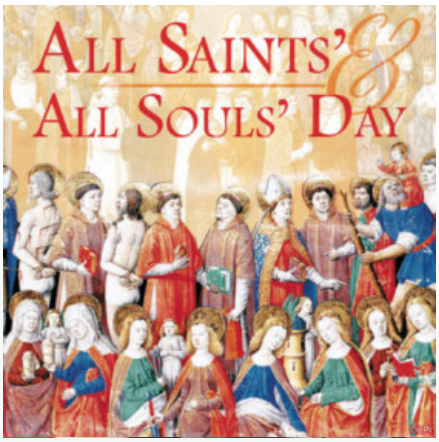

Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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



OFFICE HOURS

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

PARISH STAFF

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Ms. Dorothy Mancini, Assistant Organist
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Guardian Angel Academy	(412) 922-4765

CRISIS SUPPORT/SUICIDE PREVENTION

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

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, OCTOBER 26 — THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			
Ascension	8:00am	Jean & Joan Gajewski	Mary Ellen Askin
Saint Philip	2:00pm	Wedding: Charles D. Hartz, Jr. and 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			
Saint Philip	7:00am	William & Helen Shields	Shields Family
Ascension	9:30am	Dorothy Killmeyer	Ray & Dianne
Saint Philip	11:00am	Patty McDermott	Saint Philip Parish Pastoral Council
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28 — SAINTS SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Helen & Ed Hensler	Carroll Goman
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Frank & Jean Daily	Frank Daily
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Joe & Dorothy Chmiel	Chmiel Family
NO Vigil Liturgies this evening for the All Saints Holy Day			
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1 — ALL SAINTS HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Bill McNabb	The McNabb Family
Saint Philip	4:00pm	Luigi Rea	Wife & Children
Ascension	5:30pm	Russell Toal	Wife & Family
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 — COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY)			
Ascension	8:00am	Richard Fettig	Wife
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Mary G. Barber	Michael & Patti Diduch
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Eddie Nordik, Sr.	Marcy & Family
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 — THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	James Glaser	Wife, Alice
Ascension	9:30am	Kelly & Gehring Families	Marge Kelly
Saint Philip	11:00am	Annual Remembrance Liturgy	
		Diane L. Weetman	Avalon Peters & Family



Notes from the Pastor

Best wishes for these final days of October – and for a blessed November! As we look forward to all the coming holidays, I hope you'll take time for prayer, rest, and your family!

Holy, Holy, Holy

Quite often, we all seem to remark to one another that our weeks and months and years all pass by so very quickly. It's a common perception in our human experience and in human society.

Every time I visit the Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Oakland, the thought occurs to me that 300 million years have passed very quickly since the time of the prehistoric dinosaurs – and even more time has passed very quickly since our planet was formed billions of years ago!

With our own weeks and months and years passing by so quickly, it's no surprise that our days all run together. In what seems to be the blink of an eye, another day ends, and then another week, and then another year.

Thankfully, in our Catholic Christian calendar, we take time to celebrate special holy days and holy seasons which give us important and memorable days that lift us out of our ordinary daily existence – and which provide sacred times to recall and celebrate our faith and our life in God.

When it comes to special days and seasons, I'm sure that we all think first of Christmas and the Christmas Season to celebrate the Lord Jesus' birth. Then we have Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection and the Easter Season. We have Thanksgiving Day, the seasons of Advent and Lent, and numerous saints' days throughout the year.

This week, we now arrive at November 1 and All Saints Day when we remember and honor all of the Holy Ones of God who have been proclaimed Saints by the Church. Then we arrive at All Souls Day on November 2 when we mindfully pray for all our family, relatives and fellow disciples as they progress toward their own sainthood and eternal life.

While so many people are fascinated by the ancient day we call Halloween, the coming holy days of November 1 and November 2 are far more important for our Catholic Christian faith, life and hope. These are days to celebrate our faith in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – as well as the Lord Jesus' promise that we are invited to share in the eternal life and Kingdom of God!

While all of our days pass by quickly, I hope that you'll take some time to make November 1 and 2 special and memorable days of your faith and life. Be sure to join us for the Liturgy on November 1 – and remember that the witness of the Saints can inspire us in our own faith. The witness of the Saints can also strengthen our belief and hope that, one day, we will indeed share in the company of all the Holy Ones of the Lord in the presence, life and Kingdom of Almighty God!

May this week – and the All Saints Holy Day – 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

In Memoriam



In the month of November, the Church remembers all who have walked the way of Christ and passed from this life. A special Liturgy will Celebrated on Sunday, November 3, at 11:00am as we pray for all those who were buried from our parish since last November 2023. Individual candles will be lit in honor of each of the deceased. Let us continue to pray for our deceased loved ones. May they rest in the peace of the Lord.

Caroline F. Butter
Patricia E. McDermott
Charlotte C. Franc
William P. Shields
Cathy Jean Artis
Mary Katherine Cielecy-Potanko
Mary J. Kueshner
Elizabeth Wagner
Robert Hoffman
Keli Neal
Donna K. Scholz
Vincent J. Demor
Prudence DeNardis
Jeri Nagy
Timothy Teeters
Mary Kirsch
Albert Cox
Mary Margaret Baker
Amy L. Spezialetti
Brian Frankowski
Mary K. Jaconetta

Christine Ovesney
Thomas J. Knight
Mary Flynn
Margaret Christman
Alexander Onyszko
Dolores Finigan-South
Paul Kovach
John R. Francis
Patricia A. Julian
Mary Agnes Rave
Marcella Cielecy
Angeline Dreger
Anita Macklin
Mary Paulette Neal
Jeanette Samansky
Helen A. Evans
Clare Cuff
Mary Frykling
Florence McNeil
Mary Jo Auth
Helen Demma
Alan Chesleigh

Lucille MacIvor
Eve St. Clair
Michael J. Nau
Francis A. Joseph
Margaret Kimberling
Sylvia Dobis
Robert Beshenich
Sophie Sorace
Patricia Kneup
Ruth Londino
James M. Anderson
Lawrence Leonardi, Jr.
Robert Provolt
James E. Kelly, Sr.
Tamara “Tammy” Parke
Donna Studeny
Joseph McNerney
Dennis Adair
Ellen Matuszewski
John Miller
William Lawton

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



Sunday, October 27
Jeremiah 31:7-9;
Hebrews 5:1-6;
Mark 10:46-52

Weekdays
Ephesians 5-6;
Luke 13-14

Sunday, November 3
Deuteronomy 6:2-6;
Hebrews 7:23-28;
Mark 12:28-34



Thank you for your generous financial contributions to
SAINT PHILIP PARISH!

Your goodness and participation help to keep our parish alive!

FINANCIAL REPORT — OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collections, **October 19-20**	-- $11,820.96*
** Includes Mail-in donations*	
Online donations, October 19-20	-- $1,694.50
Maintenance donations	-- $238.00
Religious Education donations	-- $211.00

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year	-- $861,064.00
Parish income received since July 1, 2024	-- $224,569.40
Parish fundraising since July 1, 2024	-- $20,384.91*
**Flea Market: $5,094.31, Bake Sale: $556.00, Kitchen: $194.80 = Total: $5,845.11*	
Estate gifts received since July 1, 2024	-- $0
General donations since July 1, 2024	-- $2,125.00

Average weekly staff salary and benefits expenses	-- $5,885,13
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 19-20	-- 693
Sunday envelopes used October 19-20	-- 248
Total households receiving envelopes	-- 1,058

2024 Parish Appeal Goal	-- $128,119.00
Parish Appeal received as of October 21	-- $153,295.92*
**Includes online Parish Appeal donations*	
2024 Parish Appeal Donors	-- 249

All Saints Holy Day Liturgy Schedule

This Friday, November 1, is the All Saints Holy Day of Obligation during which all Catholic Christians are called to gather for prayer in our Holy Day Liturgies.

*There will **NOT** be Vigil Liturgies on October 31.*

On **Friday, November 1**, the Mass will be celebrated at:

8:00am at Saint Philip church
4:00pm at Saint Philip church
5:30pm at Ascension church

Parish News



ELECTION DAY ADORATION

All parishioners are invited to Ascension church on **Tuesday, November 5 between 8:30am and 8:00pm** to ask for the Lord's blessing on our country. The Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed on the hour. The remaining time will be spent in silent reflection. Sign-up sheets will be available in both churches. Come fulfill Our Lord's request - *"Can you not spend one hour with Me?"*

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Due to the holiday season, LPI, the publisher of our weekly bulletin has asked that we submit bulletin information earlier than our usual submission dates for the month of December. Thank you very much for your cooperation. Articles must be received in the Parish Office no later than 11:00am on the following dates:

Sunday, November 24 bulletin due on
Thursday, November 14
Sunday, December 1 bulletin due on
Tuesday, November 19
Sunday, December 8 bulletin due on
Wednesday, November 27



PRAYER FOR OUR DECEASED

Dear Lord,
Comfort us in our grief as we mourn
those no longer with us on earth.
Free those in purgatory quickly,
and guide us in Your will,
so that one day we may all be united
with You for eternity. Amen.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Our Parish Office will be closed on Friday, November 1 in observance of the Solemnity of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation.



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 soon. Thank you for remembering your loved ones in our Eucharistic celebrations.

VISITING OUR FAMILY MEMBERS AT THEIR PLACES OF REST



A very traditional Catholic Christian practice is to regularly visit the graves of our grandparents, parents, family members and friends throughout each year – and especially during this month of November.

These are our loved ones who gave life to us – and who shared life with us for years. They are truly important to each one of us!

As Christian disciples, we firmly believe that they – and all of us – live on eternally in the Lord. We retain their remains in cemeteries in anticipation of the Day of Resurrection when Jesus will raise them – and us – to a new and everlasting life in a restored and glorified body.

In this time of waiting for our final reunion, we do well to visit the resting places of our deceased loved ones and to pray for their eternal rest, peace, and salvation!

ADVANCE PLANNING

We're all encouraged, as Catholic Christians, to make advance plans for our departure from this present life when we begin our journey home to the Lord. It's a true kindness to our family members when we put our plans, requests, finances and estate in order long before our final day.

We have very fine attorneys, funeral directors, and other professionals in our local community who are willing to assist you. You'll find them among our bulletin advertisers. Also, the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh offers the Catholic Funeral Plan (CFP, telephone 1-877-886-PLAN) in conjunction with the Catholic Cemeteries Association of Pittsburgh (CCA).

Our Saint Philip Parish staff is also here to help you. There's no need to wait to plan a Funeral Liturgy. You're welcome to request funeral planning items so you can include your selections in your planning file. Please contact our parish office by email or by telephone.

May the good Lord bless you now – and as you prepare for your journey home to God.

Rest in Peace

We offer our sympathy to the family of **William Lawton** 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* ***Margaret & Paul O'Donovan***
Offered by Maureen O'Donovan

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *In Loving Memory of* ***Ruth & George McCartney***
Offered by Spezialetti Family

ADVERTISER of the Week

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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

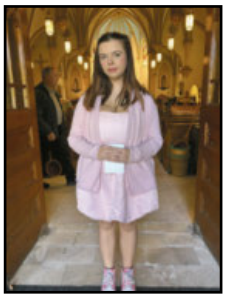


REFLECTIONS FROM MARYANN: In the Gospel for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we are given a great deal upon which to reflect. We hear of the blind man in a large crowd sitting by the roadside begging. As he becomes aware of Jesus, he cries out, *"Jesus, son of David, have pity on me*." We notice that the man doesn't seem to care what others think regarding his behavior. He trusts that if he can get the attention of Jesus, he will be helped. We hear that Jesus becomes aware of him and calls him. As others let the man know that Jesus is calling him, he throws aside his clock, gets up and goes to Jesus. He lets go of what is perhaps a most prized possession. Finally, Jesus says, *"What do you want Me to do for you?"* The blind man responds, *"I want to see*." After his sight is restored, the man follows Jesus on the way.

We hear in this Gospel several things upon which we can reflect. First the man trusts in Jesus. Do we trust, especially in these times, in Jesus? Do we believe that Jesus is with us and trust that no matter how things turn out that God hears our prayer? Second, the man lets go of his clock, a prized and important item. What are we willing to let go of in order to answer the call of Jesus? Like the man, we may consider it valuable but must let go of it in order to allow Jesus to give us something better. Finally, Jesus asks the man, *"What do you want Me to do for you?"* In our prayer, can we hear Jesus ask each of us, *"What do you want Me to do for you?"* Have we ever thought of asking Jesus, *"Lord, what do you want me to do for You today?"*

As we hear this Gospel, there are a great many things to reflect upon. After trusting in Jesus, letting go of things that keep him from Jesus, and asking Jesus for what he needs, the man is changed by his encounter with Jesus and follows Jesus to share the Good News. Let us reflect upon our most recent encounter with Jesus, perhaps in the Eucharist, that we might be changed and share the Good News with others.

Saint Philip Parish
FAITH FORMATION





On Sunday, October 20, we welcomed **Arial Ball**, with the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens. Arial has been preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation through study, prayer, reflection and service. Arial will receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil in April. Please keep Arial in your prayers as she continues her journey.

2nd Grade Students



On Sunday, October 20, we recognized the second grade children who will participate in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist in 2025. Each child received a Mass booklet and blessing at the 9:30am Mass followed by a reception in the Hall. Please keep our second grade students in your prayers.







Family NIGHT



Monday, October 21 was Faith Formation Family Night. After a dinner of Italian hot rolls and macaroni & cheese, families reviewed each family member's Baptism celebration. A discussion of what it means to be a "follower of Jesus" was followed by stories of Saints who followed Jesus. The parents and children enjoyed seeing special relics of Saints. Each family chose a Patron Saint for their family. The families were also introduced to the meaning of medals and scapulars in the Catholic faith. Our next family night is November 25.

WE NEED YOUR HELP: Join us in making a difference. Saint Philip Parish has 8 wonderful children embarking on the 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. Lessons and training will be provided.

High School students and Adults Needed for Faith Sharing. We're also seeking 1 or 2 high school students and an adult to mentor 3 high school students in the OCIA process. This is a fantastic opportunity to share your faith, earn service credit, and make lasting connections. If you can join us on Monday Nights once a month from 6:30pm to 7:30pm, contact the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

BAPTISM CLASS INSTRUCTORS: We are looking for individuals to help the Baptism Team give a one-hour session to first-time parents. Session is prepared. There is training available. Commitment would be once a month or every other month. Call 412-922-6388 if you are able to help with this important ministry.

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

ATTENTION: Students who want to participate in the Sacraments of First Eucharist or Confirmation in 2025 must be registered in a Catholic school or Saint Philip's faith formation program prior to December 1, 2024. If you need to complete a registration form, please call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

Children's LITURGY

CHILDREN'S LITURGY SCHEDULE: Our November Children's Liturgy at Ascension church will be held on **November 10** at the 9:30am Mass and at Saint Philip church on **November 24** at the 11:00am Mass.

KITCHEN TABLE MINISTRY: Our next *Drop-In Sunday* will be on **November 3** at Ascension Church Conner Hall following the 9:30am Mass. Donuts and coffee will be served. There will be blood pressure screening, general wellness information and a listening ear. Plan to stop by for a few minutes after Mass and/or before heading off to Sunday plans.

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS: On **November 19**, *Saint Philip Kitchen Table Ministry* will present a guest speaker on dealing with the *Holiday Blues and Holiday Stress*. The presentation will begin at 6:30pm in Ascension Church Conner Hall. Light refreshments will follow the talk and discussion. **This presentation will also be live-streamed on the Saint Philip Parish Facebook page**. You will find it where you find the Sunday Mass.

SEASONAL STRESS MANAGEMENT TIPS

1. Release burdens you have been carrying through journaling or "letting go."
2. Take a mindful gratitude walk. Notice 8 things specific to the season and intentionally thank God for each one of them.
3. Nourish yourself with healthy foods. Try seasonal soups, side dishes and main dishes related to the season.
4. Remember to breathe. Take deep breaths to slow down and enjoy this wonderful season of Autumn.

PRAYER WHEN FACING DIFFICULTIES
by Joyce Rupp

Compassionate God, hold me to Your heart when I feel helpless in the face of the world's pain.
Comforting God, shelter me under Your wings when I am engulfed in sadness and overcome with distress.
God of hope, assure me of Your unconditional love when I doubt myself or question the worth of my life.
Consoling God, be a source of serenity for me when struggles and difficulties threaten to overwhelm me.
God of peace, You are the center of my life, a strong refuge of peace in the whirlwind of pain.
I look to You for strength and a constant assurance of hope.
Encourage me to embrace You in good times and bad, especially in those times when I get lost in discouragement or fear.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Monday, October 28: Faith Formation at 6:30pm on Saint Philip campus

Monday, October 28: 2nd grade tour of Saint Philip church at 6:30pm

Tuesday, October 29: Hooks & Needles at 9:00am in our parish administration center

Thursday, October 31: Halloween-NO EVENING MASS

Friday, November 1: All Saints Holy Day of Obligation

Sunday, November 3: Mass of Remembrance at 11:00am at Saint Philip church

DINNER with the Saints



Saint Philip Catholic Parish invites you to join us for....

Dinner with
Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini
Followed by the feature film:
"CABRINI"

Wednesday, November 13
at 6:00pm to 9:00pm
Ascension Church, Conner Hall

MENU
Chicken Penne Alfredo
Penne Pasta with Alfredo Sauce
Classic Italian Salad
Mancini Twist Bread with Dipping Oil
Cheesecake with Strawberry Topping

After the movie, stay for a brief discussion and dessert. To reserve your spot, call 412-922-6388 **BEFORE November 6**.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Ave Maria

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

An Act of Contrition

Lord God, I am sorry for all my sins. In choosing to do wrong, and failing to do good, I have offended You whom I should love above all else.

With the help of Your grace, I promise to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Our Savior, Jesus Christ, suffered and died for our sins. In His name, my God, have mercy. Amen.

Our New Evangelization

Twenty five years ago, when preparing the Church for the New Millennium, Pope Saint John Paul II called all Catholic Christians to begin a *New Evangelization* to share the Good News – the Gospel – once again with both Christian disciples and non-believers in the new 21st century. Most Catholics are NOT aware of this effort to evangelize the world once again (*similar to the first evangelization of the world which was begun by Jesus 2000 years ago*).

Now is the time for all Church members to participate in the New Evangelization so that the Kingdom of God might continue to grow even in this modern world.

It is very good to share the Good News with those who have forgotten Jesus' message and promise. It is also very important that we ourselves believe Jesus' message and live His way.

Our first suggestion is to deepen your own faith in the Lord. Pray the Lord's Prayer often, recite the Apostles' Creed every day, and pray the Rosary often to remain close to Jesus. Grow your own faith and your life of prayer. Then make the effort to share the Good News of the Lord with those whose ears and hearts are open and ready to receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Ministries & Societies

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

Those of us who have older furnaces may say a quick prayer each year before turning on the furnace for the first time. While it would be a big inconvenience and expense to have to replace our furnace, most of us could scrape together the money to make it happen if we needed to. Unfortunately, there are those in the community who say that furnace prayer very much in earnest as they do not have the money to repair or replace their furnace if it does not turn on. Thankfully, there are some resources to help those who find themselves in need, and here are some of them:

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which opens for applications on November 4, provides grants to repair or replace broken heating equipment. Visit www.pa.gov/en/services/dhs/apply-for-the-low-income-home-energy-assistance-program-liheap for more information.

The Allegheny County Home Improvement Loan Program offers loans of between $2,000 - $10,000 (at 0% interest) for homeowners for various projects, including heating and cooling systems. For more information, please visit www.alleghenycounty.us/Services/Housing/Home-Improvement-Loan-Program.

Columbia Gas has limited funds available on an annual basis for its customers who need assistance with the repair or replacement of gas furnaces. Call Columbia Gas at 1-800-537-7431 for more information.

Peoples Gas has an Emergency Furnace and Line Repair Program that is available to its customers who are homeowners and meet certain income requirements. To apply, call the Customer Service Center at 1-800-764-0111 or email them at peopleshelps@peoples-gas.com.

Tudi Mechanical Systems gives away free furnaces each year through its *Heat for the Needy Campaign*. If you would like to nominate a family in need now through December 24, please go to: www.tudi.com/heat-for-the-needy-nomination.

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!

Over the past week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a woman with $100 toward her security deposit; a man was given emergency food and propane for cooking; a man was given a monthly bus pas to look for work; a woman was assisted with $326 to prevent a gas shutoff; and a woman raising her granddaughter was assisted with $400 toward rent. Thank you for allowing us to serve our neighbors in Christ!

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 donate at 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, are in need of assistance, please call or text our hotline at 412-444-8140 or email us at svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com.

Around the Diocese and Community

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, visit www.convergingroads.com/Pittsburgh. Continuing education credits will be offered to participants. All are welcome to attend!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Pittsburgh's 6th Annual Catholic Women's Conference is **Saturday, November 9** at North Catholic High School. This year, alongside speaker Emily Stimpson Chapman, women from various backgrounds will share how God has impacted their lives. For more information or to register, visit www.joanofarcministries.com.

RESURRECTION PARISH EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Resurrection Parish is excited to announce that they will be holding their own Eucharistic Congress on **Saturday, November 23** at the St. Thomas More Family Life Center, 126 Fort Couch Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15241. For more information, visit www.resurrectionpgh.org.

KEARNS SPIRITUALITY CENTER

Join the Community of Divine Providence for a retreat, "John the Baptist: Advent's Advent," at Kearns Spirituality Center, 9000 Babcock Blvd., Allison Park, on **Friday, November 15 and Saturday, November 16**. Bonnie Thurston will lead four talks exploring John the Baptist's life and message, with time for silence and reflection.

Friday evening's talk, "The Parallel Origins of John and Jesus," is open to all. Saturday will cover "On Jordan's Banks," "The Baptist's Cry," and "John's Preaching," with reflection time after each session. Lunch is included, and the day concludes with a Q&A and discussion.

Bring a Bible and join us for a restful, reflective retreat to prepare for Advent. For more info or to register, contact Tish Donze at 412-366-1124 or kearns@cdpsisters.org.



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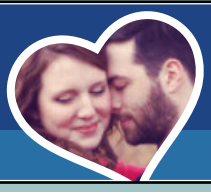

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