



Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

OFFICE HOURS

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

PARISH STAFF

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Ms. MaryAnn Garfold, Faith Formation Director
Ms. Mary Beth Barsh, Music Director
Ms. Dorothy Mancini, Assistant Organist
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Rev. Philip Farrell, Ascension Rectory

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CRISIS SUPPORT/SUICIDE PREVENTION

24-Hour Lifeline Dial 988
Resolve Crisis Network 1-888-796-8226



Week of August 18, 2024

**20TH 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, AUGUST 17 — THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			
Ascension	8:00am	Special Intention of Jane & Phil Beistel	Jane Beistel
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Victor & Elizabeth Muzzie	Tamara Dulick
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Rev. Walter Sobon	Diana Miller
SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 — TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Herb & Joan Reffert	Ken Reffert
Ascension	9:30am	Heidi Schroeder	Rita Crowley
Saint Philip	11:00am	George E. McCartney	Spezialetti Family
MONDAY, AUGUST 19 — SAINT JOHN EUDES, PRIEST			
Saint Philip	8:00am	John Beitler	Karen Beitler
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20 — SAINT BERNARD, ABBOT & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH			
Ascension	8:00am	Ruth M. Hoerster	Helen Demma
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21 — SAINT PIUS X, POPE			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Robert & Eleanor Vitale	Thomas Vitale, Fred Vitale & Rosemarie Rinardo
THURSDAY, AUGUST 22 — THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			
Ascension	8:00am	Howard Kelly	Marge Kelly
FRIDAY, AUGUST 23 — SAINT ROSE OF LIMA, RELIGIOUS			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 — SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE			
Ascension	8:00am	Mary & Nick Rennick	Family
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Ronald Victorelli	Mancini Family
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Robert E. Shober	Saint Philip Choir
SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 — TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	William & Anita Macklin and Members of the Macklin & Macino Families	Family
Ascension	9:30am	Robert Badish	Kathleen Badish
Saint Philip	11:00am	Paul Dacey	Rob Dacey



Notes from the Pastor

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

Our foretaste of the Eternal Feast

Whether you're dining at home or at some eatery or restaurant with family members or friends, I imagine that you occasionally enjoy appetizers - or "starters" as we call them today.

We know that, because food portions in American eateries are so very large, we'll NEVER finish the meal that we're planning to have. However, we still have a real tendency to look for something to eat before dinner begins.

Of course, restaurant owners and staff are happy to serve all that we're willing to order because our appetizers increase their sales.

In truth, I think that we know that good food and good times await us, and so we simply can't wait to get started! We want the blessings of our food and our meals to begin right away. To me, that kind of makes sense.

In a similar way, the Eucharist about which Jesus speaks in the Sunday readings this month from Gospel according to John is a foretaste of the eternal banquet - the paschal feast that the Lord promises all of us who are his people.

The sacred gift of the Eucharist shares with us the very life and goodness of Jesus Christ. The sacred gift of the Eucharist fills us with divine life

and grace which is meant to transform our lives and hearts and souls so that we'll become the Saints of God. The sacred gift of the Eucharist is also a foretaste of the Lord's everlasting banquet - Jesus' wedding feast - which is often promised in the teachings of the Lord.

Jesus promises all of us tremendous goodness in the life beyond this world. In our Holy Communion with the Lord, Jesus gives us a foretaste of the eternal meal to be shared with Him and with all the holy ones of God. It's from the earthly table of the Lord - the altar of God in our churches - that we receive the first taste of what Jesus promises us for eternity.

May we always be most grateful for the divine and sacred presence of the Lord Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist. May we always remember that the Eucharist is given us to transform us and our lives so that we will share in the very life of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

May we also remind ourselves each time we receive Holy Communion in our Catholic Liturgy that it is the promise that we will be welcomed into the eternal banquet of the Lord - the eternal banquet where we will be filled with divine life and goodness forever in the halls of heaven!

Best wishes for goodness this month!

May everyone - all 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 your family as well as your neighbors, friends, and loved ones. God bless!

Yours,
Father Jim Torquato

THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO ALL OF OUR PARISH MINISTERS AND PARISH VOLUNTEERS!



Have you ever considered how EVERY faith community, every charitable organization, and every non-profit effort relies a great deal on volunteers?

It's TRUE!

Yes, we are blessed to have excellent paid parish staff members (*most of whom are part-time staff*), and they accomplish a great deal for our Saint Philip Parish members and our families every week.

Thankfully, we also have a number of very dedicated ministers and volunteers who also serve our parish community with great energy and generosity! Without our volunteers and ministers, it would be very difficult to continue the many good elements and activities of Saint Philip Parish which make our community vital and strong.

This Sunday - and every day of the year, our sincere "Thank You!" is offered to all who give of your time and abilities to benefit our parish community.

To ALL of our choir members and cantors and bell ringers, to our weekly catechists and CCD aides, to our children's liturgy team and the OCIA team, to our adult formation team, to our Communion ministers and lectors, to our servers and sacristans, to all of our ushers, to the Legion of Mary members, to everyone in our Fish Fry crew, to our Flea Market workers, to our Saint Vincent DePaul Conference members, to our Ladies of Charity, to our Mental Health Ministry team, to our very helpful altar linen team members, to our church decorators and cleaners, to our wedding coordinators, to our Hooks and Needles Group, to our Christian Men's Fellowship, to our bereavement team, and to all who assist whenever help is needed, **"Thank You so very much!" for all the time, goodness and talent which you share with all the members and families of our parish community!**

Without you, our ministers and volunteers, our parish would not be as vital and strong as it is. Without you, Saint Philip Catholic Parish would NOT be the very fine community that we are. Without you, the Kingdom of God would not be as full of goodness and life as it is here in our community. Again, thank you very much once again. May God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit bless all of you - and our entire parish community - now and always!



A "thank you" from Father Harry Nichols

In late July, Father Harry Nichols - one of our retired priests who presides twice each month at one of our Saturday evening Liturgies - underwent scheduled open heart surgery.

Father Harry's cousin - Father Jim Kunkel - has shared with our parish community that Father Harry's operation was successful and he's doing well. Father Harry will continue to recuperate at his residence within the nearby Saint John Vianney Retirement Manor for priests just off Noblestown Road.

Please know that Father Harry is very grateful for your prayers and good wishes in this difficult time, and he hopes to return to our parish Liturgies sometime in the Fall.

If you'd like to send Father Harry a card or note, his address is:
Father Harry Nichols
Saint John Vianney Manor
2600 Morange Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15205.



**BIBLE READINGS
FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday, August 18

Proverbs 9:1 - 6;
Ephesians 5:15 - 20;
John 6:51 - 58

Weekdays

Ezekial 24 - 37;
Matthew 19 - 22

Sunday, August 25

Joshua 24:1 - 18;
Ephesians 5:21 - 32;
John 6:60 - 69



**Many thanks
to all our
Parish Appeal
Donors!**

Thanks so very much to all of our parish families and members who've contributed to this year's 2024 Annual Parish Appeal in support of our Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh!

Your contributions and annual generosity have allowed us to meet our goal once again this year!

As you know, our Annual Parish Appeal goal is now assessed as a "Management/Administration

FINANCIAL REPORT  **OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES**

Sunday collections, **August 10-11** -- \$7,871.00*

** Includes Mail-in donations*

Online donations, August 10-11 -- \$2,964.50

Maintenance donations -- \$112.00

Religious Education donations -- \$793.00

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year -- \$861,064.00

Parish income received since July 1, 2024 -- \$77,856.20

Parish fundraising since July 1, 2024 -- \$0

Estate gifts received since July 1, 2024 -- \$0

General donations since July 1, 2024 -- \$1,010.00

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 August 10-11 -- 678

Sunday envelopes used August 10-11 -- 262

Total households receiving envelopes -- 1,058

2024 Parish Appeal Goal -- \$128,119.00

Parish Appeal received as of July 28 -- \$131,032.08*

**Includes online Parish Appeal donations*

2024 Parish Appeal Donors -- 249

Fee" expected of each parish according to their annual parish income. Our annual parish income is averaged over the most recent three calendar years. Then, along with every parish in the diocese, Saint Philip Parish is required to raise and contribute to diocesan operations an amount equal to 11% of our average annual income.

For 50 years now, rather than assessing these funds directly from our parish operating budget, every parish's members and families are asked to contribute

toward this necessary assessment for the funding of our diocesan church and operating budget.

Now that our 2024 goal has been met, we will gratefully continue to receive and accept additional contributions to the Annual Parish Appeal. As in past years, the amount contributed above the annual goal remains with our parish for our own operating budget. Again, thanks very much to all of this year's Annual Parish Appeal contributors!



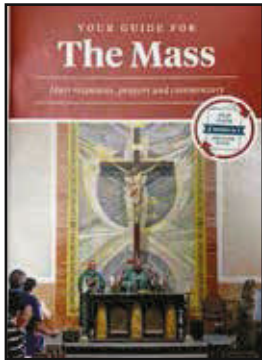
Parish News

FREE WELCOME BOOKLETS EXPLAINING THE CHURCH AND OUR CATHOLIC LITURGY

Having shared copies of the *Life in Christ Catholic Catechism* as well as copies of the *New Testament* with parish members, we're now making available **FREE copies** of a "two sided, flip" booklet at both of our churches! This new booklet from *FaithCatholic Publishing* provides both a "Welcome" and an explanation of the Church and the Catholic Liturgy



We tend to think that everyone gathering with us for the Liturgy understands the Lord's Church and the Mass, but in these years, this may not be the case. This user friendly booklet is an excellent guide and an explanation of our faith community and our worship.



You'll find the **FREE copies** of this fine Catholic "welcome" and introduction to the Church booklet at the primary entrances of both Saint Philip and Ascension churches.

May you and your family members - and all inquirers - benefit from this new booklet!

NEXT WEEKEND'S SPECIAL COLLECTION

The Second Collection taken up at all the Masses next weekend is the annual collection for Catholic University and the Catholic Communications Campaign of the American Catholic Bishops. This collection makes it possible to spread the teachings of Jesus Christ. Your generosity is appreciated.

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.

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) is 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, please contact the Vocations of the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh (412-456-3000) OR contact our own parish office this summer.

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 listening to 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, August 22**. Please note the change in date due to the Assumption Holy Day. Please consider joining us.



ENROLL NOW!

Guardian Angel Academy is now accepting registrations for the 2024-2025 school year. Secure a spot for your children today and provide them with an outstanding Catholic education in our parish's regional school.

For more information on how to register, call 412-922-4765 or visit www.guardianangelacademy.org.



DINNER
with the Saints



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

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

Ascension Church Conner Hall

Be a part of an enlightening discussion on the life and spirituality of Saint Vincent de Paul. We'll have a guest speaker to guide us through his wisdom, faith, and the valuable lessons we can draw from Vincentian Spirituality.

Registration is required: Register now!

Call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

Thank you for your generous financial contributions to

SAINT PHILIP PARISH!



Your goodness and participation help to keep our parish alive!



Rest in Peace

We offer our sympathy to the family of **Lawrence Leonardi, Jr.**, who entered into eternal life. Please keep him in your prayers.

Sanctuary  Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns *In Loving Memory of Audrey Rice*
Offered by Cindy Garvin

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *In Loving Memory of Bird, Favaro, Fico & Morris Families*
Offered by Family



JOHN ELCHIN ROOFING & REMODELING

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

REFLECTIONS FROM MARYANN: As we move toward the end of Summer, it might be a nice time to check in with our book, 5 Things with Father Bill. In the chapter, *Suggestions for Spiritual Reading*, Father states that he has gathered some great stories that only require one good book: the Bible. He offers the following suggestions for a good read:

1. Bad hair day - Judges 16: 4-31

Samson has a secret, He gains superhuman strength from his hair. Delilah, an Old Testament Mata Hari whom Samson loves very much, bribed by the leaders of the Philistines, discovers the source of Samson's strength, and sells out the man who loves her. The story of betrayal and justice tell of the unusual source of Samson's strength.

2. Wise ruling - 1 Kings 3:16-28

Read what happens when two women claim to be the mother of the same baby. Solomon, to whom this case is brought as Judge of Israel, knows that real love means sacrifice.

3. Curious cure - 2 Kings 5: 1-27

Naaman, an Aramean general goes to Israel to seek a cure on the advice of his servant girl, a Jewish girl who was captured in a raid against Israel. The king of Israel allows his journey but is worried that he is being set up to fail, thus giving the Syrians a pretext for war. In Luke's Gospel (Luke 4:27), Jesus uses this story to explain that salvation is meant for all.

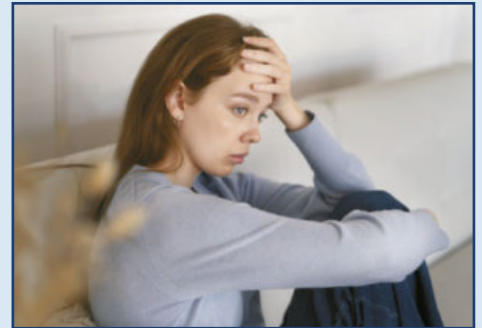
4. The great escape - Acts 12: 1-17

King Herod thinks he can squash Christians by having them imprisoned and murdered. He has St. James, the brother of John, killed by a sword, but see what happens when he arrests Saint Peter.

5. Shipwrecked - Acts 27-28

This is the story of Paul's journey to Rome as a prisoner. The story involves shipwreck, intrigue, and salvation. It will also make you feel better if you have any travel problems on your way to vacation!

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.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

ATTENTION PARENTS!

Is your child ready to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation in 2025? Make sure they're enrolled in a Catholic school or Parish Faith Formation program by November 1, 2024. New to the program? Call us at 412-922-6388 to register!

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FORMS

Forms for preschool through 8th grade have been sent out this week. If you've participated before, keep an eye out for them and return them to the Office of Faith Formation at 114 Berry Street. New to the program? Call 412-922-6388 for a registration form.

WALK-IN REGISTRATIONS

Saint Philip Faith Formation will hold walk-in registrations on **Thursday, August 22 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm** at the courtyard ramp door of Saint Philip church. New registrations are welcome, and we'll be there to answer any questions!

PARENTS, UNLOCK YOUR TEEN'S POTENTIAL!

Does your teen want to explore how Jesus can make a difference in their lives and the lives of others? Enroll them in the Saint Philip High School TEEN SERVICE CORPS! They'll grow in faith, earn high school service hours, and receive valuable recommendations for college or jobs. Call 412-922-6388 for more information. Don't miss this incredible opportunity!

NEW BEGINNINGS

We're launching a catechetical ministry for children with special needs. Sessions are mainly on Mondays from 6:30pm to 7:45pm, but we can adjust to fit individual schedules. For more details, call 412-922-6388.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

OCIA: Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith?

Whether you're not Catholic, were baptized but never received the Sacraments, or were never baptized, consider joining the Saint Philip OCIA process. Sessions are on Thursday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:00pm and can be tailored to fit your schedule. For details, call 412-922-6388.

SAINT PHILIP PARISH FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM PRESCHOOL - 8TH GRADE

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

Register by calling 412-922-6388.

Our Program Features:

- **Flexible Scheduling:** Tailored to individual needs and schedules.
- **Sacramental Preparation:** For First Eucharist and Confirmation.
- **Weekly Sessions:** Mondays from 6:30pm to 7:45pm.
- **Creative Activities:** Including music, art, and hands-on learning.
- **Family Events:** Monthly gatherings with dinner.
- **Educational Tools:** Utilizes alphabet, colors, shapes, and language development.
- **Community Fun:** Pizza nights, Mardi Gras, ice cream socials, kids' nights, and Easter egg hunts.
- **Spiritual Growth:** Traditional and experiential prayer.
- **Retreats:** Age-appropriate retreat experiences.
- **Volunteering:** Service opportunities available.

Catholic Canton

*Featuring: Rhoda Wise House & Grotto
Saint Raphael Center
Mother Angelica Museum
Lourdes Grotto & Rosary Garden*

***Presented by St. Philip Parish
Wednesday, October 23, 2024***



Depart Ascension Church at 7:00AM aboard a highway coach for Canton, Ohio. A breakfast stop will be made en route. Later this morning arrive at Saint Raphael Center & Mother Angelica Museum. In 1981, Mother Angelica, a cloistered Franciscan nun, launched what has become the largest religious media network in the world; Eternal Word Television Network. EWTN now reaches 264 million homes in 145 countries and over 700 million homes with AM, FM, shortwave radio and internet. It all began in 1923 in a small home in the southeast end of Canton, Ohio. Born Rita A. Rizzo, the future Mother Angelica, grew up in a working-class neighborhood during the Roaring Twenties a block away from her parish church. Young Rita had a difficult childhood. Her father abandoned the family before Rita was five years old. Divorce soon followed. Life was a struggle for Rita and her mother. Rita's years of trial were compounded by a debilitating stomach ailment until she was healed by Jesus through a woman named Rhoda Wise. That healing set her life on a course that would ultimately change the world. Come and see where it all began. Our visit will include a guided tour of the complex followed by the celebration of Mass in Mary, Ark of the Covenant Chapel. Enjoy a delicious catered lunch followed by free time to explore the Lourdes Grotto, Rosary Garden and Gift Store. This afternoon visit the Rhoda Wise House & Grotto. Born in 1888 in Cadiz, Ohio and raised in Wheeling, WV, Rhoda converted to the Catholic Church while in Mercy Hospital. Over time she developed a strong devotion to the Rosary and St. Therese the Little Flower. Rhoda Wise would later experience apparitions of Our Lord and St. Therese. On October 7, 2016, Rhoda Wise's Cause for Canonization opened in the Diocese of Youngstown. Enjoy time here to visit the home and pray at the grotto. A special "sweet stop" will be made before we embark on our journey home. Arrive back home approximately 8:00PM. A brief dinner stop will be made en route home.

TRIP INCLUDES

- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- Group luncheon
- All admissions & shrine donations
- Mass & prayer
- Pilgrimage Coordinator



TOUR FARE: \$119.00 per person is due to secure your reservation. Make checks payable to: Wendt Touring and send to St. Philip Parish, 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh, PA, 15205. For more information call Mary Ann Garfold at 412-922-6388. Full payment is required to hold a seat. Space is limited!

*Travel Arrangements made by Wendt Touring
613 Canton Road, Wintersville, OH 43953
Phone: 740-282-5790
www.WendtTouring.com*

ADVANCE PLANNING

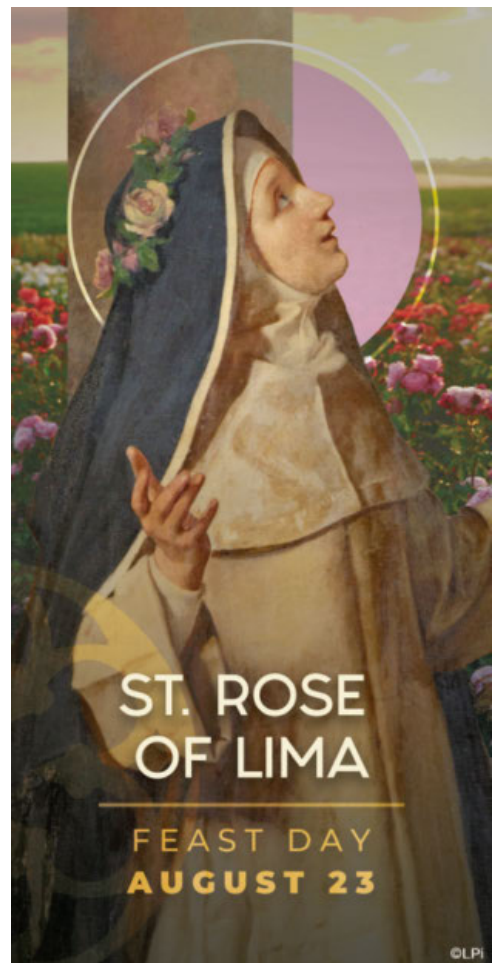
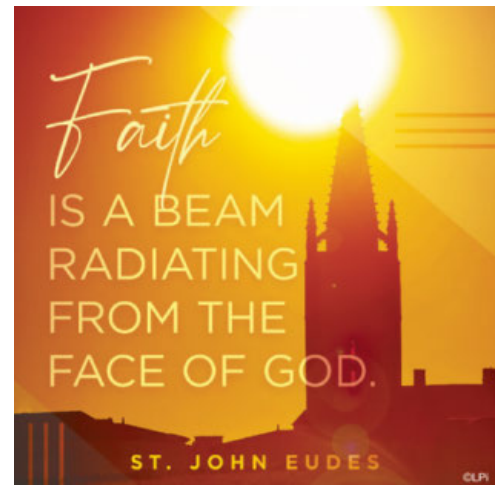
We're all encouraged, as Catholic Christians, to make advance plans for our departure from this present life when we begin our journey home to the Lord. Like our parents, grandparents, and many generations before us, it's good to make our personal and family plans for our funeral and burial in a cemetery. Yes, of course, this can be unnerving when we begin the process, but it's a true kindness to our family members if and when we put all of our plans, requests, finances, and estate in order long before our final day.

Thankfully, we have very fine attorneys, funeral directors, and other professionals in our local community who are more than willing to guide you through the planning process. You'll find them among our bulletin advertisers. We're also fortunate to have numerous Catholic and community cemeteries whose staff members are very helpful. In addition, the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh also offers the Catholic Funeral Plan (CFP, telephone 1-877-886-PLAN) in conjunction with the Catholic Cemeteries Association of Pittsburgh (CCA) and the Loyal Christian Benefits Association (LCBA) to create funding arrangements now so that all your plans can be set and funded long in advance of being needed.

For our part, how can Saint Philip Parish's staff help you? In response to requests from parish members, we're willing to send our Funeral Planning Booklet and Funeral Selection Forms to any parish members who request them in advance.

If you're making Advanced Funeral Plans now or in the coming years, there's no need to wait until later to plan a Funeral Liturgy. You're welcome to request these funeral planning items and then include your selections in your planning file - keeping one copy with your family and giving one copy to your chosen funeral director.

Again, to request funeral planning materials at any time, please contact our parish office by email or by telephone. May the good Lord bless you now - and as you prepare for your journey home to the Lord. God bless!





ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

We would like to thank everyone who donated either money and/or food to our food pantry over the past two weeks. Both our participation in the Pittsburgh Foundation's One Day Critical Needs Alert and our Fifth Annual Summer Food Drive were very successful!

We received \$6,747 in monetary donations during the Pittsburgh Foundation's One Day Critical Needs Alert and we anticipate receiving approximately \$2,122 in matching funds for a total of \$8,869 in money for our food pantry! We buy the vast majority of the food that we distribute from the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank for much less than the cost of buying food from a grocery store. Therefore, these monetary donations will go a long way in helping to feed our neighbors in need!

We also had a great response to our Fifth Annual Summer Food Drive, both from people who attended our drive-through event on Saturday and those who dropped off food at the Masses. Thank you to everyone who donated food (or dropped off a check or cash) for our friends in need!

Lastly, we could not have had a successful food drive without the volunteers that joined us to help collect, sort, date, and box the food. Thank you to those who gave their time last weekend and during the week to process all of the donations that we received.

We are putting out a special call for help for our food pantry. We recently added a couple of Spanish-speaking families to our monthly food delivery list. In order to best serve these families, we would like to find at least one, but preferably two Spanish-speaking volunteers to deliver food to these families once a month. As a food bank volunteer, you are asked to give approximately an hour of your time each month, boxing up the food to be delivered and taking the food to your assigned families. The time of the month that you deliver is flexible, and you will always be delivering food with at least one other person to assist you. Please call or text our hotline at 412-444-8140 or email us at svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com if you are interested in this unique volunteer opportunity and would like to learn more or ask questions.

Also, we 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. Thank you!

Over the past week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a single mother with \$164 to avoid a water shutoff; a single mother was given two beds for her children; a woman was assisted with \$411 to avoid an electric shutoff; a woman was assisted with \$300 toward her security deposit; two families were added to our monthly food delivery list; a single mother was assisted with \$400 to avoid an electric shutoff; and a man was assisted with \$65 toward his phone bill. Thanks so much for your generous and ongoing support!

As always, if you, or someone you know, need assistance, call, text or email us at 412-444-8140 and svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com.

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 on 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 have been sent to all of our households. Your booklet contains 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!



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Ascension Campus 2:00pm - 5:00pm
Food Served 2:30pm - 4:30pm
BINGO 3:30pm

Hot dogs, hamburgers, sides and beverages will be provided at NO cost to you.

Come join in the fun, food, games, crafts, bingo, 50/50 raffle, music and fellowship! Something for everyone!

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 putting it in the collection basket or calling the Parish Office of Faith Formation at: 412-922-6388. Thank you!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Adults attending: _____

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**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS:
Monday, September 9, 2024**



Around the Diocese and Community

SENIORS HELPING SENIORS

If you're 50+ years of age and would like to assist senior members of the local community, the organization Seniors Helping Seniors would like to speak with you. They have senior clients who are looking for other seniors ("mature caregivers") who are reliable and compassionate - and who can lend a hand. These positions receive generous compensation. The tasks usually require 2-3 hours and do NOT require heavy lifting. For information, contact Ms. Janet Begg at 412-952-6090 this week.



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.

A PICKLEBALL BENEFIT EVENT

A special Pickleball Tournament will be held **September 28-29** at the Pittsburgh Indoor Sports Arena (PISA) in Cheswick, 22 Rich Hill Road, 15024 for the benefit of the Saint Joseph House of Hospitality and the men who reside there in the care of our diocesan Catholic Charities.

If you're a Pickleball enthusiast, please visit www.ccpgh.org/pickle for more information about this USA Pickleball sanctioned tournament.

THE PITTSBURGH CATHOLIC MAGAZINE AND HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGES

In recent days, all registered households of every parish in the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh have received a copy of the August-September edition of the **Pittsburgh Catholic Magazine**. Please be sure to read this excellent source of information and inspiration for our diocesan church. Also included in this new edition (see page 23) is a listing of upcoming 2025 Holy Year International Pilgrimages being conducted for the faithful of our diocese. The **Pittsburgh Catholic Magazine** always contains excellent information for everyone in the Church of Pittsburgh!

DIOCESAN CHOIR

Auditions for the 2024-2025 Diocesan Choir season will soon be held. The choir, under the direction of Father Jim Chepponis, Music Director for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, sings for the major diocesan events at Saint Paul Cathedral throughout the year.

Currently there are openings in the soprano, alto, tenor and bass sections. In addition to being good singers, potential members must be capable sight-readers due to a limited rehearsal schedule, and at least 18 years of age. Rehearsals are held at Saint John Capistran Church in Upper St. Clair. **Audition times may be scheduled by calling Doris Anne at 412-953-4480 before August 22.**



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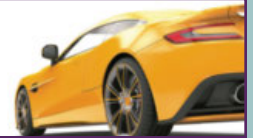


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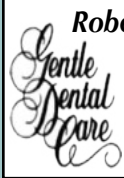
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