



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

Rev. James R. Torquato, Pastor
Mr. Frank Bey, Office Coordinator
Ms. MaryAnn Garfold, Faith Formation Director
Ms. Mary Beth Barsh, Music Director
Ms. Dorothy Mancini, Assistant Organist
Mr. David Pilarski, Business Coordinator
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Ms. Linda Bey, Faith Formation Secretary
Mr. Richard Hufnagel, Maintenance
Ms. Chris Archacki, Maintenance
Mr. Thomas Dembecki, Maintenance

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Rev. Joseph Scheib, Saint Philip Rectory
Rev. Philip Farrell, Ascension Rectory

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Robert Bertocchi, Patricia Cygrymus,
Barbara Hendrick, Joseph Hoover,
Martin Matko, Katie Phillips,
Mary Schubert and Richard Schubert.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Benjamin Bannon, Joseph Hoover,
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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

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Guardian Angel Academy (412) 922-4765

CRISIS SUPPORT/SUICIDE PREVENTION

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



Week of August 25, 2024

21ST 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 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
MONDAY, AUGUST 26 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Dot Kosakowski	Mary Ann Cyprowski
TUESDAY, AUGUST 27 — SAINT MONICA, MOTHER OF SAINT AUGUSTINE			
Ascension	8:00am	Shane Phillips	Grandparents
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28 — SAINT AUGUSTINE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH			
Saint Philip	8:00am	John W. Konrad	George & Victoria Konrad
THURSDAY, AUGUST 29 — THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST			
Ascension	8:00am	Robert Badish	Paula Badish
FRIDAY, AUGUST 30 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
SATURDAY, AUGUST 31 — THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			
Ascension	8:00am	Rose Koszak	A Friend
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Richard & Dolores Kraemer	Kraemer Family
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Herman & Emma Rittler	Ruth, Barbara & Joe
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 — TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Nicholas & Josephine Kulick	Daughter, Linda
Ascension	9:30am	Dorothy J. Kennel	Family
Saint Philip	11:00am	Frank & Jean Daily	Frank Daily



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!

Listening with open ears

Today's Gospel passage from the Gospel according to John is a favorite account of many Christians throughout the world. In particular, Saint Peter's profession of faith in Jesus (*see John 6:68-69*) as the Lord, the Holy One of God, is a source of inspiration to all Jesus' disciples who've heard this remarkable proclamation.

So much is contained in this proclamation spoken by Saint Peter. This leader of the Apostles - our first chief shepherd of the Church - both identifies Jesus of Nazareth as the Messiah, the Christ of God, and gives us the profound assurance that it is Jesus alone who speaks the Good News, the words of everlasting life.

Saint Peter and the Apostles were well aware of Jesus' importance and of his truly being the promised Messiah sent to the People of God. Sadly however, there were those among Jesus' audience who, as we hear once again this Sunday, found Jesus' teachings too incredible, too fantastic. They closed their ears and made a hasty departure from the Lord and from the company of disciples who were devoted to Jesus.

Today, the fact that so many baptized

Christians do NOT walk in the company of the Lord Jesus - and with his holy people - is NOT as surprising as you might think. While we ourselves profess Jesus to be most important in our lives, there are a great many baptized Catholic Christians (*and a great many baptized members of other Christian communities*) who have NO real or perceptible interest in the Lord and in our Christian faith.

What occurred to me is that, while some in Jesus' own day listened to him and then departed, the situation today is that so many people - even among the baptized - have NEVER really heard or listened to Jesus and to his wonderful message. So many today - especially among those under the age of 40 - have never paid attention to the Good News and have NEVER been led to a knowledge of Jesus or to any real faith in Jesus.

So many people - especially the youngsters of today - are so overwhelmed and hypnotized by all of the messages and distractions which abound in our 21st century society. They don't intentionally abandon the Lord, but rather, they've never heard or listened to Jesus' message and to our faith - most of our youngest members have just never been brought close to Jesus by their parents, their grandparents, or their family members! They haven't abandoned the Lord; they've just never been brought into his company.

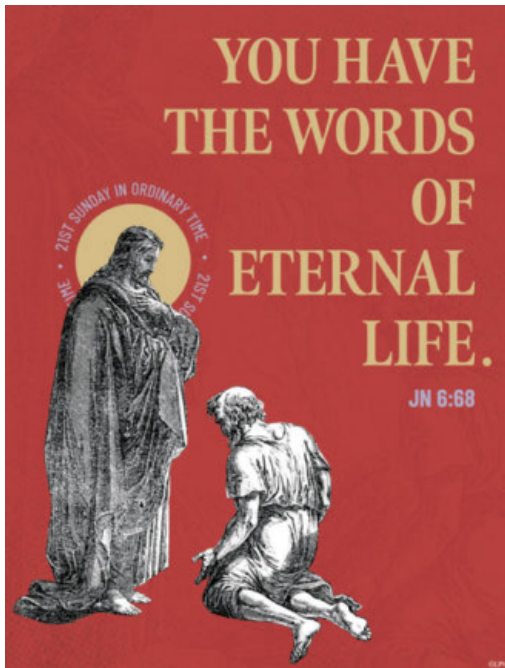
It's now time to have the same courage as the very first Christians who brought Jesus' Good News into the very pagan society of the first century A.D. It's time to introduce our younger generations to the Lord and all that he means to us, to our families, to the world, and to our eternal salvation. Have courage! Share the Lord and our faith with others - especially our youngest generations!

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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 all your neighbors, friends, and loved ones. God bless!

Yours,
Father Jim Torquato



Thank you for your generous financial contributions to

SAINT PHILIP PARISH!



Your goodness and participation help to keep our parish alive!



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!



**BIBLE READINGS
FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday, August 25

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

Weekdays

2 Thessalonians 1 - 3;
Matthew 23 - 25

Sunday, September 1

Deuteronomy 4:1 - 8;
James 1:17 - 27;
Mark 7:1 - 23



**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 Fee" expected of each parish according to their

FINANCIAL REPORT  **OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES**

Sunday collections, **August 17-18** -- \$8,437.00*

** Includes Mail-in donations*

Online donations, August 17-18 -- \$1,494.50

Maintenance donations -- \$938.00

Religious Education donations -- \$75.00

Assumption Holy Day Collection -- \$2,649.33

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

Parish income received since July 1, 2024 -- \$91,450.03

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 17-18 -- 628

Sunday envelopes used August 17-18 -- 260

Total households receiving envelopes -- 1,058

2024 Parish Appeal Goal -- \$128,119.00

Parish Appeal received as of August 18 -- \$132,925.08*

** Includes online Parish Appeal donations*

2024 Parish Appeal Donors -- 249

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 neces-

sary assessment for the funding of our diocesan church and operating budget.

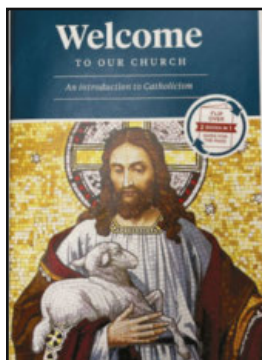
Now that our 2024 goal has been met, we will gratefully continue to receive and accept additional contributions to the Annual Parish Appeal. As in past years, the amount contributed above the annual goal remains with our parish for our own operating budget. Again, thanks very much to all of this year's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



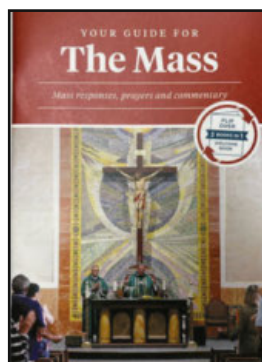
Parish News

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!

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!

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.

MEN'S RETREAT

The annual Saint Philip Parish Men's Retreat will be held **September 13-15** at Saint Paul's Retreat Center on the Southside. If you have never attended here are five reasons to consider attending the retreat:

1. Time to reflect in quiet prayer
2. Time to enjoy good food and great dining
3. Time to meet and network with others
4. Time to celebrate the Sacraments even if it's been a while
5. Time to renew your faith & strengthen your relationships

Come for the weekend or just a day. For a schedule of each day's activity, please visit <https://saintphilipparishpgh.com/assets/2024MensRetreatSchedule.pdf>. Call Al Bannon at 412-853-1341 or Joe Hoover at 412-310-6691.

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. Our revised parish budget now allows us to hire two new, part time staff members. These additional part time staff members will allow us to reassign some of the duties and work of our current staff members -and thereby enhance our current programs.

First, we're very pleased to welcome Mrs. Denise Ball to our parish staff as the new, part-time Events Coordinator within our Faith Formation Program. Denise brings tremendous talent and experience to her work, and she has been involved this past year in our Sunday Children's Liturgy program. Denise will be working with our many adult and children's programs throughout the year. Welcome, Denise!

Second, our new part time Safe Environment Coordinator will be Mr. Gary Urbatis. For years, Gary has been a dedicated member of Saint Philip Parish as well as the Saint Philip Parish Finance Council. Gary is also volunteer camera operator for our weekly 9:30am Liturgy shared on Facebook, and he is an active participant in the diocesan Catholic Alumni Club and the local Emmaus House programs.

Both Mrs. Denise Ball and Mr. Gary Urbatis are excellent part-time additions to our parish staff. Please welcome them as they begin their ministry!

Finally, as always, thanks to all of you - our parish members and families - for your participation and support, as well as your financial contributions, which continue to keep Saint Philip Parish vital and strong!

THIS WEEKEND - SPECIAL COLLECTION

The Second Collection taken up at all the Masses this 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.



We offer our sympathy to the family of **Robert F. Provolt** 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 Frank Racny, Orville & Eve St. Clair and Anna Winfield*
Offered by Family

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *In Loving Memory of Robert Badish*
Offered by Kathleen Badish



HOWARD HANNA

REAL ESTATE SERVICES

MARIBETH CRINGLE, REALTOR

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

DONATE ONLINE 

Make donating easy!

Your regular online contributions to Saint Philip Parish are encouraged and always welcome!

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



Faith Formation /Religious Education

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

REFLECTIONS FROM MARYANN: The Responsorial Psalm for this Sunday is: "Taste and See the goodness of the Lord." As we continue our celebration of the Eucharistic Revival, we are reminded that we encounter Jesus in the Eucharist.

Eve St. Clair In the book, *Living the Mass* by Fr. Dominic Grassi and Joe Paprocki, we read, "Through the Church, the Holy spirit does indeed teach us and remind us of what Jesus told us. These teachings provide the tools we need to carry out our responsibilities as disciples of Christ who literally go in peace, glorifying the Lord with our lives. All these teachings suggest concrete ways to carry out the task of discipleship and the manner in which to do it. When we celebrate the Eucharist, we not only receive the strength, nourishment, and direction for carrying out this task—we actually begin the task. The word liturgy—another word for the Mass—comes from the Greek word leitourgia, meaning the 'work of the people.' In other words, the Mass is not a rehearsal or a warm-up for the work that follows; it is the place where we begin the work that we will continue as we leave."

Let us remind ourselves, now that vacations are over and Summer is winding down, to encounter Jesus weekly through the Liturgy where we begin the work of discipleship for the coming days and weeks ahead. If anyone would like a copy of *Living the Mass*, please contact the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FORMS:

Forms for preschool through 8th grade have been sent out. Please return the form as soon as possible so that we may have enough instructional materials for your child. You can return them to the Office of Faith Formation at 114 Berry Street.

If you are new to the program and would like to register, call 412-922-6388 and a form will be mailed to you.



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.

Menu: h'ordeves, roasted chicken, seasoned potatoes, green beans almondine, macaroons and Petit Fours.
Variety of beverages.

**Deadline for reservations
is AUGUST 28**

Call now - 412-922-6388!

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!

LITTLE ONES MINISTRY

Saint Philip Faith Formation Program invites children ages 3-5 to our weekly preschool program. Preschool age children also have the option to attend Family Activity Night once-per-month if they wish. We have experienced catechists, learning activities, snack time, prayer time and catechetical instruction. Call 412-922-6388 for information.

Saint Philip Parish
TRAVEL MINISTRY

Presents
Catholic Canton
Wednesday, October 23, 2024

- Depart Ascension Church, 7:00am
- Travel to Mother Angelical Museum in Canton, Ohio
- Visit the Lourdes grotto and celebrate Mass in Ark of the Covenant Chapel
- Enjoy a delicious catered lunch
- Visit the Rhoda Wise House & Grotto.
- Enjoy a stop at a special "sweet shop" and dinner on your own
- Arrive back home at approximately 8:00pm.

Call 412-922-6388 for reservations. Non-refundable cost is \$119.00 and includes all admissions, lunch, transportation and Pilgrimage Coordinator. Limited to 50 people.

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

We are launching a catechetical ministry for children with special needs. Saint Philip Parish will be using the Loyola Press *Finding God Adaptive Program*. The program sessions are on Mondays from 6:30pm to 7:45pm on Saint Philip church campus. If you would like more information or to enroll your child, call 412-922-6388.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Our Saint Philip Parish September Liturgy schedule will be as follows:

Sunday, September 8:

9:30am Mass at Ascension Church

Sunday, September 23:

11:00am Mass at Saint Philip Church

SAINT PHILIP PARISH

LADIES OF *Charity*

The next meeting of the Ladies of Charity will be held on **Thursday, September 12 at 7:00pm** in Ascension Church Conner Hall. New members are welcome.



The Saint Philip Ladies of Charity attended the Diocese of Pittsburgh Annual Meeting on August 10 at Saint Thomas More church. They joined 245 women for an inspiring talk on "Mary, Mother of the Eucharist," followed by a light lunch. Interested in learning more? Join our next meeting in September.

KITCHEN TABLE MINISTRY

Sunday, September 8 from 10:30am to 11:30am at Ascension Church Conner Hall: Drop-In Sunday for coffee, donuts, blood pressure screening, and a listening ear.

Tuesday, September 10: Anxious for Nothing 5-week video discussion series. Refreshments will be served.



Relaxation ideas from *Kitchen Table Ministry* to help savor the summer:

1. **Walking:** Take a brisk walk in nature or around your neighborhood.
2. **Stretching:** Perform a series of gentle stretches to release physical tension.
3. **Cooking or baking:** Prepare a simple, healthy meal or bake something you enjoy.
4. **Listening to music:** Enjoy your favorite music.
5. **Meditation:** Spend a few minutes reciting a word or phrase.
6. **Napping:** Take a short nap to refresh.
7. **Reading:** Read a book or magazine that interests you.
8. **House cleaning:** Tidy up a small space while mindfully focusing on each task.
9. **Sipping tea:** Enjoy a cup of herbal tea while sitting quietly.
10. **Journaling:** Write in a journal to express your thoughts and feelings.



JOB OPPORTUNITY

SRCES - Guardian Angel Academy is looking for a vibrant full-time or part-time preschool aide to help educate, care for and inspire the young minds in our preschool. You will assist the teacher in using a variety of teaching methods, including artistic expression, educational play, and storytelling. You will help the children learn to identify shapes, colors, numbers and letters while supporting the development of foundational life skills and preparing the students for the next stage of formal education.

For more information or to apply, send an email to Principal Robert Munz at rmunz@guardianangelacademy.org with a letter of interest and a resume.

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!



Guardian Angel Academy

One of the South Region Catholic Elementary Schools (SRCES)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As Guardian Angel Academy prepares to begin a new school year, please consider making a donation to our Guardian Angel Fund. The goal of Guardian Angel Academy is to continue to make a difference in every child who attends our school. With the help of donations from our supporters, we can continue to provide a quality Catholic Education for families who may otherwise not be able to afford it. With your generous support were we able to assist several families last year.

Your donation will be placed into our Guardian Angel Fund and will assist these families in need. You may also sponsor a child. Our tuition rate for the 2024 -2025 school year for one child is \$5,115.00. Your donation is tax-deductible. An acknowledgment letter of your contribution to Guardian Angel Academy will be provided for tax purposes. If you have any questions on how you can sponsor a child or about making a donation to our Guardian Angel Fund, please call me at school at (412) 922-4765 or write me via email at rmunz@guardianangelacademy.org. Thanks again for your generous support of Guardian Angel Academy. It is greatly appreciated!

Many Blessings,
Mr. Munz, Principal

ENROLL TODAY FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

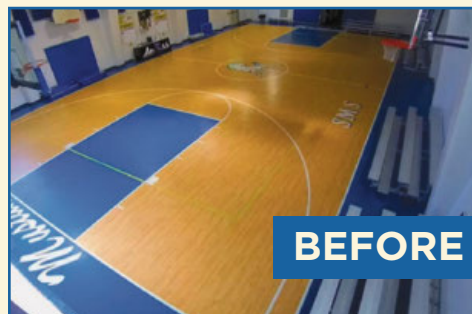
Guardian Angel Academy is accepting registrations for the 2024-2025 school year. Secure a spot for your children today and provide them with an outstanding Catholic education in our parish's regional school.

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

GYM FLOOR REBRANDING

One of our big capital improvement projects this summer was the rebranding of our gym floor. We removed the old St. Margaret of Scotland Mustangs logos and replaced them with our new Guardian Angel Academy Warriors logos. The project began on June 19th and was completed on August 6th. The gym floor looks great and we are so excited for our athletic program and gym classes to use the new rebranded floor.

SPECIAL THANKS to BRIAN WILSON of WILSON EFX SIGNS AND GRAPHICS for doing such an amazing job. Here are before and after pictures of the project. Next up, new wall mats and some additional painting for the home of the Warriors!





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 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 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 valuable time to process all of the donations that we received.

We need your help!

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 for more information about volunteering, call, text or email us at 412-444-8140 or svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com. Thank you!

Over the past week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a woman with \$206 toward her electric bill; a woman was given \$297 to avoid a gas shut off; a single mother was given a clothing voucher and \$100 Connect Card; a man was given various furniture items; a woman was given a bed; a woman was given a clothing voucher; and a couple was given various furniture items and a household goods voucher. 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.

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Ascension Campus 2:00pm - 5:00pm
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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. Reservation deadline is September 9!***

If you plan to attend our Parish Picnic, make a reservation by filling out this form and putting it in the collection basket or calling 412-922-6388. Thank you!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Adults attending: _____

Children and ages: _____



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 mean 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 is \$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!



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.



CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Join us for an inspiring and spiritually enriching event at the 16th Gathering of Catholic Men on **Saturday, September 21** at the Duquesne University Union Ballroom (1000 Locust Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15282). This year's theme, "*The Eucharist: Source of Our Healing & Hope*," promises to be a profound experience of faith and fellowship. For more information and to register, visit www.cmfwpa.org.

HELP FOR MARRIAGES

Is your marriage on the right path or a bit off track? Life and marriage can be tough. Retrouvaille offers hope. This peer ministry of volunteer couples teaches healthy communication tools to build intimacy, heal, and get your relationship back on track. For confidential info about our **September 13-15** weekend, call 412-277-3434 or email 3041R@HelpOurMarriage.org.

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 complete details about this USA Pickleball sanctioned tournament.

ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE THE LORD?

In the three years since the severe impact of COVID-19, life has steadily rebounded.

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.

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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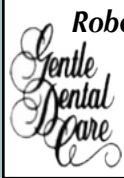
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