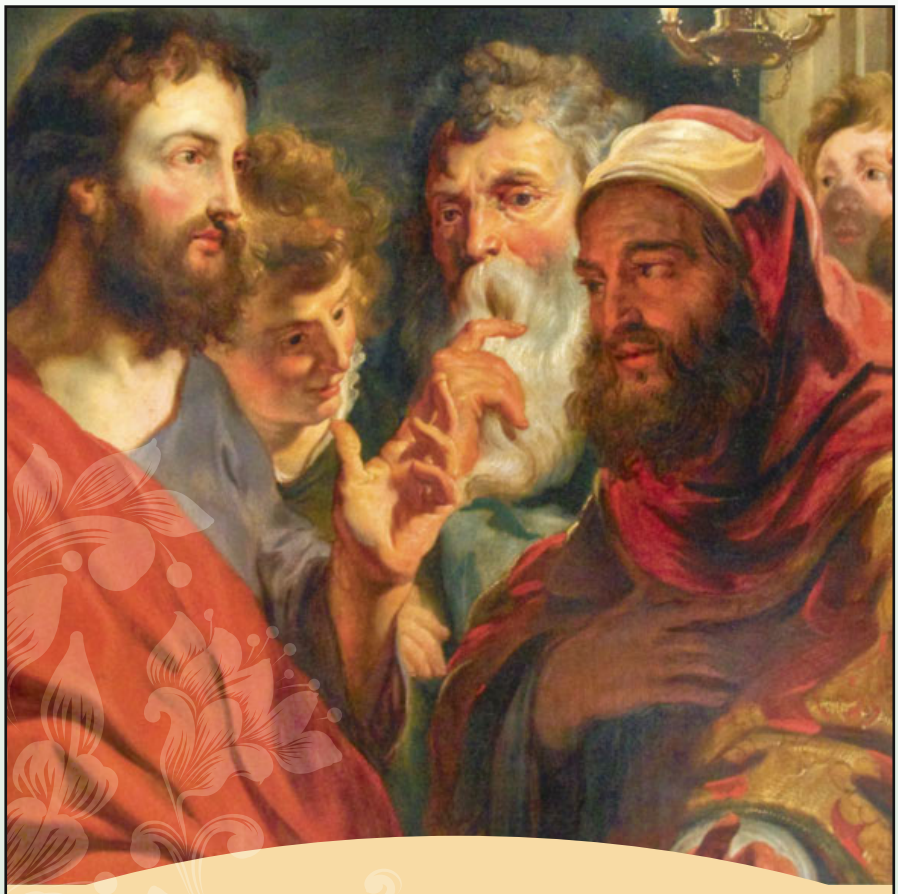
Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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



Week of August 24, 2025

TWENTY-FIRST 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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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 23 — SAINT ROSE OF LIMA, VIRGIN			
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
SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 — TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Herb & Joan Reffert	Ken Reffert
Ascension	9:30am	Joseph Adamo	Family
Saint Philip	11:00am	Robert F. Badish	Kathleen Badish
MONDAY, AUGUST 25 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Josephine Kulick	Daughter, Linda
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Peggy Kimberling	Husband, Jim
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27 — SAINT MONICA			
Saint Philip	8:00am	John "Jack" Greer	Gaeta Family
THURSDAY, AUGUST 28 — ST. AUGUSTINE, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH			
Ascension	8:00am	Louise Finnerty	Finnerty Family
FRIDAY, AUGUST 29 — THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Alex Alco	A Friend
SATURDAY, AUGUST 30 — BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of Saint Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	4:00pm	Ronald Victorelli	Mancini Family
Ascension	5:30pm	Anthony & Mary Polus	Family
SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 — TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Charles Hartung	Wayne Lauth
Ascension	9:30am	Robert Badish	Paula Badish
Saint Philip	11:00am	Paul Dacey	Rob Dacey

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 – and a very good month of August – during this Jubilee Holy Year!

Wishful thinking

It's a common human approach to life when individuals think that, if they wish hard enough, they might – and perhaps should – receive what they wish for. It's very common for people to wish that they'd win a multi-million dollar lottery, and then they spend days considering what they'll do with their outrageous jackpot (perhaps even without ever buying a lottery ticket). Others wish to be in better health or better physical condition. They hope that one day they'll wake up and their wishful thinking will have come true. All too often, wishful thinking is part of the lives and dreaming of many individuals – including ourselves.

I was reminded in a recent conversation that some Christians outside the Catholic Church think that, by expressing some faith in Jesus just once, they will be guaranteed eternal life and salvation in the Kingdom of God. Once again, that's truly wishful thinking.

In reality, Jesus clearly tells us in today's Gospel according to Luke (chapter 13:22-30) that the eternal life which He promises should never be presumed. Some Christians may wish that a simple statement of faith in Jesus is all that it takes to gain eternal life. However, this is simply another example of wishful thinking that is NOT supported by the teaching of Jesus in the gospels.

This Sunday, Jesus cautions us NOT to presume that we are guaranteed salvation even though we are His disciples. Professing our faith in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit is a wonderful and truly important act on the part of every Christian disciple. Yet professing our faith in the Triune God in the Lord Jesus is simply the beginning of our lifelong journey to eternal life and salvation in the presence of the Almighty.

We are called to begin with our profession of faith (*which we do indeed proclaim every Sunday in the Liturgy during the Creed*). Then we're called to live as the Lord Jesus' disciples – as his true and holy followers – and as servants of God and servants of God's people. Our journey to everlasting life in God requires us to follow Jesus each day, to remain true to the ways of God, and to do the work of the Lord in our families, in the Church, and in our community.

Rather than wishful thinking, we need to be faithful disciples of the Lord Jesus every day, and we need to do the work that Jesus calls all His disciples to do. This has been the original and authentic Christian belief and way since the life of Jesus. Rather than presuming that our place in the Kingdom is secure, we are called by Jesus in today's Gospel to NOT be presumptuous. Instead, we're called to humbly walk and to live the way of the Lord so that our faithful pilgrimage to our home in God will indeed bring us to the heavenly realm – the divine presence of the Almighty which is our best and our ultimate promise and hope as true Catholic Christians!

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

Our Seven Sacraments

Since the days of Jesus' ministry and of the early Church, we've been blessed to receive the Seven Sacraments of the Lord Jesus which fill our immortal souls with the divine grace of Almighty God. To refresh your memory, these seven sacraments are:

The Sacraments of Initiation



1) ***Baptism*** – the first Sacrament by which we are cleansed from the sin of humanity; by which we are filled with the divine life of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and by which we are made members of the Lord's holy Catholic Church.



2) ***The Eucharist*** – which is our share in the Lord Jesus' Supper and the gift of divine life in the sacramental, Eucharistic Body and Blood of the Lord.



3) ***Confirmation*** – in which we accept and profess our Catholic Christian faith as young adults, and in which we receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit of God as did the Apostles and disciples on that first Pentecost Sunday in Jerusalem.

The Sacraments of Christian Life



4) ***Christian Marriage*** – which makes holy the union of a husband and wife in a sacramental bond and covenant, and which continues family life and the creative work of the Lord in bringing to life the next generation of the Lord's holy Church and of the human community.



5) ***Holy Orders*** – in which the Lord Jesus provides shepherds and servants for his Church by the ordination of bishops, priests, and deacons who exercise the ministries of the Lord among and for the People of God.

The Sacraments of Healing



6) ***Reconciliation*** – the sacred gift of forgiveness and healing which Jesus first shared with his Apostles on the night of his Resurrection (see the Gospel according to John 20), and by which bishops and priests - having the authority first granted to the Apostles - extend forgiveness and the healing of souls to the members of the Lord's people.



7) ***Anointing of the Sick*** – the gift of the Lord's spiritual and physical healing - as well as the forgiveness of sins - offered to those who are ill, elderly, and dying through the imposition of the priest's hands and anointing with holy oil which is first recorded in the Letter of Saint James in the New Testament.

These seven sacred gifts of divine life – these seven Sacraments – have been celebrated and received by the Lord's holy people for twenty centuries. These seven Sacraments transform our earthly existence by making us disciples of Jesus and the very People of Almighty God. They continue to fill us with the Lord's goodness and life, and they are essential to our sharing in the eternal life and salvation of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. While there are Christian communities which only acknowledge the Sacrament of Baptism, the Catholic Church has always maintained and handed on all seven of these Sacraments as sacred gifts of God given to us by the Lord Jesus for our eternal salvation.



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

Weekdays
1 Thessalonians 1-4;
Matthew 23-25

Sunday, August 31
Sirach 3:17-29;
Hebrews 12:18-24;
Luke 14: 1, 7-14

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, **August 16-17**	-- $8,636.00
Online donations, August 16-17	-- $1,885.00
Maintenance donations	-- $1,123.50
Religious Education donations	-- $393.00
August 15 Assumption Holy Day Collection	-- $1,939.00
Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year	-- $858,415.50
Parish offertory received since July 1, 2025	-- $106,482.51
Parish fundraising since July 1, 2025	-- $0
Estate gifts received since July 1, 2025	-- $217.90
General donations since July 1, 2025	-- $2,010.00
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 16-17	-- 639
Attendance August 14-15 Assumption Holy Day	-- 327
Total households receiving envelopes	-- 1,052
2025 Parish Appeal Goal	-- $126,559.50
Parish Appeal received as of August 18	-- $130,197.16
2025 Parish Appeal Donors	-- 311

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 candle 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.

Parish News

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION

The Second Collection taken up at all the Masses this 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.

Newly Baptized

Please welcome into our faith family... **Olivia Hope Donovan**, daughter of Michael Patrick and Maydeth Elizabeth Guerin Donovan; and **Deklin Lawrence Nicholls**, son of Dillon Parker and Erin Rose Connor Nicholls who received the Life of Christ in Baptism in our parish on Sunday, August 17, 2025. May they grow in wisdom, age, and grace.

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.

SAINT PHILIP PARISH MEN'S RETREAT



Join fellow members of Saint Philip Parish **September 19-21** for a weekend of reflection, prayer, and fellowship at Saint Paul of the Cross Retreat Center, Southside. The retreat begins with Mass at 5:30pm on Friday and concludes with the 11:00am Liturgy on Sunday. This year's theme is: *Pray Always - Pray All Ways.*

Partial scholarships are available for anyone from Saint Philip Parish who wishes to attend. For questions or scholarship information, call Al Bannon: 412-853-1341 or Joe Hoover: 412-310-6691

To register, contact the Retreat Center directly by phone at 412-381-7676 or by email at stpaulcpa@cpprov.org.

JOIN THE LADIES OF CHARITY FOR SANDWICH MAKING



The Ladies of Charity will gather again on **Thursday, August 28 at 10:00am** in the SPS cafeteria for our monthly sandwich-making session to support Operation Safety Net, a Mercy Hospital outreach initiative. All are welcome to lend a hand and share in the spirit of service. We're also gratefully accepting donations of individually wrapped snacks, peanut butter, jelly, or monetary gifts to help nourish those in need. As always, we strive to serve, not to be served.

The Blessings of our own Baptism



Baptism has been a sacred religious ceremony for thousands of years, and for all Catholic Christians, it remains a sacred religious ceremony today as well. As we see in the ministry of Saint John the Baptist, *Baptism* was practiced among the people of Israel, and as we see in the Gospels and the early Church, *Baptism* is the first Ritual of Initiation for all those who are called to be disciples of Jesus and members of His holy Church.

As you know, *Baptism* (and the divine grace that it shares with us) lasts a lifetime. In fact, we believe that Baptism marks us as God's people for all eternity, and in our prayers, we ask the Lord to renew and revitalize our Baptismal Grace throughout our lifetime.

There are three most important gifts which we receive in our Baptism. These gifts are:

1.) ***Our being cleansed from the sin of this world (Original Sin);***
2.) ***Our receiving divine life (grace) in our souls and in our lives for the first time; and***
3.) ***Our membership among the People of God in the Catholic Church.***

All of these gifts are very important to our Christian faith, life, and discipleship - and to our sharing in the eternal life and goodness of God.

May we always appreciate and give thanks for the gift of our *Baptism*! May we live in the life of the Lord every day. May the divine grace within us be renewed in the Eucharist and all the Sacraments - as well as in our prayer, Liturgy, service, and daily discipleship!

Rest in Peace

We offer our sympathy to the family of **Judith A. Luxbacher** who entered into eternal life. Please keep her in your prayers.

Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns *in Loving Memory of* ***Kulick & Maier Families***
Offered by Linda Maier

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *in Loving Memory of* ***Robert F. Badish***
Offered by Kathleen Badish

ADVERTISER of the Week

MURPHY'S FAMILY DENTISTRY

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**

FIND US ON FACEBOOK
Search "Saint Philip Church"

Faith Formation

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

REFLECTIONS FROM MARYANN: The Psalm response for this Sunday Liturgy is, *"Go out to all the world and tell the Good News."* It is the time of year when we move from a time of refreshment and renewal to a time of actively responding to God's call to share the Good News. It is a time to listen in prayer and respond using the gifts that the Lord has given. The following are ministries at Saint Philip Parish where each individual is invited to share their gifts in proclaiming the Good News. Your gifts are especially needed in the following new and ongoing ministries. New Ministries are highlighted in italics.

- Choir
- *Baptism Companions – lead a family baptism session every 8 weeks (training provided) and extend a warm welcome to newly baptized members*
- Garden Ministry
- Saint Vincent de Paul
- Ladies of Charity (& monthly sandwich making session)
- Christian Men's Fellowship
- *High School Youth Ministry*
- *Young Family Ministry (of newly Baptized children)*

To learn more about these ministries and to help share the "Good News," please contact the Office of Faith Formation.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Faith Formation 2025-2026 begins Monday, September 22
Registration forms have been mailed; please return them promptly. Extras forms are available at church entrances. If your school-age child would like to participate, contact the Office of Faith Formation. This year's offerings include:

- EDGE sessions with prayer, lessons, retreats & service *(Grades 6-8)*
- Service opportunities for Grade 5
- Supportive sessions for students with special needs
- Family Nights with dinner, activities & seasonal celebrations
- Prayer experiences for Pre-K to Grade 8
- Sacrament prep opportunities
- Parent sessions on faith and family topics



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

for adults or high school students

Confirmation will be celebrated in Spring 2026, with preparation sessions starting in September. High school students and adults interested in receiving the Sacrament are invited to contact the Office of Faith Formation. Online sessions are available and tailored to meet the unique needs of each age group.

For all inquiries, contact
THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION
412-922-6388

SAINT PHILIP PARISH FAITH FORMATION FOR AGES 3 THROUGH KINDERGARTEN

Monday evenings from 6:30pm to 7:45pm

Highlights of our Pre-K Program:

- Engaging group activities for ages 3-4
- Faith-based learning using the alphabet, colors, shapes & numbers
- Introduction to prayerful practices
- Monthly family dinners with shared learning experiences
- Parent connection and support opportunities
- Fun social events like festivals, Mardi Gras & ice cream gatherings

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

OCIA is a spiritual journey that varies according to the many forms of God's grace and the needs of the individual. If you are not baptized and would like to become a Catholic Christian or if you would like to learn more about the Catholic Church, contact the Office of Faith Formation.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEENS

Earn service credit while building friendships and making a difference!

Seasonal Service & Fellowship: Meet quarterly for fun, faith, and service plus a summer camp with trips and activities in June 2026.

Mentor Opportunity: Support children with special needs in our Faith Formation Program. Weekly Monday evening commitment. Great for those exploring teaching or social work.

Contact the Office of Faith Formation to learn more or join the list.

BAPTISM COMPANIONS

Share faith and welcome new families! Lead a one-hour Baptism class for parents every 6-8 weeks in the evenings. Training is provided.

BAPTISM SPONSOR / GODPARENT PREP

Thinking of becoming a Godparent but haven't been Confirmed? Let us help. Fall sessions begin soon for Spring 2026 Confirmation with flexible and personalized sessions.



KITCHEN TABLE MINISTRY

Join us for Drop-In Sunday on **September 7** for coffee, donuts, blood pressure checks, wellness info, and friendly conversation. The Kitchen Table Ministry is here to walk with you through life's challenges. Come for wellness resources, warm conversation, and a welcoming presence. You're never alone.

As we begin this late Summer season we reflect upon this poem by Robert Wicks:

O gentle and caring Spirit of Life,
When I feel frustrated by someone's ingratitude and seemingly impossible expectations: Let me remember his neediness or fear of saying "Thanks"

When I face a person's anger, Let me remember the pain she has long endured at the hands of so many others so I can give her the space to share her anger freely and without fear.

When people are very troubled and I begin to feel overwhelmed by it all too, let me remember that "simply listening" is truly a quiet, great grace and gift in itself.

And when I see a person making the same mistakes over and over again. Let me remember that I often make mistakes myself.

Yes, as I sit with others who are sad, in pain, under stress, depressed, anxious and afraid, let me remember the Spirit of gentle faithfulness in this world, so I can be present to others the same way such as the Spirit always is to me.

(The poem above was written by Robert Wicks.)

SAINT PHILIP PARISH PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Ascension Campus	**2:00pm to 5:00pm**
Food Served	**2:30pm to 4:30pm**
BINGO	**3:00pm**

Hot dogs, hamburgers, sides and beverages will be provided at NO cost to you.

Come join in the fun, food, games, crafts, bingo, 50/50 raffle, music and fellowship! Something for everyone!

We ask each family to bring an item for the dessert table.

If you plan on attending our Parish Picnic, please make a reservation either by filling out this form and placing it in the collection basket or calling the Parish Office of Faith Formation at: 412-922-6388. Thank you!

Name: _____

Phone: _____ #Adults attending: _____

#Children/ages: _____

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: Monday, September 22, 2025

2025 Annual Parish Raffle

DRAWING: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

ASCENSION CHURCH CONNER HALL (*during our Parish Picnic!*)

Help us celebrate community and support our parish mission by participating in this year's Annual Raffle! Alongside beloved traditions like our Lenten Fish Fry dinners, the raffle plays a vital role in keeping our parish budget balanced and our ministries thriving.





FIVE CHANCES TO WIN BIG!

1. First Prize: **$2,500**
2. Second Prize: **$500**
3. Third Prize: **$400**
4. Fourth Prize: **$250**
5. Fifth Prize: **$100**

That's five cash prizes and five lucky winners!

TICKET INFO

- Each household received a booklet of 15 tickets
- Ticket donation: $3.00 each
- Please return sold ticket stubs promptly
- Keep right-hand portion of each sold ticket
- Final deadline: Sunday, September 28 before 4:00pm





★THANK YOU★

Your generosity and enthusiasm keep Saint Philip Parish vibrant and welcoming. We're grateful for your continued support and we can't wait to celebrate with you at the picnic!

Ministries & Societies

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

We would like to thank everyone who donated either money and/or food to our food pantry over the past three weeks. Both our participation in the Pittsburgh Foundation's One Day Critical Needs Alert and our Sixth Annual Summer Food Drive were very successful!

We buy the vast majority of the food that we distribute from the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank for much less than the cost of buying food from a grocery store. Therefore, these monetary donations will go a long way in helping to feed our neighbors in need!

We also had a great response to our Sixth Annual Summer Food Drive, both from people who attended our drive-through event on Saturday and those who dropped off food at the Masses. Thank you to everyone who donated food (or dropped off a check or cash) for our friends in need!

Lastly, we could not have had a successful food drive without the volunteers that joined us to help collect, sort, date, and box the food. Thank you to those who gave their time last weekend and during the week to process all of the donations that we received.

If you are interested in volunteering with our food pantry, you are asked to give approximately an hour of your time each month, boxing up the food to be delivered and taking the food to your assigned families. The time of the month that you deliver is flexible, and you will always be delivering food with at least one other person to assist you. Please call or text our hotline at 412-444-8140 or email us at svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com if you are interested in this unique volunteer opportunity and would like to learn more or ask questions.

Over the past week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a woman with $276 toward her rent; and a woman was assisted with $216 toward PA American Water and $137 toward Duquesne Light. Thank you for helping us to continue our mission!

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

We are currently pausing dropoffs and pickups of furniture and appliances until we are able to distribute some of the items that we have on hand. We will let you know when we are able to accept donations again. If you would like to donate furniture, those donations can be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Central Council of Pittsburgh by calling 412-321-1071 ext. 2. If you would like to donate clothing, shoes or accessories, please place your donation in the blue bins in front of the Hope House at St. Philip or in the rear parking lot at Ascension, or you can call, text or email us to arrange a pickup if you are unable to transport them yourself. Please do not place any other items in those bins or leave anything outside of them because they will be thrown away. If you are looking to purchase new or gently-used clothing, housewares or furniture, please shop at the St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores and visit our online store at https://www.vinnysvaluables.com.

Guardian Angel Academy

One of the South Region Catholic Elementary Schools (SRCES)

GUARDIAN ANGEL FUND

As Guardian Angel Academy begins 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, we were 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 the 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

WORKS of MERCY

The Corporal Works of MERCY

EVERY CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN IS CALLED:

To feed the hungry,
To give water to the thirsty,
To clothe the naked,
To shelter the homeless,
To visit the sick,
To visit the imprisoned, and
To bury the dead.

The Spiritual Works of MERCY

EVERY CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN IS CALLED:

To teach and instruct others,
To counsel the doubtful,
To be patient with those who wrong us,
To forgive offenses,
To comfort the afflicted,
To admonish sinners, and
To pray for the living and the dead.

Around the Diocese and Community

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE

Join the Diocese of Pittsburgh on **Saturday, September 13** for a one-day Jubilee Holy Year Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. Buses will depart from the Diocesan Pastoral Center (2900 Noblestown Road, 15205) at 6:00am and return by 10:00pm.

The day includes tours, a concert, and Liturgy at the Basilica. A $100 donation covers motorcoach travel and a boxed lunch. **Register by August 30 at www.diopitt.org.**









60th Peru Mission Dinner

You're Invited!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

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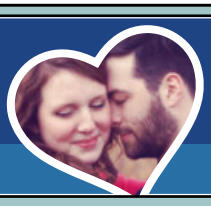

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