



# Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

## OFFICE HOURS

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

## PARISH STAFF

Rev. James R. Torquato, Pastor  
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## PRIESTS IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Joseph Scheib, Saint Philip Rectory  
 Rev. Philip Farrell, Ascension Rectory

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Patricia Cygrymus, Barbara Hendrick,  
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24-Hour Lifeline Dial 988  
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*Week of June 8, 2025*

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

## 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
<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 7 — EASTER WEEKDAY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Helen Demma	Tom & Family
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Martin & Sweeney Families	Cathy O'Connor
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Helen Demma	Judy Moskovitz
<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 8 — PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Robert J. Dulick	Jacob & Carly Dulick
Ascension	9:30am	Anna Marie & Peter Mozzetti	Debbie & Frank Dietz
Saint Philip	11:00am	Joe & Dorothy Chmiel	Chmiel Family
<b>MONDAY, JUNE 9 — THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH (TENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME)</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Dave Wilson	A Friend
<b>TUESDAY, JUNE 10 — WEEKDAY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of the Waigand Family	Sister Betty
<b>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11 — SAINT BARNABAS, APOSTLE</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	William McNally	McNally Children
<b>THURSDAY, JUNE 12 — WEEKDAY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Alex & Mary Marlinga	Annette Marlinga
<b>FRIDAY, JUNE 13 — ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, PRIEST &amp; DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Peggy Kimberling	Husband, Jim
<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 14 — BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of Saint Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Alfred Schneider	Wife & Family
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Anthony Scotti	Scotti Family
<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 15 — THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Deceased of the Kraemer Family	Family
Ascension	9:30am	William J. McNabb	McNabb Family
Saint Philip	11:00am	Special Intention of the Smith - Lugaila Family	Family



# Notes from the Pastor

Catholic, and Apostolic Church in every aspect of our life as the Lord's people.

**First**, the Spirit of the Lord brought about faith, hope, charity, and community among the first Christian disciples. **Second**, the Spirit directed the Apostles and disciples in their life, their mission, and their tremendously important decisions as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. **Third**, the Holy Spirit inspired the Church to grow and to share our faith through evangelization. **Fourth**, the Holy Spirit guided the Apostles, Saint Paul, and the other writers of the New Testament to record the events and teachings of Jesus' life along with their sacred and inspired writings. **Fifth**, from that first Pentecost, the Holy Spirit has brought about the sacraments of the Lord which share the very life and grace of God in these seven sacred gifts. **Sixth**, throughout these twenty centuries, the Spirit of God has guided the People of God - as well as the Church's wonderful faith in the teachings of our apostolic shepherds.

**In every way, the Holy Spirit has shared the Lord's divine life and truth with all Jesus' disciples and with the entire Church!** Without the Holy Spirit, there would be **NO** Christianity and **NO** Church. With the Holy Spirit, the Church and the world continue to receive Jesus' Good News - as well as the divine life of God, and our holy faith, and our promise and hope of Resurrection and eternal life!

**As we celebrate Pentecost this Sunday, may we truly rejoice in the gift of the Lord's Holy Spirit.** May we appreciate the Holy Spirit every day of our lives. May we call upon the Spirit in our daily prayers - inviting the Holy Spirit to inspire faith in us, in all our loved ones, and in all people! May the Spirit inspire our Catholic Christian faith in all people and lead us to salvation and glory in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

**Greetings once again, and best wishes for a joyful and blessed Pentecost Sunday** during this Jubilee Holy Year!

Come, Holy Spirit, today and always!

**Each year, at the conclusion of the Easter Season**, we commemorate and celebrate the great event of Pentecost and the sending of the Holy Spirit of God into the individuals and life of Jesus' community, his Church. It was the Holy Spirit of God who inspired the Apostles to leave their hiding place and go into Jerusalem to proclaim Jesus. It was also the Holy Spirit which allowed all the peoples in Jerusalem to comprehend the Apostles' speech in their very own languages.

**From that very first Pentecost Sunday** (*'Pentecost' being the Greek word meaning 'fiftieth', that is, the fiftieth day after Passover - and now Easter*), the Holy Spirit of God - who is the Divine Love shared between the Father and the Son - has been with the Lord's disciples in the Church. From that first Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit of God has inspired faith in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in billions of Christians throughout the past twenty centuries. It is the Holy Spirit to whom we turn today as well to inspire Christian faith in each of us and in all those baptized in the Church.

**Throughout these nearly 2,000 years**, the Holy Spirit has given divine life to the New People of God. For nearly 2000 years, the Holy Spirit has guided and blessed our One, Holy,

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Best wishes for this celebration of Pentecost Sunday!

**Best wishes to you and all in our Saint Philip Parish community for an inspiring and blessed Pentecost celebration!** As always, thank you very much for your continued faith, discipleship, dedication, goodness, and generosity - to our parish community, to one another, and to those in need.

**May you and all in our community** receive goodness, health, and divine grace from God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. May the Lord Jesus bless you, your family, and our Saint Philip Catholic Parish community now and always! Amen! Alleluia!

Yours, Father Jim Torquato



### **PENTECOST TRADITION - SUNDAY, JUNE 8 -**

Each year, our Church family celebrates Pentecost Sunday, the joyful finale of the Easter Season, by wearing RED—a symbol of the Holy Spirit's presence and power.

## **It's been a very good year!**

As we enter into the summer months, it's good to note that our Saint Philip Parish community has enjoyed a very good catechetical year since last September!

**From all of our Sunday and Holy Day and weekday Liturgies**, to our celebrations of the sacraments, to the charity and the work of our parish organizations, and to the catechetical programs and events which have benefitted so many adults and children, this catechetical year since last September has been a blessing for our community in so many ways.

**Sincere thanks are extended:** to all of our parish members and families, to our amazing staff members, to our clergy, to our volunteers and our council members, to our parish organizations, to all of our liturgical and music ministers and assistants, and to everyone who participates in and supports the faith and life of Saint Philip Parish!

**Our parish is filled with life and grace and goodness!** May we thank the Lord for our many blessings. May we also inspire other members and families of our parish to join us in our community life, faith, prayer, worship, discipleship, service and witness to others.

**May the good Lord bless everyone** - and our entire community - during the coming summer months, and may we all have many, many good and blessed years ahead!



## **Our 'Next Generation Parish'**

Guided by staff members of our Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, Saint Philip Parish - and every parish of our diocese - is participating in a program to enhance our parish life now and in the years to come. **Supported by our members, councils, and staff, these efforts have been accomplished this past year:** 1.) the Ladies of Charity have been established in our parish; 2.) the "Kitchen Table" Mental Health Ministry has been created; 3.) new members have joined our Saint Vincent DePaul conference; 4.) family gatherings and a family retreat were added to the parish schedule; 5.) a new handbell chorus has begun; 6.) prayers before each weekend Liturgy have enhanced our prayer life; and 7.) numerous prayer and catechetical booklets - as well as seasonal reflection booklets - have been distributed to many households. **Our parish continues to move forward, and there's more to come to Saint Philip Parish in the coming years!**





### Pentecost Sunday, June 8

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11;  
1 Corinthians 12:3-13;  
John 20:19-23 OR John 14:15-26

### Weekdays

2 Corinthians 3-5;  
Matthew 5

### Holy Trinity Sunday, June 15

Proverbs 8:22-31;  
Romans 5:1-5;  
John 16:12-15



## FINANCIAL REPORT OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collections & mail-in, <b>May 24-25</b>	-- \$9,127.00
Online donations, May 24-25	-- \$2,415.00
Sunday collections & mail-in, <b>May 31-June 1</b>	-- \$10,587.61
Online donations, May 31-June 1	-- \$2,906.00
Maintenance collections	-- \$1,211.50
<b>Ascension Thursday collection</b>	<b>-- \$2,562.00</b>

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year	-- \$861,064.00
Parish income <u>received</u> since July 1, 2024	-- \$677,456.37
Parish fundraising since July 1, 2024	-- \$101,232.89
Estate gifts received since July 1, 2024	-- \$500.00
General donations since July 1, 2024	-- \$22,481.46

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 May 31-June 1	-- 690
Sunday envelopes used May 31-June 1	-- 282
Total households receiving envelopes	-- 1,058

2025 Parish Appeal Goal	-- \$126,559.50
Parish Appeal received as of June 2	-- \$110,351.00
2025 Parish Appeal Donors	-- 276

### *New Saint Philip Church Shrine Candles*

**Our new Saint Philip shrine candles** are currently on order from the Root Candle Company and should all be received in the coming 4-6 weeks.

**While we wait for their arrival**, all of our generous donors are most welcome to visit - or telephone - the parish office to review the memorial inscription which will be placed on the candle/s you donated.

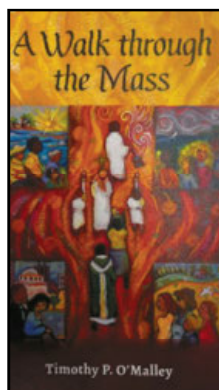
**Another option, instead of contacting the parish office**, is that you may also view a proof copy of the memorial labels in the sacristy of each church. You're welcome to visit a church sacristy **before June 20** to review your inscription. *Any requested edits can be made through the office or, again, in one of the sacristies.*



# Parish News

## A WALK THROUGH THE MASS

Having shared this booklet with parish ministers last Christmas, we're now making available to our parish members a limited quantity of booklets titled, "A Walk through the Mass." Written by Professor Timothy O'Malley of Notre Dame University, this booklet offers a very fine explanation of the Catholic Liturgy in general terms and in its many particular aspects. You'll find your copies at our church entrances this weekend!



## 33 DAYS TO EUCHARISTIC GLORY

Following our recent years of Eucharistic Revival, our parish is offering to you, our members and families - the book titled, "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory!"

Compiled by well-known Catholic author, Matthew Kelly, this very popular book offers guidance in developing your personal and family devotion to Jesus' sacred gift of himself in the Holy Eucharist.

**Our hope is that you'll find this book to be inspiring to your faith** - and a boost to your love and gratitude for this extraordinary gift. The Eucharist is the celebration given to the People of God every day since the Lord Jesus' Supper. It's our daily Passover which was established by Jesus himself the night before his self-sacrifice on the cross for our redemption. **Be sure to take and read this special book** - and share it with your loved ones!



## MANY THANKS TO MRS. CHRIS ARCHACKI!

Having been a dedicated parish staff member at Ascension for many, many years, our sincere gratitude is extended to Mrs. Chris Archacki who's entered into retirement as of June 1.

In addition to maintaining the buildings and property at Ascension, Chris also coordinated the Lenten Fish Fry at Ascension church for many, many years prior to the 2020 Covid pandemic. Chris served our parish community and our parish operations in many - much appreciated - ways!

**Our parish community, staff, and clergy are all grateful to Chris Archacki** for your service and your dedication to Ascension. Together, we all wish Chris and her family many blessings during these years of retirement!

thank you

## EUCHARISTIC AND MARIAN SERIES - BEGINNING FRIDAY, JUNE 13 -

Join us for a faith-filled evening as we begin our Eucharistic and Marian series. The night will open at 6:30pm in Ascension church with Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, featuring a hymn and the rosary, offering a time for prayer and reflection.

At 7:30pm, we'll present a 30-minute DVD about Our Lady's apparition in Champion, Wisconsin—the only approved Marian apparition in the United States.

As we celebrate this Jubilee Year, come honor Our Lord and His Mother through this 5-part series, showcasing DVDs from Michael O'Neill's EWTN program, The Miracle Hunter.

Sponsored by the Legion of Mary, this series promises to deepen our spiritual journey and devotion. All are welcome!

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Faith Formation is growing! We are looking for catechists and aides. We are currently in need of a primary grade catechist, a fourth grade catechist for a small group of 7 children and an aide. Sessions are held on Monday evenings beginning in September. Training will be provided. If you feel called to this ministry, call The Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

### 5 REASONS TO BE A FAITH FORMATION TEAM MEMBER AS A CATECHIST OR AIDE:



1. Catechists and aides grow in their own faith as they share it with children and families.
2. You meet terrific people and make new friends.
3. You share a meal each month with parish members at Family Night as you share your faith.
4. You can volunteer each week or as a substitute when your schedule permits.
5. You experience opportunities for deepening your prayer life.

## DIAPER DRIVE A SUCCESS!

The Ladies of Charity and Catholic Charities extend a huge thank you for your generous support of our diaper drive.

Because of you, we collected 5,378 diapers, 210 packages of wipes, and miscellaneous baby products. These products will be used to help families and children in need. May God bless you. *To serve rather than be served.*



## LADIES OF CHARITY: UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us on **Wednesday, June 12 at 1:00pm** for our monthly meeting at St. Philip School (meeting room by gym entrance).

All are welcome on **Thursday, June 26 at 10:00am** for sandwich making in the SPS cafeteria. Monetary or individually wrapped snack donations accepted. For more information on either event or to learn more about the Ladies of Charity at Saint Philip Parish, call Margie Mattern at 412-973-6318.



We offer our sympathy to the family of **Rose Leeds** 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 the Nieces, Nephews & Cousins of the Schneider Family*

Offered by: Josie Schneider

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *in Loving Memory of Laurie S. Henkel*

Offered by Jerome J. Henkel, Jr.



### KEVIN SCHMITT CONCRETE

*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!**

## Connect with FLOCKNOTE!



To register, contact our parish office, OR text **stphilippa** to **84576**, OR visit [www.stphilipchurch1.flocknote.com](http://www.stphilipchurch1.flocknote.com).





**REFLECTIONS FROM MARYANN:** As we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, we can take a few moments to reflect upon Pope Francis' words on the action of the Holy Spirit in the Church and in our lives. In The Church of Mercy, Pope Francis notes the following:

"So how does the Holy Spirit act in our life and in the life of the Church in order to guide us to the Truth? First of all, The Holy Spirit recalls and impresses in the hearts of believers the words Jesus spoke and, through these very words, the law of God-as the prophets of the Old Testament had foretold-is engraved in our hearts and becomes within us a criterion for evaluation in decisions and for guidance in our daily actions. Ezekiel's great prophecy is brought about: *'A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you...And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances.'* Indeed, it is in our inmost depths that our actions come into being; it is the heart itself that must be converted to God, and the Holy Spirit transforms it when we open ourselves to Him."

Let us ask ourselves: Am I open to the action of the Holy Spirit? Do I pray to Him to give me illumination, to make me more sensitive to God's things? This is a prayer we must pray every day: *"Holy Spirit, make my heart open to the word of God, make my heart open to goodness, make my heart open to the beauty of God every day."*

We need to let ourselves be bathed in the light of the Holy Spirit. We are not Christian "part time," only at certain moments. We are Christian all the time! May Christ's truth, which the Holy Spirit teaches us and gives to us, always and totally affect our daily life. Let us call on Him more often so that He may guide us on the path of disciples of Christ. Let us call on Him every day.



### ***Prayer for Openness to the Holy Spirit's Work in Us***

*Lord our God, through the light of Your Holy Spirit You instruct the hearts of the faithful, Your sons and daughters. Grant that we may always be open to the Spirit working in our lives, that we may know and appreciate what is right and good, and so find happiness in Your presence. Help us to recognize the Spirit's invitation to service and respond with joy and eagerness. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.*

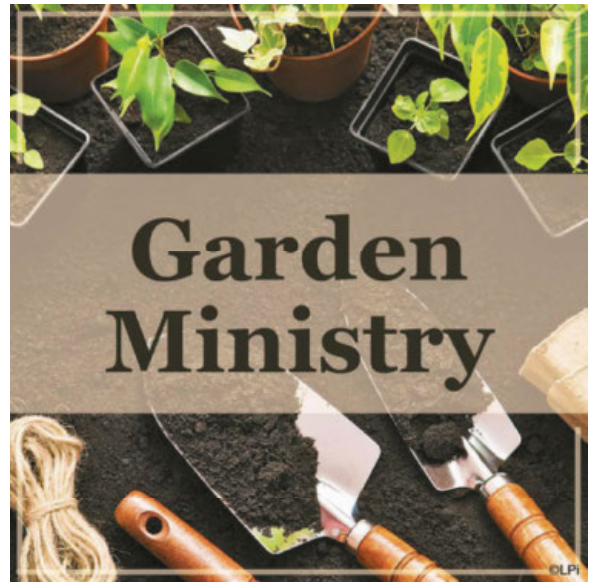
### ***Prayer to the Holy Spirit***

*O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore You. Enlighten me. Guide me. Strengthen me. Console me. Tell me what I should do - direct me.*

Saint Philip Parish is excited to launch a **GARDEN MINISTRY** to enhance the beauty of our church grounds with flowers and plants, creating a welcoming and peaceful space for all who visit. We are looking for individuals who enjoy gardening and would be willing to share their time and talents to help cultivate and maintain these sacred spaces.

Whether you have experience or simply a love for tending to God's creation, we invite you to join us in this meaningful ministry. We hope to gather 5 or 6 volunteers who can assist in planting, watering, and caring for the gardens.

If you're interested in being part of this ministry, call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6300.



## Preparing for the Sacraments in 2025-2026



The Sacraments are sacred rites instituted by Christ that serve as visible signs of God's grace, strengthening our faith and deepening our connection to Him. Each Sacrament marks an important spiritual milestone, guiding us through different stages of our Catholic Christian journey.

**Baptism** is the Sacrament on which our very faith is founded and which unites us as living members onto Christ and His Church. Together with the *Eucharist* and *Confirmation*, it forms what is known as "Christian initiation." **Parents seeking Baptism for their child are invited** to contact the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388. A special class is available for first-time parents.

As children continue to grow in their faith, the Sacraments of **First Reconciliation**, **First Eucharist**, and **Confirmation** offer profound

moments of grace and spiritual formation. **Families who wish to register their child for the 2025-2026 sacramental preparation year** should also reach out to the Office of Faith Formation to ensure they can participate in these essential milestones.

## 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**

# Our Christian *faith in God*

**As you know**, the name which our Northern European ancestors gave to the Divine Creator is the name “God” (‘Gott’ in German; ‘Gud’ in Scandinavian languages). The English name “God” comes from the same basic understanding that the One Creator is “Good.” In Southern European languages, the name of the Almighty comes from the practice of speaking about the “Divinity” (in Latin, ‘Deus’; in Italian ‘Dio’; in Spanish ‘Dios’; in French ‘Dieu’).

**Speaking the name of Almighty God is quite common in our daily living and in our society.** Many of us speak the name of God with great reverence, gratitude, and respect. Unfortunately, far too many people regularly speak the name of God with terrible disrespect and, yes, even animosity.

**For most people who speak the name of God** - whether reverently, or “in vain” as we traditionally say - there’s a mistaken sense that all people have the very same understanding of the Divine God. Of course, if you spend some time learning about human history and human culture, you’ll soon realize that NO, we don’t all have the same understanding when we speak the holy name of God. There are many non-Christian concepts of God that are very much unlike our belief in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**As Catholic Christians, when we speak of God, we profess our very specific understanding of Almighty God as God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit** - the

understanding of God given to us by Jesus of Nazareth, Jesus the Christ, Jesus the Lord. Our belief in God as Trinity and our understanding of God as Trinity is exclusive to our Christian faith in the divine! This proclamation of God as Trinity is the belief that is at the heart of Christianity thanks entirely to Jesus.

**Again, when many people speak the holy name of God, they have NO specific sense of what they mean.** It’s simply a name that’s frequently spoken in our culture today. That’s truly unfortunate because our Catholic Christian belief in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit means so much to us. Our belief in God as the Holy Trinity means everything to our Christian faith, to our Christian living, and to our Christian hope in the Resurrection and everlasting life. We believe that it’s only the Holy Trinity who promises goodness and salvation to all of us who are the faithful people of God.

**Our Christian understanding of God - the God of Jesus Christ - is such an extraordinary gift from Jesus**, from the New Testament writers, and from the earliest shepherds and teachers of the Catholic Church. Beginning with the revelation of Jesus, our ancestors in the Church worked for centuries to clearly explain and illuminate our belief in the Holy Trinity. For all Christians, our belief in one Divine God who is the Holy Trinity is a remarkable treasure filled with countless spiritual riches which are, in truth, the light and salvation of all humanity. Glory be to God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit! Amen!





# PENTECOST SUNDAY

*“When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.”*

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-4

**This Sunday, June 8, we once again celebrate Pentecost Sunday.** Thanks to the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus, the Christian faith and our Catholic Church came to life. Thanks to the divine gift of the Holy Spirit – sent to us by Jesus – our faith and the church have brought the true Kingdom of God into our world.

**From the first moment of the amazing Pentecost event,** when the power of the Holy Spirit inspired the Apostles and disciples, we have all been blessed by the work of the Spirit throughout these past twenty centuries.

**It was the Holy Spirit who inspired the first Apostles** to courageously proclaim the life, message, death and Resurrection of Jesus to all who would listen. It was the Holy Spirit who added countless new disciples to the Lord’s community in the early years. It was the Holy Spirit who guided and inspired the Apostles as they lead the church in the first years – and as they made truly important decisions in the early church.

**It was the Holy Spirit who inspired the writing and compiling of the New Testament Gospels and Letters.** It’s been the Holy Spirit who has continued to inspire our Christian faith in the hearts of billions of Jesus’ disciples. It’s always the Holy Spirit who gives to us our Baptism and the Eucharist – and all the Sacraments. It’s the Holy Spirit who inspires us even now to courageously proclaim and share our faith with others. Throughout the life of the church, the Spirit has also guided: the development of our Catholic Christian faith, the authoritative teachings of Church councils, and the selection of our shepherds – especially the successor of Saint Peter – the Pope, the Holy Father.

**The Holy Spirit has brought the Good News and the presence of God to all lands and to all generations.** Likewise, it’s the Holy Spirit who comes to us when we ask for the grace, guidance, and strength of God. Grateful for all that the Spirit of God has done for us, may we continue to praise and bless the Holy Spirit, and may we continue to call upon the Holy Spirit of God on Pentecost Sunday and, in fact, every day in our prayer!

# PARISH PICNIC

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

**Ascension Campus  
Food Served  
BINGO**

**2:00pm to 5:00pm  
2:30pm to 4:30pm  
3:00pm**

**Hot dogs, hamburgers, sides and beverages  
will be provided at NO cost to you.**

*Come join in the fun, food, games, crafts, bingo, 50/50 raffle,  
music and fellowship! Something for everyone!*

**We ask each family to bring an item for the dessert table.**

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If you plan on attending our Parish Picnic, please make a reservation  
either by filling out this form and placing it in the collection basket or  
calling the Parish Office of Faith Formation at: 412-922-6388. Thank you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ #Adults attending: \_\_\_\_\_

#Children/ages: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: Monday, September 22, 2025**



email us at [svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com](mailto:svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com).

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

You can now submit your application for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program! Seniors 65 years of age and older, widows and widowers age 50 and older, and those age 18 and older who are disabled have the opportunity to apply for up to \$1,000. Those living in the City of Pittsburgh can qualify for a supplement of up to an extra \$500. Don't miss your chance to avail yourself of this program, because you never know when you may need a little extra money in an emergency.

More information and rebate forms can be found at [www.pa.gov/agencies/revenue/incentives-credits-and-programs/ptrr.html](http://www.pa.gov/agencies/revenue/incentives-credits-and-programs/ptrr.html) or you can contact your local state legislator's office or the Area Agency on Aging.

Our State Representative is Daniel J. Deasy; his office is located at 1074 Greentree Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220 and the phone number is 412-928-9514. Our State Senator is Wayne Fontana; his office is located at Kenmawr Plaza, 524 Pine Hollow Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136 and the phone number is 412-331-1208. The Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging office is located at 2100 Wharton St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Pittsburgh, PA, 15203 and the phone number is 412-350-4234. In addition to providing you with more information and rebate forms, these offices can also assist you in filling out and submitting the forms. Please call ahead to schedule an appointment.

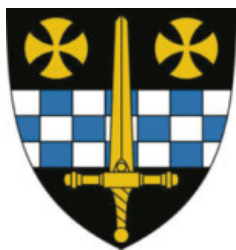
We are still in need of a crib and toddler bed for neighbors in need. If you have one that is gently used that you would like to donate, please call or text our hotline at 412-444-8140 or

Over the past week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a man with emergency food; a woman was given \$50 to prevent an electric shutoff; and a family was given emergency food and two bus passes. Thank you!

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 by visiting <https://saintphilip-church.weshareonline.org/ws/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 drop-offs and pickups of furniture and appliances until we are able to distribute some of the items that we have on hand. We will let you know when we are able to accept donations again. If you would like to donate furniture, those donations can be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Central Council of Pittsburgh by calling 412-321-1071 ext. 2. If you would like to donate clothing, shoes or accessories, please place your donation in the blue bins in front of the Hope House at St. Philip or in the rear parking lot at Ascension, or you can call, text or email us to arrange a pickup if you are unable to transport them yourself. Please do not place any other items in those bins or leave anything outside of them because they will be thrown away. If you are looking to purchase new or gently-used clothing, housewares or furniture, please shop at the St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores and visit our online store at [www.vinnysvaluables.com](http://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.





# Around the Diocese and Community

## 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 [www.littlesistersofthepoorpittsburgh.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorpittsburgh.org) today to register or to donate.

## FORTY HOURS DEVOTION IN CASTLE SHANNON

This coming **June 21-23**, Saint Anne church (400 Hoodridge Drive, 15234) of Saint Paul of the Cross Parish in Castle Shannon will host Forty Hours of Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration. Everyone is welcome to visit for an hour or more of silent prayer in the presence of the Lord found in the Blessed Sacrament. For further information and to register for a specific time, visit [www.stpaulofthecross.com](http://www.stpaulofthecross.com) today!

## ENCOUNTERING THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

During the days of **July 12-18**, the Little Sisters of the Poor in Brighton Heights will welcome young women of college age to be immersed in the work and prayer and life of their Religious community. The week will include service and ministry, community meals and prayer, and a time for discernment. If you or a young woman you know is interested, please email [Serenity@LittleSistersofthePoor.org](mailto:Serenity@LittleSistersofthePoor.org) for full information and an application this week.

## ADDICTION RECOVERY MINISTRY

Established by the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh seven years ago, the Addiction Recovery Ministry offers support to those dealing with addiction - and to their families as well. For information, call 412-378-9290 this week.

This Ministry is also now partnering with the international Catholic training program known as *The iThirst Initiative* created by the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity.

This new program offers professional online training to church members who would like to accompany others coping with addiction. Certified companions will be able to help individuals during their spiritual journey to healing. **Online training will be conducted September 15 through November 5.** For information and registration this month, visit [www.ithirstinitiative.org](http://www.ithirstinitiative.org).



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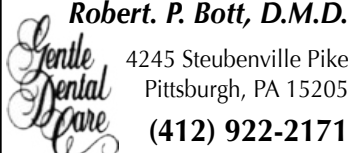
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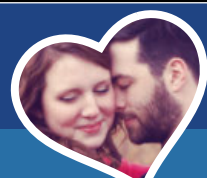
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