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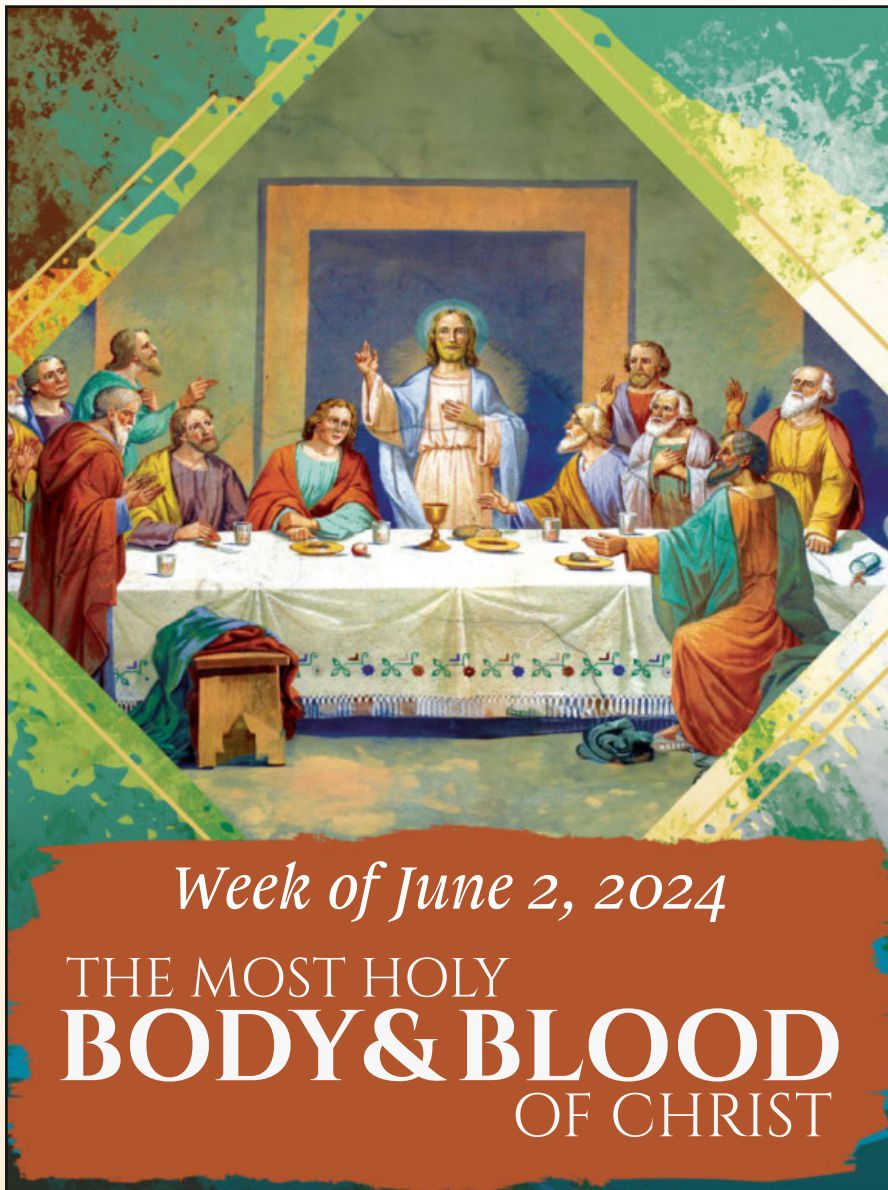
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Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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



Week of June 2, 2024

THE MOST HOLY
BODY & BLOOD
OF CHRIST

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, 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	
MONDAY, JUNE 3 — SAINT CHARLES LWANGA, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Cameron Dolansky	Dolansky Family
TUESDAY, JUNE 4 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of the Waigand Family	Sister Betty
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5 — SAINT BONIFACE, BISHOP AND MARTYR			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
THURSDAY, JUNE 6 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Sr. Dolores Fauth, CDP & Sr. Audrey Sagan, CDP	Ruth Rittler
FRIDAY, JUNE 7 — THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS			
Saint Philip	8:00am	William McNally	McNally Children
SATURDAY, JUNE 8 — THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			
Ascension	8:00am	Josephine Trotta	DeDe Palombini
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Luke Connolly	David G. Dulick
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Laurie S. Henkel	Jerome J. Henkel, Jr.
SUNDAY, JUNE 9 — TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Debbie Galilei	Jeff & Marie DiCesare and Anita Donadio
Ascension	9:30am	95 th Birthday of Mary Klinkner	Family
Saint Philip	11:00am	Joe & Dorothy Chmiel	Chmiel Family



Notes from the Pastor

treasure, a most wonderful sharing of the Lord's own life with all of us.

There are countless distractions in today's society which diminish our appreciation of our Catholic Faith and of the glorious treasures contained within it. This Corpus Christi Sunday should be a holy day when all of us focus our faith once again on the tremendous sign of the Lord's love for us - and the wonderful gift of divine life and grace - that is the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of the Lord, our share in the very life of Almighty God.

The importance of Eucharistic Adoration

Connected to our Holy Communion in the Eucharist is the very important and beneficial time we spend at Eucharistic Exposition - and in Eucharistic Adoration. Jesus' gift of himself is so very important (*and such a tremendous gift*) that we are strongly encouraged to pray often in the presence of the Eucharist.

In Eucharistic Adoration, we honor the Lord Jesus. In Eucharistic Adoration, we have quality prayer time in the presence of the Lord Jesus. In Eucharistic Adoration, we give due honor, worship, and adoration to the Lord Jesus as is fitting for all of us to offer Him.

This afternoon, Corpus Christi Sunday, June 2, from 12:00pm until 4:00pm, you and every member of our parish are invited to come to Saint Philip church for a time of quiet Adoration of the Eucharist, for silent prayer in the company of each other, and for time offering worship and thanks to God the Son, God the Father, and God the Holy Spirit!

Best wishes for these days and for the summer months!

While we're still three weeks from the official first day of summer, my best wishes are extended to all of you - our parish members and families - for very good and safe summer months. May this summer be a time of rest, renewal, faith, and the love of God for you and all your neighbors, friends, and loved ones. God bless!

Yours, Father Jim Torquato

We now come to the celebration of Corpus Christi Sunday - celebrating the Body and Blood of the Lord. Best wishes to you and our entire community for this solemn celebration of a fundamental belief of Christianity - our belief that since his Last Supper, the Lord Jesus has given his very life to all his disciples in the Church through the Holy Eucharist.

The Life of the Lord given to us

I think that we're all familiar with this effect of human love - when one person truly loves another person (*a spouse, a parent, a child, a friend*), they're known to say "*I'll do anything for you*" or even "*I'd give my life for you!*" These expressions of our care and appreciation for our loved ones are common in every culture and language.

Anyone's giving their life for the sake of another is an undeniable display of the great love that they have for the other person/s. In a most remarkable way, this act of love was and is seen in the death, the self-sacrifice of Jesus on the cross so that, for our sake, death would finally be overcome in Jesus' death and Resurrection.

For us as Catholic Christians, we are convinced of the Lord Jesus' love for all of us and for each of us because of our belief that Jesus *has* given His life for us - and that Jesus *continues* to give His very life to us every day and in every Liturgy. Jesus' love for us and all His disciples is NOT a distant love. Jesus doesn't love us from afar. The Lord is so close to us through His Holy Spirit, and the Lord loves us so very much that He continues to offer His very life to us and for us every day!

While many Catholic Christians routinely receive the Eucharist - the Body and Blood, the Life of the Lord - without much thought or reflection, this sacred gift of Jesus is truly a most remarkable



Silence or Chatter?



Here's the \$1,000,000 question: should our time in church before the Liturgy be a time of silent personal prayer OR a time to greet and chat with one another in our weekly community gathering?

This question has been asked for generations since we were reminded that the Liturgy is both about prayer and the community assembly. They're "BOTH/AND" rather than being strictly one or the other.

As such, there is - and always will be - a dynamic tension between the two realities of our Sunday and weekday Liturgies - silent prayer and community gathering. Some come to church for silent prayer, and others come to the Liturgy to be with family, relatives, and friends. Some come for both!

So, how can we achieve a respectful and fair approach to this issue? As pastor, I suggest that we do our best - with charity and respect toward one another - to accommodate both approaches.

FIRST, please be sure to pray in silence at home every day so that your time in church isn't the only time you spend time in personal prayer. Let's also remember that the Mass is NOT a time of silent, personal prayer; it truly is the prayer of the entire community gathered together in faith, joy, thanksgiving, song, and communal prayer to give worship and thanks - and to celebrate the Eucharist.

SECOND, if you enjoy being together each week with family, friends, and neighbors, **please speak softly with one another.** We CAN in fact have quiet conversations when we come together in church. There's no need to speak loudly or to become boisterous when we see one another. There's plenty of time to continue the chat after the Mass has concluded.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and thank you for treating the issue of "silence or chit-chat" with Christian respect and charity toward everyone gathered in church. God bless!

-- Father Jim Torquato



VISITING OUR FAMILY MEMBERS AT THEIR PLACES OF REST

A very traditional Catholic Christian practice is to regularly visit the graves of our grandparents, parents, family members and friends throughout each year - and especially during the summer to maybe plant or place some flowers.

These are our loved ones who gave life to us - and who shared life with us for years. They are truly important to each one of us!

As Christian disciples, we firmly believe that they - and all of us - live on eternally in the Lord. We retain their remains in cemeteries in anticipation of the Day of Resurrection when Jesus will raise them - and us - to a new and everlasting life in a restored and glorified body.

In this time of waiting for our final reunion, we do well to visit the resting places of our deceased loved ones and to pray for their eternal rest, and peace, and salvation!



Corpus Christi Sunday, June 2

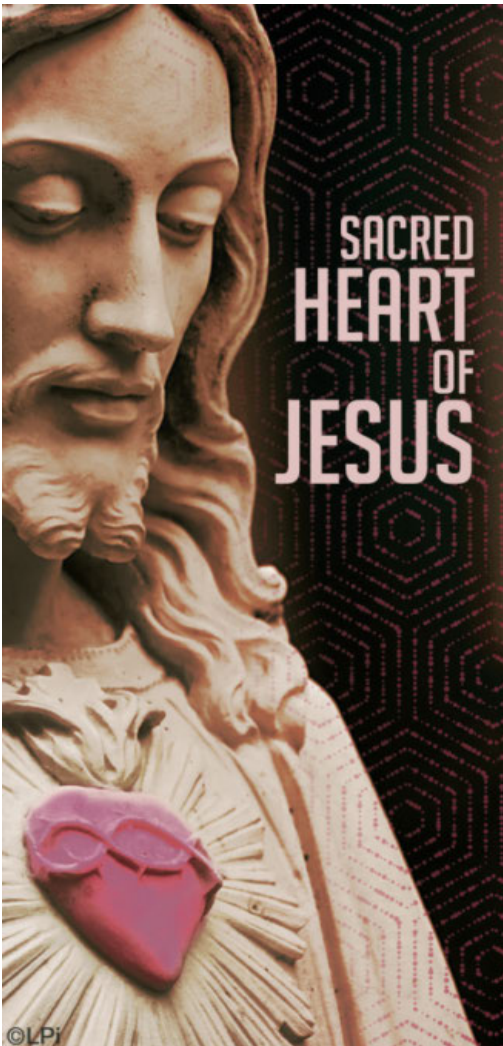
Exodus 24:3-8;
Hebrews 9:11-15;
Mark 14:12-26

Weekdays

2 Peter and 2 Timothy

Sunday, June 9

Genesis 3:9-15;
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1;
Mark 3:20-35



FINANCIAL REPORT



OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collections, May 25-26 -- \$8,267.00*

** Includes Mail-in donations*

Online donations, May 25-26 -- \$2,724.50

Maintenance donations -- \$203.00

Religious Education donations -- \$797.50

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

Parish income received since July 1, 2023 -- \$645,407.91

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 -- 2,456 Parish families -- 1,287

Church attendance on May 25-26 -- 731

Sunday envelopes used May 25-26 -- 293

Total households receiving envelopes -- 1,058

2024 Parish Appeal Goal -- \$128,119.00

Parish Appeal received as of May 26 -- \$112,433.04*

** Includes online Parish Appeal donations*

2024 Parish Appeal Donors -- 249

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

invited to support new families by joining our Baptism Preparation Team. Call 412-922-6388 to participate.



Please welcome into our faith family... **Savannah Mae Ryan**, daughter of Jillian Sarah Ryan, and **Ignatius Moon Zingrone**, son of Nikolaus and Alaina Dadey Zingrone who received the Life of Christ in Baptism in our parish on Sunday, May 26, 2024. May they grow in wisdom, age, and grace.



CORPUS Christi

SUNDAY ADORATION

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

CALENDAR DATES NEEDED FOR 2024-25

As we plan for the new Catechetical and Fiscal Year beginning July 1, all parish groups who make use of Saint Philip Parish facilities - either at the Saint Philip campus or the Ascension campus - are asked to **submit your 2024-2025 meeting and event date requests BEFORE June 16, 2024**.

All parish associations, faith formation programs, small faith groups, fundraising teams, etc. **MUST** send your requested dates to Mrs. Linda Bey in the Faith Formation Office in writing or via email (l.bey@saintphilipparish.com) **BEFORE June 16**. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join our Faith Formation team! We are seeking experienced catechists for Monday night sessions for preschool to 2nd grade students with special needs. Also, parents are

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BLOOD OF CHRIST,
EUCHARISTIC DRINK
& REFRESHMENT OF
SOULS, *save us.*





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.

PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS

If your children or grandchildren will be entering into Second Grade OR Eighth Grade in late August, please register them with our Faith Formation Program (412-922-6388) to begin their preparation NOW for First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion, OR Confirmation during the Spring of 2025! Preparation will begin soon!

Thank you for your generous financial contributions to
SAINT PHILIP PARISH!



Your goodness and participation help
to keep our parish alive!



Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns *In Loving Memory of Arthur Butter*
Offered by Elizabeth Butter

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *In Loving Memory of Francis D. Schneider, Jr.*
Offered by Wife

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Faith Formation /Religious Education

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

A NOTE FROM MARYANN: This week we celebrate The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ known as Corpus Christi Sunday. Pope Francis in the book, Walking With Jesus mentions that there are specific signals for understanding how we are living the Eucharist, how we experience it. The first signal is our way of looking at or considering others. We can ask ourselves the question: Does the Eucharist I celebrate lead me to others as my brothers and sisters? Does it increase my capacity to rejoice with those who are rejoicing and cry with those who are crying? Does it urge me to go out to the poor, the sick, the marginalized? Does it help me to recognize the face of Jesus in their faces? Do I try to help those who are in difficulty and pray for them?

A second signal that we are living the Eucharist is the grace of feeling forgiven and ready to forgive. Do we acknowledge that we are always in need of being accepted and reborn by the mercy of God? We should never forget that the Last Supper of Jesus took place “on the night He was betrayed,” (1 Cor. 11:23). In the bread and in the wine which we offer and around which we gather, the gift of Christ’s body and blood is renewed every time for the remission of our sins. We must go to Mass humbly and the Lord reconciles us.

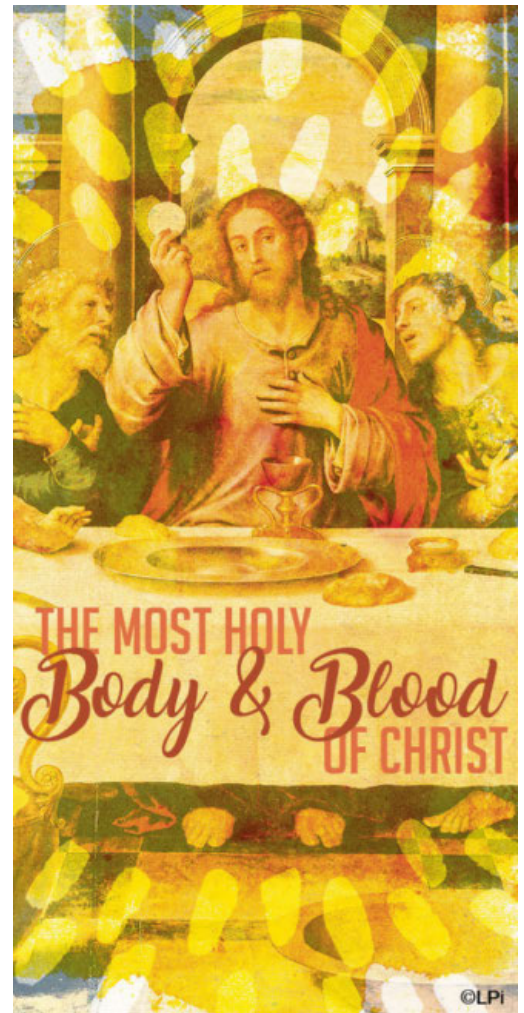
The last valuable signal comes to us from the relationship between the Eucharistic celebration and the life of our Christian communities. We must always bear in mind that the Eucharist is not something we make; it is not our own commemoration of what Jesus said and did. No. It is precisely an act of Christ! It is Christ who acts there, who is on the altar. It is a gift of Christ, who makes Himself present and gathers us around Him, to nourish us with his Word and with His life.

Through the Eucharist, however, Christ wishes to enter into our life and permeate it with His grace, so that in every Christian community there may be coherence between Liturgy and life. Let us live the Eucharist with the spirit of faith, of prayer, of forgiveness, of repentance, of communal joy, of concern for the needy and for the needs of so many brothers and sisters, in the certainty that the Lord will fulfill what He has promised us: eternal life.

THE EUCHARIST CALLS US: The Eucharist calls us each to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. In Father Ronald Rohlheiser’s book, Sacred Fire we read:

Not even Jesus found “the ready.”

Jesus called Nathaniel...Nathaniel lacked openness. Nathaniel wasn’t ready.



Jesus called Philip....Philip lacked simplicity.
Philip wasn't ready.

Jesus called Simon, the Zealot...Simon lacked non-violence. Simon wasn't ready.

Jesus called Andrew...Andrew lacked a sense of risk. Andrew wasn't ready.

Jesus called Thomas...Thomas lacked vision. Thomas wasn't ready.

Jesus called Judas...Judas lacked spiritual maturity. Judas was definitely not ready.

Jesus called Matthew...Mathhew lacked a sense of social sin. Matthew wasn't ready.

Jesus called Thaddeus...Thaddeus lacked commitment. Thaddeus wasn't ready.

Jesus called James the Lesser...James lacked awareness. James wasn't ready.

Jesus called James and John, the sons of thunder.
James and John lacked a sense of servanthood.
James and John were not ready.

Jesus called Peter, the Rock...Peter lacked courage. Peter wasn't ready.

The point, you see, is that Jesus doesn't call the ready. Jesus calls the willing.



FAITH FORMATION is in need of baptism team members, a special education catechist for preschool through 1st grade and young adults to accompany new members. If you are willing and able to help, contact the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388. In addition, our ministries are always looking for new members. If you would be willing to help with the Ladies of Charity, Choir, Small Faith Communities, Hooks & Needles, Legion of Mary, or other ministries, contact the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388 and you will be connected to the ministry.

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, contact the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388. Our process includes completing a baptism request form, submitting birth and Catholic sponsor certificates, as well as a 75-minute session for first-time parents.



Order of
Christian
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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

There are prayer boards at each of 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.



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

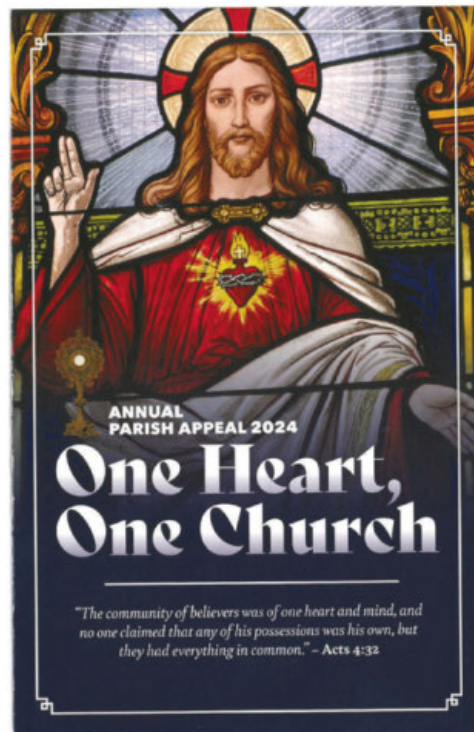
Corpus Christi Parish (Holy Child church),
Bridgeville - **5:00pm** Holy Hour

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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Guardian Angel Academy

One of the South Region Catholic Elementary Schools (SRCES)



CONGRATULATIONS to the 4th and 5th grade students who participated at the Catholic Elementary School Invention Convention, held at Seton LaSalle High School on Friday, May 3. The students have worked extremely hard over the past few months in science classes on creating invention prototypes, display boards, invention logs, and elevator sales pitches. We are proud of all students and their hard work over the past few months! **CONGRATULATIONS** to the inventors of “Roll A Board,” Ryan Julia, Zoey Curtis and Leo Panza, for winning the award of “Best Prototype.” Guardian Angel Academy also received an Honorable Mention Award. A big **THANK YOU** to Mrs. Joseph and Mrs. Walsh for preparing our students for this annual STREAM event.

THE MIDDLE STATES VISITING TEAM RECOMMENDS ACCREDITATION TO GUARDIAN ANGEL ACADEMY

Guardian Angel Academy is up for Middle States Accreditation and had a Middle State Visiting Team here last week.

Our New Evangelization

Twenty five years ago, when preparing the Church for the New Millennium, Pope Saint John Paul II called all Catholic Christians to begin a *New Evangelization* to share the Good News – the Gospel – once again with both Christian disciples and non-believers in the new 21st century. Most Catholics are NOT aware of this effort to evangelize the world once again (*similar to the first evangelization of the world which was begun by Jesus 2000 years ago*).

Now is the time for all Church members to participate in the New Evangelization so that the Kingdom of God might continue to grow even in this modern world.

It is very good to share the Good News with those who have forgotten Jesus’ message and promise. It is also very important that we ourselves believe Jesus’ message and live His way.

Our first suggestion is to deepen your own faith in the Lord. Pray the Lord’s Prayer often, recite the Apostles’ Creed every day, and pray the Rosary often to remain close to Jesus. Grow your own faith and your life of prayer. Then make the effort to share the Good News of the Lord with those whose ears and hearts are open and ready to receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

Over our past two fiscal years, we provided our friends in need with \$43,550 more in assistance than we received in donations. We were able to do that due to the amount of Covid-assistance programs that existed in the prior two years, which enabled us to help friends in need by referring them to those programs first, before using our own funds. We knew those programs would eventually stop and we would need to help fill that void.

Unfortunately, that void has been big and, coupled with the inflation that hit households quickly after the end of the Covid pandemic, we have had a lot of large requests for financial assistance, mainly for rental and utility assistance. Both of these items have been hit hard by inflation. We have done our best to rely on the assistance programs that still exist in order to help our funds go further while still helping our friends in need, but we still find that our treasury is running low.

Therefore, we are doing something that we do not often do in our bulletin posts, which is asking for monetary donations. We have two generous anonymous donors who have put up a matching pool of \$6,000. They will match all donations up to \$6,000 that are made by the end of June. Please take advantage of this matching pool by the end of June to double the amount of assistance that your donation can provide to our friends in need! 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/w>

[s/opportunities/StVincentdePaul](https://opportunities/StVincentdePaul). Thank you in advance for your continued support of our neighbors in need!

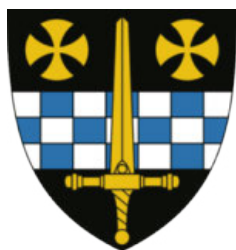
We are still in need of new twin and full sheet sets, as well as couches and loveseats for our friends in need. We also still desperately need volunteers for our furniture mission. If you would like to donate or volunteer, please call or text our hotline at 412-444-8140 or email us at svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com. Thank you!

This week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a woman with \$300 toward rent and a clothing voucher; a woman was given a bed; a family was given two beds for their children; a man was assisted with \$454 to avoid a shut off of his electric service; and a single mother was given \$200 toward her mortgage payment. Thanks to all of our donors and volunteers for making this charitable assistance possible.

To donate money, please use the poor boxes, send to SVdP at the parish office, 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15205, or give online at <https://saintphilipchurch.weshareonline.org/w/s/opportunities/StVincentdePaul>. Donations support those in need and our operational costs, without funding other organizations.

To donate furniture or household items, contact us at 412-444-8140 or svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com. For clothing, shoes, or accessories, use the blue bins at Hope House, St. Philip, or Ascension's parking lot. For large items or if transport is an issue, we can arrange pickup. Remember, only place appropriate items in the bins to avoid disposal. Shop for new or used goods at our thrift stores or eshoppittsburgh.com. If you're interested in volunteering? Your time is precious to us! Get in touch to help or learn more.

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Around the Diocese and Community

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. Visit www.stvincent.edu/faithandreason to register.

ARCHANGEL GABRIEL SUMMER CAMP

Archangel Gabriel Preschool is hosting a summer camp for children ages 6-12 from **June 3 through August 16**. 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, visit www.ArchangelGabrielParish.org/SummerCamp.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following members of St. Philip Parish who were recognized for academic achievements at the OLSH High School Honors Convocation on May 20.

Class awards were given to Hanna Hayes (Phys Ed 9) and Colby Lane (Guitar). Presley Holmes and Giana Marino received the Presidential Award for Educational Excellence.

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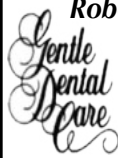
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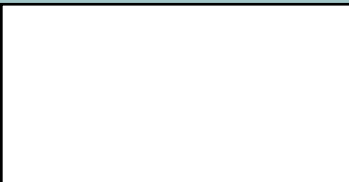
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