



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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- Ms. MaryAnn Garfold, Faith Formation Director
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- Ms. Dorothy Mancini, Assistant Organist
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CRISIS SUPPORT/SUICIDE PREVENTION

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



Week of September 8, 2024

23RD 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, 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
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 — SAINT PETER CLAVER, PRIEST			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Claire Beitler	Karen Beitler
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Denk & Moses Families	Evelyn
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 — WEEKDAY (PATRIOT DAY)			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 — THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY			
Ascension	8:00am	Metro & Mari Novoselski	Paula & Ray Butter
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 — SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Kimberly Dettor	McDevitt Family
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 — THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS			
Ascension	8:00am	Smith & Lugaila Families	Family
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	John C. Sebesta	Family
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Beistel Family	Jane Beistel
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 — TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Thomas Kelly	Patrick Kelly
Ascension	9:30am	Joseph Varvaro	Wife
Saint Philip	11:00am	Harry & Dorothy Phillips	Kraemer Family
BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: Should be submitted to m.takach@saintphilipparish.com no later than 12:00pm on Friday to be included in the following week's bulletin.			





Notes from the Pastor

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

Healing and miracles

During the public ministry of Jesus twenty centuries ago, many disciples and spectators were drawn to Him by His teaching and sharing the Good News with the people of Israel in His day. We read in the Gospel accounts that thousands journeyed to see and to hear the Lord during His travels and His visits.

In addition, countless individuals and families were also drawn to Jesus because of the miracles and the healing which He shared with many who were crippled and ill.

In today's Gospel according to Mark 7:31-37, the people brought to Jesus a man who was deaf and suffering from a speech impediment. Without the medical services which are commonplace today, Jesus - with the power of God - healed the man of his conditions.

It's no surprise then that more and more disciples and followers saw the wonderful marvels that Jesus was performing. It's no surprise then that Jesus' healings and miracles - along with His compassion, mercy, and teaching - excited the people of Israel and inspired many to place their faith in Him in His own day.

Even today, the healings and miracles of the Lord continue to inspire faith in many Catholic Christians and in other members of the Lord's flock.

Thankfully, such healings and miracles still continue today thanks to the ministry of Jesus' disciples and holy ones.

With faith, training, knowledge, and grace, so many in the medical profession bring healing to an extraordinary number of individuals each year. It's been Jesus' disciples who - in Catholic hospitals, medical clinics, nursing facilities, and other programs - began freely sharing medical care and treatment many centuries ago. Even today, it's many, many members of the Catholic Church who make healing and medical care their own mission in the name of the Lord.

Likewise, it's the holy ones of Jesus who - through their intercession in the Lord's presence - continue to gain miraculous healings as we see when the newest saints - and longtime saints as well - achieve miracles on behalf of numerous people even today.

Jesus came to bring 'salvation' - the name we give to eternal healing and health and life. May we be grateful that, in a world of darkness and death, Jesus still gives life, healing, and health to us - as well as the promise of resurrection and eternal glory. May we always be grateful to the Lord for the life He has given us, and may we enjoy and rejoice in the fullness of life that Jesus promises - and which He alone will give us!

Best wishes for these late summer weeks!

May everyone - all our parish members and families - enjoy very good days and weeks during these late summer and autumn months. May this continue to be a good time of celebration, prayer, rest and recreation. Finally, may the Lord Jesus keep you and your family members and friends healthy, holy, and always at peace. God bless!

Yours, Father Jim Torquato

What it means to be Catholic and Christian

Today, many people – *including Catholic Christians* – ask the question:

What do we mean by the name Catholic?

In the first generations of the Lord's community (the Church), our ancestors who were becoming followers of the Risen Christ came to be called "Christians." This is still the name that we receive and proclaim even today.

During later generations, small groups of Christians became very exclusive and pursued their own versions of the Christian faith and community. They often excluded the poor and uneducated and outcast. They typically considered themselves to be much better than the average, ordinary members of the Lord's Church. These groups were hostile to the Apostolic Church and its leaders – and caused many difficulties and upset through the early centuries.

As a result, in order to distinguish faithful Church members from those who created small, exclusive groups (those who came to be called 'heretics'), the Church began teaching that true disciples belonged to a "Catholic Church" – an inclusive Church of Christ that does not exclude anyone and which seeks to share the Good News and the grace of the Lord with all people everywhere.

Today, we often use the name "Catholic Christian" as a reminder that we are indeed Christians baptized into Christ Jesus – and that we belong to the one Catholic Church (*universal, inclusive, open to all*) established by Jesus upon the foundation of Peter and the Apostles which welcomes all people and seeks to share salvation with all who believe and live in the Lord Jesus. We are and always have been the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church for nearly 2,000 years!



Prayer for Grandparents

Dear God,

What a grace to live in a world of all ages and stages. Bless our grandparents, today and always. Thank You for their experiences, wisdom, and insight. Thank You for the gifts they bring the Church. Thank You for the lessons they teach the next generations. Amen.

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 8

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

Weekdays

1 Corinthians 5-9;
Luke 6

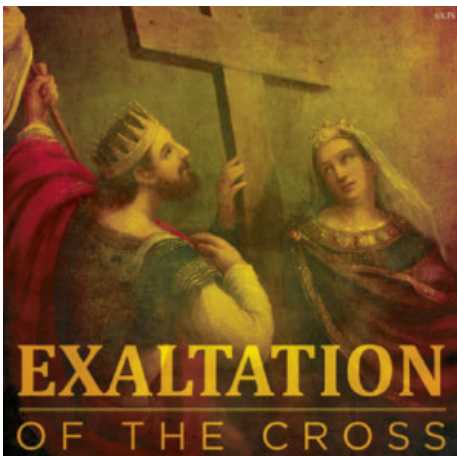
Sunday, September 15

Isaiah 50:4-9;
James 2:14-18;
Mark 8:27-35



IF WE LEARN NOTHING ELSE FROM THIS TRAGEDY, WE LEARN THAT LIFE IS SHORT AND THERE IS NO TIME FOR HATE.

Sandy Dahl, wife of United Flight 93 pilot Jason Dahl



EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

FINANCIAL REPORT OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collections, **August 31- September 1** -- \$11,788.00*

** Includes Mail-in donations*

Online donations, August 31-September 1 -- \$2,377.50

Maintenance donations -- \$236.00

Religious Education donations -- \$145.00

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

Parish income received since July 1, 2024 -- \$118,981.03

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 Aug. 31-Sept. 1 -- 616

Sunday envelopes used Aug. 31-Sept. 1 -- 263

Total households receiving envelopes -- 1,058

2024 Parish Appeal Goal -- \$128,119.00

Parish Appeal received as of September 1 -- \$140,039.76*

**Includes online Parish Appeal donations*

2024 Parish Appeal Donors -- 249

One person each year...

At the heart of our Catholic Christian faith is Jesus' commission to the Apostles and all His disciples to "go out and preach the Good News." We are all called by our Baptism and our Confirmation to share the Lord with others and to grow the Kingdom - the Presence - of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit with our family and with others.

This year and every year, it will be good for each of us to *focus our encouragement and prayers on one chosen person each year* - doing our best to lead them to (or back to) the Lord Jesus and his Church. If we lead one person (family member or friend) to the Lord Jesus each year - instead of making some unfocused effort - then we're more likely to actually bring many others in the years ahead to life and salvation in the Lord!



Parish News

THIS 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 **this 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.



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!

SAINT PHILIP 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. 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. Visit <https://saintphilipparishpgh.com/assets/2024MensRetreatSchedule.pdf> for a schedule of each day's activity. To register or for more information, call Al Bannon at 412-853-1341 or Joe Hoover at 412-310-6691.

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.



FRANCIS AND CLARE OF ASSISI

Join us for an enchanting evening at Ascension Church Conner Hall on **Wednesday, September 25, from 6:15pm to 8:00pm**, for *Dinner with Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi*. The evening will feature the inspiring Sister Janet Gardner, OSF, who will lead us on a captivating journey through the wisdom and teachings of Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi.

Indulge in a delightful menu that includes appetizers, a hearty meat and vegetable lasagna, fresh salad, warm rolls, and a delectable tiramisu for dessert.

To reserve your seat, please call 412-922-6388. Everyone is welcome to this special event!

ANNUAL PARISH FLEA MARKET

We are happy to announce that our popular *Flea Market, Luncheon, and Bake Sale* will be held **Saturday, October 12 from 9:00am to 2:00pm** in Ascension Church Conner Hall.

Drop-Off Dates and Times: September 30, October 1, 3, 7, 8 and 11 from 9:00am to 10:00am and from 5:30pm to 7:00pm.

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.

We're looking forward to seeing you!



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.



We offer our sympathy to the family of **James E. Kelly, Sr.** 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 Clare & Edward Mattern*
Offered by Mary Clare & Tom Gerlowski

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *In Loving Memory of Theresa & Stanley Jakiel*
Offered by Kathleen Badish



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



Make donating easy!

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

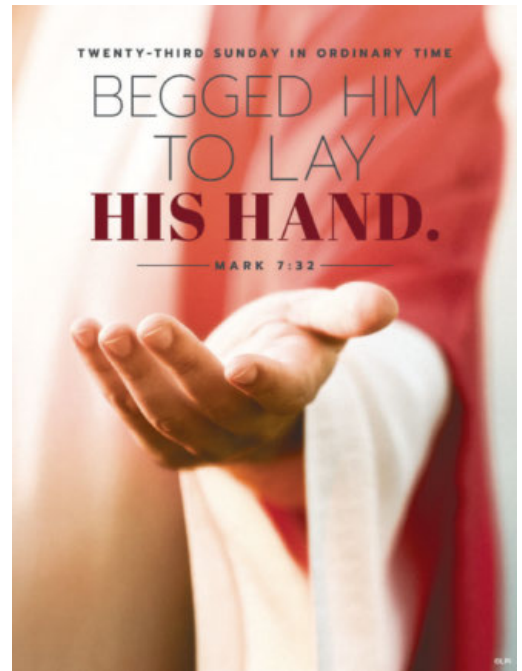
You can send your weekly donations through our *We Share!* internet service at **www.saintphilipchurch.weshareonline.org**.





Faith Formation /Religious Education

Ms. MaryAnn Garfold, Director of Religious Education
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REFLECTIONS FROM MARYANN: In the Gospel for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time we hear, “*And people brought to Him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged Him to lay His hand on him.*” We hear later in that same Gospel that Jesus touched the man’s ears and tongue and immediately the man’s ears were opened, and his speech impediment was removed.

We come to understand that the people and the man had faith. If we think about this Gospel a little more, we notice something else. In the book, Jesus Wears Socks with Sandals by S. James Meyer, he notes, “*It’s not enough merely to have faith... What if Saint Teresa of Calcutta only had faith? Obviously, she was a person of deep faith, but what if she only had faith? What if that’s where she had stopped? What if she had said, I care about the poor, so I’ll pray that God helps them but then she herself never scooped even one starving child from the streets?*”

We see in the New Testament Letter of James that faith without works is not enough. Are we willing to change so that we can become an instrument to bring about the Kingdom? Are we willing to back up our prayers with action.

There are many opportunities in Saint Philip Parish to accompany our faith with action. There are parish organizations such as the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and the Ladies of Charity. There are a variety of ministries in which we can become involved. All of these are wonderful experiences of accompanying our prayers and our faith with action. A list of these opportunities appeared in last Sundays bulletin.

FAITH IN ACTION

I would like to suggest one more way we can put our faith into action. Many of those inquiring into joining the Catholic Church or completing the Sacraments of Initiation at Saint Philip Parish have mentioned that they feel alone when they come to Mass. May I suggest that if we see someone at church we don’t recognize or if we see a new family, we might say “Hello” and introduce ourselves. One person told me that having someone say, “*Hello! It is so good to see you this morning,*” made all the difference in the decision to join the Catholic Church.

So, let us bring our brothers and sisters, through our actions, words and deeds, to Jesus and ask for His mercy and care for them and for ourselves. Then we can truly proclaim, “*Praise the Lord, my soul!*”

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Monday Night Faith Formation begins on **Monday, September 16 at 6:30pm** on the Saint Philip campus. Each child in attendance that evening will receive a welcome bag. To register your child in preschool through 8th grade, call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

Faith Formation Parent Meeting and Open House will be held on **Monday, September 23**. A Parent Meeting will be held at 6:30pm in Kelty Hall followed by an Open House where parents can visit their child's classroom, meet the teacher and participate in a lesson. The evening will conclude with an ice cream treat party in the cafeteria. Dismissal, for this evening only, will be from the cafeteria at 7:45pm. To register for Faith Formation Sessions, call 412-922-6388.

Our First **Family Night** will be **Monday, October 21**. The evening will begin at 6:30pm with a pizza supper. The topic will include the Sacraments of Initiation, prayer and a music sing-a-long. Please contact the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

CONFIRMATION: There will be a parent meeting on **Thursday, September 19 at 7:00pm** in the library for those students who will be preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in Spring of 2025. All 8th grade parents and students should attend.

BAPTISM: Sessions for new parents will be held once per month. Our next baptism class will be held on **Thursday, September 19 at 6:30pm** in the Administration Building. If you anticipate having your child baptized in October or November and this is your first child, please contact the Office of Faith Formation to register at 412-922-6388.

KITCHEN TABLE MINISTRY

Anxious for Nothing, a 5-week video discussion series, begins on **Tuesday, September 10 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm** in Ascension Church Conner

Hall. This series will examine feelings of anxiousness and talk about ways to address these feelings and experience the Peace of Christ. If you are feeling anxious by the daily news, worries about children, health issues, financial problems, or fears regarding future events, come and join us. Light refreshments will be served.

Saint Philip Parish TRAVEL MINISTRY



Presents

Catholic Canton **Wednesday, October 23, 2024**

We will depart from Ascension church at 7:00am with a breakfast stop en route. We will visit a guided tour of the Mother Angelica Museum; celebrate Mass in Mary, Ark of the Covenant Chapel; enjoy a catered lunch; and have free time to explore the Rosary Garden, Lourdes Grotto and Gift Shop.

During the afternoon we will visit the Rhoda Wise House where Rhoda experienced the apparitions of Our Lord and Saint Therese. Rhoda's cause for canonization was opened on October 7, 2016. A special "sweet stop" will be made before departing for home. A brief dinner stop on your own will be made on the way home. We will arrive back to Ascension at approximately 8:00pm.

Cost is \$119. Price includes, motorcoach transportation, group luncheon, all admissions & shrine donations, Pilgrimage Coordinator. The trip is non-refundable. To register or for information contact the Office of Faith Formation at 412-92-6388. Space is limited!

SAINT PHILIP PARISH

Faith Formation, Grades Pre-K - 8



Grades Preschool through 8th Monday Evenings from 6:30pm to 7:45pm

Join Our Faith Formation Program! We are excited to announce that Faith Formation Sessions will begin on **Monday, September 16 at 6:30pm** on the Saint Philip campus. To ensure your spot, please return your completed registration form as soon as possible.

New to the program? We warmly welcome you! To register, simply call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

*Don't miss this opportunity
to grow in faith and community.
We look forward to
seeing you there!*

- Opening Day Surprise Bags for all students
- Ice Cream Surprise on September 23
- Family Dinner Nights

- Finding God Curriculum Text
- Lessons using Art, Music, Movement
- Tours of the Church with Father Torquato
- Lesson on the Mass with Father Torquato
- Times of Prayer and Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
- Retreat Days and Days of Reflection

- Journey to Bethlehem
- Mardi Gras Pancake Supper
- Family Game Night

CALL 412-922-6388 TO REGISTER

BUS TRANSPORTATION TO THE DEACON ORDINATION OF MR. JOSEPH ALLEN

On **Saturday, October 5, at 10:00am** in Saint Paul Cathedral, Fifth Avenue, our parish member, Mr. Joseph Allen, will be ordained a Deacon of the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh. Our community is filled with gratitude and joy as Joe Allen enters the holy diaconate in service to the Lord, to Bishop David Zubik, and to our local Catholic church!

So as to make participation in this wonderful ordination event a possibility for members of Saint Philip Parish, we're planning to arrange bus transportation to and from the Cathedral on October 5. This will alleviate the need to find parking spaces in the Oakland neighborhood that morning.

If you would like to register for this **FREE** bus transportation to the Deacon Ordination, please contact our parish office (412-922-6300 OR parishoffice@saintphilipparish.com) before Monday, September 23. Seating may be limited depending on the response.

Congratulations to Mr. Joseph Allen - and to our parish community which has supported Joe throughout his years of formation for the diaconate!

SING JOYFULLY TO THE LORD!

As we conclude the summer months, we'll be returning to additional singing in our parish Liturgies. At both Saint Philip and Ascension churches, we'll return to chanting the "Penitential Rite" and singing the "Gloria." Also, we'll be welcoming our choir members back to our Sunday morning Liturgies too.

Thank you for joining us in praising the Lord with our voices and our songs!

A NEW BOOKLET FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

In recent weeks, our 50 new booklets explaining the Church and the Liturgy have been well received by our parish members. We've ordered additional copies of that booklet and should have the for you in the coming weeks.

At this time, we're offering another NEW booklet titled, "Time for Mass! A Visual Guide for Catholic Families," so that parents and grandparents can share information about the Liturgy with your children and grandchildren! You're most welcome to make use of this booklet at home.

When you're finished with this booklet, do us all a favor and return it to the church so that other families can benefit from it as well.





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, please 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

Last week, we discussed the Duquesne Light CAP (Customer Assistance Program), how it can help qualifying households have a more affordable electric bill, and how it can help customers with a delinquent balance to have that forgiven after 24 months of on-time payments. This week, we will take a look at the Peoples Gas Customer Assistance Program (CAP) that provides similar benefits to its customers.

In order to qualify for Peoples Gas CAP billing, you must meet certain income requirements and you must heat your residence with gas. In order to qualify for CAP, monthly household income for a household of one must be at or below \$2,430; \$3,287 for a household of two; \$4,143 for a household of three; and \$5,000 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 gas usage. The amount of the CAP bill will be approximately 8-10% of the gross (pre-tax) household income.

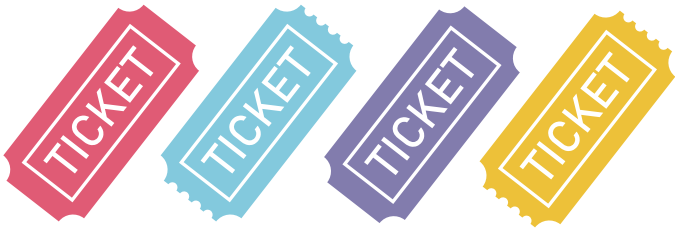
To apply for Peoples Gas CAP billing, call the Dollar Energy Fund at 1-888-282-6816 or visit www.hardshiptools.org/MyApp. By calling or going to this website, you can also be connected to other resources that can assist with your utility bill depending on your circumstances.

Over the past week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a man with \$350 toward rent; a man was assisted with \$210 for water and \$110 for sewage; a man was given a bus pass; a single mother was given \$242 toward her electric to avoid a shutoff; a single mother was given \$125 toward her electric to avoid a shutoff; a woman was assisted with \$400 toward rent; a man was given a bed, dresser and was added to our monthly food delivery list; a single mother was assisted with \$277 to prevent an electric shutoff; a man was assisted with \$367 to prevent an electric shutoff; a single father was given three beds and assisted with \$400 to prevent a gas shutoff; and a single mother was given a bed, dresser, couch and kitchen items. Thank you for allowing us to help our neighbors in need!

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please place your donation in one of the poor boxes, mail it to the parish office (to the attention of SVdP) at 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15205, or visit <https://saintphilipchurch.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/StVincentdePaul>. Monetary donations made to our conference are used only to assist friends in need and to pay our operational expenses. No money is given to any other organizations.

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!

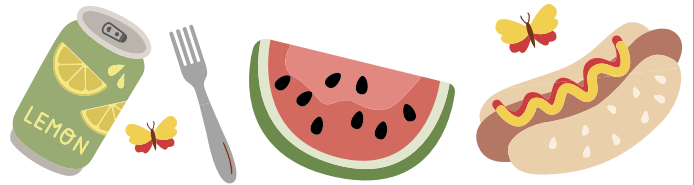
The Raffle prizes this year will include a \$2,500 First Prize, and then prizes of \$500, \$400, \$250, and \$100. This mean that we'll have FIVE cash prizes this year - and five winners!

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!

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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. 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: _____

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Children and ages: _____



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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

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 peacefully to 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. For more information, please visit www.40DaysforLife.com/Pittsburgh or call Nikki at 412-926-9413.

*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!*

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, visit www.ccpgh.org/pickle for details about this USA Pickleball sanctioned tournament.

CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB

Calling All Single Catholics, age 21 and OVER! Looking for a new way to meet people and have some fun? Check out the Catholic Singles Club of Pittsburgh. They offer a variety of different activities including dinners, spiritual enrichment, cultural, mini golf, hikes, biking, community service, volleyball, sports leagues, trips, and many other great events. For more information, visit www.cacpittsburge.org, call 412-341-4070, option 1 or email CACPghMembership@gmail.com. Give yourself an end of summer present and join today. You'll be glad you did!

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!

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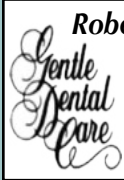
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