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

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Rev. Philip Farrell, Ascension Rectory

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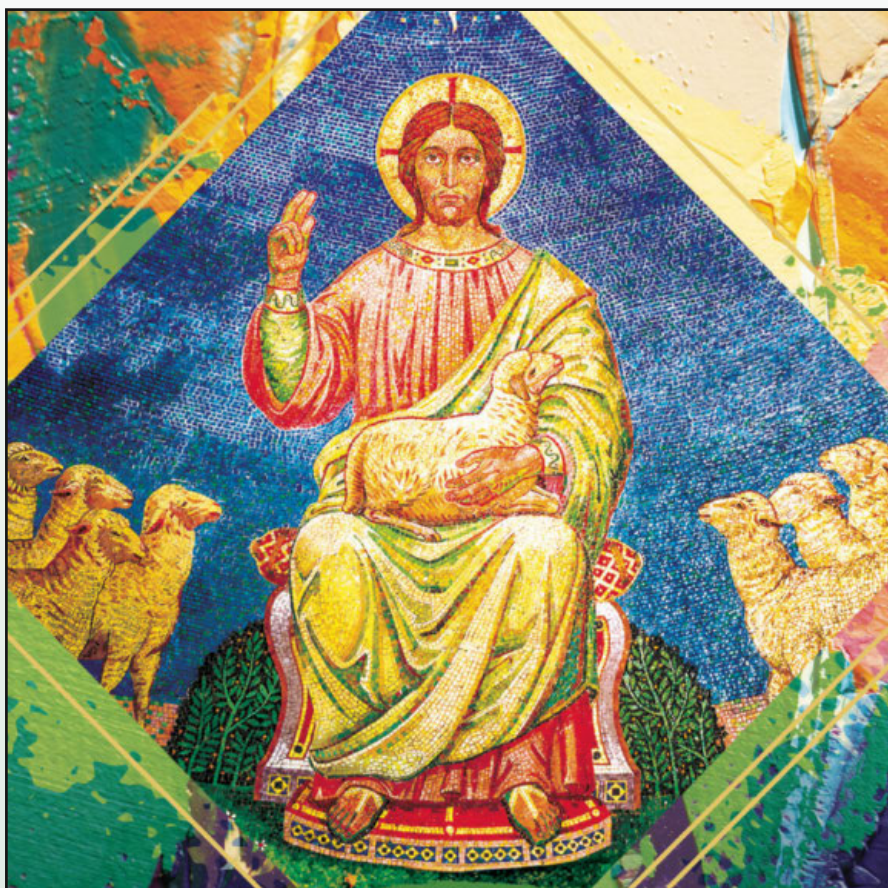
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Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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



Week of July 21, 2024

16TH 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 (OCA): Call the Faith Formation Office at 412-922-6388 for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

LOCATION	TIME	PRIEST'S INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
SATURDAY, JULY 20 — THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Paul Meehan	Barb Pfender
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Deceased of the Coleman, Massaro & Winkler Families	Coleman Family
SUNDAY, JULY 21 — SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Thomas A. Ogden, Sr.	Pauline Ogden
Ascension	9:30am	Joseph Rago, Jr.	Family
Saint Philip	11:00am	Robert F. Badish	Paula Badish
MONDAY, JULY 22 — SAINT MARY MAGDALENE			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Dorothy & Butch Leonhiser	Family
TUESDAY, JULY 23 — SAINT BRIDGET, RELIGIOUS			
Ascension	8:00am	Mary Kirsch	Morning Mass Group
WEDNESDAY, JULY 24 — SAINT SHARBEL MAKHLUF, PRIEST			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
THURSDAY, JULY 25 — SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE			
Ascension	8:00am	Geraldine Cavalovitch	Morning Mass Group
FRIDAY, JULY 26 — SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Ralph Dentice	Micheli & Chieffallo Families
SATURDAY, JULY 27 — THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			
Ascension	8:00am	Alva & Joseph Kerstukos	Granddaughter, Jennifer
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Bill Solt	Family
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Thomas Conroy	Conroy & Gorman Families
SUNDAY, JULY 28 — SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Catherine Stayduhar	Alice Glaser
Ascension	9:30am	Robert Badish	Kathleen Badish
Saint Philip	11:00am	Frank Fazio, Jr.	Daniel & Teresa Harrold



Notes from the Pastor

Best wishes for these summer months!

Please try to enjoy some time of rest, relaxation, and recreation.

Are you a good shepherd too?

For the past 2000 years, the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd has been a favorite image for Catholic Christians. From the earliest years, the depiction of the Lord Jesus carrying a lamb on his shoulders or in his arms has evoked a strong appreciation of Jesus' promise to guide us and protect us - and to finally bring us to the eternal and heavenly pasture. Even today, so many are drawn to the Lord because of the love and compassion promised us by Jesus the Good Shepherd.

Since the life, ministry, death and Resurrection of Jesus, we who are his disciples and friends have been served and guided by the countless shepherds whom the Lord called to be shepherds of his ever-growing flock. For 100+ generations of the Church, shepherds - both those ordained as well as many church members - have guided and cared for the billions of Catholic Christians who have been and are the community of the Lord.

In this Sunday's Gospel passage, as we hear of Jesus' desire that all people have a good shepherd to guide and care for them, this question comes to my mind: "Are you - and all of us - doing our best to be good shepherds as well?"

Just like the people of Jesus' day, so many individuals and families in our community and in our world need good shepherds to love and

guide and protect them. So many people today - especially among our younger and youngest generations - need the goodness and love which Jesus wants us to provide for them.

Thankfully, many of our parents and grandparents are truly good shepherds within their families. There are also good shepherds within our parish community - our staff members, our catechists and ministers, our Vincentians, and many others.

May each of us and all of us listen to the Lord's call to be good shepherds to our family members and neighbors. May all of our parish members work together - along with the church's "official shepherds" - to bring Jesus' love and care to others so that more in our community will NOT be "sheep without a shepherd." May you and I and all of us share the care and guidance of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit with many others, and may we truly be "good shepherds of the Lord."

Welcome, Father Philip Farrell!

This month, we welcome our newest priest resident to the rectory on the Ascension church campus. Father Phil Farrell is a native of Crafton Heights and has been given a new assignment in the diocesan administration by Bishop David Zubik. *You'll find additional information on Page 4 of this bulletin.* Please join me in welcoming Father Farrell as he settles into his new home here at Saint Philip Parish - and as he begins his new diocesan ministry!

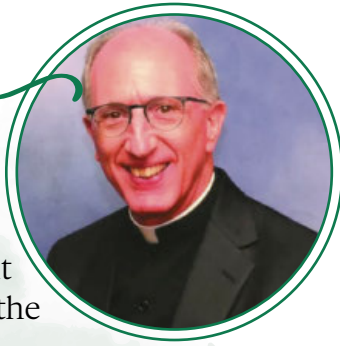
Best wishes for goodness this summer!

May all of you - our parish members and families - enjoy a very good summer. May the Lord Jesus keep you and your family members and friends healthy and safe. May this also 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

Welcome

Father Phil Farrell!



This month, we welcome Father Philip Farrell as the new resident priest living in the rectory on the Ascension campus.

Father Farrell is a native of Crafton Heights. He was ordained in June 1993 and has served in our Diocese as a parish vicar, as a pastor, and - for most of these recent 15 years - as Bishop Zubik's Regional Vicar for the northern counties of the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Beginning this week, Father Farrell will serve as the Director of Institutional Ministries overseeing all of the Catholic chaplaincies at our high schools, college campuses, jails and prisons, and nursing facilities.

Father Phil will also provide some assistance to our parish liturgies on Sundays as did Father Larry Adams who is now the Pastor of Saint Mary Magdalene Parish in Pittsburgh's East End.

We welcome Father Farrel home to our parish community, and we wish him many blessings as he serves our diocesan church and as he becomes part of our parish community!



ADDING SOME EXTRA STAFF HELP

Given our parish staff changes within the past 12 months, we've been able to reconfigure our personnel budget for this new fiscal Year 2024-2025. This will allow us to reassign some of the duties and work of our staff members.

Our revised parish budget will now allow us to hire a new, part time Safe Environment Coordinator so that David Pilarski can focus on all of the business and financial aspects of our parish operation. Also, because our Faith Formation Office continues to create new and excellent programs and events for our parish community, we will also be able to hire a new, part time events coordinator.

We will be finalizing these part time additions to our parish staff this summer and will share with you in September the names of the individuals who will fulfill these important roles for the benefit of our Saint Philip Parish community. As always, thank you for your participation and support - as well as your financial contributions - which continue to keep Saint Philip Parish vital and alive!



The Great Jubilee of 2025

In keeping with an ancient Catholic practice, Pope Francis has declared next year to be a Jubilee Celebration of the birth of the Lord Jesus. Pilgrims from around the world are being encouraged to visit Rome and its four major basilicas to renew their faith and to receive divine graces during their pilgrimage.

As we speed toward 2025, be sure to look for the many pilgrimage trips to Rome if you'd like to join them. Also, information will be shared in the coming months about other celebrations of our Catholic Christian faith and of the Lord's birth as our Redeemer and Savior.

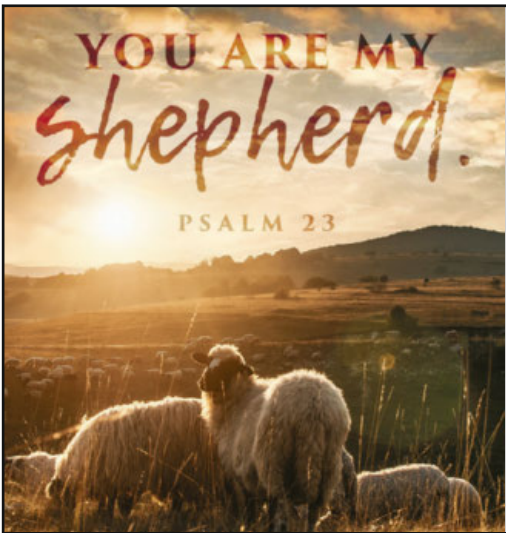
The overall theme for the 2025 Jubilee Year is Pilgrims of Hope. May 2025 be a blessed year of faith, hope, and charity for all of the Lord's holy people!



Sunday, July 21
Jeremiah 23:1-6;
Ephesians 2:13-18;
Mark 6:30-34

Weekdays
Jeremiah 1-7;
Matthew 12-13

Sunday, July 28
2 Kings 4:42-44;
Ephesians 4:1-6;
John 6:1-15



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PARISH!**



Your goodness and
participation help to keep
our parish alive!

FINANCIAL REPORT OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collections, July 13-14	-- \$6,763.68*
<i>* Includes Mail-in donations</i>	
Online donations, July 13-14	-- \$2,229.50
Maintenance donations	-- \$340.00
Religious Education donations	-- \$66.00

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year	-- \$861,064.00
Parish income <u>received</u> since July 1, 2024	-- \$23,821.68
Parish fundraising since July 1, 2024	-- \$0
Estate gifts received since July 1, 2024	-- \$0
General donations since July 1, 2024	-- \$150.00

Average weekly staff salary and benefits expenses	-- \$7,640.00
Average weekly maintenance/operation expenses	-- \$1,543.97
Average weekly utility expenses	-- \$2,259.50
Average weekly insurance expenses	-- \$1,102.17
Weekly contributions to Guardian Angel Academy	-- \$1,397.92

Parish members -- 2,456	Parish families -- 1,287
Church attendance on July 13-14	-- 638
Sunday envelopes used July 13-14	-- 235
Total households receiving envelopes	-- 1,058

2024 Parish Appeal Goal	-- \$128,119.00
Parish Appeal received as of July 14	-- \$122,975.04*
<i>*Includes online Parish Appeal donations</i>	
2024 Parish Appeal Donors	-- 249

A Jubilee Year Reflection

In preparation for the upcoming 2025 Jubilee Year, Pope Francis is encouraging all Catholic Christians to nurture our faith by studying and reflecting on the Lord's Prayer - the "Our Father." To assist with this study and reflection, a recent book has now been reprinted for those who'd appreciate good spiritual reading.

The book is titled, **On Earth as it is in Heaven** by Canadian Catholic Professor Josephine Lombardi. Bishop Zubik shared this book with all Diocesan clergy on Holy Thursday of this year, and the book is available to you for about **\$20** through your favorite internet bookseller. You'll find Professor Lombardi's study and reflections to truly be inspiring and worth your reading time as we reflect on the Lord's Prayer before the start of the 2025 Jubilee Year!



Parish News

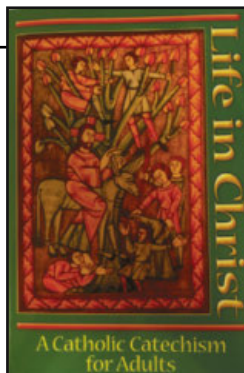
SUMMER READING... EVEN AT THE BEACH!

Many people take time during the summer to do some extra reading when the pace of life is a bit slower.

Once again this year, if you'd like a good, easy to read Catholic catechism for your summer reading, please contact our parish office (412-922-6300) this month.

We'll provide to you a **FREE** copy of the *Life in Christ Catholic Catechism* which is an excellent, user friendly compendium of our Catholic Christian faith - filled with complete teachings of the Church as well as prayers, creeds, and practical suggestions for living our Christian way as individual disciples and as families.

Let our office staff know that you'd like a **FREE** copy, and we'll have it ready for pick up at the parish office during our weekday office hours.



NEW PRAYER CARDS FOR YOUR HOME

Quite often, parents and grandparents don't know where to begin when it comes to sharing our faith with children and grandchildren. That's why a new simple, starter prayer card has been assembled here at Saint Philip Parish for such a purpose. Take a few prayer cards home with you, and invite your children and grandchildren to join you in praying these basic prayers.

Then, when you're ready to go even farther, call our parish office and request a basic catechism of the Christian faith, and we'll share that with you as well. Best wishes for your ministry of sharing our holy faith with your youngest family members.

THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL PARISH RAFFLE

Our Annual Parish Raffle will take place in September with the prize drawing now scheduled for our Annual Parish Picnic, Sunday, September 15 in Conner Hall at Ascension. Along with this year's staff changes, we're also working with changes in our parish's fundraising events.

Our Annual Raffle - along with the Parish Lenten Fish Fry dinners and other efforts - are essential for our parish operation so that we'll continue to have a balanced parish budget every year.

Your participation in and support of the Annual Parish Raffle will be greatly appreciated!

The Raffle prizes this year will include a \$2,500 First Prize, and then prizes of \$500, \$400, \$250, and \$100. This means that we'll have FIVE cash prizes this year - and five winners!

The Raffle tickets will be sent to all of our households in the coming weeks. Your booklet will contain 15 tickets as in past years, and the donation for each ticket will be \$3.00.

Please return your purchased and sold ticket stubs as soon as possible. The final deadline for returned sold tickets will be Sunday, September 15 prior to the 4:00pm drawing of the five prize winners.

Again, thank you very much for your continued support of - and appreciation for - our Saint Philip Parish community! Your help keeps our parish alive and vital!

Respect Life...

As Catholic Christians, we respect all the children of God - pre-born children, young children, young adults, all adults and seniors, moms, dads, grandparents, and everyone!

Like Jesus, may we be good and caring toward everyone of every age - in the name of Almighty God!

OUR JULY 28 'WORLD DAY'



Next Sunday, July 28, all Catholic Christians are invited to observe and celebrate the Annual World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly!

During the past 50 years, Pope Saint John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis have reminded all of us who are the People of God to appreciate, honor, and celebrate the senior members of our families, of our communities, and of the entire Church.

It is our grandparents who've handed on to us the gifts of life, of faith in the Lord, and of all the countless blessings that are ours. It's our grandparents who have been and continue to be so very important in our lives and in the life of the Catholic community. Especially today, we so often rely on grandparents to share the Gospel and our Christian faith and our Catholic way of life with our youngest generations! For their life, faith, discipleship, and service, our grandparents deserve our gratitude and our esteem.

Likewise, the oldest among our community - the 'elderly' - also deserve honor and recognition for all that they have shared with our younger generations - especially their faith, their service and witness, and their fidelity to God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

May we always respect and value our grandparents and the older (and oldest) members of our parish and our community. Celebrating next Sunday's World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will hopefully remind us that ALL the Lord's holy people are important to God - both in past years and today too!



We offer our sympathy to the family of **Margaret "Peggy" Kimberling** who entered into eternal life. Please keep her in your prayers.

Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns *In Loving Memory of*
Tom & Ann Moneck
Offered by Daughter, Joan Chiconella

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *In Loving Memory of*
Rev. Walter Sobon
Offered by Diana Miller



CRAFTON GIANT EAGLE

Thank you for helping to underwrite the production of our weekly Parish Bulletin.

A Final Gift to the Parish
Please support

SAINT PHILIP PARISH
by including the community in your will and estate planning.

Thank you!

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To register, contact our parish office,
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www.stphilipchurch1.flocknote.com.



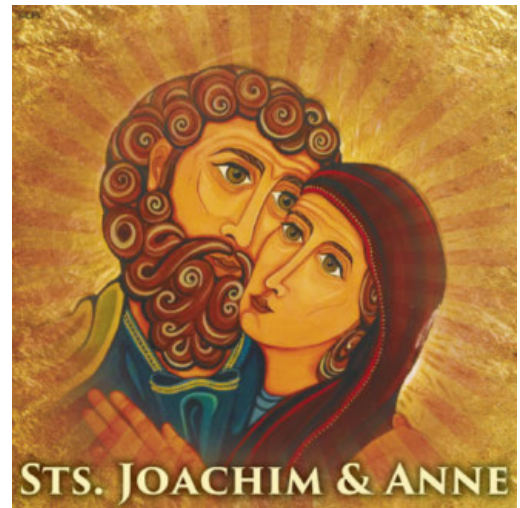
Faith Formation /Religious Education

Ms. MaryAnn Garfold, Director of Religious Education
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A NOTE FROM MARYANN: In the Gospel for Sunday, July 21, we hear Jesus say to His disciples, “*Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile.*” Sometimes we long to hear Jesus say that to us. Often, we are too busy to hear. Even now as I write this before going on vacation, I think of all the things I need to accomplish. It is very difficult for us to just “rest awhile.” If we just let ourselves stop and truly rest, we might notice God’s love for us. We might rest and notice: The breeze on a Summer day; the different shades of green on the trees, grass and plants; the shape of the clouds; the warmth of the sun; the light of the moon and the smells of Summer. What will you notice if you stop, come away and rest awhile?

In Joyce Rupp’s book, May I Have This Dance?, she shares the following poem for the month of July:

*If I could share my treasures with you I would constantly send
you blessings from the depths and beauty of each day.
I would seal your smile with sunshine; I would leaf your walk of life
With the tenderest of greens and the deepest of autumns.
I would catch at least three rainbows, and set a seagull on each one
to sail your constant hellos from the heart of the Transcendent.
I would whisper wonderings from the silent nooks of mountain tips
and the humming heart of the sea.
I would call forth the deer and all the small animals
To run with you in happiness
I would ask each tree in her majestic mood
To cover you with constant care.
I would breeze in billowy clouds to share their rainy wanderings
When you need to feel washed anew
I would take you by the hand and hold your heart near mine,
To let you hear the constant love bounding forth from me.
And most of all
I would join my heart with yours and have you share the path of love
That God has caused and carved in the shadows of my soul.*



July 26 is the feast of Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary, the mother of Jesus, yet there is absolutely no biblical reference to them whatsoever. So where do we get their names, and what is their story?

Their names are found in an apocryphal (hidden) Gospel known as “The Infancy Gospel of James.” Apocryphal, or hidden Gospels, consist of accounts of Jesus’ life that were ultimately not accepted as inspired works, and thus were not included in the Bible. However, they sometimes captured the Christian imagination, spilling into the devotional dimension of the community.

Long before Grandparents’ Day was established, the Church had a feast that honored the presumed grandparents of Jesus. While their names are part of non-inspired apocryphal legends, the fact of the Savior’s human ancestry is not. Christ, the incarnate Word, dwelt among us in the flesh in a human family. In honoring the grandparents of Jesus we really proclaim our faith in the Incarnation--God becoming human!

Kitchen Table Ministry

The kitchen table has always been a cornerstone of family life, a place where meals are shared and memories are made. It's where holiday treats are sprinkled with laughter and love. In today's world, where challenges like illness, social unrest, and personal struggles affect us all, the need for such a gathering place is greater than ever.

Recognizing this, we have rebranded our "Mental Health and Wellness Ministry" to the "Kitchen Table Ministry." This new name reflects our commitment to creating a space where stories are shared, support is given, and understanding is nurtured. Join us as we launch new initiatives to bring our community together, one conversation at a time.

This fall, the **Kitchen Table Ministry** will offer the following at Ascension Church Conner Hall:

- A 3-5 week video series titled, "*Anxious for Nothing*," starting **September 10**.
- A monthly drop-in session featuring refreshments and health screenings, beginning on **September 8 from 10:30am to 11:30am**.
- A guest speaker event on managing holiday stress on **November 19 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm**.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

Faith Formation Monday Night Sessions will begin on **September 16 from 6:30pm to 7:45pm**. You should register your child if:

- You would like your child to participate in the sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation in 2025 or 2026.
- You would like your child to grow in the faith using age-appropriate interest activities and lessons with other children
- You would like your family to begin to practice the faith again after recovering from the Pandemic
- You have a young child with special needs whom you would like to receive the Sacraments

EXCITING NEWS! Faith Formation is launching a new catechetical ministry tailored for children with special needs. The main sessions will be held on **Monday evenings from 6:30pm to 7:45pm**. We are also flexible and can accommodate individual needs and schedules to best support each child and family. If you have a child who could benefit from this special education faith formation, contact MaryAnn Garfold at 412-922-6388 for more details.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (OCIA)

The Order of Christian Initiation is intended for both adults and children who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God. They embark on a journey of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, please call 412-922-6388.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

In The Church of Mercy, Pope Francis emphasizes the urgent need to recognize faith as a guiding light. He notes that when the flame of faith extinguishes, all other lights begin to fade. This unique light, capable of illuminating every aspect of human existence, comes from God and shines in our darkness.

To help us grow in this light of faith, Adult Faith Formation offers the following events this Fall (To register, call 412-922-6388):

Dinner with Saint Vincent de Paul on Wednesday, **September 4 from 6:15pm to 8:00pm** in Ascension Church Conner Hall. "*If God is the center of your life, no words are necessary; your presence alone can touch hearts.*" Join us to learn from the life and spirituality of Saint Vincent de Paul. We will discuss his wisdom, faith, and the lessons we can draw from Vincentian Spirituality.

Eucharistic Revival Study starting on Monday, **September 23 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm** in Ascension Church Conner Hall. Join us for a video-discussion on Christ's real presence in the Eucharist and how the Eucharist can transform lives. This small group discussion will include light refreshments.



HELP WANTED: JOIN OUR MINISTRY!

We are seeking dedicated individuals for the following roles: **Kindergarten Catechist** for a small group of children, **Kindergarten Aide**, and **Special Needs Catechist** for young children. If you feel called to this ministry, contact MaryAnn at 412-922-6388. You might be the perfect fit if:

- You are a high school or college student looking to earn service credit.
- You are considering a career in teaching.
- You are retired and have experience working with children.
- You are a Parish member who enjoys teamwork and sharing faith with children and families.



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

Ave Maria

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

An Act of Contrition

Lord God, I am sorry for all my sins. In
choosing to do wrong, and failing to do
good, I have offended You whom I should
love above all else.

With the help of Your grace, I promise to
confess my sins, to do penance, and to
amend my life. Our Savior, Jesus Christ,
suffered and died for our sins. In His name,
my God, have mercy. Amen.

Welcome

Welcome to this year's Mission Visitor, **SISTER JACINTA KIMARO, ESM**

Each year, every parish in the United States is asked to welcome a member of a Catholic missionary community to speak to our members regarding their work to share the Good news and to grow the Kingdom of God.

In addition to speaking at our Liturgies, a second collection is taken to help fund the efforts of this particular Catholic community.



This weekend, we welcome Sister Jacinta Kimaro, ESM, who is an Evangelizing Sister of Mary. This religious order, the Evangelizing Sisters of Mary, was established in 1958 in Uganda and is now an international community. Their charism is to educate and to care for the poor and those on the margins of society. The Sisters serve in a number of African nations as well as in the United States, in Europe, and in southeast Asia. Sister Jacinta ministers here in the United States.

In a number of African nations, the Sisters work directly with refugees who have been forced from their homes and are living in refugee camps. They welcome and provide for abandoned and neglected children - as well as families and children who are homeless and live on the streets. The Evangelizing Sisters of Mary also work to end human trafficking, sex trafficking, and labor trafficking. In every location, the Sisters teach life skills and employment skills to both women and men to help make them self-sufficient and fully human.

Again, this weekend, July 20-21, we welcome Sister Jacinta to Saint Philip Parish and to all of our Liturgies. *A second collection will be also taken at each Mass to help support the Evangelizing Sisters of Mary. Please make any checks payable to Saint Philip Parish.* Thank you for your parish hospitality and for your financial support of the Sisters and their important missionary work of sharing the Gospel and our life in the Lord with the poor and the homeless!





ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

The Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank's monthly West End Walk-in Food Distribution is temporarily being relocated from Langley K-8 to Pittsburgh Classical Academy/Greenway, located at 1463 Chartiers Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15220, for the distribution that will occur on **Tuesday, August 20**. The time remains from **5:30pm to 7:00pm**. It will still be a walk-up distribution, and recipients may need to wait outside until it is their turn. The distribution is expected to return to Langley on Tuesday, September 17.

For those unfamiliar with the walk-in food distributions, attendees receive between 30 and 50 pounds of food, including produce, dairy, protein and other grocery items. Attendees are encouraged to bring bags, boxes or a rolling cart with which to transport the food. Visit www.pittsburghfoodbank.org/findfood or call the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank at 833-822-7627 for more information.

You may recall that we had two anonymous donors who put up a matching pool of \$6,000 for monetary donations made during the month of June. **We are happy to report that, thanks to your kind gifts, we received \$6,820 in monetary donations in June - and the donors have chosen to match the entire amount, for a grand total of \$13,640!** As you have seen from our weekly reports of assistance, the financial needs of our neighbors are great - but nothing is greater than the constant outpouring of God's love and generosity, which you are reflecting in your acts of charity. Thanks so very much!

Our thanks go out to all of you who have donated new twin and full sheet sets. We are currently well stocked with sheets! Your donations will allow us to give our friends in need who receive a bed a new set of sheets to enable them to have a restful night's sleep. Thank you for your generosity!

We are still in need of 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, call or text our hotline at 412-444-8140 or email us at svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com.

Over the past week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a grandmother raising three grandchildren with \$479 toward her electric bill to prevent a shutoff; a single father was given \$170 to avoid a gas shutoff; a woman was provided \$194 in electric assistance; a mother and her children were provided with \$281 to prevent an electric shutoff; and another mother and her children were provided with a total of \$199 in utility assistance. Thank you for allowing us to serve our neighbors in Christ!

If you would like to make a donation of furniture or household goods, please call or text our hotline at 412-444-8140 or email us at svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com. If you would like to donate clothing, shoes or accessories, please place your donation in the blue bins in front of the Hope House at St. Philip or in the rear parking lot at Ascension, or you can call, text or email us to arrange a pickup if you are unable to transport them yourself. Please do not place any other items in those bins or leave anything outside of them because they will be thrown away. If you are looking to purchase new or gently-used clothing, housewares or furniture, please shop at the St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores and visit our online store at eshoppittsburgh.com. Also, we are always looking for volunteers! Any donation of your time is extremely valuable to us. If you'd like to join us in helping our friends in need or just want to learn more, please call, text or email us for more information.

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

*I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
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born of the Father before all ages.
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through Him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation,
He came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.*

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

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
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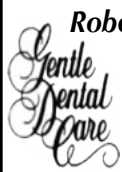
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