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### 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  
Ms. Maureen Takach, Administrative Assistant  
Ms. Linda Bey, Faith Formation Secretary  
Ms. Denise Ball, Faith Formation Staff  
Mr. Richard Hufnagel, Maintenance  
Mr. Thomas Dembecki, Maintenance

### PRIESTS IN RESIDENCE

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

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Benjamin Bannon, Robert Bertocchi,  
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### CRISIS SUPPORT/SUICIDE PREVENTION

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

# Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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



*Week of July 27, 2025*

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY**  
*in Ordinary Time*

### 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, JULY 26 — SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Doris L. Plouy	Joan & Ed Goyke
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Captain Jason West	Dee West
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Deceased of the Coleman, Massaro & Winkler Families	Family
<b>SUNDAY, JULY 27 — SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Michael V. Ference	Beth Ayres
Ascension	9:30am	Anita L. McNabb	McNabb Family
Saint Philip	11:00am	Santo Rea	Wife & Family
<b>MONDAY, JULY 28 — WEEKDAY</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Steve Zamiska	Nancy Canino
<b>TUESDAY, JULY 29 — SAINTS MARTHA, MARY, AND LAZARUS</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Katie Fazio	Husband, Timothy Fazio and Family
<b>WEDNESDAY, JULY 30 — SAINT PETER CHRYSOLOGUS, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	In Thanksgiving for My Husband's Health	Pat Igwe
<b>THURSDAY, JULY 31 — SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Patty McDermott	David
<b>FRIDAY, AUGUST 1 — SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	David Herman	A Friend
<b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 2 — BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of Saint Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Bill & Carol Solt	Family
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Rev. Walter Sobon	Diana Miller
<b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 — EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>			
Sain Philip	7:00am	Iafrate & Rea Families	Sylvia Rea & Family
Ascension	9:30am	Raymond Best	Terry Best
Saint Philip	11:00am	Agnes Peretti	Mark Schmidt
<b>BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:</b> Should be submitted to <a href="mailto:m.takach@saintphilipparish.com">m.takach@saintphilipparish.com</a> no later than 12:00pm on Friday to be included in the following week's bulletin.			





## Notes from the Pastor

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

Grateful for our blessings

**This Sunday's Gospel passage from Luke is a wonderful assurance from Jesus** that our prayers are heard by God the Father and that, in His generosity, we will receive goodness and blessings from God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As His disciples, Jesus indeed encourages us to make our requests of God in our prayers and to trust in the goodness that will be shared with us.

**Every time we pray "The Lord's Prayer" which we hear in today's Gospel - the version in Luke's Gospel** - we pray for our daily bread essential to life - as well as for the mercy and forgiveness that are so important to our salvation. Jesus Himself gives us this most important prayer which presents our petitions to the Lord each time we pray the "Our Father."

**However, before we ask for more - before we ask for additional blessings** - I hope that each of us will first recognize the extraordinary blessings that we have already received. From our very beginning, we've been given the amazing and sacred gift of life. We have each received parents and a family. We've been given a home, an upbringing, protection, an education, daily goodness, and hopefully love from our families and from the Lord.

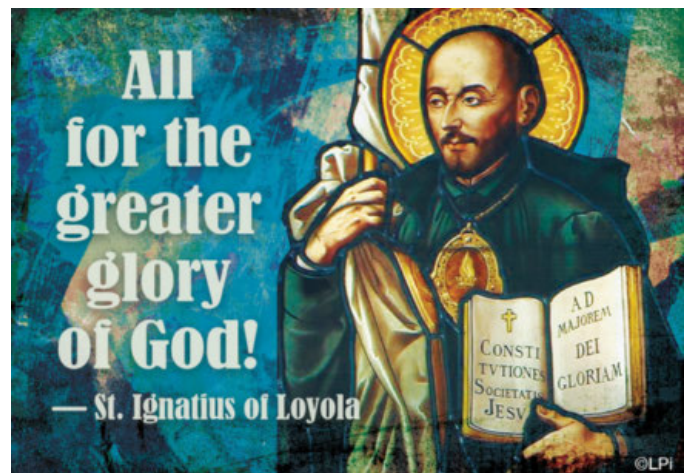
**While we always need more - and we always want more** - it's very important to recognize just how much we've already received in this life. Of course, this life is not - and never will be - perfect. Every person's life has its difficulties and disappointments and sadness, but I hope that this lifetime has also been a blessing for all of us and our families.

**Again**, it's good to offer our requests to the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit, **but first recall and give thanks for the life and blessings that you and your family have received throughout the years.** Give daily thanks and praise to God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit for the goodness that you have received and continue to receive. Before asking for even more, remember how much you've already received - and give thanks to God for the life, faith, and grace that you and all of us receive every day of our lives!

Best wishes for this Sunday!

**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





# Correcting a mistake ...

As you know, the *Pittsburgh Catholic Magazine* published a special issue for the Installation of our new diocesan Bishop, the Most Reverend Mark Eckman, DD. Unfortunately, the message submitted by Father Jim Torquato was NOT correctly inserted into the magazine by the Faith Catholic Publishing Group in Michigan. In its place, the staff in Michigan created a generic message that was printed in the magazine in the name of our parish. Our pastor quickly brought this mistake to the attention of diocesan staff when it was discovered in the printed magazine. Apologies have been received, and the payment from Saint Philip Parish for this message will be refunded because of the mistake.

Below is the actual parish message which Father Torquato wished to share with Bishop Mark Eckman and the Diocese in the name of Saint Philip Parish. Father Jim truly regrets the disappearance of his submitted parish message during the publication process.

## *Congratulations & Many Blessings*

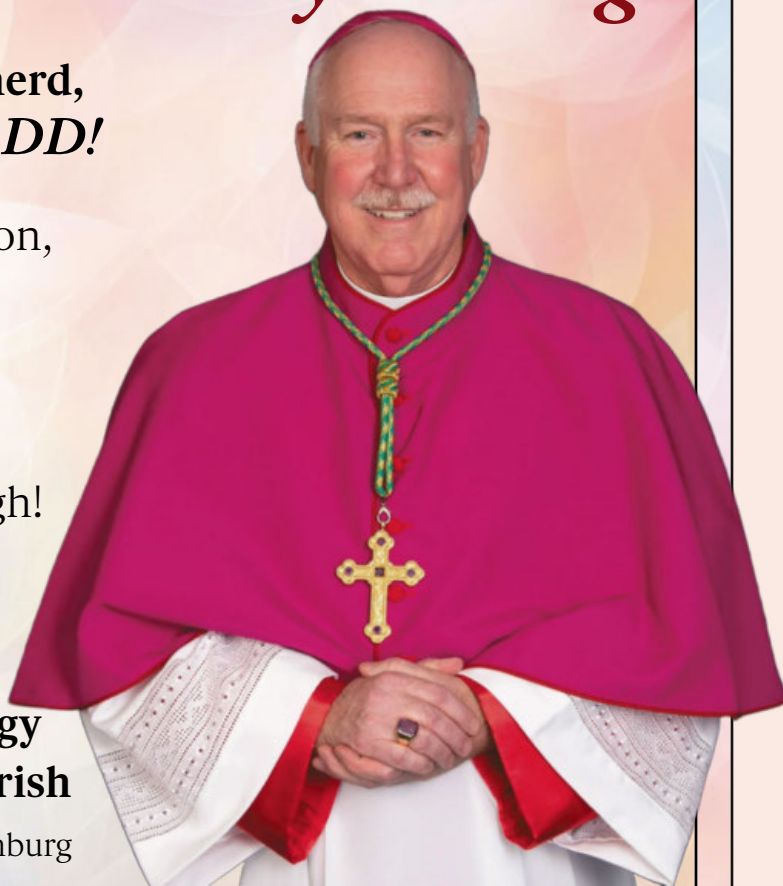
**to our new Diocesan Shepherd,  
*Bishop Mark A. Eckman, DD!***

May God the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit  
guide and sustain you  
in your ministry  
as leader and servant  
of the Church of Pittsburgh!

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**The community and clergy  
of Saint Philip Catholic Parish**

Pittsburgh, Crafton, Ingram & Thornburg

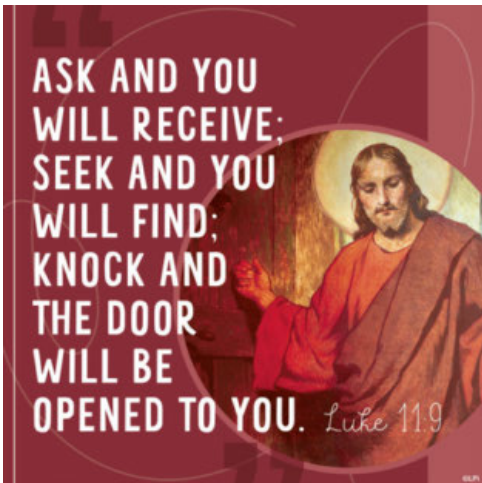
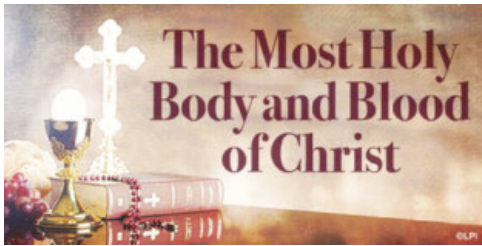




**Sunday, July 27**  
Genesis 18:20-32;  
Colossians 2:12-14;  
Luke 11: 1-13

**Weekdays**  
Exodus 32-40;  
Matthew 13-14

**Sunday, August 3**  
Ecclesiastes 2:21-23;  
Colossians 3:1-11;  
Luke 12: 13-21



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

— ✦ —  
Your goodness and participation help to keep our parish alive!

## FINANCIAL REPORT OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collections & mail-in, July 19-20	-- \$8,502.50
Online donations, July 19-20	-- \$1,705.00
Maintenance donations	-- \$84.00
Religious Education donations	-- \$741.50

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year	-- \$858,415.50
Parish offertory received since July 1, 2025	-- \$51,143.36
Parish fundraising since July 1, 2025	-- \$0
Estate gifts received since July 1, 2025	-- \$0
General donations since July 1, 2025	-- \$800.00

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 19-20	-- 606		
Sunday envelopes used July 19-20	-- 253		
Total households receiving envelopes	-- 1,052		

2025 Parish Appeal Goal	-- \$126,559.50
Parish Appeal received as of July 20	-- \$122,670.71
2025 Parish Appeal Donors	-- 303

### *Grateful for your increased support!*

**During our *Forward in Faith!* Increased Offertory Appeal**, many of our parish families pledged a commitment to increase your weekly and monthly financial support for our parish community! Thank you for your dedication to Saint Philip Parish now and in the next generation.

**Your increased contributions** have been most helpful in the funding of our parish operations and in keeping our budget balanced. Should anyone need a reminder of the amount that you pledged, please contact our parish during weekly office hours.

**Once again, thank you all for your support** of our Catholic parish community - and for your dedication to and support of Saint Philip Parish today and in the years ahead.





# Parish News

## ENSURING SAFETY ON OUR PARISH PROPERTIES

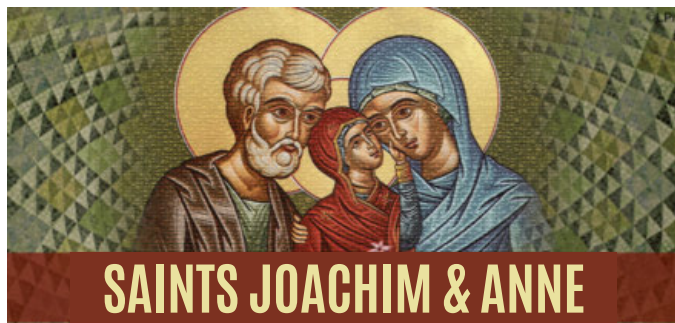
During the severe storms of May and June, a number of the old trees on the Saint Philip campus were damaged. Having taken a close look at all the trees on the property, it was determined by experts that a tree in front of Saint Philip church will soon prove to be a safety hazard due to its very large and dead branches.

To prevent the tree or its limbs from falling onto pedestrians or onto automobiles, this dying tree will soon be removed from the Saint Philip property. As every property owner and manager knows, to ensure public safety, trees must be tended to regularly as they grow older and taller.



## EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND ADORATION

On **Saturday, August 2, from 8:30am until 9:30am**, our parish will hold our monthly prayer and thanksgiving in the presence of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to attend and to participate in this time of prayer, silence, and adoration in order to give honor and thanks to Jesus. This is also a time to deepen your love for and your closeness to Jesus present in the Eucharist!



## CELEBRATING GRANDPARENTS

July 26 was the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Virgin Mary. We offer the following prayer for Grandparents:

Dear God, please bless all grandparents.  
Thank you for the life they gave to parents  
and for the life, they give to their  
grandchildren.

For the ways grandparents help  
grandchildren grow in your image,  
we give thanks

For the ways they love grandchildren no  
matter what, we rejoice

For the ways they have paved the road  
that leads to the future, we are grateful

Let our grandparents grow in wisdom  
and joy in life.

Let them find peace and rest from work.

Let them be healed of every sickness  
and pain.

And let them see with their own eyes  
your glory and the love of their children  
and grandchildren.

Bless them until they come to rest in  
you. Amen.

# Welcome

## TO THIS YEAR'S AUGUST 2-3 MISSION VISITOR, SISTER INVOLATA KESSY, SHS



Each year, every parish in the United States is asked to welcome a member of a Catholic missionary community to speak to our members regarding their work to share the Good news and to grow the Kingdom of God.

In addition to speaking at our Liturgies, a second collection is taken to help fund the efforts of this particular Catholic community.

Next weekend, August 2-3, we will welcome Holy Spirit Sister Inviolata Kessy, SHS, from Tanzania in East Africa. This African Catholic religious order, the Sisters of the Holy Spirit, was established in 1964 in Tanzania and is now an international community. Their charism is to educate and to care for the poor and those on the margins of society. The Sisters serve in a number of African nations as well as in the United States and other countries.

In a number of African locations, the Sisters serve many orphans whose parents died due to illness as well as grandparents whose daughters and sons - having succumbed to deadly illnesses - have left the elderly grandparents the responsibility for their grandchildren. As we also know full well here in the United States, this societal issue presents incredible challenges for senior citizens.

The Holy Spirit Sisters in Africa are asking our help to continue work on their planned nursing homes and assisted living centers to care for grandparents and the elderly. They are also committed to caring for orphans and giving Catholic education to many young children too. Visit [www.theholyspiritsisters.org](http://www.theholyspiritsisters.org).

Again, NEXT weekend, August 2-3, we will welcome Sister Inviolata Kessy, SHS to Saint Philip Parish and to all of our Liturgies. A second collection will be taken at each Liturgy to help support the Holy Spirit Sisters in Africa. Please make any checks payable to Saint Philip Parish or donate online at [www.theholyspiritsisters.org](http://www.theholyspiritsisters.org).

Thank you for your parish hospitality - and for your financial support of the Holy Spirit Sisters and their important missionary work of sharing the Gospel and our life in the Lord with the elderly and with orphans!

## Rest in Peace

We offer our sympathy to the family of **Jean E. Holler** who entered into eternal life. Jean was the Faith Formation Director of the former Guardian Angels and Holy Innocents Parishes. Please keep her in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

## Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns *in Loving Memory of the Bird, Favero, Fico & Morris Families*  
Offered by Family

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *in Loving Memory of the Living & Deceased Members of the Weigand Families*  
Offered by Sister Betty

## ADVERTISER of the Week

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FUNERAL HOME**

*Thank you for helping to underwrite the production of our weekly Parish Bulletin.*

## DONATE ONLINE

### Make donating easy!

Your regular online contributions to Saint Philip Parish are encouraged and always welcome!

You can send your weekly donations through our *We Share!* internet service at [www.wesharegiving.org/app/giving/saintphilipchurch](http://www.wesharegiving.org/app/giving/saintphilipchurch)





# Faith Formation

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

**REFLECTIONS FROM MARYANN:** We have been blessed as we continue this Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year at Saint Philip Parish. We see the wonderful ministries of Gardening, Kitchen Table, Saint Vincent de Paul and Our Ladies of Charity continuing to flourish. We prepare with great anticipation for the new ministries to include Baptism Family Gatherings, High School Programs and Seasonal Catholic Book Clubs.

We look forward to growth in our Faith Formation Program to include a middle school EDGE format and opportunities for service in Fifth through Eighth grade. Our Sacramental Programs, Small Faith Groups, Men's Group, Retreat Weekends, OCIA, and Music Ministry continue to enlighten the faith and we look forward to the opportunities provided by our Adult Faith Formation in the Fall, Winter and Spring.

But how can we continue to be *Pilgrims of Hope*? How can we continue to grow and share the love of Jesus Christ with others? In an adaptation toward Hope of Every Year is a Year of Faith from 5 things with Father Bill, I might suggest the following:

**1. REMEMBER.** Most of us don't remember our Baptism, but we should remind ourselves from time to time that we are baptized. If we call ourselves Catholics, we believe that Jesus is the Son of God, sent to redeem the world and show us the love of the Father. Jesus gives us the command to "Love One Another."

**2. LEARN.** When Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6), He does not say that He's "a way" or "a truth" or "a life." We have to learn why His message is The message, the secret to happiness, and not just one gate among many to enter the Kingdom of God. Participate in the Liturgy each week. Attend one of the many Faith Formation offerings throughout the year. You will be glad you did.

**3. PRAY.** Mother Teresa once said, "When we look at the cross, we know how much Jesus loved us. When we look at the tabernacle, we know how much Jesus loves us now." In the Eucharist, Jesus is truly present body, blood, soul, and divinity. So if you want to deepen your faith, get in touch with Jesus.

**4. SERVE.** In his letter, St. James asks, "What good is it, if someone says he has faith, but does not have works?" Yikes, that means Mass alone does not cut it. Time to look in the bulletin and see what service opportunities there are. Help out Saint Vincent de Paul or the Ladies of Charity. Make food for the poor or homebound, visit the sick, or sign up for a holy hour to pray for the needs of others. It's all good; just pick one and give it a try.

**5. SHARE.** If a movie star or famous athlete showed up on your doorstep wanting to meet you, wouldn't you tell someone about it? How about if God came to meet you? Well, He did and does. He is in the Church. He is in the Eucharist at Mass, in our prayer with Scripture and in our neighbor who needs us. It would be a pity if someone did not get to meet Him because I never said anything. It won't be a *Year of Hope* if you don't tell anyone.

GOD IS GOOD  
*all the time*

**CONFIRMATION PREP:** Applications for 2025-2026 have been mailed to all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in Faith Formation and Guardian Angel Academy. If you didn't receive one, contact the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

Preparation for Spring 2026 Confirmation begins in September. High school students and adults interested in receiving the Sacrament may also contact the office. Sessions are tailored to meet individual needs.

**FAITH FORMATION 2025-2026:** Sessions begin Monday, September 22. Registration forms will be mailed in August. To enroll your school-age child, call 412-922-6388.

New and continuing features include:

- Adapted EDGE sessions for grades 6-8 with prayer, discussion, retreats, and service
- Service opportunities for grade 5
- Sessions for students with special needs
- Family Nights with dinner and seasonal celebrations
- Prayer experiences for preschool through grade 8
- Sacrament preparation opportunities
- Parent learning and sharing sessions

**PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN:** Our Monday evening program (6:30pm to 7:45pm) for ages 3-4 and Kindergarten includes:

- Faith-based learning using colors, shapes, and numbers
- Prayer practices and group activities
- Monthly family dinners with learning and social time
- Celebrations like Mardi Gras and Ice Cream Festivals

To register, call the Office of Faith Formation.

**BAPTISM & SPONSORS:** Parents seeking Baptism for their child may call the Office of Faith Formation. A special class is available for first-time parents.

If you may have been asked to be a Godparent and haven't been Confirmed, we offer adapted sessions beginning this fall.

#### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEENS:**

- **Need First Eucharist or Confirmation?**  
Contact the office. These sessions are designed specifically for high school students.
- **Service & Fellowship:** Join our teen group for four gatherings per year plus a summer service camp in June 2026.
- **Mentorships:** Help children with special needs in Faith Formation on Monday evenings. Great for those considering careers in teaching or social work.

To get involved or earn service credit, contact MaryAnn 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.

**GARDEN MINISTRY:** Special help needed **Friday, August 1** from 9:00am to 10:00am. Call 412-922-6388 to sign up. Help weed the Saint Philip church campus for 30-60 minutes every 7-10 days, or just once! High school students and Confirmation candidates can earn service hours.

**KITCHEN TABLE MINISTRY:** Join us for Drop-In Sunday on August 3 following the 9:30am Mass in Ascension Church Conner Hall! Enjoy Better-Maid donuts, free blood pressure screenings, meaningful conversations, and helpful wellness resources all in a warm and welcoming atmosphere.



Second Annual Summer



# Saint Philip Parish

# BARBECUE

**Sunday, August 24 | 1:00pm - 6:00pm**

This year, our expert parish staff members and parish volunteers will be doing the cooking for you and your family at Conner Hall on the Ascension campus, 114 Berry Street.

We'll offer both dine-in seating as well as take-out service. Come any time between 1:00pm and 6:00pm - we'll be ready to serve you!

**Each adult meal (\$20) will include:**

4 oz. pulled pork and bun, 4 oz. grilled chicken, and 1/3 rack of ribs, coleslaw, & garlic smashed redskin potatoes.

**Each children's meal (\$13) will include:**

2 chicken fingers, fries, Mac & cheese

**Beverages for dine-in include:** coffee, tea, lemonade, and water. A bake sale will be offered by our Bake Sale Brigade.

Please complete, detach, and return this form to the parish office or the collection basket (*with your check payable to Saint Philip Parish*) **BEFORE** Tuesday, August 19.

**Saint Philip Catholic Parish Barbecue Lunch or Dinner: Sunday, August 24**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Dine In \_\_\_\_\_ Take Out \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Adult dinners \_\_\_\_\_ (\$20 each)

Children's dinners \_\_\_\_\_ (\$13 each)  
(under 12 years old)

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Probable arrival time \_\_\_\_\_

# SAINT PHILIP PARISH PICNIC



**Ascension Campus** 2:00pm - 5:00pm  
**Food Served** 2:30pm - 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. Reservation deadline is September 22!***

If you plan to attend our Parish Picnic, make a reservation by filling out this form and putting it in the collection basket or calling 412-922-6388. Thank you!

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

# Children and ages: \_\_\_\_\_



## This year's Annual Parish Raffle

**Our Annual Parish Raffle** will take place in September with the prize drawing now scheduled for our Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 28 in Conner Hall at Ascension.

**Our Annual Raffle** - along with the Parish Lenten Fish Fry dinners and other efforts - are essential for our parish operation so that we'll continue to have a balanced parish budget every year.

**Your participation in and support** of the Annual Parish Raffle will be greatly appreciated!

**The Raffle prizes** this year will include a \$2,500 First Prize, and then prizes of \$500, \$400, \$250, and \$100. This means that we'll have FIVE cash prizes this year - and five winners!

**The Raffle tickets will soon be sent** to all of our households. Your booklet contains 15 tickets as in past years, and the donation for each ticket is \$3.00.

**Please return your purchased and sold ticket stubs as soon as possible.** Keep the right side portion of each sold raffle ticket! The final deadline for returned sold tickets will be Sunday, September 28 prior to the 4:00pm drawing of the five prize winners.

**Again, thank you very much** for your continued support of - and appreciation for - our Saint Philip Parish community! Your help keeps our parish alive and vital!



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

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

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

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

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

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

Help support the voucher programs by shopping at or donating to our thrift stores! New or gently used clothing, shoes, and accessories (purses, scarves, etc.) can be placed in the blue bins at Hope House and behind Ascension, or donated directly to the stores.

- If bins are full, please do not leave items outside—they will be discarded.
- Household goods (pots, pans, lamps, towels) must be donated in-store—they’re not accepted in the bins.
- Store locations and hours: [svdppitt.org/stores/store-locations-directions](http://svdppitt.org/stores/store-locations-directions)
- The stores especially need household items right now!

Thank you for your continued support of the St. Philip Conference. Your generosity helps us serve those in need!

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Over the past week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a single mother with \$300 toward her security deposit; a man was assisted with \$250 toward his rent; a man was given a clothing voucher; a couple was assisted with \$350 to avoid a gas shutoff; a household of three were given clothing vouchers; a woman was assisted with \$71 to pay her phone bill; a woman was assisted with \$356 to rent a car until her car is repaired; a single mother was given \$408 to stop an electric shutoff; and a family was given \$140 for a two nights’ hotel stay. Thank you for continuing to support us in our mission!



Guardian Angel Academy

# Spaghetti Dinner

## Fundraiser

Help support the Guardian Angel Academy 8th grade class reach their fundraising goal. Proceeds will help to offset costs for their 8th grade class trip, Confirmation, and graduation expenses.

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- Bread/Dinner Roll
- Spaghetti with 2 Meatballs
- Dessert

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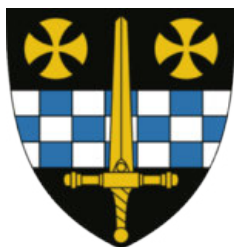
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- Salad
- Bread/Dinner Roll
- Smaller portion of Spaghetti with 1 Meatball
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# Around the Diocese and Community

## SAINT PAUL OF THE CROSS RETREAT CENTER

An upcoming spiritual gathering at Saint Paul of the Cross Retreat Center off 18<sup>th</sup> Street in the South Side: on Tuesday, August 12 (10:00am until 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](mailto:stpaulcpa@cpprov.org).

Saint Philip Men's Weekend Retreat will take place on September 19-21. The theme will be *Pray Always-Pray All Ways*. To register contact the Retreat Center at 412-381-7676 or email [stpaulcpa@cpprov.org](mailto:stpaulcpa@cpprov.org).

## SAINT ANTHONY CHAPEL VISITS

Saint Anthony Chapel in the Troy Hill neighborhood of the North Side is one of the most special churches in our diocese. Established in 1892, many local pilgrims visit the chapel every day of the year to see the 5000+ saints' relics held in 800 reliquaries contained in the chapel.

It is the largest collections of authentic saints' relics in the entire world outside of the Vatican. Information is available to visitors inside the chapel. Many visitors to Saint Anthony's also cherish the life size Stations of the Cross in the chapel - especially during the Season of Lent

Saint Anthony Chapel is located at 1704 Harpster Street, 15212, on Troy Hill. Hours are 12:00 noon to 3:00pm every day except Fridays.

A Catholic gift shop is also located across the street. Further information is available at the internet site [pghshrines.org](http://pghshrines.org).

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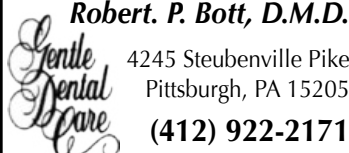
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