

The Season of Lent

OFFICE HOURS

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

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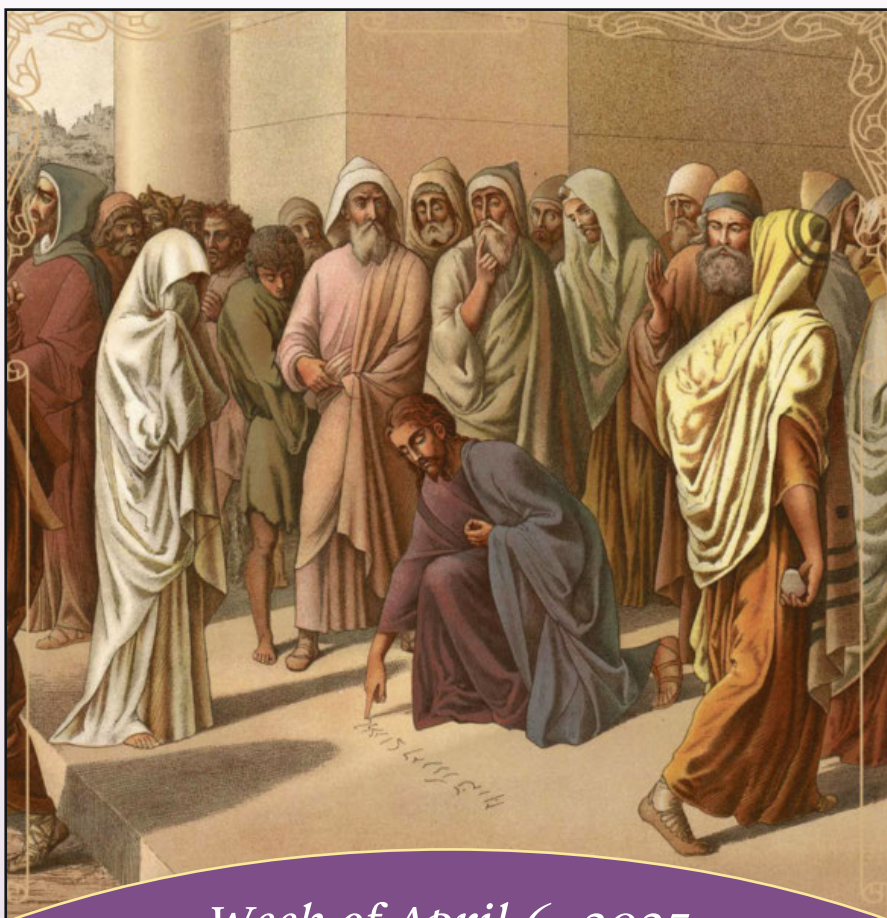
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CRISIS SUPPORT/SUICIDE PREVENTION

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

Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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



Week of April 6, 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Forty Days of Grace & Mercy

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, 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
MONDAY, APRIL 7 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Carol Solt	Mimi & Mike Cortese
TUESDAY, APRIL 8 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Weimerskirch	Rittler Family
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of Saint Philip Parish	
THURSDAY, APRIL 10 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	John P. Henkel	Jerome J. Henkel, Jr.
FRIDAY, APRIL 11 — SAINT STANISLAUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Roger Costantino	Frank J. Semplice
Saint Philip	8:30am	Stations of the Cross	
Ascension	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY, APRIL 12 — LENTEN WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Jerome & Helen Henkel	Jerome J. Henkel, Jr.
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Cecelia & Ignatius Cheke	Karen & Kevin Dadey
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Mr. & Mrs. Fred J. Askin	Daughter, Mary Ellen Askin
SUNDAY, APRIL 13 — PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Deceased Members of the Phillips Family	Family
Ascension	9:30am	Howard Kelly	Marge Kelly
Saint Philip	11:00am	Patricia Rouguex	Catholic Alumni Club of Pittsburgh



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!

Mercy first, last and always

Have you ever wanted to see someone else hurt? Have you ever wished harm to another person? Do you - does any Christian - think that's what Jesus wants of us?

I don't know why, but some people really like to see other people punished. In fact, some people really enjoy punishing others - their spouse, their children, their relatives, their co-workers, and their neighbors. I'm NOT certain why that is the case, but I've seen it often in my own experiences with individuals.

Those people who like being punishers might feel that they are simply doing the work of the Lord. Some have anger issues and are looking to hurt others. Some want to retaliate for the hurt they've experienced. Others are simply troubled mentally and have developed something of a sadistic nature.

However, in the Gospel according to John today, we hear once again that Jesus - the very Son of Almighty God - does NOT want to punish. Nor does Jesus want us to harshly or unfairly inflict punishment. Those who were ready to stone to death the woman caught in adultery felt that they were doing the work of God, but in truth, they were actually satisfying their own lust for blood.

Jesus rejects such deranged bloodlust, and He shows us very clearly that Almighty God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit desires

repentance, conversion, and new life rather than brutality, harsh punishment, and death.

Thank goodness that Jesus promises us mercy and forgiveness. Thank goodness that Jesus gives us Divine Mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Truly, if the Lord punished us as the crowd in today's Gospel wanted to punish the sinner whom they brought to Jesus, would there be many Christians left alive?

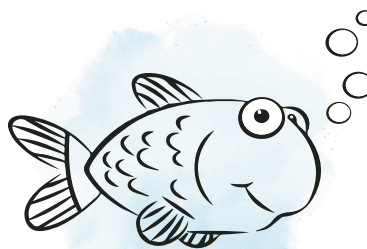
As Jesus forgave in His own day, and as He forgives us today - especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, may we too be merciful and forgiving toward our spouses, our children and their spouses, our grandchildren, family, relatives, co-workers, neighbors, and in fact, everyone - today and every day!

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

Saint Philip Catholic Parish **LENTEN FISH FRY**



Scan the QR code to
find the menu online

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

GOOD FRIDAY:
3:00pm to 7:00pm
Ascension Church Conner Hall

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.



Sunday, April 6

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

Weekdays

Daniel 3 - 13;
 John 8

Palm Sunday, April 13

Isaiah 50:4-7;
 Philippians 2:6-11;
 Luke 22:14 - 23:56

Thank you for your generous financial contributions to SAINT PHILIP PARISH!

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 Your goodness and participation help to keep our parish alive!

FINANCIAL REPORT



OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

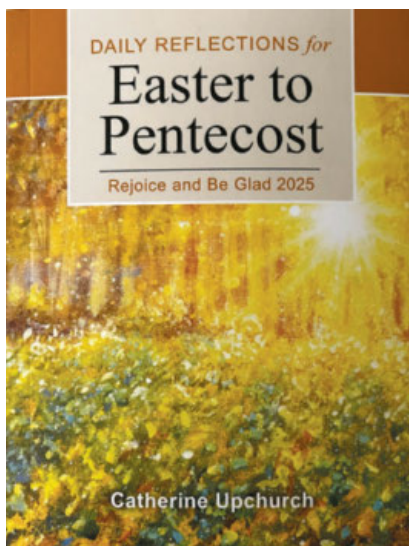
Sunday collections, March 29-30	-- \$9,182.00*
<i>* Includes Mail-in donations</i>	
Online donations, March 29-30	-- \$1,950.00
Maintenance donations	-- \$42.00
Religious Education donations	-- \$35.00

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year	-- \$861,064.00
Parish income <u>received</u> since July 1, 2024	-- \$555,862.76
Parish fundraising since July 1, 2024	-- \$40,219.45
Estate gifts received since July 1, 2024	-- \$500.00
General donations since July 1, 2024	-- \$21,781.46

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 29-30	-- 742
Sunday envelopes used March 29-30	-- 269
Total households receiving envelopes	-- 1,058

2025 Parish Appeal Goal	-- \$126,559.50
Parish Appeal received as of March 31	-- \$80,471.00*
<i>* Includes online Parish Appeal donations</i>	
2025 Parish Appeal Donors	-- 168



Easter Season reflection booklets

As we approach Palm Sunday, Holy Week, the celebration of Easter Sunday, and the 50 days of the joyous Easter Season, NEW Daily Reflection booklets are available NOW at both of our churches for the Easter Season.

Easter is the season for us to celebrate joyfully the wonderful event of the Lord Jesus' Resurrection from the grave. Having become more faithful and holy disciples during Lent, the Season of the Resurrection is our seven weeks to renew our belief in the Resurrection. It is the season when we rejoice in this primary event and belief of Catholic Christianity.

Hopefully, our Easter Season Reflection booklets will benefit our parish community throughout these weeks.



Saint Philip Parish News

Soup, Salad and Speaker Series



This year's Lenten Soup, Salad and Speaker Series has been a true blessing for our parish community once again. Nearly 80 parish members and friends join us each Wednesday evening at 6:00pm in Conner Hall of the Ascension campus for a light Lenten meal and for a spiritual reflection on our theme of "Accompanying Jesus this Lent."

In recent weeks, Father Rick Thompson, Father Sam Esposito, and Sister Carole Blazina, SC shared their Lenten insights with all of us gathered together. You're welcome to join us for the final Lenten Wednesday evening this coming April 9!



EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

For the Easter Sunday bulletin on April 20, all submissions are needed before Friday, April 11 at 12:00 noon.

WHO ARE THE LADIES OF CHARITY

They are women inspired by the life of St. Vincent de Paul, who have come together to help meet the needs of those who are disadvantaged. The Ladies of Charity meet on the **4th Thursday of the month** in the St. Philip cafeteria at 10:00am to make sandwiches for the homeless.

If you would like to learn more about the Ladies of Charities, visit <https://locpittsburgh.org>, or attend a St. Philip Ladies of Charity meeting. We meet on the second Thursday of the month on the St. Philip campus (next to the gym). Our next meeting is **April 10 at 1:00pm**. Contact Marjorie Mattern at 412-973-6318 for more information.



We offer our sympathy to the family of **Kathleen W. Mrenak** who entered into eternal life. Please keep her in your prayers.

We ask you also to remember in your prayers **Michael Gallagher** who was recently called home to the Lord. May he rest in peace.

Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns *In Loving Memory of the Dulick Family*
Offered by Jacob & Carly Dulick

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *in Loving Memory of Samuel Palombini, Sr.*
Offered by Wife, DeDe & Family



**ALLEGHENY INVESTMENTS
THE HOOVER GROUP**

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!

— A Memorial Opportunity —

NEW shrine candles in Saint Philip church

This month, in Saint Philip church, our parish will replace the shrine candles located on the side altars dedicated to the Blessed Mother and to Saint Joseph. Most of the shrine candles on those altars were broken in recent decades, and so, as we continue to refurbish the small items of Saint Philip church, those shrine candles will finally be replaced.

This purchase of 36 shrine candles presents a new Jubilee Year opportunity for our parish members to contribute a memorial donation for these NEW shrine candles - and to add an inscription to one or more candles. We are purchasing 24 BLUE shrine candles for the Blessed Mother's altar - and 12 FROSTED shrine candles for the Saint Joseph altar.

Since each candle base and glass container costs \$200, a memorial donation of \$200 will fund one candle (*the base and the glass candle container*) on which we will place a printed label (*for example, "In memory of...", "From the _____ family...", "In thanksgiving for / from...", etc.*).

If you would like to fund one or more shrine candles, please complete the form below, and return the completed form along with your **\$200 per candle donation** (*payable to Saint Philip Parish*) to the parish office this month. The candles placed in each glass container will continue to have a donation of \$4. **Thank you for helping** to beautify the side altars of Saint Philip church - and for honoring and remembering your family and loved ones.

Request form for a new Shrine Candle at Saint Philip church

Name of donor _____	Email address _____
Address _____	Telephone _____
Number of candles requested _____ (<i>\$200 donation requested per candle</i>)	Blessed Mother altar _____ Saint Joseph altar _____
Amount of payment enclosed _____	
Inscription for each requested candle _____ _____	

All donors will be contacted to confirm your request.
New shrine candles will arrive in the coming weeks!



Faith Formation

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

REFLECTIONS FROM MARYANN: In the first reading for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, we hear: *"Thus, says the Lord...Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? In the desert I make a way."* In this time of Lent, we try to turn our hearts from our old way of doing things. We try, in this time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, to become more aware of our relationship with God. However, we are not in this alone. God desires a relationship with each one of us. If we surrender our hearts, we can discover that God is doing something new in our life. In the desert of loneliness, sickness, broken relationships, disappointments, frustrations, unmet expectations, financial burdens, and loss, God is making a way! In the expectation and joy of Easter, God is bringing something new into the desert of our lives.

So, in these final days and weeks of Lent and throughout Holy Week, let us especially prepare our hearts to recognize and receive the "New" that God has planned for us. Let us think about doing something extra, something that we have not done thus far. Let us spend extra time in prayer. Let us pray the Stations of the Cross. Let us attend daily Mass. Let us participate in Holy Week Services on Holy Thursday or Good Friday. Let us give of our time and treasure to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Let us call or visit a relative we have not seen in a while. Let us do something nice for our elderly relatives. Let us be on guard to recognize, welcome and receive the something "New" that God has planned for us. Let us trust that in all things and in all circumstances, God is making a way in the desert of our lives. Then at Easter, filled with Paschal Joy, we will be ready to embrace the New Life in Christ planned for us.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS: Our next Family Night will be held on **Monday, April 14 at 6:30pm** in Saint Philip's Kelty Hall. The evening will begin with a spaghetti dinner, and the theme for the night is *"Holy Week."*

The Family *Bunny Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt* is scheduled for **Saturday, April 12, from 8:30am to 11:00am**. Breakfast will

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

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

Monday, April 7: *Family Ministry Team Meeting* at 6:30pm in Saint Philip library

Tuesday, April 8: *Hooks & Needles* at 9:00am in Ascension's Administration Building

Wednesday, April 9: *Soup, Salad and Speaker Series* at 6:15pm in Ascension Church Conner Hall

Thursday, April 10: *Ladies of Charity Meeting* at 1:00pm on Saint Philip campus

Thursday, April 10: *Legion of Mary Meeting* at 6:30pm in Ascension's Rectory

Thursday, April 10: *Men's Fellowship Meeting* at 7:00pm in Ascension's Administration building

Friday, April 11: *Women's Retreat* at Saint Paul of the Cross Retreat Center

Friday, April 11: *Stations of the Cross* at 8:30am in Saint Philip church and 7:00pm in Ascension church

Friday, April 11: *Parish Fish Fry* from 4:00pm to 7:00pm in Ascension Church Conner Hall

Saturday, April 12: *Bunny Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt* from 8:30am to 11:00am on Saint Philip campus



be served from 8:30am to 10:00am, and the Easter Egg Hunt will take place from 9:00am to 9:30am. The event will feature crafts, activities, and photos with the Easter Bunny. This event is free, and all are welcome to attend.

Please note that there will be NO Faith Formation sessions on Easter Monday, April 21. Sessions will resume on Monday, April 28 at 6:30pm.

SPRING HIGHLIGHTS: We are forming a *Gardening Ministry* for those who enjoy gardening and wish to help beautify our Saint Philip Parish grounds; please contact the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388 to get involved.

Our *Family Retreat* is set for **Saturday, May 17**, from 12:00 noon until the 4:00pm Liturgy. The retreat includes a catered lunch, family activities, crafts, games for children, snacks, a service project, and a speaker for parents. To register, call 412-922-6388 or see last week's bulletin.

Additionally, there will be a *Bell Choir Concert* on **Sunday, May 18** at Ascension church, with more details to follow in future bulletins.

Finally, the *Ladies of Charity Reception* will be held on **Sunday, June 8**, following the 9:30am Liturgy at Ascension church. Join us to celebrate the 13 women inducted by Bishop Zubik into the Ladies of Charity of the Pittsburgh Diocese.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS



Confirmation Candidates and the Elect visited Saint Anthony's Chapel, Saint Stanislaus, and Saint Patrick churches as part of their Sacrament preparation. At Saint Anthony's, they explored the largest collection of relics in the world outside the Vatican. At Saint Stanislaus, they learned about the rich history of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. At Saint Patrick, they climbed the Holy Stairs in prayer, embracing the sacred tradition. As Saint Anthony once said, "*Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak.*"

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 8, 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 8. Cancellations made after April 8 are subject to penalties.



DEADLINE EXTENDED TO APRIL 8!

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 Paul 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

SAINT PHILIP PARISH HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Palm Sunday of the Lords' Passion April 12-13

Our usual weekend schedule

Holy Thursday, April 17

Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00pm at Saint Philip church

Good Friday, April 18

Stations of the Cross

12:00 noon at Saint Philip church

Commemoration of the Passion

1:30pm at Ascension church

Stations of the Cross

7:00pm at Ascension church

Holy Saturday, April 19

Blessing of Easter Foods

12:00 noon at Ascension church

The Great Easter Vigil

7:00pm at Saint Philip church

Easter Sunday, April 20

Easter Sunday Liturgies

7:00am at Saint Philip church

9:30am at Ascension church

9:30am at Saint Philip church

11:00am at Saint Philip church



CHARITY TO THE PASSIONIST SISTERS

In this Lenten season of charity, our parish members are once again invited to share your kindness with the Passionist Sisters in Carrick who pray each day for us and for all members and parishes of our Diocese. The Sisters also provide for us the communion hosts which are transformed into the Eucharist at every Liturgy. Donation envelopes are located at the main entrances of both Saint Philip and Ascension churches. Thank you for your generous charity!

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



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

If you read our weekly column, you know how many neighbors in need reach out for assistance with their Duquesne Light bill. We always encourage them to sign up for the Duquesne Light Customer Assistance Program, or CAP, which provides year-round savings for eligible households who take advantage of the program. In order to qualify for CAP, monthly household income for a household of one must be at or below \$1,956; \$2,644 for a household of two; \$3,331 for a household of three; and \$4,019 for a household of four (and there are higher limits for even larger households).

Qualifying households are billed based on their income and household size, not their electric usage. If you heat your house with electricity, you may qualify for a payment as low as \$40/month. If you do not heat your house with electricity, you may qualify for a payment as low as \$20/month. CAP can also be a big help to customers who enter into the program with a delinquent account balance. That balance will be forgiven over 24 months as you make your monthly CAP payments on-time. However, please note that you do not need to have a delinquent account balance in order to join the CAP program - all that you need to do is meet the income eligibility criteria.

In order to learn more or apply online for Duquesne Light's CAP, visit <https://duquesnelight.com/account-billing/payment-assistance/-customer-assistance-program/cap-application>, or reach out to a local CAP agency office, such as the Holy Family Institute located at 19 May Avenue, McKees Rocks, PA 15136. The phone number for the Holy Family Institute is 412-331-8665.

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 provide a woman with a donated television; a woman was given \$387 toward her water bill; a woman was given \$421 for her mortgage payment; and a single mother was provided with two beds. Thank you for allowing us to help our neighbors in need!

To make a monetary donation, use the poor boxes, mail to the parish office (SVdP, 114 Berry St., Pittsburgh, PA 15205), or donate online at <https://saintphilipchurch.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/StVincentdePaul>. Donations are used only to help those in need and cover operational costs.

Furniture/appliance donations are paused until further notice. Furniture donations can be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Central Council by calling 412-321-1071 ext. 2. Clothing, shoes, and accessories can be placed in the blue bins at Hope House (St. Philip) or Ascension's rear lot, or contact us to arrange a pickup. Please only use bins as instructed—noncompliant items will be discarded.

Shop at St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores or online at www.vinnysvaluables.com for new/gently-used items. Volunteers are always needed—call, text, or email us for details.

If you or someone you know needs help, contact our hootline at 412-444-8140 or email svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com.

Saint Philip Parish SPRING FLING BINGO



**SATURDAY
MAY 10**

Doors open
at 6:30pm



OUR VERY FIRST SAINT PHILIP PARISH SPRING FLING BINGO!

On Saturday, May 10, Saint Philip Parish will host our very first Spring Fling Bingo in Conner Hall on the Ascension campus (114 Berry Street). Doors will open at 6:30pm, and the early bird game will be at 7:00pm.

The evening will include ten regular bingo games with cash prizes - as well as three special games, auction baskets, raffles, drawings, door prizes, and refreshments!

Admission and SIX cards will be \$20. Additional cards (*with a maximum of 12 total cards per player*) will be available. Each regular game will have a cash prize of \$100.

There will be a limit of 200 seats, and all tickets must be purchased in advance through the parish office.

Treat your mother or grandmother to this Spring Fling Bingo on the evening before Mother's Day!

Full information and registration forms will be made available beginning Saturday evening, April 12, in both Saint Philip church and Ascension church. Be sure to join us!



MAY 10 BINGO VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED!

As our parish plans our first Spring Fling Bingo on May 10, the help of numerous adult and student volunteers will be needed! We're looking for kitchen volunteers, food service volunteers, and bingo game helpers.

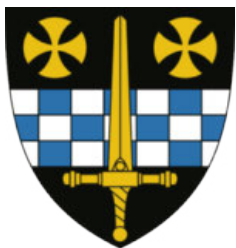
If you're interested and willing to help as a volunteer from 6:30pm until about 10:00pm on May 10, call the parish office (412-922-6300, ext. 5) and leave a message, OR email the office staff (parishoffice@saintphilipparish.com) this week. Thank you!



MAY 10 BINGO DONATIONS ARE ALSO WELCOME!

If you and your family and friends would like to donate an Auction Basket or Gift Cards for our May 10 Bingo, call the parish office (412-922-6300, ext. 5) and leave a message for Denise Ball, OR email Denise (d.ball@saintphilipparish.com) to discuss your interest in making a donation. Your support and contribution will be greatly appreciated!



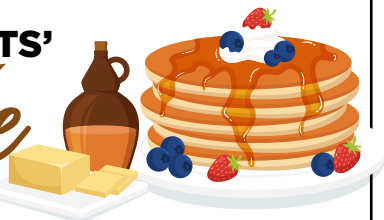


Around the Diocese and Community

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.

LOCAL SCOUTS' Pancake BREAKFAST



Next **Sunday, April 13, from 8:00am until 12:00 noon**, the local Scout Troop 148 will host a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser at the Crafton Community Center, 140 Bradford Avenue - enter the second floor from the parking lot. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$5 for children under 10. Everyone is welcome!

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 at 412-352-5348, or email toniafj1@comcast.net or visit www.rvofpgh.com.

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!



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 collection 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.



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