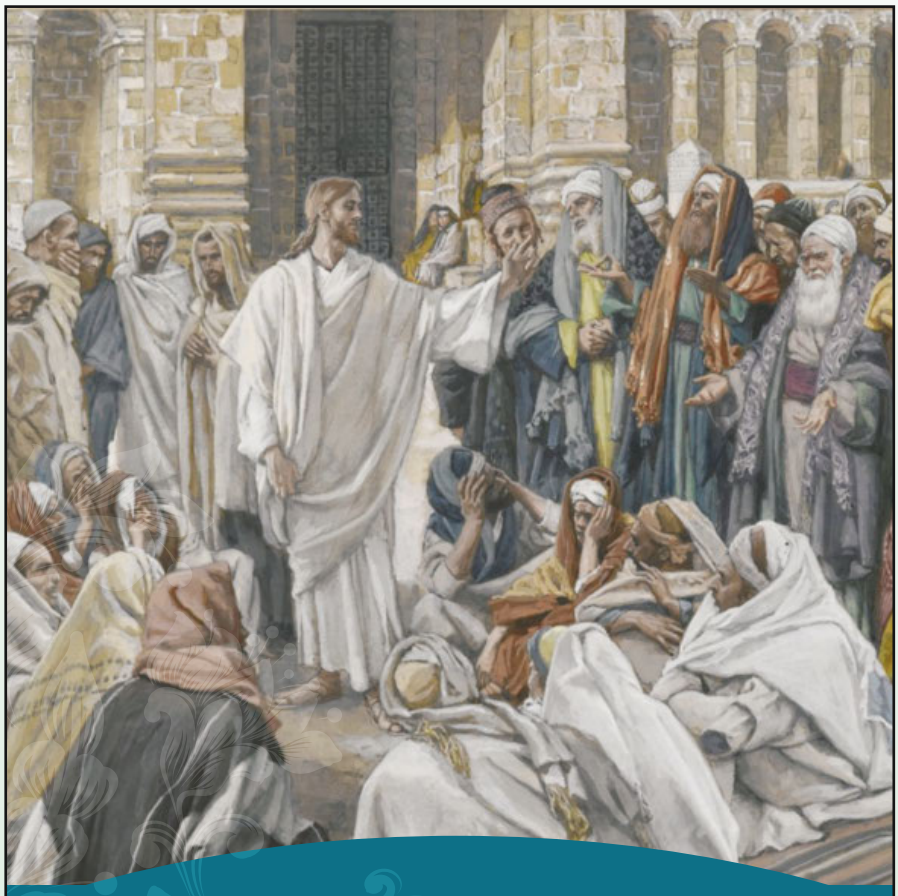
Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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



Week of August 3, 2025

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY *in Ordinary Time*

Saint Philip Catholic Parish is a Pennsylvania Charitable Trust.

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

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

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

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

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Website: **saintphilipparishpgh.com**
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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, AUGUST 2 — BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			
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
SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 — EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
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
MONDAY, AUGUST 4 — SAINT JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Special Intention of Richard Rogers	Sister, Pat
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5 — THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF ST. MARY MAJOR			
Ascension	8:00am	Dorothy Conroy	Conroy Family
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6 — THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Francis A. Dixon	Dixon Family
THURSDAY, AUGUST 7 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Robert F. Badish	Kathleen Badish
FRIDAY, AUGUST 8 — SAINT DOMINIC, PRIEST			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of Saint Philip Parish	
SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 — SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, VIRGIN AND MARTYR			
Ascension	8:00am	Nicholas Kulick	Daughter, Linda
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	John C. Sebesta	Family
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	J. Edward Brandimarti	Lillian Brandimarti
SUNDAY, AUGUST 10 — NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Jessie Budd	Hockey Friends of Paul
Ascension	9:30am	The Matt Family Grandchildren	Art & Nancy Matt
Saint Philip	11:00am	Edward Heigl	Peggy, Debby & Kathy

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: Should be submitted to m.takach@saintphilipparish.com 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!

How much does anyone need?

In recent generations, we've heard about our need – as Americans living in the Western world – **to reduce our consumption of all things**. The United Nations has stated that it's NOT the number of humans in the world that is a concern. More so, it's the overwhelming and greedy consumption that will ruin our future.

We're told by scientists and experts that we're consuming – gobbling up – the resources of our planet at a rate that is unsustainable and extraordinarily selfish. So many people in our world want more and more and more, and that demand will soon have a disastrous effect on humanity and on the entire world.

For some years now, we've been trying to reduce our consumption, to reuse items more than once, and to recycle what is recyclable. Many individuals, communities, and nations are making a good effort to consume less and to waste less. However, the selfishness and carelessness of so many people continues to be a serious problem and challenge even today.

Just when I thought that humanity was waking up to our worldwide crisis, it's clear that we have NOT learned the lesson that might rescue humanity and our world from future suffering – and even extinction. From what I see on the Internet, it seems that a great many people are NOT satisfied with the goodness that they already have. Every day, we see individuals, families, and corporations whose appetite for consumption is incredible, endless, and terribly dangerous.

In our own communities, our neighbors seem content with average, respectable homes. Yet, the mega rich demand larger and larger mansions and estates – like the aristocracy of past centuries. Most of us live according to responsible wants and purchases. Yet the well-to-do demand more and more luxury and self-indulgence. We see this among celebrities, political leaders, corporate executives, and so many extraordinarily selfish people in our world.

No one is able to explain to me why such wealth and luxury, extravagance and consumption are necessary for any person. Jesus makes a clear point in this Sunday's Gospel according to Luke that greed, worldliness, and selfishness benefit no one. In truth, any person who seeks to acquire the whole world will indeed end up losing their very soul. To seek wealth in human matters will easily lead to a loss of what is spiritual and divine and eternal.

Not only are individuals ruined by their avarice and greed. In fact, our entire world is being ruined irretrievably by the unstoppable consumption continued by so many in the Western world and, in fact, so many people living on the earth today.

Jesus calls us to make our life in God the treasure that we should seek to acquire. Growing rich in the grace and the life of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit is much better than anything else we might seek to possess. Deepening our life in the Kingdom of God – rather than acquiring more and more possessions and riches – is truly what's most important for each of us, for our society, for all the world, and for our salvation.

Best wishes for this Sunday and 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 during this Jubilee Holy Year and always! Amen!

Yours, Father Jim Torquato

FOURTH QUARTER REPORT FOR THE 2024-2025 PARISH FISCAL YEAR
provided by the Financial Staff of the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh

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(Quarter-4 2024/2025 Year to Date)

OPERATING REVENUE:	
Offertory Collections	909,836
Donations & Bequests	80,918
Fundraising	130,070
Campaign Income	13
Other Income	185,504
	1,306,341
OPERATING EXPENSE:	
Administration	376,499
Operations & Maintenance	268,522
Liturgical & Rectory	169,751
Religious Ed & C.A.R.E.S.	136,249
Property & Liability Insurance	61,258
Social/ Outreach/ Other	4,607
	1,016,886
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	**289,455**
NON-OPERATING ITEMS:	
Extraordinary Maintenance Expense	(22,720)
Net Third Party Collections	(5,471)
Proceeds from Insurance Claim (Net)	10,825
	(17,366)

FEATURED ASSETS and LIABILITIES at 6/30/2025

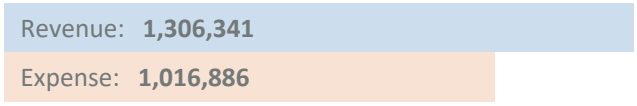
ASSETS:	
Unrestricted Funds:	
Cash	147,176
Deposit & Loan Operating Savings	1,364,867
	1,512,043
Restricted Funds:	
Deposit & Loan Restricted Savings	29,381
Deposit & Loan Restricted Campaign	1,308
Parish Endowment Investment	40,985
Other Investments	415
	72,089
LIABILITIES:	
Insurance Past Due	-
Deposit & Loan Borrowing Debt	-
Other Payables	-
	-

Our Diocesan Administration sent this Fiscal Year Report for inclusion in the bulletin.

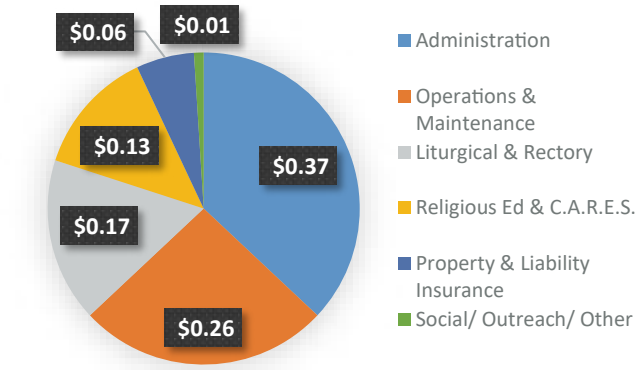
Our Operating Surplus was boosted by a total of $154,174 received in 2025 from the from the Federal Government's National Payroll Protection Program that was instituted during the 2020-2022 Pandemic years.

Thank you very much to our contributors and members!

Revenue vs. Expense for 7-1-2024 thru 6-30-2025



How each Expense Dollar Supports the Parish



Line items include but are not limited to:

Offertory Collections: Offertory, Parish Appeal
Campaign Income: Capital Imp., Debt Reduction, etc.
Other Income: Interest Income, Hall Rentals, Votive
Administration: Staff, Supplies, Management Fee
Operations & Maintenance:
Staff, Church Utilities, Upkeep, Taxes, Supplies
Religious Ed & C.A.R.E.S.: Staff, Supplies, CCD, Adult Ed, RCIA, Catholic Assistance for Regional Elem Schools
Liturgical & Rectory: Staff, Worship, Rectory Upkeep
Social/Outreach/Other:
Youth, Community, Net Rental Property, Preschool
Extraordinary Maintenance Expense: > $4,000
Net 3rd Party Collections: e.g. Holy Land, Peter's Pence



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

Weekdays
Numbers 11-20;
Matthew 14-17

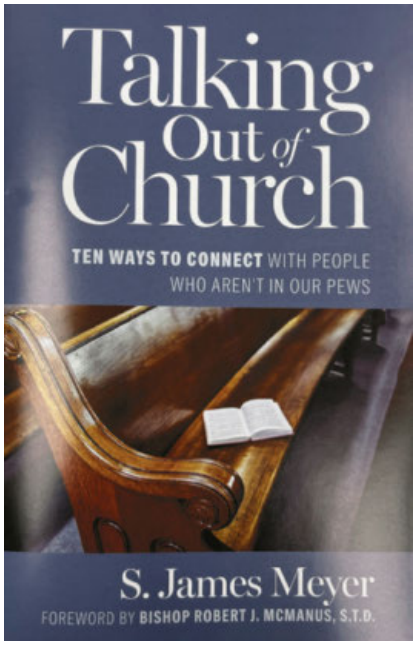
Sunday, August 10
Wisdom 18:6-9;
Hebrews 11:1-19;
Luke 12: 32-48

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 26-27**	-- $9,111.13
Online donations, July 26-27	-- $2,030.00
Maintenance donations	-- $1,396.50
Religious Education donations	-- $177.00
Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year	-- $858,415.50
Parish offertory received since July 1, 2025	-- $63,857.99
Parish fundraising since July 1, 2025	-- $0
Estate gifts received since July 1, 2025	-- $0
General donations since July 1, 2025	-- $950.00
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 26-27	-- 706
Sunday envelopes used July 26-27	-- 239
Total households receiving envelopes	-- 1,052
2025 Parish Appeal Goal	-- $126,559.50
Parish Appeal received as of July 28	-- $126,010.16
2025 Parish Appeal Donors	-- 309



Leading family and friends back to Jesus and His people

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

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

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. Taking 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 be a safety hazard due to its numerous and large 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, trees must be tended to regularly as they grow older and taller.





BARBECUE BAKE SALE: CALLING ALL BAKERS!

We're once again counting on your delicious generosity to make the Barbecue Bake Sale a sweet success! **Bring your favorite baked goods to Conner Hall after the 5:30pm and 9:30am Masses on August 23-24**.

Thank you truly for always showing up and sharing your gifts. See you at the Barbecue!

YOUNG FAMILIES GATHERING

Calling all adults ages 20-40 with little ones! We're planning a casual evening of connection with light refreshments and a chance to meet others. Reach out to the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388 for more info or to RSVP.

ST. PHILIP PARISH MEN'S RETREAT

The Men's Retreat for Saint Philip Parish will be held at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center, Southside, from **Friday, September 19 through Sunday, September 21**. The Retreat begins with Mass at 5:30pm on Friday and ends with the 11:00am Liturgy on Sunday. Please call Joe Hoover at 412-310-6691 or Al Bannon at 412-853-1341 for questions or more information.



Marriage Blessings

HOLY MATRIMONY

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to **Michael R. Frankowski** and **Jillian E. Mitsch** who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage at St. Philip Parish on July 25, 2025. May God bless them as they begin their lives together.

Welcome



TO THIS YEAR'S AUGUST 2-3 MISSION VISITOR, SISTER INVIOLATA 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.

This weekend, August 2-3, we 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.

Again, THIS 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 at 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 **William Stone** who entered into eternal life. Please keep him in your prayers.

Sanctuary Lamp

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

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *in Loving Memory of Sister Mary Dolores Fauth & Sister Audrey Sagan, CDP*
Offered by Ruth E. Rittler

ADVERTISER of the Week

BRAVO ITALIAN KITCHEN

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**.

Faith Formation

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

REFLECTIONS FROM MARYANN: At age 60 spiritual writer Joyce Rupp began a 37 day pilgrimage along the Camino De Santiago in northern Spain to the grave and church dedicated to Saint James, the Apostle. In her book, Walk In A Relaxed Manner, Joyce Rupp reflects on what it means to be a pilgrim and life lessons learned. In this and future bulletins will be some of the insights from that book in hopes that we may reflect upon what it means for us at Saint Philip Parish to be *"Pilgrims of Hope."*

"It sounds so romantic: become a pilgrim. Before I walked the Camino, I read numerous stories about pilgrims of various religions who set out to walk toward a sacred center. Each pilgrimage told of experiencing hardship and deprivation while also discovering spiritual growth along the way. Every story sounded both exciting and rewarding. Once I began my own pilgrimage, however, I quickly learned it's one thing to read about being a pilgrim and quite another to actually become one.

There were continual reminders along the Camino of what being a pilgrim entailed. Each one pointed out a different aspect. On September 21, I read this note in the kitchen of the refugio at Villalcazar de Sirga. It was written in four languages:

Pilgrim, welcome. Make yourself at home. Take care of everything as if it were your own. Help to keep things clean and tidy. Think of those who will come after you and make them feel grateful. A pilgrim is a simple, sensitive, and very thankful person. See to it that you get your well-deserved rest. Your place should be vacant by half past eight in the morning.

Another of these reminders presented itself along the route when we were walking to Najera. We rested in a pretty garden with benches. Across from us, someone wrote a poem in Spanish in large letters on a concrete wall. *"Pilgrim,"* it said, *"what attracts you to the road?"* Each one travels the path for his or her own reasons.

- After reading this passage, what attracts you to be a *"Pilgrim of Hope"*?
- What about the passage strikes you for further reflection?
- What do you think it means to be a *Pilgrim of Hope* in the Saint Philip Parish Community?

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Classroom Aides Needed

We're still looking for a few kind-hearted volunteers to assist in classrooms with our youngest learners. If you feel called to support this ministry, we'd love to hear from you, reach out to the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

Registration Update

Faith Formation registration letters are being mailed this week. If you haven't received yours and would like to enroll your child, please contact us and we'll be happy to help get you set up.

BAPTISM AND CHRISTIAN INITIATION

For Young Children

If your child is age 3 or older and you're interested in Baptism, please contact the Office of Faith Formation. Children age 6 and older are invited to prepare for the Sacrament by enrolling in our Faith Formation Program.

For Infants

Baptism is the foundation of our faith and welcomes us into the Body of Christ. If you're seeking Baptism for your child, we offer a preparation class for first-time parents. Contact our office for details at 412-922-6388.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEENS

Faith, Fellowship & Summer Fun

We're gathering a group of high school teens interested in faith, service, and connection. Participants will meet four times a year for fellowship and serve in our community during Summer 2026 through trips and activities. Call now to be added to the interest list!

Support Our Special Needs Program

We're especially in need of compassionate high school students to serve as mentors for children with special needs in our program. It's a rewarding opportunity, perfect for anyone considering a career in education or social work. Weekly commitment is Monday evenings. Service credit is available!



SAINT PHILIP PARISH FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Join us Monday evenings
from 6:30pm to 7:45pm
on the Saint Philip campus

We will accommodate individual needs and schedules. To register, call 412-922-6388.

Our Program Features:

- Program for children 3 years of age through 8th grade
- Early Childhood Program with early learning activities and fun
- Program for First Eucharist that include hands-on experiences, activities and Children's Liturgies
- Programs for Confirmation that include retreat experiences, speakers, service opportunities, social activities, field trips and more
- Family Days to include fun activities such as Advent festivals, Game Night, Mardi Gras and ice cream socials
- New Online Program for at home catechesis due to sports for up to 3-weeks.
- Opportunities for prayer experiences, service, and confession
- Programs for parents with topics of special interest to young families
- Program for children with special needs and their families

Second Annual Summer

Featuring our **Bakery Brigade**

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 mean 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!

Ministries & Societies

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

Over the next two weeks, there will be two special opportunities for you to help us continue to help our friends in need.

On August 5, donations made to our St. Vincent de Paul Conference through pittsburghgives.org can earn matching funds from a $500,000 pool, thanks to the Pittsburgh Foundation's *One Day Critical Needs Alert*. Last year, your generosity brought in over $3,400 in matching funds! This year, we're no longer limited to food pantry support - your gift can help with rent, utilities, mortgage payments, and other essentials that allow our neighbors to stay safely in their homes. It's a great chance to make your impact go even further.

To support our St. Vincent de Paul Conference during the One Day Critical Needs Alert, visit www.pittsburghgives.org/organization/SaintPhilipSVdP **between 8:00am and 11:59pm on Tuesday, August 5**. Donations must be made by credit or debit card. Matching funds apply to the first $1,000 of an individual's gift per organization. For more details or to explore other participating nonprofits, visit the Pittsburgh Gives website.

The second event, which will occur August 16 and 17, is our *Sixth Annual Summer Food Drive*. Like the last five years, we will be offering opportunities for you to donate non-perishable food items at each Mass and during a drive-through event in the Wolbert Auto Repair parking lot. Be sure to check next week's bulletin for details!

Over the past week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a man with $332 for a motel stay; a single mother was given $188 toward her water bill; a single mother was assisted with $293 to avoid a water shutoff; a family was given a household goods voucher, clothing vouchers and various pieces of furniture; a couple was given $523 to assist with their mortgage payment; a family was given $78 toward their gas bill; a woman was assisted with $76 to pay her cell phone bill in order that she can look for a job; a family was assisted with $233 to avoid an electric shutoff; a man was given $280 to avoid a water shutoff; a family was given clothing vouchers, household goods, and will be added to our monthly food delivery list; a family was given a bed and couch; and a single mother was assisted with $335 toward her rent. It was a busy week, and we couldn't have done it without your generous support; thank you!



LADIES OF CHARITY SERVING WITH HEART

In July, we welcomed new faces and made over 275 sandwiches, along with snack donations, for Operation Safety Net (Mercy Hospital). Join us for our next gathering on August 28 at 10:00am in the SPS cafeteria. Everyone is welcome! Contributions of individually wrapped snacks or monetary donations are always appreciated.

Guardian Angel Academy

One of the South Region Catholic Elementary Schools (SRCES)

GUARDIAN ANGEL FUND

Guardian Angel Academy prepares to begin a new school year, please consider making a donation to our Guardian Angel Fund. The goal of Guardian Angel Academy is to continue to make a difference in every child who attends our school. 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. With your generous support were we able to assist several families last year.

Your donation will be placed into our Guardian Angel Fund and will assist these families in need. You may also sponsor a child. Our tuition rate for the 2025-2026 school year for one child is $5,330.00. 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!

Many Blessings,
Mr. Munz, Principal



The Apostles' Creed

In the early Church of Rome, this Christian Creed – known as the APOSTLES' CREED – was taught to new Christians preparing for Baptism. It was also used in the Baptism Ceremony – just as it continues to be employed in our own Baptism and Confirmation ceremonies today AND in the celebration of Easter Sunday each year. This Creed can also be prayed in the Sunday Liturgy, and it is recited at the beginning of the Rosary. It is good and important to know the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God,
the Father almighty
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from there He will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.

Amen!

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 18th 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.

PIPE ORGAN CONCERT SERIES AT SAINT PAUL CATHEDRAL

Saint Paul Cathedral in Oakland, the "mother church" of the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, presents amazing pipe organ concerts during the year. Acclaimed organists visit our city and perform master works of organ compositions on the cathedral's acclaimed, grand, and recently restored pipe organ. The cathedral is located at Fifth Avenue and Craig Street. Mark your calendars for **Sunday, August 3 at 3:30pm**.

Everyone is welcome, and all concerts are free. Donations will be accepted to support this continuing concert series. Call 412-621-4951, ext. 13 for more information.

BROTHER ANDRE'S CAFE

Since 2021, Brother Andre's Café has provided a unique eatery for breakfast and lunch as well as an important training program and employment for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Named after Saint Andre Bessette, the famous porter of Saint Joseph Oratory in Montreal who himself had intellectual challenges, Brother Andre's Café provides a menu of coffees and bakery items for breakfast and lunch. Located in the social hall of Epiphany Catholic Church, 164 Washington Place, 15219, the Café is open 7:30pm until 3:00pm Monday – Saturday.

Visit www.brotherandres.org for more information. All are welcome to visit any day!

SAINT JOSEPH HOUSE FOR MEN

For nearly 60 years, the Saint Joseph House of Hospitality near the former Civic Arena has been a Catholic residence for men who need assistance and a place to live for a time. Founded by the Sisters of Charity and our Catholic Diocese, more than 50 men are in residence throughout the year – some are short term residents, some are long term.

Overseen now by Catholic Charities of the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, the Saint Joseph House of Hospitality supports these men thanks to your generosity. If you'd like to help, you may send a donation at any time of the year. Please make your check payable to Catholic Charities with *Saint Joseph House in the memo* and mail it to:

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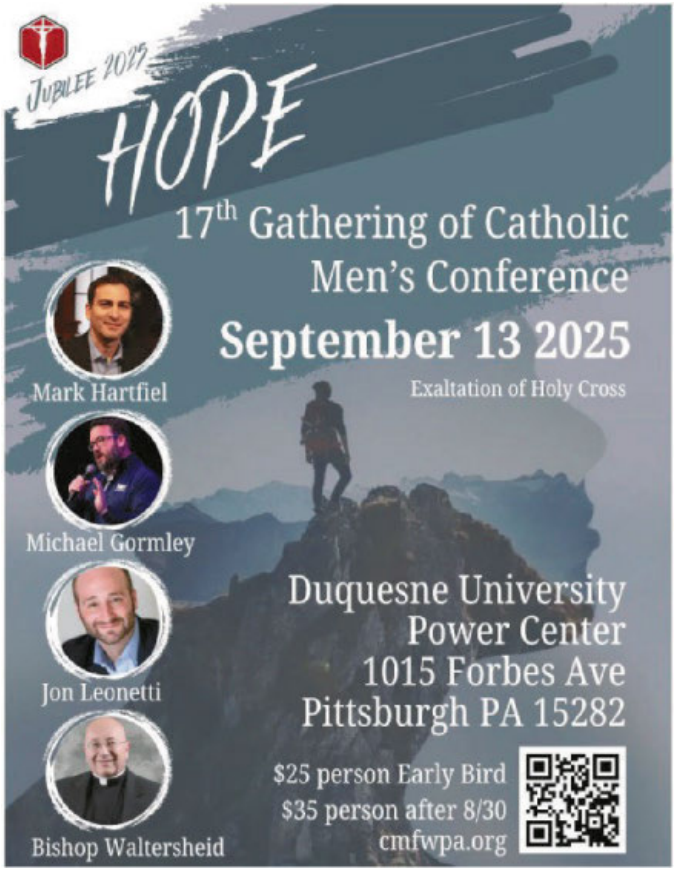

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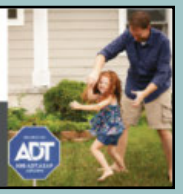

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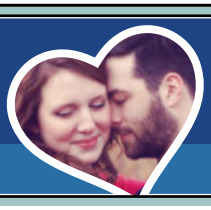

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