



Saint Philip Catholic Parish is a  
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### OFFICE HOURS

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

### PARISH STAFF

Rev. James R. Torquato, Pastor  
Deacon Joe Allen, Parish Deacon  
Mr. Frank Bey, Office Coordinator  
Ms. MaryAnn Garfold, Faith Formation Director  
Ms. Mary Beth Barsh, Music Director  
Ms. Dorothy Mancini, Assistant Organist  
Mr. David Pilarski, Business Coordinator  
Mr. Gary Urbatis, Safe Environment Staff  
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Ms. Linda Bey, Faith Formation Secretary  
Ms. Denise Ball, Faith Formation Staff  
Mr. Richard Hufnagel, Maintenance  
Mr. Thomas Dembecki, Maintenance

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Rev. Philip Farrell, Ascension Rectory

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

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Benjamin Bannon, Robert Bertocchi,  
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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

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



*Week of September 14, 2025*

*The Exaltation of*  
**THE HOLY CROSS**

### 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, 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>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 — OUR LADY OF SORROWS (TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME)</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Edward C. Dulick	David & Tamara Dulick
<b>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 — SAINTS CORNELIUS, POPE, AND CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	The Beistel Family	Jane Beistel
<b>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 — SAINT ROBERT BELLARMINE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of Saint Philip Parish	
<b>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 — WEEKDAY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Domenica Johnson	DeDe Palombini
<b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 — SAINT JANUARIUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Jim & Jerry Ayres	Sister, Beth
<b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 — THE KOREAN MARTYRS</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Audrey & Valentino Nania and Richard Nania	Valarie Nania
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Marion & William Lugaila	Family
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	The Kormick Family	Marcy Kormick
<b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 — TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Thomas Kelly	Patrick Kelly
Ascension	9:30am	Deceased of the Palombini & DeAngelis Families	DeDe & Family
Saint Philip	11:00am	Malcolm C. “Manny” Schmidt	Mark Schmidt



# 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!

## The Triumph of the Holy Cross

**For the very first time** in the 182 year history of our Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, we actually have a parish community named to honor the Triumph of the Holy Cross. It is the consolidated parish which includes Pleasant Hills and Jefferson Hills and other communities which are adjacent to these two boroughs.

**This Sunday, the entire Church throughout the world** once again celebrates the Lord's triumph over death which the Triumph of the Holy Cross represents. Of course, this September 14 celebration only occurs on Sunday once every seven years, but nonetheless, it is a wonderful feast day of our Catholic Christian faith and hope.

**Today's celebration was added to the Catholic calendar** more than 1600 years ago following the finding of Jesus' cross in the year 320 in Jerusalem. The true cross was located by the diligent and determined efforts of the new Roman Emperor Constantine's mother, Saint Helena.

**The symbol of the Lord Jesus' cross** represents a number of important meanings.

**First, the cross of Christ** reminds us of the great self-sacrifice of the only Son of God as an expiatory offering for the forgiveness of all of

our sins. Jesus is the divine Lamb who sacrificed His own life to wash away our sins by His sacred blood.

**Second, the cross of Christ** speaks to us of the love of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit which moved God the Father to send the Son, Jesus, to proclaim the Good News of God's love for humanity and for this world.

**Third, the cross of Christ** reminds us that what was once a long time instrument of torture and death was used by almighty God to destroy death and overcome evil by the death and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

**As you know, many Christians** prefer the symbol of an empty cross. We, as Catholic Christians, indeed proudly proclaim the cross as our primary and most meaningful symbol.

**However, among the Catholic and Orthodox churches** established by Saint Peter and the Apostles, it is **the crucifix – the image of Jesus dying on the cross** – which is most significant because it gives testimony that our redemption cost Jesus Christ His very life.

**The crucifix also reminds us** that our own salvation requires sacrifice on our part too. Redemption and salvation required of Jesus – and now require of us – the sacrifice of personal life, will, and freedom so that the work of almighty God might continue and might, one day, be finally accomplished.

## 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

# SAINT PHILIP PARISH

## Fall Foliage BINGO

**SATURDAY**  
**OCTOBER 25**  
**DOORS OPEN:**  
**6:30PM**

CONNER HALL, ASCENSION CHURCH ■ 114 BERRY ST., PITTSBURGH, 15205

**MAXIMUM NUMBER  
OF PLAYERS:**

**200**

### PLAYER REGISTRATION FORM

Advance Registration is required. No tickets sold at the door.

**\$20 ADMISSION PER PLAYER FOR 6 CARDS**  
**6 ADDITIONAL CARDS AVAILABLE FOR \$10**  
**12 CARD LIMIT PER PLAYER**

- 7:00pm Early Bird Game
- 10 Regular Games of Bingo - \$100 prize each game
- One Special Game before Intermission
- A Final Special Coverall Game - **Jackpot \$500**

### ENJOY:

Refreshments from  
our Kitchen,  
Auction Baskets,  
50/50 Raffle,  
Instant Bingo,  
and Door Prizes!

### DETACH AND RETURN THIS REGISTRATION FORM

Player #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Player #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Player #3 \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Player #4 \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed form and \$20 per player to: **FALL FOLIAGE BINGO**

**Telephone** 412-922-6300

**Website** saintphilipparishpgh.com

**Email** parishoffice@saintphilipparish.com

Saint Philip Parish

114 Berry Street

Pittsburgh, PA 15205

**All players will be notified that your registration form has been received.**



**Sunday, September 14**

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

**Weekdays**

1 Timothy 3-6;  
Luke 7-8

**Sunday, September 21**

Amos 8:4-7;  
1 Timothy 2:1-8;  
Luke 16:1-13

*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>Sept. 6-7</b>	-- \$11,911.00
Online donations, September 6-7	-- \$3,938.00
Maintenance donations	-- \$266.00
Religious Education donations	-- \$199.00
Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year	-- \$858,415.50
Parish offertory received since July 1, 2025	-- \$151,824.35
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 September 6-7	-- 694
Sunday envelopes used September 6-7	-- 288
Total households receiving envelopes	-- 1,052
2025 Parish Appeal Goal	-- \$126,559.50
Parish Appeal received as of September 8	-- \$137,687.07
2025 Parish Appeal Donors	-- 311

***Many thanks to our Parish Gardening Ministry!***

**This summer**, some very dedicated members of our Saint Philip Parsh have devoted themselves to the NEW parish gardening ministry. These members have been working as volunteers to clean up areas on both parish campuses - and to place flowers and other plants around our parish grounds.

**Many thanks are extended** to parish members Eileen Cox, Claire Megysey, Tom Gerlowski, Mary Gerlowski, and to our Faith Formation Director MaryAnn Garfold for their work and their service to our parish community!

**Their ministry will continue to flourish** in the months and years ahead! If you'd like to join them, please contact our Faith Formation Office (412-922-6388) this week - or any day this year!



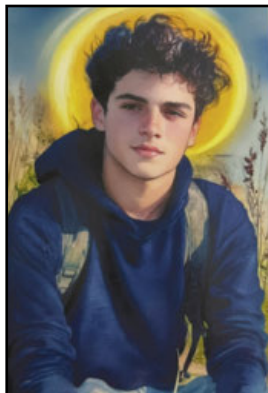


# Parish News

## PRAYER CARDS FOR OUR NEWEST SAINTS

**This month**, two of the youngest saints in Christian history have been 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 recognized and proclaimed the sainthood of both Saint Carlos Acutis and Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati.

**Saint 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.



**Saint 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.



**Prayer cards** featuring Saint Carlo Acutis and Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati are 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 these new Catholic Saints of God.

## SECOND COLLECTION BISHOP'S EDUCATION FUND

**This 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 Luncheon & Bake Sale

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.

## Celebrating SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON'S 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary THIS SUNDAY MORNING



All parish members and families are welcome to join us in Conner Hall at Ascension following the 9:30am Liturgy for a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the Canonization in 1975 of the first native born American Saint!

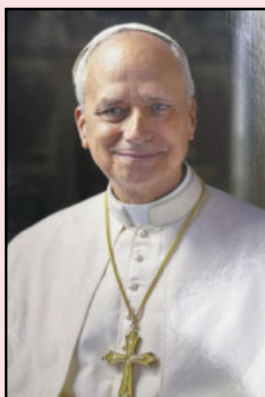
Saint Elizabeth continues to be an inspiring mother, religious and woman of holiness. Her Sisters of Charity served Saint Philip Parish for many years. Join us this Sunday for a light breakfast, a video story of Saint Elizabeth, and memories of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill.

## A POPE LEO XIV BULLETIN INSERT AND PRAYER CARD

Next weekend, 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!



### JOIN US FOR THE INSPIRING FILM "ONLY GOD CAN HEAR US!"

On **Tuesday evening at 6:30pm, September 23**, in Conner Hall at Ascension, our parish Kitchen Table Ministry will host a presentation of the inspiring film *Only God Can Hear Us!*

This documentary features the amazing lives of four individuals who live without the ability to hear or to speak. This film will help you and our community to understand and appreciate the challenges faced by many people. You will be amazed and inspired to be compassionate and supportive. Refreshments will also be served.

To register, and for information, call the Faith Formation Office at 412-922-6388 this week.

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God did not send His son into the world to condemn it. The cross is not a symbol of judgment — the cross is what mercy looks like when it is lived out. How will we bring the cross into our lives this week? How will we live the mercy which has saved us?



We offer our sympathy to the families of **Jason Provenzano** and **John Arndt** 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*  
**Marie & Bill Reif**  
Offered by Sue & Mike Rust

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



### CRAFTON GIANT EAGLE

*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!*





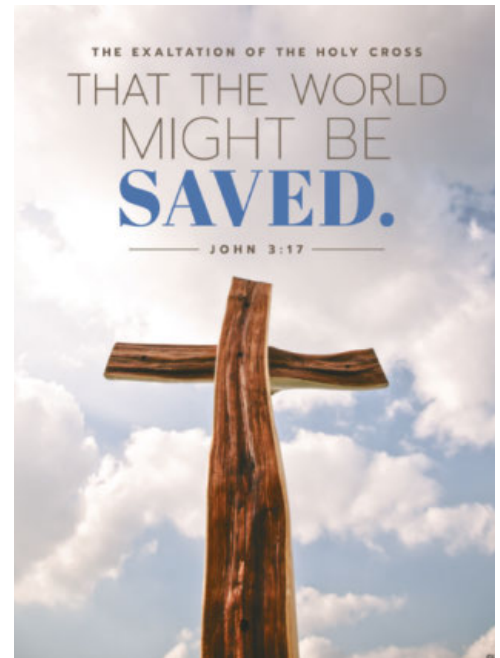
# Faith Formation

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

**REFLECTIONS FROM MARYANN:** The Gospel message for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on September 14 recognizes the need to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. The Gospel invites us to share this Good News in all ways and in all circumstances.

In the past few weeks, we have been reflecting on the various ministries in the Parish. We are all called to ministry. Each ministry proclaims the Good News of Jesus Christ in a different way. You are invited to consider one or more of the ministries of Saint Philip Parish listed below.

The most important ministry is the ministry of prayer. If your schedule, your health or your circumstance does not afford you the opportunity for active ministry, we ask you to consider the ministry of prayer for Saint Philip Parish. We invite you to commit to pray each day for the needs and members of the Parish. You may want to say an *Our Father* or you may wish to say a decade of the Rosary.



We invite everyone during this season of new beginnings to consider being a part of one of the ministries of Saint Philip Parish. Explore the many ways to get involved and enrich your faith community:

**Adult Education:** Fall, Advent, Winter, and Lenten Series (Contact MaryAnn Garfold)

**Bakery Brigade:** Provide baked goods at special events

**Baptism Ministry:** Pre-baptism classes every 8 weeks and family support

**Bereavement Ministry:** Grief support, meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday monthly at Ascension Hall

**Christian Men's Fellowship:** Thursdays at Ascension Administration Upper Room

**Faith Formation for Children and Families:** Seasonal activities and celebrations

**Garden Ministry:** Help plant and weed at both campuses

**High School Youth Ministry:** Service, faith sharing, and social activities (Contact Deacon Joe Allen)

**Hooks & Needles:** Sewing, crochet, and knitting Tuesdays at 9:00am in Ascension Admin. Building

**Kitchen Table Ministry:** Mental health & wellbeing events, with coffee and blood pressure screenings (1<sup>st</sup> Sundays)

**Ladies of Charity:** Monthly meetings and sandwich making for the homeless (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays)

## Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

**Legion of Mary:** Thursdays at Ascension campus

**Lenten Fish Fry:** Help with the annual parish fish fry event

**Music Ministry:** Choir and Bell Choir rehearsals weekly at Ascension

**Prayer Ministry:** Join in praying for parish needs; subscribe to prayer mailings

**Salvation History Adult Education:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at Ascension Admin. (Contact Fran & Debby Sullen)

**Saint Vincent de Paul Society:** Meets Tuesday evenings (Hotline: 412-444-8140)

**Small Faith Communities:** Regular faith sharing and fellowship groups

For most ministries, please contact the Parish Office at 412-922-6300 or the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388 unless another contact is listed.



# FAITH FORMATION NEWS

**FAITH FORMATION KICKS OFF** on Monday, September 22, a wonderful opportunity for all ages to grow deeper in faith! If you haven't received your registration form yet, please give us a call at 412-922-6388 and we'll get one to you right away.

**THINKING ABOUT EXPLORING** the Catholic faith or completing sacraments like First Eucharist or Confirmation? Our OCIA sessions, tailored around your schedule and needs, are starting soon. Whether you're not baptized or looking to enrich your journey, we'd love to welcome you. Reach out at 412-922-6388 for details.



**CALLING ALL PARISH MEMBERS!** We're seeking compassionate individuals to guide our pre-baptism classes for new parents just one hour every 6-8 weeks. If you feel called to serve in this meaningful ministry, please call MaryAnn at 412-922-6388.

**NOTE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:** If you would like to complete Confirmation preparation online, connect with the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388. Preparation includes two brief meetings plus online study tailored to your busy schedules.

## SAINT PAUL RETREAT CENTER PROGRAMS

- **Care of Creation Votive Mass:** Wednesday, September 17 at 6:30pm in the Chapel, followed by an inspiring talk by Dr. Luke Briola of Saint Vincent College at 7:15pm. Suggested donation: \$10.
- **A Day of Peace:** Thursday, September 18, 10:00am to 6:30pm. Experience Mass, prayer, talks, Adoration, stations, Benediction, and closing at the Peace Pole. All are welcome! Cost: \$10 (or \$20 with lunch).
- **Spiritual Reflection & Wine Dinner:** Wednesday, September 24 enjoy thoughtful reflection paired with exquisite wines from Dreadnought. Cost: \$80.



## This Week at Saint Philip

### Sunday, September 14:

*Children's Liturgy* at 9:30am (Ascension church); *50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton* at 10:30am (Ascension church)

### Monday, September 15:

*Catechist Dinner*, 6:30pm to 8:00pm (Saint Philip campus); *Small Faith Community*, 6:30pm to 8:30pm (Ascension Conner Hall)

### Tuesday, September 16:

*Hooks & Needles* at 9:00am (Ascension Admin Building)

### Thursday, September 17:

*Grief Support Meeting* at 2:00pm (Ascension Conner Hall); *OCIA* at 6:30pm (Saint Philip campus); *Legion of Mary* at 6:30pm (Ascension Parish House); *Choir Rehearsal* at 7:00pm

### Sunday, September 21:

*Catechetical Sunday* at 9:30am Mass with reception (Ascension Conner Hall)

# 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 week, with your generous support, we assisted several friends facing electric shutoffs. We encourage all who struggle with their Duquesne Light bills to apply for the Customer Assistance Program (CAP), which offers year-round savings based on income and household size — not on electricity usage.

To qualify, monthly income limits start at \$1,956 for a single-person household and increase for larger families. CAP payments can be as low as \$20 per month if you don't heat with electricity, or \$40 if you do. The program also helps customers with existing delinquent balances by forgiving them over 24 months as long as payments are made on time. Importantly, you don't need to have a past due balance to enroll only meet the income criteria.

Learn more and apply online at Duquesne Light CAP at <https://duquesnelight.com/CAP> or visit a local CAP agency such as Holy Family Institute at 19 May Avenue, McKees Rocks (phone: 412-331-8665).

Over the past week, your generous donations enabled us to provide a woman with \$100 to prevent an electric shutoff, a bed and some other furniture items; a single mother was given \$103 to prevent an electric shutoff; a woman was given emergency food; and a single mother was given dressers and other furniture items. Thank you for helping our friends in need when they need it the most.

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).

### LADIES OF CHARITY

Join us for our next meeting! The Ladies of Charity invites women of all ages and backgrounds dedicated to serving the material needs of the ill, elderly, and financially stressed. Inspired by St. Vincent de Paul, St. Louise de Marillac, and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, we serve with faith and compassion.

#### Our 2024-2025 Mission Impact:

- Christmas Giving Tree sponsorship and gift deliveries to homebound and seniors.
- Meals delivered through our Soup Ministry.
- Diaper Drive partnership with Catholic Charities.
- Volunteer support for Faith Formation.
- Parish Bingo raffle basket sponsorship.
- Monthly sandwich-making for Operation Safety Net, over 1,550 sandwiches made!
- Prayers for the sick, deceased, and unclaimed souls in Allegheny County.

Meetings are held the **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm** (through the SPS gym). We look forward to welcoming you! Contact: [ladiesofcharitysaintphilip@gmail.com](mailto:ladiesofcharitysaintphilip@gmail.com) or call 412-256-8067.

### GRIEF SUPPORT – SEPTEMBER 18

Our Bereavement Support Group meets on the third Thursday of each month (2:00pm to 3:00pm) in Conner Hall on the Ascension campus. We share stories and offer compassionate support as fellow parishioners walking the grief journey together. This is not therapy but a caring community. You're welcome to come alone or bring someone. Our next meeting is **Thursday, September 18**. Please consider joining us.

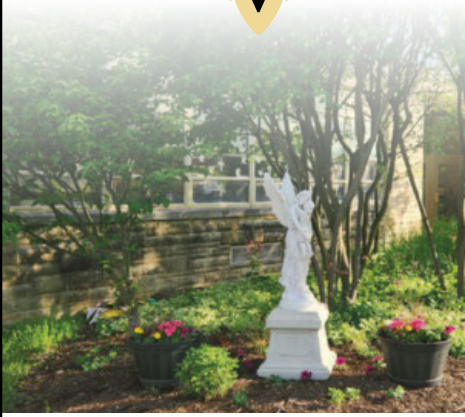
### SALVATION HISTORY RETURNS!

Explore the messages of prophets Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi, and Obadiah, voices of faith and hope still relevant today. After our summer break, we'll meet **Tuesday, September 23** at 7:00pm in the Administration Building Meeting Room on the Ascension campus. All are welcome!



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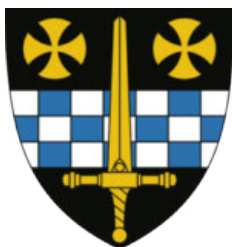
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Archangel Gabriel Catholic Parish will celebrate their annual Nationality Festival **October 2-4**, 4:00pm to 9:00pm at the Saint Malachy campus in Kennedy Township (343 Forest Grove Road, 15108). Italian, Greek, Polish, Slovakian, Mexican, and German foods - as well as American items will be available. There

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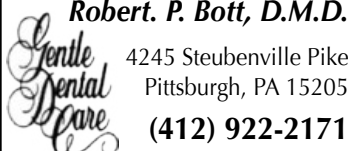
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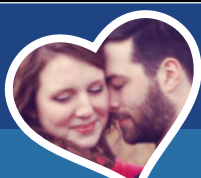
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