



Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

OFFICE HOURS

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

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CRISIS SUPPORT/SUICIDE PREVENTION

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



Week of September 1, 2024

**22ND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

SAINT PHILIP CATHOLIC PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Catholic Community of Saint Philip Parish, united in faith and empowered by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, are firmly committed to promoting full and active participation in the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church.

We answer the call of the Gospel to bring about the kingdom of justice and peace through worship, education, service, and stewardship.

Saint Philip Church

50 West Crafton Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Ascension Church

114 Berry Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Guardian Angel Academy

915 Alice Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15220
Mr. Robert Munz, Principal



CONFESSION

Available Saturdays from 12:00pm to 1:00pm at *Ascension Church*.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: A seminar is required for first-time parents. Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month at 12:15pm at *Saint Philip Church* or at *Ascension Church*. Call the Faith Formation Office at 412-922-6388 for more information.

Matrimony: The Pastor is to be contacted 6-18 months in advance of the requested wedding date. Participation in a Pre-Marriage Program is required. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Anointing of the Sick: Following a weekend Mass and on the last Saturday of the month at 8:30am at *Ascension Church*.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA): Call the Faith Formation Office at 412-922-6388 for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

LOCATION	TIME	PRIEST'S INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
SATURDAY, 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
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 — WEEKDAY (LABOR DAY)			
Saint Philip	9:00am	Deceased of the McDonald, Auth & Weber Families	McDonald Family
TUESDAY, SEPT. 3 — ST. GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH			
Ascension	8:00am	Dukovich & Ruffalo Families	Rose Dukovich
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Edward J. Mattern	Mary Clare & Tom Gerlowski
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 — SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA, RELIGIOUS			
Ascension	8:00am	Esther Bigger	Chuck & Carol McConville
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Kormick Family	Marcy Kormick
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 — THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Bill Solt	Carol Solt
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Leah Gerger	Katie
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 — TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
St. Philip	7:00am	Arthur Butter	Friends of the Authur Butter Family
Ascension	9:30am	Klinkner & Sansoni Families	Mary Klinkner
Saint Philip	11:00am	Santo Rea	Family



Notes from the Pastor

Best wishes for this new month of September! While we're back to our busy months, I hope you'll take time for prayer, rest, and family time!

Recognizing the goodness of God

I think that, somewhere in our lifetime, we've all heard the question: "And what have you done for ME lately?"

Yes, it is a question that is somewhat (if not entirely) selfish, but it's also a question which is certainly NOT uncommon in our society.

Living in today's society which is becoming less and less Christian, the thought of actually being selfless, generous to others, humble, grateful, and deferential is NOT nearly as common as it's been in our society and our nation. With religious faith and observance being cast aside by more and more Americans, a greater number of people are instead asking that age old question: "What have you - or anyone - done FOR ME lately?"

In today's second Bible reading - from the New Testament Letter of Saint James - we hear once again the important reminder that we are blessed to be born and alive on this earth. We're also reminded that God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit fill the lives of each and everyone of us with countless and wonderful gifts - gifts of life, family, faith, sustenance, support, shelter, joy, hope, and many other graces.

Despite the decline of Christian faith and discipleship in our nation today, may we be the faithful people who continue to profess our faith



JOSEPH ALLEN'S *Call to the Order of Deacons*

With gratitude to Our Lord, we are pleased to make the following announcement.

Joseph R. Allen of Saint Philip Parish has been called by his Bishop, the Most Reverend David A. Zubik, D.D., to the Order of Diaconate to be conferred at an ordination ceremony to be held on **Saturday, October 5, 2024**, in Saint Paul Cathedral, Pittsburgh.

in God - and who continue, first and foremost, to be individuals and families who recognize the many blessings that are given us each day. May we regularly remind our family members, friends, and neighbors that, before we ask for more from the Lord, we should recognize all that we have received and still receive.

In acknowledging God's generous goodness, may we offer thanks to the Lord our God before we ask for anything more. May we keep in mind that God is good to us every moment of every day. May our sincere gratitude be always overflowing, and may we be true examples of thankfulness every day to all those with whom we share this life - life that is constantly filled with the goodness and love of god the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen!

Best wishes for a very good Labor Day holiday!

May everyone - all our parish members and families - enjoy a very good Labor Day holiday this Monday. As we honor all those who labor for the sake of their family - and our community and nation, may this be a good family time of rest and recreation. May the Lord Jesus keep you and your family members and friends healthy, holy, and at peace. God bless!

Yours, Father Jim Torquato

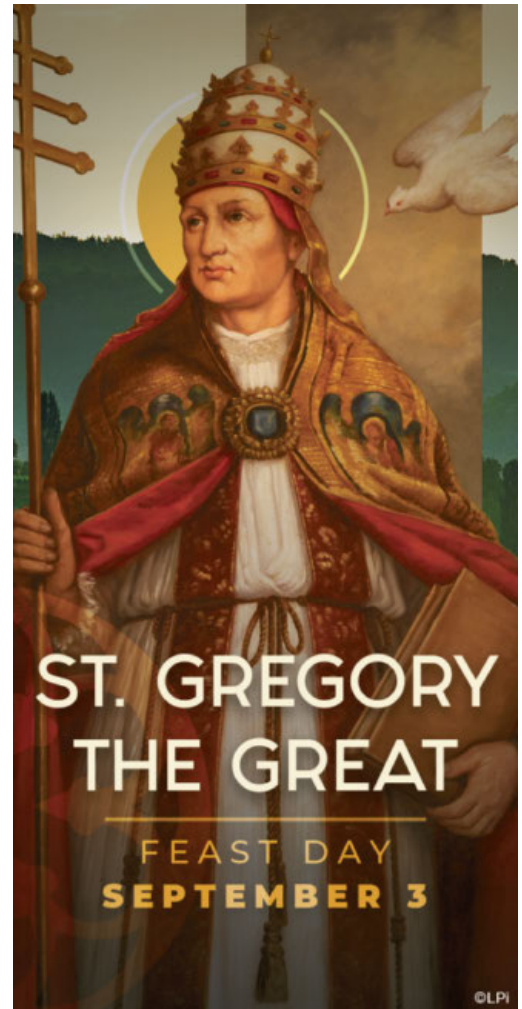


Our Labor Day Holiday

Established more than a century ago, our national Labor Day holiday was added to the official calendar of the United States to honor the countless tens of millions of Americans who work outside their home - and now inside their home as well - for the support of their families and for the strength and vitality of our nation.

Supported by Labor Unions - and the Catholic Church, the Labor movement has accomplished great achievements for laborers in every line of work. The Labor movement brought significant recognition to the daily, hard work of all Americans, and it has been of tremendous benefit to our country and to all our fellow citizens.

From the beginning of humanity, work has been essential to our living and to our esteem and dignity. While the Covid-19 Pandemic has sadly diminished the general appreciation of work in our culture, may we who are Catholic Christians continue to acknowledge the goodness of labor. May we also encourage our family members and neighbors to work diligently and honestly for the welfare of our society, our nation, our families, and our very own lives!



Thank you for your generous financial contributions to

SAINT PHILIP PARISH!



Your goodness and participation help to keep our parish alive!



BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 1

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

Weekdays

1 Corinthians 2 - 4;
Luke 4 - 6

Sunday, September 8

Isaiah 35:4-8;
James 2:1-5;
Mark 7:31-37



FINANCIAL REPORT OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collections, **August 24-25** -- \$9,993.00*

** Includes Mail-in donations*

Online donations, August 24-25 -- \$2,574.50

Maintenance donations -- \$290.00

Religious Education donations -- \$127.00

Communications Campaign Collection, Aug. 25 -- \$2,026.33

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

Parish income received since July 1, 2024 -- \$104,434.53

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 24-25 -- 638

Sunday envelopes used August 24-25 -- 280

Total households receiving envelopes -- 1,058

2024 Parish Appeal Goal -- \$128,119.00

Parish Appeal received as of August 25 -- \$133,282.08*

** Includes online Parish Appeal donations*

2024 Parish Appeal Donors -- 249

Grateful for your increased support!

During last year's *Forward in Faith!* Appeal, many of our parish families pledged a commitment to increase your weekly and monthly financial support for our parish community! Thank you for your dedication to Saint Philip Parish now and in the next generation.

Your increased contributions will soon be seen in our weekly collection totals and in the total parish income for this fiscal year. Should anyone need a reminder of the amount that you pledged, please contact our parish during weekly office hours.

Once again, thank you all for your support of our Catholic parish community - and for your dedication to and support of Saint Philip Parish today and in the years ahead.

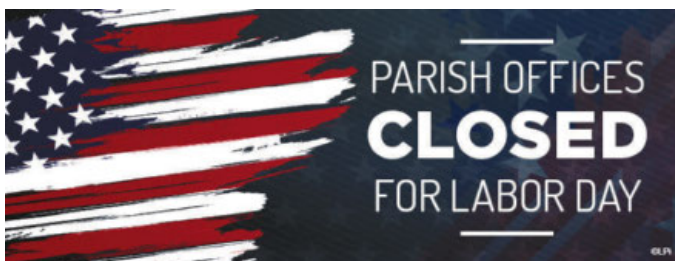


Parish News



The annual Saint Philip Parish Men's Retreat will be held **September 13-15** at Saint Paul of the Cross Retreat Center. The schedule for the weekend includes the Sacrament of Reconciliation, quiet prayer, workshops, group prayer, Liturgy, the opportunity to speak one-on-one with a priest, time for relaxation and great meals.

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



EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND ADORATION

This coming **Saturday, September 7, from 8:30am until 9:30am**, our parish will hold our monthly time of prayer and thanksgiving in the presence of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

All are welcome to attend and to participate in this time of prayer, silence, and adoration in order to give honor and thanks to Jesus. This is also a time to deepen your love for and your closeness to Jesus present in the Eucharist!

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION

Catholic schooling is the most effective way to ensure that our Catholic Faith is passed on for future generations. For some parents a Catholic education is not attainable without tuition assistance.

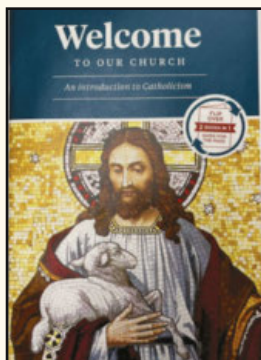
You can help these parents, their children and your Church with a generous gift to **next weekend's special collection for the Bishop's Education Fund**. All the money collected will help these families to meet the rising cost of tuition in our Catholic schools.

REMEMBERING LOST CHILDREN IN PRAYER

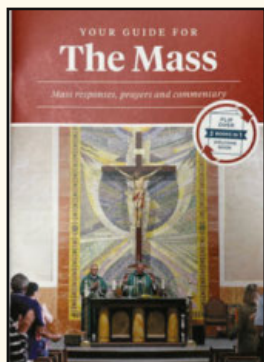
On **Saturday, September 14, at 10:30am**, in the Rachel Garden near the Calvary Cemetery mausoleums (718 Hazelwood Avenue, 15217), Rachel's Vineyard of Pittsburgh will host a memorial prayer service to remember and pray for all the children of our diocese who were lost before their birth.

As Catholic Christians, we always pray for those making their journey home to the Lord. The loss of any child is certainly a time of great sorrow. This prayer service is meant to benefit the Lord's littlest children - and to bring comfort and consolation to parents and family members. For further information, call Toni at 412-352-5348.

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!

ANNUAL PARISH FLEA MARKET

We are happy to announce that our popular Flea Market, luncheon, and Bake Sale will be held **Saturday, October 12**.

This is a great opportunity to de-clutter your home of unwanted "Treasures." We're sorry but we are unable to accept clothing, bedding, encyclopedias, TVs, large appliances, furniture, stuffed animals, or anything with freon.

KITCHEN TABLE MINISTRY: ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING

Join Saint Philip Parish for this 5-week video discussion series that begins on **Tuesday, September 10 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm** in Ascension Church Conner Hall. We will examine feelings of anxiety and discover ways to address these feelings and experience the peace of Christ.

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



We offer our sympathy to the family of **Tamara "Tammy" Parke** who entered into eternal life. Please keep her in your prayers.

Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns *In Loving Memory of Denk & Moses Families*
Offered by Evelyn Moses

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *In Loving Memory of Coleman Donley*
Offered by Parents



ALLEGEHENY INVESTMENTS

THE HOOVER GROUP

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

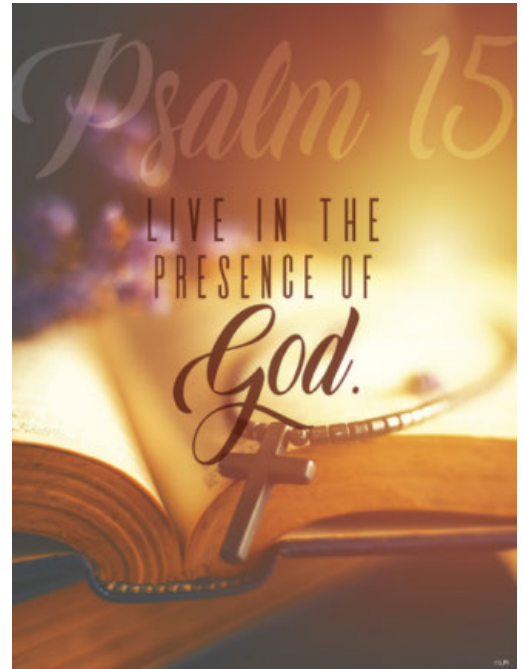
Ms. MaryAnn Garfold, Director of Religious Education
412-922-6388 m.garfold@saintphilipparish.com

REFLECTIONS FROM MARYANN: In the second reading for the weekend of September 1 we hear Saint James tell us, *“Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.”* As we approach the season of Autumn, we might be ready for a change, not only in the weather, but in our spiritual life as well.

As September is upon us, we might think of doing something different this year. At Saint Philip Parish we have many opportunities to grow and share our faith. Below are a few of the opportunities that will be available this Fall. Perhaps you might consider joining one of these opportunities even if you do not currently know anyone who is attending. Why not give it a try?

Let us, *“Be doers of the word and not hearers only.”* Saint Philip needs you! If you want to get involved with any of the events listed below, please call 412-922-6388 to learn more.

- Dinner with Saint Vincent de Paul on Wednesday, September 4 at 6:15pm
- Order of Christian Initiation on Thursdays at 6:30pm
- Legion of Mary on Thursdays at 6:30pm
- Faith Formation for Children on Mondays at 6:30pm
- Hooks & Needles on Tuesdays at 9:00am
- Small Faith Community on Wednesdays
- Ladies of Charity on Thursday, September 12 at 7:00pm
- Grief Support Group on Thursday, September 19 at 2:00pm
- Kitchen Table Wellness Ministry, “Anxious for Nothing” on September 10 at 7:00pm
- Salvation History Adult Education on September 10 at 7:00pm
- Dinner with Saint Francis on Wednesday, September 25 at 6:15pm
- Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 15 at 2:00pm
- Travel Ministry to Canton, Ohio on October 23
- Saint Vincent de Paul
- Christian Men’s Fellowship



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Sessions begin **Monday, September 16 at 6:30pm** on Saint Philip campus. Please return your completed registration form as soon as possible. If you are new to the program and would like to register, call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

TEEN LEADERSHIP SERVICE CORPS

PARENTS OF TEENS: UNLOCK YOUR TEEN’S POTENTIAL

We are in need of high school parents who would be willing to assist the Office of Faith Formation with our Teen Service Corps. Teens earn high school service hours and valuable recommendations for college or employment by helping others. Time commitment is minimal. Please call 412-922-6388 for information.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Wednesday September 4: Dinner with Saint Vincent de Paul at 6:15 at Ascension Church Conner Hall

Thursday, September 5: Legion of Mary at 6:30pm at Ascension Rectory

Sunday, September 8: Kitchen Table Ministry's coffee, donuts and blood pressure screenings at 10:30am at Ascension church

Monday, September 9: Diocese of Pittsburgh Catechist Meeting at 7:00pm



Our **Dinner with SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL** is **Wednesday, September 4 from 6:15pm to 8:00pm**. Come join us and learn the events in Saint Vincent de Paul's life that led him to Christ. Discover his wisdom and seek his help in becoming closer to Jesus. For reservations call 412-922-6388.

Come enjoy an authentic Italian **Dinner with SAINTS FRANCIS & CLAIRE OF ASSISI** on **Wednesday, September 25 from 6:15pm to 8:00pm**. Sister Janet Gardner, OSF will share with us the story and life of the saints as well as their spiritual wisdom. Come and find out what Saint Francis meant when he said, "Let us begin now because up to now we've done almost nothing." Saint Francis is the *Saint of Peace*, come and discover what that means in today's world and in our life. Let us join together and request the intercessions of Saints Francis and Claire. For reservations call 412-922-6388.

WORLD DAY OF
PRAYER FOR
THE CARE OF

Creation

In recent years, Pope Francis designated **September 1** every year as the **World Day of Prayer for the Care for Creation**. In Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Laudato Si*, he calls on all Christians and all people to care for the earth - our one and only home. The Holy Father reminds us both to care for our home and to also pray - pray to the Lord that all people will be inspired by the Holy Spirit to care for the earth in very responsible and sustainable ways.



Reuse
Reduce
Recycle

While many people take reducing, recycling, and re-using seriously, there are still a great many among us who do not. While some governments, corporations, and organizations are dedicated to caring for the environment and the earth, many of them are slow to respond to this call to be responsible for the earth - both for our own day and for the benefit of future generations.

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING

There will be a meeting on **Thursday, September 19 at 7:00pm** in the parish library for parents of any student wanting to participate in the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Spring of 2025.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

At this time Saint Philip Parish has 3 children and 1 adult in our OCIA Program. If you have a school-age child who is not baptized or if you are an adult who was never baptized and would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith, call 412-922-6388.

—KITCHEN TABLE MINISTRY NEWS—

DROP-IN SUNDAY: Join us on **Sunday, September 8, right after the 9:30am** Mass for our Drop-In Sunday event at Ascension Church Conner Hall. Enjoy coffee, donuts, and a friendly chat. We'll also offer blood pressure screenings and wellness information. And mark your calendars! Drop-In Sunday will be held monthly. The next event is on **October 6** at Saint Philip, following the 7:00am Mass in the cafeteria.

ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING: Join Saint Philip Parish for this five-week video discussion series. We will examine feelings of anxiety and discover ways to address these feelings and experience the peace of Christ. This series begins on **Tuesday, September 10 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm** in Ascension Church Conner Hall. There is no cost for this series and light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

A simple way to health is by keeping a gratitude journal. Studies show that keeping a gratitude journal helps bring joy and peace into our lives. It can help with our mood and general health. Below are five tips to keeping a gratitude journal:

- 1. Write regularly.** Write generally 1-3 times per week
- 2. Be specific.** Saying I'm grateful for lunch is not as powerful as saying I'm grateful for enjoying my favorite sandwich with friends, Mary and Sue.
- 3. Savor Surprises.** Notice the unexpected each day.
- 4. Be Personal.** Writing about feelings and reactions helps more than just describing something.
- 5. Enjoy the moment.** It's about quality not quantity.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE™



From Sept. 25 through Nov. 3, you're invited to join other Christians for **40 Days for Life** – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: **Nikki Bruni, nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com, or Jen McDevitt, pghsaland365@gmail.com**

- **24,801 babies saved**
- **261 abortion workers converted**
- **154 abortion centers closed!**

Kick-off Mass at Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church on **Tuesday, September 24 at 6:30pm**, followed by a *Eucharistic Procession* to Planned Parenthood. Father Chris Donley will preside at the Liturgy. All Christians are welcome to participate in this free event!

Jericho March around Planned Parenthood on **Sunday, September 22 at 3:30pm**, led by Pastor Joe Stump of Lincoln Place Church of the Nazarene! Join us as we pray and walk around Planned Parenthood SEVEN TIMES!

40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh for more info, or check out our blog at 40daysforlifepittsburgh.com

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*



located at 19 May Avenue, McKees Rocks, PA 15136. The phone number for the Holy Family Institute is 412-331-8665.

We still desperately need volunteers for our furniture mission, as well as Spanish-speaking volunteers to assist our food pantry once per month (*but if you only speak English, that's OK too!*) If you would like to volunteer or to get more information, call or text our hotline at 412-444-8140 or email us at svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com. Thank you!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

If you read our weekly column, you know how many neighbors in need reach out for assistance with their Duquesne Light bill. We always encourage them to sign up for the Duquesne Light Customer Assistance Program, or CAP, which provides year-round savings for eligible households who take advantage of the program. In order to qualify for CAP, monthly household income for a household of one must be at or below \$1,883; \$2,555 for a household of two; \$3,228 for a household of three; and \$3,900 for a household of four (and there are higher limits for even larger households).

Qualifying households are billed based on their income and household size, not their electric usage. If you heat your house with electricity, you may qualify for a payment as low as \$40/month. If you do not heat your house with electricity, you may qualify for a payment as low as \$20/month. CAP can also be a big help to customers who enter into the program with a delinquent account balance. That balance will be forgiven over 24 months as you make your monthly CAP payments on-time. However, please note that you do not need to have a delinquent account balance in order to join the CAP program - all that you need to do is meet the income eligibility criteria.

In order to learn more or apply for Duquesne Light's CAP, apply online at <https://duquesnelight.com/account-billing/payment-assistance/customer-assistance-program/cap-application>, or reach out to a local CAP agency office, such as the Holy Family Institute

Over the past week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a woman with \$300 toward her security deposit; a single mother was given \$400 toward her electric bill; a single mother was given a \$100 PRT Connect Card; a single mother was given \$221 to stop an electric shutoff; a woman was assisted with \$302 to stop an electric shutoff; a woman was given a bed and dresser; a man was given a monthly bus pass; a woman was given a \$50 household goods voucher; a man was assisted with \$386 to stop an electric shutoff; and a family that was sleeping on the floor was provided with two beds and other furniture items. It was a busy week, and we couldn't have done it without your generous support; thank you!

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.



SAINT PHILIP PARISH PICNIC



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. 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: _____



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 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

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.

SEPTEMBER PITTSBURGH IRISH FESTIVAL

This coming weekend, **September 6-8**, the annual Pittsburgh Irish Festival will be celebrated at the Historic Carrie Blast Furnaces near Swissvale. Each year, this event includes three days of Irish music, dancing, storytelling, entertainment, food and beverages, Irish genealogy, virtual visits to Ireland, a children's area, Gaelic sports, Irish heritage education, raffles, and an Irish marketplace. All are welcome! Visit www.pghirishfest.org for full information and tickets.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO SHRINES OF EUROPE

Next year, a local pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines of France, Spain, and Portugal will be led by "*A Pilgrim's Journey*" and Perillo Tours along with Father Brendan Dawson, pastor of Saint Jude Parish in Shadyside and Morningside. The dates are **October 29 - November 9, 2025**. The cost is \$4,799 from Pittsburgh. The shrines to be visited will include Fatima, Guadalupe, Zaragoza, Montserrat, and Lourdes. Information is available at Groups@Perillotours.com OR by calling Jolene at 1-855-784-7687.

90th Pittsburgh Eucharistic Rosary March

On **Sunday, October 6, 1:30pm**, at Epiphany Church near PPG Paints Arena, all are welcome to join this year's Eucharistic Rosary March in downtown Pittsburgh sponsored by the Legion of Mary. A Liturgy will be celebrated with Auxiliary Bishop Waltersheid followed by the annual procession of the Blessed Sacrament through downtown. For information, please visit www.pittsburghregia.com. All are welcome!

MOTORCOACH TRIP TO LANCASTER THEATERS

A weekend motorcoach trip to Lancaster this **November 13-15** will include performances of "Daniel" at the Sight and Sound Theater as well as "Joy to the World" at the American Music Theater.

Also included are lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, a train ride, a local tour, lots of shopping, and more. This event is sponsored by the Ohio Valley Nurses Alumni Association. \$588 per person for a double room, and \$737 per person for a single room. Call Evelyn Moses (412-921-6388) for full information.



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