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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. Richard Hufnagel, Maintenance  
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Rev. Philip Farrell, Ascension Rectory

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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### 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 September 7, 2025*

**TWENTY-THIRD 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 (OCA):** 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, SEPTEMBER 6 — BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Ottlee & Felix Rodgers	Pat Rodgers
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	John C. Sebesta	Family
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	John R. Francis	Elaine Francis & Family
<b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 — TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Charles Hartung	Wayne Lauth
Ascension	9:30am	Klinkner & Sansoni Families	Mary E. Klinkner
Saint Philip	11:00am	Panfilo S. Escaro	Marianne, Gil, Paulo, Cethiel and Isaac Gabriel
<b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 — NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Fisher	Family
<b>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 — SAINT PETER CLAVER, PRIEST</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	George & Grace Tomcik	Jeff & Karen Tomcik
<b>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 — WEEKDAY</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Claire Beitler	Karen Beitler
<b>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 — WEEKDAY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Dorothy & John Kennel	Family
<b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 — THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Michael J. Barber	Michael & Patti Diduch
<b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 — SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP &amp; DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of Saint Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Bill & Carol Solt	Family
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Deceased of the Julian & Hoegle Families	Family
<b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 — THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b>			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Daniel & Rosemarie Brannan	Brannan Family
Ascension	9:30am	Helen & Ed Tuszyński	Ed & Marcy Tuszyński
Saint Philip	11:00am	Theresa & Stanley Jakiel	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 September – during this Jubilee Holy Year!

## More than an occasional pastime

**Each of us makes decisions in our young and adult years** as to what our interests and our commitments are. Many are very dedicated to their spouse, their children and their families. Many are dedicated to their education and/or to their profession and their career. Others are dedicated to exercise and sports and spend many hours in the gym or at the field or the court. Some aren't really dedicated to anything in particular. Some simply let their days pass by occupying their time with television, games, gossip, relaxation, or other various pastimes.

**When it comes to our Catholic Christian faith and life** in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, there are also different levels of commitment in the lives and discipleship of the many members of the Lord's Church. Some Catholic Christians live a very intense life of faith, prayer, and service. These individuals are often amazing in their commitment to Jesus, the Gospel, the Church, and the faith! This intense Catholic living isn't common, and commentators say this group is less than one percent of the Church.

**There are many, many Catholic Christians who believe in God** the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and are committed to our life and

faith. We participate in the Sunday Liturgy, and we make a true effort to live the Way of the Lord Jesus within their families, in the parish, and in their community.

**Of course, there are also a great many Catholic Christians who participate to a small degree.** After their Baptism and First Communion, they and their families aren't seen again in Church or in the parish community until (perhaps) the day of their Funeral. These Church members – along with those who don't even make it to the Baptism Font – sadly comprise the majority of Catholic Christians in our day. In fact, these non-participants have probably been the majority of Catholic Christians for centuries.

**However, Jesus doesn't call us to simply be Baptized – or to only be occasional disciples.** Jesus invites us all into the Kingdom and eternal Life of God, but this invitation to salvation requires a lifelong, daily commitment to the Lord, to His Gospel and Way, to His holy People, and even to His Cross.

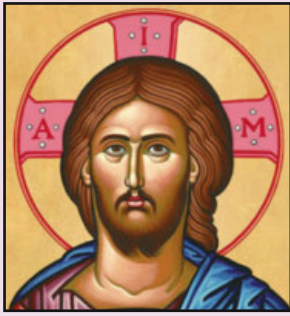
**As we consider and set our priorities for this year and the years ahead,** I hope that each of us – and all of us – will truly dedicate ourselves to Jesus. I hope that we'll all live close to the Lord in our prayer and Liturgy. Finally, I hope that everyone in our parish and in the Church will be – or become – devout followers, friends, and servants of the Lord Jesus each day on our journey to the Kingdom of the Lord!

## 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

# LIFE IN SAINT PHILIP PARISH...



## *Sharing the Good News and growing the Kingdom of God!*

Throughout the year, it's good to reflect on the many blessings that are present in our parish community and life - blessings shared and supported by you, our members, our families, and our contributors.

Once again, here in Saint Philip Parish, we have:

- 1.) one vital parish with two excellent churches and campuses;
- 2.) the celebration of the Liturgy and sacraments in both churches;
- 3.) the work of evangelization - sharing Jesus' Good News in many ways;
- 4.) a vital ministry of Catholic education and catechesis provided through Guardian Angel Academy and our various Faith Formation programs for children, youth, families, and adults in our parish;
- 5.) a very charitable and generous community which provides for the poor in our own community as well as many neighbors who have needs in their life and family;
- 6.) our parish members and community who've brought many adults, young adults, and children to faith and life in Jesus, the Son of God;
- 7.) so many personal and family connections which have been made and continue to be created among the members and families of Saint Philip Parish - and which are very good for our lives and our community;
- 8.) the many members and staff of Saint Philip Parish who work together each day in a number of parish organizations that promote our Christian discipleship and that serve many in our parish community - as well as many of our neighbors;
- 9.) dedicated members and families who share our life with one another in Catholic faith, hope, and love as we live together in the Saint Philip Parish community - and as we continue to support one another in our daily discipleship as the People of God; and
- 10.) an excellent Saint Philip Parish community which remains a true beacon of Christian light, faith, hope, holiness, and charity in this local area!

**These are the Top Ten Reasons why Saint Philip Catholic Parish is so very important to all of us** - and why your continued and generous support is of tremendous importance for the life, vitality, and future of our parish community.

**Thank you so very much for sharing your life and years with our Saint Philip Parish community!** Thank you, too, for all the support which you provide for our parish life together. Your faith, goodness, and generosity keep Saint Philip Parish alive, vital, and vibrant as we continue "Sharing the Good News and growing the Kingdom of God!"



**Sunday, September 7**

Wisdom 9:13-18;  
Philomen 9-10, 12-17;  
Luke 14: 25-33

**Weekdays**

Colossians 2-3;  
Luke 6

**Sunday, September 14**

Numbers 21:4-9;  
Philippians 2:6-11;  
John 3:13-17



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

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Your goodness and participation help to keep our parish alive!

**FINANCIAL REPORT** **OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES**

Sunday collections & mail-in, <b>August 30-31</b>	-- \$11,170.00
Online donations, August 30-31	-- \$2,025.00
Maintenance donations	-- \$245.00
Religious Education donations	-- \$85.00
Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year	-- \$858,415.50
Parish offertory received since July 1, 2025	-- \$134,924.91
Parish fundraising since July 1, 2025	-- \$2,118.65
Estate gifts received since July 1, 2025	-- \$217.90
General donations since July 1, 2025	-- \$2,110.00
Average weekly staff salary and benefits expenses	-- \$6,188.50
Average weekly maintenance/operation expenses	-- \$2,271.00
Average weekly utility expenses	-- \$2,132.00
Average weekly insurance expenses	-- \$1,119.24
Weekly contributions to Guardian Angel Academy	-- \$1,392.44
Parish members	-- 2,289
Parish families	-- 1,253
Church attendance on August 30-31	-- 635
Sunday envelopes used August 30-31	-- 279
Total households receiving envelopes	-- 1,052
2025 Parish Appeal Goal	-- \$126,559.50
Parish Appeal received as of August 31	-- \$133,661.07
2025 Parish Appeal Donors	-- 311

***Grateful for your increased support!***

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

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

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

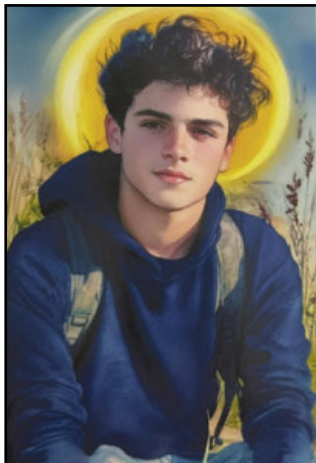


# Parish News

## PRAYER CARDS FOR ONE OF OUR NEWEST SAINTS

**This Sunday, September 7**, two of the youngest saints in Christian history are scheduled to be formally added to the Canon (the List) of the Lord's Holy Ones. This "canonization" event at Saint Peter Basilica in Vatican City will recognize and proclaim the sainthood of both Carlos Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati.

**Carlo Acutis** was a young teenager who was fervent in our Catholic Christian faith. He also lived a profound life of charity and holiness, and he used his internet skills to compile a collection of all the miracles of the Eucharist in Church history. Carlo died in October 2006 after a rare illness. His life and story have rapidly come to inspire millions of Catholics around the world.



**Pier Giorgio Frassati** was also a young man dedicated to our faith, to charitable works, and to the Eucharist. Pier Giorgio died in July 1925 at the age of 24.

**This weekend**, prayer cards featuring Saint Carlo Acutis will be available at both of our churches. You're welcome to add them to your own prayer cards - and to share them with family members, especially youth and children, as we celebrate and honor this new saint. Prayer cards for Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati are on order for delivery in the coming weeks.

## A CATHOLIC EDUCATION



For your child/ren and grandchild/ren, take a look at these excellent Catholic Schools:

**Guardian Angel Academy -**  
Pre-school to Grade 8

**Bishop Canevin High School**

**Our Lady of the Sacred Heart  
High School**

**Seton LaSalle High School**

## 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](mailto:stpaulcpa@cpprov.org).

## A POPE LEO XIV BULLETIN INSERT AND PRAYER CARD

During the weekend of September 20-21, our parish bulletin will include an insert presenting **Pope Leo XIV**. This special flyer will offer information about his family life in Chicago as well as his ministry and career as a priest of the Order of Saint Augustine.

**It's quite remarkable** that an American native was elected Pope in May, and Pope Leo XIV is himself a remarkable priest, servant and shepherd of the Lord Jesus! You're invited to read the September 21 bulletin insert - and to share it with your children and family.

**Also, a new prayer card** with Pope Leo XIV's portrait will be placed at the entrances of both of our churches. Please accept them on September 21 - and share them with your children and family!

## EUCCHARISTIC AND MARIAN SERIES

Join us for our monthly Holy Hour on **Saturday, September 13** following the Vigil Mass at Ascension church. Adoration begins at 6:30pm with a time of silent reflection, followed by the Rosary at 7:00pm.

After the hour of prayer, all are welcome to gather in Conner Hall for a special DVD presentation on *Our Lady of Beauraing, Belgium*. Michael O'Neill will present and share his research and stunning photography in "Our Lady of the Golden Heart."

This marks our fourth evening of prayer, inspiration, and fellowship with Our Eucharistic Lord and His Blessed Mother. Come be renewed in faith and community.

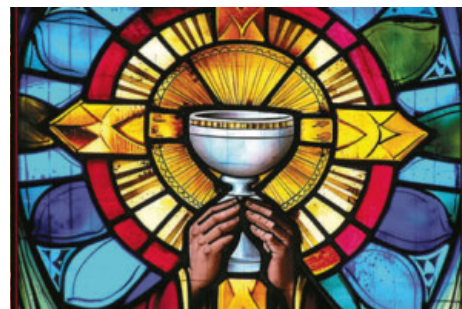
## SECOND COLLECTION - BISHOP'S EDUCATION FUND

**Next weekend's second collection** supports tuition assistance for families in our Catholic schools. Your gift helps ensure the faith is passed on to future generations. Thank you for your generosity!

## ANNUAL PARISH FLEA MARKET

Join us on **Saturday, October 11** for our popular Flea Market, luncheon, and Bake Sale! It's a great chance to clear out your "treasures" and support the parish.

Please note: We cannot accept clothing, bedding, encyclopedias, TVs, large appliances, furniture, stuffed animals, or items with freon.



## Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns *in Loving Memory of Mattern & Gerlowski Families*  
Offered by Mary & Tom Gerlowski

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *in Loving Memory of James M. O'Connor, Sr.*  
Offered by Cathy



## ANIMAL MEDICAL CENTER OF KENNEDY TOWNSHIP

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

## DONATE ONLINE

### Online Giving Update

Our online giving platform has transitioned from We Share to ParishSOFT by Ministry Brands.

If you were previously enrolled, your login info remains the same.

New donors, scan the QR or visit:  
<https://giving.myparishsoft.io/ap-p/giving/saintphilipchurch>

*Thank you for your continued support!*





# Faith Formation

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

## REFLECTIONS FROM MARYANN:

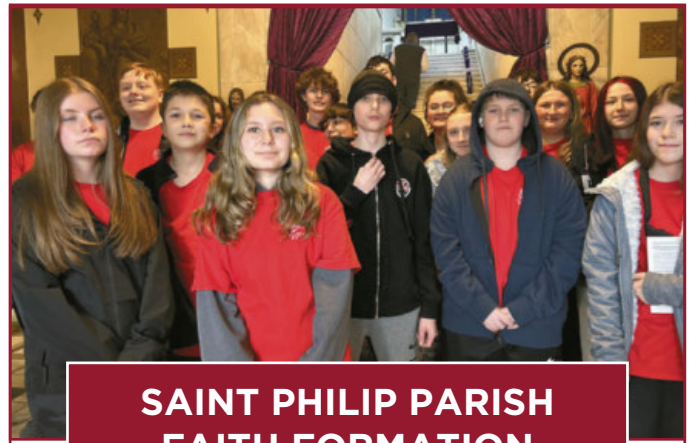
All registration forms for Monday night Faith Formation have been mailed. If you would like to register your child, please call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388. We look forward to welcoming your family into another enriching year of growing in faith together.

As we begin a new Fall season let us reflect upon the following prayer:

Loving God,  
Help me to relax this day—the only time I really have. Thank You for my gift of faith in You; Help me be a vessel of Your love by radiating kindness, patience, compassion, generosity, fairness, forgiveness, and good humor to others and to myself. Help me see You in every moment of this day. Most of all, let others see You in me. Amen.

## Children's LITURGY

All children are welcome to join us for a special Liturgy to learn about God!  
**September 14 at the 9:30am Mass**  
at Ascension church  
**September 28 at the 11:00am Mass**  
at Saint Philip church



## SAINT PHILIP PARISH FAITH FORMATION

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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

# Our Christian *faith in God*

**As you know**, the name which our Northern European ancestors gave to the Divine Creator is the name “God” (‘Gott’ in German; ‘Gud’ in Scandinavian languages). The English name “God” comes from the same basic understanding that the One Creator is “Good.” In Southern European languages, the name of the Almighty comes from the practice of speaking about the “Divinity” (in Latin, ‘Deus’; in Italian ‘Dio’; in Spanish ‘Dios’; in French ‘Dieu’).

**Speaking the name of Almighty God is quite common in our daily living and in our society.** Many of us speak the name of God with great reverence, gratitude, and respect. Unfortunately, far too many people regularly speak the name of God with terrible disrespect and, yes, even animosity.

**For most people who speak the name of God** - whether reverently, or “in vain” as we traditionally say - there’s a mistaken sense that all people have the very same understanding of the Divine God. Of course, if you spend some time learning about human history and human culture, you’ll soon realize that NO, we don’t all have the same understanding when we speak the holy name of God. There are many non-Christian concepts of God that are very much unlike our belief in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**As Catholic Christians, when we speak of God, we profess our very specific understanding of Almighty God as God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit** - the

understanding of God given to us by Jesus of Nazareth, Jesus the Christ, Jesus the Lord. Our belief in God as Trinity and our understanding of God as Trinity is exclusive to our Christian faith in the divine! This proclamation of God as Trinity is the belief that is at the heart of Christianity thanks entirely to Jesus.

**Again, when many people speak the holy name of God, they have NO specific sense of what they mean.** It’s simply a name that’s frequently spoken in our culture today. That’s truly unfortunate because our Catholic Christian belief in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit means so much to us. Our belief in God as the Holy Trinity means everything to our Christian faith, to our Christian living, and to our Christian hope in the Resurrection and everlasting life. We believe that it’s only the Holy Trinity who promises goodness and salvation to all of us who are the faithful people of God.

**Our Christian understanding of God - the God of Jesus Christ - is such an extraordinary gift from Jesus**, from the New Testament writers, and from the earliest shepherds and teachers of the Catholic Church. Beginning with the revelation of Jesus, our ancestors in the Church worked for centuries to clearly explain and illuminate our belief in the Holy Trinity. For all Christians, our belief in one Divine God who is the Holy Trinity is a remarkable treasure filled with countless spiritual riches which are, in truth, the light and salvation of all humanity. Glory be to God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit! Amen!

# SAINT PHILIP PARISH PICNIC

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

**Ascension Campus  
Food Served  
BINGO**

**2:00pm to 5:00pm  
2:30pm to 4:30pm  
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.**

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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.



## **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.

## **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!



## ≡ ★ **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!



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

This Tuesday, September 9, is the feast day of our organization's founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam. He founded the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in 1833 while he was a student at the University of Paris. There were many desperately poor people in the city, who were underserved by the social service organizations that existed at the time. When Frederic realized that those organizations and the Catholic Church were not doing enough to serve the poor, he knew he had to act.

Inspired by the work that St. Vincent de Paul did with the poor of France, Frederic named the new organization after him. The early members of the Society were mentored by Blessed Rosalie Rendu, a Daughter of Charity (an organization started by St. Vincent de Paul), on the importance of home visits when ministering to the poor. The home visit continues to be one of the most critical things that a Vincentian does, as it allows us not only to determine how best to assist our friends in need, but it also allows us to show our friends in need that they are loved by spending time with them in their homes.

The small charity started by a humble college student has now grown to be an international organization of more than 800,000 members in 155 countries. We at the St. Philip Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are proud to be part of the legacy started by Blessed Frederic Ozanam. We ask that everyone perform some act of charity or kindness on September 9 in honor of our founder's feast day!

Over the past week, your generous donations enabled us to provide a man with \$191 toward his electric bill; a man was provided with a bed, other furniture and a \$50 household goods voucher; a man was given a \$50 household goods voucher and was provided emergency food; a single mother was given clothing vouchers for her and her children; a man was given \$160 toward his electric bill; a woman was given a clothing voucher; a woman was assisted with \$157 toward her electric bill; and a woman was given a window air conditioner. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for our friends in need.

To make a monetary donation, use the poor boxes, mail it to the parish office (Attn: SVdP, 114 Berry St, Pittsburgh, PA 15205), or give online: [saintphilipchurch.weshareonline.org](https://saintphilipchurch.weshareonline.org). All funds directly support those in need and cover basic operations.

Furniture and appliance donations are paused while we distribute current inventory. To donate furniture in the meantime, contact SVdP Central Council at 412-321-1071, ext. 2.

Clothing, shoes, and accessories can be placed in the blue bins at Hope House (St. Philip) or Ascension's rear lot. Need help with transport? Call, text, or email us. Please don't leave items outside the bins as they'll be discarded.

Visit <https://vinnysvaluables.com> or local SVdP thrift stores for affordable clothing, housewares, and furniture. We also welcome volunteers—your time makes a real difference. Reach out to learn more or get involved.

If you, or someone you know, need assistance, call/text our hotline at 412-444-8140 or email us at [svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com](mailto:svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com).



# Guardian Angel Academy

*One of the South Region Catholic Elementary Schools (SRCES)*



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.

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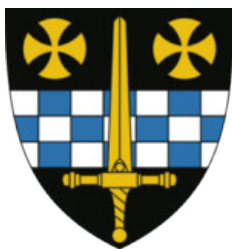
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# Around the Diocese and Community

## NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

On **Saturday, September 13**, 10:30am, at Calvary Cemetery (718 Hazelwood avenue, 15217), the Rachel's Vineyard Program will hold a service to remember and pray for all children aborted in our region. Also remembered will be all children lost to miscarriage or stillbirth. If you'd like information - or to add the names of children you'd like remembered - please call Toni (412-352-5348) this week. All are welcome!

## SEPTEMBER 13 SHERADEN PICNIC

The Sheraden Community Council invites you and all in the neighborhood to gather for a Sheraden Community Picnic on **Saturday, September 13**, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at the Sheraden Park Pavilion (Thorton Street entrance). Join them for an afternoon of fellowship, food and fun!



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September 24 - November 2

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## Daily Vigil Location:

Public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh

## Kick-Off Mass & Candlelight Procession

**Tuesday, September 23 at 6:00pm**

Epiphany Church, Divine Mercy Parish  
184 Washington Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

- Main Celebrant: Father John Sweeney
- Homilist: Father Joe Freedy
- Eucharistic Procession led by Father Jason Charron

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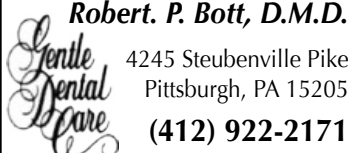
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