

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
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 Mr. Frank Bey, Office Coordinator
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 Joseph Hoover, Martin Matko,
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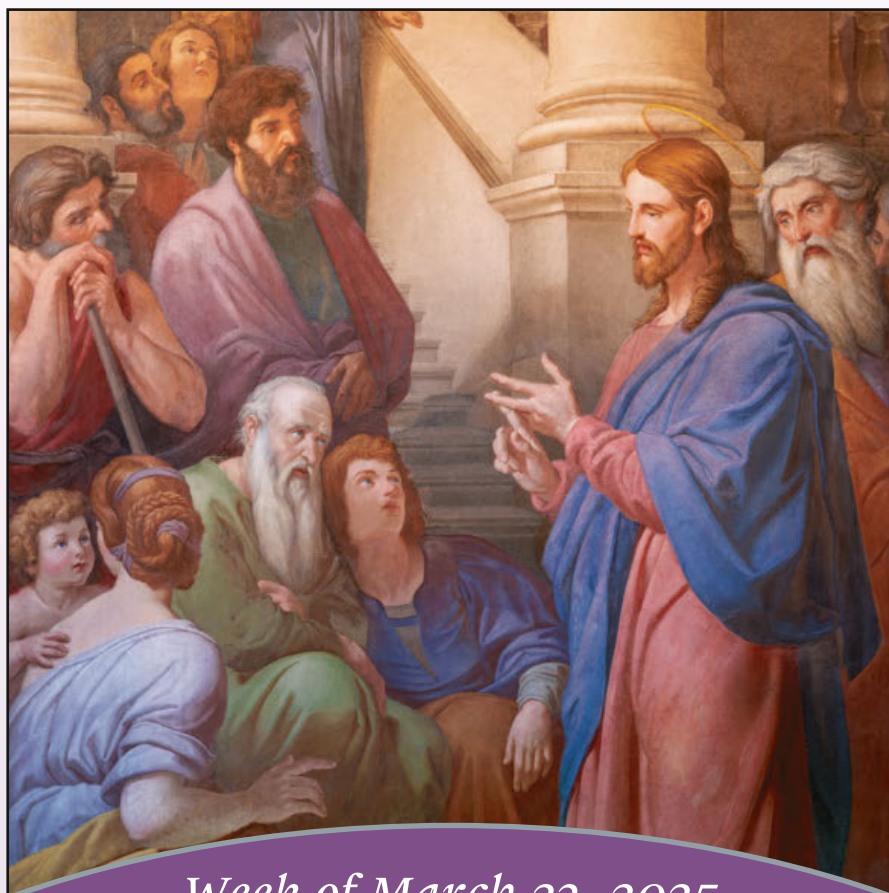
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

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 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



Week of March 23, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Forty Days of Reflection

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, 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 |
| MONDAY, MARCH 24 — LENTEN WEEKDAY | | | |
| Saint Philip | 8:00am | Patricia Dixon | Dixon Family |
| TUESDAY, MARCH 25 — THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD | | | |
| Ascension | 8:00am | Jerri Cavalovitch | Daughter, Judy Moskovitz |
| WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26 — LENTEN WEEKDAY | | | |
| Saint Philip | 8:00am | Lucy Heranic | Family |
| THURSDAY, MARCH 27 — LENTEN WEEKDAY | | | |
| Ascension | 8:00am | Albert Butter | Randy & Kathi Butter |
| FRIDAY, MARCH 28 — 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 29 — LENTEN WEEKDAY | | | |
| Ascension | 8:00am | Paul Korol | Wife, Claudia Korol |
| Saint Philip | 4:00pm (Vigil) | Lugaila Family | Family |
| Ascension | 5:30pm (Vigil) | Patricia A. & Rocco E. Julian, Jr. | Family |
| SUNDAY, MARCH 30 — FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY) | | | |
| Saint Philip | 7:00am | Bonnie Morrell | Cathy & Tony Beloncis |
| Ascension | 9:30am | Anita L. McNabb | Marge Bradwell |
| Saint Philip | 11:00am | Andrew Thomas Monich | Barbara & Marylou Monich |
| BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: Should be submitted to m.takach@saintphilipparish.com no later than 12:00pm on Friday to be included in the following week's bulletin. | | | |





Notes from the Pastor

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

The Lord gives us goodness and life

Why do bad things happen to good people?

This question has been asked by the People of God and many others for countless generations. It is the same issue that Jesus addresses in part in this Sunday's Gospel reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Many of our ancestors in the Church and outside the Church presumed that bad things happen to those who deserve punishment and retribution. Jesus knows that this attitude was very common in His own day, and it's been a common way of thinking throughout Christian history and human history.

However, Jesus clearly rejects this thinking in today's Gospel passage when He states that those killed tragically at Siloam were indeed NOT punished because they must have been "wretched sinners." The event was a tragedy and NOT punishment.

So, where does that leave us? If the bad things that befall us and others are NOT necessarily a result of our sins, then "Why do bad things happen to good people?"

In reality, I think that the simplest and truest answer is that "Life happens!" Unlike the people of Islam who believe that everything (every single detail of life) is willed by Allah, we as Catholic Christians simply acknowledge and accept the fact that "Life happens!"

Yes, we believe in the will and the plan of Almighty God, but we don't believe that God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit directs every single detail of life and of the world. Given our own free will, much of what happens in life is determined by us as individuals and communities. Much of what happens in life is the direct result of our decisions, our words, and our actions. Much of what is bad is a result of human activity. Violence, crime, and many of the tragedies and disasters in this world are caused by us. Much of the illness in this world is caused by what we've done to ourselves, to the environment, and to the world.

You could also say that many of the bad things that happen in our lives are caused by human sin which still pervades the life of almost everyone in this world. Those problems and unfortunate occurrences that aren't the result of sin can often be attributed simply to the fact that "Life happens!"

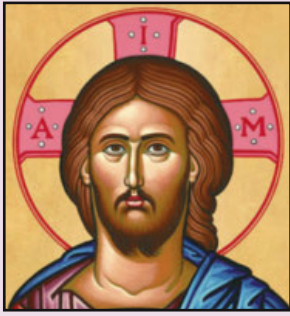
As Catholic Christians, we approach life (and our individual and family lives) with the attitude that life on this Earth is good and blessed by God. Every day, we give thanks to the Lord Jesus for His goodness and providence and blessings. When bad things or illness or tragedy come our way, we first recall the goodness of Almighty God and the many graces and blessings that we have received throughout our lives. Then we remind ourselves that God is good and NOT hurtful, that many times "Life just happens!" We receive consolation in our belief that we are promised the eternal life and salvation that will heal us of all the bad things that happened to us in this life - that we will receive and share in the divine life of God where all will be well and all will be good!

Best wishes for a blessed Season of Lent

May the Season of 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

LIFE IN SAINT PHILIP PARISH...



Sharing the Good News and growing the Kingdom of God!

Throughout the year, it's good to reflect on the many blessings that are present in our parish community and life - blessings shared and supported by you, our members, our families, and our contributors.

Once again, here in Saint Philip Parish, we have:

- 1.) one vital parish with two excellent churches and campuses;
- 2.) the celebration of the Liturgy and sacraments in both churches;
- 3.) the work of evangelization - sharing Jesus' Good News in many ways;
- 4.) a vital ministry of Catholic education and catechesis provided through Guardian Angel Academy and our various Faith Formation programs for children, youth, families, and adults in our parish;
- 5.) a very charitable and generous community which provides for the poor in our own community as well as many neighbors who have needs in their life and family;
- 6.) our parish members and community who've brought many adults, young adults, and children to faith and life in Jesus, the Son of God;
- 7.) so many personal and family connections which have been made and continue to be created among the members and families of Saint Philip Parish - and which are very good for our lives and our community;
- 8.) the many members and staff of Saint Philip Parish who work together each day in a number of parish organizations that promote our Christian discipleship and that serve many in our parish community - as well as many of our neighbors;
- 9.) dedicated members and families who share our life with one another in Catholic faith, hope, and love as we live together in the Saint Philip Parish community - and as we continue to support one another in our daily discipleship as the People of God; and
- 10.) an excellent Saint Philip Parish community which remains a true beacon of Christian light, faith, hope, holiness, and charity in this local area!

These are the Top Ten Reasons why Saint Philip Catholic Parish is so very important to all of us - and why your continued and generous support is of tremendous importance for the life, vitality, and future of our parish community.

Thank you so very much for sharing your life and years with our Saint Philip Parish community! Thank you, too, for all the support which you provide for our parish life together. Your faith, goodness, and generosity keep Saint Philip Parish alive, vital, and vibrant as we continue "Sharing the Good News and growing the Kingdom of God!"



BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 23

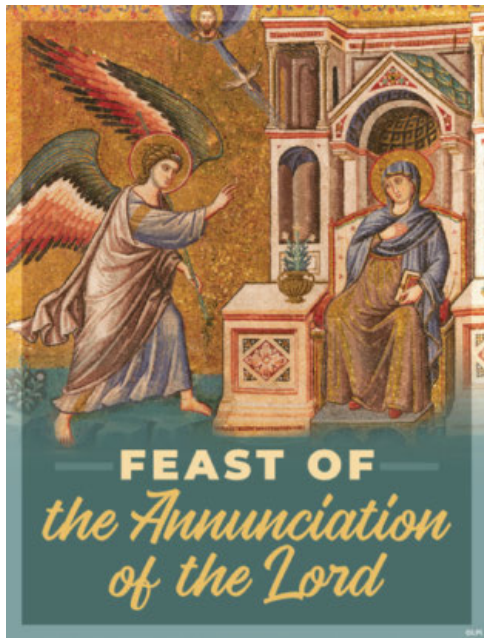
Exodus 3:1-15;
1 Corinthians 10:1-12;
Luke 13:1-9

Weekdays

Isaiah 7-8;
Luke 18

Sunday, March 30

Joshua 5:9-12;
2 Corinthians 5:17-21;
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



FEAST OF the Annunciation of the Lord

**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 15-16** -- \$8,661.00*

** Includes Mail-in donations*

Online donations, March 15-16 -- \$2,340.00

Maintenance donations -- \$29.00

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year -- \$861,064.00

Parish income received since July 1, 2024 -- \$532,490.76

Parish fundraising since July 1, 2024 -- \$40,219.45

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 -- \$2,434.00

Average weekly utility expenses -- \$2,135.00

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 15-16 -- 699

Sunday envelopes used March 15-16 -- 265

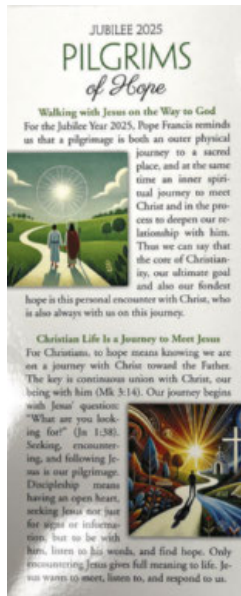
Total households receiving envelopes -- 1,058

2025 Parish Appeal Goal -- \$126,559.50

Parish Appeal received as of March 16 -- \$63,787.00*

** Includes online Parish Appeal donations*

2025 Parish Appeal Donors -- 166



A memento of our Jubilee Year

As we continue to celebrate this Jubilee Holy Year 2025, a Jubilee bookmark for your use is available at the doors of both of our churches.

Please know that you're welcome to take these items for your own time reading and in prayer - and for the use and benefit of your family members and friends too!



Parish News



Free FAMILY RETREAT

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, May 17**, from 12:00pm through the 4:00pm Mass for an inspiring day you won't want to miss. Parents will enjoy a special talk by **Holly Mohr**, Diocesan Director of Faith Formation and mother of three. For all the details and the registration form, see page 9 of this week's bulletin!

MARCH 30 SPECIAL COLLECTION

The second collection NEXT weekend is the combined collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Home Missions, and the National Collection for Black and Indian Missions. This collection provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States.

SAINT PHILIP MEN'S RETREAT

Saint Philip Parish men's retreat: **March 28-30** at Saint Paul of the Cross Retreat Center, South Side. Starts Friday at 6:00pm, ends Sunday at noon. Call: Al (412-853-1341) or Joe (412-310-6691).

SAINT PHILIP WOMEN'S RETREAT

Join us **April 11-13** at Saint Paul Retreat Center, South Side for a meaningful and uplifting experience. Highlights include inspiring talks, opportunities for the Sacraments, quiet moments of prayer, engaging workshops, delicious meals, and beautiful Liturgies. Call Diana Miller at 412-759-6241 for details.

Newly Baptized

Please welcome into our faith family... **Olivia Milena, Natalie Louise, and Tessa Georgie**, daughters of Mark George, Jr. and Emily Anne Gallagher Puzas, who received the Life of Christ in Baptism in our parish on Sunday, March 16, 2025. May they grow in wisdom, age, and grace.



OCIA

Order of
Christian
Initiation of
Adults



EXCITING NEWS! On Saturday, April 19 at the 7:00pm Easter Vigil we welcome **Ariel Ball** and **Cameron Gallagher** through the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. There will be a reception for all parish members to congratulate them in Keltly Hall immediately following the Mass until 10:30pm.

Saint Philip Parish also welcomes **Marcus Lipinski** to the period of inquiry toward celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation. Marcus has engaged in weekly meetings and study with the OCIA team in anticipation of acceptance into the order of the catechumens.

May God's grace guide them, and may they find strength in our community's support. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their faith journeys.

SAINT PHILIP PARISH

Soup, Salad and Speaker Series



Wishing you a blessed Lent! Join us at Ascension church (114 Berry Street) on Wednesdays from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in Conner Hall. No reservations needed—come as you are!

- **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"*

On Wednesday, March 12, our parish community inaugurated this year's Lenten Soup, Salad and Speaker Series in Conner Hall. More than 75 parish members, neighbors and friends gathered to share a simple and delicious Lenten meal — and to listen to a presentation by Sister Mindy Welding, IHM titled "Jesus prays."

This Lenten series continues for the next four Wednesdays, and everyone is welcome to join in this free dinner at 6:15pm as well as our Lenten evening together!



We offer our sympathy to the family of **Rose Marie Clark** 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*
Joseph Nagy
Offered by Bob Nagy Family

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *in Loving Memory of*
Bey & Valentas Families
Offered by Family



**JOHN ELCHIN, ROOFING
& REMODELING**

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

A Final Gift to the Parish
Please support

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

Thank you!

**Connect with
FLOCKNOTE!**



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



Faith Formation

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

REFLECTIONS FROM MARYANN: As we enter into the third week of Lent, we notice the many signs of the season that can be found in Saint Philip Parish. We notice the Stations of the Cross being prayed in community on Fridays. We notice the Soup, Salad and Speaker Series Programs each Wednesday. We notice greater opportunities for the Sacraments. We notice retreats and increased opportunities for prayer. We also notice the Fish Fry each Friday evening.

Perhaps Fish Fry is not just a way to support the parish but part of our mission to evangelize. If we look at the characteristics of a parish of disciples as described in Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples we can see the following:

- **They were intentional disciples together.** Each Thursday and Friday morning, volunteers gather together to help prepare the food to be served to our guests. Each has a task and they work together to accomplish the goals of the task.
- **They were deeply prayerful.** They knew that all spiritual and personal transformation begins and ends with God's love. As the guests enter the hall, they are greeted and welcomed. The greeters, workers and parish members share God's love with our neighbors.
- **They expected God to act and put their trust in Him.** Each Friday, we know that the ministry of hospitality is God's ministry. We trust that our work and efforts may help us share the Good News.

As we participate in each Fish Fry, let us share God's love by speaking to a stranger, greeting a neighbor, inviting someone to dine with us, volunteering if time permits, baking if time permits, and most of all thanking God for the blessings of food and friends.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS: On **Monday, March 31**, Confirmation Candidates and their parents will gather in Kelty Hall at 6:30pm to make snack bags for the Red Door ministry to the homeless. Our next Family Night will be on **Monday, April 14** in Kelty Hall. The evening begins with dinner at 6:30pm and will focus on Holy Week and Easter.



Bunny BREAKFAST and Easter EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 12
8:30am
Saint Philip Campus

Join us for a morning of fun at Saint Philip! Breakfast begins at 8:30am with the Egg Hunt kicking off at 9:00am.

Enjoy crafts, games, activities, & photos with the Easter Bunny.

Donations of small candy are appreciated starting March 31. **PLEASE NO** bubble gum, hard candy, or large bars.

*Reservations are suggested
but not required.*

ALL ARE WELCOME!

The First Eucharist Retreat will be held on **Saturday, May 3 from noon until 3:00pm**. The retreat will begin with a catered lunch at noon in the cafeteria.

EXCITING NEWS FOR FAMILIES! *Mass Booklets for Children* are now available at the back of each church. These booklets are perfect for helping your child engage during Liturgy. Feel free to borrow one, and please return it after Mass so others can enjoy it next Sunday. Let's make every Mass a meaningful experience for our little ones!

Saint Philip Parish

TRAVEL MINISTRY



Only 20 seats left! Join Saint Philip Parish on May 20-21 for a Jubilee Year trip to the Shrines & Sights of Washington, DC, Emmitsburg, MD, and Gettysburg, PA. Highlights and a registration form are on page 10 of this bulletin. **Registration deadline is April 1.** For more information, call 412-922-6388.

KITCHEN TABLE MINISTRY: Join us on **Sunday, April 6 after the 9:30am Mass** for delicious donuts from Better-Maid Donuts; coffee, tea and hot chocolate; opportunities to meet new friends and renew old friendships; blood pressure screenings; general information on wellness; and table conversations.

SAINT PHILIP PARISH

Women's **RETREAT**

Saint Paul Retreat Center, *South Side*

APRIL 11-13

Don't miss this chance to deepen your faith and connect with a supportive community!
Call Diana Miller at 412-759-6241 for details.



FAMILY RETREAT
Saturday, May 17

Experience the joy of the Holy Spirit Together! Join us for our Free Parish Family Retreat at Saint Philip church. It's a day filled with faith, fun, and family for all ages, concluding with the 4:00pm Liturgy.

Highlights of the Day:

- 12:00pm:** Enjoy a catered lunch in the cafeteria.
 - 12:45pm:** Dive into an engaging family activity.
 - 1:15pm:** Take part in the exciting Scripture Egg Hunt Game.
 - 1:45pm:** Parents, enjoy a talk by Holly Mohr while children engage in fun activities.
 - 2:30pm:** Indulge in a cookie and ice cream break.
 - 2:45pm:** Participate in a meaningful family service activity for the homeless.
 - 3:30pm:** Prepare your hearts for Mass.
- Mark your calendar and bring the whole family for a day of connection, service, and spiritual growth!

Please complete and return this form:

Family Name

Adults attending # Children attending

Age of child/ren

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

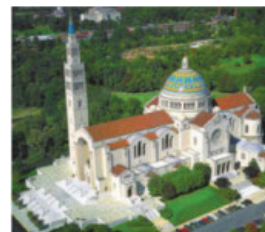
Pilgrimage Coordinator

PILGRIM FARE - PER PERSON:

\$349.00 - double

\$429.00 - single

\$339.00 - triple



Travel arrangements made by Wendt Touring, Inc.
613 Canton Road, Wintersville, OH 43953
Phone: 740-282-5790 | www.WendtTouring.com



Guardian Angel Academy

One of the South Region Catholic Elementary Schools (SRCES)

CONGRATULATIONS!

To our Middle School **Quiz Bowl Team** students Noah Bays, Chase Harris, Jackson Leslie, and Daniel Proch for placing 2nd in the Bishop Canevin Junior High Quiz Bowl on March 1! Guided by teacher moderator Mrs. Jaclyn Walsh, they competed against schools from across the Diocese of Pittsburgh, answering questions in categories like literature, science, history, and more. Well done, team!

To our Guardian Angel Academy **5th grade boys' basketball team** for winning the Lady of Fatima tournament earlier this month! Your teamwork and dedication brought home the trophy, and we couldn't be prouder. Well done!

To **8th grader Eliana Cornetti** for being named a 2025 Carson Scholar! Along with earning a \$1,000 scholarship for her college education, she will receive a medal and certificate, and her name will be added to the Carson Scholar Trophy in our school's case. Eliana will be honored at the Pittsburgh Awards Banquet on April 6 for her outstanding academic achievements and community service. We are so proud of you, Eliana—fantastic job!

Thank you! The Student Council candy grams fundraiser was a huge success, raising \$500 to support future school improvements and activities. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this event such a success!



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

If you have not already applied for a Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, better known as LIHEAP, grant, now is the time to apply, as the deadline to apply is April 4.

LIHEAP provides households that meet certain income requirements with grants from \$200 to \$1000, which can be applied to your electric or gas account, depending on which one you use to heat your home. This money does not have to be paid back, and you can get the grant even if you are not behind on your heating bill. LIHEAP also helps people in emergency situations by providing monetary assistance of \$25 to \$1,000 to avoid a shut off, restore a shut off utility, replenish heating fuel, and fix broken heating equipment. Qualifying households can receive one regular LIHEAP and one LIHEAP crisis grant per program year. Grants are available to both homeowners and renters.

Customers of any utility company can call the LIHEAP hotline at 1-866-857-7095 for additional information.

If you heat your home with electricity and are a Duquesne Light customer, please visit www.duquesnelight.com/account-billing/payment-assistance/liheap-grants for more details, including ways to apply for LIHEAP.

If you heat your home with gas and are a Peoples Gas customer, please visit www.peoples-gas.com/my-account/help-pay/pa/liheap.php for more information, including ways to apply for LIHEAP.

If you would like to apply for LIHEAP in

person, the closest County Assistance Office is located at 301 Fifth Avenue, Suite 470, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. Please call 412-565-2146 for office hours and to find out what information you will need to bring with you.

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 provide clothing vouchers for a family of three. Thank you!

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

LONELY AT HOME?

Do you ever feel lonely? Do you ever wonder with what you can connect to spend more time outside your home or apartment? To spend time with other Catholic Christians?

Well, here's one answer - join in the services and activities and volunteer opportunities right here in our parish community!

Many parish members come together every morning at 8:00am to begin the day together in a Liturgy. Hundreds of parish members also gather together every weekend for the Sunday Liturgy.

We also have a number of gatherings - including our Wednesday evening Lenten Series and our Friday evening Fish Fry. You'll see these events in the bulletin every week.

You're also welcome to participate in the charitable work of the Saint Vincent dePaul Society and the Ladies of Charity. We have our CCD program that shares our Catholic faith with our young children. You can lend a hand with our Fish Fry evenings. There's our crochet group, our Kitchen Table Ministry, and our Christian Men's Fellowship. You can become a wedding coordinator. You can join our choirs and other music ministries. You can also become a liturgical minister - lector, Communion minister, or funeral server.

There's a great deal going on each week here in Saint Philip Parish. Don't sit alone at home and regret your loneliness. Join us in all that's happening in our parish community, and make the most of your days - and your life!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday, March 23: *Confirmation Field Trip* from 11:00am to 4:30pm

Monday, March 24: *Faith Formation* from 6:30pm to 7:45pm at Saint Philip

Tuesday, March 25: *Hooks & Needles* at 9:00am in the Ascension Administration Building

Wednesday, March 26: *Soup, Salad and Speaker Series* at 6:15pm at Ascension

Thursday, March 27: *OCIA* at 6:00pm on Saint Philip campus

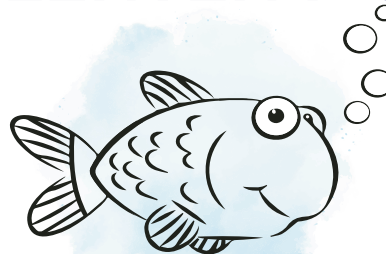
Thursday, March 27: *Choir Rehearsal* at 7:00pm in Ascension church

Thursday, March 27: *Legion of Mary* at 6:30 pm in Ascension Rectory

Friday, March 28: *Fish Fry* from 4:00pm to 7:00pm in Ascension's Conner Hall

Friday, March 28: *Stations of the Cross* 8:30am at Saint Philip church and 7:00pm at Ascension church

Saint Philip Catholic Parish LENTEN FISH FRY



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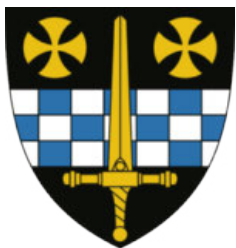


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Around the Diocese and Community

A HOLY THURSDAY INVITATION

Every year, on Holy Thursday morning in Saint Paul Cathedral, Fifth Avenue in Oakland, Bishop David Zubik presides at the annual Chrism Mass at 10:00am.

This is the annual Holy Week Liturgy during which all the priests of our Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh renew their ordination vows and recommit themselves to the work of the Lord and the Church. It's also the Liturgy in which the bishop blesses all of the Holy Oils used throughout the year in every parish of the diocese.

All members and families of the Diocese are welcome to attend and participate in the **Holy Thursday Chrism Mass on April 17, at 10:00am**, at Saint Paul Cathedral. You - and our bishop and all gathered - will truly appreciate your presence and participation!

RENEWING THE JOY OF YOUR MARRIAGE

A new local Catholic initiative was created in 2015 to strengthen marriages here in our diocesan church. This effort is named "*Renew the 'I Do'!*," and the organizers host multiple events around Allegheny County for married couples. There are liturgies, social gatherings, concerts, pilgrimages, comedy nights, bowling, holiday events, and other events throughout the year.

All married couples of our parish - and of every diocesan parish - are invited and welcome to participate. Full information is available at their internet site www.renewtheido.org. You're welcome to join in - and renew the life and joy of your marriage!

SAINT ANTHONY CHAPEL VISITS

Saint Anthony Chapel in the Troy Hill neighborhood of the North Side is one of the most special churches in our diocese. Established in 1892, many local pilgrims visit the chapel every day of the year to see the 5000+ saints' relics held in 800 reliquaries contained in the chapel.

It is the largest collections of authentic saints' relics in the entire world outside of the Vatican. Information is available to visitors inside the chapel. Many visitors to Saint Anthony's also cherish the life size Stations of the Cross in the chapel - especially during the Season of Lent.

Saint Anthony Chapel is located at 1704 Harpster Street, 15212, Troy Hill. Hours are 12:00 noon to 3:00pm every day except Fridays. A Catholic gift shop is located across the street. Visit www.pghshrines.org for more details

MONTOUR HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

Montour High School proudly presents, *The Little Mermaid* on **April 3, 4, and 5 at 7:00pm** and **April 6 at 2:00pm**. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at the door or online at MontourTheatreProductions.org. Come enjoy a magical journey under the sea.

PILGRIMAGE TO SHRINES OF EUROPE

Join a pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines of France, Spain, and Portugal with Father Brendan Dawson, pastor of Saint Jude Parish in Shadyside, **October 29-November 9, 2025**. Shrines include Fatima, Guadalupe, Zaragoza, Montserrat, and Lourdes. Cost: \$4,799 from Pittsburgh. Email Groups@Perillotours.com or call Jolene at 1-855-784-7687 for details.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Join us at Epiphany Church of Divine Mercy Parish on **Sunday, April 13 at 4:00pm** for a free talk by Abby Johnson. After the talk, we will hold a Eucharistic procession to Planned Parenthood, then return to the church for Benediction. Call Nikki at 412-926-9413 or nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com for more details.



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