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### OFFICE HOURS

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

### PARISH STAFF

Rev. James R. Torquato, Pastor  
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Mr. Frank Bey, Office Coordinator  
Ms. MaryAnn Garfold, Faith Formation Director  
Ms. Mary Beth Barsh, Music Director  
Ms. Dorothy Mancini, Assistant Organist  
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Ms. Linda Bey, Faith Formation Secretary  
Ms. Denise Ball, Faith Formation Staff  
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### PRIESTS IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Philip Farrell, Ascension Rectory

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Patricia Cygrymus, Barbara Hendrick,  
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Richard Musser, Katie Phillips,  
David Sammel and Mary Schubert

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Benjamin Bannon, Robert Bertocchi,  
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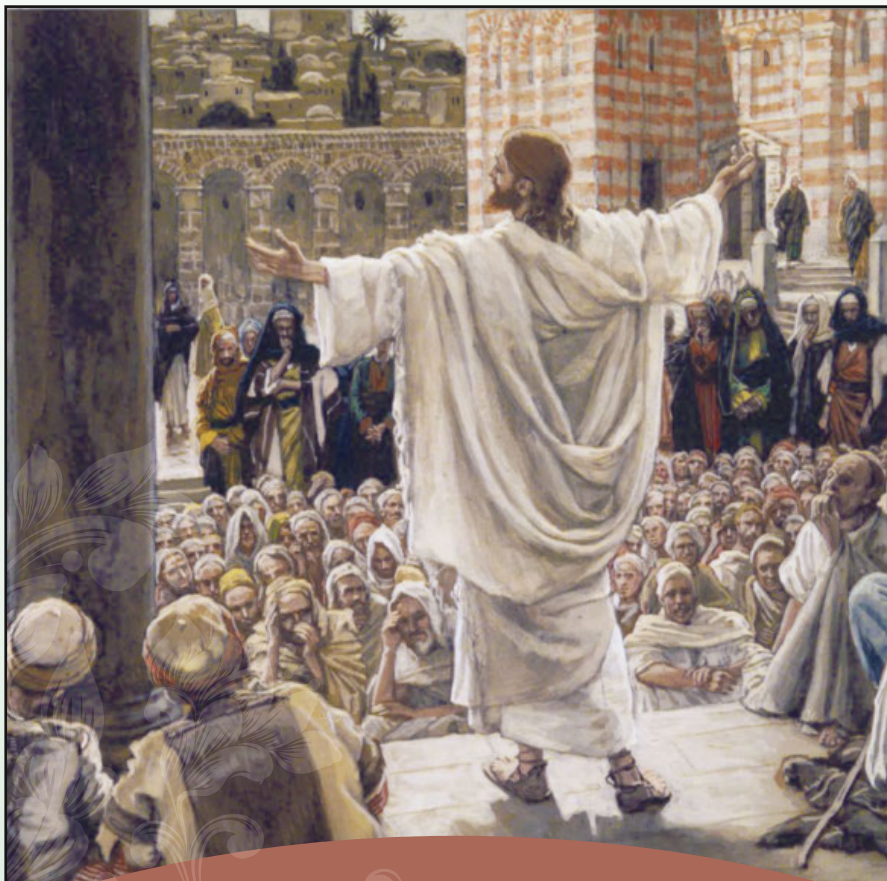
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Society of St. Vincent dePaul (412) 444-8140  
Guardian Angel Academy (412) 922-4765

### CRISIS SUPPORT/SUICIDE PREVENTION

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

# Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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



*Week of August 17, 2025*

**TWENTIETH 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, AUGUST 16 — SAINT STEPHEN OF HUNGARY</b>   |                |  |                                   |
| Ascension   | 8:00am         | Katie Fazio  | Husband, Timothy Fazio and Family |
| Saint Philip  | 4:00pm (Vigil) | Evelyn Moses and Deceased of the Denk & Moses Families | Family                            |
| Ascension   | 5:30pm (Vigil) | Rev. Walter Sobon                                      | Diana Miller                      |
| <b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 17 — TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>  |                |  |                                   |
| Saint Philip  | 7:00am         | Paul Precopia  | A Friend                          |
| Ascension   | 9:30am         | Coleman Donley   | Parents                           |
| Saint Philip  | 11:00am        | Daniel A. Scarpiello                                   | Joseph R. Wilyot                  |
| <b>MONDAY, AUGUST 18 — WEEKDAY</b>  |                |  |                                   |
| Saint Philip  | 8:00am         | Shane Phillips   | Grandparents                      |
| <b>TUESDAY, AUGUST 19 — SAINT JOHN EUDES, PRIEST</b>  |                |  |                                   |
| Ascension   | 8:00am         | Special Intention of Jane & Phil Beistel               | Jane Beistel                      |
| <b>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20 — ST. BERNARD, ABBOT &amp; DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH</b>   |                |  |                                   |
| Saint Philip  | 8:00am         | John Beitler   | Karen Beitler                     |
| <b>THURSDAY, AUGUST 21 — SAINT PIUS X, POPE</b>   |                |  |                                   |
| Ascension   | 8:00am         | Anthony & Joseph Derda                                 | Marcy & Ed Tuszynski              |
| <b>FRIDAY, AUGUST 22 — THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>   |                |  |                                   |
| Saint Philip  | 8:00am         | Howard Kelly   | Marge Kelly                       |
| <b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 23 — SAINT ROSE OF LIMA, VIRGIN</b>   |                |  |                                   |
| Ascension   | 8:00am         | Living & Deceased Members of Saint Philip Parish       |                                   |
| Saint Philip  | 4:00pm (Vigil) | Victor & Elizabeth Muzzie                              | Jacob & Carly Dulick              |
| Ascension   | 5:30pm (Vigil) | Ottlee & Felix Rodgers                                 | Pat Rodgers                       |
| <b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 — TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>   |                |  |                                   |
| Saint Philip  | 7:00am         | Herb & Joan Reffert                                    | Ken Reffert                       |
| Ascension   | 9:30am         | Joseph Adamo   | Family                            |
| Saint Philip  | 11:00am        | Robert F. Badish                                       | Kathleen Badish                   |
| <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** – and a very good month of August – during this Jubilee Holy Year!

## Dedication to Jesus first

**From time to time, I'm asked this question:** "Father Jim, why is it that so many Catholic Christians – especially among our younger generations – have no interest in our faith and in the Sunday Liturgy?"

**I'm sure that there are a variety of reasons** why participation in the life of the Church is not as strong as it used to be. You can probably also compile a list of reasons yourself.

**Personally, I think there's one primary reason** why participation in the life of God's People has decreased. My #1 reason is that our society and our lives are filled with an incredible number of **distractions**.

**Of course, from the time of Moses** when so many people turned away from the Lord – and then found themselves mired in chaos – until our own day, a great many individuals and families have simply had no interest in the divine. They've been caught up with the details of daily life and don't look beyond their earthly existence.

**Likewise, many persons in past millennia** have ignored – and many continue to ignore – any semblance of a spiritual life or any life beyond this existence.

**Yes, it's sad** that these individuals have **NO** sense of a Creator who loves them and who graciously gives life to them and to the entire world.

**That unfortunate human mindset** has always characterized the lives of so many persons.

**Today, however, we are also inundated by countless distractions** of entertainment and media like never before in human history. With the arrival of sports fandom, then radio, then movies, then television and the internet and social media, the voice of the Lord has been drowned out by the ceaseless and ubiquitous noise that's with us 24 hours every day.

**Our ancestors who lived** before the early 20th century had plenty of time to spend in prayer and reading – as well as personal and family development and enrichment. Today, many people simply pass the time wanting to be continuously entertained in one way or another.

**Yet, in today's Gospel reading,** Jesus reminds us that if we are NOT focused on God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, then we risk losing the blessings which He offers us in this life – and in the eternal existence with Almighty God which only Jesus offers us.

**Today, the Lord calls each of us to be entirely dedicated to Him,** to His Gospel, and to our Catholic Christian life and community. May we protect ourselves from the unending, poisonous, and deadly distractions of our society today, and may we make Jesus and the Kingdom of God our most important focus and goal – now and always. Amen!

## 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 during this Jubilee Holy Year and always!

Yours, Father Jim Torquato



# Two Notes about your Contribution Envelopes



**First, thank you so very much for your continuing support of our Saint Philip Catholic Parish** and our work and mission of growing the Kingdom of God and the Church of the Lord Jesus! We are all blessed by God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in so many, many ways. Your generosity in offering some of your blessings back to the Lord every Sunday is much appreciated, and your contributions are truly essential to our parish's continued presence and ministry here in Pittsburgh's West End, in Crafton, in Ingram and in Thornburg!

**From time to time**, a few members contact our parish office with the message that they have NOT received their packet of contribution envelopes. This is a truly regrettable occurrence when it happens!

**Whenever we receive this message in the parish office**, our staff contacts our envelope provider - Our Sunday Visitor, Inc. in Indiana - to report the missing envelopes. The OSV staff checks their records and always reports that the missing contribution envelopes were, in fact, placed in the postal mail service. OSV sends out 1,052 sets of parish envelopes every two months to our registered households. Unfortunately, the only answer is that, from time to time, some of our parish envelopes do NOT get delivered by the postal service.

**If there's any time that you don't receive your parish envelopes**, please contact your local Post Office to report this issue - and to inquire whether or not the Postal Service can find and deliver your household's parish contribution envelopes. Thank you!

**Second, as you can see in the Financial Report on Page 5**, about 28% of the envelopes distributed to parish members are actually used for contributions. This means that a great deal of postage and paper go to waste every time contribution envelopes are sent to our households.

**At the suggestion of our parish Finance Council - and of our envelope provider and our staff** - we will begin looking into discontinuing the envelopes sent to those who haven't used any parish envelopes since 2020. However, before any envelopes are discontinued, our staff will send a letter to households to alert them that their envelopes are about to be discontinued.

**All of us who appreciate the community and life of Saint Philip Parish** truly need to support and participate in our parish life every week! Thankfully, about 30% of our households make this parish possible. If we want to have a strong and vital Saint Philip Parish for many decades to come, then everyone in the parish needs to return a regular and grateful offering to the Lord in our weekly offertory collection - and in other contributions. By doing so, Jesus' holy Church will continue to advance the Kingdom of God - and to share the Good News and life of Jesus with all those in this local flock of our Good Shepherd and Lord!







**Sunday, August 17**  
Jeremiah 38:4-10;  
Hebrews 12:1-4;  
Luke 12: 49-53

**Weekdays**  
Judges 2-11;  
Matthew 19-23

**Sunday, August 24**  
Isaiah 66:18-21;  
Hebrews 12:5-13;  
Luke 13: 22-30

*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, <b>August 9-10</b> | -- \$9,642.00 |
| Online donations, August 9-10                    | -- \$2,120.00 |
| Maintenance donations                            | -- \$224.00   |
| Religious Education donations                    | -- \$974.00   |

Additional Donation for the Holy Spirit Sisters -- \$3,000.00

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year    | -- \$858,415.50 |
| Parish offertory received since July 1, 2025 | -- \$94,445.01  |
| Parish fundraising since July 1, 2025        | -- \$0          |
| Estate gifts received since July 1, 2025     | -- \$217.90     |
| General donations since July 1, 2025         | -- \$960.00     |

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| 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 August 9-10     | -- 686                   |
| Sunday envelopes used August 9-10    | -- 207                   |
| Total households receiving envelopes | -- 1,052                 |

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| 2025 Parish Appeal Goal                | -- \$126,559.50 |
| Parish Appeal received as of August 10 | -- \$129,660.16 |
| 2025 Parish Appeal Donors              | -- 310          |



## Come & See

**WE'VE  
REACHED  
OUR  
PARISH  
APPEAL  
GOAL!**

**Every year, Saint Philip Parish** - in fact, every parish - is asked to contribute equitable funding for the operations of our Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh. We're required to raise an additional 11% of our annual operating income to share with our Bishop and his central administration and diocesan operations.

**Since early March**, our goal has been **\$126,559.50** for this year's Annual Parish Appeal. As of this month, the contributions of 310 of our 1,253 registered households have helped our parish community to finally reach this year's goal.

**Many, many thanks are extended to our 310 contributing households.** Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Our contributors have once again insured the vitality of our entire Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh and of Saint Philip Parish too!

**Additional contributions** to the Annual Parish Appeal are always welcome - along with the donations of those completing your pledges in the coming five months.

**May the good Lord bless all our members and families** who support the work of His holy people in sharing the Good News - and in growing the Kingdom of God every year!





# Parish News

## NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION

The Second Collection taken up at all the Masses next weekend, **August 23 & 24** is the annual collection for Catholic University and the Catholic Communications Campaign of the American Catholic Bishops. This collection makes it possible to spread the teachings of Jesus Christ. Your generosity is appreciated.

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



## NEW PARENT & YOUNG COUPLE *Social*

Join us for a relaxed meet-and-greet on **Saturday, September 20** after the 5:30pm Mass at Ascension. If you've recently celebrated your child's Baptism, come connect with other young families over light refreshments and good conversation.

Reach out to the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388 for more info or to RSVP.

## WE'RE STILL WAITING FOR A NUMBER OF SAINT PHILIP SHRINE CANDLES TO ARRIVE

Our parish office has been informed by the Root Candle Company that the 15 Saint Philip church shrine candles which have NOT been delivered yet will (hopefully) be delivered in the weeks ahead. When all of the candle holders are received, then we'll place a memorial label on each glass container. When all of them are ready, we'll place the new candle holders on the Saint Mary altar and the Saint Joseph altar as a fitting tribute and an upgrade of these popular shrines of devotion and prayer.

## SAINT 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.

## SAINT PAUL RETREAT CENTER

Saint Paul of the Cross Jam Session is on **Friday, August 22**, 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Join the SPC Jam Session Group for a night of 70s Classic Rock and contemporary faith music, featuring local musicians and singers. All adults welcome for great music and Christian fellowship. BYO seating at the Garden pavilion and free admission. Rain date: Saturday, August 23.



## Newly Baptized

Please welcome into our faith family... **Mia Rainbow Rizzo**, daughter of Christopher Joseph and Rosie Therese Rainbow Rizzo, who received the Life of Christ in Baptism in our parish on Sunday, August 10, 2025. May she grow in wisdom, age, and grace.



## HOW PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS *Share the Faith*



Many parents and grandparents ask how they can and should share our Catholic Christian Faith with their children and grandchildren. There are many ways you can hand on our Faith to our younger generations and, in doing so, lead your young ones to Jesus and to the love, life, and People of God.

### *Try these daily practices:*

- Tell your young ones of God's love and care for them;
- Tell them about God the Father, God the Father's Son Jesus, and God's Holy Spirit of love and goodness;
- Teach your child/ren the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be. Pray these prayers together throughout each day
- Read children's Bible stories to your kids;
- Bring your children to the Liturgy each weekend;
- Teach your young ones the prayers, creed, responses, and songs of our Liturgy;
- Review with them the Ten Commandments and Jesus' command to love God and all others;
- Read with them a catechism for children;
- Pray with them before meals, during the day, and before bedtime.

These are some worthwhile suggestions. Many faith resources are available through various Internet shopping sites. You can also call our Faith Formation Office for suggestions. As always, thank you for sharing our Faith with your young ones and the next generations!



## *Rest in Peace*

We offer our sympathy to the families of **Ruth Marie Holzapfel** and **Roberta J. Clayton** 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*  
**Ivy Bendetti Valentine**  
Offered by Elsie Nagy & Family

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *in Loving Memory of*  
**Coleman Donley**  
Offered by Family



**ADT MONITORED  
HOME SECURITY**

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

## *A Final Gift to the Parish*

*Please support*

**SAINT PHILIP PARISH**

*by including the community in your will and estate planning.*

***Thank you!***

**Connect with  
FLOCKNOTE!**



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





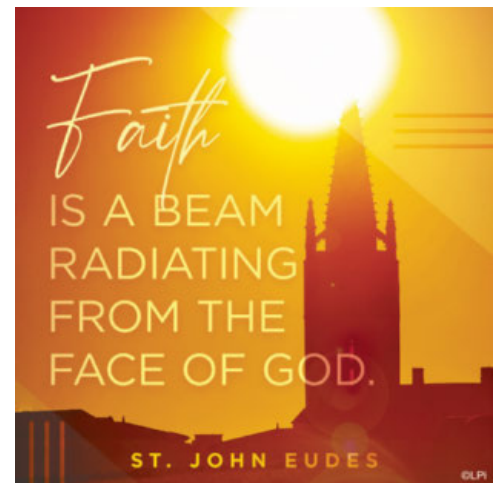
# Faith Formation

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

**REFLECTIONS FROM MARYANN:** In the August 3 bulletin, we noted that 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, she reflects on what it means to be a pilgrim and life lessons learned. This week we reflect upon some of those lessons and what they may mean for each of us as we transition during these last few days of August.

- **Walk the Pilgrimage in a relaxed Manner.** The stress of hurrying and worrying denied me the inner harmony and spiritual adventure of the Camino Pilgrimage. Once my companion and I decided to pace ourselves differently, we grew more peaceful and enjoyed our time with other pilgrims. The beauty of the Spanish countryside took on a deeper color and its peoples seemed to grow friendlier. We were more at home with ourselves and one another.
- **Let go.** Deep down I realized the necessity of letting go as the only thing to do. Holding too tightly to anyone or anything deprives oneself of growth. Hanging on prevents one from future offers, even the unexpected ones.
- **Live in the now.** The pilgrim has to be awake and watchful for options on the route-such as crossings, intersections, side streets or anything that looks like a footpath. One has to be constantly alert, in the NOW moment. When any of us is not focused and attentive to the NOW, we can lose our way. We miss the direction for our life's journey. We can easily get lost in the past or in the future when things don't go the way we plan for them to go.
- **Acknowledge the kindness of strangers.** I need to make an effort to be alert to daily kindnesses and not just ignore or brush them off when they occur. When I am totally engaged in MY activities, MY work, MY shopping, My schedule, MY life, how easily I ignore the goodness extended to me by another. How much each of us misses when we over focus on life's busyness. Many times the kindness is there. We need only receive it with awareness.

As we read some of these lessons from Joyce's pilgrimage, which one will each of us focus on during these last few weeks of Summer as we continue our Pilgrimage of Hope.



## FAITH FORMATION

**WE STILL NEED classroom aides for our younger children.** If you feel called to serve in this ministry, please call 412-922-6388.

Faith Formation registration letters have been mailed. Please return forms promptly. If you didn't receive one, contact the office to register.

Faith Formation for children ages 3 through Grade 8 begins **Monday, September 22**, from 6:30pm to 7:45pm on the Saint Philip campus. Children with special needs are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Confirmation Applications have been sent to all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in Faith Formation or Guardian Angel Academy. Please return them as soon as possible.



*For all inquiries, contact*

## THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

 **412-922-6388**

### **BAPTISM FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN**

If your child is age 3 or older and you're interested in Baptism, contact the office. Children age 6+ should enroll in Faith Formation to prepare for the Sacrament.

### **FIRST EUCHARIST FOR OLDER CHILDREN**

If your child has been baptized but missed First Eucharist, we're happy to help arrange preparation. Call the office for details.

### **TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

High school students are invited to mentor children with special needs in our Monday evening program. This is a great opportunity for those interested in teaching or social service and service credit is available!

### **PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM**

Held Mondays from 6:30pm to 7:45pm, our program for ages 3-5 includes group activities, faith-based learning with letters, colors, and numbers, monthly family dinners, and fun social events like Mardi Gras and ice cream festivals. Contact the office to register.

### **OCIA - BECOMING CATHOLIC**

If you are not baptized or curious about the Catholic faith, consider joining our Order of Christian Initiation of Adult Sessions. This spiritual journey is shaped by the grace of God and each individual's needs.

### **KITCHEN TABLE MINISTRY DROP-IN SUNDAY**

Join us **Sunday, September 7** for coffee, donuts, blood pressure checks, wellness info, and friendly conversation.

In a world that constantly pulls us in different directions, it is easy to feel like we are losing touch. Try this simple change during the coming week

1. Take 10 minutes to connect with someone you care about
2. Ask, "What's been on your heart lately?"
3. Listen with love

### **GARDEN MINISTRY**

**A huge THANK YOU to our Garden Ministry for all their hard work throughout the Summer.** If you have not attended Mass at Saint Philip church, feel free to visit the campus and take a look at the landscape. If we would like to participate in the Garden Ministry, reach out to the Office of Faith Formation.

### **SAINT PHILIP FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

- Program for children ages 3 years through 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Early Childhood Program with fun, early learning activities
- Program for First Eucharist including hands-on activities & Children's Liturgies
- Programs for Confirmation including retreats, speakers, service opportunities, social activities, field trips and more
- Family Days with fun activities including Advent festivals, game nights, 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



# 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*)

**ALL ORDERS ARE NEEDED BY TUESDAY, AUGUST 19 — NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**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 have been 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

**This weekend is our Sixth Annual Summer Food Drive!** Vincentians will be available before all Masses to collect your donations, or you can drop off your donations during our drive-through event, which will take place on **Saturday, August 16** from 10am to noon in the Wolbert Auto Repair (formerly Knights of Columbus) parking lot. We are looking forward to another great weekend filled with fellowship and helping our neighbors in need!

**We are in need of HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO VOLUNTEER at the drive-through event.** You do not need to volunteer for the entire time. Volunteers will collect donations from cars and sort and date check the donations. This is a great opportunity for students who need service hours! If you are interested, please call or text our hotline at 412-444-8140 or email us at [svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com](mailto:svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com), but walk-up volunteers are also welcome!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Wolbert Auto Repair for allowing us to use its parking lot for our drive-through event this weekend! We would also like to thank everyone that donated to our conference during the Pittsburgh Foundation's One Day Critical Needs Alert fundraiser on August 5. We received \$5,640 in donations and anticipate receiving more than \$1,500 in matching funds!

Over the past week, your generous donations enabled us to deliver emergency food to a woman; a couple was assisted with \$134 toward their electric bill; a single mother

was given \$106 toward her electric bill and \$148 toward her gas bill to prevent shutoffs; a single mother was assisted with \$80 toward her electric bill; a man was assisted with \$558 toward delinquent rent; a woman was assisted with \$400 toward delinquent rent; a woman was given pots, pans, dishes, emergency food, a bed, refrigerator and stove; a man was given emergency food and a clothing voucher; and a family was assisted with \$400 toward their rent. Without your continued support, we would be unable to meet the many needs of our neighbors - thank you!

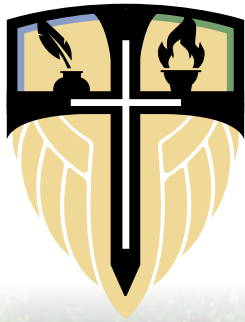
If you would like to make a monetary donation, please place your donation in one of the poor boxes, mail it to the parish office (to the attention of SVdP) at 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15205, or donate online at <https://saintphilipchurch.weshareonline.org/w/s/opportunities/StVincentdePaul>. Monetary donations made to our conference are used only to assist friends in need and to pay our operational expenses. No money is given to any other organizations.

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## GRIEF SUPPORT — AUGUST 21

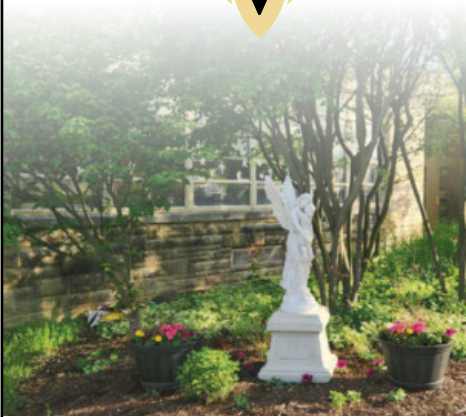
Our Bereavement Support Group meets on the third Thursday of each month from 2:00pm to 3:00pm in Conner Hall on the Ascension campus. We spend about an hour together hearing each other's stories with compassion and loving support. This is not a psychotherapy group but fellow parishioners who care for 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 meeting is Thursday, August 21.** Please consider joining us.





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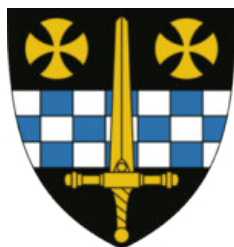
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# Around the Diocese and Community

## THE ROAD TO DAMASCUS

The Sheraden Advisory Council presents a motorcoach trip to the Ohio Star Theater at Dutch Valley, Ohio to enjoy the play, "The Road to Damascus" on **Friday, September 26**. There is also time to shop at the Walnut Creek Market. Departure from the Sheraden Healthy Active Living Center is at 9:15am, with return at 7:00pm. Cost is \$147.00 per person (includes dinner, ticket to the play, transportation, taxes, and meal gratuities.) Call 412-777-5012 for more information.

## MEN'S GATHERING OF FAITH AND HOPE

The 17<sup>th</sup> Gathering of Catholic Men Conference will take place on **Saturday, September 13**, at the Duquesne University Power Center Ballroom, located at 1015 Forbes Avenue in Pittsburgh. This year's gathering, themed "HOPE," coincides with the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and features an inspiring lineup of speakers including: Mark Hartfiel, Michael Gormley, Jon Leonetti, and Bishop Waltersheid. Early bird registration is available for \$25 per person, with the price increasing to \$35 after August 31. Students may attend for \$10. For more details or to register, scan the QR code or visit [www.cmfwpa.org](http://www.cmfwpa.org)



## DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE

On **Saturday, September 13**, our Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh will conduct a one day Jubilee Holy Year Pilgrimage to the Basilica of

the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC.

**One of the four departure sites** will be the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 2900 Noblestown Road, 15205. The buses will depart at 6:00am and then return at 10:00pm. Upon arrival at the Basilica, tours will be offered, a concert will be held, and a Liturgy will be celebrated in the main church. The donation of \$100 per person will include motorcoach transportation and a boxed lunch for the return home.

**To register before August 30**, please visit [www.diopitt.org](http://www.diopitt.org) for the September 13 pilgrimage information and registration form. All are welcome to participate!

## CELEBRATING SHERADEN'S BIRTHDAY

**This Sunday, August 17, at 12:00 noon**, in Chartiers Cemetery (801 Noblestown Road), a brief service will be held to celebrate the birthday of William Sheridan, the namesake of our local community. The event will then continue with cake and cheer at Smitty's Tavern, Chartiers Avenue.

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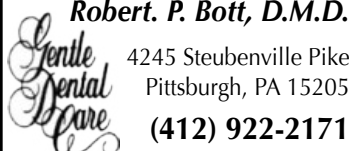
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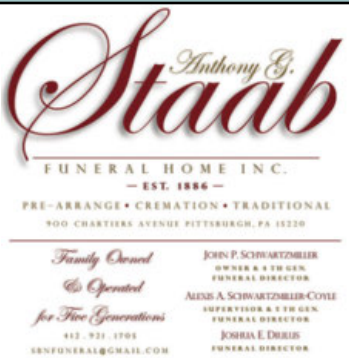
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