

Happy
Father's
Day

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

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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 June 16, 2024

11TH 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 15 — THE BLESSED 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
MONDAY, JUNE 17 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
TUESDAY, JUNE 18 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	John & Margaret and Len & Louanna	John & Anna Gallagher
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Dom & Lena Mianzo	Robert & Deborah Mianzo
THURSDAY, JUNE 20 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Donald Brannan	Brannan Family
FRIDAY, JUNE 21 — SAINT ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, RELIGIOUS			
Saint Philip	8:00am	CeCe Bruder	Saint Philip Choir
SATURDAY, JUNE 22 — THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			
Ascension	8:00am	James Lucot, Sr.	Family
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Robert J. Dulick	David G. Dulick
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	John & Catherine Rodgers	Family
SUNDAY, JUNE 23 — TWELTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Thomas Knight	Dave & Rebecca Meassick
Ascension	9:30am	Metro Novoselski	Paula & Ray Butter
Saint Philip	11:00am	Sam & Peg Barker	Family
BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: Should be submitted to m.takach@saintphilipparish.com no later than 12:00pm on Friday to be included in the following week's bulletin.			





Notes from the Pastor

our families, in our parish communities, in our local churches, and wherever the goodness and life of Almighty God are lived and shared with our members and our neighbors. Wherever the love, holiness, and charity of the Lord are present, there is the Divine Presence - the true Kingdom - of God.

May we be dedicated to living and sharing our Catholic Christian faith with our families and neighbors so that the presence of God - the life and Kingdom of God - will continue to grow and flourish even in today's society and today's world.

Honor thy father'

Also, best wishes this Sunday to all of our fathers, our grandfathers, our godfathers, our expectant fathers, our adoptive fathers, our stepfathers, our foster fathers - and to all men of our parish and of the Lord's Church - for a very good Father's Day holiday today!

Know of our gratitude for the life, faith, family, and home that you've shared with us throughout these years. Thank you too for the continued care, formation, support, faith and love that you continue to share with your children, spouse, grandchildren, and family members every day. May the good Lord bless each of you and all of you this Father's Day and throughout the year/s ahead!

Best wishes for these days and for the summer months!

In these days of prolonged daylight, may all of you - our parish members and families - enjoy a very good summer. May this 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

Best wishes for June and for these summer months! Enjoy the prolonged daylight during these weeks since these days will bring the longest daylight of the entire year.

Growing the Kingdom of God today

Having heard the Gospels proclaimed every Sunday of our lives, we all know that, in His public ministry and teaching, Jesus often spoke about the Kingdom of God - the Reign of God - to His disciples. Today, Jesus speaks to us as well in the illuminating and inspiring parables that have been handed on to all of us.

In the fourth century Anno Domini (*the Year of the Lord*), when the Roman Emperor Constantine accepted Christianity and our faith became the faith of the Roman Empire, many disciples and believers began to think that the Kingdom of God would lead to a Christian empire. For centuries thereafter, our ancestors had the idea of spreading "Christendom" - the Reign of Christ - throughout the world. They had the dream that nations and government and societies would all be thoroughly Christian - and that eventually the Kingdom of God would be established as an imperial reality.

Today, we know full well that the Kingdom of God is greater than any governments or nations or empires which are all too human and imperfect. We no longer look to build some Christian political reality to build the Reign of God.

Rather, the Reign of God is found in us, in

Please help us, once again, to support the important work of Bishop David Zubik and the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh!

Dear members and families of Saint Philip Parish -

Greetings in the Lord, and thank you for your support of Saint Philip Parish and the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh! I'm most grateful for your contributions to our parish in our Sunday and special collections. Once again, I'm again asking your support for the **2024 Annual Parish Appeal** to collect our parish's required "Diocesan Management Fee" to fund the daily service provided to Saint Philip Parish by Bishop David Zubik and his central diocesan administration. Each year, the Annual Parish Appeal funds the ministries and services of our Diocesan Church which:

- provide for us all the leadership, offices and daily operations of the Bishop and the Diocese;
- continue services to the elderly, families, young people, and those in need;
- direct all of our parish Faith Formation programs, Catholic schools, youth ministry activities, and young adult programs;
- provide legal and financial services to our parish every day of the year;
- continue evangelization through the internet, radio, and television;
- provide marriage preparation for engaged couples - and programs for married couples;
- enhance liturgical and music ministry as well as ecumenical efforts;
- give training and formation to our seminary students and diocesan priests,
- ensure care and support for the retired priests of the Diocese; and
- conduct many other efforts and programs of our diocesan Church of Pittsburgh!

Our own parish is served by Bishop Zubik and the programs of the Diocesan Church every day!

In that our Annual Parish Appeal assessment for 2024 is \$128,119, I'm asking (*as in past years*) that each household of the parish pledge and contribute \$250 or more during this year. If you can contribute \$300, \$500, \$1000 or more, that would be most helpful! All funds contributed above our \$128,119 goal will remain with our parish. It is your generosity alone that allows us to meet this financial obligation to the entire diocesan church. Your pledge can be paid now or fulfilled over the coming six months. Last year, we did meet our Parish Share goal for this annual campaign - *please help us to meet our goal again in 2024!*

Please know that I'm most grateful for your support of the 2024 Annual Parish Appeal. Please use your reply form sent to you in the mail for your direct donation OR your pledge to be paid over the next ten months. Donation envelopes can also be found in our two churches. Once again, thank you very much, and may the Lord Jesus continue to bless you, your family, our fine parish, and our entire Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh now and in the year ahead!

Gratefully,
Father Jim Torquato



Sunday, June 16

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

Weekdays

1 Kings 21, and 2 Kings 2-11;
Matthew 5-6

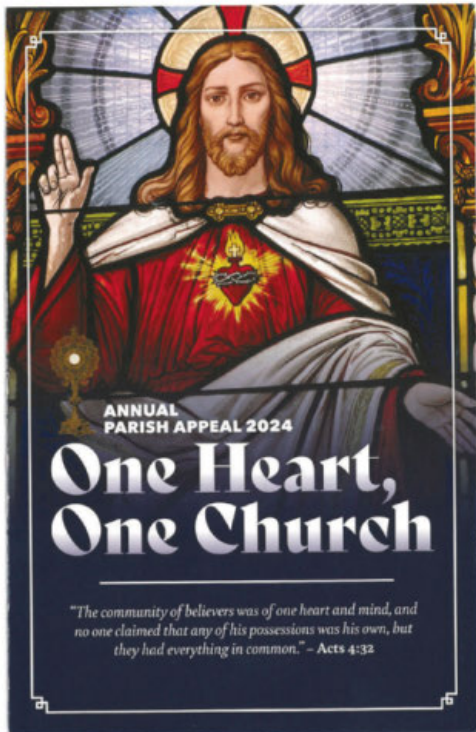
Sunday, June 23

Job 38:1, 8-11;
2 Corinthians 5:14-17;
Mark 4:35-41

*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, **June 8-9** -- \$10,530.00*

** Includes Mail-in donations*

Online donations, June 8-9 -- \$4,344.50

Maintenance donations -- \$255.00

Religious Education donations -- \$168.00

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

Parish income received since July 1, 2023 -- \$674,036.91

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 -- \$11,691.46

Average weekly staff salary and benefits expenses -- \$7,640.00

Average weekly maintenance/operation expenses -- \$1,584.91

Average weekly utility expenses -- \$2,297.84

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 June 8-9 -- 660

Sunday envelopes used June 8-9 -- 308

Total households receiving envelopes -- 1,058

2024 Parish Appeal Goal -- \$128,119.00

Parish Appeal received as of June 9 -- \$116,941.04*

**Includes online Parish Appeal donations*

2024 Parish Appeal Donors -- 249

2024 PARISH APPEAL FOR OUR DIOCESE

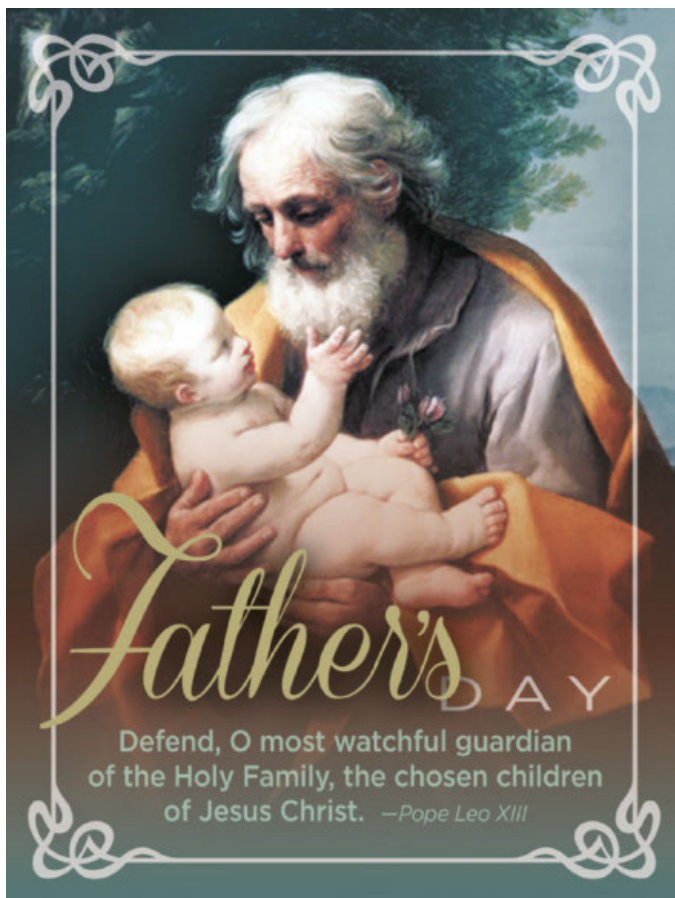
All parishes of our Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh have begun this year's 2024 Parish Appeal. For the past 50 years, each parish has been required to support the work of our bishop, his staff, and all diocesan programs based on the annual income of that parish community. The 2024 goal for our Saint Philip 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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Parish News



God our Father,

In Your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. - Book of Blessings, no. 1733

We wish the fathers of our parish a very Happy and Blessed Father's Day! And may God bless all our fathers who have gone to their rest. May they find comfort in the arms of Our Heavenly Father.

Bereavement MINISTRY



Our Bereavement Support Group meets on the third Thursday of each month from 2:00pm to 3:00pm in Conner Hall on the Ascension campus. We spend about an hour together hearing each other's stories with compassion and loving support. This is not a psychotherapy group but fellow parishioners who care for one another and support one another as we travel through the grief process together.

You may come alone or bring someone with you. **Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, June 20.** Please consider joining us.

GUARDIAN ANGEL ACADEMY ENROLL TODAY FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Guardian Angel Academy registration is beginning now for the 2024-2025 School Year. Register your children today for an excellent Catholic education in our parish's regional school.

For more information or to register, please visit www.guardianangelacademy.org or call 412-922-4765 this week!

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.



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults



Jennifer Lauteuschlager received her First Eucharist and Confirmation at the 4:00pm Liturgy on Saturday, June 8. Over the past year, Jennifer studied the faith and participated in the life of the parish, including various parish events. Please keep Jennifer in your prayers as we welcome her into our parish community.



CATHOLIC INTERNET SITES

Would you like to find good Catholic information, news, and inspiration on the Internet? Then explore these very good sites and sign up for their communications.

www.aleteia.org
www.vatican.va
www.zenit.org
www.diopitt.org
www.catholic.com
www.cruxnow.com
www.ewtnnews.com
www.catholicnews.com
www.dynamiccatholic.org
www.pittsburghcatholic.org
www.catholicnewsagency.com



We offer our sympathy to the families of **Mary Jo Auth**, **Helen Demma** and **Florence G. McNeil**, who entered into eternal life. Please keep them in your prayers.

Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns *In Loving Memory of*
Howard Kelly
Offered by Marge Kelly

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *In Loving Memory of*
Howard Kelly
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Thank you for helping to underwrite the production of our weekly Parish Bulletin.

DONATE ONLINE

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You can send your weekly donations through our *We Share!* internet service at
www.saintphilipchurch.weshareonline.org

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Faith Formation /Religious Education

Ms. MaryAnn Garfold, Director of Religious Education
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A NOTE FROM MARYANN: As we enter into the season of Summer, I thought it would be nice to hear from our book, 5 Things with Father Bill by William Byrne. During the Summer heat, we are often reminded to drink water to stay hydrated and cool. Father Bill looks at 5 ways to avoid getting spiritually dehydrated.

- 1. The examination of conscience.** Although this is actually the last thing we should do each day, I place it first because it is so important and it lays the groundwork for a great next day. FIRST, say thanks to God for your day. SECOND, ask for the grace to know your sins and to move away from them. THIRD, play the movie of your day and recall all the great moments and the times your failed to love well. FOURTH, tell God you are sorry. FIFTH, make “The Plan” for tomorrow to love better. Be specific! Do not just say, “I will be better tomorrow,” but say, “I will be better tomorrow in this specific area, to this person,” etc.
- 2. The morning offering.** When you get up, before you brush your teeth, stop and thank God for the day and offer all that happens to Him for His glory and your salvation.
- 3. The commute.** When I listen to the traffic report in the morning, I not only think of all those people stuck on the highways; I also think of all the prayer potential each morning. The drive/ride/jog is a perfect time to say some extra prayers. Freestyle your own prayers, say your favorites or a decade of the Rosary.
- 4. Grace.** “Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts which we have received from thy bounty through Christ our Lord. Amen.” Now how hard was that? Pray before each meal and remember the sign of the cross. Think of crossing yourself in public and you may inspire a friend to know Jesus also.

IMPORTANT!!!

Students are encouraged to receive the Sacraments in the Parish where their family is registered. If you have a child entering the second or eighth grade next school year who attends a Catholic school, please contact the Office of Faith Formation as soon as possible at 412-922-6388 to receive an application for the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation.

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 gives access to the other Sacraments (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1213). If you would like to have your child baptized, please contact the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388. Our process includes completion of a baptism request form, required birth and Catholic sponsor certificates as well as a 75-minute session for first-time parents.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY:

Thank you to all who placed names on our prayer boards. These names will be given to the Sisters of Saint Francis of the Providence of God who will remember them in prayer.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

(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.



We are looking for individuals who would be willing to join the Baptism Preparation Team. These individuals would share their faith with first-time parents and accompany parents in prayerful support. Call 412-922-6388 if you would like to help with this ministry.

COMING ATTRACTIONS!

DINNER WITH THE SAINTS: Each month we will enjoy a Wednesday evening dinner together followed by a speaker sharing one saint whose feast day we celebrate that month. Watch the bulletin for more details. Our schedule of saints is as follows:

September: **Saint Vincent de Paul**

October: **Saint Francis of Assisi**

November: **Saint Francis Cabrini**

December: **The Blessed Virgin Mary**



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL STUDY GROUP: This group will meet each Monday from 1:00pm to 3:00pm for a video discussion series. The videos are engaging and lend themselves to interesting discussion. Light refreshments will be served. This series begins on September 23.

FAITH FORMATION 2024-2025 HIGHLIGHTS

Program for age 3 through 8th grade

- Instruction using multi-media format
- Family Nights with Dinners
- Opportunities for a variety of Prayer Experiences
- Sacrament Preparation
- Sessions to meet individual schedules
- Social Opportunities for Fun Learning Activities
- Special Events such as Night in Bethlehem and Mardi Gras
- Service Opportunities

NEW FOR 2024-25

- *What is the Mass?* Session with Father Torquato
- Parent sessions each month with speaker on topics of interest to parents
- Family time for quiet prayer and adoration
- Special Education Sessions and parish activities
- Family Retreat Experience
- Family Service Opportunities

For more information, call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

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

June 16 – 19, 2024



June 16

Saint Paul Cathedral, Fifth Avenue, Oakland

12:00pm Sunday Liturgy with Bishop David A. Zubik, DD

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.

Why we BAPTIZE our Children

Most Catholic Christians accept the nearly 2,000 year old practice of baptizing children, but sometimes people ask, “Why baptize children? Why not let them grow up without any formal connection to Jesus and the Church, and then let them decide for themselves?”



HERE ARE FIVE IMPORTANT RESPONSES TO SUCH QUESTIONS.

FIRST:

Since we consider our life in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – and in the Church and in our parish – to be a most wonderful gift and treasure, it's truly good and important to share this treasure with our children. Let children share in God's life as soon as possible!

SECOND:

Since parents make every decision for their children until age 18 (including important decisions such as schools, friends, home instruction, and activities), parents also have the right and the obligation to make very important faith decisions for their children.

THIRD:

*Planting the seeds of faith is most important in the lives of children. **If NO seeds of faith are planted**, then children (indeed, the next generation) will grow up without any faith or life in God.*

FOURTH:

The practice of Infant Baptism is recorded in the earliest generations of the Church (when entire families were baptized together), and this has continued throughout our 2,000 year history.

FIFTH:

In the Gospels, Jesus healed individuals because of the faith of their family and friends. Jesus gives life to individuals because of the faith of others. This is why parents, grandparents, and godparents speak on behalf of their children and accept the faith for them. At Confirmation, young disciples then accept and profess our faith – and become full disciples by their own acceptance of all we believe and live.

As the new generations of God's people are born into our families, the Church, and the world, may we share our Catholic Christian faith and life with them as soon and as completely as possible! May future generations of your family and of the People of God be joined to the Lord in Baptism. May future generations continue to share in the salvation of God until the Lord Jesus makes His return in glory!



MUSIC Ministry

Our parish would like to thank the Music Ministry team for their dedicated commitment during this past year in providing music for our parish liturgies. We are blessed with members from our parish who come together each week to rehearse and have fun as they prepare music to help beautify our liturgies.

They are taking a well-deserved break for the summer and will be back in September. We thank the following ministries:

- Our newly formed, developing Handbell Team: the **O'Donnell, Madsen** and **Burleson** families from our Faith Formation program who have rung bells for our 2023 Christmas liturgies and our 5:30pm Saturday vigil Mass for Corpus Christi.
- Our Ascension schola, led and directed by our Ascension organist, **Dorothy Mancini**: **Mary Klinkner, Laura Mason, Peggy Baehr, Shirley Zieger, Theresa Lepiane** and **Debbie Downey**.
- Our Saint Philip Adult Choir: **Cathy Hickling, Mike Oleck, Doreen DiNello, Michael Rust, Carol Chesleigh, Michele Sylvester, Jeannie Shumovich, Bobby Shober, Joseph Collincini, Janet Barekzai, Mary Ellen Myers, Pamela Stewart** and **Theresa Lepiane**.
- Our faithful cantor team who guides us in our parish liturgies and funerals each week: **Megan Finnerty, Teresa Madden-Harrold, Ramona Fischer, Cathy Hickling, Mike Oleck, Doreen DiNello, Janet Barekzai** and **Marirose Grayson**.

Our Music Ministry is growing and we welcome any parishioner who might be interested in joining our team. Please contact Beth Barsh for more information. *Soli Deo Gloria - To God Be the Glory!*





ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

Recipients of SNAP (also known as food stamps) can now ride public transportation in Allegheny County for 50% off! At the beginning of this month, Pittsburgh Regional Transit (formerly PAT) launched the Allegheny GO program, which is designed to make public transit more accessible to low-income Allegheny County residents.

In order to qualify for the 50% off fares, you must live in Allegheny County, be between the ages of 12 and 64, reside in a household that has been receiving SNAP benefits for at least 3 months, and have the Ready2Ride app downloaded on your smartphone. The free app is available for both Apple and Android phones. The 50% discount can be used for 3-hour passes, weekly passes, or monthly passes.

For more information on the Allegheny GO program or to sign up, call 412-442-2000 or visit <https://discountedfares.alleghenycounty.us>.

Our thanks go out to all of you who have donated new twin and full sheet sets! We are still in need of some more 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 to get more information about volunteering, 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 \$180 toward her gas bill; a woman was assisted with \$300 toward her rent; a family was assisted with \$308 for housing; a man was given a bed and other furniture items; and a single mother was assisted with \$185 toward gas and \$145 toward water. Thank you so much for supporting our neighbors in need!

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT



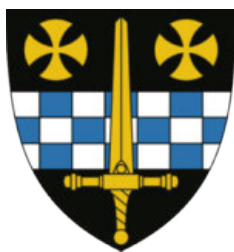
Just a quick reminder that we have two anonymous donors who are matching all monetary donations that are made in June up to a maximum of \$6,000. Please take advantage of this matching pool to double the amount of assistance that your donation can provide to our friends in need!

If you would like to make a monetary donation:

- Deposit your donation in one of the poor boxes.
- Send it via mail to the parish office, marked for "SVdP" at 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15205.
- Donate online using our secure portal 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

PRIESTHOOD ORDINATIONS

Bishop David Zubik will ordain Deacon Nicholas Clinton, Deacon John Ferguson, Deacon John Kist and Deacon Daniel Kushner to the priesthood on **June 29 at 10:00am** at Saint Paul Cathedral (Fifth Avenue at Craig St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213). All are welcome! Please come and please pray for these men as they answer God's call to the priesthood.

CATHOLIC KENNYWOOD DAY

Join us **Monday, July 15** for a day of fun, rides, and activities for kids in Pavilion 5, as well as community devotions, a shared meal, and Mass celebrated by Bishop Zubik. To purchase your discounted tickets visit pghpriest.com. For more information, contact Tracy Hodanich at thodanich@diopitt.org or 412-456-3095.

SRCES: ENROLL FOR 2024-2025

Experience the impact of Catholic education at South Regional Catholic Elementary Schools. Enroll for 2024-2025 now. Use the QR code to begin!



NEWMAN MINISTRY

Attention recent high school graduates: If you are heading to college or technical school and are looking for a Catholic Mass to attend, visit www.newmanministry.com. This website can help you contact the Campus Ministry or Catholic Church in your area. Make sure to search and continue practicing your faith while away from home!

SPANISH MASS

All are invited to join Father Carmen D'Amico, Senior Parochial Vicar of Archangel Gabriel Parish, for a Mass in Spanish at Holy Trinity Church (5718 Steubenville Pike, Robinson Township, PA 15136) on **Sunday, June 16 at 3:00pm**. For more information, please contact Father Carmen at cdamico@diopitt.org.

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Join us for the Catholic Alumni Club of Pittsburgh's *2nd Annual Catholic Singles Summer Picnic*! Open to singles over 21, this BYOB event promises fun and fellowship at Vietnam Veterans Pavilion, Schenley Park, on **June 23** at 1:30pm. Registration is required. Entry is \$20—register by June 17 with your details and payment to CAC of Pittsburgh. For more information, contact Karen at 843-384-1176, ksakaluk1216@gmail.com, or Chris at 814-392-3519, jazoct27@icloud.com.



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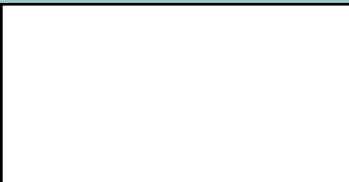
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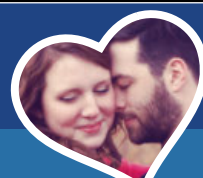
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