



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

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Benjamin Bannon, Robert Bertocchi,  
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Richard Schubert and Gary Urbatis

### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

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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 21, 2025*

**TWENTY-FIFTH 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 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
<b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 — WEEKDAY</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of Saint Philip Parish	
<b>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 — SAINT PIO OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Len & Louanna, John & Peggy	John & Anna Gallagher
<b>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 — WEEKDAY</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Mrs. Karen Torquato	Family
<b>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 — WEEKDAY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	John Rogers, Sr.	Daughter
<b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 — SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Charlotte Velemirovich	McDonald Family
<b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 — SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Deceased Members of the Saint Philip Conference of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society	Saint Philip Conference of Saint Vincent de Paul
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Grandparents	Granddaughter, Valerie
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Maggi Zukowski	Marcyanne Nordick
<b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 - TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Ed Waltz	A Friend
Ascension	9:30am	Mary Badish	Paula Badish
Saint Philip	11:00am	Cassie Bloom Currier	Siblings



# 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!

## A wonderful time of the year

**This coming Monday, September 22**, we will begin the Season of Autumn! For many of us, the Autumn is one of our favorite seasons of the year. We Pittsburghers like to tell other Americans that we enjoy life in Western Pennsylvania because of the variety of the four seasons. *(Personally, I believe that we actually enjoy Autumn and Spring – and only make the best of Summer and Winter just because we don't want to move!)*

**The Season of Autumn is a wonderful time of the year.** The Fall is usually filled with cooler weather. We enjoy the various colors of the leaves. We enjoy hayrides and campfires and pumpkins. Many people enjoy the homecoming events of the Fall as well as the holidays. Likewise, many Pittsburghers greatly enjoy football games – whether they be elementary, high school, college, semi-pro, or professional contests. Hockey fans and World Series fans enjoy these three months of Autumn as well!

**Our Catholic Christian faith and life are also important to us as well** in this season – as they are throughout the year. We have the return to school and faith formation programs. We will celebrate numerous feast days of the Lord Jesus and of the saints and angels in these 12 weeks. There will be All Hallows Eve, All Saints Day, and All Souls Day. Thanksgiving is also one of the most favorite holidays of the entire calendar year. Then we have the celebration of Christ the King as well as the Holy Season of Advent!

**There is so much to anticipate and to enjoy** in this Season of Autumn in our home and community life – as well as in the life of the Church!

**Hearing our Bible readings in this Sunday's Liturgy** reminds us that the most significant elements of our Catholic Christian faith and life are ALWAYS “in season.”

**This Sunday**, the Prophet Amos admonishes us to care for the poor and to be generous to the needy. We then hear Saint Paul's encouragement to place our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ every day. Also, Paul reminds us to be disciples who pray often – calling us to pray fervently for ourselves and for one another every day and in our Sacred Liturgy. Finally, in the Holy Gospel according to Luke, Jesus calls us to seek and enter into the life of God rather than be consumed by the concerns and the wealth of this world. Indeed, our Christian faith and discipleship are most important in our lives, families and homes throughout this season and every season of the year!

**I truly hope that everyone will enjoy this beautiful Season of Autumn!** Also, I trust that our Catholic Christian faith and life will bless you each day in your prayer, and in your discipleship, service and charity. There is so much goodness and divine grace in this life. May you be blessed in your daily Catholic Christian living this Autumn, and may our faith and life fill you with the abundant riches of Almighty God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit now and throughout each year!

## 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 21

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

### Weekdays

Ezra 1-9;  
Luke 8-9

### Sunday, September 28

Amos 6:1-7;  
1 Timothy 6:11-16;  
Luke 16:19-31

*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. 13-14</b>	-- \$7,262.00
Online donations, September 13-14	-- \$1,815.00
Maintenance donations	-- \$74.00
Religious Education donations	-- \$35.00

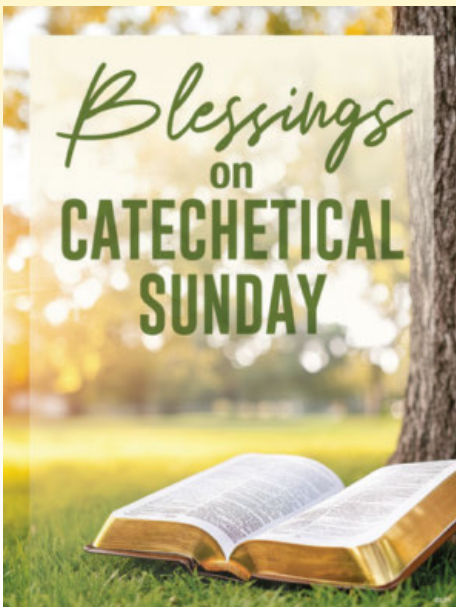
Bishop's Education Fund collection, Sept. 14 -- \$1,701.10

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year	-- \$858,415.50
Parish offertory received since July 1, 2025	-- \$161,010.35
Parish fundraising since July 1, 2025	-- \$2,118.65
Estate gifts received since July 1, 2025	-- \$217.90
General donations since July 1, 2025	-- \$2,210.00

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 13-14	-- 697
Sunday envelopes used September 13-14	-- 242
Total households receiving envelopes	-- 1,052

2025 Parish Appeal Goal	-- \$126,559.50
Parish Appeal received as of September 15	-- \$137,867.07
2025 Parish Appeal Donors	-- 313



## Many thanks to our Catechists

**This Sunday, as we celebrate Catechetical Sunday** in the United States, I would like to express sincere gratitude to our catechists who diligently strive to share our faith with our young children. Guided by Ms. MaryAnn Garfold (our Faith Formation Director) and supported by Mrs. Linda Bey and Mrs. Denise Ball (our two Faith Formation assistants), our catechists give freely of their faith, time, and energy to grow the Catholic faith and life of our parish's youngsters. These wonderful volunteers support our parents in their own responsibility of raising Catholic children in the Catholic faith and life. Best wishes and thanks to our students, parents, catechists, and staff as the new Catechetical Year begins this weekend.



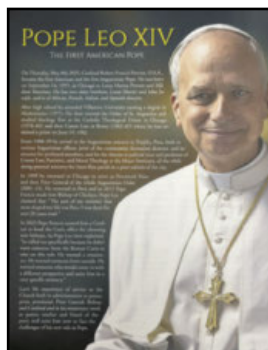
# Parish News

## A POPE LEO XIV BULLETIN INSERT AND PRAYER CARD

**This weekend, September 20-21**, our parish bulletin includes 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 this week's 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 this weekend - and share them with your children and family!

### ONE PERSON EACH YEAR...

**At the heart of our Catholic Christian faith** is Jesus' commission to the Apostles and all His disciples to "go out and preach the Good News." We are all called by our Baptism and our Confirmation to share the Lord with others and

to grow the Kingdom - the Presence - of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit with our family and with others.

**This year and every year**, it will be good for each of us to *focus our encouragement and prayers on one chosen person each year* - doing our best to lead them to (or back to) the Lord Jesus and his Church. If we lead one person (family member or friend) to the Lord Jesus each year - instead of making some unfocused effort - then we're more likely to actually bring many others in the years ahead to life and salvation in the Lord!

## PITTSBURGH EUCHARISTIC ROSARY MARCH: OCTOBER 5

Sunday, October 5: 92<sup>nd</sup> Eucharistic Rosary March for the City of Pittsburgh. Twice a year, the Legion of Mary organizes these marches to promote devotion to our Eucharistic Lord and Our Blessed Mother Mary.

At Epiphany church, Bishop Mark Eckman will preside at a 1:30pm Liturgy, followed by a Eucharistic procession as he blesses Pittsburgh - before returning to Epiphany church for Benediction and Crowning of Our Lady of Fatima.

# Respect Life...



As Catholic Christians, we respect all the children of God - pre-born children, young children, young adults, all adults and seniors, moms, dads, grandparents, and everyone!

Like Jesus, may we be good and caring toward everyone of every age - in the name of Almighty God!

# ANNUAL PARISH FLEA MARKET Luncheon & Bake Sale



**Saturday,  
October 11**  
9:00am to 2:00pm  
Ascension Church  
Conner Hall

Our popular Flea Market, Luncheon, and Bake Sale will be held **Saturday, October 11**, from 9:00am to 2:00pm at Ascension Church Conner Hall.

**Drop -Off Dates and Times:** September 29 & 30, and October 2, 6, 7 & 9 from 9:00am to 10:00am, and from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. (Please no clothing, bedding, encyclopedias, TVs, large appliances, furniture, stuffed animals, or freon items.)

## SUPPORT THE BAKE SALE!

If you love baking, please donate goodies on the **morning of October 11** at Conner Hall. We welcome all favorites: cookies, brownies, fudge, candy, and more!

We look forward to seeing you there!

## 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

No servant can serve two masters, and in His goodness, God gives us the ability to choose. Will we serve mammon, the riches of this world? Or will we seek true wealth, the kind that cannot be hoarded or wasted, but only given freely away?



We offer our sympathy to the family of **David A. Rabb** who entered into eternal life. Please keep him in your prayers.

## Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns *in Loving Memory of*  
**Nicholas & Josephine Kulick**  
Offered by Daughter, Linda

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *in Loving Memory of*  
**Paul A. Thunell**  
Offered by Wife & Family



## HANLON'S CAFÉ & CATERING

*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:** This Sunday, September 21 is Catechetical Sunday as established by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to allow parishes to recognize the importance of teaching and passing on the faith. At Saint Philip Parish the following people play a vital role in this ministry:

**Cassie Mishkin**, Pre-K  
**Jenny Dugan**, Pre-K Aide & Greeter  
**Mary Clare Gerlowski**, Kindergarten  
**Eleanor Vistein**, First Grade  
**Teresa Harrold**, Second Grade  
**Claire Megyesy**, Third Grade  
**Patti Beattie**, Third Grade & General Aide  
**Robin Gump**, Fourth Grade A  
**Laura Rea**, Fourth Grade Aide  
**Sue Hastings**, Fourth Grade B  
**Brenda Rougeux**, Fourth Grade Aide  
**Eileen Cox**, Fifth Grade  
**Bob Bertocchi**, Sixth Grade  
**Samantha Calorie**, Seventh Grade  
**Katie Kostishack**, Eighth Grade  
**Tracy Malloy**, Middle School Aide  
**Eileen Guay**, Substitute  
**Barbara Stokes**, Substitute  
**Judy Moskovitz**, Substitute  
**Art Bannon**, General Aide  
**Phyllis Gray**, Prayer Partner  
OCIA Team: **Fran Sullen**, **Debbie Sullen**,  
**Bill Eberle**, **Ursula Eberle**, **Deacon Joe Allen**  
Children's Liturgy: **Denise Ball**, **Teresa Harrold**, **Jennifer McDevitt**

Please keep all of our catechists and families in your prayers.

**UPDATES FOR THE 2025-2026 FAITH FORMATION SCHOOL YEAR:** If you're interested in enrolling, please call 412-922-6388.

- **Children's Liturgy Program:** We now offer videos related to the Sunday Gospel for Pre-School and First Grade children to enhance their learning experience.
- **Grades 6, 7 & 8 Program:** Each week starts with an engaging activity tied to the lesson. Students then split into grade-level groups for instruction using Loyola Press materials. Evenings end with various prayer experiences. Once a month, students participate in a service project supporting either the parish or Diocesan Catholic Charities. This program includes resources from TeenLife Edge, Loyola Press, and the Pflaum Sacramental Program. Sessions feature fun activities, snacks, instruction, and opportunities for deeper prayer.
- **Grade 5 Service:** Fifth graders will participate in monthly service activities benefiting our parish or Diocesan Catholic Charities.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OR ADULTS:** Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation to be celebrated in Spring 2026 will begin in September. Any high school student or adult who wishes to be Confirmed, may call 412-922-6388. Sessions to prepare for the Sacrament are adapted to meet the needs of high school students and adults and are available online.

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS:** Faith Formation begins on Monday, September 22 from 6:30pm to 7:45pm in the Parish Center (Former School) Building. Parents and Children will meet in the courtyard where they will be greeted by their catechist. Children will then be shown to their classroom. Dismissal is at 7:45pm in the church. Each child will receive a gift bag and a folder. A Parent Meeting will be held on Monday,

September 29 in the cafeteria, an Open House will follow the meeting, and it will conclude with an ice cream party in the cafeteria.

**Faith Formation is in need of compassionate parish members to support children with special needs. If you feel moved to share your time and heart, please call 412-922-6388.**

**SAINT PHILIP PARISH FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM FOR AGES 3-5:** Our program for 3- and 4-year-olds, as well as Kindergarteners, meets on Monday evenings from 6:30pm to 7:45pm. Program highlights include:

- Group activities designed for 3- and 4-year-old children
- Faith learning through use of the alphabet, colors, shapes, and numbers
- Introduction to prayerful practices
- Monthly family dinners followed by learning activities for all ages
- Opportunities for parents to connect and share
- Fun social events including festivals, Mardi Gras celebration, and ice cream gatherings

If you'd like to enroll your child starting this September, please contact the Office of Faith Formation to receive a registration form.

**OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)** offers a personalized spiritual journey for those not baptized or interested in learning about the Catholic faith. High school students in need of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation preparation are also invited to join our tailored, online program. For more information, call 412-922-6388

**BAPTISM** is the Sacrament on which our very faith is founded and which unites us as living members into Christ and His Church. Together with the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation, it forms what is known as "Christian initiation." A special class is available for first-time parents. Contact us for details.

**BAPTISM SPONSORS:** If you think that you may be asked in the future to be a Godparent and have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, call 412-922-6388. Sessions for Spring 2026 Confirmation begin this Fall and can be adapted to meet your needs.



## KITCHEN TABLE MINISTRY

Join us on **Sunday, October 5** for Drop-In Sunday following the 9:30am Mass in Ascension Church Conner Hall. We offer the following: delicious donuts, blood pressure screening, meaningful conversations, and general wellness information.

Join us **Tuesday, September 23** for the inspiring movie, *Only God Hears Me*. Meet four non-verbal people who, with God's help, have overcome challenges to live fulfilling lives. Be inspired to deepen your own relationship with God who hears you. Light refreshments will be served.

**10-MINUTE TAKE CARE TIPS:** This week, try these simple 10-minute resets to recharge your mind and boost your spirit.

- **Nature Walk:** Step outside for a 10-minute walk and let fresh air and greenery refresh you.
- **Digital Detox:** Give your eyes and mind a break by unplugging from all screens for 10 minutes.
- **Connect Reset:** Spend 10 minutes reaching out to a friend or share a moment face-to-face.
- **Breath Reset:** Take 10 minutes to focus on your breathing with slow, deep breaths to calm and center yourself.

# 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!**

- ➊ 🍀 First Prize: **\$2,500**
- ➋ 🍀 Second Prize: **\$500**
- ➌ 🍀 Third Prize: **\$400**
- ➍ 🍀 Fourth Prize: **\$250**
- ➎ 🍀 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

It is time again for our annual *Help Thy Neighbor Walk and Raffle*, which is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Vincentians will be selling raffle tickets before and after all Masses the weekends of **September 27-28**, and **October 4-5**. Each ticket is \$5, and for every four tickets that you purchase, you will get a fifth ticket for free. One person in the diocese will win the grand prize of \$5,000! There is also one second-place prize of \$2,500, and five \$1,000 prizes!

**Again this year, we are blessed to have an anonymous donor who is willing to match up to \$5,000 of our St. Philip Conference ticket sales. Please allow us to maximize those matching funds by helping us to sell \$5,000 in tickets!**

You can also purchase tickets online at <https://form.jotform.com/201684852232151>. Be sure to specify that you want your ticket proceeds to go to the St. Philip Conference. 100% of the proceeds from both in-person and online ticket sales stay with our Conference and go to help our neighbors in need. The winner will be drawn on October 19. Thank you in advance for your support of this annual fundraiser that is much needed in order to continue to assist our friends in need with their financial requests, which are many!

Over the past week, your generous donations enabled us to provide a single mother with a household goods voucher; two families were given clothing vouchers; a single

mother was assisted with \$361 to avoid an electric shutoff; a man was given \$394 toward his rent; a man was approved for up to \$400 toward his electric bill; a man was given \$131 toward his electric bill and \$176 toward his car insurance; and a family of three were given a bed, dresser, table and chairs. It was a busy week, and we couldn't have done it without your generous support; thank you!

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please place your donation in one of the poor boxes, mail it to the parish office (to the attention of SVdP) at 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15205, or donate online at <https://saintphilipchurch.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/StVincentdePaul>.

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).

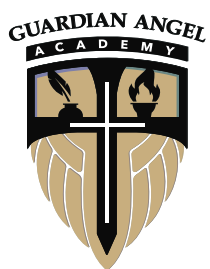
## SALVATION HISTORY RETURNS!

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!

## LADIES OF CHARITY

Join us for our next meeting on **Thursday, October 9!** 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.

Meetings are held the **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 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.



# Guardian Angel Academy

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Guardian Angel Academy Weekly Highlights  
*Guided by Angels - Lighting the Way with Hope*

## CLASSROOM CHRONICLES

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade is diving into *The Egypt Game* and exploring our divine identity in Religion.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade is reading *The Giver*, reflecting on memory, family, and individuality.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade is journeying through *Hatchet*, and discovering resilience and inner strength.

## HELPING HANDS CLUB

This September, we're partnering with Catholic Charities to support families in need. Donations of diapers, wipes, baby soap, lotion, and diaper cream are welcome through September 25. Drop off items outside Room 6B.

## SUMMER IMPROVEMENTS

Over the break, GAA refreshed hallways, upgraded flooring, deep-cleaned facilities, and enhanced safety measures all thanks to our dedicated maintenance teams.

## FALL SPORTS & EVENTS

Cross Country, Volleyball, and Soccer are in full swing.

Picture Day: Tuesday, September 30

Progress Reports: Available September 24 via FACTS Family Portal.

## A PRAYER FOR HOPE

*"May Guardian Angel Academy always be a place where light overcomes darkness, and hope leads the way."*

# 3 Fundamental Catholic Christian Beliefs

It's good for all the members of our parish and all Catholic Christians to know the basic beliefs of our faith - along with the many elements of Catholic Christianity and the Good News of the Lord Jesus. Our Catholic faith and life are indeed tremendous treasures that are comprised of so many amazing facets - just like a diamond.

*As Catholic Christians, our three most basic beliefs are these:*

## 1.) DIVINITY.

We believe there is One Eternal God in Three Divine Persons (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit) as revealed to us by Jesus of Nazareth;

## 2.) INCARNATION.

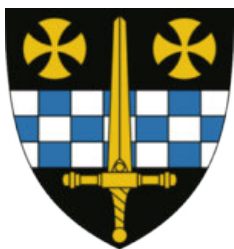
The Son of God became fully human in Jesus of Nazareth thus joining together both the Divine and humanity; and

## 3.) RESURRECTION.

The Lord Jesus was raised from the dead three days after His crucifixion and death on the cross, and Jesus' Resurrection gives us hope for our own Resurrection and Eternal Life.

There are many wonderful beliefs in our Catholic Christian faith, yet it's always good to see everything in the context of these three basic beliefs: ***Divinity, Incarnation, and Resurrection!***





# Around the Diocese and Community

## A PRESENTATION ON THE BEAUTY OF THE LITURGY

On Friday, September 26, at 7:30pm, the Director of Music for Archangel Gabriel Parish, Dr. Vincent Rone, will explain the eternal and universal beauty of the Catholic Liturgy - most especially the Sanctus (the "Holy, Holy, Holy"). This presentation is without cost and is open to all Catholics and to the public. This event will be held in Holy Trinity church, 5718 Steubenville Pike in Robinson Township. Please visit [www.ArchangelGabrielParish.org/Speaker](http://www.ArchangelGabrielParish.org/Speaker) to register in advance. You'll appreciate his insights and his message!

## A WEEKEND RETREAT FOR HEALING

The weekend retreat, Rachel's Vineyard, will be held October 17-19 at the Ark and the Dove Retreat Center near North Park. This time away is offered to women and men who are grieving the wounds of abortion. The weekend is confidential and supportive so that individuals can know the love and mercy of the Lord. To register, call Toni (412-352-5348) or email her at [toniafj1@comcast.net](mailto:toniafj1@comcast.net). All are welcome!

## OCTOBER 2-4 NATIONALITY FESTIVAL

Archangel Gabriel Catholic Parish will celebrate its 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. Enjoy fresh donuts, funnel cakes, desserts and a cookie table! A Kids' Corner is also a part of the festival. Visit [www.archangelgabrielparish.org/festival](http://www.archangelgabrielparish.org/festival) for information.

# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

September 24 - November 2

Join fellow Christians in prayer and peaceful witness during the 40 Days for Life campaign, a global movement to end abortion through prayer, fasting, and community outreach.

### 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  
Please bring a diaper donation along with you! To learn more, contact Nikki Bruni:  
[nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com](mailto:nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com).



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