



Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

OFFICE HOURS

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

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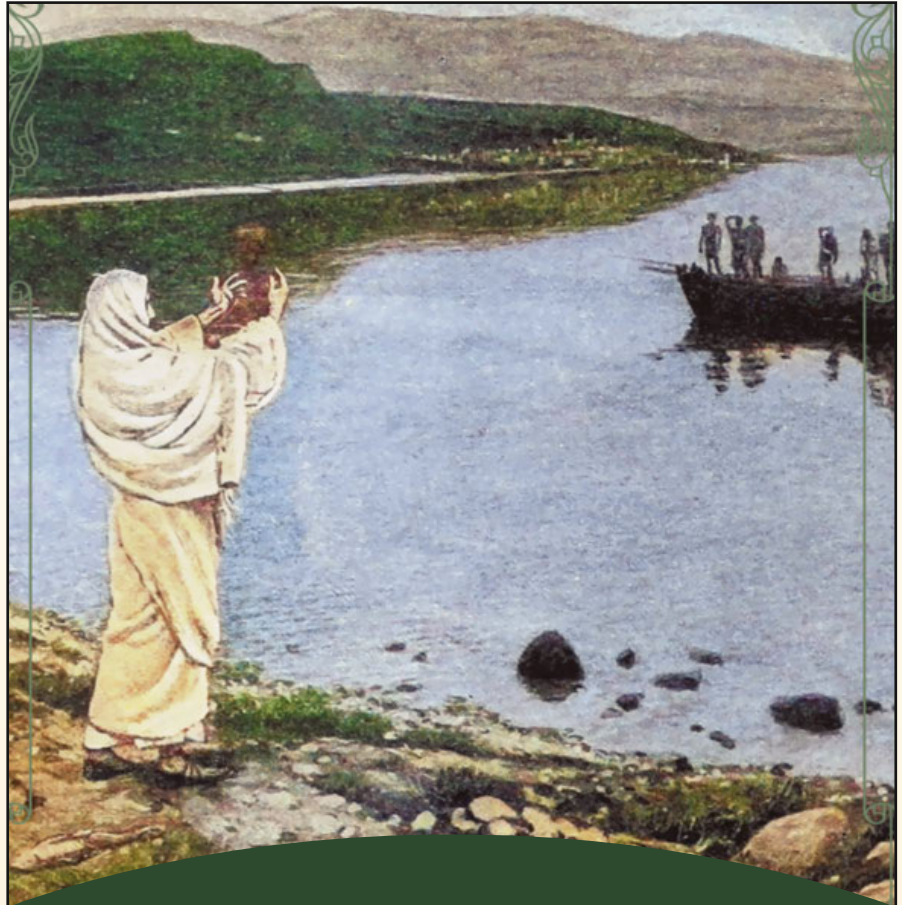
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CRISIS SUPPORT/SUICIDE PREVENTION

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



Week of May 4, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY of Easter

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, MAY 3 — SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of Saint Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Luke Connolly	David & Tamara Dulick
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Francis Anthony Leone	Dolores, Donna & Michele Leone
SUNDAY, MAY 4 — THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Ed & Trish Mucha	Family
Ascension	9:30am	Helen Adamo	Family
Saint Philip	11:00am	Living & Deceased Members of the Dacey Family	Rob Dacey
MONDAY, MAY 5 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of Saint Philip Parish	
TUESDAY, MAY 6 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Anna Carrieri	DeDe Palombini
WEDNESDAY, MAY 7 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Robert J. Dulick	David & Tamara Dulick
THURSDAY, MAY 8 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Audrey, Valentino & Richard Nania	Audrey Nania
FRIDAY, MAY 9 — EASTER WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Daniel & Rosemarie Brannan	Brannan Family
SATURDAY, MAY 10 — SAINT JOHN OF AVILA, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH; SAINT DAMIEN DE VEUSTER, PRIEST			
Ascension	8:00am	Violet Remp	Peggy & Debby
Saint Philip	2:00pm	Wedding: Joseph P. Kowalski and Tina M. Gigliotti	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Schneider & McDonough Families	Josie Schneider
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Lou & Irene Schubert	Family
SUNDAY, MAY 11 — FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Jim Volpe	A Friend
Ascension	9:30am	Deceased Members of the Sullen & Mullin Families	Fran & Debby Sullen
Saint Philip	11:00am	Von & Bob Reinstadtler	Mary Ann Daily



Notes from the Pastor

Thank you for joining our community today as we continue to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection during this joyous Easter Season of our Jubilee Holy Year 2025!

Continuing the Easter Season

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen! This is our Christian proclamation in these 50 days and throughout each year. Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

Many Christians mistakenly think that Easter - our celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus - is only a single Sunday each year. In truth however, Jesus' Resurrection three days after His death on the cross is the most important event in all history, and we celebrate the Resurrection each year for 50 joyful days. Along with the 40 days of Lent, we focus on the events of Jesus' death and Resurrection for 90 days, three months, one quarter of each year.

The promise that we too will share in the Lord's Resurrection when the Kingdom of God is completed is our most important Christian hope and promise from Jesus Himself. We believe that we will receive our own personal Resurrection - *which is the reason why we retain the bodies of Christians in our cemeteries*. In addition, the Gospel according to John - to which we listen during these Sundays of the Easter Season - tells us of Jesus' forgiveness of Saint Peter and His promise of divine mercy and the forgiveness of our sins too!

During the night of His Resurrection, Jesus shared the Holy Spirit with the Apostles as well as the authority to forgive sins in His name. Just

check and read John chapter 20! While most Christians shy away from the Sacrament of Reconciliation (*the Confession and absolution of sins*), it a sacred gift of the Lord's grace and forgiveness shared with His disciples through the ministry of His chosen and ordained shepherds - the bishops and priests of the Church. Jesus was and is fully aware of our sinfulness as well as sin's harmful poison and the disintegration of our souls which results from sin. Because of the harmfulness of sin, Jesus has given us the Sacrament of Reconciliation to renew our lives and our relationship with God and the people of God.

Throughout the Easter Season and the entire year, may your belief in the Resurrection of Jesus be renewed! May your hope in our own Resurrection from the dead be strengthened. Finally, along with this amazing promise of our Catholic Christian faith, may you also more deeply appreciate Jesus' desire to forgive your personal sins through the ministry of His Church in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Prayers for Pope Francis and for
the Election of our next Holy Father

In these weeks following the death and funeral of Pope Francis, I invite your continued prayers for his eternal rest, peace and salvation! **Also**, I encourage all of our members and families to pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire the Cardinals of the Church in their election of our new Holy Father in the coming days.

Best wishes for a blessed Easter Season

May this holy Easter Season, and the entire Jubilee Holy Year of 2025 be a blessed time of faith, hope and thanksgiving! May the Lord Jesus fill you and your family members and friends with joy and goodness throughout our 50 day celebration of the Lord Jesus' Resurrection. God bless!

Yours, Father Jim Torquato

THIRD QUARTER REPORT FOR THE 2024-2025 PARISH FISCAL YEAR provided by the Financial Staff of the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh

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(Quarter-3 2024/2025 Year to Date)

OPERATING REVENUE:

Offertory Collections	696,252
Donations & Bequests	73,690
Fundraising	90,271
Campaign Income	10
Other Income	30,732
	890,955

OPERATING EXPENSE:

Administration	264,282
Operations & Maintenance	204,533
Liturgical & Rectory	135,354
Religious Ed & C.A.R.E.S.	102,426
Property & Liability Insurance	44,749
Social/ Outreach/ Other	4,077
	755,421

OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT) 135,534

NON-OPERATING ITEMS:

Extraordinary Maintenance Expense	(16,620)
Net Third Party Collections	(6,189)
	(22,809)

FEATURED ASSETS and LIABILITIES at 3/31/2025

ASSETS:

Unrestricted Funds:

Cash	327,656
Deposit & Loan Operating Savings	1,025,100
	1,352,756

Restricted Funds:

Deposit & Loan Restricted Savings	29,308
Deposit & Loan Restricted Campaign	1,304
Parish Endowment Investment	40,985
Other Investments	415
	72,012

LIABILITIES:

Insurance Past Due	-
Deposit & Loan Borrowing Debt	-
Other Payables	-
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Our Diocesan Central Administration sends Quarterly and Final Financial Reports to each parish for inclusion in our parish bulletin.

Here is the Third Report for this Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Your increased contributions are very important and greatly appreciated.

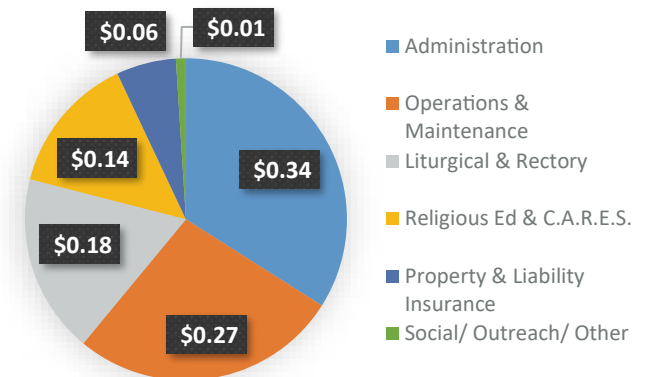
Thank you for your generosity which keeps Saint Philip Parish alive and doing well!

Revenue vs. Expense for 7-1-2024 thru 3-31-2025

Revenue: 890,955

Expense: 755,421

How each Expense Dollar Supports the Parish



Line items include but are not limited to:

Offertory Collections: Offertory, Parish Appeal

Campaign Income: Capital Imp., Debt Reduction, etc.

Other Income: Interest Income, Hall Rentals, Votive

Administration: Staff, Supplies, Management Fee

Operations & Maintenance:

Staff, Church Utilities, Upkeep, Taxes, Supplies

Religious Ed & C.A.R.E.S.: Staff, Supplies, CCD, Adult Ed, RCIA, Catholic Assistance for Regional Elem Schools

Liturgical & Rectory: Staff, Worship, Rectory Upkeep

Social/Outreach/Other:

Youth, Community, Net Rental Property, Preschool

Extraordinary Maintenance Expense: > \$4,000

Net 3rd Party Collections: e.g. Holy Land, Peter's Pence



BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 4

Acts of the Apostles 5:27-41;
Revelation 5:11-14;
John 21:1-19

Weekdays

Acts of the Apostles 6-9;
John 6

Sunday, May 11

Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52;
Revelation 7:9-17;
John 10:27-30

**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, April 26-27	-- \$8,625.00*
<i>* Includes Mail-in donations</i>	
Online donations, April 26-27	-- \$1,575.00
Maintenance donations	-- \$460.00
Religious Education donations	-- \$952.00

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year	-- \$861,064.00
Parish income <u>received</u> since July 1, 2024	-- \$608,308.01
Parish fundraising since July 1, 2024	-- \$40,219.45
Estate gifts received since July 1, 2024	-- \$500.00
General donations since July 1, 2024	-- \$21,881.46

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 April 26-27	-- 892		
Sunday envelopes used April 26-27	-- 250		
Total households receiving envelopes	-- 1,058		

2025 Parish Appeal Goal	-- \$126,559.50
Parish Appeal received as of April 28	-- \$97,524.00*
<i>* Includes online Parish Appeal donations</i>	
2025 Parish Appeal Donors	-- 249



IN MEMORY OF POPE FRANCIS

December 17, 1936 - April 21, 2025

In early 2013, when Pope Benedict XVI retired, 76 year old Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio was also anticipating his own retirement. To everyone's surprise, the Conclave which was to elect the next Pope chose Cardinal Bergoglio - the very first Pope from the Americas. The new Pope chose to be known by the name Francis, and he quickly came to be admired for his true Christian simplicity and humility.

During Pope Francis' twelve years of service in the ministry of Peter the Apostle, he's been well known for his care for the poor, the homeless, the outcast, migrants, world peace, concern for the created world, and many other issues. Pope Francis was never known to take a vacation or even a day off (*except when ill*). Having guided the worldwide Catholic Church as a compassionate and humble shepherd for 12 years, may the good Lord now embrace Pope Francis - and share with Francis the reward of his lifetime of heroic and faithful service to the holy People of God. *Eternal rest grant to Pope Francis, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him!*

— 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 _____
(*\$200 donation requested per candle*)

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!



Come & See

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

Dear members and families of Saint Philip Parish,

Thank you for your support of Saint Philip Parish and the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh! I'm most grateful for your contributions to our parish in our Sunday and special collections. Once again, I'm again asking your support for the **2025 Annual Parish Appeal** to collect our parish's required "Diocesan Management Fee" to fund the daily service provided to Saint Philip Parish by Bishop David Zubik and his central diocesan administration. Each year, the Annual Parish Appeal funds the ministries and services of our Diocesan Church which:

- provide for us all the leadership, offices and daily operations of the Bishop and the Diocese;
- continue services to the elderly, families, young people, and those in need;
- direct all of our parish Faith Formation programs, Catholic schools, youth ministry activities, and young adult programs;
- provide legal and financial services to our parish every day of the year;
- continue evangelization through the internet, radio, and television;
- provide marriage preparation for engaged couples - and programs for married couples;
- enhance liturgical and music ministry as well as ecumenical efforts;
- give training and formation to our seminary students and diocesan priests,
- ensure care and support for the retired priests of the Diocese; and
- conduct many other efforts and programs of our diocesan Church of Pittsburgh!

Our own parish is served by Bishop Zubik and the programs of the Diocesan Church every day!

In that our Annual Parish Appeal assessment for 2025 is **\$126,559**, I'm asking (*as in past years*) that each household of the parish pledge and contribute **\$250 or more** during this year. If you can contribute \$300, \$500, \$1000 or more, that would be most helpful! All funds contributed above our **\$126,559 goal** will remain with our parish. It is your generosity alone that allows us to meet this financial obligation to the entire diocesan church. Your pledge can be paid now or fulfilled over the coming ten months. Last year, we did meet our Parish Share goal for this annual campaign - please help us to meet our goal again in 2025!

Please know that I'm most grateful for your support of the 2025 Annual Parish Appeal. Please use your reply form sent to you in the mail for your direct donation OR your pledge to be paid over the next ten months. Donation envelopes can also be found in our two churches. Once again, thank you very much, and may the Lord Jesus continue to bless you, your family, our fine parish, and our entire Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh now and in the year ahead!

Gratefully,
Father Jim Torquato



Parish News

DIAPER DRIVE

MAY 1 — JUNE 1



Saint Philip *Ladies of Charity* and *Catholic Charities of Pittsburgh* are hosting a Diaper Drive to support families in need. **From May 1 to June 1, we are collecting diapers** (sizes 4-7 and newborn are most needed), **wet wipes, baby wash, lotion, diaper rash cream, and baby snacks.** Donations can be left at Saint Philip's side ramp entrance or Ascension's main entrance.

Thank you for your generosity!

MAY 10 BINGO VOLUNTEERS ARE 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 (due by

Wednesday, May 7) or Gift Cards for our May 10 Bingo, call the parish office (412-922-6300, ext. 5) and leave a message, or email Denise Ball at d.ball@saintphilipparish.com to discuss your interest in making a donation. Your support and contribution will be greatly appreciated!

Handbell Concert

Saint Philip Music Ministry Presents:
RING! PITTSBURGH
— A Spectacular Handbell Concert

Sunday, May 18, 3:00pm

Ascension Church

114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15205

RING! PITTSBURGH is back and ready to enchant audiences of all ages! Enjoy a free, 60-minute performance featuring the mesmerizing art of handbell music.

Founded in 2016, **RING! PITTSBURGH** is an auditioned community of skilled musicians dedicated to educating and entertaining audiences across south-western Pennsylvania. Through their performances, they aim to advance the knowledge and appreciation of handbell ringing.

- Free-will offerings are welcomed.
- Join us for a reception in Ascension Church Conner Hall immediately following the concert!

Don't miss this unique musical experience—come and be delighted by the magic of handbells!

Easter Vigil



On Saturday, April 19, Saint Philip Parish gathered in joyful celebration for the Easter Vigil. It was a truly special evening as we welcomed **Arial Ball** and **Cameron Gallagher** into the Catholic Church, embracing them as they received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

Following the beautiful Liturgy, the celebration continued with a warm and welcoming reception in the church hall, where parishioners came together to share in the joy of this meaningful milestone. *We are blessed to have them as part of our faith community!*

Easter Flower Memorials

We sincerely appreciate the generosity of all who contributed to the Easter Flower Memorials. The following donations were received after the bulletin deadline.

In Loving Memory

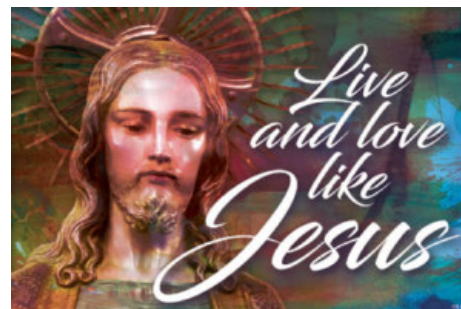
M/M Fred Askin
M/M Carl Cicchino
Helen Demma
The DiCesare Family
M/M Stephen Drew
Drozynski Family
Jean & Joan Gajewski
Urbatis & Weismann
Families
Wiedwald Family

Requested by

Mary Ellen Askin
M/M Carl Cicchino
Nancy
Joanne DiCesare
M/M Carl Cicchino
M/M Thomas Wiedwald
Mary Ellen Askin
Gary Urbatis
M/M Thomas Wiedwald

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Next weekend, **May 10-11**, the Little Sisters of the Poor will visit Saint Philip Parish to collect donations after each Mass. Their mission is to care for the elderly in need, offering them dignity, love, and support in their later years. Your generosity makes a meaningful difference! Please consider giving to help them continue their compassionate work.



Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns *in Loving Memory of the Living and Deceased Members of Saint Philip Parish*

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *in Loving Memory of Ed Moskovitz*
Offered by Wife, Judy

ADVERTISER of the Week

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS,
CHARTIERS COUNCIL #875**

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

DONATE ONLINE

Make donating easy!

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

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

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Faith Formation

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

REFLECTIONS FROM MARYANN: Today's Gospel is one that illustrates in ways we can understand just how much Jesus loves us. Jesus speaks to His disciples in simple, basic language. He speaks to them in their experience. First, while standing on the shore, Jesus notes that the disciples have not caught anything to eat. He tells them to cast their nets over the right side of the boat and when they listen to Him, they catch so many fish, they could not pull in the net. This is each of us. Things do not go as we had planned. We have tried and tried but things have not worked out as we had hoped. But how do we listen to Jesus? What is He trying to tell us. We can perhaps begin by reading the Scripture of the day. We might also spend a few minutes or longer in silence just listening to the sounds around us and discovering God's message for us.

Second we hear Jesus say, "*Come, have breakfast.*" Jesus is concerned for how they feel and their comfort level. He invites them to enjoy a meal with Him and in doing so they recognized and knew the Lord. Jesus invites us to join Him at the table of the Lord. He is concerned about each of our lives. He tells us "*Come and eat.*" Do we accept Jesus' invitation to feed our body and soul with the Eucharist?

Finally, after listening to Simon Peter assure Jesus of His love, He invites Peter by saying "*Follow Me.*" We often say to Jesus, "*I love you.*" When Jesus says to us, "*Follow Me,*" how do we respond? We are invited to spend some time this week reflecting on this Gospel from John. Upon reflection, we can realize that Jesus truly loves us and wants the best for us. Let us take our present life situation and listen to the Lord as He guides

us to the life God has planned for us. Perhaps we can discover how to respond in the best way possible when Jesus says to us, "*Follow Me.*"

FAITH FORMATION FAMILY NIGHT

On Monday of Holy Week, families gathered for a meaningful evening of faith and fellowship. The night began with meal prayers, followed by a delicious pasta dinner shared in community. After dinner,



families took part in a thoughtful discussion on the significance and symbols of Holy Week, deepening their understanding of this sacred time. The evening concluded in church with the Stations of the Cross, offering children and families a reflective experience to prepare their hearts for Easter.

Join us for a **MAY CROWNING** on **Monday, May 5, at 6:30pm** in Saint Philip church, hosted by Saint Philip Faith Formation. Afterward, enjoy a refreshing ice cream social featuring flavors from Bruster's Ice Cream, including non-dairy options. All parish members are welcome!

KITCHEN TABLE MINISTRY: Join us on **Sunday, June 1, after the 9:30am Mass** in Ascension Church Conner Hall for donuts, hot beverages, blood pressure screenings, wellness info, and table conversations. On **Tuesday, May 27** Kitchen Table Ministry will host speaker, Melissa Cole—details coming soon in future bulletins.

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH: In honor of Mental Health Month, prayer boards will be placed in both churches to support those facing mental health challenges. Add names or initials of individuals needing prayer or lost to mental health issues. These names will be remembered in prayer.

Garden MINISTRY



NEW! Saint Philip Parish is starting a **Garden Ministry**, and we need **your** green thumb! Help us transform our church grounds into a vibrant, welcoming space with beautiful flowers and plants. If you love to garden and can lend a hand, please call 412-922-6388 by May 19. **Just 5 or 6 volunteers will make all the difference**—join us in growing something special!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

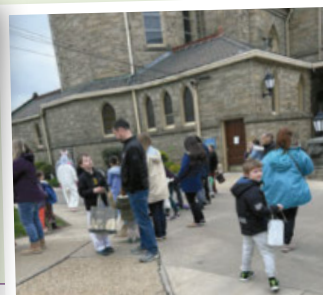
May 4: *Kitchen Table Ministry's Drop-In Sunday* at 10:30am in Ascension's Conner Hall; *First Eucharist* at 11:00am in Saint Philip church

May 5: *May Crowning* at 6:30pm in Saint Philip church followed by an ice cream social

May 6: *Hooks & Needles* at 9:00am in Ascension's Administration Building

May 8: *Legion of Mary Meeting* at 6:30pm in Ascension's Rectory; *Choir Practice* at 7:00pm in Ascension church

May 10: *Spring Fling Bingo* at 6:30pm in Ascension Church Conner Hall



Bunny BREAKFAST and Easter EGG HUNT



On Saturday morning, April 12, Saint Philip Parish celebrated its annual Bunny Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt. Around 40 children, along with their families, searched for 750 candy-filled eggs and enjoyed maple pancakes and sausages. The fun continued in Kelty Hall with games, crafts, and prizes, while the children also learned about the joy of Jesus' Resurrection. Thanks to the efforts of parish staff, volunteers, and donors, it was a heartwarming day of faith and community!



Congratulations to our Newly **CONFIRMED**

Last Sunday, Bishop David Zubik visited our parish community for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation during the 11:00am Divine Mercy Sunday Liturgy. The celebration was wonderful and memorable!

Our congratulations are extended to our newly Confirmed young adults: **Christopher Allen, Liam Barry, Kenneth Clark III, Eliana Cornetti, Emerson Ellis, Thomas Ellis, Dylan Ford, Eden Franc, Chase Getz, Matthew Krol, Jaxson Schlatterer, Fiona Shipley, Hunter Smith, Juliet Snover, Daniel Talerico, and Isabella Trosky.**

May the Holy Spirit guide and inspire them every day as they continue in their witness and service to others as Catholic missionary disciples!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

On April 23, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul marked 192 years since its founding by Blessed Frederic Ozanam, a 20-year-old university student in Paris. Challenged by a classmate to prove the Church's dedication to aiding the poor, Frederic saw the deep suffering in his community and took action. In 1833, he and his classmates established the Conference of Charity, later renamed to honor St. Vincent de Paul, a patron of charitable works. Under the guidance of Blessed Rosalie Rendu, a Daughter of Charity, they learned the importance of visiting the poor in person, ensuring both their material and spiritual needs were met—an approach that remains central to the Society's mission today.

What began as a small student-led initiative grew rapidly. By the time of Frederic's death in 1853, the Society had 17,000 members across

Europe and the United States. The first U.S. chapter was founded in St. Louis in 1845, and today, 800,000 members in 155 countries continue his legacy, helping over 30 million people worldwide.

We are in need of a crib for a friend in need. If you have one that is gently used that you would like to donate, please call or text our hotline at 412-444-8140 or email us at svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com.

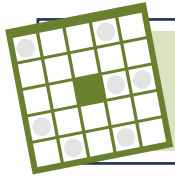
Over the past week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a woman with \$100 toward her gas bill; a woman was given \$156 toward her rent; and a man was assisted with \$300 toward his rent. Thank you!

If you or someone you know needs assistance, call or text 412-444-8140 or email us at 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.

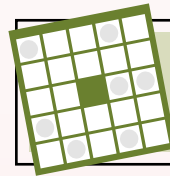
Treat your mother or grandmother to this Spring Fling Bingo on the evening before Mother's Day!

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 (due by Wednesday, May 7) or Gift Cards for our May 10 Bingo, please call the parish office (412-922-6300, ext. 5) and leave a message for Denise Ball, OR email Denise at 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

A CELEBRATION OF MARY AND MOTHERS

On Tuesday evening, May 6, the Saint Paul Retreat Center, South Side, will host the special evening program, “A Celebration of Mary — Embracing Holiness as Grandmothers, Mothers and Daughters.” This event will be held 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the Saint Paul Retreat Center. All women are welcome! The donation for the program and refreshments is \$30 per person. To register, call the Saint Paul Retreat Center at 412-381-7676 or email stpaulrcpa@cproov.org.

LEADING YOUR KIDS BACK TO THE LORD

On Wednesday, May 7, at 7:00pm, in the Diocesan Pastoral Center, Deacon Frank Bursic will host a session titled, “*RETURN: How to Draw Your Children Back to the Church*.” Based on a book recently published by Brandon Vogt, a number of ways to lead your kids back to the Lord will be explored. This program will also assure you that “it’s NOT your fault” and that “you’re certainly NOT alone in this situation.” There is NO COST to attend this special program. To register, please email Deacon Bursic at fbursic@diopitt.org.

GOLF OUTING TO BENEFIT CHIMBOTE

On Monday, June 2, the annual golf outing to support the Pittsburgh Catholic medical mission in Chimbote, Peru will be held at the South Hills Country Club in Whitehall. Participants will enjoy a full day of golf along with lunch, course beverages, skill prizes, a driving range, and dinner. Visit www.chimbotefoundation.org for details. Register this week!

PIPE ORGAN CONCERT SERIES AT SAINT PAUL CATHEDRAL

Saint Paul Cathedral in Oakland, the “mother church” of the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, presents amazing pipe organ concerts during the year. Acclaimed organists visit our city and perform master works of organ compositions on the cathedral’s acclaimed, grand, and recently restored pipe organ. The cathedral is located at Fifth Avenue and Craig Street. Mark your calendars for:

- Friday, May 16 at 7:30pm
- Sunday, June 22 at 4:00pm
- Sundays at 3:30pm: July 6, 13, 20, 27, and August 3

Everyone is welcome, and all concerts are free. Donations will be accepted to support this continuing concert series. Call 412-621-4951, ext. 13 for more information.

FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY CONFERENCES

Franciscan University of Steubenville offers a variety of faith-filled conferences throughout the year, designed to inspire and strengthen the faith of Catholic Christians locally and across the nation. For more information, including details about the upcoming summer conferences, visit steubenvilleconferences.com and register in the coming weeks.

JUNE 20 THEATER TRIP TO LINCOLN PARK

On Friday, June 20, a motorcoach trip to attend the musical sensation “*Sister Act*” will be hosted by the Ohio Valley Nurses Alumni Association. The performance will be presented at the Lincoln Park Performing Arts Center in Beaver County. The \$169 cost includes motorcoach transportation, a buffet dinner at the famous Wooden Angel Restaurant, admission to the theater performance, and taxes and gratuities. The group will depart at 3:30pm from the Medical Office Building at Heritage Valley Hospital in Kennedy Township. For information and reservations, call Evelyn Moses at 412-921-6388.



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