

**OFFICE HOURS** *Monday - Friday: 9:00am to 3:00pm* 

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## Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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



## Week of May 18, 2025

**POPE LEO XIV** 267<sup>th</sup> Successor of Saint Peter the Apostle

#### 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

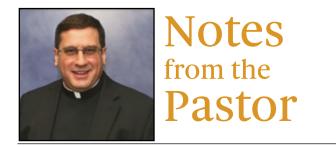
CHILDLINE: 1-888-932-0313 to report child abuse Call 911 if a child is in imminent danger.

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

Our Liturgies are celebrated at both Saint Philip Church, 50 West Crafton Avenue, Crafton, and Ascension Church, 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh

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ATURDAY, M	AY 17 — EASTER	WEEKDAY	
Ascension	8:00am	Theresa Olesinski	Annette Marlinga
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	John & Barbara Adams	Daughter, Valerie
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Ed Moskovitz	Wife, Judy
SUNDAY, MAY	<u> 18 — FIFTH SUN</u>	DAY OF EASTER	
Saint Philip	7:00am	Amanda Louise Ogden	Audra Ogden
Ascension	9:30am	John A. Morris	John & Anna Gallagher
Saint Philip	11:00am	William McDevitt	Family
<u>MONDAY, MAY</u>	<u> 19 — EASTER W</u>	/EEKDAY	
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**In this Easter Season**, we continue to celebrate the Lord Jesus' Resurrection during this Jubilee Holy Year 2025 -- as we also rejoice in the election of Pope Leo XIV!

#### Thank you for your new ministry, Pope Leo XIV

**On Thursday, May 8, the Church in every land** (*and in fact people throughout the entire world*) was overjoyed to learn that a new Successor of Saint Peter had been elected by the College of Cardinals. At the same time, all of us were truly surprised to learn that the new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, is the first native of the United States of America to be elected to the office of the papacy.

Our new Pope Leo XIV is highly regarded as a man of strong faith and a deep life of prayer. He is a native of Chicago, Illinois who entered the Order of Saint Augustine following studies at the Augustinian university of Villanova in Philadelphia. Pope Leo was ordained an Augustinian priest and undertook missionary ministry primarily in Peru. He served as a seminarv professor and administrator. Eventually, he became the Superior of the worldwide Augustinian Order, and in recent years, Pope Leo was appointed as a bishop in Peru. Two years ago, Pope Francis named the new Pope Leo a Cardinal and asked him to be the Prefect for the Dicastery of Bishops at the Vatican.

Already, Pope Leo XIV is known for his humility and gentleness, his intellect and education, his international experience and his holiness.

As Pope Leo XIV enters into the Ministry of Saint Peter, may we pray for him and also listen to what he has to say. May we be grateful that the leaders of the Church have chosen a new Pope from our own nation to lead and inspire the holy People of God. Finally, may we support Pope Leo in the years ahead, and may we join ourselves to his most important Apostolic Ministry in sharing the Good News of Jesus with others – and by living the hope of our Christian faith in our daily discipleship.

#### Celebrating this Easter Season

In this Easter Season, it's a very good practice to reflect on our faith in Jesus and His death and Resurrection. It's also good to remember how blessed we are as Catholic Christians to have received the Good News from Jesus and our ancestors. We should reflect on the treasures of our faith and life in the Lord – and how blessed we are to continue to be God's holy people even twenty centuries following Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension.

As Catholic Christians, we have received the message of God's divine love for us. We continue to receive the life and grace of God through our Baptism. the Eucharist, Reconciliation. Confirmation, Christian Marriage, and the other Sacraments as well as through our Liturgy, worship, and prayer. We are guided by the ways of the Lord in being people of love, honesty, mercy, holiness, compassion, and charity. We are led by Pope Leo XIV and served by many good shepherds and missionaries among God's people. In fact, the more Catholic and Christian we are, the better is our own personal and family life, and the better are our nation, society, and world.

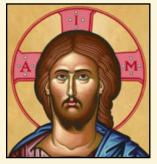
**During this holy Easter Season, may all of us remember how truly blessed we are** to be the Catholic Christian People of God. May we proclaim to others - and share with our families and neighbors - the goodness of Jesus and the treasure that is ours in the Church and in our Catholic Christian discipleship. God bless!

Best wishes for a blessed Easter Season

May this holy Easter Season, and the entire Jubilee Holy Year of 2025 continue to be a blessed time of faith, hope and thanksgiving!

Yours, Father Jim Torquato

## LIFE IN SAINT PHILIP PARISH...



# Sharing the Good News and growing the Kingdom of God!

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

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

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

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

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



Sunday, May 18 Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27; Revelation 21:1-5; John 13:31-35

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

#### Sunday, May 25

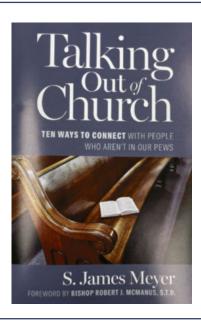
Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-23; Revelation 21:10-23; John 14:23-29

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

Your goodness andparticipation help to keep our parish alive!

#### FINANCIAL REPORT OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

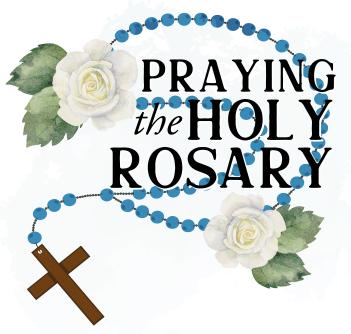
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## Leading family and friends back to Jesus and His people

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

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



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 time*s), 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.

#### <u>Glory Be</u>

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 MysteriesThe Glorious MysteriesThe Agony in the GardenThe Resurrection of Jesus

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."

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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.

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Thanks to the amazing dedication and work of more than 100 parish volunteers, our Annual Lenten Parish Fish Fry was, once again, a tremendous eight evening event and a major success for our annual parish fundraising! Over \$55,000 was raised for the benefit of Saint Philip Parish.

Many, many thanks to: Our Fish Fry patrons who joined us for dinner; our Fish Fry Coordinator (and Maintenance Director), Mr. Rick Hufnagel; all of our dedicated Fish Fry preparation team members; our hall setup crew; our outstanding cooks, fish and food prep teams, soup experts, and kitchen staff; our many generous and amazing bakers in the Bake Sale Brigade; our meal service coordinators and announcers; our cashiers and finance volunteers; our hospitality crew; our raffle crew; our student helpers, servers, and adult supervisors; our Confirmation Class student volunteers; our Fish Fry mascots in the fish costume; our cleanup crew members; and all of our parish members and friends who came together once again this Lent to serve our community and our parish!

From the very first coordination meeting in **December**, to all the planning meetings, to all the food and event preparation, to the eight long but fun evenings of our Fish Fry 2025, your generous work and dedication are truly and greatly appreciated!

You make Saint Philip Parish a very special community of faith and service each Lent and throughout the year. May the Lord graciously bless all of you for your goodness. May you get some rest following all of your volunteer work, and may this Easter Season be a blessed and special time following all of your amazing volunteer service in this year's Parish Fish Fry!





#### THIS WEEKEND'S SPECIAL COLLECTION

Please give to this weekend's vital collection supporting Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America, and Africa. Your generosity aids humanitarian efforts, resettlement programs, and advocacy for the oppressed.

Contributions also bolster seminaries, youth ministries, and evangelization. Your kindness can make a difference in countless lives. Please be generous.

#### THE 2025 CALENDAR IS NOW FILLED

At this time, the 2025 parish calendar of Mass Intentions is completely filled. Thank you for remembering your loved ones in our Liturgies. The 2026 parish calendar will be opened for intentions and memorials in early October.

## A CATHOLIC EDUCATION

For your child/ren and grandchild/ren, take a look at these excellent Catholic Schools:

**Guardian Angel Academy –** Pre-school to Grade 8

**Bishop Canevin High School** 

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School

Seton LaSalle High School



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!



#### 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... Ella Mary Carpellotti, daughter of Michael Niles and Kelly Elizabeth Mayer Carpellotti,

who received the Life of Christ in Baptism in our parish on Sunday, May 11, 2025. May she grow in wisdom, age, and grace.

#### WHO ARE THE LADIES OF CHARITY?

Inspired by the compassionate spirit of St. Vincent de Paul, the Ladies of Charity are women dedicated to making a difference in the lives of those in need. Whether it's preparing meals for the homeless or offering support where it's most needed, they embody the heart of service.

Looking to get involved? Join us this Thursday, May 22 at 10:00am in the Saint Philip cafeteria, where we come together to make sandwiches for the homeless, part of Mercy Hospital's Operation Safety Net.

Want to learn more? Visit <u>locpittsburgh.org</u> or attend a Saint Philip Ladies of Charity meeting. Gatherings take place on the second Thursday of the month on the St. Philip campus, next to the gym. The next meeting is **Thursday, June 12 at 1:00pm**. For details, contact Marjorie Mattern at 412-973-6318. Be part of something meaningful. Your kindness and your charity can change lives!

#### 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!



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

Sanctuary 🔥 Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns *in Loving Memory of Herb* (*t*) *Joan Reffert* Offered by: Ken Reffert

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *in Loving Memory of Anita L. McNabb* Offered by Rita Ernharth



#### DENNIS R. JOYCE, ATTORNEY AT LAW

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





**REFLECTIONS FROM MARYANN:** In the Gospel reading from the Fifth Sunday of Easter we read, "*I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.*" When Jesus says, "*As I have loved you,*" we can ask ourselves "How has Jesus loved me?" The Spiritual Writer, Henri Nouwen, offers the following in answer to the question:

From all eternity, long before I was born and became a part of history, I existed in God's heart...the eyes of Love had seen me as precious, as of infinite beauty, as of eternal value and as good. Long before any human being saw me, I was seen by God's loving eyes. Long before anyone heard me cry or laugh, I was heard by my God who is all ears for me. Long before any person spoke to me in this world, I was spoken to by the voice of eternal Love. My preciousness, uniqueness, individuality and goodness are not given to me by those who meet me in clock-time, but by the One who has chosen me with an everlasting Love, a Love that existed from all eternity and will last through all eternity.

Do we love ourselves as Jesus loves us? Do we truly recognize ourselves as precious, beautiful, and good? Do we know that long before anyone saw us as individual persons, each of us was seen by the loving eyes of God? Mostly, do we recognize that each of us was created by God and each of us is brother and sister in God's love?

Our challenge for this week is to show the Love of Jesus to our neighbors as we allow them to see themselves as valued persons loved by God.

**FAITH FORMATION UPDATE:** Faith Formation concluded the 2024-2025 year with a meaningful May Crowning and a joyful Ice Cream Social. As we prepare for 2025-2026, we're excited to offer a variety of enriching programs designed to foster faith, learning, and community:



Saint Philip Parish is starting a Garden Ministry, and we need your help to bring beauty and life to our church grounds! If you have a love for gardening and would enjoy planting flowers and greenery, we'd love for you to be part of this special ministry.

We're looking for 5 or 6 volunteers to help make our vision a reality. If you're interested, please contact the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388 by May 19.

Come share your talents, dig in the dirt, and help us create a welcoming and vibrant space for all to enjoy!

> Help Grow Something Beautiful!

- Monthly family nights with dinner Strengthen your family's faith journey while enjoying a meal and fellowship.
- Early Childhood Program Introduces young children to foundational faith concepts through engaging early learning activities.
- New program for grades 6-8 A dynamic experience combining learning, social engagement, catechesis, group discussions, prayer, and service opportunities.
- Catechesis for children with special needs
  Personalized instruction and support to ensure all children can grow in their faith.
- Fun events throughout the year Celebrate faith and community at gatherings like the Advent Festival, Mardi Gras, and our Ice Cream Social.

If your child is not yet registered for Faith Formation or Sacraments, please contact the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388 to request a registration form. We look forward to sharing this journey with you!

**KITCHEN TABLE MINISTRY:** Join us **after the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, June 1** in Ascension Church Conner Hall for a welcoming time of fellowship and wellness.

Enjoy delicious Better-Maid Donuts, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate while connecting with others in meaningful conversations. Blood pressure screenings and general wellness information will also be available to support your health.

In recognition of Mental Health Month, prayer boards will be placed in both churches to offer support for those facing mental health challenges. You are invited to write a first name or initials on a Post-It note for someone struggling, or place a butterfly Post-It in remembrance of a loved one lost to mental health struggles. Each name will be held in prayer. We look forward to sharing this time of fellowship and support with you!

#### HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 18: Ladies of Charity Installation at Cathedral at 3:00pm; Hand Bell Concert at 3:00pm in Ascension followed by a reception Tuesday, May 20: Travel Ministry Trip at 6:30am Ascension parking lot Wednesday, May 21: Travel Ministry Returns from Emmitsburg, MD at 9:00pm Thursday, May 22: Ladies of Charity sandwich making in the cafeteria; Choir practice at 7:00pm in Ascension church; Legion of Mary Meeting at 6:30pm in

*Legion of Mary Meeting* at 6:30pm in Ascension's Rectory



#### STAYING HEALTHY DURING CHALLENGING TIMES

Presented by Kitchen Table Ministry

## TUESDAY, MAY 27 | 6:30PM

Ascension Church Conner Hall

Speaker Melissa A. Cole, MS, LPC, PMH-C

Prevention Intervention: Dealing with Challenges Postvention (*taking time to review and reflect*)

> *All are Welcome!* Refreshments will be served.



#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

Allegheny County recently announced a new program, called 1<sup>st</sup> Home Allegheny, that will provide eligible applicants with up to \$45,000 in forgivable loans that can be used to pay for closing costs and down payment assistance.

In order to qualify for assistance, you must be purchasing a home in Allegheny County, but not in the City of Pittsburgh. You must not have owned a home in the past three years. You must be pre-approved for a mortgage. You must be able to contribute at least \$1,000 to your down payment. The house that you are buying must be your primary residence and it must be a single family home. You also must meet certain income guidelines. A household of one must make less than \$60,100 per year; a household of two \$68,700; a household of three \$77,300; and a household of four \$85,850. Households with higher incomes are eligible for loans of up to \$10,000. The loans are forgiven as long as you live in the house for at least 6 years.

For more information or to apply, visit www.alleghenycounty.us/Projects-and-Initiati ves/Economic-Development/Residents-Housin g-Support/First-Home-Allegheny-Program or call 412-350-3724.

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

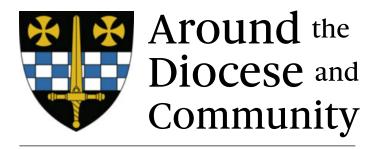
Over the past week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a single mother with \$300 to restore her electric service; a

woman was given living room furniture, dining room furniture and a dresser; a single mother was assisted with \$364 to have an electrical repair completed; and a single mother was given \$500 toward rent. Thank you for helping us to make these positive impacts in our local community!

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please place your donation in one of the poor boxes, mail it to the parish office (to the attention of SVdP) at 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15205, or donate online at https://saintphilipchurch.weshareonline.org/w s/opportunities/StVincentdePaul. Monetary donations made to our conference are used only to assist friends in need and to pay our operational expenses. No money is given to any other organizations.

We are currently pausing dropoffs and pickups of furniture and appliances until we are able to distribute some of the items that we have on hand. We will let you know when we are able to accept donations again. If you would like to donate furniture, those donations can be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Central Council of Pittsburgh by calling 412-321-1071 ext. 2. If you would like to donate clothing, shoes or accessories, please place your donation in the blue bins in front of the Hope House at St. Philip or in the rear parking lot at Ascension, or you can call, text or email us to arrange a pickup if you are unable to transport them yourself. Please do not place any other items in those bins or leave anything outside of them because they will be thrown away. If you are looking to purchase new or gently-used clothing, housewares or furniture, please shop at the St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores and visit our online store at www.vinnysvaluables.com. Also, we are always looking for volunteers! Any donation of your time is extremely valuable to us. If you'd like to join us in helping our friends in need or just want to learn more, please call, text or email us for more information.





#### SHROUD ENCOUNTER WITH RUSS BREAULT

Join us at Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center on **Thursday, May 22, at 7:00pm** for a captivating presentation on the Shroud of Turin. Featuring over 200 images, this fast-paced, big-screen experience is led by international expert Russ Breault, who has appeared in documentaries on CBS, History Channel, EWTN, and Discovery.

Admission is free, but pre-registration is requested. The program is also available via Zoom. For details or to register, visit <u>vmesc.org</u> or call 724-964-8886.

#### **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 <u>www.chimbotefoundation.org</u>.

#### LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR COMMUNITY WALK

On **Saturday, June 14**, the Little Sisters of the Poor will host a "*Walk for a Healthy Community*" at Acrisure Stadium as a fund raiser for their ministry. You can support their work by either a 5K walk or a 1 mile walk. Strollers and wheelchairs are also welcome. Registration is at 7:45am, and the walks begin at 9:00am. Visit <u>www.littlesistersofthepoorpittsburgh.org</u> today to register or to donate.

## THE RED DOOR & COMPASSION CORNER

Established in the 1930s, the Red Door program of Saint Mary of Mercy church in downtown Pittsburgh provides daily meals and other assistance to the poor and those in need in our city.

Located at the corner of the Boulevard of the Allies and Stanwix Street, the Red Door program assists hundreds of visitors every day. Staffed by many volunteers and supported entirely by donations, two meals are available six days each week, and a Sunday afternoon supper is also available. Clothing, hygiene products, a food pantry, and shower rooms are also available to those in need. Along with the newly established Catholic Charities building at 111 Boulevard of the Allies, the Red Door is the anchor program of what is now called "Compassion Corner."

If you'd like to share your Catholic charity and kindness with those in need, email <u>thereddoor@divinemercypgh.org</u> or call 412-471-0257. Volunteers are also welcome!

#### 91⁵T PITTSBURGH EUCHARISTIC ROSARY MARCH

Join us for Holy Mass on Sunday, May 18 at 1:30pm, in Epiphany Church, Pittsburgh, celebrated by Rev. Michael R. Ackerman. After Mass, we will process through Pittsburgh, praying the Holy Rosary, then return for Benediction and the Crowning of Our Lady of Fatima.

Those unable to process can pray at Epiphany Church during the march. Hosted by the Legion of Mary, founded by Frank Duff in 1921.

For more information, contact Deacon Robert Jancart at 267-549-0909 or visit <u>pittsburghregia.com</u>.

*"O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."* 



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