parish boundaries that go home each night to empty houses with no couch, no table and no bed. There are children that do not have anywhere to sit and eat dinner with their family and do not have a bed in which they can be read a bedtime story.

For approximately 25 years, the St. Philip Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been collecting donations of gently used furniture and giving it to our friends in need locally and in Tunnelton, WV. We continue to be blessed by many generous benefactors who donate their beds, dressers, couches, chairs, tables and other furniture items. We have so many generous donors and so many friends in need that we are in desperate need of volunteers to assist with furniture pickups and drop offs. By picking up and redistributing donated furniture, we are able to preserve our money and use it to assist more friends in need, instead of having to buy furniture and pay for its delivery.

If you can help carry furniture, or if you have a pickup truck or trailer that can be used to haul furniture, we need you! Assisting with the furniture mission is a great way to volunteer with St. Vincent de Paul if your free time is limited. Pickups and deliveries can be coordinated around your schedule and volunteering does not require that you dedicate a certain amount of time each week. If you

provide us with your contact information, you can be notified when we have furniture that needs to be picked up or delivered, and you can let the coordinating volunteer know if you are available to help.

If you are able to assist with our furniture mission, please call or text us at 412-444-8140 or email us at svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com. We're really looking forward to hearing from you!

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 assist a woman with \$327 to restore her gas service; a woman was assisted with \$270 to prevent her gas from being shut off; a single mother was assisted with \$264 to prevent her gas from being shut off; a single mother was given \$550 to prevent her electric from being shut off; a single mother was assisted with \$75 toward her gas bill and \$62 toward her internet bill; and a man was assisted with \$250 toward a security deposit. Thank you for helping us to make these positive impacts in our local community!

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

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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 aint. 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>.



SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE: FAITH AND REASON SUMMER PROGRAM

The Faith and Reason Summer Program (**July 7-13**) offers high school and first-year college students a unique opportunity to explore a richer, deeper understanding of the Catholic faith. For more information and to register, visit www.stvincent.edu/faithandreason.

ARCHANGEL GABRIEL SUMMER CAMP

Archangel Gabriel Preschool and Nursery is hosting a summer camp for children ages 6-12 from **June 3 through August 16 from 6:30am to 6:30pm**. Tuition (varies based on number of weeks) includes field trips, breakfast and snacks, water play, arts and crafts, games and sports, and more. To sign up or learn more, visit www.ArchangelGabrielParish.org/SummerCamp.



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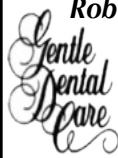
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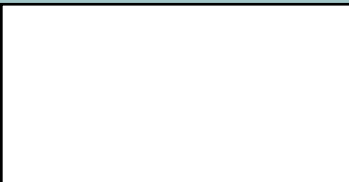
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