

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

Rev. James R. Torquato, Pastor Deacon Joe Allen, Parish Deacon

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PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

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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 MISSION STATEMENTWe, 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

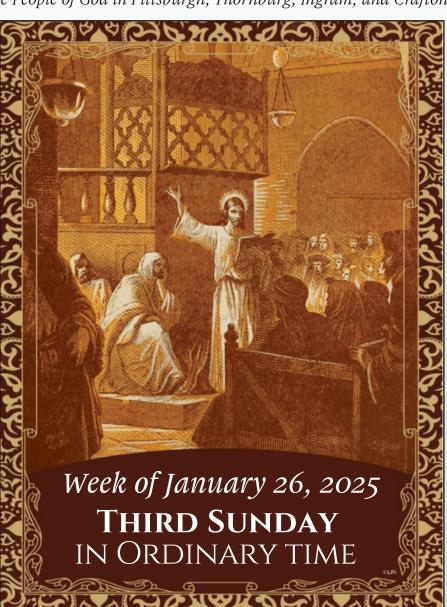
50 West Crafton Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15205

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 PRIEST'S INTENTION REQUESTED BY TIME

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 — CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE

Ascension 8:ooam Living & Deceased Members of Saint Philip Parish Wedding - Bradley R. Miles and Meagan L. Daily Saint Philip 2:00pm 4:00pm (Vigil) Bill & Carol Solt Saint Philip

Ascension 5:30pm (Vigil) Audrey & Valentino Valarie & Richard Nania

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 — THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saint Philip 7:00am John & Dorothy Kimes Mr. & Mrs. Larry Franklin Raymond Killmeyer, Sr. Ray & Dianne Ascension 9:30am Terry & Art Keeley Pat Keeley Saint Philip 11:00am

MONDAY, JANUARY 27 — WEEKDAY

McDonald, Auth & McDonald Family Saint Philip 8:00am

Weber Families

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28 - SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF

THE CHURCH

Ascension 8:00am Holy Innocents An Alumna

Class of 1964

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29 — WEEKDAY

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30 — WEEKDAY

8:ooam Special Intention of Friends Ascension Sister Betty Waigand

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31 — SAINT JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST

8:ooam Von & Bob Reinstadtler Mary Ann Daily Saint Philip

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 — BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Ascension 8:ooam Mr. Nicholas Torquato Family 4:00pm (Vigil) Marie & Bill Reif Sue & Mike Rust Saint Philip Barnhart & Mehal Theresa Barnhart Ascension 5:30pm (Vigil) Families

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 — THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Saint Philip 7:00am Ianice Marie Walker Cathy & Tony Beloncis Ascension 9:30am Audrey Heigl Peggy, Debby & Kathy Saint Philip 11:00am Mary Adelaide & Family

Chris Sprowls



Notes from the **Pastor**

Welcome to our celebration of the Lord's Day Sunday as we continue our Jubilee Holy Year 2025!

Today is Word of God Sunday

Six years ago in 2019, Pope Francis declared the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time to now be "Word of God Sunday" to remind us of the importance of the Bible in our Catholic Christian faith, in our Sacred Liturgy and prayer, and in our daily living!

In previous bulletins, I've reminded everyone that the Bible is one of the three foundations of our faith (again, they are known as "S.T.M." - the Scriptures in the Bible, the Apostolic Tradition, and the Official Magisterium - the Official Teachings.) As you know, in every Sunday and weekday Liturgy, we read from the books of the Old Testament AND the New Testament - especially from the Four Gospels of Jesus' life and teachings which are the most important writings in the Bible (that's why we stand in church to listen to the Gospel Reading). Likewise, reading the Bible (the Word of God) is highly recommended for our daily reading and for our time in prayer.

This Sunday's Bible readings in the Liturgy show us the use of the Bible (the Scriptures) in the life of Israel and in the life of Jesus and the early Church. The people of Israel (our ancestors in the faith) and Jesus and His disciples read the Jewish Scriptures (what we traditionally call the Old Testament) in their Saturday synagogue prayer and in their daily religious practice. The Jewish Scripture readings were composed over many, many centuries. They give to us the story of God's choice of Israel to be His people. The

Jewish Scriptures also point Israel toward the promised Messiah (Jesus) who would come to them to restore Israel and create a new the people of God.

The Gospels and writings of the New Testament were composed in the first generations of the Catholic Church. The Church was already alive and growing and teaching our faith in Jesus and His death and Resurrection for years. In time, the Apostles knew that it would be important to record the story of Jesus which they had been sharing verbally and preaching to Church members for decades. The writings that were inspired by the Holy Spirit and then written and circulated eventually became the New Testament. We believe that the writings of both the Old Testament and the New Testament were truly inspired by Almighty God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and so we call these writings the "Word of God."

Again, the Bible is so essential to our Catholic Christian faith that it is one of the Three Pillars of Christianity. The Bible is read in each of our Liturgies throughout the year. The Bible is essential to our own daily prayer. Just as Jesus read and honored the Word of God in the Jewish Scriptures, may we too honor and read all the writings in the Bible - especially all the writings about the Lord Jesus. This week, please find your Bible, open it, and read the Gospels. Then read the Acts of the Apostles, the New Testament letters, and the Old Testament. You and your faith (and your family) will benefit from the Word of God being important in your life and in your home every day!

Best wishes for this Holy Year 2025!

May this Jubilee Holy Year of 2025 be a blessed time of hope, gratitude, service, prayer, and reading the Word of God in the Bible! 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

SECOND 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-2 2024/2025 Year to Date)

OPERATING REVENUE:

Offertory Collections	426,934
Donations & Bequests	12,662
Fundraising	26,730
Campaign Income	7
Other Income	20,804
	487,137
OPERATING EXPENSE:	
Administration	174,866
Operations & Maintenance	112,919
Liturgical & Rectory	82,041
Religious Ed & C.A.R.E.S.	65,687
Property & Liability Insurance	29,435
Social/ Outreach/ Other	3,067
	468,015

OPERATING SURPLUS	(DEFICIT)	19.122	
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NON-OPERATING ITEMS:

	(3,678)
Net Third Party Collections	11,522
Extraordinary Maintenance Expense	(15,200)

FEATURED ASSETS and LIABILITIES at 12/31/2024

ASSETS:

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Unrestricted Funds:

Casii	204,031
Deposit & Loan Operating Savings	991,604
	1,256,235
Restricted Funds:	
Deposit & Loan Restricted Savings	29,236
Deposit & Loan Restricted Campaign	1,301
Parish Endowment Investment	40,300
Other Investments	415
	71,252
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 Second Report for this Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Your increased contributions are very important and greatly appreciated.

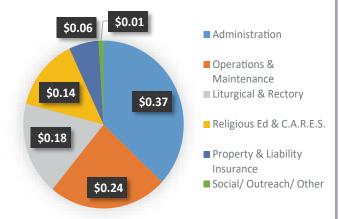
Thank you for your generosity which keeps Saint Philip Parish alive and doing well!

Revenue vs. Expense for 7-1-2024 thru 12-31-2024

Revenue: 487,137

Expense: 468,015

How each Expense Dollar Supports the Parish



Line items include but are not limited to:

Offertory Collections: Offertory, Parish Appeal Campaign Income: 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, January 26

Nehemiah 8:2-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Weekdays

Hebrews 9-11; Mark 3-4

Sunday, February 2

Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40



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, January 18-19 * Includes Mail-in donations Online donations, January 18-19

-- \$10,701.00*

-- \$2,789.50

St. Anthony and DePaul collections

-- \$3,231.00

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year -- \$861,064.00 Parish income received since July 1, 2024 -- \$423,171.96 Parish fundraising since July 1, 2024 -- \$25,755.55 Estate gifts received since July 1, 2024 -- \$0.00 General donations since July 1, 2024 -- \$13,677.46

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 January 18-19 -- 704 Sunday envelopes used January 18-19 -- 291 Total households receiving envelopes -- 1,058

Our Annual Parish Appeal — our 2024 Parish Appeal goal of \$128,119 has been reached and exceeded thanks to our 249 contributors. Many thanks are gratefully extended to all who contributed!

Our 2025 Parish Appeal Goal will be at least \$125,000, and the 2025 Parish Appeal will begin in early March.

Grateful for your increased support!

During our 2023 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.

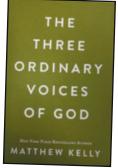


OUR UPCOMING SUPER BOWL POOL

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 this 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. **Please** see page 10 for the pool blocks order form.

CONTINUING YOUR READING FROM DYNAMIC CATHOLIC

Please remember to read the latest book from Matthew Kelly shared with more than 500 parish members in December -"The Three Ordinary Voices of God." Your life, your soul, and your family will all benefit from this spiritual reading and reflection!



EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND ADORATION

This coming Saturday, February 1, from 8:30am until 9:30am, our parish will hold our monthly time of prayer and thanksgiving in the presence of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to attend and to participate in this time of prayer, silence, and adoration in order to give honor and thanks to Jesus. This is also a time to deepen your love for and your closeness to Jesus resent in the Eucharist!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

If you are interested in learning more about the following events, call 412-922-6388.

Monday, January 27: Faith Formation at 6:30pm in Saint Philip

Tuesday, January 28: Hooks (+) Needles at 9:00am in Ascension's Administration Building

Wednesday, January 29: Bishop Barron's Series "The Mass" at 6:30pm in Conner Hall

Thursday, January 30: Choir Rehearsal at 6:30pm in Ascension church

Thursday, January 30: Legion of Mary at 6:30pm in Ascension's Rectory building

Thursday, January 30: OCIA at 6:00pm at Saint Philip

Sunday, February 2: Children's Liturgy at 9:30am at Ascension church

Sunday, February 2: Drop-In Sunday at 10:30am in Ascension Church Conner Hall

Sunday, February 2: Confirmation Retreat at 1:00pm at Saint Paul Retreat Center



THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND YOUR **GENEROUS SUPPORT!**

At the very heart of our Catholic Christian life is gratitude! In fact, the word Eucharist means "gratitude, thanksgiving" in the Greek language.

We give thanks to God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit quite often in our prayers and in the Liturgy.

It's also very important for us to thank one another often perhaps even every day of the year and every day of our lives.

Likewise, it's very important for our pastor, staff, and parish community to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to all our members and families who participate in and support the life of Saint Philip Parish... and so, "thank you all so very, very much!"

Our Catholic parish community (along with our entire diocesan church) exists for the benefit of the Lord's people here in our local area - AND for sharing of the Good News and the building up of the presence of Almighty God - the Kingdom of God in our community.

To all who participate in our parish life - and to all who support Saint Philip Catholic Parish through your generosity, contributions, apostolates, ministries, and volunteer service thank you so very, very much! It is by the divine grace of God - and your own goodness - that our parish continues to be both vital and faithful to the work of the Lord Jesus! God bless!

SAINT PHILIP PARISH MEN'S RETREAT

A Retreat for the men of St. Philip Parish will be held at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center on the South Side from Friday, March 28 at 6:00pm until Sunday, March **30 at 12:00 noon.** For information, please call Al Bannon at 412-853-1341 or Joe Hoover at 412-310-6691.

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

We have many Sanctuary Lamp Memorials remaining for 2025. They are a wonderful way of honoring deceased loved ones before the Blessed Sacrament. If you would like to schedule your intention, please contact Maureen Takach in the Parish Office.



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

Sanctuary

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns In Loving Memory of Bob (4) Pat Doherty Offered by Family

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns In Loving Memory of Smith (4) Lugaila Families Offered by Family



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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!





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



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

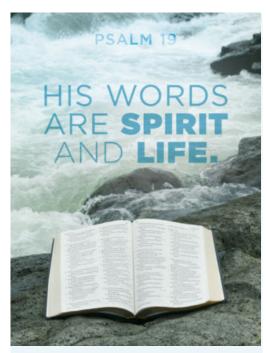
REFLECTIONS FROM MARYANN: Pope Francis has invited us to become Pilgrams of Hope in this Jubilee Year of 2025. This is not just, "OK, What is the theme this year. I can't go to Rome so I'm not concerned that much." This is a real invitation. If we accept the invitation, like a pilgrim, our lives and our parish will change and we will never be the same. Pope Francis called us to live in a spirit of pilgrimage. A pilgrimage might be defined as a journey toward the Holy, which can lead to a personal transformation. What does it mean to journey in pilgrimage-to journey with an "open spirit, a trusting heart, and a farsighted mission"?

First, we have to be called by the Holy Spirit to make the journey. We have to listen in prayer, quiet and attentiveness to God's call for us. There are a couple of ways to listen. One way we might do this is to spend five minutes sometime each day in quiet, just breathing and letting God spend time with us. Another way would be to come to Sunday Liturgy five minutes early and spend those minutes in quiet. We might also choose a passage from scripture and spend five minutes reading it, slowly letting God speak to us. This week, Let each one of us try to spend 5 minutes in quiet, listening to the Holy Spirit for the call to journey.

Just imagine what this time of Pilgrimage might do for Saint Philip Parish and for each of us, if we listen to recognize the spirit, trust in the Providence of God and place ourselves in service toward evangelization and bringing about the mission of Jesus.

Next week, we invite you to join Drop-In Sunday, sponsored by Kitchen Table Ministry, after the 9:30am Mass for coffee, tea, hot chocolate, donuts, blood pressure screening, wellness information, a listening ear, and a chance to share, if you would like, your experiences of quiet prayer.

FAITH FORMATION: Faith Formation Monday Night sessions continue each Monday from 6:30pm to 7:45pm.



KITCHEN TABLE MINISTRY:

Join us on Sunday, February 2 in Ascension Church Conner Hall following the 9:30am Mass for coffee, tea, hot chocolate, donuts, wellness information, a listening ear, blood pressure screening and good conversation. All are welcome. Individuals and Families.

PRAYER IN SUFFERING:

In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me"-Psalm 86:7 We go through periods of suffering during our life. Perhaps suffering is an invitation to turn our minds and hearts to God. The best prayer is short but powerful. It's a one-word prayer: Help! Pray it with peace, calm, and trust. Then wait in silence and watch for God's response.

(Taken from Three Minutes With God by Monsignor Frank Bognanno.)

Confirmation **CONFIRMATION RETREAT:** candidates will participate in a retreat experience on Sunday, February 2 from 1:00pm to 7:00pm at Saint Paul's Retreat Center in South Side. The day will include presentations, prayer experiences, discussion, confessions and Sunday Liturgy with the Rite of Intention. All Confirmation Candidates are required to attend.

A reminder there is still time for any high school student who would like to participate in the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 27 to contact the Office of Faith Formation at 41-922-6388.

FAITH FORMATION FAMILY NIGHT: Our next Family Night will be held on Monday, February 17 at 6:30pm in Ascension Church Conner Hall. This night will feature our children vs. parents game night: "Who wants to be a millionaire disciple?" The evening begins with a pizza dinner at 6:30pm.

Remember, stay tuned to WPXI-Channel 11 or check the KDKA website for any updates on cancellations due to cold or inclement weather.

MARDI GRAS 2025:

Faith Formation will sponsor a Mardi Gras Pancake Supper and Celebration on Monday, March 2 from 5:30pm to 7:45pm in Ascension Church Conner Hall. There will be a pancake and sausage dinner followed by music, games and fun. All members of the parish are welcome! Please call 4122-922-6388 for reservations.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Children's Liturgy will be held on the first and second Sunday of the month at the 9:30am Mass in Ascension Church and on the third and fourth Sunday of the month at the 11:00am Mass in Saint Philip Church. Children's Liturgy allows children to hear and respond to the scriptures at a level of understanding for their age. They attend Mass with their parents and are called at the beginning of the scripture readings to hear the Word of God preached from the Children's Lectionary. All children of the Parish are welcome. Please consider attending.



On Monday, January 13, Faith Formation families gathered to share an evening of prayer. Following a pasta dinner, each family created a prayer bag of things for which they wanted to thank God and things for which they wanted to pray. The children later went to church to listen to a story introducing meditation. Parents then experienced some time in Lectio Divina and Examin prayer. The evening concluded with the children's choir leading the group in songs of the season.









SAINT PHILIP PARISH



We don't know who will play in this year's Super Bowl yet, but we do know the game is scheduled for Sunday, February 9, 2025 between the AFC and the NFC. We are having a Super Bowl Pool. The cost is \$50 per block. There are 100 blocks in the pool. We will have 4 payouts:

1st Quarter score - **\$375** 2nd Quarter score - **\$750** 3rd Quarter score - \$375 Final score - \$1,000

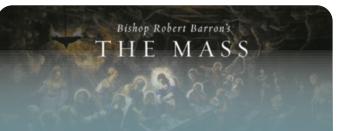
The names and numbers will be randomly drawn in advance. You will receive a copy of the completed pool prior to the Super Bowl.

Don't wait too long, this always sells out!!!

Purchase a block for yourself or partner with a friend. Please fill out the form below and return to the parish office. Thank you.

SAINT PHILIP SUPER BOWL POOL

Square(s) @ \$50 each
Total enclosed
I would like to name my block(s)
Name
Phone number



Bishop Robert Barron's THE MASS



Fifty parish members and friends participated in Bishop Barron's video discussion series on "The Mass." This series will continue for 3 more Wednesdays from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. All are welcome for any session.







Email

Celebrating CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 1

During the 200 years since Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton began the establishment of Catholic Schools in Emmitsburg, Maryland, tens of thousands of Catholic elementary schools, secondary schools, colleges and universities have been established throughout the United States.

For two centuries, children of our Catholic families have

been offered a complete Catholic education in our faith and in all of the areas of education which are important for well educated members of the Church and of society.

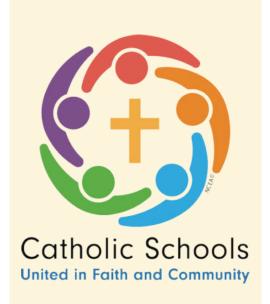


For many generations, this formation in Catholic schools was provided by Religious Orders of Sisters, Brothers, and Priests who received little compensation for their service and sacrifice. Their tremendous generosity once allowed students in the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh to receive a multi-year education without any tuition or cost.

Thankfully, a number of Catholic school graduates, students, and families actually participate in the life of the Church and of their parish. Of course, it would be a true blessing if even more would participate!

In our own diocese, what were previously parish schools have now been consolidated into regional schools for their continued viability and existence. Our high schools have also been renewed through mutual cooperation. As such, a quality and faith-filled Catholic education continues to be available to families and students in our Catholic Schools despite the declining population of our region and our parishes.

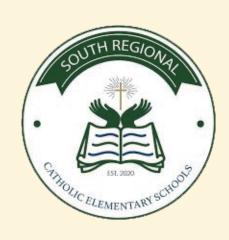
May our own parish community and all who have been educated in Catholic Schools continue to support this important ministry of the Church, and may our Catholic Schools continue to strengthen and benefit the life of the Lord's people now and in the years to come.



For your child/ren and grandchild/ren, take a look at these excellent Catholic Schools:

Guardian Angel Academy -Pre-school to Grade 8

Bishop Canevin High School Our Lady of the Sacred Heart **High School** Seton LaSalle High School





ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

We have had some really frigid temperatures already this winter and there is a lot of winter left.

If you, or someone you know does not have adequate heat or shelter, these cold temperatures are more than iust inconvenience, they can be life threatening. Thankfully, when we have extremely cold temperatures, the CitiParks Warming Centers are there for those who need them.

The Warming Centers are just the CitiParks Healthy Active Living Centers, which are normally restricted to individuals 60 and older, open to anyone who needs to get out of the cold. These centers open when the high temperature is forecasted to be at or below 20 degrees and they are open from 8:00am to **7:00pm**. The closest Warming Center is located at the Sheraden Healthy Active Living Community Center, 720 Sherwood Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15204. The phone number is 412-777-5012. For more information about warming centers around the area, visit www.pa211.org/get-help/housing-shelter/extre me-cold-warming-centers.

We still desperately need volunteers for our furniture mission, as well as donations of couches and loveseats. If you are getting new furniture and your couch or loveseat still has some life in it, please consider donating it to our friends in need. We are also once again in need of new full-sized sheet sets to give out when we give a friend in need a new bed. If you

would like to volunteer or to schedule a pickup or drop off of your donation, 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 family with three beds and dressers; a single mother was given \$356.94 toward her water bill; and a man was given a refrigerator.

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 online at https://saintphilipchurch.weshareonline.org/w s/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.

If you would like to make a donation of furniture or household goods, please call or text our hotline at 412-444-8140 or email us at svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com. If you would like to donate clothing, shoes or accessories, please place your donation in the blue bins in front of the Hope House at St. Philip or in the rear parking lot at Ascension, or you can call, text or email us to arrange a pickup if you are unable to transport them yourself. Please do not place any other items in those bins or leave anything outside of them because they will be thrown away. If you are looking to purchase new or gently-used clothing, housewares or furniture, please shop at the St. Vincent de Paul thrift and visit our online store stores www.vinnysvaluables.com. Also, we are always looking for volunteers! Any donation of your time is extremely valuable to us. If you'd like to join us in helping our friends in need or just want to learn more, please call, text or email us for more information.







OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 10 AM ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

We are excited to invite you to our Open House for our 2025-2026 school year.

- Take a guided tour of the school
- Meet with the Principal
- Learn more about our Academics and Activities
- · Ask questions about Fundraising, **Volunteering and Athletics**

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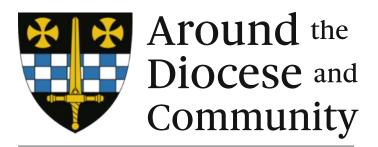
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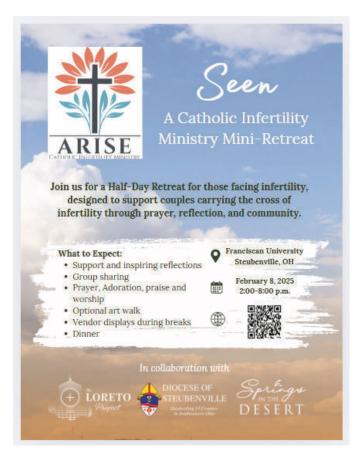
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School will hold its placement test for the Class of 2029 on Saturday, February 8 at 9:00am. Interested freshmen for fall 2025 should attend. Visit www.olsh.orgor call Jessica Sellman 412-262-3300 for more information.

MAGNIFICAT PRAYER BREAKFAST

Join Magnificat Pittsburgh on Saturday, February 15, 9:00am to 12:00 noon, for a prayer-filled breakfast at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Cranberry Twp., 910 Sheraton Drive, Cranberry (Note: different location from last meal). In addition to a delicious breakfast, praise and worship, fun and fellowship, the featured speaker will be Pat Higginbotham. Registration is \$35 and includes music by Living Praise, speaker, and breakfast. Register online or download mail-in registration at www.magnificatpittsburgh.org.

BISHOP CANEVIN OPEN HOUSE

Bishop Canevin High School will open its doors on Wednesday, February 26, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm for prospective families to meet with faculty, staff, students, and parents. Experience first-hand how our students academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually. The event is drop-in style and online registration is recommended. Please visit www.bishopcanevin.org/open-house for more information or to register.





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