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Annual Parish Appeal!

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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



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, AUGUST 3 — THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	J. Edward Brandimarti	Lillian Brandimarti
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Sister Bartholomew Sweeney, RSM	O'Toole Family
SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 — EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Charles "Smokey" Garvin	Cindy Garvin
Ascension	9:30am	Mary Lou Reynolds	Sisters, Anna, Jean & Rita
Saint Philip	11:00am	Deceased Members of the Jacob Family	Joanne McCamey
MONDAY, AUGUST 5 — THE DEDICATION OF THE SAINT MARY MAJOR BASILICA			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Joseph P. Moses	Teresa & Jerry Brewer
TUESDAY, AUGUST 6 — THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD			
Ascension	8:00am	Robert Badish	Kathleen Badish
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
THURSDAY, AUGUST 8 — SAINT DOMINIC, PRIEST			
Ascension	8:00am	Dorothy Conroy	Conroy & Gorman Families
FRIDAY, AUGUST 9 — ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, VIRGIN, MARTYR			
Saint Philip	8:00am	John C. Sebesta	Family
SATURDAY, AUGUST 10 — SAINT LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR			
Ascension	8:00am	Otlee Rodgers	Pat Rodgers
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	John C. Sebesta	Family
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Audrey Rice	Cindy Garvin
SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 — NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	John & Frances Priselac	Linda Priselac
Ascension	9:30am	Deborah Julian	Family
Saint Philip	11:00am	Special Intention of Mia Madden	Daniel & Teresa Harrold
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

Best wishes for August! Please enjoy some time of rest, relaxation, recreation - and prayer, too, as this year quickly moves along!

Focus on the Eucharist

This summer, in the Sunday readings from the Gospel according to John, in the life of the Catholic Church, and even in the media, a great deal of attention has been - and is being - given to the Eucharist, the Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood.

In the readings from John, chapter 6, we hear Jesus' Bread of Life discourse. During these August Sundays, the Lord teaches and affirms that He is indeed the Food, the Bread, of Eternal Life come down from heaven. Jesus teaches all His disciples that He is - and He gives us - the divine nourishment offered to humanity by Almighty God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

This is the divine sustenance that we receive in the Eucharist, the Blessed Sacrament. By receiving Holy Communion, we are filled with the very life and grace of God. This is the sacred food which makes us truly one with God!

In our nation this summer, our Catholic Church celebrated an extraordinary National Eucharistic Congress to increase our appreciation and love for the Eucharist. It is the Catholic Church which has always maintained - from the time of Jesus and the very beginning of Christianity - that the Lord intentionally gave His disciples this sacred gift in order to share His divine life with all His followers.

We faithfully hold to and cherish the words and accounts found in the Gospels of the New

Testament. In every Liturgy, we give Eucharistic thanks to the Lord and receive this most precious gift of the Lord's sacramental, real, and true Body and Blood as our food for salvation!

Then, as you probably know, the attention of the entire world was brought to the Lord's Supper and the Eucharist because of the sacrilegious mockery portrayed during the Opening Ceremony of the Paris 2024 Summer Olympics. It was indeed an asinine and heinous mockery of the Eucharist which was both highly insulting and completely out of character for what is meant to be a celebration of sports and international unity and respect.

The egregious display perpetrated in the Paris Summer Olympics is a sign of the disappearance of the Christian Faith in much of Western Europe. It was also a call to all faithful Catholic Christians around the world to hold fast to our faith, to evangelize the increasingly pagan society of this century, and to speak out when this "Faith of billions" is assaulted by many people who are filled with darkness and sin.

May we treasure and rejoice in the Eucharist - Jesus' sacred gift of Himself and of His divine life. May we cherish the Lord's Supper and honor the Blessed Sacrament. May we NOT lose heart in this present age. Instead, may we be confident that, one day, the Lord Jesus - who has given Himself for our salvation, and who gives Himself to us every day in the Eucharist - will indeed conquer all darkness and will lead His faithful people to a new life in God that will be everlasting!

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

SINGING TO THE *Glory of God*

In each Sunday Liturgy and other solemn celebrations, we sing (or recite) the '*Gloria*'. It is a wonderful Christian song of praise to God which incorporates various praises sung by the angels in the Bible – along with additional Christian praises offered to God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In our Liturgy, after we begin by invoking the Lord's divine mercy, we then sing our praise of God with joyful hearts and voices.

**Glory to God in in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

...†...

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

...†...

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

...†...

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.**

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The Apostles' Creed

In the early Church of Rome, this Christian Creed – known as the APOSTLES' CREED – was taught to new Christians preparing for Baptism. It was also used in the Baptism Ceremony – just as it continues to be employed in our own Baptism and Confirmation ceremonies today AND in the celebration of Easter Sunday each year. This Creed can also be prayed in the Sunday Liturgy, and it is recited at the beginning of the Rosary. It is good and important to know the Apostles' Creed.



I believe in God,
the Father almighty
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from there He will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.

Amen!



BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 4

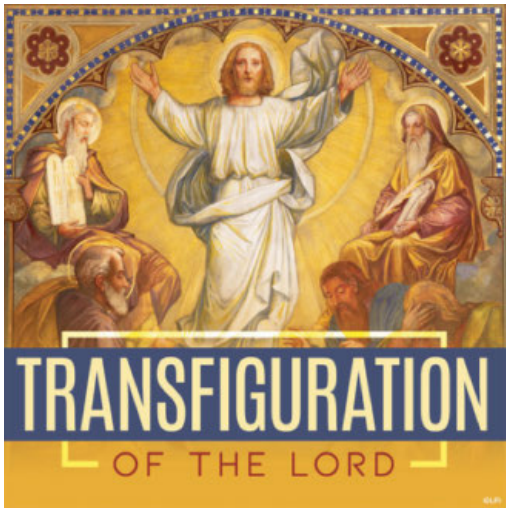
Exodus 16:2-15;
Ephesians 4:17-24;
John 6:24-35

Weekdays

Jeremiah 31-32;
Matthew 15-16

Sunday, August 11

1 Kings 19:4 - 8;
Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2;
John 6:41 - 51



TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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, July 27-28	-- Next bulletin
<i>* Includes Mail-in donations</i>	
Online donations, July 27-28	-- Next bulletin
Maintenance donations	-- Next bulletin
Religious Education donations	-- Next bulletin

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year	-- \$861,064.00
Parish income <u>received</u> since July 1, 2024	-- \$35,632.35
Parish fundraising since July 1, 2024	-- \$0
Estate gifts received since July 1, 2024	-- \$0
General donations since July 1, 2024	-- \$250.00

Average weekly staff salary and benefits expenses	-- \$6,433.39
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 27-28	-- 599		
Sunday envelopes used July 27-28	-- Next bulletin		
Total households receiving envelopes	-- 1,058		

2024 Parish Appeal Goal	-- \$128,119.00
Parish Appeal received as of July 28	-- \$126,337.04*
<i>*Includes online Parish Appeal donations</i>	
2024 Parish Appeal Donors	-- 249

★ AN AUGUST 25 HONOR FOR FATHER PHILIP FARRELL, OUR NEW RESIDENT PRIEST ★

Father Philip Farrell is both a native of Saint Philip Parish and - together with Father Joe Scheib - an alumnus of the former Bishop's Latin School here in Pittsburgh.

Each year, the Bishop's Latin School Alumni Association hosts a luncheon to raise funds for promoting Vocations in our diocese - and to honor alumni for their service to our diocesan church.

At their annual luncheon on Sunday, August 25, 11:00am, at the Longue Vue Country Club near Verona, Father Farrel will be one of four alumni honored for their many years of service to the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh. Our parish members are most welcome to attend the August 25 luncheon and to honor Father Philip Farrell. The requested donation is \$75 per person. Please contact Father Joe Scheib (jscheib@diopitt.org) if you're interested in attending!



Parish News

FREE NEW TESTAMENTS AT OUR PARISH OFFICE

Having shared copies of the *Life in Christ Catholic Catechism* with interested parish members, we're now making available **FREE copies** of the New Testament at the parish office!

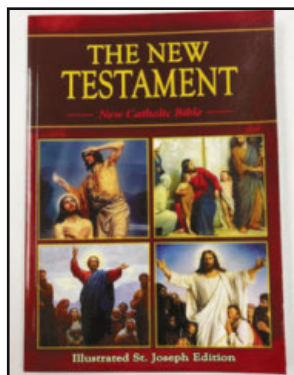
Having and actually reading your own copy of the New Testament will allow you to read the words, teachings, and life of Jesus in the Four Gospels - and to read the Acts and the Letters and all the treasures of the Christian Sacred Scriptures.

To receive your **FREE copy** of the New Testament, please contact the parish office (114 Berry Street, 15205 or 412-922-6300) before August 15 - or stop by and visit our parish offices any time Monday to Friday, 8:00am until 3:00pm.

May you, your spouse and children, and family members find inspiration and a deeper faith in these essential writings of all Christianity!

FOOD BANK SUMMER RELOCATION

For families and individuals who visit the monthly food distribution from the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, please remember that **during the month of August, the food distribution has been moved to the Pittsburgh Classical Academy (Greenway), 1463 Chartiers Avenue, 15220** due to summer construction at Langley K-8. This relocation applies to the Food Bank date of **August 20, 5:30pm to 7:00pm**. The Food Bank hopes to return to Langley K-8 on September 17.



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 mean 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!

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 registration information, please visit www.guardianangelacademy.org or call 412-922-4765 this week for more information!



The apparition of Fatima will be celebrated with Adoration and the rosary on Tuesday, August 13 at Ascension church. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will extend to 8:00pm. An explanation of the apparition in Portugal in 1917 will be shared and refreshments will be served afterward in the vestibule. Come spend time with Our Lord and Our Lady in this Eucharistic Revival Year.

Tuesday, August 13 at 7:00pm

Friday, September 13 at 7:00pm

Sunday, October 13 at 7:00pm

A Public Square Rosary will be prayed on Saturday, October 12 at 12:00 noon in Saint Philip Cemetery parking lot in conjunction with 22,000 other rosary rallies praying at the same hour in many cities in our nation.

MEN'S RETREAT

The annual Saint Philip Parish Men's Retreat will be held **September 13-15** at Saint Paul of the Cross Retreat Center on the Southside. The Retreat begins with Mass at 5:30pm on Friday and concludes with Mass on Sunday at 11:00am. For questions, please call Al Bannon at 412-853-1341 or Joe Hoover at 412-310-6691.

ANNUAL PARISH FLEA MARKET

We are happy to announce that our popular Flea Market, Luncheon, and Bake Sale will be held in October (date to be determined). This is a great opportunity to declutter your home of unwanted "Treasures." We're sorry but we are unable to accept clothing, bedding, encyclopedias, TVs, large appliances, furniture, or anything with freon. We're looking forward to seeing you! Watch the bulletin for more details.

JOIN OUR PICNIC PLANNING MEETING

It's picnic time! Our annual Parish Picnic is Sunday, September 15 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm in Ascension Church Conner Hall. To get plans underway, we would like to have a **Picnic Planning Meeting on Thursday, August 8 at 7:00pm** in Conner Hall. Anyone who would be willing to help in any way is asked to attend. All help is welcome and appreciated.



We offer our sympathy to the families of **Ruth J. Londino** and **James M. Anderson**, 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 John C. Sebesta*
Offered by Family

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *In Loving Memory of Gallagher & Weaver Families*
Offered by John & Anna Gallagher



REGE'S BARBER SHOP

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!

Connect with FLOCKNOTE!

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



Faith Formation /Religious Education

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

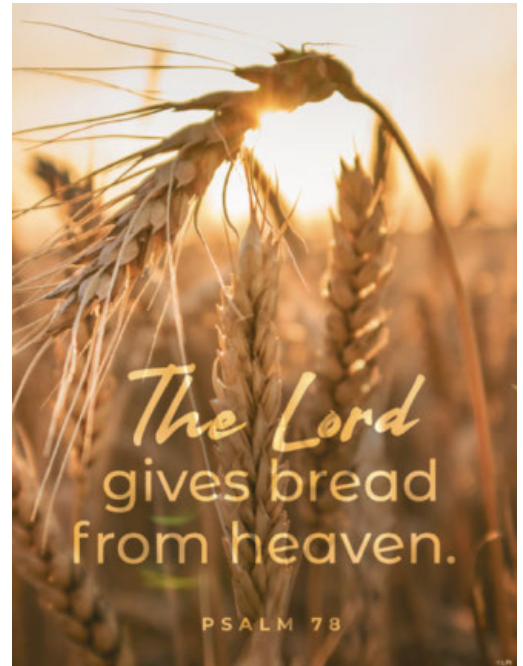
A NOTE FROM MARYANN: Recently, I spent some time at a ministry called Harvest Street Mission. This is a group that provides meals each Sunday for people living on the streets, in shelters or low income housing. They provide 100 meals in Allegheny Commons Park 52-weeks per year. They seek through this ministry to introduce the guests to Jesus who is “The Bread of Life.” The group believes that the meal is not as important as the relationship with the individual guests. Harvest Street Mission believes that the guests need people who 1) Are happy to see them; 2) Can tell them they are loved; 3) Knows their name; and 4) Prays for them.

I thought this is not unlike each of us in our Parish Community. Each Sunday we have the opportunity to show one another that *we are happy to see them*. We give a welcome greeting to those we see and a smile to one another. We might consciously become aware of this and give a smile to people we do not know.

We have the opportunity to *show someone they are loved*. We can do this just by our conversation which involves caring about each other’s lives. We can also be aware of the needs of others and of our Parish. Each Sunday we have the opportunity to be present to one another. Each Sunday we also have the opportunity to recognize how much Jesus loves us by giving us the gift of Himself in the Eucharist.

Each Sunday we have the opportunity to meet new people at Liturgy and Parish events as we *learn their name*. We also have the opportunity greet one another by name.

Finally, we have the opportunity to attend the Liturgy and *pray for one another*. Participation in the Sunday Mass is a time when we can reflect on God’s Word, show our love for one another through the Prayers of the Faithful, participate in the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist, and pray for ourselves and one another 52 weeks per year.



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION:

Faith Formation Registration Forms for pre-school through 8th grade have been sent out this week.

If you have participated in the program in the past, please look for this. We ask that you return the form to the Office of Faith Formation at 114 Berry Street.

If you are new to the Program and would like a registration form, call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

WALK-IN registrations will be held on **THURSDAY, AUGUST 22 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm** at the courtyard ramp door to Saint Philip church.

FAITH FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention Parents! Children eligible to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation in 2025 must be enrolled and participate in a Catholic School or Parish Faith Formation Program by November 1, 2024. If you are new to the Faith Formation Program and would like to register, please call the Office at 412-922-6388.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL PRAYER

As we continue to recall the wonderful celebration of Eucharistic Revival in Indianapolis, we reflect on this wonderful prayer found in the July copy of Living With Christ. This prayer is composed by Bishop Andrew H. Cozzens.

Lord, Jesus Christ, You give us your flesh and blood for the life of the world, and you desire that all people come to the Supper of the Sacrifice of the Lamb. Renew in your Church the truth, beauty, and goodness contained in the Most Blessed Eucharist.

Jesus living in the Eucharist, come and live in me.

Jesus healing in the Eucharist, come and heal me

Jesus sacrificing yourself in the Eucharist, come and suffer in me.

Jesus rising in the Eucharist, come and rise to new life in me.

Jesus loving in the Eucharist, come and love in me.

Lord Jesus Christ, through the paschal mystery of your death and resurrection made present in every Holy Mass, pour out your healing love on your Church and on our world. Grant that as we lift you up during this time of Eucharistic Revival, your Holy Spirit may draw all people to join us at this Banquet of Life. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Office of Faith Formation Monday Evening Session from 6:30pm to 7:45pm is in need of the following:

- Kindergarten catechist
- Kindergarten catechist aide
- A catechist for 3 children with special needs
- An aide for 3 children with special needs
- Parents interested in ministry for high school with monthly activities

NEW BEGINNINGS

Faith Formation is beginning a catechetical ministry for children with special needs. If you have a child who would benefit from special education faith formation, please contact the Office of Faith Formation. This program would primarily take place on Monday evenings from 6:30pm to 7:45pm. Individual needs and schedules could also be addressed according to a child and family's needs. Contact MaryAnn Garfold in the Office of Faith Formation for more information.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

OCIA is for adults who after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God through the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. If you or someone you know:

- Is not Catholic and is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith,
- Was baptized but never received the Sacraments of First Eucharist or Confirmation,
- Was never baptized.

Consider participating in the Saint Philip OCIA process. Sessions can be tailored to fit your schedule. General sessions are conducted on Thursday evenings from 6:30pm until 8:00pm. For information, contact the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.



DINNER *with the Saints*

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Wednesday, September 4
6:15pm to 8:00pm

Ascension Church Conner Hall

To register, call the Office of
Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.



Join us to learn from the life and spirituality of Saint Vincent de Paul. We will hear a guest speaker as we discuss his wisdom, faith, and the lessons we can draw from Vincentian Spirituality.



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.





SAINT PHILIP PARISH FAITH FORMATION PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Ages 3, 4, and 5 Highlights

- Uses Loyola Press, All About Me and All About the World
- Uses the alphabet, colors, shapes and numbers in instruction
- Helps young children learn prayerful practices
- Provides the opportunity for family dinner and learning activities
- Uses music, art and storytelling activities
- Engages in group sharing and activities
- Provides topics of interest to parents
- Taught by an experienced teacher of young children
- Two adults to every 5 children
- Provides the opportunity for parents to share with one another
- Includes family activities once per month

Saint Philip Preschool Faith Formation meets on **Monday nights from 6:30pm to 7:45pm** on Saint Philip church campus. For information or to receive a registration application, call 412-922-6388.

Kitchen Table Ministry: *“Anxious for Nothing”*



Do you find yourself?

- Bothered by the daily newscast
- Unable to get a good night sleep with worry
- Fearful of future events
- Worried about finances, relationships or health concerns

Join Saint Philip Parish for this 5-week video discussion series. We will examine feelings of anxiety and discover ways to address these feelings and experience the peace of Christ.

**BEGINS TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 10**

7:00pm to 8:30pm

Ascension Church Conner Hall

Light refreshments will be served. Registrations are accepted. Everyone is welcome. Walk-Ins are welcome.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

Over the next week, there will be two opportunities for you to help our food pantry continue to provide much needed support to our neighbors in need. For those who are not familiar, we operate a small, unique food pantry that delivers food each month to approximately 130 people in over 65 households. We deliver food to people who do not have reliable transportation with which to reach traditional food banks. We also deliver emergency food assistance to those who contact our hotline.

This coming **Tuesday, August 6**, the Pittsburgh Foundation will be holding its *One Day Critical Needs Alert*, which allows nonprofits who provide basic needs, such as food, to receive monetary donations through the www.pittsburghgives.org website and share in a pool of \$500,000 in matching funds. The more donations our food pantry receives, the more matching funds we will be entitled to! This is a perfect opportunity to make your donation go further!

To donate, simply go to www.pittsburghgives.org/organization/SaintPhilipFoodPantry **between 8:00am and 11:59pm on Tuesday, August 6 and make your donation** via credit card or debit card. For more information about the “*Critical Needs Alert*” fundraiser, and to search for additional charities that you can donate to, please visit www.pittsburghgives.org.

The second event, which will occur next weekend, **August 10 and 11**, is our *Fifth Annual Summer Food Drive*. Like the last four years, we will be offering opportunities for you to donate non-perishable food items at each Mass and during a drive-through event in the Wolbert Auto

Repair parking lot. Paper bags will be available at the churches this weekend with a list of suggested donation items. We are most in need of the following items: peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, canned chicken, canned tuna, chunky soups, condensed soups (chicken noodle, tomato, vegetable), canned fruit, baked beans, canned vegetables (green beans, corn, peas), Spaghetti O’s, flavored oatmeal and unsweetened cereals. Please do not donate any expired food as it will have to be thrown away. While we will accept items that are not on the list, we respectfully request that you primarily donate the listed items. Thanks in advance for your cooperation and generosity!

Vincetians will be available before all Masses on August 10 and 11 to collect your donations, or you can drop off your donations during our drive-through event, which will take place on Saturday, August 10 from 10:00am to 12:00 noon in the Wolbert Auto Repair (formerly Knights of Columbus) parking lot. We are in need of high school students to volunteer at the drive-through event. You do not need to volunteer for the entire event. Volunteers will collect donations from cars and sort and date check the donations. This is a great opportunity for students who need service hours! If you are interested, please call or text 412-444-8140 or email svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com.

We 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 or email us.

Over the past week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a single mother with \$581 to restore her electric service; a woman was given \$176 to prevent an electric shutoff; a woman was given \$190 toward her electric bill; a woman was assisted with \$369 toward rent; a woman was given \$435 to prevent an electric shutoff; a man was assisted with \$600 toward rent, he was given a clothing voucher, and he was added to our monthly food delivery list; a single mother and her children were added to our monthly food delivery list; and a single mother was given \$276 to stop a water shutoff. Thank you!

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Food Served	2:30pm to 4:30pm
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We ask each family to bring an item for the dessert table.

If you plan on attending our Parish Picnic, please make a reservation either by filling out this form and placing it in the collection basket or calling the Parish Office of Faith Formation at: 412-922-6388. Thank you!

Name: _____

Phone: _____ #Adults attending: _____

#Children/ages: _____

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: Monday, September 9, 2024



Around the Diocese and Community

LOCAL PARISH SUMMER FESTIVAL

This coming **August 7-10**, our neighbors at Regina Coeli Catholic Parish will hold their annual parish fun festival! The festivities will be held on the grounds of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary church, 45 North Sprague Avenue in Bellevue - just minutes north of the McKees Rocks Bridge.

Our parish families and members are invited to enjoy their games, food, bingo, children's rides, prizes, beer garden, funnel cakes, basket raffles, nightly 50/50, and the annual Big Raffle with \$10,000 in prizes. For further information, visit www.reginacoeliparish.org/festival.

ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE THE LORD?

In these three years since the terrible impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, life in our world has continued to rebound from that terrible multi-year affliction.

As we return to a more normal state of life, it's good to begin encouraging young men and young women to enter into the service of the Lord Jesus and His community, His Church.

If you (or perhaps some young man whom you know) are interested in ordained ministry as a priest or deacon, or if you (or some young woman or man) are interested in the life and ministry of a Consecrated/Religious community, contact the Vocations Office of the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh (412-456-3000) OR contact our own parish office this summer.

MAGNIFICAT PITTSBURGH BREAKFAST

On **Saturday, August 17, 9:00am until 12:00pm**, the Pittsburgh chapter of Magnificat (a nationwide Catholic women's association) will

host their quarterly Breakfast and Speaker gathering at the Hilton Garden Inn at Southpointe near Canonsburg. Along with prayer, breakfast, and fellowship, the gathering will hear the faith story of Sister Rita Clare Yoches, a Franciscan T.O.R. Sister from Michigan.

For complete information, call Donna at 412-874-7471. The donation is \$35 per person, and the registration deadline is August 6. Information is also available by visiting www.magnificatpittsburgh.org Internet site.

59th ANNUAL PERU MISSION DINNER

The annual Peru Mission Dinner will be held on **Tuesday, October 15** at the Sheraton Hotel at Station Square. The dinner honors the life-giving, life-sustaining and life-affirming ministry of our Catholic medical missionaries in Chimbote, Peru. The evening's presentations will include updates from Very Reverend Thomas Sparacino, our Diocesan Rector and Director of Pre-Ordination Formation, along with special remarks from Bishop David Zubik. Visit <https://chimbotefoundation.org/events/annual-peru-dinner> for more information.



GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

The annual diocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held at Saint Paul Cathedral on **Sunday, October 6 at 2:30pm**. Bishop Zubik will be the principal celebrant and homilist at this Mass, which will honor all Catholic couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2024. Couples may register at www.diopitt.org/gwa24.



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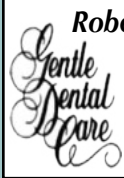
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