



# Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

## OFFICE HOURS

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

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Patricia Cygrymus, Barbara Hendrick,  
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## CRISIS SUPPORT/SUICIDE PREVENTION

24-Hour Lifeline Dial 988  
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*Week of June 22, 2025*

*The Solemnity of the  
Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ*

# CORPUS CHRISTI

## 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 (OCA):** 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 21 — SAINT ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, RELIGIOUS</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of Saint Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	4:00pm(Vigil)	Michael & Mary Barber	Michael & Patti Diduch
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	John & Catherine M. Rodgers	Family
<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 22 — THE MOST HOLY BODY &amp; BLOOD OF CHRIST, CORPUS CHRISTI</b>			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Stephen Zamiska	Zamiska Family
Ascension	9:30am	Mercedes Especto	Ball Family
Saint Philip	11:00am	Lucy Heranic	Family
<b>MONDAY, JUNE 23 — WEEKDAY (TWELFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME)</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Denny "Downtown" Browne	Hockey Friends of Denny
<b>TUESDAY, JUNE 24 — THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Metro Novoselski	Paula & Raymond Butter
<b>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25 — WEEKDAY</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	James & Virginia Campbell	Patrick Kelly
<b>THURSDAY, JUNE 26 — WEEKDAY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Joe & Joann and Ed & Trudy Ragan	Rose
<b>FRIDAY, JUNE 27 — THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Claire M. Mattern	Mary & Tom Gerlowski
<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 28 — THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of Saint Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	2:00pm	Wedding: Jordan R. Sparbanie and Jennifer N. Lautenschlager	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Marie & Bill Reif	Sue & Mike Rust
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	The Henkel Family	Jane Beistel
<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 29 — SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES</b>			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Dennis Adair	Chrissy Rathway
Ascension	9:30am	John Klinkner	Family
Saint Philip	11:00am	Deceased of the McDevitt & D'Biagio Families	Scott & Jen McDevitt



# Notes from the Pastor

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

## Celebrating Corpus Christi Sunday

**Every Holy Thursday during Holy Week, we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper** and the establishment of the Eucharist as one of the most important and sacred gifts that Jesus has given to all of us who are His disciples. It is the Eucharist which fills us with divine life and gives us the promise of eternal life in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It's the Eucharist which continues and deepens our sacred bond with the Lord and with one another in the Church of God.

**Every year, on the second Sunday following Pentecost Sunday, we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus** - known by its Latin name as "Corpus Christi Sunday." On this Sunday, we once again remember and celebrate the tremendous gift and the importance of the Eucharist for our faith, for our Christian living, and for our unity as God's People. Throughout His ministry, Jesus promised to nourish us with His very life, and He promised to give us the Bread of Eternal Life. Then, at His Last Supper, Jesus transformed the Jewish Passover into His own Supper for the benefit of His Apostles and disciples.

**In the Liturgy, as the priest speaks the very words of Jesus**, the Holy Spirit transforms the bread and wine into the sacramental Body and Blood of the Lord - the sacramental Body and Blood of Christ. We receive the Eucharist in Holy Communion as nourishment for our journey of life and faith with one another and with all the

Lord's people. We retain the Eucharist in the church Tabernacle so as to share this Sacrament with those who are ill and homebound. In our personal prayer and Eucharistic Adoration in church, we also spend time with Jesus who is sacramentally present in the Blessed Sacrament.

**May we always appreciate this sacred and incredible gift of the Lord Jesus** that He still shares with all of us even twenty centuries after Jesus' first celebration of the Eucharist. May we know that it contains the divine life of the Lord that benefits us in this life and leads us to life everlasting. May we also lead back to the Lord's Supper all of our family members, relatives, and friends who've drifted away from our Sacred Liturgy - especially all the children of our parish who all too often DON'T receive the Eucharist any more after the celebration of their First Holy Communion.

**The Eucharist - the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus - is a most wonderful and sacred gift** shared with us in order to keep us united us with God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit today and always. May we appreciate the gift of the Holy Eucharist every Sunday and every day, and may we lead our fellow Catholic Christians to the Liturgy and to Holy Communion every Sunday!

Best wishes for this celebration of Corpus Christi Sunday!

**Best wishes to you and to all in our Saint Philip Parish community for a joyful Corpus Christi 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

## Saint Philip Parish

# PROPERTY REPAIRS & PROJECTS



**As every property owner or manager knows,** building and property repairs are a constant part of life. Believe it or not, the same is true for churches and parishes!

**Thanks to our very fine maintenance staff,** our own parish has regular maintenance and continual repairs to keep our buildings and facilities in excellent condition. **For everyone's information,** here are a few of our current projects.

**First, following the terrible storms** which passed through our area in early May, it was discovered at Saint Philip church that one of the ornamental "finial" was blown off its pedestal. Being a heavy carved stone, when it was knocked off its pedestal near the church bell tower, it crashed onto the church roof and punctured some holes into the roof. At this time, our diocesan insurance program is funding the repairs to the Saint Philip church roof.

**Second,** while the repairmen are on the roof making repairs, we've arranged for a complete review and inspection of the entire church roof. This is **NOT** paid for by our insurance. However, as you know, having a roof in its best condition is the first priority for maintaining any building.

**Third,** the rainwater from that storm and subsequent storms in May also caused damage to the school building roof due to some clogged drains. Our insurance program also covered the repairs to the school roof - as well as the damage caused by water that found its way into some of the rooms.

**Finally,** the natural gas line serving the Hope House near Saint Philip church will also need to be replaced in the coming weeks.

**Our repairs and maintenance continue** each and every day as we work - thanks to your support - to maintain our buildings and properties in the best condition.

**Next, in the coming 12-24 months,** we'll need to undertake some extensive repair projects. We will need to replace the roof of the school building in order to continue its use by all of our student and adult Faith Formation programs, the Saint Vincent DePaul Conference, the Ladies of Charity, and other parish programs.

**Also, we'll need to** repaint the exterior and interior of Ascension church as well as the exterior of our parish office center. The bells of both churches need important repairs. We may also look to install solar panels on the flat roofs of our buildings to save on electricity bills.

**To fund these important and necessary repair projects,** we can withdraw funds from our parish savings. **However, an alternative will be to conduct a financial campaign** specifically for these expensive repairs - inviting our members and families to help with these projects rather than decreasing our savings with the diocese.

**More information on these matters** will be shared with our members and families in the coming months. Again, thank you so very much for your understanding - and for your support in maintaining the life and properties of our very fine Saint Philip Catholic Parish!





## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Corpus Christi Sunday, June 22

Genesis 14:18-20;  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26;  
Luke 9:11-17

### Weekdays

Genesis 12-18; Matthew 7

### Saints Peter and Paul Sunday, June 29

Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11;  
2 Timothy 4:6-18;  
Matthew 16:13-19



## FINANCIAL REPORT OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collections & mail-in, <b>June 14-15</b>	-- \$7,871.50
Online donations, June 14-15	-- \$2,170.00
Maintenance donations	-- \$151.00
Religious Education donations	-- \$1,058.50

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year	-- \$861,064.00
Parish income <u>received</u> since July 1, 2024	-- \$702,978.74
Parish fundraising since July 1, 2024	-- \$101,232.89
Estate gifts received since July 1, 2024	-- \$500.00
General donations since July 1, 2024	-- \$26,136.42

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 June 14-15	-- 643
Sunday envelopes used June 14-15	-- 245
Total households receiving envelopes	-- 1,058

2025 Parish Appeal Goal	-- \$126,559.50
Parish Appeal received as of June 16	-- \$113,959.00
2025 Parish Appeal Donors	-- 276



## Come & See Annual Parish Appeal 2025

Thank you for your support of Saint Philip Parish and the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh! I'm most grateful for your contributions to our parish in our Sunday and special collections.

Once again, I'm again asking your support for the **2025 Annual Parish Appeal** to collect our parish's required "Diocesan Management Fee" to fund the daily service provided to Saint Philip Parish by Bishop David Zubik and his central diocesan administration. Each year, the Annual Parish Appeal funds the ministries and services of our Diocesan Church. Thank you very much, and may the Lord Jesus continue to bless you, your family, our fine parish, and our entire Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh now and in the year ahead!



# Parish News

## ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE AS A DEACON?

In recent weeks, Bishop David Zubik called for a new class of candidates for the Permanent Diaconate. Deacons are ordained to be men of service to the Bishop as well as men of charity in the Church - and to assist in a parish community and other ministries. Currently, 110 deacons serve in our Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Any man interested in entering into the five year Deacon Formation Program should: be 30-59 years of age, be a college graduate, and be in full communion with the Catholic Church. An information session will be held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 2900 Noblestown Road, on Wednesday, July 9, 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Contact our own Deacon Joe Allen or the Office for the Permanent Diaconate (412-456-3124) for information.

## 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!”*

**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!

## Thank You!

On behalf of those we serve, we extend a heartfelt thank you to the parishioners of St. Philip Parish for your support of Catholic Charities Allegheny County Office.

- Catholic Charities Staff



## PARISH CALENDAR SCHEDULING FOR JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026

Even though it is only half-way through the calendar year, our Calendar Planning runs on a Fiscal Year. Because of that, we are asking all groups who use any of our facilities at St. Philip or Ascension to submit your requests for the upcoming fiscal year as soon as possible. This includes, but is not limited to, faith formation, ongoing ministries, small faith groups and fundraising. Bring your schedule requests to the Administration Building, call the office at 412-922-6388, or email them to Linda Bey at [L.bey@saintphilipparish.com](mailto:L.bey@saintphilipparish.com). Thank you very much.

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Faith Formation is growing! We are looking for catechists and aides. We are 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 is provided. If you feel called to this ministry, please call 412-922-6388.

## NEXT WEEKEND - SPECIAL COLLECTION

The annual Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up **next weekend, June 28 & 29**. This collection enables our Holy Father, Pope Leo to respond with emergency financial assistance to those throughout the world who suffer the effects of war, oppression, disease and natural disasters.

It is a powerful way for Catholics throughout the world to assist those most in need. Please pray for the world's suffering and be generous as you can to next weekend's special collection.



## LADIES OF CHARITY - SAINT PHILIP CHAPTER

The Saint Philip Ladies of Charity, newly formed less than a year ago, joyfully welcomed 13 members in an investment ceremony at Saint Paul Cathedral on Sunday, May 18.

Since our founding, we have embraced a mission of service, sponsoring a Giving Tree at Christmas and providing a soup ministry for the sick and those recovering from hospital stays. Our members have also volunteered at Faith Formation events, including First Eucharist and the Easter Vigil reception. We faithfully pray for two unclaimed souls, holding them in our hearts.

Each month, we gather to prepare sandwiches for the Second Avenue homeless shelter, part of Mercy Hospital's Operation Safety Net. Last month, we organized a Diaper Drive (in partnership with Catholic Charities) collecting over 5,399 diapers, 280 packs of wipes, and various baby essentials for families in need.

We look forward to growing our community and continuing to serve with compassion, embodying the true heart of charity. For more information, please contact Margie Mattern at 412-973-6318.



We offer our sympathy to the families of **Gabriel Gemma, Patricia Mondine, and Judith Garner** who entered into eternal life. Please keep them in your prayers.

## Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns *in Loving Memory of Amy Nagorski Carmichael*  
Offered by Dulick Family

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *in Loving Memory of the Rimkus Family*  
Offered by Helen McDermott



## OLANDER TREE AND LANDSCAPE

*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.*

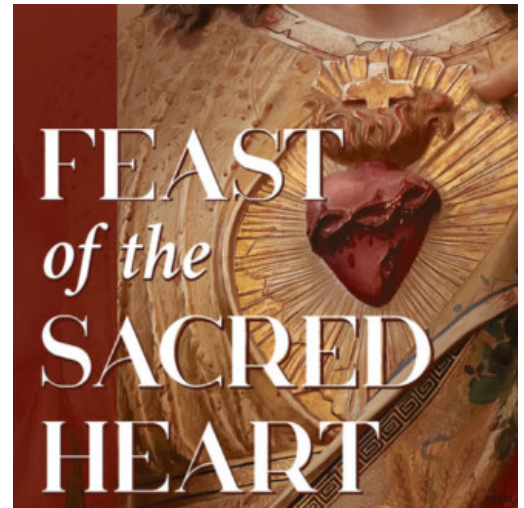
***Thank you!***

## Connect with **FLOCKNOTE!**



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





**REFLECTIONS FROM MARYANN:** June is the month where we reflect upon the Sacred Heart. In his book, 5 Things with Father Bill, Father William Byrne reflects upon the Sacred Heart. He notes the following:

*In the past, if you had a May wedding, the bridesmaids wore blue to honor the Blessed Mother. If you had a June wedding, the bridesmaids wore red to honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Such was the custom not long ago. I think the Sacred Heart of Jesus has faded a bit from Catholic consciousness. Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a human heart that is inflamed with divine love, is a powerful meditation. I offer you five ways to reflect on the Sacred Heart of Jesus.*

- 1. A sacred sonogram.** Imagine if sonograms had existed at the time of Jesus. Just a little more than a week after the Annunciation, when Mary said yes to becoming the mother of God, we would have seen something amazing on that screen, a little beating heart. That tiny pulse, undetectable to the human ear but resounding in heaven, meant that our God has a heart.
- 2. What John didn't hear, but the angels did.** At the Last Supper, John the Beloved laid his head on Jesus' chest. Jesus knew that Judas, one of His chosen apostles, was going to betray Him. What John did not hear but again echoed in heaven was the sound of a breaking heart. The Sacred Heart is as human as yours and mine. It is a sign of the true humanity of Jesus. His heart quickened when He laughed with a loved one, and it ached with sorrow when He experienced betrayal. Think how truly His heart feels your joys and sorrows.
- 3. See blessings, not bitterness.** The Sacred Heart of Jesus was wounded and from that wound came blood and water. From His suffering, blessings flowed, the waters of Baptism and the blood of the Eucharist. From our pains and hurts, what flows? Grudges, blame, and anger? Or mercy, compassion, and forgiveness? Don't wait for suffering before you turn to Christ on the Cross; but begin to pray now so that when you are put to the test, blessings and not bitterness will flow from your wounded side.
- 4. Some wounds never heal.** When the soldier thrust the lance into Jesus' side, He was already dead. As Thomas learned, those wounds never healed. He was able to feel the marks of the crucifixion and put his hand into Jesus' side. The water and blood, Baptism and Eucharist, have never ceased to flow from the side of Christ. His mercy is without end. After you receive Communion at Mass, recall His overwhelming, never-ending generosity. Pray that just as His love flows from the Cross into you and me, that love may flow from you and me into the world.
- 5. Like unto thine.** The Sacred Heart of Jesus, a human heart, opened the gates of heaven for each of us. In Jesus, humanity entered into union with God. That could only happen when God became a man. As He took a human Heart, He invites us into His divinity. When you think of the Sacred heart, pray this invocation, old and yet so new: *Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine. Heart of Jesus, burning with love for me, inflame my heart with love of Thee. Amen.*





## SUMMER READING LENDING LIBRARY

The Faith Formation Office offers books for summer reading, available on the bookshelf in Ascension church alongside the *Pittsburgh Catholic Magazine*. Feel free to borrow and return them when finished. Current titles include:

- Live Like You Mean It, by S. James Meyer
- Catching Fire, Becoming Flame, by Albert Haase, OFM
- Let Us Dream, by Pope Francis
- Reaching For Heaven: 14 Spiritual Goals as You Grow Older, by Michael Amodei
- On Hope, by Pope Francis
- Practical Holiness, by Albert Haase, OFM

**SUMMER PRAYER PRACTICES:** Embrace the season by slowing down and exploring new ways to pray. Start with the *Five Finger Examen Prayer*:

- 1. Be Still.** Our thumb reminds us of what is important. Notice your breath, try to still your mind, and be present to God and to yourself.
- 2. Be grateful.** As our index finger points things out to people, reflect on your day and point out everything you're grateful for.
- 3. Notice.** Our middle finger is usually the longest and the one that stands out. What stood out to you today? Where have you felt happy today? Sad? Frustrated? Where were there challenges today? Any victories?
- 4. Ask for Help.** Our ring fingers are where we put our wedding rings and special rings. Think about your responsibilities and promises you have made to special people. What do you need God's help with? Is there anything you need to say sorry for?

**5. Look ahead.** Our pinky finger is our smallest one. Sometimes a small change can make a big difference. Think about tomorrow. What do you hope for? Are there little changes you can make?

**BAPTISM:** The foundation of our faith and life - Baptism - unites us with Christ and His Church. It's part of Christian initiation alongside Eucharist and Confirmation. Parents seeking Baptism for their child can contact the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388. A special class is available for first-time parents.

**KITCHEN TABLE MINISTRY:** Drop-In Sunday is on **July 6 after the 9:30am Mass** at Ascension Church Conner Hall. Stop by for Better-Maid Donuts, blood pressure screenings, meaningful conversations, and wellness information.



## PRAYER

**for those experiencing difficulty sleeping:**

*Lord, You slept calmly in a fishing boat while the storm raged around You. You know how I long for a good night's sleep. How I need it. It is not enough that my days are full of worry; my fears chase me endlessly through the night. I dread the thought that I won't be able to sleep.*

*Lay Your calming hand upon my shoulder. Remind me of all the things that will slow my body and mind. May the breath of Your Spirit help me to deepen and slow my own breathing. May the assurance of Your love help me to relax each muscle.*

*Let me get some distance from the things that distract me: my computer, my phone. Fill my mind with images of beauty and peace. May Your comforting presence surround me. When I wake, may I know instantly that You are beside me. You will never leave me alone.*



**SAINT PHILIP PARISH  
FAITH FORMATION**

*Preschool Program*  
**Monday Evenings**  
**6:30pm to 7:45pm**

Give your little one a strong foundation in faith with our Pre-School Program! Designed for children ages 3 and 4, our engaging program nurtures young hearts and minds while fostering a love for learning and prayer.

*Ages 3 & 4 Highlights:*

- Interactive group activities tailored for 3- and 4-year-olds
- Faith-based learning using letters, colors, shapes, and numbers
- Gentle guidance in prayerful practices
- Monthly family dinners followed by enriching activities for all ages
- Opportunities for parents to connect and share
- Fun social events, including festivals, Mardi Gras, and ice cream gatherings

*If you'd like to enroll your child for the September session, please contact the Office of Faith Formation for a registration form. We'd love to welcome your family!*

**YOU ARE INVITED**

*to join us for a movie party!*

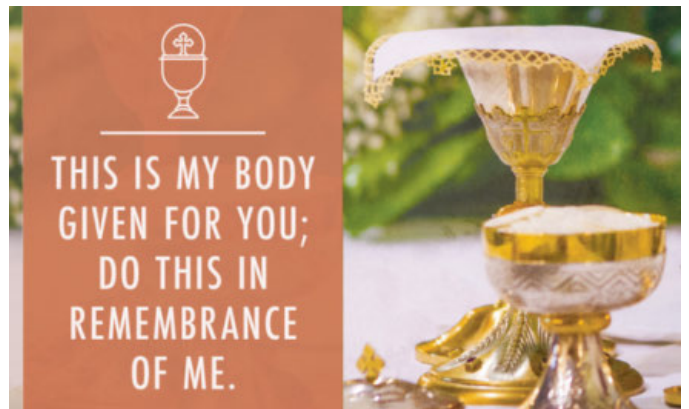
Kitchen Table Ministry &  
Family Life Ministry present...  
A Movie Night Featuring:



**Tuesday, July 15**  
**6:30pm**  
Ascension Church  
Conner Hall

Enjoy free Ice Cream Novelties  
and movie refreshments.

**Bring a friend.** *The movie is fun  
for all ages! See you there!*



# SAINT PHILIP PARISH PICNIC



Ascension Campus      2:00pm to 5:00pm  
Food Served            2:30pm to 4:30pm  
BINGO                     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.**

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**





## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

For families that struggle with food insecurity, the summer can be a stressful time. Figuring out where the money will come from to provide breakfast and lunch for kids who usually get fed those meals at school for free can be difficult. Luckily, there are some summer meal resources for children in the area.

The City of Pittsburgh's Summer Food Service Program (also known as GrubUp!) serves meals to children up to age 18, and people with intellectual disabilities up to age 21, during the summer months at sites throughout the City. There are three sites in our area, at the Salvation Army on Broadhead Road, at The Open Door on Stratmore Street, and at the Jasmine Nyree Center on Ashlyn Street in Sheraden. The Salvation Army serves breakfast and a hot lunch Monday through Friday. The Open Door serves breakfast and a cold lunch Monday through Friday. The Jasmine Nyree Center serves breakfast and a hot lunch Monday through Friday. For more information, visit [www.pittsburgh-pa.gov/Resident-Services/Food-Programs/Summer-Food-Program](http://www.pittsburgh-pa.gov/Resident-Services/Food-Programs/Summer-Food-Program) or call 412-571-3291.

Additional summer meal programs near you can be found by using the USDA Summer Meals for Kids Site Finder at [www.fns.usda.gov/meals4kids](http://www.fns.usda.gov/meals4kids). By entering your address, you can find sites, contact information, and meal distribution dates and times in your area.

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

Over the past week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a man with emergency food, and he will receive a monthly food delivery moving forward; a woman was given \$400 toward delinquent rent; a man was assisted with \$112 to prevent a water shutoff; a woman was given \$300 to prevent an electric shutoff; a woman was assisted with \$400 toward a security deposit; a single mother was given \$500 toward a security deposit; and we twinned with the Archangel Gabriel conference in the amount of \$300 to assist a woman with her security deposit. Thank you for supporting us in continuing to assist our friends in need!

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://saintphilipchurch.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.

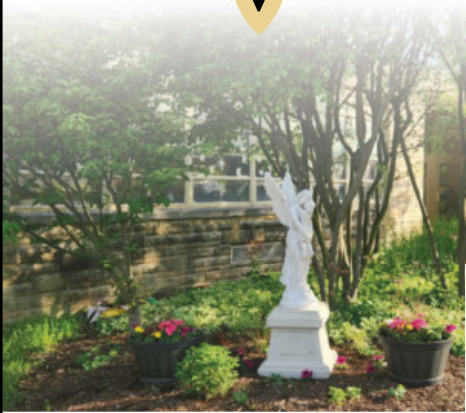
We are temporarily pausing furniture and appliance drop-offs and pickups until we distribute current inventory. We'll update you when donations resume. Furniture donations can be made to St. Vincent de Paul Central Council of Pittsburgh at 412-321-1071 ext. 2. Clothing, shoes, and accessories can be placed in the blue bins at Hope House (St. Philip) or Ascension's rear parking lot. For pickups, call, text, or email us. Please do not leave other items outside the bins, as they will be discarded.

Shop new and gently-used clothing, housewares, and furniture at St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores or online at [www.vinnysvaluables.com](http://www.vinnysvaluables.com). We always welcome volunteers! If you'd like to help or learn more, reach out. If you or someone you know needs assistance, call or text 412-444-8140 or [svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com](mailto:svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com).



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# Around the Diocese and Community

## **JUNE 22 CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION AT SAINT PAUL CATHEDRAL**

**This Sunday, June 22**, Bishop David Zubik will preside at the 12:00 noon Corpus Christi Sunday Liturgy at Saint Paul Cathedral on Fifth Avenue in Oakland. Everyone in the Diocese is invited and welcome to participate. Following the Mass, Bishop Zubik will lead a one-mile procession through the streets of Oakland - with the Blessed Sacrament - to honor and celebrate the Lord Jesus' gift of Himself to the Church in the Eucharist. Again, everyone is most welcome to attend and take part on Corpus Christi Sunday.

## **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 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).

## **ROBINSON FARMERS MARKET**

Visit Archangel Gabriel Parish every Monday through September 22 (except Labor Day) from 3:00pm to 7:00pm for the Robinson Farmers Market. They fill the Holy Trinity parking lot (5718 Steubenville Pike in Robinson Township) with farm stands, vendors, food trucks and more. For more information, please visit [archangelgabrielparish.org/farmersmarket](http://archangelgabrielparish.org/farmersmarket).

## **SENIORS HELPING SENIORS**

If you're 50+ years of age and would like to assist senior members of the local community, the organization **Seniors Helping Seniors** would like to speak with you. They have senior clients who are looking for other seniors ("mature caregivers") who are reliable and compassionate - and who can lend a hand. These positions receive generous compensation. The tasks usually require 2-3 hours and do NOT require heavy lifting. For information, contact Ms. Janet Begg at 412-952-6090 this week.







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