

**OFFICE HOURS** *Monday - Friday: 9:00am to 3:00pm* 

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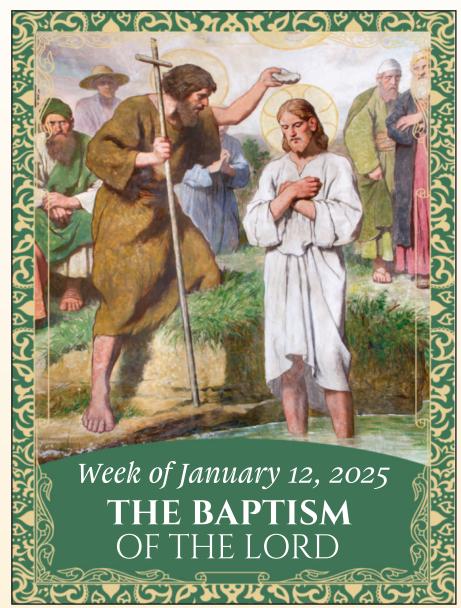
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# Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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.

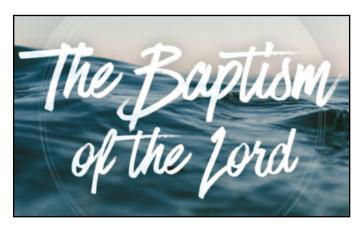
### LITURGY SCHEDULE

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	REQUESTED BY
SATURDAY, JA	NUARY 11 — SAT	URDAY AFTER EPIPHAI	NY
Ascension	8:ooam	Living & Deceased Mem	bers of Saint Philip Parish
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Special Intention of Rev. Walt Dworak	Saint Philip Parish Members
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Christine Ovesney	Donna, Louise & Tony
SUNDAY, JANU	JARY 12 — THE E	APTISM OF THE LORD	
Saint Philip	7:00am	Angeline Dreger	Dolores Leone
Ascension	9:30am	Sean Denis Casey McShane	Mark & Rosemarie McShane
Saint Philip	11:00am	John & Minnie Guay	Family
MONDAY, JAN	<u>UARY 13 — SAIN</u>	T HILARY (FIRST WEEK	IN ORDINARY TIME)
Saint Philip	8:00am	Marlene Andrascik	A Friend
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Ascension	8:00am	Sister Betty's 99 <sup>th</sup>	Waigand Family
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WEDNESDAY,	JANUARY 15 — \	WEEKDAY	
Saint Philip	8:00am	Peggy Senn	A Friend
THURSDAY, JA	NUARY 16 — WI	EKDAY	
Ascension	8:00am	Ron Andrascik	A Friend
		ANTHONY, ABBOT	
Saint Philip	8:00am	Len Murin	A Friend
SATURDAY, JA	NUARY 18 - BLI	ESSED VIRGIN MARY	
Ascension	8:ooam	Living & Deceased Members of Saint Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	0	Diane Chuckro
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)		Patricia Farley
SUNDAY. JANI	JARY 19 — SECO	ND SUNDAY IN ORDINA	
Saint Philip	7:00am	Glen Vosler	Michael & Sharon Cercone
Ascension	9:30am	Anita L. McNabb	Evelyn Jungling &
			Family



## Notes from the Pastor



Welcome to our celebration of Baptism of the Lord Sunday as we conclude these weeks of the Christmas Season – and as we continue our Jubilee Holy Year 2025!

#### The very important event of Jesus' Baptism

**Every year, we remember and celebrate the Baptism of Jesus** during the Sunday after Epiphany Sunday. The Baptism of Jesus celebrates the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, and as always, this annual celebration of the Lord Jesus' Baptism concludes our Christmas Season.

This Sunday is always a very important commemoration in the Church Year. In the Gospel accounts of the holy event of Jesus' Baptism, we have several important elements.

**First**, we have the start of Jesus' public ministry as He brings His message and His activity as the Redeemer to the people of Israel, the first People of God.

**Second**, by His Baptism, Jesus shows us that He is united with us in our life – except that He

was entirely without sin.

**Third**, the heavenly voice – the voice of the Father – assures all of us that Jesus is indeed the beloved Son of God, the Savior sent by God into our world.

Since the very Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, this sacred practice and ceremony has been the Ritual of Initiation into Jesus' community - His holy Church - beginning nearly 2000 years ago.

**By our own Baptism**, each one of us is cleansed from the sin of this world. We are filled with the very life of God for the first time. We also become members of Jesus' one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. Our own Baptism begins our life in God's Kingdom and our journey to the eternal life which the Lord promises all of his people.

This Sunday, January 12, may we remember the Baptism of Jesus and all that it meant to him. It was a most sacred and significant event at the beginning of Jesus' public life and ministry.

At the same time, may we also remember what our own Baptism means to each of us – and to all of the Lord's people in his Church. May we continue to live in the divine grace of our own Baptism, and may all of us who are the Lord's faithful disciples come to the Kingdom that is our final destiny and salvation!

#### Best wishes for this Holy Year 2025!

May this Sunday and our Jubilee Holy Year of 2025 be a blessed time of hope, gratitude, service and prayer. May the Lord Jesus fill you and your family members and friends with peace, health, holiness, and divine goodness. God bless!

Yours, Father Jim Torquato

## Bishop Robert Barron's THE MASS

Join us for a six-week video series from an acclaimed Catholic pastor and author as Saint Philip Parish presents

## Bishop Robert Barron's THE MASS

Beginning on Wednesday evening, January 15, we'll gather in Conner Hall on our Ascension campus (114 Berry Street, 15205) for six Wednesday evenings to view together the video presentations offered by Bishop Robert Barron.

Each session will be 6:30pm until 8:00pm with a 30 minute video presentation by Bishop Barron.



#### The six sessions will address these topics:

A Privileged Encounter.
 Responding to God.

Called out of the world.
 Preparing for Sacrifice.

3. God speaks our story.

6. The Real Presence creates Communion.

#### Refreshments will be served.

Please call the Faith Formation Office TODAY at 412-922-6388 to register. Please join us for all or as many sessions as you're able to attend!

## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### **Sunday, January 12** Isaiah 40:1-11; Titus 2-3; Luke 3:15-22

Weekdays Hebrews 1-4; Mark 1-2

#### Sunday, January 19

Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

#### The Great Jubilee of 2025

In keeping with an ancient Catholic practice, Pope Francis declared this year of 2025 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 make our way toward the 2025<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lord Jesus' Birth next Christmas, 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 - in our diocese and in the United States - of our Catholic Christian faith and of the Lord's birth as our Redeemer and Savior.

The Pope's 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!

#### FINANCIAL REPORT OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collections, <b>December 28-29</b> * <i>Includes Mail-in donations</i> Christmas Collection Online donations, December 28-29 Sunday collections, <b>January 4-5</b> Online donations, January 4-5	\$7,693.00* \$710.00 \$3,129.50 \$11,252.41 \$3,637.50		
<b>Christmas Collections Report</b> Offertory collection ( <i>including Mail-in</i> ) December 24 & December 25, 2024 Christmas collection, December 24-25 Christmas collection, January 4-5 Online donations Church attendance on December 24-25 Sunday envelopes used December 24-25 Christmas Envelopes used December 24-25	\$6,034.00 \$11,380.50 \$287.00 \$ 1482 120 5 215		
Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year Parish income <u>received</u> since July 1, 2024 Parish fundraising since July 1, 2024 Estate gifts received since July 1, 2024 General donations since July 1, 2024	\$861,064.00 \$395,737.16 \$25,755.55 \$0.00 \$13,333.00		
Average weekly staff salary and benefits expense Average weekly maintenance/operation expense Average weekly utility expenses Average weekly insurance expenses Weekly contributions to Guardian Angel Academ	es \$2,179.94 \$2,030.82 \$1,102.17		
Parish members 2,456 Parish familie Church attendance on December 28-29 Church attendance on Dec. 31 & Jan. 1 Church attendance on January 4-5	es 1,287 761 477 635		
2024 Parish Appeal Goal \$128,119.00Parish Appeal received as of December 31 \$170,651.92**Includes online Parish Appeal donations 249			
Thank you for your generous financial SAINT PHILIP PAR	ISH! →		

Your goodness and participation help to keep our parish alive!



#### OUR UPCOMING SUPER BOWL POOL

Once again this year, our parish will hold the annual NFL Championship Game Pool on February 9. Order forms for the 100 spaces of the pool will be in next Sunday's January 19 parish bulletin. The donation for each block will be \$50, and the prizes according to the four quarters of the game will be \$375, \$750, \$375, and \$1,000 respectively. Numbers on the pool will be distributed randomly, and all players will receive a copy of the game day page. Order your pool blocks early beginning NEXT weekend!

#### A MEETING FOR THE ANNUAL CALENDAR PARTY

Our coordinators for the Annual Calendar Party will be holding a brief preliminary meeting on **Thursday, January 23 at 6:30pm** in Conner Hall on the Ascension campus. All table hostesses and hosts are invited to attend. Any parish member or friend who'd like to help with the success of this annual event is welcome to call Regina (412-721-5632) or Barb (412-608-7752) this week.

#### SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The Diocese of Pittsburgh proudly hosts two nationally acclaimed educational programs for children with special needs: St. Anthony School Programs and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech.

DePaul School for Hearing and Speech empowers children who are deaf or hard of hearing to develop their listening, speaking, and learning skills. St. Anthony School Programs provide an inclusive educational environment for children with Down Syndrome, Autism Spectrum Disorder, and other special needs. Both DePaul School and St. Anthony's enable their students to actively participate in their communities.

Through your donations on January 18-19, we can support the spiritual and academic growth of these students. Proceeds from this collection will be credited to our 2025 Parish Appeal assessment. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

#### Special thanks to our wonderful parish bakers! Throughout each year, our parish is

Throughout each year, our parish is blessed to receive generous support from a large number of excellent bakers in our community! From the holiday bake sales to the Fish Fry bake sales to a number of events during the year, our volunteer bakers give tremendous support to our parish life. Our bakers also contribute to our parish fundraising efforts too.

In December, our bakers' holiday cookie and baked goods sale achieved a \$4,015 result in support of our parish life and operations!

Thanks so very much to all of our generous (and outstanding) bakers – and thanks to all who purchased their delights for your home and your holiday gatherings!

#### Many thanks to the SCHEPNER-MCDERMOTT FUNERAL HOME

This year, for 2025, our Catholic Calendars have been provided to our parish members and families by the Schepner – McDermott Funeral Home, 165 Noble Avenue in Crafton. We're most grateful to Mr. Richard Olechowicz, the owner of the Schepner-McDermott Funeral Home, for his generosity in providing this important resource to all of our households once again.

When you see Richard and his funeral home staff, please kindly thank them for their generosity and continued support and goodness given to our Catholic community of Saint Philip Parish!



*Baptism* has been a sacred religious ceremony for thousands of years, and for all Catholic Christians, it remains a sacred religious ceremony today as well. As we see in the ministry of Saint John the Baptist, *Baptism* was practiced among the people of Israel, and as we see in the Gospels and the early Church, *Baptism* is the first Ritual of Initiation for all those who are called to be disciples of Jesus and members of His holy Church.

As you know, *Baptism* (and the divine grace that it shares with us) lasts a lifetime. In fact, we believe that Baptisms marks us as God's people for all eternity, and in our prayers, we ask the Lord to renew and revitalize our Baptismal Grace throughout our lifetime.

## There are three most important gifts which we receive in our Baptism. These gifts are:

- **1.)** Our being cleansed from the sin of this world (Original Sin);
- 2.) Our receiving divine life (grace) in our souls and in our lives for the first time; and
- **3.)** Our membership among the People of God in the Catholic Church.

All of these gifts are very important to our Christian faith, life, and discipleship - and to our sharing in the eternal life and goodness of God.

May we always appreciate and give thanks for the gift of our *Baptism*! May we live in the life of the Lord every day. May the divine grace within us be renewed in the Eucharist and all the Sacraments - as well as in our prayer, Liturgy, service, and daily discipleship!



We offer our sympathy to the families of **John M. Arndt** and **Grace E. Hartwick** who entered into eternal life. Please keep them in your prayers.

Sanctuary 🔥 Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns *In Loving Memory of Jim Lucot* Offered by Family

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *In Loving Memory of Felix* (\*) Ottlee Rodgers Offered by Pat Rodgers



SCHEPNER MCDERMOTT, FUNERAL HOME, INC.

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



**SAINT PHILIP PARISH** by including the community in your will and estate planning.

Thank you!



To register, contact our parish office, OR text **stphilippa** to **84576**, OR visit **www.stphilipchurch1.flocknote.com**.



**REFLECTIONS FROM MARYANN:** In the book, <u>May I Have This</u> <u>Dance?</u>,by Joyce Rupp, we read: "The beginning of the new year is a good time to get out our road maps of life. We can gain wisdom by looking at the places of our hearts where we have traveled during the past year. As we look back over the journey, it is helpful to identify the places that blessed us, affirmed us, enlivened us, tested us, discouraged us, or maybe even tried to destroy us. Once we have looked over our past travels, we need to review our present situation. What are our inner resources? Do we need to refuel, to restore our energies? What kind of nourishment will we provide for ourselves as we travel? Do we settle for only junk food for our minds, hearts and souls? Can we risk taking the back roads, the unfamiliar ones, where much hidden or unknown beauty is often found."

This New Year, let us take the opportunities provided at Saint Philip Parish to nourish our minds, hearts and souls. Let us step out and not be afraid to take a different road or to try something new. This year Saint Philip Parish invites you to join us in the following ministries:

- Adult Education series Bishop Robert Barron's THE MASS each Wednesday evening beginning January 15 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.
- Grief Support the third Thursday of each month at 2:00pm in Ascension Church Conner Hall.
- Ladies of Charity Meetings on Thursday, January 9 at 1:00pm on Saint Philip campus building next to the gym (use the side entrance).
- **Salvation History** on Tuesday, January 14 at 7:00pm in Ascension Administration Building.
- Soup, Salad and Speaker Series every Wednesday during Lent beginning March 12 at 6:30pm in Conner Hall.
- **Christian Men's Fellowship** every Thursday beginning at 7:00pm in Ascension Administration Building 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.
- Legion of Mary every Thursday at 6:30pm in Ascension Rectory.
- Hooks & Needles sewing, crochet, knitting every Tuesday at 9:00am in Ascension Administration Building 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.
- Choir rehearsal every Thursday in Ascension Church at 6:30pm.



#### **KITCHEN TABLE MINISTRY:**

Drop-In Sunday is **February 2** following the 9:30am Mass at Ascension Conner Hall. Come enjoy coffee, donuts, blood pressure screening, general information regarding wellness and the opportunity to talk with others.

#### 5 Things to Leave in 2024

- **1. Self-Doubt:** Trust your abilities. *Quick Action:* Start each day with a positive affirmation.
- 2. Clutter: Clear your space, clear your mind. *Quick Action:* Donate or recycle 1-3 unused items.
- **3. Grudges:** Let go of resentment. *Quick Action:* Write a letter to release your pain.
- **4. Perfectionism:** Progress over perfection. *Quick Action:* Complete a task you've been delaying.

#### **5. Unrealistic Expectations:** Appreciate the effort. *Quick Action:* Replace "should" with "it's okay."

Additional Ministries are listed in our weekly bulletin. Why not try something new this year and make 2025 a year of blessing and renewal.

**NEW MINISTRIES COMIING IN 2025:** Garden Ministry, High School Ministry, Family Ministry and Retreat. Watch the bulletin for details.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, May 17 is our Family Retreat!

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS:** The Roman Catholic Church commemorated the visit of the 3 Wise Men who followed the Star to Bethlehem on January 5. Upon seeing the Christ Child they offered Him gifts of gold for the King of Kings, frankincense in worship of Him and myrrh in prophecy of His death, burial and Resurrection. To celebrate this feast each Family received a prayer card, holy water and chalk with which to Bless their home for the New Year.

**FAITH FORMATION FAMILY NIGHT:** Join us on **Monday, January 13** for a Spaghetti dinner followed by a prayer at 6:30pm.

**WEATHER RELATED CANCELATIONS:** Please listen to KDKA or WPXI for any cancelations due to weather.

#### **PRAYER FOR FAMILIES:**

Loving and Merciful God, we pray for the many needs of families: for abundant love, for forgiveness and reconciliation, for a living faith to face the challenges of each day. Jesus, You were born into a human family and became our brother. You know well what families need to nourish both children and parents in long-lasting bonds of love and respect. Help families of all shapes and sizes to turn to you as their source of life. May Your Spirit encourage husbands and wives, mothers and fathers, brothers, and sisters. Give us all the eyes to appreciate one another and to be grateful for the gift of families. Amen.

**BISHOP BARRON 6 SESSION SERIES "The Mass:"** Have you always wanted to participate more fully in the Sunday Eucharist. Join us as we discover the meaning and purpose of our Catholic celebration of the Eucharist. This program features a video presentation from Bishop Barron, workbook and discussion. A pizza supper will be served at the first session. There will be snacks, a dessert and coffee/tea reception for sessions 2 through 6. The six-session series begins on Wednesday, January 15 in Ascension Church Conner Hall from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Call 412-922-6388 to register.

**HIGH SCHOOL AND ADULT CONFIRMATION:** The Sacrament of Confirmation infuses in us the gifts of the Holy Spirit which help us to live as followers of Jesus. It welcomes the Holy Spirit into our hearts and allows him to act in our lives as we face daily expectations and challenges. If any adult or high school student would like to receive the Sacrament, contact the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388. There will be two short sessions prior to receiving the Sacrament this Spring.

To date Saint Philip Parish is blessed with many individuals seeking a deeper relationship with the living God and a desire to celebrate the sacraments of baptism, eucharist and confirmation within

the Catholic Church. Are you or someone you know:

- Interested in learning more about a relationship with Jesus within the Catholic faith?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation?

Contact the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.



#### **CLASSROOM CHRONICLES**

Each week we will highlight the amazing things that are going on in our classrooms at Guardian Angel Academy.



#### MISS LINDA GERRITY'S 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE CLASSROOM CHRONICLE

Second Grade is buzzing with activities! We're having fun while learning and growing in faith, preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. We've covered the Seven Sacraments, parts of the Bible, and the Ten Commandments, and we're currently learning about God's forgiveness and praying the Prayer of Sorrow daily.

Our class celebrated All Saints Day by portraying saints and presenting reports to their families. Students have started cursive handwriting, which they love. In science, we're creating Solar System Posters with clay. In math, we're mastering two-digit addition and subtraction with regrouping and competing to improve our basic math facts.

Our Chromebook time is spent learning to use Google Docs for writing assignments. Recently, we completed and illustrated a book about lighthouses titled Let Your Lighthouse Shine and are excited to be published authors.

Art class is a favorite, especially making and painting paper mache lighthouses. The 2nd grade won the school's Read-A-Thon, raising \$1,345 and earning a trophy, pizza party, and extended recess time. Second Grade is an exciting place to be!



#### STUDENT COUNCIL THANKSGIVING BAKE SALE

The Student Council Thanksgiving Bake Sale was a success. We raised \$270! All proceeds will benefit "Save a Life Today," a local organization that helps struggling families. **Thank you to all who contributed!** 



HELPING HANDS SERVICE CLUB

While you're out shopping and making returns, please consider picking up baby bottles, washcloths, pacifiers, bibs, and baby food/snacks. Helping Hands is collecting these items for Catholic Charities. Please ensure all donations are turned in by Thursday, January 23. **Thank you for your generosity!** 



#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

As our post last week showed, we have incredibly generous donors who enable us to continue to assist our friends in need by their monetary donations. However, our donors who donate goods to us are just as important! They allow us to fulfill our friends' non-monetary needs without having to purchase the items. This allows us to preserve our money for those who require assistance with utilities, rent, etc.

## Here are the ways that you can donate goods to us:

Call or text our hotline at 412-444-8140 or email us at <u>svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com</u> to schedule a pickup or drop off. The items that we currently accept are: couches; loveseats; living room chairs; recliners; end tables; coffee tables; lamps with undamaged shades; kitchen tables and chairs; working appliances, such as refrigerators, stoves, dryers and washing machines (but no built-ins or dishwashers); dressers without attached mirrors; chests of drawers; twin, full or queen mattresses and box springs that are in good condition and without stains; and nightstands.

Donations of clothing, shoes and accessories can be placed in the blue bins at St. Philip and Ascension. Please do not leave donations on the ground if the bins are full as they will be thrown away.

Donations of clothing, shoes, accessories, household goods, toys, books, small appliances, and furniture can be dropped off at one of the St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores. Visit <u>https://svdppitt.org/stores/store-locations-directio</u> <u>ns</u> or call 412-321-1071 for store locations and hours.

Please never place donations inside the churches unless we are specifically asking for donations and have requested that they be placed in the churches.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of our friends in need!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the Knights of Columbus - Chartiers Council #875 for their recent donation. They have been long-time supporters of our conference and their donation will help many friends in need!

Over the past week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a single mother with \$300 toward her rent; a man was given a box spring; a woman was assisted with \$400 toward her rent; a couple was assisted with \$30 for gasoline for their vehicle; and we assisted the Archangel Gabriel conference with \$325 in twinning. Thanks so much for your generous and ongoing support!

If you, or someone you know, need assistance, call or text our hotline at 412-444-8140 or email svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com.

#### **GRIEF SUPPORT**

Join us on the third Thursday of each month from 2:00pm to 3:00pm in Conner Hall, Ascension campus. Our Bereavement Support Group offers a compassionate space for fellow parishioners to share their stories and support one another through the grief process. You are welcome to come alone or bring someone with you.

Our Next meeting: Thursday, January 16, 2025. Please consider joining us.

### St. Anthony School Programs

About



St. Anthony's is an inclusive educational program for students ages 5-21, with Down syndrome, Autism Spectrum Disorder, and other special needs. Our unique program thrives within select Catholic schools throughout the Pittsburgh region. Currently, we have four elementary programs, three high school programs, and one post-secondary program at Duquesne University. St. Anthony's operates in a special resource room designed to help our students succeed with their academic curriculum. We also provide services such as speech, occupational, and music therapy, as well as job and mobility skills training. In addition to the special resource rooms, students can attend inclusive classes with their peers.

For 70 years, St. Anthony School Programs has helped students of all faiths live their lives to the fullest academically, socially, vocationally, and spiritually, so they may grow and become active and contributing members of society.

#### **Partner Schools**

#### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Blessed Trinity Academy, Glenshaw Mary of Nazareth, White Oak Ave Maria Academy, Bethel Park St. Therese, Munhall

#### SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Bishop Canevin High School, Crafton Serra Catholic High School, McKeesport North Catholic High School, Cranberry

#### POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL

**Duquesne University** 

#### Did You Know?

- We have 11 classrooms located in Catholic schools throughout Pittsburgh
- The cost to educate a St. Anthony's student is \$18,000; families are responsible for \$6,000
- 70% of St. Anthony's students receive scholarship support
- We provide speech, occupational, and music therapy
- ✤ 95% of our students have transportation to our program, provided by their school district
- Our student retention rate is 92%
- St. Anthony's has 3,000 alumni and counting!
- Approximately 290,000 Pennsylvania students are identified with special needs





DEPAUL SCHOOL

#### FOR HEARING & SPEECH

## Give the Gift of Hearing and Speech to a Child!

Founded in 1908 by the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill, DePaul School for Hearing and Speech has been a beacon of hope for children who are deaf, hard of hearing, or with severe speech delays and their families in Pittsburgh and beyond. As an Approved Private School, 60% of DePaul School's annual operating expenses are covered through state subsidy. DePaul School relies on the community to support essential programs and capital needs not covered by the state. DePaul School prides itself at being on the cutting edge of medical and educational technology and has remained consistent in our success with students. Our specialized programming continues to evolve, but our mission always remains the same: teach every child who is deaf, hard of hearing, or with speech challenges to listen and speak and transition to and strive in their neighborhood school as soon as they are ready.









...YOU are giving parents a chance to hear their child tell them, "I Love You."

3 out of 1,000 children are born with hearing loss; 94% of those children are born to hearing parents who use spoken language to communicate.

...YOU are funding our early intervention programs.

The first three years of life is when the hearing center of a child's brain develops. DePaul School's intensive Early Intervention Programs have resulted in 70% of students transitioning to their neighborhood schools by Kindergarten or earlier.

#### ...YOU are empowering our students.

With a comprehensive self-advocacy curriculum, DePaul School Students learn from an early age to advocate for themselves in the hearing world.

#### ...YOU are giving families hope for their children who may need extra support.

DePaul School is the only Listening and Spoken Language (LSL) Education school in the tri-state area and one of the only ones that serve children through the 8th grade.

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