



The Season of Lent

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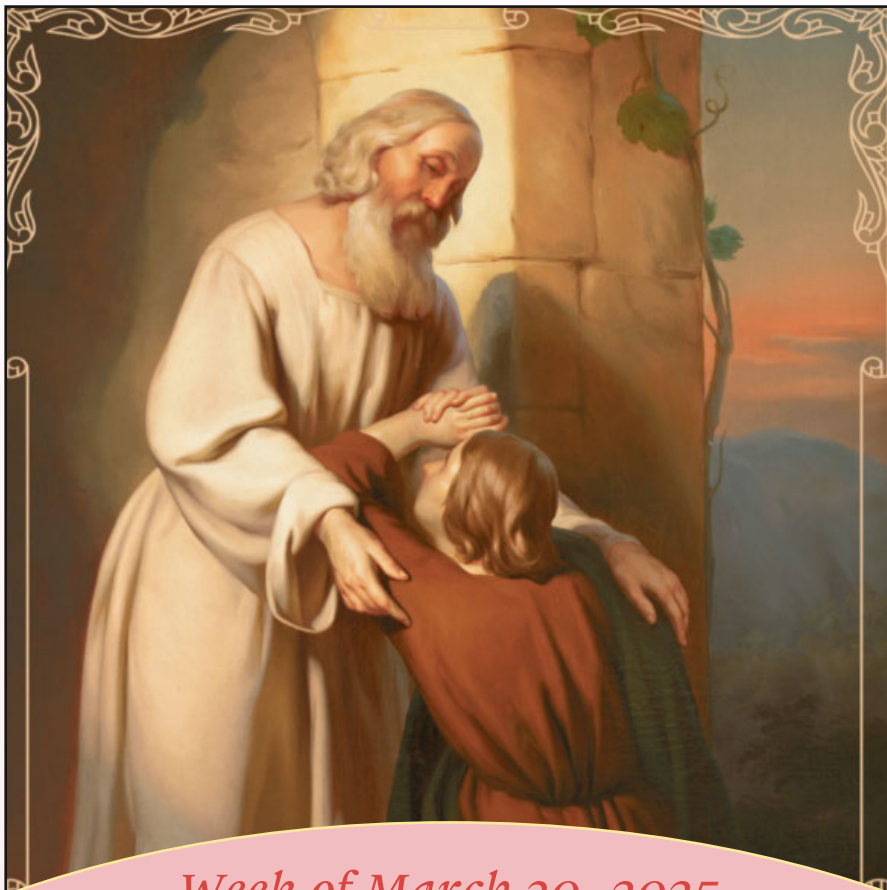
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24-Hour Lifeline Dial 988
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Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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



Week of March 30, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Forty Days of Repentance

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 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
MONDAY, MARCH 31 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Mary Lou Candelaria	Linda Rabb
TUESDAY, APRIL 1 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Stephen Zamiska	Hooks & Needles
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 — SAINT FRANCIS OF PAOLA, HERMIT			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Paul Fiehler	A Friend
THURSDAY, APRIL 3 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of Saint Philip Parish	
FRIDAY, APRIL 4 — SAINT ISIDORE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Bill Homol	A Friend
Saint Philip	8:30am	Stations of the Cross	
Ascension	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY, APRIL 5 — SAINT VINCENT FERRER, PRIEST			
Ascension	8:00am	Denk & Moses Family	Evelyn Moses
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Edward & Eleanor Dadey	Karen & Kevin Dadey
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Bird, Favero, Fico & Morris Families	Family
SUNDAY, APRIL 6 — FIFTH SUNDAY LENT			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Zane Bloom	Siblings
Ascension	9:30am	Peggy Quigley & Don Mozzetti	Debbie & Frank Dietz
Saint Philip	11:00am	Lucy & Carl Kubiak	Family



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!

A Sunday for joy and rejoicing

This weekend, we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Lent which has traditionally been called "Laetare Sunday" - OR the Sunday of Rejoicing. To signify this Lenten rejoicing, the Church traditionally assigns the Rose Color for the vestments and decorations at the Liturgy - Rose being a more joyful color than Violet, I suppose.

This Sunday of Rejoicing reflects the message of the Bible readings for this Sunday, and it's meant to lift the spirits of Christians in the middle of this Season of Lent - this season of penance, self-restraint, self-discipline, confession, and reconciliation.

So then, what brings us joy and rejoicing on this Fourth Sunday of Lent?

Well, let's take a look at the readings for this Sunday.

This Sunday's first reading from the Old Testament Book of Joshua celebrates the arrival and entrance of the People of Israel into the Promised Land - today's land of Israel - where they celebrate the Passover commemoration and rejoice in the gift of salvation which they finally received from God.

In the second reading, Saint Paul reminds us Christians of the new life and glory that will be

ours thanks to the death and Resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, Jesus the Lord.

Finally, in today's reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke, we hear the Parable of the Prodigal Son and the Forgiving Father. This is Jesus' clear teaching and assurance that God the Father is entirely merciful no matter how far we go astray. This is the joyful promise that we are loved so much that the Father wants to reunite with us and be reconciled to us at all times - if only we will repent and reform our ways as did the Prodigal Son.

The Bible readings today - and the promise of our Resurrection - will hopefully cause all of us to rejoice during this Fourth Sunday of Lent!

As we make our journey to the eternal Kingdom of God, may we be filled with joy and confidence that one day we, our loved ones, the Saints and Angels, and all God's People will live forever with one another in the divine presence of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. And so, let us indeed Rejoice!

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

Join us for
Stations of the Cross
every Friday in Lent

Saint Philip 8:30am
Ascension 7:00pm

A PERSONAL EXAMINATION OF *Conscience*

Before celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession, it's important to conduct a personal examination of conscience in order to offer a complete confession.

"You shall love the Lord with all your heart, all your mind, and all your soul!"

- Is God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit of greatest importance in your life?
- Do you spend time in prayer each day?
- Do you offer thanks and praise to God each day?
- Do you give higher priority to your work, recreation, or possessions?
- Do you speak respectfully of the Lord at all times?
- Do you respect the name of God, and especially of Jesus, at all times?
- Have you missed church worship on any Sunday or any Holy Day?
- Do you keep Sunday as the day of the Lord and a day of prayer?

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

- Are you a person of love as Jesus commands us to be?
- Do you treat your parents, other adults, and all people with respect?
- Do you speak of family members, friends, neighbors, and strangers with charity?
- Have you taken the life of a human person or harmed someone?
- Have you ended or helped to end the life of a pre-born child?
- Have you mistreated or harmed other life?
- Have you broken your marriage commitment or intruded on another's marriage?
- Have you engaged in marital relations before or outside of married life?
- Have you used pharmaceuticals, prophylactics, or surgery to prevent conception?
- Have you made use of pornography or engaged in self-abuse?
- Have you engaged in theft of another's property or money?
- Have you damaged the property of someone else?
- Have you abused or damaged the natural resources of the earth?
- Have you told lies about other people? Have you lied about other matters?
- Have you spoken poorly of others or treated others with little or no respect?
- Have you spoken profanity or curses or sacrilege or blasphemy?
- Are you judgmental or critical of others without cause?
- Do you hold grudges and refuse to forgive family members or others?
- Are you envious and jealous of others, their families, or their possessions?
- Do you appreciate and give thanks for your own blessings?
- Do you share your blessings and possessions with others? With the Church?

An Act of Contrition - Lord God, I am sorry for all my sins. In choosing to do wrong, and failing to do good, I have offended you, whom I should love above all else. With the help of your grace, I promise to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Our Savior, Jesus Christ, suffered and died for our sins. In his name, my God, have mercy. **Amen.**

Lenten Reconciliation Schedule

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) will be offered here in Saint Philip Parish this Lent during the following hours:

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

6:00pm - 8:00pm, Ascension

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

12:00pm - 1:00pm, Saint Philip

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

6:00pm - 8:00pm, Ascension

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

12:00pm - 1:00pm, Saint Philip

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

12:00pm - 1:00pm, Ascension

MONDAY, APRIL 14

12:00pm - 1:00pm, Saint Philip

6:00pm - 8:00pm, Ascension

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

12:00pm - 1:00pm, Saint Philip

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

12:00pm - 1:00pm, Saint Philip

5:00pm - 7:00pm, Ascension



The hours for the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter Sunday END on Wednesday, April 16. The date for OUR Diocesan "*Light is On for You!*" Reconciliation hours have been transferred to Thursday, April 10 because of our Saint Philip Parish Lenten program scheduled for the evening of April 9.



BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 30

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

Weekdays

Ezekiel 47;
John 5-7

Sunday, April 6

Isaiah 43:16-21;
Philippians 3:8-14;
John 8:1-11

**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

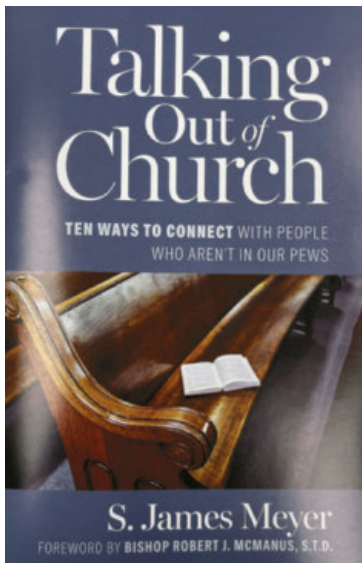
Sunday collections, March 22-23	-- \$10,448.00*
<i>* Includes Mail-in donations</i>	
Online donations, March 22-23	-- \$1,585.00
Maintenance donations	-- \$45.00
Religious Education donations	-- \$85.00

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year	-- \$861,064.00
Parish income <u>received</u> since July 1, 2024	-- \$544,653.76
Parish fundraising since July 1, 2024	-- \$40,219.45
Estate gifts received since July 1, 2024	-- \$500.00
General donations since July 1, 2024	-- \$21,556.46

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 22-23	-- 757
Sunday envelopes used March 22-23	-- 230
Total households receiving envelopes	-- 1,058

2025 Parish Appeal Goal	-- \$126,559.50
Parish Appeal received as of March 23	-- \$76,899.00*
<i>* Includes online Parish Appeal donations</i>	
2025 Parish Appeal Donors	-- 168



Leading family and friends back to Jesus and His people

Last month, a new booklet by Deacon James Meyer was published by Twenty-Third Catholic Publications. Titled "*Talking Out of Church*," this easy to read booklet presents **Ten Ways** to lead family members, friends and neighbors to life in Jesus and life among His people in the Lord's Church.

It's a booklet for YOU to read so that YOU may draw others back to Jesus. It's **NOT** a book to explain our faith to others. Rather, this booklet offers you ways to share God's love and goodness with others - and then hopefully lead them to life in the Lord and in our parish community! Thank you for all the efforts you make to evangelize family and friends this year.



Parish News

MARCH 30 SPECIAL COLLECTION

The second collection THIS 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.

PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY

TODAY (March 30)

from 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Ascension Church Connor Hall

Join us for a discussion on recognizing fraud and protecting your identity. Ms. Jacquelyn Todd, Crafton Branch Manager of First National Bank, will provide vital information and answer your questions to help safeguard your identity and finances. **No reservation needed.** Stay informed, stay secure!



EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND ADORATION

This coming **Saturday, April 5, 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 present in the Eucharist!

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.

SAINT PHILIP PARISH

Soup, Salad and Speaker Series

Wishing you a blessed Lent!

Join us on **Wednesdays**
from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in
Ascension Church Connor
Hall (114 Berry Street).

No reservations needed—come as you are!



April 2: Sister Carole Blazina, SC,
"Jesus loves"

April 9: Deacon Tim Killmeyer,
"Jesus' final days"

A CATHOLIC EDUCATION



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

2025 Saint Philip Parish Calendar Party

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank all those who attended or contributed in any way to the success of our annual Calendar Party Luncheon. **This year we raised \$14,464 for our Parish.**

A special thank you goes out to the following people who served as hostesses or hosts, those who donated Chinese auction gifts, gift cards and other items, and those who helped with the set up, clean up and event activities.

TABLE HOSTESSES AND HOSTS

Mary Rodgers Schubert, Carol Anderson, Linda DeRiggi, Barb Hendrick, Ginger Haverlandt, Kristy Parish, Pat Howe, Rosey McDonald, Chris Fryer, Barb Garvey, Paul Garvey, Kathy Quinn-Hodel, Teri McHugh, Gary Urbatis, Theresa Zingrone, Eileen Guay, Tia Belajac, Eileen Cox.

CHINESE AUCTION GIFTS

Zingrone Landscaping & Construction, Theresa Zingrone, Ginger Haverlandt Peggy Reagan, Kathy Quinn-Hodel, Teri McHugh, Judy Ognibene, Bart & Karen Arlett, Mary Luxbacher, Judy Moskovitz, Mancini's Bakery, Annette Marlinga, Mary Rodgers Schubert, Jennifer Fellows, Linda Binek, Jane Barthen, Maureen Rodgers, Susie Palombini-Kiesel, DeDe Palombini, Janet Herczak, Michele Levie, Patty Martin, Cathy O'Connor, Mary Klinker, Saint Philip Parish Faith Formation, Eileen Cox, Betsy Camp Roche, Beverly Ganser, Hooks & Needles, Linda DeRiggi, Chris Fryer, Gary Urbatis, Rosey McDonald, Jonathan Alexander.

GIFT CARDS & OTHER DONATIONS

Sister Betty Waigand, Anna Maria Kramer, Anna Lieb, Jim Potanko, Michelle Levie, Susan Schubert, Regina McDonald.

VOLUNTEER WORKERS

Mary Arbuckle, Annette Marlinga, DeDe Palombini, Susie Kiesel-Palombini, Judy Moskovitz, Anita Okraszewski, Anna Maria Kramer, Marge Kelly, Jim Dawso, Mary Luxbacher, Claire Megyesy, Patty Martin, Nancy Salinski, Ursula Eberle, Grace Bannon, Claire Bannon, Liam Barry, Emmi Ellis, Thomas Ellis, Rick Musser, Marty Matko, Deacon Joe Allen, Art Bannon, Mike Cozad, Joe Hoover, Dennis, Kessler, Mark Walker, Rich Hufnagel, Mara Fryer, Duncan Caltigarone, Saint Vincent DePaul Conference members, Gary Urbatis, and Father Jim Torquato.



We offer our sympathy to the family of **Charles Kierski** 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*
Norman Pope
Offered by Mary Ellen Halterlein

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *In Loving Memory of*
the McElligott & O'Connor Families
Offered by Cathy



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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: Our theme this Lent is “*Accompanying Jesus.*” Each week we look at Jesus as He carries the cross on the road to Calvary. We walk with Jesus as He prays, forgives, loves, follows the Will of the Father and struggles through His last days. We, too, accompany Jesus as we carry the crosses in our lives. Let us reflect on this prayer by Joyce Rupp as we pray, “*Jesus, grant me the strength to carry the cross:*”

On those days when life seems too demanding with all its cares, burdens and concerns, *Jesus grant me the strength to carry the cross.*

When we are weary and worn out, when physical pain robs us of our energy, *Jesus grant me the strength to carry the cross.*

When worries and concerns for those we love take away our peace and leave us with fear and anxiety, *Jesus grant me the strength to carry the cross.*

When we are reminded of old hurts and are called to offer or to receive forgiveness, *Jesus grant me the strength to carry the cross.*

When we are with others in their physical pain and worry, *Jesus grant me the strength to carry the cross.*

When we are challenged to accept new growth in our relationship with you, *Jesus grant me the strength to carry the cross.*

When financial concerns, health concerns, relationship concerns, and daily living concerns, challenge our trust in You, *Jesus grant me the strength to carry the cross.*

Let this week be a time of prayer as we accompany Jesus and discover His example as we face each day’s challenges.

THIS WEEK IN LENT: On **Wednesday, April 2**, Saint Philip’s *Soup, Salad and Speaker Series* hosts Sister Carol Blazina, SC. Sister Carol was a resident at Saint Philip Convent in years past and currently serves as General Superior of Seton Hill Sisters of Charity in the United States and Korea. It will be nice to welcome the Sisters of Charity in appreciation of their many years of service.



WELCOME SPRING WITH THESE REFRESHING TIPS!

Spring is here, bringing new energy and a fresh start! Embrace the season with these simple yet inspiring ways to brighten your days:

1. CREATE A NEW ENVIRONMENT.

Move furniture. Add something to a space. Change things around.

2. TAKE 5 MINUTES

to enjoy moments of gratitude.

3. GET A PLANT

or plant some flowers.

4. CALL SOMEONE

you have not seen for a long time.

5. CLEAN YOUR CLOSET

and get rid of 3 things you no longer wear.

6. TAKE A SHORT DRIVE

or visit something beautiful like a flower show or art museum.

Please consider joining us on April 2 for our *Soup, Salad and Speaker Series* which begins at 6:15pm in Ascension Church Conner Hall.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS: On **Monday, March 31**, our Confirmation Candidates and their parents will work together to create 400 snack bags for the Red Door Ministry, supporting the homeless in our community.

Then, on **Wednesday, April 2**, our Candidates will host our popular *Soup, Salad, and Speaker Series*. They'll be serving soup, gathering trays, welcoming guests with warm smiles, and capping off the evening by serving dessert. We'd love for you to join us and support our Candidates as they showcase their dedication and spirit!

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
- An opportunity to meet new friends and renew old friendships
- General information on wellness
- Table conversations

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Monday, March 31: *Faith Formation* on Saint Philip campus from 6:30pm to 7:45pm

Tuesday, April 1: *Hooks & Needles* at 9:00am in Ascension's Administration Building

Wednesday, April 2: *Soup, Salad and Speaker Series* at 6:15pm in Ascension Church Conner Hall

Thursday, April 3: *Legion of Mary Meeting* at 6:30pm in Ascension's Rectory

Thursday, April 3: *OCIA* at 6:00pm in Saint Philip classroom

Thursday, April 3: *Choir Rehearsal* at 6:30pm in Ascension church

Friday, April 4: *Stations of the Cross* at 8:30am in Saint Philip church and 7:00pm in Ascension church

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

Family NIGHT

Faith Formation Families celebrated the Feasts of Saint Patrick (March 17) and Saint Joseph (March 19) through learning, prayer, and giving. The 2nd and 5th grades explored the Saints' histories together, and all families joined a 7:30pm prayer service. Children contributed items to the Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and received treats from Saint Joseph's Table, ending the evening with intercessory prayers.



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

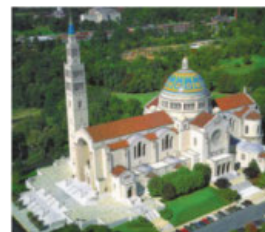
Pilgrimage Coordinator

PILGRIM FARE - PER PERSON:

\$349.00 - double

\$429.00 - single

\$339.00 - triple



Travel arrangements made by Wendt Touring, Inc.
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Phone: 740-282-5790 | www.WendtTouring.com

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, and photos
with the Easter Bunny.

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

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Reservations are requested but not required.
Please complete and return this form:

Family Name

Adults attending

Children/ages attending



FAMILY RETREAT Saturday, May 17

Experience together the joy of the Holy Spirit!
Join us for our **FREE** Parish Family Retreat at
Saint Philip church. It will be 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

Telephone

Email

Adults attending

Child/ren attending

Age/s of child/ren



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

The deadline to file 2024 tax returns is quickly approaching. According to the IRS the average federal income tax refund was \$3,167 for the 2023 tax year (www.irs.gov/newsroom/filing-season-statistics-for-week-ending-dec-29-2023). Many people count on their tax refund each year, as it is the one time a year that they will have access to a lump sum of money that can be used for a rainy day fund, vehicle repairs, home repairs, real estate tax payments, or other extraordinary expenses.

Filers with income of less than \$84,000 can take advantage of the Free File program, which allows qualifying filers to utilize online tax preparation software and file their return electronically for free. Visit www.irs.gov/filing/-/free-file-do-your-federal-taxes-for-free for more information.

For those who are less tech-savvy or do not feel comfortable doing their own taxes with the assistance of online tax preparation software, tax preparation assistance is available through the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs. Individuals must meet certain qualifications. Generally, people with household income of \$67,000 or less will qualify for assistance. Appointments are available now. Call 800-906-9887 to find out more and to schedule an appointment.

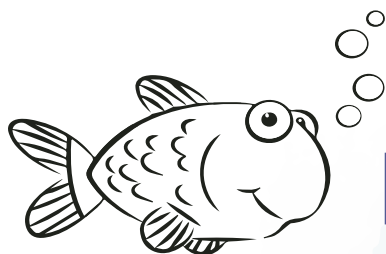
The IRS estimates that it will be able to issue most refunds in 21 days or less, but if your return needs to be reviewed for inaccuracies, or if you file by mail instead of electronically, your refund will likely take longer. If you are anxiously awaiting your refund money, you

should file your return early - and you can monitor the status of your return by utilizing the "Where's My Refund?" tool on the IRS website at www.irs.gov/wheres-my-refund.

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!

Over the past week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a man with the repair or replacement of a dryer; a single mother was assisted with \$359 to avoid an electric shut off; a single father was assisted with a week's motel stay; and a woman was given two beds. Thanks so much for your generous and ongoing support!

We are currently pausing drop offs and pickups of furniture and appliances until we are able to distribute some of the items that we have on hand. We will let you know when we are able to accept donations again. If you would like to donate furniture, those donations can be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Central Council of Pittsburgh by calling 412-321-1071 ext. 2. 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 stores and visit our online store at 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.



This Year's Parish **LENTEN FISH FRY**

Each Season of Lent, Saint Philip Parish hosts eight excellent Fish Fry dinners in Conner Hall of our Ascension campus. Our guests and customers are always most grateful for the wonderful meals and menu items that our parish volunteers, staff, and coordinators offer each Friday evening in Lent.

Many thanks are offered to all those who participate in our Fish Fry evenings - and especially to our parish volunteers, our parish staff, and our parish coordinators who accomplish such a successful and enjoyable parish Fish Fry every Lent! ALL ARE WELCOME to join us:

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

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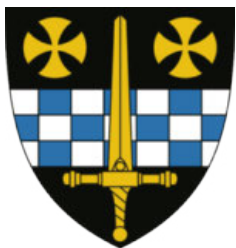
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Around the Diocese and Community

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.

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.

A WEEKEND RETREAT FOR HEALING

Rachel's Vineyard is a weekend retreat for women and men who struggle and suffer from the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion. It will be held **April 25-27**, at The Ark and the Dove near North Park. The retreat begins at 1:00pm on Friday. In a confidential and supportive atmosphere, the retreatant will find the love and acceptance of the retreat team and will experience the healing peace and love of Jesus. To register or for more information, call Toni Jester 412-352-5348, or email toniafj1@comcast.net. You can also visit our website www.rvofpgh.com.



CATHOLIC ART TREASURES IN MILLVALE

The most famous Catholic artwork in Pittsburgh are the murals which adorn the interior of Saint Nicholas Church in Millvale set atop Route 28 (24 Maryland Avenue, 15209, telephone: 412-821-3438).

Established in 1894 as the first Croatian Catholic parish in America, Saint Nicholas Church commissioned Croatian artist Maxo Vanka to provide sacred art inside the church during the years 1937 and 1941. The artist created murals covering 4,500 square feet of the church walls. The artwork is famous for its combination of sacred figures and an anti-war theme inspired by the tragedy of the two World Wars.

To participate in a guided tour on Mondays or Thursdays at 6:30pm, or on Saturdays at 11:00am or 12:30pm, visit www.vankamurals.org. Private tours are also available. Tours are conducted by the Society to Preserve the Millvale Murals of Maxo Vanka. You'll find this Catholic treasure of Pittsburgh to be remarkable and worth repeat visits. The church is also open Saturdays 4:00pm until 6:00pm with a Vigil Liturgy at 5:00pm.

THE CATHOLIC SHRINES OF PITTSBURGH

In 2020, Bishop David Zubik organized several of Pittsburgh's famous and historic churches along the Allegheny River into the "Catholic Shrines of Pittsburgh." These shrines include: Saint Anthony Chapel and Most Holy Name of Jesus Church, Troy Hill; Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Polish Hill; Saint Nicholas Church, Millvale; Saint Patrick Church in the Strip district, and Saint Stanislaus Church also in Strip District.

Each of these Catholic Shrines is an amazing testament to our faith in Jesus Christ as well as a tribute to the Catholic community which created them in the past 180+ years.

To learn about the Shrines of Pittsburgh and to visit them, go to www.pghshrines.org for complete information. You'll truly appreciate a visit to any and to all of them!



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