

OFFICE HOURS

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

PARISH STAFF

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Ms. Dorothy Mancini, Assistant Organist
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Mr. Thomas Dembecki, Maintenance

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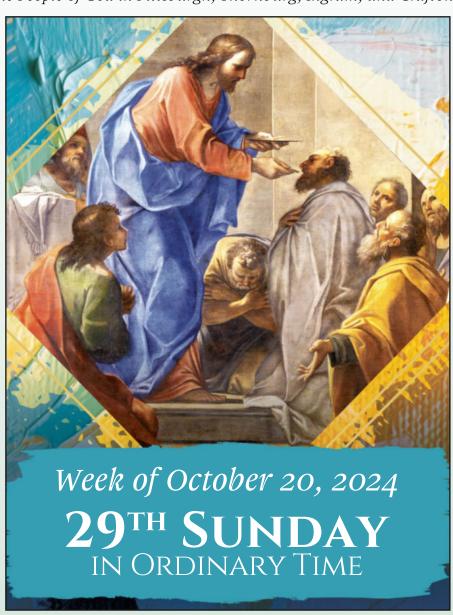
Saint Philip Office (412) 922-6300 Faith Formation Office (412) 922-6388 Society of St. Vincent dePaul (412) 444-8140 Guardian Angel Academy (412) 922-4765

CRISIS SUPPORT/SUICIDE PREVENTION

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

Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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



SAINT PHILIP CATHOLIC PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

Saint Philip Church

50 West Crafton Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Ascension Church

114 Berry Street Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Guardian Angel Academy

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



CONFESSION

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

SACRAMENTS

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

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

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

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (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 REOUESTED BY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 — THE NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS

Ascension 8:00am Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish

Saint Philip 4:00pm (Vigil) Denk & Moses Family Evelyn Moses

Girls Ascension 5:30pm (Vigil) Eleanor Legath

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 — TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saint Philip 7:00am Donald Brannan Brannan Family Ascension 9:30am Special Intention of John & Anna Gallagher

Saint Philip 11:00am Lucy & Carl Kubiak Family

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21 — WEEKDAY

Saint Philip 8:ooam James Devin McShane McShane Family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 — SAINT JOHN PAUL II, POPE

Ascension 8:ooam Hazel & Tom Knight Family

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 — SAINT JOHN OF CAPISTRANO, PRIEST

Saint Philip 8:00am Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 — SAINT ANTHONY MARY CLARET, BISHOP

Ascension 8:ooam Pat Rogers Pat Hudson

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 — WEEKDAY

Saint Philip 8:ooam Michaeline Szczesny Rose & Rick Musser

Saint Philip 4:00pm Wedding: Christian M. Pletcher and Alexandria E. Quigley

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 — THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mary Ellen Askin Ascension 8:ooam Jean & Joan Gajewski

Saint Philip Wedding: Charles D. Hartz, Ir. and 2:00pm

Caitlin E. Miller

Saint Philip 4:00pm (Vigil) Max Homer Regina McDonald

Ascension 5:30pm (Vigil) Patrick Brinzer Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 — THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

William & Helen Saint Philip 7:00am Shields Family

Shields

Ascension Dorothy Killmeyer Ray & Dianne 9:30am

Saint Philip 11:00am Patty McDermott Saint Philip Parish

Pastoral Council



Notes from the **Pastor**

Best wishes for this Pro-Life Month of October! As we look forward to all the coming holidays, I hope you'll take time for prayer, rest, and your family!

Honored to be a servant

As the new academic year moves along, children, teenagers, and young adults are all studying in their classrooms and at home each and every day. Education and learning are so very important to each of us - and to all of us and our nation.

Can you remember the day when you began **first grade?** Do you have special (hopefully good) memories of elementary school and high school? What about college or graduate school?

Do you remember those high school appointments with your guidance counselor the appointments when they would ask you about your career interests and personal pursuits?

Might you remember being asked, "What might you like to accomplish with your life? What work or career are you considering?" I think that question is asked of every student in our nation - and in all nations of our world.

When the life/career question was asked of you, might you remember your response? Did you answer that you'd like to become a nurse or doctor? A teacher or professor? A scientist or astronaut? A musician or entertainer? A parent and homemaker? A professional in the building trades? Might you have any recollection of your reply?

Whatever your answer was, I somewhat doubt that you (or anyone else) ever thought to say, "I want to be a servant!" - "I want to give my life for the benefit of others - especially my family, friends, and neighbors!" Actually, even if we don't use the term "servant," that is, in reality, the nature of many of the careers and the work which we think of pursuing.

In our Catholic Christian faith and life, being a servant of others is the highest calling in the teachings of Jesus as we hear in this Sunday's Gospel reading. Service is at the heart of Almighty God - as well as at the heart of Jesus' life, mission, and ministry. God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit serve us and all creation from the beginning of all things until the end of all things. Likewise, Jesus is the "Divine Servant" who gave everything including His very life - for our benefit, for our healing and life, and for our very salvation. As we know from the life of Jesus, our own service continues the service of the Lord and the very life of God.

Jesus came among us to be our servant. He likewise calls each of us and all of us to imitate Him as servants of one another.

May we be grateful for the invitation and call to imitate Jesus in His divine mission, and may we always remember that the reward for a lifetime of humble and generous service will be a share in the very life and glory of Almighty God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

Best wishes for these autumn months!

May this Autumn - and all the coming holidays - be a blessed time of prayer, service, celebration, and renewal. May the Lord Jesus keep you and your family members and friends healthy, holy, and always at peace. God bless!

Yours. Father Jim Torquato

FIRST QUARTER REPORT FOR THE 2024-2025 PARISH FISCAL YEAR provided by the Financial Staff of the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh

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(Quarter-1 2024/2025 Year to Date)

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Offertory Collections	192,839
Donations & Bequests	1,988
Fundraising	13,851
Campaign Income	3
Other Income	10,578
	219,259
OPERATING EXPENSE:	
Administration	86,044
Liturgical & Rectory	53,554
Operations & Maintenance	53,062
Religious Ed & C.A.R.E.S.	34,602
Property & Liability Insurance	14,717
Social/ Outreach/ Other	2,658

OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT) (25,378)

NON-OPERATING ITEMS:

	(9,026)
Net Third Party Collections	(2,626)
Extraordinary Maintenance Expense	(6,400)

FEATURED ASSETS and LIABILITIES at 9/30/2024

ASSETS:

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Unrestricted Funds:

Cash	208,549
Deposit & Loan Operating Savings	997,917
	1,206,466
Restricted Funds:	
Deposit & Loan Restricted Savings	29,163
Deposit & Loan Restricted Campaign	1,298
Parish Endowment Investment	40,300
Other Investments	415
	71,176
LIABILITIES:	
Insurance Past Due	-
Deposit & Loan Borrowing Debt	-
Other Payables	
	-

Our Diocesan Central Administration sends Quarterly and Final Financial Reports to each parish for inclusion in our parish bulletin.

Here is the First Report for this Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Your increased contributions are very important and greatly appreciated.

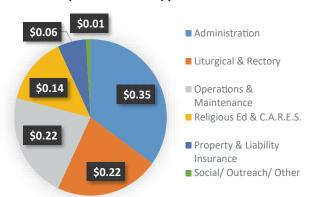
Thank you for your generosity which keeps Saint Philip Parish alive and doing well!

Revenue vs. Expense for 7-1-2024 thru 9-30-2024

Revenue: 219,259

Expense: 244,637

How each Expense Dollar Supports the Parish



Line items include but are not limited to:

Offertory Collections: Offertory, Parish Appeal <u>Campaign Income</u>: Capital Imp., Debt Reduction, etc. Other Income: Interest Income, Hall Rentals, Votive Administration: Staff, Supplies, Management Fee Operations & Maintenance:

Staff, Church Utilities, Upkeep, Taxes, Supplies Religious Ed & C.A.R.E.S.: Staff, Supplies, CCD, Adult Ed, RCIA, Catholic Assistance for Regional Elem Schools Liturgical & Rectory: Staff, Worship, Rectory Upkeep Social/Outreach/Other:

Youth, Community, Net Rental Property, Preschool Extraordinary Maintenance Expense: > \$4,000 Net 3rd Party Collections: e.g. Holy Land, Peter's Pence



Sunday, October 20

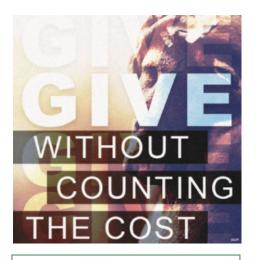
Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45

Weekdays

Ephesians 2-4; Luke 12-13

Sunday, October 27

Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52



Thank you for your generous financial contributions to

> **SAINT PHILIP** PARISH!

Your goodness and participation help to keep our parish alive!

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Sunday collections, October 12-13 -- \$11,641.00* * Includes Mail-in donations Online donations, October 12-13 -- \$2,219.50 Maintenance donations -- \$93.00 Religious Education donations -- \$835.00

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year -- \$861,064.00 Parish income received since July 1, 2024 -- \$210,605.03 Parish fundraising since July 1, 2024 -- \$14,539.80 Estate gifts received since July 1, 2024 -- \$O General donations since July 1, 2024 -- \$2,025.00

Average weekly staff salary and benefits expenses -- \$6,433.39 Average weekly maintenance/operation expenses -- \$2,179.94 Average weekly utility expenses -- \$2,030.82 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 October 12-13 -- 627 Sunday envelopes used October 12-13 -- 290 Total households receiving envelopes -- 1.058

2024 Parish Appeal Goal -- \$128,119.00 Parish Appeal received as of October 14 -- \$149,397.76* *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.





THIS WEEKEND'S SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. While only some are called to go to the missions to serve, all of us are called by our Baptism to support the Church's missionary work by our prayers and our financial help.

The entire Church is given the opportunity to assist the young mission dioceses of Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe where priests, religious and lay leaders share our Faith and serve the poorest of the poor. Thank you for your generous support of this annual appeal.

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.

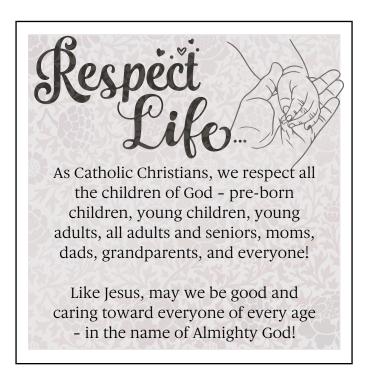
The overall theme for the 2025 Jubilee Year is Pilgrims of Hope. May 2025 be a blessed year of faith, hope, and charity for all of the Lord's holy people!

2025 MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Request Forms are NOW available in both of our churches for 2025 Mass Intentions and 2025 Sanctuary Lamp Memorials.

Parish members can request two Sunday and two weekday Mass Intentions, plus one Sanctuary Lamp Memorial. Additional requests may be made in December. Each Mass Intention is \$10, and each Sanctuary Lamp Memorial is \$20. For Saturday evening Masses at 4:00pm or 5:30pm, submit requests ASAP as they fill up quickly.

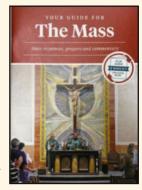
Please write clearly and include a check payable to "Saint Philip Parish." Father Torquato will send out Scheduled Mass Intentions within 10-12 days of receiving requests. Thank you for remembering vour loved ones in our Eucharistic celebrations.



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 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.



Welcome

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!

A Jubilee Year Reflection

In preparation for the upcoming 2025 Jubilee Year, pope Francis is encouraging all catholic Christians to nurture our faith by studying and reflecting on the Lord's Prayer - the "Our Father. To assist with this study and reflection, a recent book has now been reprinted for those who'd appreciate good spiritual reading.



The book is titled, On Earth as it is in Heaven, by Canadian Catholic Professor

Josephine Lombardi. Bishop Zubik shared this book with all Diocesan clergy on Holy Thursday of this year, and the book is available to you for about \$20 through your favorite Internet bookseller. You'll find Professor Lombardi's study and reflections to truly be inspiring and worth your reading time as we reflect on the Lord's Prayer before the start of the 2025 Jubilee Year!



We offer our sympathy to the family of John Miller who entered into eternal life. Please keep him in your prayers.



This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns In Loving Memory of Genevieve McNally Offered by The McNally Children

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns In Loving Memory of Tom (4) Hazel Knight Offered by Family



R & R CONTRACTING

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

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Make donating easy!

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

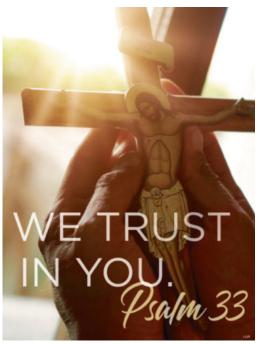
You can send your weekly donations through our We Share! internet service at www.wesharegiving.org/ap p/giving/saintphilipchurch





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

REFLECTIONS FROM MARYANN: In the Gospel for the Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we hear Jesus say, "whoever wishes to be great among you will be the servant of all, whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." So we might ask ourselves, "How should I respond to such an invitation to follow Jesus as servant?"



The late spiritual writer Henri Nouwen notes, "that our response to following Jesus is to take small steps away from 'me' and 'my fears' toward the Lord. Before we can serve others, we first need to remember that we are loved by God. We are called by Jesus to come in touch with that 'first love'. The 'first love' says, 'I loved you before you could love anyone or before you could receive love from anyone. You are loved no matter what mother, father, sister, school, neighbors, friends, or society does. You are born out of My love.' It is God's love for each of us that allows us to love and serve one another."

I would suggest that, in the busyness of daily life, we NOT forget that we are loved. We try to go about our daily tasks and often struggle because we do not remember that in every moment, in every second, God is with us. God loves us. We try to serve without remembering that it is God that has called us to be servant. It is in prayer that we become aware of God's love for us and it is in a life of prayer that we are called and invited to find Christ's love for us in serving others.

Let us listen each day in prayer for God's reminder of His love for each of us. In quiet prayer we pray:

Lord Jesus, I come to You to enter the mystery of Your call to serve others. This call reminds me of Your great love, a love of acceptance, invitation, and blessing. Free me from the many things that distract me from Your love. Help me to have an open heart. Help me to live my life in a spirit of gratitude. Help me to be grateful for my life and grateful that You have called me to share Your love in service to others. Amen.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS: This Monday evening, October 21, is Family Night. Families in the Faith Formation program will enjoy dinner followed by activities related to baptism and saints. For information contact the Office of Faith Formation.

NOTICE: At the present time, Saint Philip Parish has high school students who wish to participate in the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2025. If you know of any high school student who would like to participate in the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388. Please remember that an individual must have received all the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation to be considered as a Godparent or Sponsor.

We need your help!

Join us in making a difference:

Saint Philip Parish has 8 wonderful children embarking on their OCIA journey, and they need your warmth and guidance! If you have a passion for sharing the Catholic faith and can volunteer Monday evenings from 6:30pm to 7:30pm, we'd love to have you!

High School Students (4) Adults Needed for Faith Sharing!

We're also seeking 1 or 2 high school students and an adult to mentor 3 high schoolers in the OCIA process. This is a fantastic opportunity to share your faith, earn service credit, and make lasting connections. Join us Monday nights from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

Interested? Reach out to MaryAnn in the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388. Let's come together and inspire the next generation!

BAPTISMS: Baptism Sessions for new parents will be held once per month. Our next baptism class will be held on Thursday, October 21 at **6:30pm** in the Administration Building. If you anticipate having your child baptized in October or November and this is your first child, call the Office of Faith Formation to register at 412-922-6388.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY SCHEDULE: Our next Children's Liturgy will be on **October 27** at the 11:00am Mass in Saint Philip church.

KITCHEN TABLE MINISTRY: The next Drop-In Sunday will be in Ascension Church Conner Hall on **November 3** following the 9:30am Mass. Join us for coffee, donuts, blood pressure a listening ear and general screening,

information about wellness. Please feel free to join us for a few minutes after Mass.

Each week Kitchen Table Ministry will offer a prayer for Wellness and Healing:

PRAYER FOR PEACE OF MIND

Jesus, I place all my trust in You knowing that You love me, care for me and will never abandon me.

I want to be like Mary, who in spite of her sorrows and great pain, was able to experience peace in the midst of her suffering confident that God was at her side to give her courage. Help me to know that my suffering and pain too will be comforted as You guide me along the right path and that only goodness and kindness will follow me all the days of my life. Jesus, heal my heart and grant me Your peace.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday, October 20: 2nd Grade Recognition at the 9:30am Mass followed by reception

Sunday, October 20: Rite of Acceptance for Arial Ball at the 11:00am Mass

Monday, October 21: Faith Formation Family *Night* at 6:30pm in Kelty Hall

Tuesday, October 22: Hooks (4) Needles at 9:00am in Ascension's Adminitration Building Wednesday, October 23: Bus Trip to Canton, Ohio leaves at 7:00am from Asension church

Thursday, October 24: Christian Men's Fellowship at 7:00 in Ascension's Administration Building

Thursday, October 24: Legion of Mary at 6:30pm in the Ascension Rectory

Thursday, October 24: OCIA on the Saint Philip campus in Room A

Sunday, October 27: Children's Liturgy at the 11:00am Mass at Saint Philip church

Sunday, October 27: Parish Barbeque from 12:00 noon to 6:00pm in Ascension Church Conner Hall





MOTHER CABRINI

Wednesday, November 13 at 6:00pm

We invite you to join us at Ascension Church Conner Hall for a delightful dinner followed by the feature film CABRINI. After the movie, stay for a brief discussion and dessert. To reserve your spot, call 412-922-6388.

LAST WEEK'S AUTUMN FLEA MARKE'

Many thanks go to our Flea Market coordinators, our many volunteers, our cooks, and our clean up crew for providing our parish community yet another very fine Autumn Flea Market on October 12!

This special fundraising event requires several weeks of preparation - and a great deal of intense work - as well as hours of cleanup in the days that follow.

Thanks again to all who prepared and operated the Autumn Flea Market - and to all who visited this special semi-annual Saint Philip Parish event!

THANK YOU!

Remembering Fatima

Last Sunday evening, our Legion of Mary members hosted our annual October commemoration of the final appearance of the Blessed Mother to the three holy children at Fatima, Portugal in 1917. The prayer of the Rosary as well as Eucharistic Exposition and a procession - were held inside Ascension church due to the inclement weather. Many thanks to the Legion of Mary and to all who participated!













Please join us for our First Annual





Sunday, October 27 | 12:00pm - 6:00pm

This year, our expert parish staff members and parish volunteers will be doing the cooking for you and your family at Conner Hall on the Ascension campus, 114 Berry Street.

We'll offer both dine-in seating as well as take-out service. Join us on Sunday - and then enjoy Pittsburgh football on Monday night! Come any time between 12:00 noon and 6:00pm - we'll be ready to serve you!

Each adult meal (\$20) will include:

4 oz. pulled pork and bun, 4 oz. grilled chicken, and 1/3 rack of ribs, coleslaw, & garlic smashed redskin potatoes.

Each child's meal (\$13) will include: 2 chicken fingers, fries, Mac & cheese.

Beverages for dine-in include: coffee, tea, lemonade, and water. A bake sale will be offered by our Bake Sale Brigade.

Please complete, detach, and return this form to the parish office or the collection basket (with your check payable to Saint Philip Parish) **BEFORE** Tuesday, October 22.

Saint Philip Catholic Parish Barbecue Lunch or Dinner: Sunday, October 27

Name	Dine In Take Out		
Telephone	Email		
Adult dinners (\$20 each)	Children's dinners (\$13 each) (under 12 years old)		
Total amount enclosed \$	Probable arrival time		



Guardian Angel Academy

One of the South Region Catholic Elementary Schools (SRCES)

CLASSROOM CHRONICLES

Each week we'll highlight the amazing activities at Guardian Angel Academy.

MRS. LAUREN STRESHENKOFF'S CLASSROOM **CHRONICLE**

6TH **GRADE:** We're loving our first novel, The Egypt Game, and learning about our responsibilities as humans in Religion class. We'll soon tackle a stewardship project to clean up our school and church grounds.

7TH GRADE LITERATURE: We are diving into <u>The Giver</u>, exploring themes of family, friendships, and memories.

8TH GRADE LITERATURE: We're reading <u>Hatchet</u> and learning about survival and resilience.

The school year is off to a great start! Time flies when you're having fun. Go, Warriors!

SETON LASALLE'S TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

On September 30, our 8th graders competed at Seton LaSalle's Tournament of Champions in challenges like Kahoot Trivia and STEM Egg Drop. They also enjoyed an interactive faith talk with Father Mike Ackerman, and some fun in the gym, on the field, in the art studio, in the computer lab, and in the Innovation Lab with VR goggle.

Congratulations to our teams! The 3rd place team included Eliana Cornetti, Juliet Snover, Aline Ibrahim, and Maria Fuchs. The 2nd place team had Skylar Jenkins, Lucy Wrabley, Madison Hayes, Eden Franc, and Sydney Twardy. Our 1st place team featured Layla Nichols, Abbie Madore, Bridget Fraino, Gino Matts, and Isabella Trosky. Each team earned themselves a medal for their hard work and effort. Well done!













ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE



On Friday and Saturday, November 1 and 2, Mission of Mercy Pittsburgh will be holding its annual free dental, eye, and hearing clinic at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center downtown. Most dental care will be provided except full dentures, root canals on molars, crowns, extractions of unexposed wisdom teeth, orthodontics/braces, implants impactions. Free eye and hearing services will also be available, including eye exams, eye glass fittings, hearing care, and hearing aid fittings.

These services are available to anyone 2 years of age or older. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Services will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. You will have to wait in line to be seen and are advised to bring a list of your current medications, any current x-rays, water, snacks, and food (these will be onsite but in limited supply). Doors open at 6:00am on both November 1 and 2 and the clinic will open at 7:00am both days.

For more information on the clinic, please visit https://mompgh.org/patient-info. This is a great opportunity for people who are normally unable to afford to receive the dental, eye and hearing care that they desperately need. Please pass this information on to anyone that you know who may benefit from the clinic! Also, if you know someone who may not have a way to get to the clinic, consider offering them a ride if you are able to. You have no idea how that small gesture could make a big difference to them!

We still desperately need volunteers for furniture mission, as well 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!

Over the past week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a single mother with \$278 toward her electric bill, and a man was assisted with \$400 toward his rent. Thank you for allowing us to help our neighbors in need!

If you'd like to make a monetary donation, you can do so in several ways. Place your donation in one of the poor boxes at the parish, mail it to the parish office (attention: SVdP) at 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15205, or donate online at this link. All monetary donations directly support individuals in need and cover our operational expenses.

For donations of furniture or household goods, call or text our hotline at 412-444-8140 or email us at svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com. If you wish to donate clothing, shoes, or accessories, place them in the blue bins located in front of the Hope House at Saint Philip or in the rear parking lot at Ascension. If you are unable to transport these items yourself, contact us to arrange a pickup. Please only place appropriate items in the bins and avoid leaving anything outside, as these items will be discarded.

If you're interested in purchasing new or gently-used clothing, housewares, or furniture, visit St. Vincent de Paul's thrift stores or our online store at eshoppittsburgh.com. Thank you for supporting our friends in need and the community.



LEARN ABOUT HAUNTINGS, **EXORCISMS, AND SPIRITS**

On Tuesday, October 22, at 7:00pm, in Saint Malachy church, 343 Forest Grove Road in Kennedy Township, Archangel Gabriel Catholic Parish will host local expert David VanVickle for a presentation on our Catholic understanding of hauntings, demons, exorcisms, and other spiritual matters. Mr. VanVickle is employed by our Diocese, and he assists diocesan priests when needed. His message will address these spiritual matters as well as common misunderstandings - and he will speak about our faith and trust in the ultimate victory of the Lord Jesus aver all darkness and evil. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted. Call their parish office at 412-787-2140 for further information.

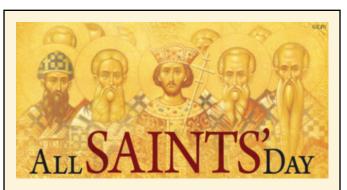
AN AUTUMN CRAFT SHOW & SALE

Mark your November calendar! A Saturday, November 9, Autumn Craft Show and Sale will be held from 10:00am until 3:00pm at the Holy Trinity campus (5720 Steubenville Pike Road) of Archangel Gabriel Catholic Parish. The Parish Ladies Guild will host displays from more than 70 crafters and vendors. There will be an assortment of home decorations - as well as a Chinese auction, a bake sale, raffles, and more! The Craft Show and Sale includes FREE admission and parking. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call 412-337-3190.

A CATHOLIC MEDICAL CONFERENCE **IN PITTSBURGH**

On Saturday, November 16, an important Catholic healthcare conference will be held at our Diocesan Pastoral Center, 2900 Noblestown Road. The event begins at 9:00am and will conclude at 6:45pm.

Presented by several national and local Catholic organizations, this event invites all local medical personnel to attend and learn about "Health Care at the Service of Human Dignity." For more information and registration. www.convergingroads.com/Pittsburgh. Continuing education credits will be offered to participants. All are welcome to attend!



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