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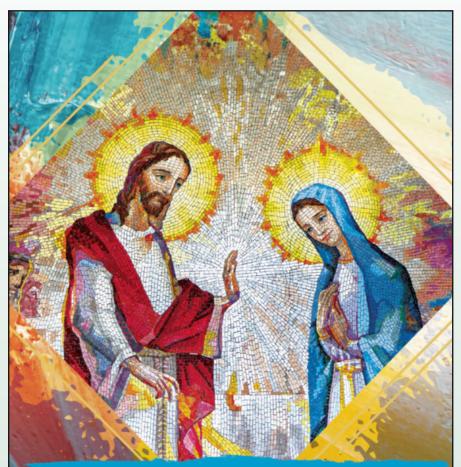
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Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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



Week of June 9, 2024 **10TH SUNDAY** IN ORDINARY TIME

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 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 & Maria DiCesare and Anita Donadio
Ascension	9:30am	95 th Birthday of Mary Klinkner	Family
Saint Philip	11:00am	Joe & Dorothy Chmiel	Chmiel Family

MONDAY, JUNE 10 - WEEKDAY

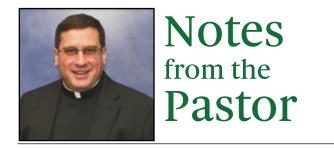
MONDAY, JUN	<u>E 10 — WEEKDA</u>	Y	
Saint Philip	8:00am	John Lugaila	Family
TUESDAY, JUN	<u>E 11 — SAINT BA</u>	RNABAS, APOSTLE	
Ascension	8:ooam	Arlene Ramolt	Husband, Ron
WEDNESDAY,	JUNE 12 — WEE	KDAY	
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Mer	nbers of St. Philip Parish
THURSDAY, JU	NE 13 — SAINT A	ANTHONY OF PADUA, P	RIEST AND DOCTOR OF
THE CHURCH			
Ascension	8:00am	Alex & Mary Marlinga	Annette Marlinga
FRIDAY, JUNE	14 — WEEKDAY		
Saint Philip	8:00am	Elizabeth Wagner	Augusta Kairys
SATURDAY, JUI	NE 15 — THE BLE	SSED VIRGIN MARY	
Ascension	8:00am	Violet Remp	Saint Philip Choir
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Juan E. Rivera	Sonia Rivera
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Ed & Wilma Ramolt	Son, Ron

SUNDAY, JUNE 16 – ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | FATHER'S DAY

Saint Philip	7:00am	Luigi Rea	Wife & Children
Ascension	9:30am	Arthur A. Chiconella & Family	Wife
Saint Philip	11:00am	Jonathan "Johnny" Kerns	Saint Philip Choir

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: Should be submitted to <u>m.takach@saintphilipparish.com</u> no later than 12:00pm on Friday to be included in the following week's bulletin.





Best wishes for the summer months as we all hopefully take time to rest and relax following a very busy catechetical and academic year! In the Church, we call these months (*until the First Sunday of Advent*) "Ordinary Time" simply because they're the numbered weeks outside the holy seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. In reality, for all Christians, these years, these millennia are all the "Time of the Lord," and so we might actually think of ALL time as Extraordinary Time – the "Time of the Lord Jesus." However, I'll leave that idea for some future *Notes from the Pastor*.

Live in the Light of the Lord

For 90 days, we observed and celebrated the holy Seasons of Lent and Easter – and then we rejoiced in the Sundays of the Holy Trinity and the Body and Blood of the Lord. Now, our Sunday readings from the Bible return to our regular readings from the books of the Bible – the readings which fill the Ordinary Time of our three year A, B, C cycle of the Gospels and other biblical books.

As life would have it, our first reading this Sunday is from the Book of Genesis and its account of our first parents - called Adam and Eve. Today's account recalls for us the first sin of our first parents - the first sin which, according to Genesis, brought evil and sin into the world. In our Judeo-Christian Scriptures and in our faith, we acknowledge the continuing presence of evil and sin within our world, throughout humanity, and within our own lives too.

Thankfully, the ministry of Jesus which inaugurated the Kingdom of Almighty God - the presence of God in our world - and the death and Resurrection of Jesus have conquered sin, evil, and death. However, the Kingdom of God is NOT yet fully complete. As each of us knows all too well, there is still plenty of darkness, treachery, evil, sin, and violence in our world.

In the twenty centuries following Jesus' life, death, and Resurrection, sin and evil had to "crawl slowly" among our ancestors. For twenty centuries, sin occurred among individuals and communities. Sin and evil were experienced within the lives of individuals before spreading to communities and societies.

Unfortunately, today, sin and evil both spread very rapidly because of our modern electronic media and the Internet. In the past, sin occurred quite often in the lives of individuals. Today, sin and evil are disseminated within entire communities, nations, and societies. More than ever before, we're inundated often by the tidal wave of sin which overwhelms us because of today's technology.

As Catholic Christians, I hope that we will continue to take seriously the destructive effects of the sins that we commit. May we also clearly see the destructive effect of the evil that exists in our present society and spreads through our electronic communications.

It's truly important that all of us who are the Lord's people remember to shield ourselves, to protect ourselves from the rampant evil of this world. With the grace of God, may all of us do our utmost to avoid the temptations, the sin, and the evil that are all around us in this present age. May we be dedicated to the light and the Kingdom of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit so that the work of the Lord will, one day, completely prevail and lead us into the final, holy, and glorious Kingdom of God!

Best wishes for these days and for the summer months!

In these weeks of prolonged daylight, may all of you - our parish members and families - have very good weeks ahead. 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



Baptism has been a sacred religious ceremony for thousands of years, and for all Catholic Christians, it remains a sacred religious ceremony today as well. As we see in the ministry of Saint John the Baptist, *Baptism* was practiced among the people of Israel, and as we see in the Gospels and the early Church, *Baptism* is the first Ritual of Initiation for all those who called to be disciples of Jesus and members of His holy Church.

As you know, *Baptism* (and the divine grace that it shares with us) lasts a lifetime. In fact, we believe that Baptisms marks us as God's people for all eternity, and in our prayers, we ask the Lord to renew and revitalize our Baptismal Grace throughout our lifetime.

There are three most important gifts which we receive in our Baptism.

These gifts are:

- **1.)** Our being cleansed from the sin of this world (Original Sin);
- **2.)** Our receiving divine life (grace) in our souls and in our lives for the first time; and
- **3.)** Our membership among the People of God in the Catholic Church.

All of these gifts are very important to our Christian faith, life, and discipleship - and to our sharing in the eternal life and goodness of God.

May we always appreciate and give thanks for the gift of our *Baptism*! May we live in the life of the Lord every day. May the divine within us be renewed in the Eucharist and all the Sacraments - as well as in our prayer, Liturgy, service, and daily discipleship!



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.

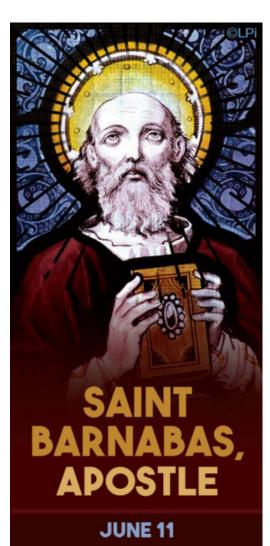
In this time of waiting for our final reunion, we do well to visit the resting places of our deceased loved ones and to pray for their eternal rest, and peace, and salvation!

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Weekdays 1 Kings 17-19; Matthew 5

Sunday, June 16 Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34



REPORT PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collections, June 1-2 * Includes Mail-in donations	\$9,320.00*
Online donations, June 1-2	\$2,452.50
Maintenance donations Religious Education donations	\$1,335.00 \$224.00
Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year Parish income <u>received</u> since July 1, 2023 Parish fundraising since July 1, 2023 Estate gifts received since July 1, 2023 General donations since July 1, 2023	\$790,368.00 \$658,739.41 \$73,199.38 \$1,500.00 \$10,770.00
Average weekly staff salary and benefits expenses Average weekly maintenance/operation expenses Average weekly utility expenses Average weekly insurance expenses Weekly contributions to Guardian Angel Academy	\$1,644.46 \$2,348.00 \$1,100.00
Parish members 2,456 Parish families Church attendance on June 1-2 Sunday envelopes used June 1-2 Total households receiving envelopes	1,287 664 269 1,058
2024 Parish Appeal Goal Parish Appeal received as of June 2 * <i>Includes online Parish Appeal donations</i> 2024 Parish Appeal Donors	\$128,119.00 \$112,331.04* 249

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!



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 (<u>l.bey@saintphilipparish.com</u>) BEFORE June 16. Thank you!



Please welcome into our faith family... **Elizabeth Anne Shoop**, daughter of Ross Francis, Jr. and Kaitlyn Elizabeth McGrath Shoop who received the Life of Christ in Baptism in our parish on Sunday, June 2, 2024. May she grow in wisdom, age, and grace.

FATHER'S DAY IS NEXT SUNDAY

Just a friendly reminder that Father's Day is coming up next week! It's the perfect time to show appreciation for the dads, granddads, and father figures in our lives. Whether it's with a heartfelt card, a thoughtful gift, or quality time spent together, let's make sure to celebrate and thank them for all they do.



SAINT PHILIP PARISH FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Join Us Monday Evenings from 6:30pm to 7:45pm on the Saint Philip campus

Preschool through 8th grade - register by calling 412-922-6388. We will accommodate individual needs and schedules.

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 hands-on learning.
- 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.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Due to the Independence Day holiday on Thursday, July 4, articles to be included in the July 7 bulletin must be turned in to the parish office by Thursday, June 27. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR RECENT GRADUATES!

As a community, we are thrilled to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our parish's graduates—from college, high school, and 8th grade. We send our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for



your continued success. May your futures be bright, and may you carry the light of Christ's love in all your endeavors.

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

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!

LIVE THE LITURGY: INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God's family is not a country club — you don't need the right pedigree or the proper connections to join. Christ claims everyone who does the will of God. Let us call upon the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts, that we may live in kinship with Christ.

PRAYER FOR EVERYDAY & EVERYBODY

Prayer of Identity

Dear God, In the garden You asked, "Who told you that you were naked?" Who told me all kinds of things about myself — lists of flaws and failures a mile high.

It wasn't You. Plant Your truth inside of me. Speak to me about how You see me. Remind me that I am Yours, chosen from eternity for You. Amen.



We offer our sympathy to the family of **Mary Frykling**, who entered into eternal life. Please keep her in your prayers.



This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns *In Loving Memory of Michael Davis* Offered by Family

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *In Loving Memory of Arthur A. Chiconella* Offered by Wife



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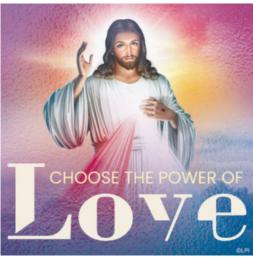
Thank you!



To register, contact our parish office, OR text **stphilippa** to **84576**, OR visit **www.stphilipchurch1.flocknote.com**.



A NOTE FROM MARYANN: A priest suggested that one way to read Scripture would be to read the readings from the Liturgy of the day and choose one sentence for prayer. You might repeat this sentence after breakfast, before answering emails, before checking your phone, and several times throughout the day.



One such sentence that might be appropriate for this type of prayer could be found in the second reading for Sunday, June 16. "*We walk by faith, not by sight*" is a phrase that we might repeat in prayer as a reminder to ourselves.

There was a Superior of a Franciscan Order who was struggling with a very difficult decision. He asked Father Solanus Casey, a member of his religious order, to pray that the Lord would send him an answer. Weeks went by and no answer came. The Superior went to Father Solanus' room and asked, "Have you been praying with me about this?" He then went back to his office. A few minutes later Father Solanus appeared at his door with tears in his eyes saying, "I have been praying. Where is your faith?" This question is one to which all of us can relate.

In these very difficult times for our country and our world, we are often asked to pray for peace. It seems like it is something we can do in the midst of events. In the times of health concerns, financial concerns, relationship concerns, we are often asked for prayers. Yet where is our faith? In the Scriptures, the disciples on the road to Emmaus have lost faith. They find it when Jesus breaks the bread and offers it to them. In Eucharist, they encounter a new faith, a new vision, a new excitement. In these difficult times in our world, let us find faith in prayer and in the Sacraments. Let us remember that we walk by faith and not by sight.

ABOUT BLESSED SOLANUS CASEY: Solanus Casey was born in 1870 in Wisconsin. He was one of 16 children. After leaving the family farm, Solanus worked as a lumberjack, hospital orderly, prison guard and street-car operator. As a street-car operator, Solanus witnessed a violent act that caused him to consider the priesthood. He applied to be a Diocesan priest but his superiors felt his limited education would make the Latin and German studies too difficult.

He was advised to apply to an order and perhaps they would ordain him. Following a time of prayer, he applied to the Franciscan Capuchin Order. They said they would ordain him, but his only ministry would be to answer the door. As a doorkeeper many people came with their heartaches and troubles. Solanus would help and guide them. Often, miracles would occur and individuals would be cured or troubles gone. His famous saying would be, "Thank God ahead of Time." Many families including my own, have been helped through the intercession of Blessed Solanus Casey. More information can be found be calling the Faith Formation Office for a copy of the book, <u>Thank God Ahead of Time</u>.

HELP WANTED: Saint Philip Parish is forming a welcoming team for new parents seeking Baptism for their children. Join our current members in this ministry to support families with newly baptized infants. Interested? Call the Faith Formation Office at 412-922-6388 for details or to volunteer.



OCIA (formerly RCIA) is a journey for those drawn to Christ and seeking to join the Catholic faith. Guided by the Holy Spirit, it's a path of faith and conversion within the Church community. For more information or to begin this spiritual journey, reach out to the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

Please remember in your prayers!

Jennifer Lauteuschlager will receive First Eucharist and Confirmation at the 4:00pm Liturgy on Saturday, June 8. Jennifer has studied the faith and has participated in the life of the parish and parish events throughout the past year. Let us keep Jennifer in our prayers as we formally welcome her to our parish community.





COMPANION PRAYERS

Prayer to Saint Alphonsus *Patron of arthritis sufferers*

Saint Alphonsus, loving Father of the poor and sick, all your life you devoted yourself with charity towards those who suffer sickness. I invoke you as the patron of those who suffer with arthritis, since you were afflicted with this disease in your lifetime. Look with compassion on me in my suffering. Full of confidence in your intercession I come to you for help in my present need.

Prayer to Saint Jude

Patron of hopeless causes

Saint Jude, glorious apostle, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor has causes you to be forgotten by many, but the true Church invokes you universally as the patron of things and despair. Pray for me that finally I may receive the consolations and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly (your request), and that I may bless God with the elect throughout eternity. Amen.

Prayer to Saint Peregrine

Patron of those who suffer from cancer

O God, in Saint Peregrine You gave us an outstanding example of faith and patience. We humbly ask You that, by imitation of him and by the help of his prayers, we may believe more fully in Your healing power, bear the suffering of this life without wavering, and come with joy to the peace of heaven. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



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

۲۶ 	June 12	<i>Mary, Mother of God Parish</i> (Saint Patrick church), McKeesport 6:30pm Wednesday Holy Hour and Welcome Reception
	June 13	<i>Mary, Mother of God Parish</i> (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	<i>Divine Mercy Parish</i> (Saint Mary of Mercy church), Stanwix Street, Downtown - 12:00pm Liturgy
÷	June 16	<i>Saint Paul Cathedral</i> , Fifth Avenue, Oakland 12:00pm Sunday Liturgy with Bishop David A. Zubik, DD

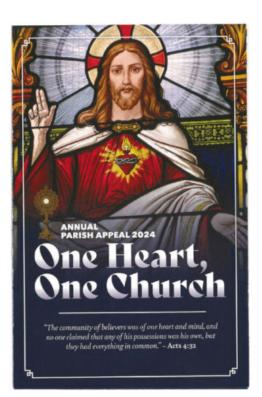
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come experience the **Eucharistic Revival**

June 16	<i>Saint Augustine Parish</i> (Saint Monica church), Beaver Falls
	5:00pm – Holy Hour followed by picnic dinner
June 17	<i>Saint Augustine Parish</i> (Saint Blaise church), Midland
	7:00am Liturgy followed by Eucharistic Procession to Beaver Falls
	<i>Holy Spirit Parish</i> (Saint Vitus church), New Castle
	6:00pm Holy Hour at Saint Vitus church
June 18	<i>Holy Spirit Parish</i> (Saint Vitus church) 9:00am Liturgy followed by Eucharistic Procession through New Castle
	<i>Corpus Christi Parish</i> (Holy Child church), Bridgeville - 5:00pm Holy Hour
June 19	<i>Corpus Christi Parish</i> (Saint Barbara church), Bridgeville
	7:00am Liturgy followed by Eucharistic Procession through Bridgeville
	<i>Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish</i> (Saint Joseph church), Coraopolis
	5:30pm Holy Hour followed by Liturgy and Farewell reception
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Charleston, Steubenville, and finally Columbus for the
final visits of their summer Eucharistic Pilgrimage to
Indianapolis for the National Eucharistic Congress inparticipants in
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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 Saint Philip Parish our 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!















On May 29, the Saint Philip Travel Ministry embarked on a delightful excursion to the charming town of Marietta, Ohio. The day began with a hearty breakfast en route, setting the stage for their first destination: the Basilica of Saint Mary of the Assumption. There, they were treated to an informative guided tour, a spiritually uplifting Mass led by Father Jim Torquato, and a sumptuous lunch courtesy of the Parish's women.

The adventure continued with a scenic cruise down the Muskingum and Ohio rivers, aboard the nostalgic Valley Gem sternwheeler, offering a unique perspective of the area's natural beauty. The group's visit to Marietta was capped off with leisurely shopping, exploration, and relaxation within the town's enchanting historic district.

As they journeyed back, the travelers were entertained with a movie on the bus and savored a meal at a local eatery. The day was filled with relaxation and camaraderie. For information on our upcoming trips, please remember to check out our bulletins.



One of the South Region Catholic Elementary Schools (SRCES)



Guardian Angel Academy is thrilled to share the highlights from the end of the school year:

Our Spring musical was a roaring success showcasing our talented 5th to 8th graders in a presentation of "The Lion King, JR." Directed by Mrs. Streshenkoff and Mrs. Cornetti, and supported by our wonderful GAA staff, students delivered three spectacular performances at Bishop Canevin. Beginning rehearsals in January, they dedicated months to perfecting their roles, resulting in a performance that showcased their exceptional talents. Their hard work and the spirit of collaboration truly embodied the adage, "teamwork makes the dream work." We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to the musical's overwhelming success.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Each year, the Western Pennsylvania Council of English Teachers organizes the *English Festival*, a book competition for grades 4-12. This year, Guardian Angel Academy's



team triumphed in their group at La Roche University on May 16, excelling in card match, insights, trivia games, and outperforming around 63 teams from various schools. The prize was a collection of books, and kudos to team members **Anna, Avery, Allison, Derek, and Adaya** for their outstanding performance.

A round of applause for our 4th grader, **Thomas McGovern**, for his outstanding representation of Guardian Angel Academy at the Diocese of Pittsburgh Elementary Spelling Bee held on May 21, at St. Louise de Marillac. Your achievement fills us with immense pride!

Also, CONGRATULATIONS to our Junior Varsity Boys Volleyball Team for their triumphant victory in the Diocesan Championship. Your hard work and dedication have truly paid off. Fantastic effort, team!







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/ws/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 <u>svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com</u>. Thank you!

This week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a single mother with living and dining room furniture; a family was given \$290 to prevent an electric shut off; and a woman was assisted with \$375 toward rent. Thank you!

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.



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