



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH
December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021

Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

WEEK OF OCTOBER 3, 2021

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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saint Philip Church
50 West Crafton Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Ascension Church
114 Berry Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

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915 Alice Street
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no later than 12:00pm on Friday to be included in the following week's bulletin.





CONFESSION

Offered Saturdays from 12:15pm to 1:15pm 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 the *Ascension Church*. Please call the Religious Education Office at 412-922-6388 for more information.

Matrimony: Priest is to be contacted six months in advance of wedding. Participation in Pre-Cana Program required. Please contact the Parish Priests 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*.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Call the Office of Religious Education for more information.

Priesthood/Religious Life: Contact the Parish Priests 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.

MASS SCHEDULE

Masses are held at Saint Philip Church and Ascension Church

LOCATION	TIME	MASS INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2 — THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS			
Ascension	8:00am	John Rogers, Sr.	Daughter
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Paul Meehan	Barb Pfender
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Deceased of the Demma Family	Helen Demma
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 — TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Nicholas & Josephine Kulick	Daughter, Linda
Ascension	9:30am	Enrica Palombini	DeDe & Sam Palombini
Saint Philip	11:00am	65 th Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. James & Mary Flynn	Mary & Jim Flynn
MONDAY, OCTOBER 4 — SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Armando Pigoni	Scally Family
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Duke	Rose
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7 — OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY			
Ascension	8:00am	Dolores Cavic	Beverly J. Engel
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	John Lugaila	Family
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Gerry Chichilla	Lindy & Chuck Gigliotti
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Rosemary Rynn	Children & Grandchildren
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Robert B. Clark	Christine Kornosky
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10 — TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Galon & McConnell Families	John & Judy Galon
Ascension	9:30am	70 th Anniversary of Sam & DeDe Palombini	Kathy, Susie, Jo & Sam Palombini
Saint Philip	11:00am	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Wallace	Mr. & Mrs. James Flynn

DID YOU KNOW?



Saint Philip Parish is on Facebook! Follow us today to learn about upcoming events and happenings.



Notes from the Pastor

Greetings once again, and best wishes for a very good month of October as we enter into the Autumn!

A Sunday Reflection

As we hear in today's Bible readings during the Sunday Liturgy, marriage and family life are meant to be true blessings from the Almighty. Going back to the ancient Hebrew tradition found in the Old Testament Book of Genesis, the permanent union of one man and one woman has been seen for millennia as a sacred partnership blessed by God. Likewise, Christian Marriage continues to be a sacred partnership, a sacrament blessed and sanctified by the Lord Jesus in today's Gospel according to Mark.

Throughout Christian history, many men and women have found Christian Marriage and Christian family life to be wonderful gifts and blessings in which a covenant and community of love is lived every day. Especially in today's society, every Christian Marriage and every Christian family deserves our admiration and support and prayers.

Of course, for many married couples and families, life together today is filled with its challenges and stress. We all know those whose marriages have not lasted and whose families have been torn asunder. These husbands, wives, children, and families also need our care and understanding. No one enters into marriage thinking or hoping that it won't last. Unfortunately the difficulties of life today make marriage and family very difficult and challenging for so many.

Over the years, I've come to share this pastoral advice with as many spouses and parents as I can. First, husbands and wives might find it very beneficial to share seven (7) hugs and kisses EVERY DAY to show your devotion and love to each other and to keep your romance alive. Second, parents would do well to limit the presence of electronics in your home. Make your family life more peaceful and calm by turning off the television, the computer, your smartphones, and the radio as much as you possibly can. Our brains, nerves,

hearts, souls, and families need a break from all the electronic pollution and poison that has unfortunately infiltrated every moment and aspect of our lives. Try more peace and quiet in your home. You may come to love the quiet!

Today, Jesus clearly affirms the goodness and importance of Christian Marriage and family life. They are divine gifts to humanity and to the Church which give us stable families and homes and lives. May all of our husbands, wives, children, and families be blessed in your life together, and may all members of the Catholic Church respect, support, and pray for all families as they live out their lives as spouses, parents, and children. God bless!

A change to our Confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation) schedule

Given the number of Saturday weddings scheduled here in October and December 2021, our time for Confessions at Ascension church will now be 12:00pm until 1:00pm on Saturdays. This small change is needed to allow me (Father Jim Torquato) to both offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Ascension and also to preside at the 2:00pm weddings scheduled at Saint Philip. In that I'm the only priest now assigned to serve Saint Philip Parish, changes such as this are necessary to have a workable parish schedule. Thank you for your understanding!

Working with the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank

Our parish recently received a request from the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank to host a monthly food distribution for families in need in the western Pittsburgh neighborhoods as well as Crafton, Ingram, Thornburg, and other communities in western Allegheny County. Our parish is most willing to assist with this charitable service, and the Catholic Diocese has given permission to make the Ascension church location available to the Food Bank and its food recipients.

As such, the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank

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**Your goodness and participation
help to keep our parish alive!**

will use the **Ascension location on the THIRD TUESDAY AFTERNOON of each month** from 3:00pm until 6:00pm to distribute food to local families (*from 4:00pm until 5:30pm*). If you or any relatives, neighbors, or friends in this area would benefit from a monthly food distribution, please contact the Food Bank (412-460-3663 or www.pittsburghfoodbank.org) and apply for the distribution at Ascension church of Saint Philip Parish beginning October 19.

October - a month for Pro-Life efforts

For at least 50 years, members and shepherds of the Catholic Church in the United States and around the world have been promoting greater respect for life and greater protection for life in our country and in our society. Our human lives and all creation are sacred gifts of God who gives life to all the earth - and who cares for and provides for all people and all creation.

The month of October is a special time to promote greater respect and protection for human life from its conception until natural death. For the sake of humanity and the world and the future, may we each promote respect for human life and all life, and may we do all that we can to protect life and support life in our families and parish and community!

Bishop David Zubik will preside at a special Liturgy for the Protection of Human Life on Tuesday, October 19, at 7:00pm, at Saint Paul Cathedral, Fifth Avenue in Oakland. All our members and families are most welcome to attend and participate!

October - a month for the Rosary

The month of October is also one of our traditional months to honor Mary, the Blessed Virgin Mother of the Lord Jesus. Mary has been most important to her divine son, Jesus, and Mary continues to be most important to us and to all the People of God in the Catholic Church.

One of our best ways to remember and honor and be close to Mary is through praying the Rosary. The Rosary is a magnificent prayer in which we remember 20 important events of Jesus' life -- and by which we honor God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit along with the honor we also give to our Blessed Mother Mary.

You can find instructions on praying the Rosary on the Internet or in a variety of Catholic books. Rosaries themselves are also available in so many places. Make

this month a time to pray the Rosary, and you'll find yourself drawing closer to the Lord and to his Mother, Mary. You'll also find peace, consolation, faith, and encouragement as you take up a Rosary and pray this wonderful prayer every day!

Best wishes for this Sunday, this week, and October!

Best wishes for a very good Sunday! Again, thank you very much for your continued faith, discipleship, dedication, goodness, and generosity - to our parish community, to one another, and to those in need.

Until next 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 parish community now and always!

Yours,
Father Jim Torquato



2021 Parish Share Campaign

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Our parish has now received Parish Share contributions from

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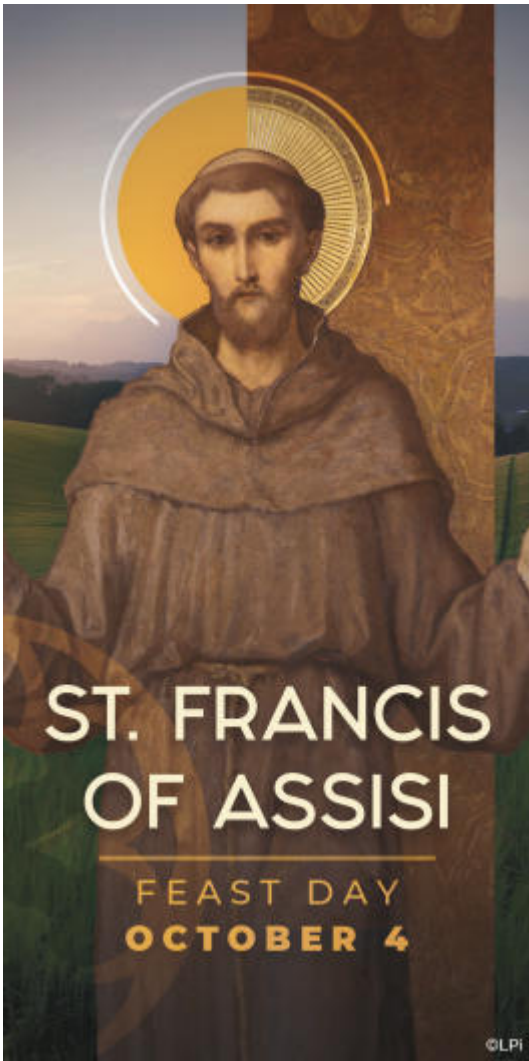
families and members since February.
Thank you for your generosity!

In July, a second Parish Share appeal mailing was sent to the

1640+

**members and families
who've NOT yet responded.**

We invite all our parish households to support and contribute to this ongoing Parish Share Campaign for the benefit of our Diocese of Pittsburgh and of Saint Philip Parish. Thank you all very much!



Sunday, October 3:

Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11;
Mark 10:2-16

This week:

Jonah; Luke 10-11

Sunday, October 10:

Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13;
Mark 10:17-30

FINANCIAL REPORT OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collection total, **September 25-26, 2021** -- \$8,759.00
Average weekly online donations -- \$1,361.00

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year -- \$724,000.00
Parish income received since July 1, 2021 -- \$131,609.00
Parish fundraising since July 1, 2021 -- \$ 7,674.00
Estate gifts received since July 1, 2021 -- \$0.00

Average weekly staff salary and benefits expenses -- \$7,208.00
Average weekly maintenance/operation expenses -- \$ 973.00
Average weekly utility expenses -- \$1,539.00
Average weekly insurance expenses -- \$1,251.00

Parish members -- 3,638 Parish families -- 1,797
Church attendance on **September 25-26** -- 581
Average Sunday envelopes used -- 250
Total households receiving envelopes -- 1,314



**ST. PHILIP FALL FLEA MARKET AT
ASCENSION, CONNER HALL
LUNCHEON AND BAKE SALE
Saturday, October 9, 2021
9:00am - 2:00pm**

Well, friends and neighbors, it is that time of year again to go through your "stuff" and contribute it to our **Flea Market**.

The rule of thumb seems to be that if you have not worn it or used it for two years, donate it!

All donations are greatly appreciated.

Just a reminder, **we do not accept encyclopedias, televisions or refrigerators.**

Drop-off dates and times: **October 4, 5 and 7**
from **9:00am to 10:00am** and **5:30pm to 7:00pm.**

In addition to your "stuff," we pride ourselves on our quality bake sale, so keep in mind that may be a way you can help.



Parish News

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS - October 9 & October 10

- 4:00pm at St. Philip - B. J. Gamble
- 5:30pm at Ascension - Colleen Pilarski
- 7:00am at St. Philip - Beth Ayres
- 9:30am at Ascension - Linda Barone
- 11:00am at St. Philip - Katelyn Hoff

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - October 9 & October 10

- 4:00pm at St. Philip - Susan Solt-Lonsinger
- 5:30pm at Ascension - Katie Phillips
- 7:00am at St. Philip - Karen Rozeck
- 9:30am at Ascension - Joe Allen
- 11:00am at St. Philip - Kathy Hayes



October is the month of the Rosary. It is also Respect for Life month. Let us continue to honor Our Blessed Mother and pray the Rosary as she has requested. We ask you to keep in your prayers the unborn, those contemplating abortion, the elderly and the infirm.



HOLY MATRIMONY

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to: **John Thomas Fuhrer** and **Alisa Marie Fingers** who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage at St. Philip Parish on September 25, 2021. May God bless them as they begin their lives together.



HOW MUCH OF YOUR JEWELRY HASN'T SEEN THE LIGHT OF DAY IN YEARS?

Now is the perfect time to open those jewelry boxes or dig to the bottom of your dresser drawers and set it free! Someone will see it and love it... just as you once did!

**Donate your unwanted/
unworn jewelry now to the
ST. PHILIP PARISH FLEA MARKET
OCTOBER 9, 2021**

We take new or used fashion or fine jewelry: bracelets, necklaces, earrings, rings, pins, cuff links, tie pins, gold or sterling, gemstone or natural stone, watches.

Bring your jewels to Conner Hall during the Flea Market drop off times.



FLEA MARKET BAKE SALE

Is baking your talent? Thanks to your help, our bake sales are a big draw at our parish events. We hope you might again find time in your busy schedules to bake something delicious for our Flea Market Bake Sale. Donations of baked goods will be gratefully accepted and can be dropped off on **Friday, October 8 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm** in Conner Hall.

Chocolate Chips, Snicker Doodles, Pecan Sandies, Snow Balls, Sugar Cookies, Peanut Butter Cookies, Thumbprints, Lady Locks, Brownies, Fudge, Homemade Candy... *We love 'em all!*



Our newly merged regional school has begun its first year!

Saint Philip Parish families are welcome to learn more about Guardian Angel Academy and to enroll in this new school year.

**Please contact
GUARDIAN ANGEL ACADEMY
this week at 412-922-4765.**

GUARDIAN ANGEL ACADEMY Santa Shoppe

Attention Crafters! We are looking for handmade items to sell at the Santa Shoppe at Guardian Angel Academy. In the past we have sold scarves, heating pads, hand-painted Christmas tree ornaments, and hand towels. The Santa Shoppe sale will be held just after Thanksgiving. If you are willing to donate your special items for the sale, please contact Jen Ford at jbxbs36@yahoo.com as soon as possible. Thank you.



Rest in Peace

We offer our sympathy to the family of **Anthony Mario Tarullo** who entered into eternal life. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Connect with
FLOCKNOTE!**



To register, contact our parish office,
OR text **stphilippa** to **84576**, OR visit
www.stphilipchurch1.flocknote.com.



**PARISH
SUPPORT**

*Please Support
SAINT PHILIP PARISH!*
*by including the parish in
your will and estate planning.*

Thank you!

Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **St. Philip** burns
In Loving Memory of Rosemary Rynn
Offered by The Rynn Family

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **Ascension** burns
In Loving Memory of Raymond ☺
Dolores Drozak
Offered by The Bareksai Family



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SAINT PHILIP CATHOLIC PARISH

MANY THANKS TO YOU – OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH
CONTRIBUTORS AND DONORS!

Dear Saint Philip Parish members and families –

Greetings once again from the parish offices, and best wishes for a good Autumn!

Thank you very much for your dedicated and continuing support of our local Catholic community of Saint Philip Parish!

Your financial contributions and your generosity throughout the years – and especially in these two pandemic years – are very important and greatly appreciated by myself, by our parish staff, by our participating members, and by all of us who together are this faithful and vital Catholic Christian community.

By this letter, I'd like to say "thank you" once again for your continuing goodness to Saint Philip Parish and to our community life, ministries, and outreach which are shared with members and families of our parish as well as many of our neighbors in need.

Your continuing financial contributions and participation will keep Saint Philip Parish vital and faithful to the Lord Jesus!

Once again, thank you very much! May the Lord bless you for your faith, your discipleship, your generosity, and your participation in the life of his holy people at Saint Philip Catholic Parish!

Gratefully,

Father Jim Torquato

Reverend James R. Torquato
Pastor





Religious Education

Ms. MaryAnn Garfold, Director of Religious Education
412-922-6388 stphilipreligioused@gmail.com

MARYANN'S THOUGHTS: A happy Fall Season to each of you. There are so many blessings this time of year. Within the Church there are so many wonderful feast days and celebrations. On Friday, October 1 we celebrated the wonderful feast day of St. Therese, Doctor of the Church. On Saturday, October 2 we celebrated the feast of the Guardian Angels. This Monday, October 4 we celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. On Wednesday, October 5 we remember Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, a Redemptorist priest who served at St. Philomena in Pittsburgh for 9 years. On Thursday, we celebrate Our Lady of the Rosary. What a wonderful time of year to receive the blessings and intercessions of so many holy men and women.

Congratulations to our school, Guardian Angel Academy on their feast day, Saturday, October 2. The school children enjoyed an ice-cream treat to help celebrate the feast provided by the St. Philip Parish Office of Faith Formation.

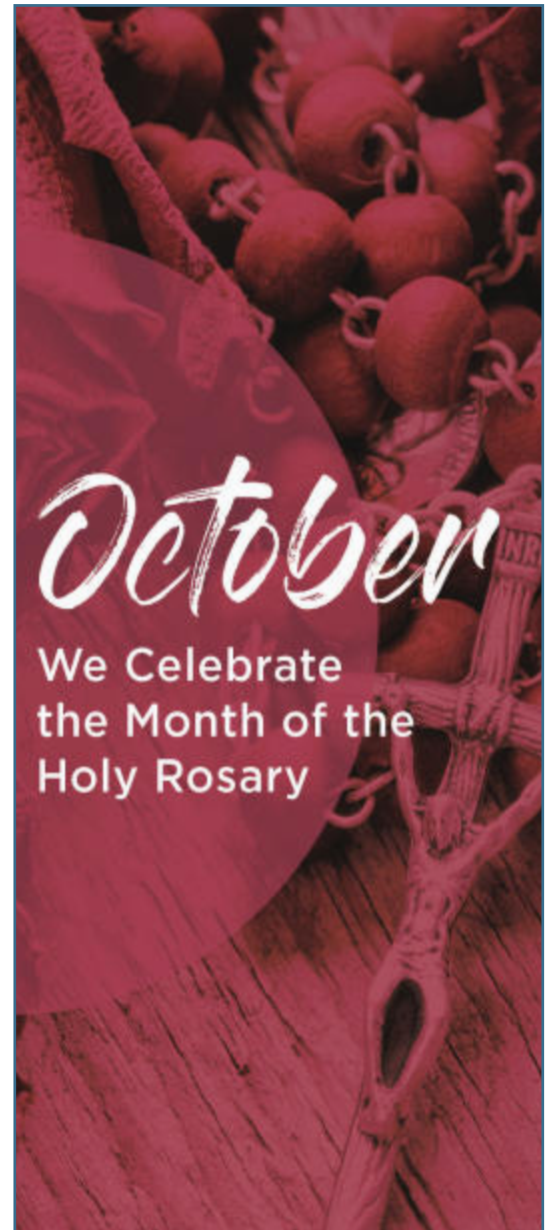
FAITH FORMATION NEWS: A Thank You to all who participated in the *Help Thy Neighbor Walk* last Sunday. We had a beautiful turnout and the donations of backpack food items for children in need was much appreciated.

Our first **High School meeting will be held this evening, October 3 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm** in Kelty Hall. Each high school student received an invitation by mail to join us. All high school students are welcome.

This Monday, October 4 our Faith Formation Program will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. There will be a pizza supper at 6:30pm followed by the story of St. Francis, talk and blessing for our pets. The evening will end with enjoyment of Italian cookies and a prayerful reflection.

You can still register for Monday Night Faith Formation by calling 412-922-6388.

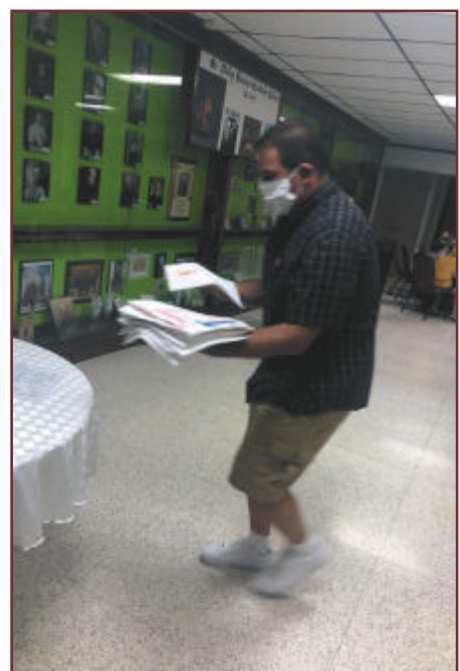
BAPTISM: We are accepting requests for the Sacrament of Baptism. Please call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388 if you would like to have your child baptized at St. Philip Parish. The process takes several weeks. First time parents are asked to attend a session to understand and prepare for the sacrament. Our next Baptism Session will be held on Wednesday, October 20 at 6:30pm in the Ascension Administration Building.



FAITH FORMATION FAMILIES

St. Philip Faith Formation Family Session took place on Monday evening, September 20. Each family celebrated the year of St. Joseph by listening to information about St. Joseph and then creating a quilt piece for our St. Joseph Quilt. The quilt will be displayed in Ascension Church and St. Philip Church during the month of November.

Our next Family Session will be on October 4. We will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with a Pizza Supper, a prayer for our pets, a talk on the life of St. Francis and a reflection prayer. All families are welcome to join us. Call MaryAnn at 412-922-6388.



St. Philip Parish Presents



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7
6:45pm to 8:00pm**

St. Philip Church Campus Parish Center

Join us for an evening of dessert, babysitting and conversation for moms.

This is an opportunity for mothers to have a break, enjoy some fabulous desserts, and make new friends.

Call: **412-922-6388** for reservations.

E-mail: stphilipreligoused@gmail.com.

Take a break. Come and meet new friends.



COFFEE, TEA & COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21
8:30pm to 10:00pm**

Ascension Church Conner Hall

Enjoy eggs, muffins, bagels, waffles, cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, tea and coffee.

9:00am Prayer Reflection: *Praying in Color*

9:30am Talk by Amber Atkins, owner of The Cakery: *Finding the Perfect Dessert for a Special Occasion*

10:00am Concluding Blessing

All are welcome. Reservations are requested by calling 412-922-6388.

Year of St. Joseph

As we continue until December 8 to celebrate the Year of St. Joseph, our Faith Formation students and their families have each created a quilt patch for our dedication quilt to St. Joseph. This quilt will be displayed in both St. Philip Church and Ascension Church in November.

Little Known Information: Santo Anello? Actually, Santo Anello is not a person. Santo Anello is a thing: the “holy ring” that St. Joseph gave Mary on their wedding day! Yes, you read that right. The wedding ring that St. Joseph gave to Mary is still in existence today. It is reserved in a special gold and silver reliquary in the Cathedral of San Lorenzo in Perugia, Italy. Many go on pilgrimage to Italy, unaware that only a short distance away from Assisi (14 miles) is the holy ring. Thanks to the mystical visions of Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich, people around the world now know about the Santo Anello and its exact location. Pilgrims from around the world travel to Perugia to see the relic and venerate it. Blessed Pope Pius IX venerated the ring on May 10, 1857 when visiting Perugia.

Taken from Consecration to St. Joseph by Donald H. Calloway, MIC

PRAYERS TO ST. JOSEPH

Joseph, chosen by God, pray for me.

Joseph, worthy spouse of the Virgin Mary, pray for me.

Joseph, father of all the faithful, pray for me

Joseph, model of meekness and patience, pray for me.

Joseph, faithful observer of holy silence, pray for me.

Joseph, lover of holy poverty, pray for me.

Joseph, example of faithfulness, pray for me.

St. Joseph, hear my prayer. Look upon me and assist me in my trials. Grant to me your fatherly protection. Be my counselor, my confidant, my protector in all my difficulties and challenges. Lead me to Jesus that I may know the love of God and live the Gospel throughout my life. Amen.



Around the Diocese and Community

MASS FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE AND RESPECT AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

— Bishop David Zubik will celebrate a Mass for the protection of life in all of its stages to promote respect and care for the human person from conception to natural death on **October 19 at 7:00pm** in St. Paul Cathedral. The Rosary will be prayed in the Cathedral at 6:30pm in reparation for all disrespect and violence against human life. All are welcome to the Pro-Life Rosary and Mass.

RETRouvaille — Hope for Marriages and Families

Retrouvaille of Pittsburgh is pleased to announce that the ministry is continuing its message of hope, offering couples in distress a welcoming and loving space where they can, with God's help, heal and restore their marriages. Our next weekend program will be held **October 8-10**. For confidential information, call 412-277-3434 or 3014R@HelpOurMarriage.org.

“RENEW THE I DO!” MARRIAGE SUPPORT — This new Catholic organization has been created to support married couples in their life together. For more information, visit www.renewtheido.org.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE — We will pray on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood every day, for forty days!!! Our prayerful presence has often caused abortion-minded women and men to reconsider their choice and has saved the lives of many children! For more information, contact Nikki Bruni at nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com. Learn more, get involved, and sign up for prayer times at: 40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh or 40daysforlifepittsburgh.com.

NATIONALITY FESTIVAL — Archangel Gabriel Parish will hold its annual Nationality Festival, **October 7-9** on the St. Malachy Campus in Kennedy Township. Enjoy traditional Italian, German, Mexican, and Slovak Foods, Fish, Pierogies and our famous donuts! Need more sweets: funnel cakes are made while you watch, and the Cookie Patch will have a new look. Enjoy a delicious dinner (dine-in or take-out available).

PATHWAY TO CARE & RECOVERY — If you or someone you know needs information, support or help with a drug or alcohol problem, call 412-325-7550 or PA Get Help Now at 1-800-662-4357. Services include: information, peer support, case management, connection to other human services, mobile response teams, and more. 365/24/7 - Call or walk in. Pathway to Care: 326 3rd Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

ADORATION/ROSARY SCHEDULE — You are invited to sign up for the Pittsburgh Rosary Congress being held at St. Anthony Chapel in Troy Hill. It begins **Saturday morning, October 2 and ends Friday evening, October 8**. The Pittsburgh Rosary Congress website is accessible at www.pittsburghrosarycongress.org.

BISHOP CANEVIN FALL FEST — In celebration of a successful start to the school year and the wonderful Fall season, Bishop Canevin would like to invite all current middle school families to our annual **Fall Fest on October 9**.

Join us for food, music, games and Fall festivities. Spend the evening enjoying a hayride, playing knockerball, walking our haunted hallway, decorating pumpkins, competing in tailgate games and much more.

Middle school families are invited for VIP early access from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience the vibrant culture and community of Bishop Canevin. The larger BC community is invited to join in the festivities from 7:00pm to 10:00pm. Bishop Canevin is located at 2700 Morange Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15205. We hope to see you there!

BISHOP CANEVIN HIGH SCHOOL

Unable to attend? Take a virtual tour online at bishopcanevin.org.

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 17
 Outdoor Mass: 12:00pm
 Open House: 1:00-3:30pm

2700 Morange Road
 Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Walk-ins welcome or pre-register for custom tour!



Guardian Angel Academy

CLASSROOM CHRONICLES: Each week we will highlight the amazing things that are going on in our classrooms here at Guardian Angel Academy.

MR. ROY FISCHER'S CLASSROOM: The 7th and 8th grade students have spent the week learning how to login to their Google Classroom accounts. Each student in the middle school has a Chromebook for classroom use. In addition to using them to complete writing assignments, the 7th and 8th graders also used their Chromebooks to assist in their chapter reviews, by playing an online game called Kahoot! The students use their Chromebooks as “buzzers” in a trivia game to prepare for their tests. It keeps track of their accuracy and speed in answering the questions. The students got very competitive in their Kahoot review.

In 8th grade Social Studies, students are just beginning to study the Civil War. In addition to their normal classwork, the 8th grade will also begin an in-depth study of photography during the Civil War, searching an online depository and the Library of Congress, for pictures of soldiers and battlefields. Then, the students will reproduce their own photographs in the style of Civil War photojournalist!

The 7th grade Social Studies class is finishing up their Chapter 1, *The Roots of American People*. In this section, we studied the migration of early humans to North America, including a review of Native American groups living here in Western Pennsylvania. The students were shocked to learn about McKees Rocks Mound, a Mound Builder burial site right here in our own community!

Next week, we will be moving into the age of European colonialism of the American continent. Students will study Columbus's journey to the New World, as well as other explorers.

For Reading, both 7th grade and 8th grade started their novels. The 7th grade started *The Giver*, by Lois Lowry, while the 8th grade began *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. *The Giver* contains many themes of a supposed “utopia” which allows the students to discuss difficult

moral questions while also allowing us to incorporate our Catholic faith into the classroom discussions. *To Kill a Mockingbird* depicts life in a Southern town and deals with issues such as injustice and equality. Students will be able to make many connections between this novel and our study of the Civil War.

TEACHER SPOTLIGHTS: Each week we will spotlight one of our outstanding teachers at Guardian Angel Academy.



MRS. ALYSON WOODALL - PRESCHOOL TEACHER

My name is Alyson Woodall. I am the Pre-K teacher at Guardian Angel Academy. I joined the GAA faculty after spending 13 years teaching at St. Margaret of Scotland School. My passion for teaching has come from a family full of devoted and inspiring teachers and principals. I followed in my grandmother and mother's footsteps by attending Carlow University. I earned a bachelor's degree in early childhood and elementary education after completing my undergraduate studies. At the beginning of the 2020 school year, I joined Carlow's Reading Specialist Program. As part of Carlow's first class of reading specialists, I earned my Master of Education, Reading Specialist Certification, and Dyslexia Certification.

As I begin this school year, I am eager to help my young students build a strong educational foundation by incorporating my knowledge of effective literacy skills and strategies into my daily instruction. I also hope to help them strengthen their relationship with God as we learn new prayers and share Bible stories. Outside of school, I am happily married to my husband, Justin. We have two children, Kayleigh and Xander, and a two-year-old mastiff mix named Floki. I spend most of my free time taking my daughter to work at her afterschool job or watching my son play baseball and hockey. I enjoy drawing and going to the pool when I get a few moments to myself.



Ministries & Societies

LEGION OF MARY — All are welcome. *Save the Dates for Jesus and Mary:*

October 13 Parish Program in honor of the Last Apparition of Fatima at Ascension Church at 7:00pm
Topic - *What Was Going On in Moscow, Fatima, and the United States on October 13, 1917?*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

The **Allegheny County Covid-19 Utility Assistance Program** has recently been launched in order to help qualifying Allegheny County residents who fell behind in utility bills due to a financial hardship caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. Funds from this program will pay delinquent utility bills incurred on or after April 1, 2020. This assistance is available to both **renters and homeowners**.

In order to qualify, you must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- You must be a resident of Allegheny County, **but cannot live in the City of Pittsburgh**.
- You must be a customer of Duquesne Light, Pennsylvania American Water, Columbia Gas or Peoples Gas.
- Your household finances must have been negatively impacted by the pandemic.
- You, or a member of your household, must be a U.S. Citizen or a resident alien.
- Your total gross household income must be at or below 80% of the Allegheny County average median income. The monthly income limit for a household of one is \$3,958, a household of two is \$4,525, three is \$5,092 and four is \$5,654.

Please share this information with friends and neighbors who might benefit from it. For more info or to apply, visit: www.dollarenergy.org/need-help/pennsylvania/allegheny.

We would like to remind you that there is still time to buy tickets for the *Help Thy Neighbor* raffle. The grand prize is \$5,000! Tickets will be sold through October 31. You can buy raffle tickets at <https://form.jotform.com/201684852232151>. Be sure to specify that you are supporting the St. Philip

Conference. You can also purchase raffle tickets by calling or texting our hotline at 412-444-8140 or emailing us at svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com. All of the money raised will stay with our conference and go to help friends in need in our community.

This week, your generous donations enabled us to give a woman a bus pass to aid her job search; another woman was given a bus pass in order to get to her job training program; a disabled woman was given a bed, couch and recliner; a family of four was given clothing vouchers; a man was given new batteries for his power wheelchair; a woman was given \$150 toward rent; and another woman was given \$400 toward rent.

If you would like to make a monetary donation or a donation of \$10 Giant Eagle gift cards, please place your donation in one of the poor boxes, mail them to the parish office at 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15205, or donate online by visiting <https://saintphilipchurch.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/StVincentDePaul>. Monetary donations made to our conference are used only to assist friends in need and to pay our operational expenses. No money is given to any other organizations.

If you would like to make a donation of furniture or household goods, please call or text our hotline at 412-444-8140 or email us at svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com. If you have items that you would like to donate to us, we ask that you hold onto those items until we are either able to deliver them directly to a friend in need or have new storage space. If you would like to donate clothing, shoes or accessories, please place your donation in the blue bins in front of the Hope House at St. Philip or in the rear parking lot at Ascension, or you can call, text or email us to arrange a pickup if you are unable to transport them yourself. Please do not place any other items in those bins or leave anything outside of them because they will be thrown away. If you are looking to purchase new or gently-used clothing, housewares or furniture, please shop at the St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores and visit our online store at eshoppittsburgh.com. Also, we are always looking for volunteers! Any donation of your time is extremely valuable to us. If you'd like to join us in helping our friends in need or just want to learn more, please call, text or email us for more information.

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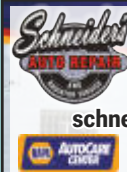
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