

Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

OFFICE HOURS

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

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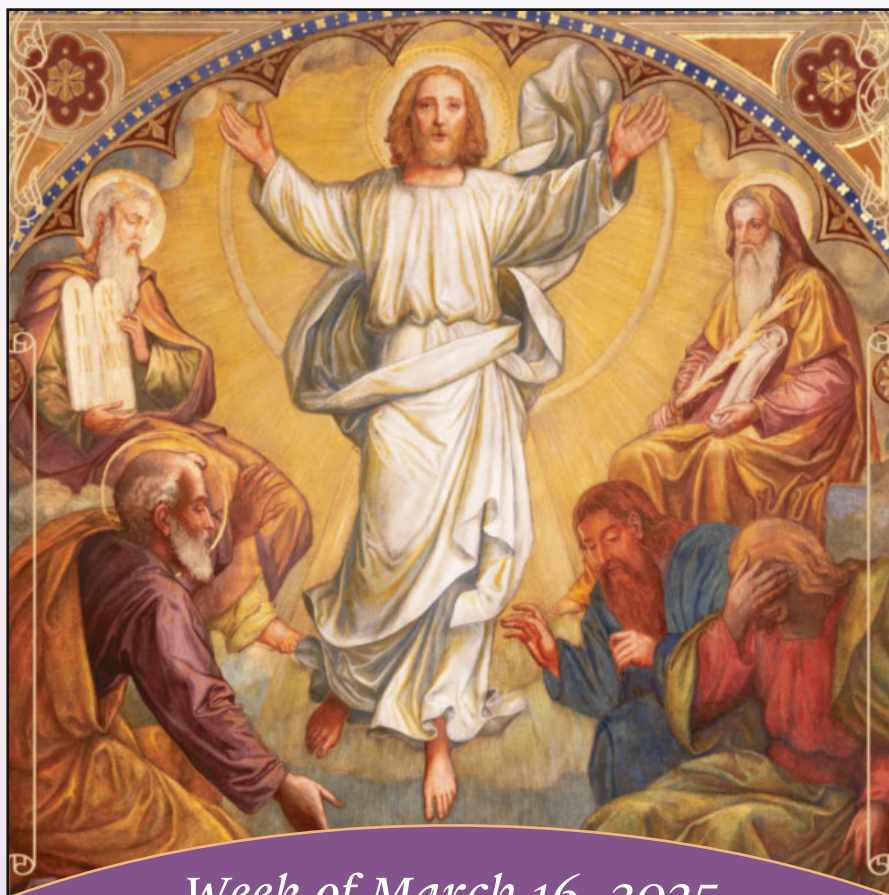
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

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Saint Philip Office (412) 922-6300
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CRISIS SUPPORT/SUICIDE PREVENTION

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



Week of March 16, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Forty Days of Prayer

SAINT PHILIP CATHOLIC PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

Saint Philip Church
 50 West Crafton Ave.
 Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Ascension Church
 114 Berry Street
 Pittsburgh, PA 15205

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



CONFESSION

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

SACRAMENTS

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

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

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

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCA): Call the Faith Formation Office at 412-922-6388 for more information.

Priesthood/Religious Life: Contact the Pastor for more information.

Victim's Assistance Hot-Line: If you are a person who has been hurt by abuse from clergy or others associated with the Church, the Diocese of Pittsburgh offers assistance with counseling, spiritual direction and referrals to other supportive services.

For information, contact our Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 412-456-3093.

Protecting God's Children —
VICTIM HOTLINE: 1-888-808-1235

CHILDLINE: 1-888-932-0313 to report child abuse
Call 911 if a child is in imminent danger.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Our Liturgies are celebrated at both Saint Philip Church, 50 West Crafton Avenue, Crafton, and Ascension Church, 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh

LOCATION	TIME	PRIEST'S INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
SATURDAY, MARCH 15 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Paul Korol	Wife, Claudia Korol
Saint Philip	2:00pm	Wedding - Michael C. McCarthy & Emily Ann Kondracki	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	McElligott & O'Connor Families	Cathy O'Connor
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Audrey & Valentino Nania and Richard Nania	McAlister Family
SUNDAY, MARCH 16 — SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Pat Doherty	Family
Ascension	9:30am	Joseph R. Twardy	Family
Saint Philip	11:00am	Bowen Family	Greg & Jeannie Shumovich
MONDAY, MARCH 17 — SAINT PATRICK, BISHOP			
St. Philip	8:00am	Patricia Happoldt & Family	Vance Blair Family
TUES., MARCH 18 — ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH			
Ascension	8:00am	Kormick Family	Marcy Kormick
WED., MARCH 19 — ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Carol Solt	Ed & Terri Midgley
THURSDAY, MARCH 20 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	John Rogers, Jr.	Sister, Pat
FRIDAY, MARCH 21 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of Saint Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	8:30am	Stations of the Cross	
Ascension	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY, MARCH 22 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Albert J. Plouy	Joan & Ed Goyke
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Regis, Mary B. & Dorothy McDonald	McDonald Family
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Alice & Ellsworth Wentz	Louis & Barbara Wentz
SUNDAY, MARCH 23 — THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Cameron Dolansky	Dolansky Family
Ascension	9:30am	Samuel Palombini, Sr.	DeDe & Family
Saint Philip	11:00am	Patty McDermott	David



Notes from the Pastor

Welcome to our celebration of the Lord's Day this Sunday as we continue to observe the Season of Lent during our Jubilee Holy Year 2025!

It is good, Lord, that we are here!

In these first Sundays of Lent, we hear of some remarkable events in the life and ministry of Jesus. Last Sunday, we heard the account of the temptations visited upon Jesus by Satan - temptations which Jesus turned aside just as we should shield ourselves from the many temptations that afflict us in these modern times.

This Sunday, we hear once again of the amazing manifestation of Jesus' divine glory that He shared with Peter, James, and John on Mount Tabor prior to their arrival in Jerusalem for Jesus' final days. This manifestation which we call the "Transfiguration" hopefully assures us that Jesus is the Son of God and our Lord. Hopefully the Transfiguration also strengthens our faith in Jesus just as it bolstered the faith of the Apostles in their time and lives.

In addition to these two remarkable events, this Season of Lent reminds us to deepen our faith and our lives in the Lord Jesus. We are indeed the Lord's people thanks to our faith, our Baptism, the Eucharist and the other Sacraments, our prayer and worship, as well as our discipleship and our Christian service. Yet we are called to deepen and to strengthen our life in Christ Jesus each day and every year.

During Lent (*and during the Easter Season, and in fact, throughout the entire year*), we're called to increase our life in the Lord through **prayer, penance, and charity**.

Prayer deepens our communion with God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Prayer is NOT only making requests of the Lord. Prayer is also listening to the Holy Spirit in silence and meditation. Prayer is also reading the Word of God in the Bible and allowing God's Word to speak to our hearts. Prayer is also thanking, praising, and giving glory to God in gratitude for the life, Good News, and divine grace that are given to us.

Penance is an important way to discipline ourselves and to make real our contrition for the sins we have committed. Penance, fasting, and self-sacrifice are important elements of the self-discipline which makes our stronger in our Christian discipleship and in our faithfulness to the Lord.

Finally, acts of charity deepen our life in Christ by our imitating the love and charity of Almighty God in real and helpful ways. Just as God is truly generous and charitable to all of us, so too are we called to live just like the Lord Jesus by being generous and good to others - especially those who are truly poor and in need of our help and support.

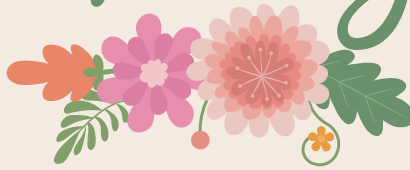
As we make our way through Lent, may we increase our discipleship during each week of this season. May we also continue this effort during the Easter Season and all throughout the year. Now and until we are joined with the company of all the Lord's Holy Ones - his Saints - in the eternal life and Kingdom of God, we're called to deepen our life in Christ Jesus each and every day!

Best wishes for a blessed Season of Lent

May Lent and this Jubilee Holy Year of 2025 be a blessed time of hope, gratitude, service, prayer, forgiveness and reconciliation! 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

Saint Philip Parish Annual *Calendar Party*



On Sunday, March 9, at Bishop Canevin Catholic High School, there were more than 300 parish members, family members, friends and neighbors who joined us for this annual celebration of holidays throughout the year!

In addition to a catered lunch and appetizers provided by our holiday table hostesses and hosts, participants enjoyed each other's company as well as multiple auction baskets and a variety of raffles. After our Lenten Fish Fry program, the Annual Calendar Party is the second most beneficial fundraiser each year for Saint Philip Parish!

Many thanks are extended to all who participated, to all our organizers — especially Regina McDonald, Barbara Hendrick, and Mary Rodgers Schubert, to our many holiday group hostesses and hosts, to all our donors, our adult and student volunteers, our Vincentians who transported parish tables and chairs to Bishop Canevin High School, to the BCHS administration and staff, and to our own parish staff. The net proceeds for the party were \$14,463.90. Thank you all so very much!

A very fine afternoon was enjoyed by all in attendance, and we're already looking forward to our 2026 Calendar Party!





BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 16

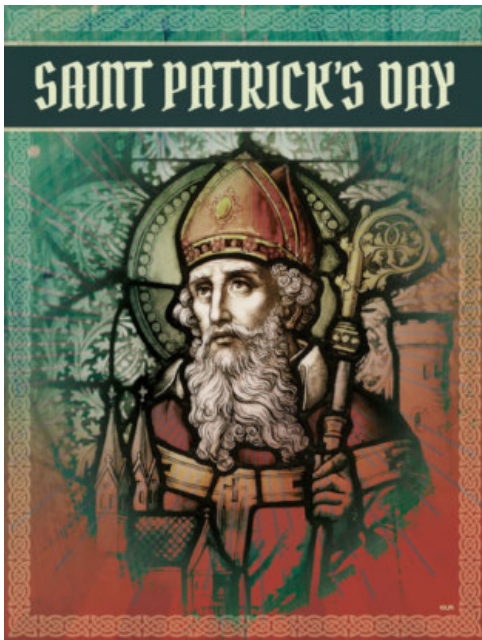
Genesis 15:5-18;
Philippians 3:17 - 4:1;
Luke 9:28b-36

Weekdays

Jeremiah 17-18;
Matthew 6

Sunday, March 23

Exodus 3:1-15;
1 Corinthians 10:1-12;
Luke 13:1-9



*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, March 8-9	-- \$11,428.35*
<i>* Includes Mail-in donations</i>	
Online donations, March 8-9	-- \$4,115.00
Maintenance collection	-- \$63.00
Religious Education collection	-- \$45.00

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year	-- \$861,064.00
Parish income <u>received</u> since July 1, 2024	-- \$521,460.76
Parish fundraising since July 1, 2024	-- \$40,219.45**
**Calendar Party 2025—14,463.90	
Estate gifts received since July 1, 2024	-- \$500.00
General donations since July 1, 2024	-- \$21,256.46

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 March 8-9	-- 729		
Sunday envelopes used March 8-9	-- 297		
Total households receiving envelopes	-- 1,058		

2025 Parish Appeal Goal	-- \$126,559.50
Parish Appeal received as of March 9	-- \$56,610.00*
<i>* Includes online Parish Appeal donations</i>	
2025 Parish Appeal Donors	-- 160



Annual Parish Appeal 2025



Come & See

*"Come...
and you
will see."
— John 1:39*

Please help us, once again, to support the important work of Bishop David Zubik and the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh!

Our 2025 goal is \$126,559, and your pledge can be fulfilled over the next ten months. Thank you for helping us meet this important obligation, and may the Lord bless you and your family in the year ahead.

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

It's that time of year again when we ask you to share your favorite Baked Goods recipes for our Parish Fish Fry. We love cookies, pies, cakes, breads, etc. Baked goods can be dropped off **every Thursday during Lent from 6:00pm to 8:00pm** in Ascension Church Conner Hall. Your delicious baked goods add to the enjoyment of our Fish Fry patrons.



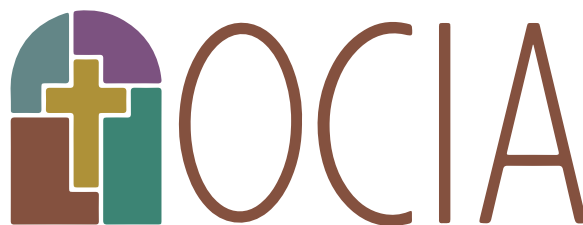
SAINT PHILIP PARISH MEN'S RETREAT



A Retreat for the men of Saint Philip Parish will be held at Saint 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.

LENTEN PARISH FISH FRY

Please mark your calendars for this year's **Lenten Fish Fry evenings**, and be sure to invite all of your family members, relatives and friends to join us from 4:00pm to 7:00pm every Friday of Lent (including Good Friday). If you'd like to volunteer, call 412-922-6300.



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults



Arial Ball and **Cameron Gallagher** participated in the Rite of Election and the enrollment of names with Bishop David Zubik on Sunday, March 9 at Saint Paul Cathedral. Please pray for Arial and Cameron as they begin intense preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) which will be celebrated at the Easter Vigil on April 19 in Saint Philip church.



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Join us for the Saint Philip Women's Retreat from **April 11-13** at Saint Paul Retreat Center on the South Side. This retreat promises a fulfilling experience with engaging talks, opportunities for the sacraments, quiet prayer experiences, delicious food, workshops, and liturgy. To learn more, call Diana Miller at 412-759-6241.

SAINT PHILIP PARISH

Soup, Salad and Speaker Series

Best wishes for a very good Season of Lent!

You, your family, and your friends are welcome to join us Wednesday evenings for the 2025 Lenten Season.

Ascension Church Conner Hall

Wednesdays – 6:30pm to 8:00pm

MARCH 19 – Father Rick Thompson

Jesus forgives

MARCH 26 – Father Sam Esposito

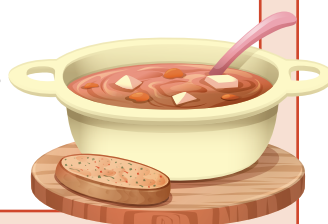
Jesus walks the way of the Father

APRIL 2 – Sister Carole Blazina, SC

Jesus loves

APRIL 9 – Deacon Tim Killmeyer

Jesus' final days



NO reservations are needed! Simply come to Ascension Church (114 Berry Street) and join us!

Saint Vincent de Paul Society's Annual



Lenten

FOOD DRIVE

**NOW through
APRIL 13**

Donate: unexpired, non-perishable food items or toiletries. See page 12 of this bulletin for more information.



We offer our sympathy to the family of **Mary Ann Sabram** who entered into eternal life. Please keep her in your prayers.

Sanctuary Lamp

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

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *in Loving Memory of*
James M. O'Connor, Sr.
Offered by Wife, Cathy



R & R CONTRACTING

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

DONATE ONLINE 

Make donating easy!

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

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

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Search "Saint Philip Church"



Faith Formation

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

REFLECTIONS FROM MARYANN: Here we are on the Second Sunday of Lent. We are invited to make this Lent one of the best experiences of drawing closer to the Lord Jesus. At Saint Philip Parish, our theme this year is *Accompanying Jesus*. Each Friday in Lent, we are offered the opportunity to pray the traditional Stations of the Cross at 8:30am in Saint Philip church and 7:00pm in Ascension church.

In the book, *Station to Station*, author Gary Jansen notes that in 1991, Pope John Paul II, wanting to give believers an alternative set of stations upon which to pray and meditate, proposed a new list based solely on events described in the New Testament. Our theme this year is based upon these Scriptural Stations which are:

FIRST STATION: Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane.

SECOND STATION: Jesus is betrayed by Judas, is arrested.

THIRD STATION: Jesus is condemned by the Sanhedrin.

FOURTH STATION: Jesus is denied by Peter.

FIFTH STATION: Jesus is judged by Pilate.

SIXTH STATION: Jesus is scourged and crowned with thorns.

SEVENTH STATION: Jesus bears His cross.

EIGHTH STATION: Jesus is helped by Simon of Cyrene to carry His cross.

NINTH STATION: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem.

TENTH STATION: Jesus is crucified.

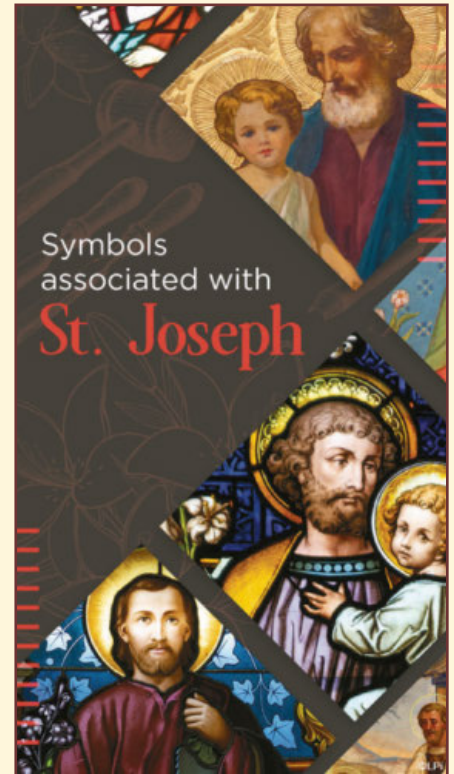
ELEVENTH STATION: Jesus promises His Kingdom to the good thief.

TWELVE STATION: Jesus speaks to His mother and the disciple.

THIRTEENTH STATION: Jesus dies on the Cross.

FOURTEENTH STATION: Jesus is placed in the tomb.

As we pray these Stations, we see how Jesus reacts in each situation and as we accompany Him, we can learn how to be greater disciples throughout the situations in our lives.



The Feast of **Saint Joseph** *March 19*

The month of March is traditionally dedicated to Saint Joseph, a model of faith, obedience, and humility. He is the patron saint of fathers, workers, and immigrants.

He is also invoked as a patron for the Universal Church, the dying, and social justice.

Saint Joseph's traditional colors are red and gold. He often carries a white lily to symbolize his protection of Mary. We usually see images of him with carpentry tools.



Our **Soup, Salad and Speaker Series** will further reflect upon Jesus' responses through the journey of the Stations and show us how to respond to trouble, pain, suffering, hurts and hope in the Resurrection.

Join us each Wednesday evening from 6:30pm to 8:00pm for a shared meal of soup, prayer, a great speaker, dessert and discussion. Can you give 90 minutes a week to make a difference this Lenten Season?

Come, let us accompany Jesus as Jesus Forgives, Jesus Loves, Jesus does the will of the Father and Jesus completes His mission on earth in His final days of Holy Week.

FAITH FORMATION: Make plans to join us as we celebrate Saint Patrick's Day and Saint Joseph's Feast Day with a prayer service at **7:30pm on Monday, March 17.**

There will be a First Eucharist Parent Meeting on **Thursday, March 30 at 7:00pm** in the library on the Saint Philip campus. All parents of any child participating in the Sacrament this Spring is asked to attend regardless of the child's age.

KITCHEN TABLE MINISTRY: Come join us on **Sunday, April 6 after the 9:30am Mass** in Ascension Church Conner Hall. We will have:

- Delicious donuts from better-Maid Donuts
- Coffee, tea and hot chocolate
- Blood pressure screenings
- Meet new friends and renew old friendships
- General information on wellness
- Table conversation

Join us for an evening of relaxation on **Tuesday, March 18** with the film, *The Blessing Bracelet*. Enjoy a movie, discussion, and dessert beginning at 6:30pm in the Ascension's Administration Building, second floor. There is handicapped access with a chairlift for those who need it.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Monday, March 17: *Saint Patrick's Day Lenten Brunch* at 11:00am in Ascension's Administration Building

Monday, March 17: *Faith Formation* at 6:30pm at Saint Philip with Saint Joseph's Table at 7:30pm

Tuesday, March 18: *Hooks & Needles* at 9:00am in Ascension's Administration Building

Wednesday, March 19: *Soup, Salad and Speaker Series* at 6:30pm in Ascension Church Conner Hall

Thursday, March 20: *Choir rehearsal* at 6:30pm in Ascension church

Thursday, March 20: *Legion of Mary meeting* at 6:30pm in Ascension's Rectory

Thursday, March 20: *First Eucharist Parent meeting* at 7:00pm in the Saint Philip library

Thursday, March 20: *OCIA* at 6:00pm in Saint Philip classroom

Friday, March 21: *Stations of the Cross* at 8:30am in Saint Philip church and 7:00pm in Ascension church

Friday, March 21: *Fish Fry* from 4:00pm to 7:00pm in Ascension Church Conner Hall

Sunday, March 23: *Confirmation Field Trip* to the Shrines of Pittsburgh

Join us for
Stations of the Cross
every Friday in Lent

Saint Philip 8:30am
Ascension 7:00pm

WENDT TOURING REGISTRATION FORM

Tour Name: *Shrines of Washington DC,
Emmitsburg, MD, Gettysburg, PA*

Presented by: Saint Philip Parish

Tour Dates: **May 20-21, 2025** DC1-25

****Please print clearly & complete one form
per person.**

Name

How do you wish to be addressed on the name tag?

Email

Mailing Address

City State Zip

Home phone

Cell

Name of roommate (if applicable)

Special requests (e.g., dietary restrictions)

Payment policy: A \$50.00 per person deposit is due to secure your reservation with the balance due by April 1, 2025. Make checks payable to: Wendt Touring and send to St. Philip Parish, 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh PA 15205.

Refund policy: Full refund on cancellations made by April 1. Cancellations made after April 1 are subject to penalties.



Shrines & Sights of **Washington, DC, Emmitsburg, MD, & Gettysburg, PA**

Presented by Saint Philip Parish
May 20-21, 2025

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

Basilica of the National Shrine of the
Immaculate Conception

Enter the Jubilee Holy Year Door

National Shrine of St. John Paull II

National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann

Seton - Shrine Grotto of Lourdes

Gettysburg Battlefield

JOURNEY INCLUDES:

Motorcoach transportation

One night lodging

Two meals - 1B & 1D

Sightseeing & shrine donations

Daily Mass & prayer

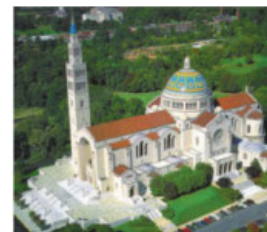
Pilgrimage Coordinator

PILGRIM FARE - PER PERSON:

\$349.00 - double

\$429.00 - single

\$339.00 - triple



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Guardian Angel Academy

One of the South Region Catholic Elementary Schools (SRCES)

GAA NIGHT AT THE RACES

Join us on **Saturday, March 29**, for an evening of racing, food, and fun. Doors open at 5:30pm, with post time at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$30 for single admission (\$10 fundraising credit) and \$50 for couples (\$20 fundraising credit). Admission includes a dinner buffet, desserts, and drinks. BYOB and other snacks are allowed. Space is limited. **Call 412-922-4765 before March 19.**



BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Basketball Tournament Congratulations to the Guardian Angel Academy JV Boys Black team for winning the North Allegheny Basketball Association tournament on February 8-9! They've qualified for the state middle school tournament next month. Great job!

ST. JUDE MATH-A-THON

Thank you to everyone who supported the St. Jude Math-A-Thon, which raised \$2,366 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital! Preschool to 8th-grade students participated by solving math problems and gathering sponsor donations from 37 families. Your generosity helps children facing cancer and other serious illnesses. Thank you!



PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

1:00PM TO 2:00PM

**Ascension Church Conner Hall
114 Berry Street**

Do you know what steps to take if your identity has been stolen? Do you know how to recognize the signs of fraud? These are important questions, and we would like to help you answer them. Please join us in Connor Hall on Sunday, March 30 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm for a discussion of these important topics.

Ms. Jacquelyn Todd, Branch Manager of the Crafton First National Bank will be here to give you important information and answer your questions to help you keep your identity and your finances secure.

No reservation is needed, but to ensure we have enough handouts, please let us know if you plan to attend by calling our office at 412-922-6300 or completing the form below and returning it to the Parish Office by Friday, March 28.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

No. of people attending: _____



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

The Dollar Energy Fund, which was previously only open to people whose service had been terminated or who were facing a shutoff, is now open to anyone, regardless of whether your account is delinquent. You just need to have a minimum account balance of \$100.

In order to qualify for a Dollar Energy grant, you must meet certain income guidelines (\$2,608/month for a household of one; \$3,525/month for a household of two; \$4,442/month for a household of three; \$5,358/month for a household of four) and you must have made at least one good-faith payment of \$150 (\$100 if you are age 62 or older) or three CAP payments within the last 90 days. The maximum grant amount is \$600.

To find out if you qualify and to apply, you must go through one of Dollar Energy's partner agencies. Two local options are the Holy Family Institute located at 19 May Avenue in McKees Rocks, and the Salvation Army located at 39 W. Main Street in Carnegie. The Holy Family Institute's phone number is 412-331-8665, and the Salvation Army's phone number is 412-276-4757. For more information regarding other utility providers that participate in the Dollar Energy Fund, visit: www.dollarenergy.org/need-help/pennsylvania.

Our Lenten Food Drive is in full swing. Paper bags with an attached list of suggested donation items are available at the St. Philip Church courtyard (ramp) entrance and the Ascension Church main entrance. Also, we have an anonymous donor that has offered to match all monetary donations that we receive during

Lent up to \$3,500.00. Thank you in advance for helping our friends in need this Lent!

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 \$198 toward their electric bill and \$200 toward their gas bill; a man was assisted with \$390 toward his electric bill; a single mother was given \$233 to prevent a water shutoff; a single mother was assisted with \$404 toward her water bill; a single mother was given \$190 to stop an electric shutoff; a woman was given \$246 to stop an electric shutoff; and a grandmother raising her grandchildren was given \$541 toward her water bill. Thank you for helping us to make these positive impacts in our local community!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Our Bereavement Support Group meets on the third Thursday of each month from 2:00pm to 3:00pm in Conner Hall on the Ascension campus. We spend about an hour together hearing each other's stories with compassion and loving support. This is not a psychotherapy group but fellow parishioners who care for one another and support one another as we travel through the grief process together. You can come alone or bring someone with you. Our next scheduled meeting is **Thursday, March 20**. Please consider joining us.

Saint Philip Parish

LENTEN FISH FRY

EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT
4:00pm - 7:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY:
3:00pm - 7:00pm

Ascension Church Conner Hall

114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15205

JUMBO FISH SANDWICH	\$10.00
FISH DINNER	\$12.00
(Jumbo fish sandwich, fries, coleslaw)	
BAKED FISH DINNER	\$13.00
(Cod baked in OJ, fries, coleslaw, roll)	
JUMBO SHRIMP DINNER	\$13.00
(5 Shrimp, fries, coleslaw, roll)	
CRABCAKE DINNER	\$13.00
(3 Homemade Crabcakes, fries, coleslaw, roll)	
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SOUP OF THE WEEK -large	\$7.00
(large soup to go, cold)	
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Sharing the Faith

WHAT CAN PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS DO?

Many parents and grandparents ask how they can and should share our Catholic Christian Faith with their children and grandchildren. There are many ways you can hand on our Faith to our younger generations and, in doing so, lead your young ones to Jesus and to the love, life, and People of God.

Try these daily practices:

- Tell your young ones of God's love and care for them;
- Tell them about God the Father, God the Father's Son Jesus, and God's Holy Spirit of love and goodness;
- Teach your child/ren the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be. Pray these prayers together throughout each day
- Read children's Bible stories to your kids;
- Bring your children to the Liturgy each weekend;
- Teach your young ones the prayers, creed, responses, and songs of our Liturgy;
- Review with them the Ten Commandments and Jesus' command to love God and all others;
- Read with them a catechism for children;
- Pray with them before meals, during the day, and before bedtime.

These are some worthwhile suggestions. Many faith resources are available through various Internet shopping sites. You can also call our Faith Formation Office for suggestions. As always, thank you for sharing our Faith with your young ones and the next generations!



Around the Diocese and Community

CENTRAL CATHOLIC CREW'S IRISH NIGHT

You're welcome to attend a special fundraiser on **Tuesday, March 18 at 6:00pm** at Central Catholic High School. With great anticipation and gratitude, we invite you and your families to join us for a lively performance at our annual Irish Night-Row on for Brendan.

This evening, filled with Irish music and dance, is a tribute to Brendan Foley, who rowed for the school, and left this world a better place for his 15-and-a-half years of life. We are indebted to Brendan's family and friends for supporting the Central Catholic Crew program. The program has provided young men an opportunity to learn and compete in a demanding sport and represent Central Catholic on the national rowing stage. To purchase tickets, visit: www.irishnight.net/tickets.

MARCH 22 YOUNG MEN'S SUMMIT

Saint Joseph: Model for Husbands and Fathers featuring presentations by Father Joe Freedy, Canon William Davis and Father Pete Gruber on **Saturday, March 22 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm** at the Pittsburgh Diocesan Pastoral Center, 2900 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15205. For more information or to register for this free event, visit www.cmfwpa.org.



SPRING OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, March 23 1:00-3:00 pm

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