

Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

Saint Philip Catholic Parish is a
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OFFICE HOURS

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

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Rev. James R. Torquato, Pastor
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CRISIS SUPPORT/SUICIDE PREVENTION
24-Hour Lifeline Dial 988
Resolve Crisis Network 1-888-796-8226



Week of January 11, 2026

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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



CONFSSION

Available Saturdays from 12:00pm to 1:00pm at *Ascension Church*.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: A seminar is required for first-time parents. Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month at 12:15pm at *Saint Philip Church* or at *Ascension Church*. Call the Faith Formation Office at 412-922-6388 for more information.

Matrimony: The Pastor is to be contacted 6-18 months in advance of the requested wedding date. Participation in a Pre-Marriage Program is required. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Anointing of the Sick: Following a weekend Mass and on the last Saturday of the month at 8:30am at *Ascension Church*.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA): Call the Faith Formation Office at 412-922-6388 for more information.

Priesthood/Religious Life: Contact the Pastor for more information.

Victim's Assistance Hot-Line: If you are a person who has been hurt by abuse from clergy or others associated with the Church, the Diocese of Pittsburgh offers assistance with counseling, spiritual direction and referrals to other supportive services.

For information, contact our Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 412-456-3093.

Protecting God's Children — VICTIM HOTLINE: 1-888-808-1235
CHILDLINE: 1-888-932-0313 to report child abuse
Call 911 if a child is in imminent danger.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Our Liturgies are celebrated at both *Saint Philip Church*, 50 West Crafton Avenue, Crafton, and *Ascension Church*, 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh

LOCATION	TIME	PRIEST'S INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
SATURDAY, JANUARY 10 — CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Kathy & Grandson, Family Shane Phillips	
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Living & Deceased of the Maracek Family	A. R. Maracek
SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 — THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Lee Ann Fraunfelt	Beth Ayres
Ascension	9:30am	Howard Kelly	Marge Kelly
Saint Philip	11:00am	Bethany C. Nash	Saint Philip Music Ministers
MONDAY, JANUARY 12 — WEEKDAY (FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME)			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Sean Denis Casey McShane	Mark & Rosemarie McShane and Family
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13 — ST. HILARY, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH			
Ascension	8:00am	Christine M. Ovesney	Donna, Louise & Tony
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Special Intention of Kathy Clark	MaryAnn Gilliland & Family
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15 — WEEKDAY			
Ascension	8:00am	Helen Zak & Chuck Wilde	Rose
FRIDAY, JANUARY 16 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Santo Rea	Pasqua Rea
SATURDAY, JANUARY 17 — SAINT ANTHONY, ABBOT			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of Saint Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Angela & Victor Mancini	The Mancini Family
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	William E. Happoldt & Family	The Blair Family
SUNDAY, JANUARY 18 — SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Nicholas & Karen Torquato	Family
Ascension	9:30am	Audrey Heigl	Peggy, Debby & Kathy
Saint Philip	11:00am	Theresa Kaczmarek	Paul Kaczmaek



Notes from the Pastor

Best wishes to you and all our parish members and families for a blessed Baptism of the Lord Sunday - and a very good New Year 2026!

The important event of Jesus' Baptism

As you know, we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus during the Sunday after Epiphany Sunday. This sacred event marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. The Baptism of Jesus is always a very important commemoration in the Church Year and in our calendar, and this annual celebration concludes the Christmas Season.

In the holy event of Jesus' Baptism, we have several important elements. First, we have the start of Jesus' public ministry as He brings His message and His activity as the Redeemer to the people of Israel, the first People of God. Second, by His Baptism, Jesus shows us that He is united with us in our life - except that He was entirely without sin. Third, the heavenly voice - the voice of the Father - assures all of us that Jesus is indeed the beloved Son of God, the Savior sent by God into our world.

Since the Baptism of Jesus, this sacred practice and ceremony has been the ritual of initiation into the community of Jesus beginning nearly 2000 years ago. By our own Baptism, we are cleansed from the sin of this world, we are filled with the very life of God for the first time, and we become members of Jesus' one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. Our own Baptism begins our life in God's Kingdom and our journey to the eternal life which the Lord promises all His people.

The importance of Baptism in our own lives

This Sunday, January 11, we remember the Baptism of Jesus and all that it meant to Him. At the same time, we also remember all that our

own Baptism means to each of us and to all of the Lord's people in His Church.

Our Baptism transforms our earthly into holy lives lived in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We are forever invited to live in the divine grace of our own Baptism - and to one day come to the Kingdom that is our final destiny and salvation! This means that our Baptism and our Catholic Christian identity should always be most important to each of us. By our Baptism, we are disciples of the Lord Jesus forever, and the other six Sacraments renew the divine grace in our souls which we first receive when we're baptized.

The Sacrament of Baptism is also important to all our children and grandchildren. For nearly 2000 years, Christian children have been baptized shortly after their birth to share the divine grace of God with them, to cleanse them from the sin and darkness of this world, and to initiate them as the newest members of the Lord's people.

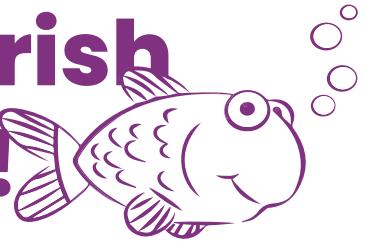
We don't wait until adulthood because all parents actually have the responsibility to make the most important life decisions for their children until they're at least 18 years old. If our faith is NOT shared with our children, they will more than likely NEVER become people of God - and they will NOT share in the eternal salvation which Jesus promises His disciples. We take seriously our Baptism into - and our life - in the Lord Jesus, and we share this treasure with all our children early in their lives for their benefit - and for their salvation.

Best wishes for a blessed Sunday and Christmas Season

Best wishes to you and all our members and families for this Sunday and for a blessed Christmas Season and New Year 2026! 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.

Yours, Father Jim Torquato

The 2026 Saint Philip Parish Fish Fry is coming soon!



With Ash Wednesday scheduled for **February 18**, it's time to get ready and begin our preparations for the Saint Philip Parish Annual Lenten Fish Fry!

Mark your calendars, and plan to join us for these excellent dinners and gatherings on Ash Wednesday and every Friday of Lent through April 3.

THIS Sunday, January 11, at 1:00pm, we'll hold our first organizing meeting in Father Conner Hall on the Ascension campus. All of our coordinators and volunteers are welcome to join us for a brief meeting to get this year's plans rolling.

ALSO, new volunteers are most welcome to join us in the weekly fun of this largest social event and fundraiser for our parish community.

We can always use your additional assistance in these areas:



- **Preparing Conner Hall**
- **Advance food preparation**
- **Fish Fry Day preparation**
- **Kitchen assistance**
- **Assembly line assistance**
- **Dinner service assistance**
- **Fish Fry cleanup crew**
- **7:00pm cleanup crew**
- **Hospitality crew**
- **Publicity team**

Each Fish Fry evening will be 4:00pm until 7:00pm - Ash Wednesday and every Friday of Lent, including Good Friday!

Join us for dinner this Lent, and if you and your family members can lend a hand - or two, please join our team of Fish Fry volunteers. Call the parish office this week, and speak with our parish staff about your interest in volunteering!





BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Baptism of the Lord Sunday, January 11

Isaiah 42:1-7;
Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38;
Matthew 3:13-17

Weekdays

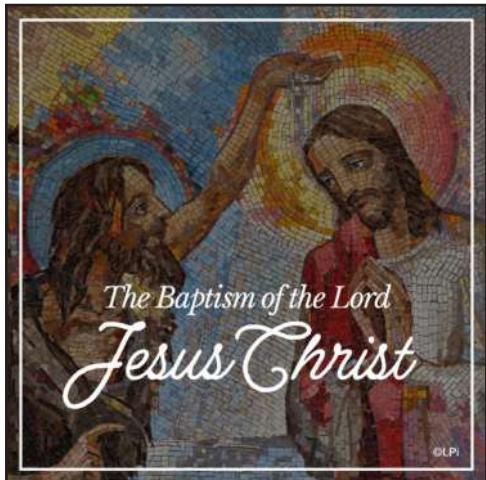
1 John 1:5;
Matthew 3:4

Sunday, January 18

Isaiah 42:1-7;
Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38;
Matthew 3:13-17

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

Your goodness and participation help to keep our parish alive!



The Baptism of the Lord

Jesus Christ

FINANCIAL REPORT | OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collections & mail-in, **Dec. 27-28** -- \$8,106.00
Online donations, December 27-28 -- \$2,334.00
Total Christmas Collection for 2025 -- \$16,135.43

Total collected for Children and Youth -- \$4,732.56

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year -- \$858,415.50
Parish offertory received since July 1, 2025 -- \$368,172.44
Parish fundraising since July 1, 2025 -- \$31,241.15
Estate gifts received since July 1, 2025 -- \$217.90
General donations since July 1, 2025 -- \$27,371.00

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
Dec. 27-28 Church attendance -- 724 Sunday envelopes -- 220
Christmas attendance -- 1437 Christmas envelopes -- 285
Total households receiving envelopes -- 1,052

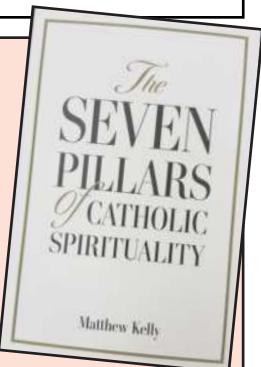
2025 Parish Appeal Goal -- \$126,559.50
Parish Appeal received as of December 22 -- \$160,332.62
2025 Parish Appeal Donors -- 316

New Reading for Winter

This weekend, a new book is available at our churches for our parish members and families. It's a new book provided by Matthew Kelly and Dynamic Catholic titled, *The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality*.

This excellent book will share with you our special practices for deepening your personal and family prayer and spirituality. It will provide excellent reading during these winter weeks as we look forward to our observance of Lent (beginning Ash Wednesday, February 18) and our celebration of the Easter Season!

There's one copy per family this weekend so that everyone who'd like a copy for their family might receive one. Additional copies will be available after this Sunday. Take this new book today, and be sure to read it so that you may enjoy and grow in the life of the Lord!





Parish News

AN EXTENDED CHRISTMAS SEASON

Do you remember that the late Pope Francis encouraged all of us to leave all our Christmas decorations in place until **February 2 - the Presentation of the Lord?**

Since December is so busy, an extended Christmas Season until February 2 will help all of us to truly celebrate and cherish the Birth of the Lord Jesus in our hearts, our homes, and our parish!

GAA 2026 LOTTERY CALENDARS

Support Guardian Angel Academy with a \$30 Lottery Calendar! Each includes a three-digit number entered in the PA Lottery PICK 3 evening drawing. Winners receive checks within a month. **Calendars are still available at our parish office until January 13.** Your participation supports Catholic education!

AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Sue Novosel from LPI, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.

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THE CLOSING OF THE 2025 JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

During the celebration of our Christmas Season in recent weeks, Pope Leo XIV also concluded the 2025 Jubilee Holy Year inaugurated by Pope Francis in December 2024. Many pilgrims observed the Holy Year by traveling to Rome and to other designated churches in our country. As a Catholic tradition, a Holy Year is a wonderful commemoration of the holy events of Jesus' life, death, Resurrection, and Ascension. The next customary Holy Year will be held in 2050 - but perhaps the Holy Father will schedule a Holy Year in 2033 to celebrate the 2000th anniversary of the Lord Jesus' death and Resurrection. Until then, may all your years be holy and blessed!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the Knights of Columbus Chartiers Council #875 for its recent, extremely generous donation to our conference! We were also very fortunate to receive other donations over the holidays, some of which were from the "required minimum distributions" of donors' retirement accounts. Our conference is extremely blessed to have so many supporters who allow us to continue to serve our neighbors in need!

LADIES OF CHARITY

The Saint Philip Ladies of Charity welcome all women of the parish to join us in service and fellowship.

Thursday, January 22 at 10:00am, Saint Philip Cafeteria - We will be making sandwiches for Operation Safety Net, serving the Second Avenue homeless shelter. Donations of individually wrapped snacks, soups, hot chocolate, or monetary gifts are gratefully accepted.

Saturday, January 24 at 9:30am, Saint Philip Cafeteria - Blessings in a Bag for St. Joseph's House of Hospitality. We will be preparing lunch and dinner for the 60 residents of St. Joe.

SEEKING YOUNG CANDIDATES FOR THE CATHOLIC PRIESTHOOD

In two weeks, during the weekend of January 24-25, all of our parish members will be welcome to suggest the names of young men (ages 18-40) in our parish community who might be interested in ordained ministry as priests. Bishop Mark Eckman is continuing our diocesan priority of calling young men to consider service as priests of the Lord Jesus.



Using the national "Called by Name" program, the bishop will invite those whom YOU nominate to a dinner gathering on March 1 to meet with him and to hear from him as our new diocesan shepherd.

Please give your thought to any young men who might possibly be interested.

Cards may be completed at your seat on the weekend of January 24-25. The cards will be shared with the bishop, and his Vocations Office staff will send invitations to these individuals in February.

CHANGING OUR MUSICAL SETTINGS DURING OUR WEEKEND LITURGIES

As we do each new calendar year, we'll once again be changing our sung musical settings for our weekend Liturgies here in Saint Philip Parish. This brings new music to the Gloria and our sung acclamations.

However, this year, rather than learning and entirely new Mass Setting, we'll return to a favorite setting from several years ago: the Mass of Spirit and Grace composed by Paulist Father Ricky Manalo.

Our Music Director, Mary Beth Barsh, will be reviewing our 2026 Mass settings during these weekends, and the music will be printed in our new prayer cards that will be placed in your hymnals this month. Many thanks for singing our praise and worship in each Liturgy!

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

A special collection for St. Anthony School Programs and DePaul School for Hearing & Speech will be taken at all Masses **January 17-18**. For more information about these programs, please see pages 10-12. Thank you for your support.



Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns *in Loving Memory of Veronica Mancini*

Offered by: The O'Toole Family

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *in Loving Memory of Marie Rogers*

Offered by: Daughter, Pat

ADVERTISER of the Week

ANTHONY G. STAAB
FUNERAL HOME, INC.

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

A Final Gift to the Parish

Please support

SAINT PHILIP PARISH
by including the community in your will and estate planning.

Thank you!

Connect with FLOCKNOTE!



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



Faith Formation

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

REFLECTIONS FROM MARYANN: The entrance antiphon for Sunday, January 11, the celebration of The Baptism of the Lord states, “*After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon Him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.*”

We too have been baptized. Pope Francis in a general audience talk in 2014 noted that a baptized person and an unbaptized person are not the same. “*We, by baptism, are immersed in that inexhaustible source of life, which is the death of Jesus, the greatest act of love in all of history. And thanks to this love we can live a new life, no longer at the mercy of evil, of sin, and of death, but in communion with God and with our brothers and sister.*”

We too have been baptized. The Father has said of us, “*This is my beloved, with whom I am well pleased.*” Pope Francis reminded us that it is by the **power of baptism** that, freed of original sin, we are included, gathered into, Jesus’ relation to God the Father; that we are bearers of a new hope. Thanks to baptism, we are capable of forgiving and of loving even those who offend us and do evil to us. By our baptism, we recognize in the least and in the poor the face of the Lord who visits us and makes Himself close. **Baptism helps us recognize in the face of the needy, of the suffering, and also of our neighbor, the face of Jesus.** So how do we respond to the face of Jesus?

As we conclude this Christmas 2025 Season, let us spend a few minutes reflecting upon our response to Jesus in the face of the needy, of the suffering and of our neighbor. How is God calling each of us to respond?

FAITH FORMATION NEWS: Faith Formation second semester begins this January. We have received some calls regarding openings. We still have space. If you would like to register your child for Faith Formation, please contact the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388. **Registration for the second semester must be completed by February 1.**



Reflection

from *HeartStorming*
by Robert J. Wicks

No matter what happens, no matter when it happens, we are not alone.

Instead, in the gray times, God is with us in continually new ways if only we have the eyes to see.

Enabling our sadness to become spiritual means seeking to open those eyes to love anew.

The grace is there for us to become so, but it is up to us to fully embrace it.

WEATHER ALERT

WEATHER RELATED CANCELLATIONS:

If winter weather causes changes to our schedule, we'll share updates on KDKA and WPXI.

KITCHEN TABLE MINISTRY



Healthy Happy Holy

Join us on **Thursday, January 15** from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in Ascension Conner Hall for *Healthy, Happy, and Holy Aging*, a presentation by Laetitia Bridges, Diocesan Consultant and retired Licensed Professional Counselor. Light refreshments will be served. To register, call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

Our next Drop-In Sunday is **February 1** following the 9:30am Mass in Ascension's Conner Hall. Enjoy coffee, donuts, health information, and free blood pressure screenings. All are welcome.

FAITH FORMATION FAMILY NIGHT: JANUARY 26

Join us for Family Night on **Monday, January 26**! A hoagie-and-chips dinner will be served, and we'll gather for meal prayer in Ascension Hall at 6:30pm. The evening features our annual, *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire Disciple?*, a friendly competition where students and parents answer questions from our Faith Formation Program Guide. Come cheer on your grade level and see whether 4th grade will claim the trophy again this year!

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION: FEBRUARY 16

Our annual Parish Mardi Gras celebration will be held on **Monday, February 16** from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in Ascension Church Conner Hall. Enjoy a pancake and sausage supper, music from our DJ, a dance floor, coloring contest, Lent trivia, and more. This festive evening is open to all ages and members of our Parish! To register, please call 412-922-6388.

REFRAIN: FREEDOM FROM ANGER

Introducing *Refrain: Freedom from Anger*, a 10-week, faith-based online group program beginning **January 12** through Catholic Counselors. This live program is led by Dr. Mark Kolodziej, Pastoral Counselor with CatholicCounselors.com. For details and pricing, visit CatholicCounselors.com/Refrain.

Children's LITURGY

Sunday, January 11 at the 9:30am Mass at Ascension church

Sunday, January 18 and **January 25** at the 11:00am Mass at Saint Philip church

THIS WEEK AT SAINT PHILIP PARISH

January 12: Faith Formation, 6:30pm, Saint Philip campus

January 13: Hooks & Needles, 9:30am, Ascension Admin Building, 2nd Fl; Salvation History, 7:00pm, Ascension Admin Building, 2nd Fl

January 14: Christian Men's Fellowship, 7:00pm, Ascension Admin Building, 2nd Fl

January 15: Grief Support, 2:00pm, Ascension Conner Hall; OCIA, 6:00pm, Ascension Admin Building, 2nd Fl; Kitchen Table Ministry: Healthy, Happy, Holy Aging, 6:30pm, Ascension Conner Hall; Legion of Mary, 6:30pm, Ascension Rectory room; Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm, Ascension church

January 18: Children's Liturgy, 11:00am, Saint Philip church

SPECIAL COLLECTION AT ALL WEEKEND MASSES ON JANUARY 17–18.



DEPAUL SCHOOL FOR HEARING & SPEECH



Listening, speaking, and learning together.

DePaul School for Hearing and Speech teaches children who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have severe speech delays to listen, speak, and learn. Our children enter the educational mainstream with the foundation to succeed!

DePaul School offers a comprehensive elementary education for students who experience:

Hard of Hearing
Deafness
Significant Speech Delays
Language Delays

DePaul School's Programs Offer:

Intensive English Language Arts Instruction
Spoken Language Skill Development
Occupational Therapy
Physical Therapy
Core Curriculum
Individual Speech Therapy
On-Site Audiological Services
Self Advocacy and Social Skill Development

**Call 412-924-1012
for More Information**

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SPECIAL COLLECTION AT ALL WEEKEND MASSES ON JANUARY 17–18.

A special collection will take place on

January 17 & January 18

at all weekend Masses to support

DePaul School for Hearing & Speech
&
St. Anthony School Programs



DEPAUL SCHOOL
FOR HEARING & SPEECH

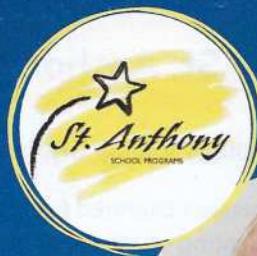
Thank you for your support!

St. Anthony
SCHOOL PROGRAMS

SPECIAL COLLECTION AT ALL WEEKEND MASSES ON JANUARY 17–18.

About

St. Anthony School Programs



St. Anthony's is an inclusive educational program for students ages 5-21, with Down syndrome, Autism Spectrum Disorder, and other special needs.

Our unique program thrives within select Catholic schools throughout the Pittsburgh region. Currently, we have four elementary programs, three high school programs, and one post-secondary program at Duquesne University. St. Anthony's operates in a special resource room designed to help students with their academic curriculum.

We also provide services such as speech, occupational, and music therapy, as well as job and mobility skills training. In addition to the special resource rooms, students can attend inclusive classes with their peers.

For over 70 years, St. Anthony School Programs has helped students of all faiths live their lives to the fullest academically, socially, vocationally, and spiritually, so they may grow and become active and contributing members of society.

Partner Schools

Elementary Schools

Blessed Trinity Academy, Glenshaw
Mary of Nazareth, White Oak
Ave Maria Academy, Bethel Park
St. Therese School, Munhall

High Schools

Bishop Canevin High School, Crafton
Serra Catholic High School, McKeesport
North Catholic High School, Cranberry

Post-Secondary School

Duquesne University

Did You Know?

- We have 11 classrooms located in Catholic schools throughout Pittsburgh
- The cost to educate a St. Anthony's student is \$18,000; families are responsible for \$6,000
- We provide speech, occupational, and music therapy
- 95% of our students have transportation to our program, provided by their school district
- Our student retention rate is 92%
- St. Anthony's has 3,000 alumni and counting!
- Over 310,000 Pennsylvania students are identified with special needs

SAINT PHILIP PARISH



We don't know who will play in this year's Super Bowl yet, but we do know the game is scheduled for Sunday, February 8, 2026 between the AFC and the NFC. We are having a Super Bowl Pool. The cost is \$50 per block. There are 100 blocks in the pool. We will have 4 payouts:

1st Quarter score - **\$375**
2nd Quarter score - **\$750**
3rd Quarter score - **\$375**
Final score - **\$1,000**

The names and numbers will be randomly drawn in advance. You will receive a copy of the completed pool prior to the Super Bowl.

Don't wait too long, this always sells out!!!

Purchase a block for yourself or partner with a friend. Please fill out the form below and return to the parish office. **Thank you.**

SAINT PHILIP SUPER BOWL POOL

Square(s) @ \$50 each

Total enclosed _____

I would like to name my block(s)

Name _____

Phone number _____

Email _____



Monday, February 16

5:30pm to 7:30pm

**Ascension Church Conner Hall
114 Berry Street**

Pancake and Sausage Supper,
Music with DJ John Wiggins, Dancing
Coloring and Word Search Contest,
Lenten Trivia Contest, Fun,
Fellowship and more. *All ages welcome!*

For reservations, complete the form below
and return it to the Parish Office.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

No. of Adults: _____

No. of Children: _____



Around the Diocese and Community

DIRECTING YOUR STATE TAX DOLLARS TO CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Support Catholic Education through your taxes! Did you know you can turn your Pennsylvania state tax dollars into scholarships for students in our Catholic schools? Through the Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program, you can direct the taxes you already pay to help families in the Diocese of Pittsburgh afford a Catholic education. Participants receive a 90% tax credit, and both individuals and businesses can join! Learn more by visiting www.diopitt.org/eitc.

ADDICTION RECOVERY MINISTRY

Eight years ago, our Diocese of Pittsburgh established a new Addiction Recovery Ministry to aid persons dealing with drug and alcohol addiction, as well as assisting their families and loved ones. The Addiction Recovery Ministry is located at a Catholic center in Sharpsburg.

For more information, please visit www.addictionrecoveryministrypittsburgh.org, find them on Facebook, call 412-378-9290, or email rhaasarm@gmail.com. All are welcome to begin the journey of recovery and healing!



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Just what is our Diocesan mission in Chimbote, Peru? Chimbote is the Pacific coastal city in northwestern Peru where Catholic Christians of the Diocese of Pittsburgh have supported a maternity hospital and medical care clinic for the past 60 years! More than 100,000 children have been born in this Pittsburgh supported facility, and each week hundreds - even thousands - of needy and poor people receive medical attention and spiritual care.

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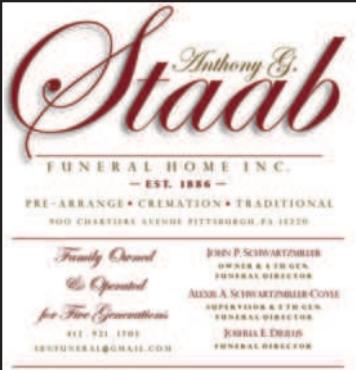
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