Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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



Week of July 13, 2025

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY *in Ordinary Time*

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

PARISH STAFF
Rev. James R. Torquato, Pastor
Deacon Joe Allen, Parish Deacon
Mr. Frank Bey, Office Coordinator
Ms. MaryAnn Garfold, Faith Formation Director
Ms. Mary Beth Barsh, Music Director
Ms. Dorothy Mancini, Assistant Organist
Mr. David Pilarski, Business Coordinator
Mr. Gary Urbatis, Safe Environment Staff
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Ms. Linda Bey, Faith Formation Secretary
Ms. Denise Ball, Faith Formation Staff
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Mr. Thomas Dembecki, Maintenance

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Patricia Cygrymus, Barbara Hendrick, Joseph Hoover, Martin Matko, Richard Musser, Katie Phillips, David Sammel and Mary Schubert

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL
Benjamin Bannon, Robert Bertocchi, Joseph Hoover, Joseph Rynn, Richard Schubert and Gary Urbatis

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Saint Philip Office	(412) 922-6300
Faith Formation Office	(412) 922-6388
Society of St. Vincent dePaul	(412) 444-8140
Guardian Angel Academy	(412) 922-4765

CRISIS SUPPORT/SUICIDE PREVENTION

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

SAINT PHILIP CATHOLIC PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
We, the Catholic Community of Saint Philip Parish, united in faith and empowered by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, are firmly committed to promoting full and active participation in the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church.
We answer the call of the Gospel to bring about the kingdom of justice and peace through worship, education, service, and stewardship.

Saint Philip Church
50 West Crafton Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Ascension Church
114 Berry Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Guardian Angel Academy
915 Alice Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15220
Mr. Robert Munz, Principal



CONFESSION

Available Saturdays from 12:00pm to 1:00pm at *Ascension Church.*

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: A seminar is required for first-time parents. Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month at 12:15pm at *Saint Philip Church* or at *Ascension Church*. Call the Faith Formation Office at 412-922-6388 for more information.

Matrimony: The Pastor is to be contacted 6-18 months in advance of the requested wedding date. Participation in a Pre-Marriage Program is required. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Anointing of the Sick: Following a weekend Mass and on the last Saturday of the month at 8:30am at *Ascension Church*.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA): Call the Faith Formation Office at 412-922-6388 for more information.

Priesthood/Religious Life: Contact the Pastor for more information.

Victim's Assistance Hot-Line: If you are a person who has been hurt by abuse from clergy or others associated with the Church, the Diocese of Pittsburgh offers assistance with counseling, spiritual direction and referrals to other supportive services.

For information, contact our Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 412-456-3093.

Protecting God's Children —
VICTIM HOTLINE: 1-888-808-1235

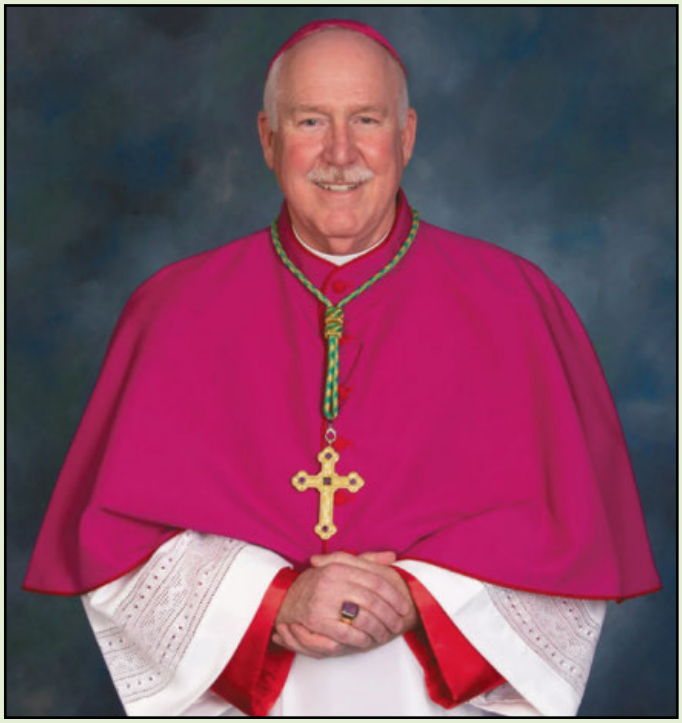
CHILDLINE: 1-888-932-0313 to report child abuse

Call 911 if a child is in imminent danger.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

LOCATION	TIME	PRIEST'S INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
SATURDAY, JULY 12 — BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			
Ascension	8:00am	50th Wedding Anniversary of Art & Nancy Matt	Family
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	John Lugaila	Family
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Phillip Brandimarti	Lillian Brandimarti
SUNDAY, JULY 13 — FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Thomas A. Ogden, Sr.	Pauline Ogden
Ascension	9:30am	Deceased of the Hankle & Reagan Families	Jim & Peggy Reagan
Saint Philip	11:00am	Peter Witkowsky & Mildred Hutchison	Family of Peter Witkowsky & Mildred Hutchison
MONDAY, JULY 14 — SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA, VIRGIN			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Darren Jevcak	Friends
TUESDAY, JULY 15 — ST. BONAVENTURE, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH			
Ascension	8:00am	Robert Badish	Paula Badish
WEDNESDAY, JULY 16 — OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Paul Meehan	Barbara Pfender
THURSDAY, JULY 17 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Thomas Conroy	Conroy Family
FRIDAY, JULY 18 — SAINT CAMILLUS DE LELLIS, PRIEST			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Robert F. Badish	Kathleen Badish
SATURDAY, JULY 19 — BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of Saint Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Deceased of the Drozak Family	Barekzai Family
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Maria Irene Bey	Katie Phillips
SUNDAY, JULY 20 — SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
St. Philip	7:00am	Deceased of the Balsamo Family	Rita Keblish
Ascension	9:30am	Joseph Rago, Jr.	Family
St. Philip	11:00am	Malcolm C. "Manny" Schmidt	Mark Schmidt



CONGRATULATIONS
Bishop Mark A. Eckman
13th Bishop of Pittsburgh

Along with all the parish communities, religious women and men, deacons and priests of our Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, our parish also warmly congratulates our newly appointed Diocesan Bishop, the Most Reverend Mark Anthony Eckman, D.D.

Having served as an Auxiliary Bishop of Pittsburgh since 2022, Bishop Mark Eckman is a native of Saint Valentine Catholic Parish in Bethel Park. He studied in the Saint Valentine Parish School and well as South Hills (*now Seton LaSalle*) High School. In 1981, Bishop Eckman graduated from Duquesne University as well as Saint Paul Seminary on Noblestown Road. After participating in the Priestly Formation Program at Saint Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, Pa., our new Bishop was ordained to the priesthood in 1985.

Bishop Eckman has been a priest of our Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh for 40 years – serving as a parochial vicar and a pastor for many years. He was pastor of Saint Sylvester Parish in Brentwood, as well as pastor of Saint Thomas More Parish in Bethel Park.

In recent years, Bishop Eckman assisted Bishop Zubik as the diocesan Director of Clergy Personnel for eight years, then as Secretary for Clergy and Religious, and most recently as General Secretary and Vicar General of the Diocese.

As Bishop Zubik enters into retirement at the age of 75, he will continue to reside here in the Diocese. Bishop Zubik lead and served our Catholic Diocese since September 2007 and is also native of Ambridge in Beaver County.

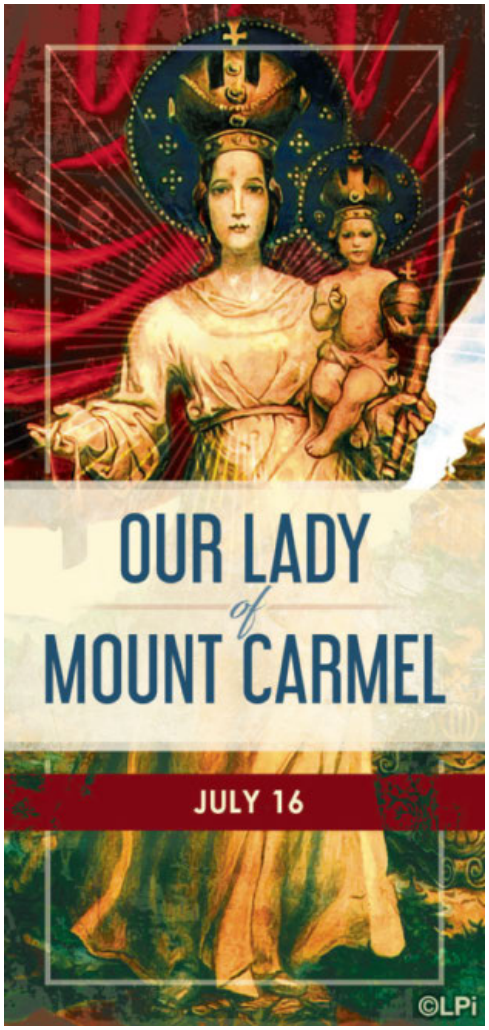
May the good Lord continue to bless both Bishop Mark Eckman and Bishop David Zubik now and in the years ahead, and may God bless our diocesan church as Bishop Eckman begins his ministry as our chief shepherd!



Sunday, July 13
Deuteronomy 30:10-14;
Colossians 1:15-20;
Luke 10: 25-37

Weekdays
Exodus 1-12;
Matthew 10-12

Sunday, July 20
Genesis 18:1-10;
Colossians 1:24-28;
Luke 10: 38-42



FINANCIAL REPORT — OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collections & mail-in, **June 28-29**	-- $9,728.21
Online donations, June 28-29	-- $1,835.00
Sunday collections & mail-in, **July 5-6**	-- $13,610.00
Online donations, July 5-6	-- $3,958.00
Peter's Pence Collection	-- $2,502.00
Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year	-- $858,415.50
Parish offertory received since July 1, 2025	-- $17,992.00
Parish fundraising since July 1, 2025	-- $0
Estate gifts received since July 1, 2025	-- $0
General donations since July 1, 2025	-- $100.00
Average weekly staff salary and benefits expenses	-- $6,167.70
Average weekly maintenance/operation expenses	-- $2,268.95
Average weekly utility expenses	-- $2,132.00
Average weekly insurance expenses	-- $1,132.52
Weekly contributions to Guardian Angel Academy	-- $1,380.90
Parish members -- 2,289 Parish families	-- 1,253
Church attendance on July 5-6	-- 695
Sunday envelopes used July 5-6	-- 277
Total households receiving envelopes	-- 1,052
2025 Parish Appeal Goal	-- $126,559.50
Parish Appeal received as of July 7	-- $118, 930.29
2025 Parish Appeal Donors	-- 298

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 **by July 15** to review your inscription. *Any requested edits can be made through the office or, again, in one of the sacristies.*



Notes from the Pastor

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

Our new Diocesan Bishop

On Monday, July 14, we will welcome our new shepherd as Bishop Mark Eckman enters into his office as our new Diocesan Bishop! Bishop Eckman has been a priest of our diocese for 40 years – and since 2022 – as an Auxiliary Bishop. He is well known to our diocesan church, and he knows our parishes, our people, and our diocese very well.

The Installation Liturgy on Monday afternoon, July 14, will be celebrated in Saint Paul Cathedral in Oakland and will be attended by Pope Leo XIV's representative to the United States, Cardinal Christophe Pierre – as well as Archbishop Perez of Philadelphia and many bishops from around the United States. The clergy and members of our diocese are also welcome to attend and participate!

As Bishop Mark Eckman begins his ministry, may we all pray that the Lord will bless him with divine grace so that he may serve well the People of God in our diocese in his duties as "priest, teacher and shepherd."

The compassion of the Lord

As you know, throughout the Gospel according to Luke, the Good News of Jesus which we hear and read is a clear assurance of the compassion which God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit shares with all people. Knowing the challenges and difficulties, the suffering and sorrow, and the plight of individuals, Jesus gives us the promise of divine love and care and support.

In today's parable of the Good Samaritan, we also hear and read Jesus' call to imitate the love of God by sharing our own compassion and care with others – both those known to us and those who are unknown to us.

Congratulations and best wishes to Father Joe Scheib!



Having served in our Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh for nearly a half century, Father Joseph Scheib has officially entered into retirement as of Monday, June 30. Father Joe has been a Parochial Vicar as well as a Tribunal official for our diocese since he was ordained as a priest on October 23, 1976.

For the past seven years, Father Joe has been a resident priest in the Saint Philip church rectory, and he has shared his priestly ministry with our community as a presider at our parish liturgies.

As Father Joe Scheib begins his retired years in a private residence, we thank him for his goodness to Saint Philip Parish, and we wish him the Lord's goodness and blessings – and a well-deserved rest after his half century of priesthood.

If you'd like to send a note to Father Joe Scheib, please send your message to our parish office, and we'll send your message along to him as he continues this busy time of transition into retirement. Blessings and best wishes to Father Joe Scheib!

May all of us know the love and compassion of the Lord, and may all of us share this divine love and goodness with those around us – especially those most in need of goodness and mercy and hope!

Best wishes for this week!

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

Parish News

THE RETURN OF OUR SUMMER

Saint Philip Parish

BARBECUE

Following the success of last summer's first annual parish barbecue (*as well as the rave reviews of our parish members*), our second annual Saint Philip Parish Summer Barbecue has been scheduled for **Sunday afternoon, August 24**, in Conner Hall.

Once again, our expert parish cooks will be offering a generous combination of meats and side dishes and beverages. You'll be able to dine with us in Father Conner Hall at Ascension – or order 'take out' for dinner at home.

Thanks to our parish volunteers and staff, this will be the perfect meal to celebrate the "end of summer" and the cookout season – without your cleaning your own grill.

Please plan to join us for this special parish event! Mark your calendar now. Information and a Parish Barbecue Order Form will be placed into the parish bulletin in the coming weeks!

Thank you for your generous financial contributions to

SAINT PHILIP PARISH!

Your goodness and participation help to keep our parish alive!

EUCHARISTIC & MARIAN SERIES

The second evening of Eucharistic Adoration, rosary, and DVD viewing of Our Lady of Loreto will be held on **Sunday, July 13**, at Ascension church at 6:30pm. All are welcome to enjoy an hour of Adoration with the Lord. The rosary will be prayed, and the rest of the hour will be spent in silent reflection. At 7:30pm, a 30 minute DVD will be shown about Our Lady's Holy House of Loreto. EWTN host, Michael O'Neill, "The Miracle Hunter," will narrate the film. Light refreshments will be served. Come and experience this dimension of the Blessed Mother's life.

Newly Baptized

Please welcome into our faith family... **Josephine Joyce Unger**, daughter of James Matthew and Summer Nicole Nicholls Unger, who received the Life of Christ in Baptism in our parish on Sunday, July 6, 2025. May she grow in wisdom, age, and grace.

Holy Matrimony

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to: **Jordan R. Sparbanie and Jennifer N. Lautenschlager** who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage at Saint Philip Parish on June 28, 2025. May God bless them as they begin their lives together.

A DAILY PRAYER

Jesus, I give You thanks and praise for all Your many gifts and blessings, especially the great love You shower upon me. Be with me each moment of this day. Help me to be mindful of Your never-ending love and mercy. Inspire me to show my love for You by my generous response to the needs of others. Amen.

GRIEF SUPPORT MEETING: JULY 17

Our Bereavement Support Group meets on the third Thursday of each month from 2:00pm to 3:00pm in Conner Hall on the Ascension campus. We spend about an hour together hearing each other's stories with compassion and loving support. This is not a psychotherapy group but fellow parishioners who care for one another and support one another as we travel through the grief process together. You can come alone or bring someone with you. **Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, July 17**. Please consider joining us.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Everyone is our neighbor — those we love and those we can't stand, the people we agree with and the people whose opinions we hate. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that we must not only see ourselves in every person we meet — we must see Him, too.

From the Office of Faith Formation

SUMMER HUMOR

As our Summer break continues, we invite you to pause for a moment of lighthearted joy. Laughter is a gift from God, refreshing, renewing, and occasionally contagious. Let it be part of your summer fun!

A couple are getting ready for bed after a long day's work. *"I look in the mirror, and I see an old lady,"* the woman says to her husband. *"My face is all wrinkled, and I'm sagging and bagging all over. And look at this flab on my arms."* Her husband is silent. *"Hey!"* she says, turning to him. *"Tell me something positive to make me feel better about myself."* *"Well,"* he says, *"your eyesight is still great."*

Some of us took our friend, an older woman, out to lunch to celebrate her birthday. When the waitress came to take our order, one of the women told her, *"This is a special occasion. Elsie is 92 today."* The waitress made seven instant enemies and one friend by asking, *"Which one is Elsie?"*

Rest in Peace

We offer our sympathy to the families of **Joanne M. Wiedwald** and **William J. Yarnot** 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* ***Arlene LeClaire***
Offered by Chuck and Cindy

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *in Loving Memory of* ***Peggy Kimberling***
Offered by Husband, Jim

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

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Faith Formation

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REFLECTIONS FROM MARYANN: It is already July. Many of us will be heading to the beach or to our favorite vacation spot, even if it is only on the front porch chair. In a book titled, Devotions for the Beach... and Days You Wish You Were There by Miriam Drennan we find a reflection called, *A Soul At Rest*. Reflecting on Psalm 116 verse 7, *"Return my soul, to your rest; the Lord has been good to you,"* Ms. Drennan notes the following:

What's your favorite way to relax at the beach? Nap in a hammock? Soak up rays? Enjoy the early morning breeze on a screened in porch? Fish off the dock? Close your eyes and let the sound of the waves lull you away?

We are by design, required to rest. Even Jesus needed sleep and downtime. It's an opportunity for our minds and bodies to replenish, relax, renew. Rest balances out our work and the stresses of everyday life.

But what does it mean for our souls to be at rest? What is the peace that Christ meant when He greeted His disciples after His Resurrection. Is it possible for our bodies and minds to be in motion and our souls to remain at rest? If so how do we get there?

The author of Psalm 116 had not just been discouraged; he's also experienced great suffering. He prayed, he cried-and he obeyed the command to be still, wait patiently, and not be afraid.(Psalm 37:7). He was overcome with trouble and sorrow but never once did he say he was afraid. He knew that times would be hard, yet he believed and was delivered. And he lived to express his joy over answered prayers and blessings...with his soul, once more, at rest.

As you rock in your hammock or have a quiet morning moment with coffee on the porch, think about the times God has delivered you. Consider the blessings He has showered upon you. We cannot avoid strife and difficulties in this world but those should not rattle your soul to unrest.



Father, how glorious it is to relax in the calm of this day. I am touched by the stillness of the summer air, the warmth of the sun and the breeze that embraces my face as though it's Your hand. Let me take a moment to simply enjoy the blessings and be grateful for the times You have delivered me. I am reminded that, whether in the quiet or the storm, my soul will be at rest because You are there.

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE: Exciting things are happening in our growing program! We're thrilled to welcome Teresa Harrold and Sue Heastings to our dedicated team of catechists. As we prepare for the year ahead, we're still looking for two aides to join us in this rewarding ministry. If you feel called to serve, reach out to MaryAnn at 412-922-6388, we'd love to have you on board!

Our Monday Night Faith Formation Program from 6:30pm to 7:45pm offers the following for children ages 3 years to 8th grade:

1. One adult per 6 children
2. Music and activities to encourage their faith experience
3. Family Nights with dinner each month
4. Special events such as Advent Festival, Mardi Gras and Ice-Cream Social.
5. Prayer experiences for children of all ages
6. Retreats and field trips for sacramental years

PRESCHOOL FAITH FORMATION: Saint Philip's Faith Formation Program for children ages 3, 4 and Kindergarteners is held Monday evenings from 6:30pm to 7:45pm and features:

- Group activities for 3 and 4 year old children,
- Uses alphabet, colors, shapes and numbers in learning the faith,
- Helps young children learn prayerful practices,
- Provides family dinners once per month followed by learning activities for the entire family,
- Provides the opportunity for parents to share with one another,
- Social events include festivals, Mardi Gras and ice cream gatherings.

If you would like your child to participate in either our preschool program or school-age program beginning this September, please call 412-922-6388 for a registration form.

TEENS, EARN SERVICE CREDIT WHILE MAKING A DIFFERENCE: We're looking for high school students to join us for service, fun, and fellowship, meeting a few times a year and participating in a summer service camp in June 2026. We also need mentors to support children with special needs on Monday evenings throughout the school year. Great experience for anyone interested in teaching or social work! To get involved, contact MaryAnn in the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.



YOUNG ADULTS WITH FAMILIES:

We are planning an evening for adults 20-40 years of age with young children. This evening would include refreshments and an opportunity to meet and greet. Please call 412-922-6388 for more information.

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

KITCHEN TABLE MINISTRY EVENTS: Join us for Drop-In Sunday on August 3 after the 9:30am Mass in Ascension Church Conner Hall. Enjoy Better-Maid donuts, blood pressure checks, great conversation, and wellness resources. Then don't miss our Free Movie Night with Family Life Ministry on Tuesday, July 15 at 6:30pm, also in Conner Hall. Enjoy ice cream treats, snacks, and a family friendly movie. Bring a friend and enjoy the fun!

SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Each image is a testament to God's presence in our midst with young hearts growing in faith, minds opening to His Word, and moments of fellowship that reflect the love of Christ. Our program continues to nurture discipleship and build a community rooted in grace, joy, and devotion. May these glimpses inspire gratitude for the Spirit at work among us!

If you would like to register your child for Monday Night Faith Formation, please call 412-922-6388 for a registration form or check out our website.





















Saint Philip Parish
PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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

Ministries & Societies

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

This past week, like many weeks, we assisted multiple people who were behind in their electric bill, some of whom were facing shutoff. No one should ever be without electricity, especially in the high temperatures that we have been experiencing. That is why it is important to take advantage of all available programs if you find yourself struggling to pay your electric bill.

In the June 29 bulletin, we discussed the Duquesne Light Customer Assistance Program, or CAP, which provides year-round savings for eligible households by providing bill discounts and forgiveness of delinquent balances. In order to learn more or apply for Duquesne Light's CAP, apply online at https://duquesnelight.com/account-billing/payment-assistance/-customer-assistance-program/cap-application, or reach out to a local CAP agency office, such as the Holy Family Institute located at 19 May Avenue, McKees Rocks, PA 15136. The phone number for the Holy Family Institute is 412-331-8665. We are familiar with the work of the Holy Family Institute – they are very helpful!

The Dollar Energy Fund still has funds available and is open to anyone, regardless of whether your account is delinquent. You just need to have a minimum account balance of $100.

In order to qualify for a Dollar Energy grant, you must meet certain income guidelines ($2,608/month for a household of one; $3,525/month for a household of two; $4,442/month for a household of three; $5,358/month for a household of four) and you must have made at least one good-faith payment of $150 ($100 if you are age 62 or older) or three CAP payments within the last 90 days. The maximum grant amount is $600.

To find out if you qualify and to apply, you must go through one of Dollar Energy's partner agencies. Two local options are the Holy Family Institute (referenced above), and the Salvation Army located at 39 W. Main Street in Carnegie. The Salvation Army's phone number is 412-276-4757. For more information regarding other utility providers that participate in the Dollar Energy Fund, please visit: www.dollarenergy.org/need-help/pennsylvania

We are looking for donations of window air conditioners in good, working condition to help our friends in need stay cool this summer. If you have a unit 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 to arrange a pickup or dropoff.

Over the past week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a woman with $520 toward her rent; a single mother was given $150 toward her electric bill; a woman was assisted with $226 to avoid an electric shutoff; a single mother was given $395 to prevent an electric shutoff; a woman was given a window air conditioner; and two families were given an emergency food delivery. Thank you!

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.

Guardian Angel Academy

One of the South Region Catholic Elementary Schools (SRCES)

GUARDIAN ANGEL FUND

At Guardian Angel Academy, our mission is to make a meaningful difference in every child who attends our school—academically, socially, and most importantly, spiritually. With the help of donations from our supporters, we can continue to provide a quality Catholic education for families who may otherwise not be able to afford it.

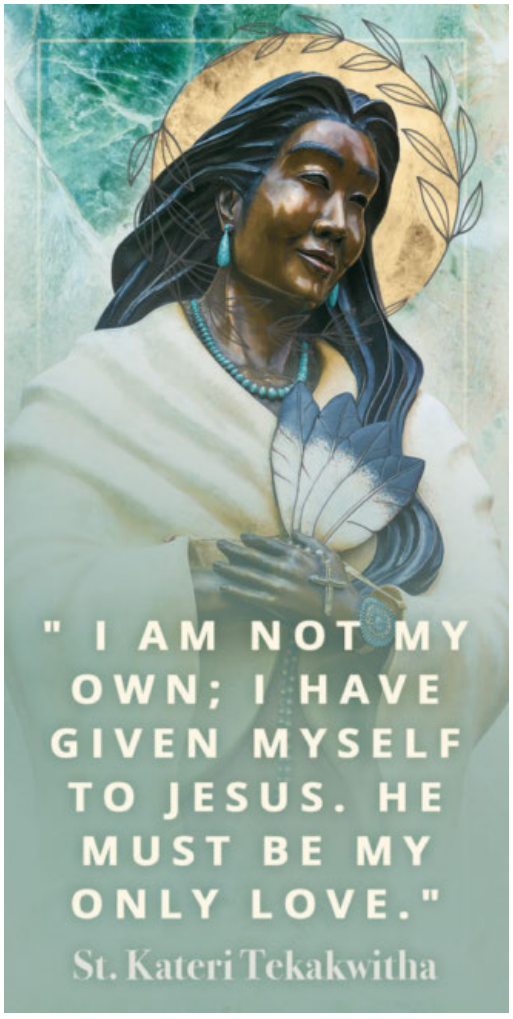
Your donation will be placed into our Guardian Angel Fund and will assist families in need. Every year, we are able to help several families who fall on financial hardships. You may also sponsor a child.

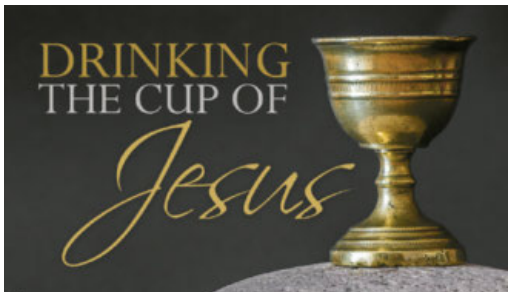
Our tuition rate is $4,800.00 for one child. Your donation is tax deductible. An acknowledgment letter of your contribution to Guardian Angel Academy will be provided for tax purposes.

If you have any questions on how you can sponsor a child or about making a donation to our Guardian Angel Fund, please call me at school at 412-922-4765 or write me via email at rmunz@guardianangelacademy.org.

Thanks again for your generous support of Guardian Angel Academy—it is greatly appreciated!









Around the Diocese and Community

TIMELESS TREASURES FLEA MARKET

The Labouré Ladies Guild of St. Catherine Labouré Parish will hold its annual flea market "Timeless Treasures" on **Friday, July 18 from 9:00am to 5:00pm and Saturday, July 19 from 9:00am to 1:00pm** in the LeGras Parish Center (lower level) of St. Louise DeMarillac Church, 320 McMurray Road, Upper St. Clair.

Sale items will include jewelry, decorative items, knick knacks, kitchen items, linens, tools, books, toys, small pieces of furniture, gently used children's clothing to size 6 and much more. There will also be a boutique offering better items. No strollers will be permitted in LeGras during the sale.

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS RETREAT CENTER

Two upcoming spiritual gatherings at St. Paul: **A Quiet Time with God** overnight retreat on July 24-25 (5:00pm to 3:00pm), offering prayer, confession, reflection, meals, and Liturgy ($175 per person), and on Tuesday, August 12 (10:00am to 2:00pm), **Standing in the Shadow of the Cross**: 9/11 Reflections from a Law Enforcement Chaplain with Father Joe McCaffery, featuring Mass, prayer, lunch, and reflection ($40 per person). To register, call 412-381-7676 or email stpaulcpa@cpprov.org.

OLSH SUMMER "CREATION CAMP"

From July 21 to 25, children entering grades K-3 are invited to join OLSH theology teachers and Campus Ministry students for a fun and faith-filled journey through the story of Creation. Camp will run from 9:00am to 12:00pm each day and will include art projects, activities, outdoor play, and prayer. To learn more and register, visit www.olsh.org/summer.



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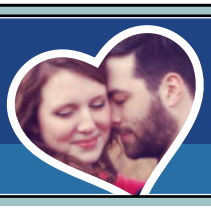

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