

# Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

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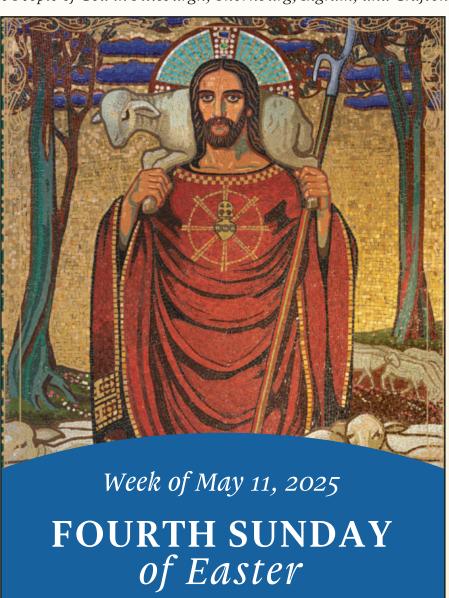
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## SAINT PHILIP CATHOLIC PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

REQUESTED BY LOCATION TIME PRIEST'S INTENTION

# SATURDAY, MAY 10 - SAINT JOHN OF AVILA, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH; SAINT DAMIEN DE VEUSTER, PRIEST

Ascension 8:ooam Peggy & Debby Violet Remp

Wedding: Joseph P. Kowalski and Tina M. Gigliotti Saint Philip 2:00pm

Saint Philip 4:00pm (Vigil) Schneider & Iosie Schneider

McDonough Families

5:30pm (Vigil) Lou & Irene Schubert Ascension Family

### SUNDAY, MAY 11 — FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saint Philip A Friend Jim Volpe 7:00am

Deceased Members of Fran & Debby Sullen Ascension 9:30am

the Sullen & Mullin Families

Saint Philip 11:00am Von & Bob Reinstadtler Mary Ann Daily

### MONDAY, MAY 12 — EASTER WEEKDAY

Saint Philip 8:00am Margaret Ann "Margie" Greg Shumovich

O'Brien

### TUESDAY, MAY 13 — OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Henry & Victoria Don & Patty Ascension 8:00am

Martin

# WEDNESDAY, MAY 14 - SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

Saint Philip 8:00am Reif & Ceross Families Sue & Mike Rust

# THURSDAY, MAY 15 — SAINT ISIDORE

8:00am Ascension Rev. Walter Sobon Diana Miller

## FRIDAY, MAY 16 — EASTER WEEKDAY

Saint Philip 8:00am Living & Deceased Members of Saint Philip Parish

### SATURDAY, MAY 17 — EASTER WEEKDAY

Ascension 8:00am Theresa Olesinski Annette Marlinga 4:00pm (Vigil) John & Barbara Adams Daughter, Valerie Saint Philip Ascension 5:30pm (Vigil) Ed Moskovitz Wife, Judy

### SUNDAY, MAY 18 — FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saint Philip Amanda Louise Ogden Audra Ogden 7:00am

John & Anna Gallagher Ascension Iohn A. Morris 9:30am

William McDevitt Saint Philip 11:00am Family

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: Should be submitted to m.takach@saintphilipparish.com no later than 12:00pm on Friday to be included in the following week's bulletin.





# **Notes** from the Pastor

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!

Our Blessed Mother Mary in the Easter Season and in May

Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord Jesus is Risen from the dead! As we celebrate these 50 days of the Easter Season of the Resurrection, this continues to be our joyful proclamation now and through Pentecost Sunday.

During these holy days of the Easter Season, we hear every day from the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospels in our Sunday and weekday Liturgies. The readings during these 50 days are very inspiring. Along with the Gospel accounts of Jesus' life, the Acts of the Apostles share with us the faith, life, and growth of the Church during the first generation of Christianity and the Catholic Church.

Along with the Apostles and disciples who were members and leaders of the earliest Church, we can also be certain that the Lord's mother, Mary, shared in the life of the Christian community and in the announcement of Jesus' Resurrection. Mary was most important in her Son Jesus' life, ministry, death, Resurrection, and Ascension. The Blessed Mother participated in the early Church and shared her life, faith, and love with the disciples of her Son as countless people came to believe in Jesus, in His Good News, and in His death and Resurrection.

Throughout these twenty centuries of the Church and today as well, our Blessed Mother Mary has continued to share her life, faith, and love with the disciples of her divine Son Jesus.

What an extraordinary mother she is to us as she has always been to Jesus!

As such, it's truly fitting that Mary should receive our gratitude and honor for her giving life to the Lord - and for her presence and role in the Lord's life and in the life of His people! That's why this month of May has - for many centuries been designated as the month of our Blessed Mother Mary. We do well to honor Mary for all that she has given of herself for Jesus' mission to bring about our Redemption and eternal Salvation. We also do well to honor and thank Mary for the love, compassion, care, and help which she shares with all of us who call upon her.

May you and your family continue to enjoy a blessed Easter Season, and may all of us - in this month of May - honor and express our gratitude to Mary - the Lord Jesus' mother and our mother who remains with us and is directing us toward her Son in the life and the Kingdom of Almighty God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

Best wishes to our moms and to all women for a good Mother's Day!

It is truly good that we Americans celebrate our annual Mother's Day today! Our mothers, grandmothers, stepmoms, adoptive moms, foster moms, godmothers, expectant mothers, and ALL women share life, love, care, and goodness with all of us throughout their lives and our lives. May we always be grateful to the moms in our lives both living and deceased - who have given us life and so much love. Best wishes to all moms and women of our parish community for a happy and blessed Mother's Day!

# 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



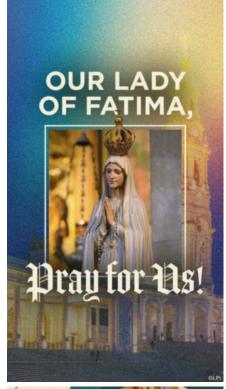
This past Wednesday, May 7, the College of Cardinals of the Catholic Church convened in Vatican City to begin the process of electing the next Successor of Saint Peter - the next Bishop of Rome - the next Pope - the next Holy Father and chief shepherd of the Church.

This process is called a Conclave - from the Latin meaning "with a key". In past centuries, Cardinals were locked into the Vatican's Sistine Chapel until they concluded their election. This practice was meant to encourage a brief election process instead of a prolonged event.

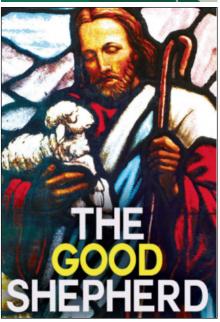
In recent generations, the Popes have designated the number of Cardinal electors at 120. Veteran Cardinals who are 80+ years of age can no longer vote in a Conclave. These Cardinal electors gather together from all over the world. In his own style, Pope Francis has created more Cardinals in South America, Africa, and Asia to make certain that the worldwide Church is equally represented in the life of the Catholic Church.

Several times every day, the Cardinals vote for a new Pope in the Sistine Chapel. The one elected must receive 2/3 + 1 votes of the voting Cardinals. Once the election is confirmed, then the newly elected Pope must accept his election before being presented to the Church and the world.

As the Conclave continues - and when the new Pope is elected - may all of us pray for our new chief shepherd and for continued blessings and guidance from the Lord Jesus and from the Holy Spirit throughout all the years ahead!









# Sunday, May 11

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

# Weekdays

Acts of the Apostles 11-13; John 10-14

# Sunday, May 18

Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27; Revelation 21:1-5; John 13:31-35

Thank you for your generous financial contributions to

SAINT PHILIP PARISH!



Your goodness and participation help to keep our parish alive!

# FINANCIAL PARISH FINANCES REPORT PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collections, May 3-4 -- \$13,814.75\* \* Includes Mail-in donations Online donations, May 3-4 -- \$3,708.00 Maintenance donations -- \$399.00 Religious Education donations -- \$175.00

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year -- \$861,064.00 Parish income received since July 1, 2024 -- \$626,404.76 -- \$95,225.32\* Parish fundraising since July 1, 2024 Estate gifts received since July 1, 2024 -- \$500.00 General donations since July 1, 2024 -- \$21,881.46

\*\*\$55,005.87 Total Net Income from the Fish Fry

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 May 3-4 -- 860 Sunday envelopes used May 3-4 -- 289 Total households receiving envelopes -- 1,058

2025 Parish Appeal Goal -- \$126,559.50 Parish Appeal received as of May 5 -- \$101,093.00<sup>\*</sup> Includes online Parish Appeal donations 2025 Parish Appeal Donors -- 249



During the season of Easter, what a great time to remember our mothers and ask for God's blessing on them. It is God who ultimately gave us life. It is through God's unselfish love—mirrored in our mothers' willingness to associate their love with God's and take the risk to love us into life—that we have the opportunity for life. We remember our mothers this Mother's Day with much love. Let us pray for each of them:

God our heavenly Father.

You give to each the ability to share Your generative love. Bless those women in our lives who mirror Your love and bring forth life through their willingness to risk bringing new life into this world. Help us to show them our gratitude for the gift of life and the gift of a mother's love. May our life-giving God continue to bless them and show them His unfailing love. We ask this through Jesus, God's Son and our brother. Amen.

# — 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.

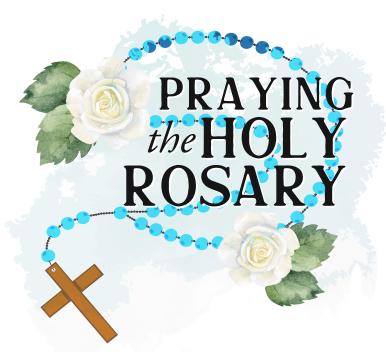
This purchase of 36 shrine candles presents a new Jubilee Year opportunity for our parish members to contribute a memorial donation for these NEW shrine candles - and to add an inscription to one or more candles. We are purchasing 24 BLUE shrine candles for the Blessed Mother's altar - and 12 FROSTED 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Blessed Mother altar (\$200 donation requested per candle) 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!



The Rosary is a traditional Christian prayer which helps us to meditate on the life of the Lord Jesus and to honor His Blessed Mother, Mary.

# Begin with the Sign of the Cross

"In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Next, pray the Apostles Creed, then the Lord's Prayer, the Ave Maria (3 times), and the Glory Be.

# The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried: he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

Amen!

# The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

### Ave Maria

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

#### Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

# Then announce or call to mind the first Mystery

Mondays and Thursdays – Joyful Mysteries Tuesdays and Fridays – Sorrowful Mysteries Wednesdays and Sundays – Glorious Mysteries Saturdays – *Luminous Mysteries* 

### The Joyful Mysteries

The Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth The Nativity of the Lord Jesus The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple The Finding of Jesus in the Temple.

### The Luminous Mysteries

The Baptism of the Lord The Wedding at Cana The Proclamation of the Kingdom The Transfiguration The Institution of the Eucharist.

### The Sorrowful Mysteries

The Agony in the Garden The Scourging at the Pillar The Crowning with Thorns The Carrying of the Cross Jesus' Crucifixion and Death

### The Glorious Mysteries

The Resurrection of Jesus The Ascension of the Lord The Pentecost sending of the Holy Spirit The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary The Crowning of Mary as Queen of Heaven.

As you pray each of the five Mysteries of the day, begin with the Lord's Prayer once (1), then pray the Ave Maria ten (10) times, then conclude with the Glory Be once (1).

# You may then conclude each Mystery with the Fatima Prayer:

"O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls into heaven, especially those in most need of your mercy."



### At the end of the five Mysteries, pray the Salve Regina.

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary. / Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. O God, whose only begotten Son, by his life, death, and Resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal salvation, grant, we beseech thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

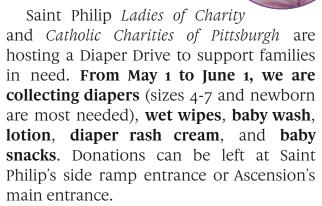
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us. Amen.





# DIAPER DRIVE

MAY 1 — JUNE 1



Thank you for your generosity!

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Our Bereavement Support Group gathers on the third Thursday of each month from 2:00pm to 3:00pm in Conner Hall on the Ascension campus. This is a welcoming space where fellow parishioners come together to share, listen, and offer compassionate support as we navigate the grief journey.

While not a psychotherapy group, it is a caring community where we uplift one another through understanding and encouragement. You're welcome to join us—whether on your own or with a friend.

Our next meeting is Thursday, May 15. We invite you to come and find comfort in connection.

# 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 southwestern 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!



# Little Sisters of the Poor

This 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 provide a loving home for the elderly poor, ensuring they receive care, dignity, and compassion in their later years.

For decades, the Little Sisters have dedicated themselves to serving those in need, offering not just medical and personal care but also a welcoming community where residents feel valued and cherished. Their work is a true reflection of faith in action, and they rely on the generosity of parishioners like you to continue providing these essential services.

Every contribution, no matter the amount, helps sustain their mission and offers hope to those who rely on their care. Please consider donating to support their work, and keep them in your prayers as they continue their ministry of service. Thank you for your generosity!

### SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

We have many Sanctuary Lamp Memorials remaining for 2025. They are a wonderful way of honoring deceased loved ones before the Blessed Sacrament. If you would like to schedule your intention, please contact Maureen Takach in the Parish Office.

# Newly Baptized

Please welcome into our faith family... Elsie Irelynn Gorchock and Tegan Elora Gorchock, daughters of Michael John and Elisha Lynn Ellis Gorchock, who received the Life of Christ in Baptism in our parish on Saturday, May 3, 2025; and **Reagan Olivia Olechowicz**, daughter of Richard Michael and Sarah Ann Brickett Olechowicz, who received the Life of Christ in Baptism in our parish on Sunday, May 4, 2025. May they grow in wisdom, age and grace.



# Sanctuary <mark>(</mark>} 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 Rev. Walter Sobon Offered by Diana Miller



## **GREENTREE AUTO BODY**

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!



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



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

**REFLECTIONS FROM MARYANN:** In a little more than a week, approximately 36 members of Saint Philip Parish will travel to Washington, DC and Emmitsburg, Maryland to visit the shrines. They are pilgrims of hope as they travel in prayer to Saint John Paul II museum, the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the Lourdes Grotto in Emmitsburg, MD and the Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.

They do not travel alone however. They take with them the prayers and intentions of Saint Philip Parish. Please know that your intentions as well as the intentions of the Parish Community will be remembered in prayer. In addition to the celebration of Liturgy each day and personal prayers, a rosary will be recited each morning of the trip. If you would like to join the group in prayer, please consider joining your rosary prayers with those of the group. This is a wonderful opportunity to know that we are all Pilgrims of Hope during this Jubilee Year.

**BAPTISMS:** We are scheduling Baptisms for 2025. If you would like to have your child baptized, please call 412-215-7743 to begin the process. Our next baptism class is May 29.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Our final Children's Liturgy for this school year was held on Sunday, May 12. Our Thanks to our catechists, Denise Ball, Teresa Harrold, and Jenifer McDevitt. Our Children's Liturgy will resume in October 2025.

FAMILY RETREAT: Our Family Retreat will be held next Saturday, May 17 from 12:00 noon to 4:00pm on Saint Philip campus. It will begin with a catered lunch followed by prayer,

activities for the children, a presentation by Holly Mohr of the diocese, snacks and an opportunity for family service. If you would like to attend, please call 412-922-6388.

**KITCHEN TABLE MINISTRY:** May is mental health month. At the entrance to each church there are prayer boards to remember anyone who is struggling with a mental health concern. Please feel free to write the initials or first name of someone who is struggling with a mental health concern and place it on the board. You may also write the initials or first name on the butterfly Post-It notes of anyone who has been lost due to mental health issues. We will remember each of these in the Prayers of the Faithful during our Liturgies.

# Prayer for an Anxious Heart by Henri Nouwen

Lord, be with me today. Listen to my confusion and help me know how to live it. I don't know the words. I don't know the way. Show me the way. You are a quiet God. Help me to listen to Your voice in a noisy world and a busy life. I want to be with You. I know You are peace. I know You are joy. Help me to be a peaceful and joyful person. These are the fruits of living close to You. Bring me close to You, dear Lord. Quiet my heart. Amen.

**FAITH FORMATION UPDATE:** This past Monday, May 5, we wrapped up our 2024-2025 Faith Formation program with a joyful May Crowning and Ice Cream Social. This year's highlights included monthly Family Nights with free dinners, festive celebrations like Advent Festival, Mardi Gras, and Bunny Breakfast, as well as retreats, sacramental preparation, Confirmation field trip to Pittsburgh's Catholic Shrines.

We're now accepting inquiries for the 2025-2026 program and seeking catechists and aides to support our growing community. To register or express interest in volunteering, please call 412-922-6388.

# First Holy

Saint Philip Parish celebrates and congratulates the children who received their First Eucharist during the 11:00am Liturgy on May 4 at Saint Philip church. May this special moment be the beginning of a lifelong journey of faith and grace.

Congratulations to the 14 children who participated in the Sacrament of First Eucharist last Sunday: Nyessha Aroraa, Sia Bertocchi, Jameson Birsic, Carmela DiMaria, Melina DiMaria, Noah Franc, Elsie Gorchock, Tegan Gorchock, James Healey, Jr., Angela Joseph, Carson McKee, Olivia Puzas, Ciara Schaffer, and Bryce Zielinski.



















# SAINT PHILIP PARISH May Crowning SICE CREAM SOCIAL

On May 5, Faith Formation families and parish members gathered for a beautiful May Crowning Prayer Service, led by 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students. Deacon Joe Allen shared reflections on Mary before attendees placed flowers at her statue and concluded with a heartfelt Litany of Mary.

Following the service, the community enjoyed a joyful Bruster's Ice Cream Social, celebrating faith and fellowship.





















# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

We often report (including today) that a friend in need received a clothing voucher and/or a household goods voucher, but what are those things and where do the items come from?

Many of you know that the St. Vincent de Paul Central Council of Pittsburgh operates thrift stores, and you may have even donated by placing items in their blue bins (in front of the Hope House and behind Ascension church) or by dropping donations off at one of the thrift stores. There are stores in Coraopolis, Castle Shannon, Monroeville, Penn Hills and Butler. These stores not only provide employment opportunities and low-cost items for sale, but they also supply our friends in need with free items!

When we meet new friends in need, we often find that they are lacking in clothing and/or basic household goods like pots, pans, silverware, towels or sheets. We are able to fulfill these needs by ordering a clothing voucher and a household goods voucher. A clothing voucher entitles the recipient, and everyone in their household, to obtain three free outfits from a St. Vincent de Paul thrift store. There is no cost to the conference for a clothing voucher.

A household goods voucher allows a friend in need to obtain a certain dollar amount (usually \$50) of items from one of the thrift stores for free. The referring conference pays for the value of the goods that the friend in need "purchases," but our money goes much further by allowing the friend in need to purchase

gently used items from our thrift stores than it would if we had to purchase new items.

In order to help the thrift stores to be able to continue the clothing and household goods voucher programs, you can shop at one of the thrift stores or make a donation of new or gently used clothing or household goods. Clothing, shoes and accessories (purses, scarves, etc.) can be placed in the blue bins in front of the Hope House and behind Ascension church, or donated directly to one of the thrift stores. If the blue bins are full, please do not place your donations on the sidewalk or in the parking lot, as any donations left outside of the blue bins must be thrown away regardless of their condition. Household goods like pots, pans, lamps and towels must be donated at one of the thrift stores (they cannot go in the blue bins). To view store locations and hours, visit https://svdppitt.org/stores/store-locations-dire ctions. Thank you in advance for helping the needy in our diocese by supporting the Council of Pittsburgh, and for your constant support of the St. Philip Conference!

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 svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com.

Over the past week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a single mother with \$278 to avoid an electric shutoff; a single mother was given clothing vouchers for herself and her four children; a single mother was given \$104 toward her gas bill; a single mother was given emergency food; a single mother was given clothing vouchers and a bed; we will assist with repairing or replacing a woman's refrigerator; a single mother was given \$494 toward her delinquent sewage; a single mother was given a gas stove; and a single mother was given an electric stove and a window air conditioner. Thank you for allowing us to serve our neighbors in Christ!

# Saint Philip Parish SPRING FLING



Our parish is grateful to these local businesses for their generous sponsorship.

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AS GOOD AS IT GETS -

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# SHROUD ENCOUNTER WITH RUSS BREAULT

Join us at Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center in Villa Maria, Pa., on Thursday, May 22, at 7:00pm. This presentation is a fast-moving, big-screen experience using over 200 images to explore the profound mystery of the Shroud of Turin. The program is a production of the Shroud of Turin Education Project, Inc. and will be presented by international expert and author, Russ Breault. Mr. Breault has been featured in several national documentaries seen on CBS, History Channel, EWTN and Discovery.

There is no charge, but pre-registration is requested. We are also hosting this program via Zoom for those who wish to join us online. Go to vmesc.org or call 724-964-8886 for more information or to register.

# **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. For more details, or to register, visit www.chimbotefoundation.org.

# **MAGNIFICAT WOMEN'S BREAKFAST**

On **Saturday, May 31**, the Magnificat Ministry to Catholic Women will host a breakfast and inspirational speaker at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 910 Sheraton Drive, Mars, PA 16046. The event is 9:00am to 12:00 noon. The donation is \$35 per person. All women of our parish and of the diocese are most welcome. To register, visit www.magnificatpittsburgh.org before May 15.

# 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.

# **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 famous Wooden Angel Restaurant, the 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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