

Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

Saint Philip Catholic Parish is a Pennsylvania Charitable Trust.

OFFICE HOURS

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

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CRISIS SUPPORT/SUICIDE PREVENTION
24-Hour Lifeline Dial 988
Resolve Crisis Network 1-888-796-8226



Week of January 18, 2026

SECOND 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



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 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
MONDAY, JANUARY 19 — WEEKDAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Mary G. Barber	Michael & Patti Diduch
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20 — SAINT SEBASTIAN, MARTYR			
Ascension	8:00am	Joe & Joanne Ragan and Ed & Trudy Ragan	Rose
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21 - SAINT AGNES, VIRGIN & MARTYR			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Lucetta Maykuth	Joseph R. Wilyot, III
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22 — DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF PRE-BORN CHILDREN			
Ascension	8:00am	Rose Leeds	Don & Patty Martin
FRIDAY, JANUARY 23 — SAINT VINCENT, DEACON AND MARTYR			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Bob & Von Reinstadtler	Mary Ann Daily
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24 — SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of Saint Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Gloria Weishorn	Diane Chuckro
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Audrey, Valentino & Richard Nania	Valarie Nania
SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 — WORD OF GOD SUNDAY / THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Ellen R. O'Toole	The O'Toole Family
Ascension	9:30am	Margaret Buttter	Randy & Kathy Butter
Saint Philip	11:00am	Christopher & Mary Adalaide Sprowls	Family



Notes from the Pastor

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

Grateful for the Son of God

It's very natural for many persons to be drawn to news or to an event that's good or exciting. We appreciate what is good in our community and in our world. Just as often, many are drawn to good news and good events because they hope that they might share in what's happening.

We see this once again in today's account from the Gospel according to Matthew (chapter 4) as we hear about the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in which we hear an account of the healing and preaching of the Lord. People in need - and many who were excited by the news - traveled far so that they might receive healing from Jesus. News about the Messiah spread quickly, and there was great excitement thanks to all that Jesus was both accomplishing and preaching.

Our ancestors in the faith - along with Jesus' chosen apostles - were undoubtedly grateful for this new prophet, teacher and healer from Nazareth, and they flocked to Jesus to hear Him - and to receive His extraordinary blessings and healing.

In a similar way, we all have much for which we should be grateful as we reflect on Jesus this Sunday and all that He's meant to humanity, to the Church, and to all of us as well.

Thanks to Jesus' life, teaching, death, Resurrection, and Ascension, all persons in our world today have an existence which is far better than in society life before Jesus. Unlike any ancient mythology or any other religion that exists in our world today, Jesus and His Gospel and His Church have offered goodness, love, peace and hope to all peoples throughout the world.

Even when we and our ancestors among the Lord's people have fallen short of Jesus' way and expectations, our society today is far better than it was at any time in all of human history which preceded Jesus. Thanks to Jesus, most people seek to live in peace, most people understand the importance of charity and mercy, and most people acknowledge the importance of honesty and fairness.

The Lord Jesus has truly brought divine light and divine life into our world, and for this accomplishment, we should always be grateful. We should recognize that Jesus' ministry has truly made present the life and reign of Almighty God in this time of Christianity, and we should appreciate just how good is our living and our world thanks to one man - Jesus the Messiah, Jesus the Son of God, Jesus the Lord of all!

Grateful for the Word of God

Nearly seven years ago, in September 2019, Pope Francis declared that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time each year would now be known as the *Sunday of the Word of God*.

This papal proclamation once again recognized the importance of the New Testament and the Old Testament Scriptures as essential and fundamental to our Catholic Christian faith and life.

Do yourself and your soul a favor next Sunday when we celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God: read the Sunday Liturgy readings each week at home; read the Gospels and the letters of the New Testament at home, too; and explore the many commentaries and Bible studies that are available to you - on the internet or in print. The Word of God will inspire you and your faith just as it inspired all of our Christian ancestors and so many today!

Best wishes for a blessed Sunday and a good 2026!

Best wishes to you and all our members and families for this Sunday and for a blessed 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

SPECIAL COLLECTION AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND, JAN. 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



BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 18

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

Weekdays

1 Samuel 15-24; Mark 2-3

Sunday, January 25

Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3;
1 Corinthians 1:10-17;
Matthew 4:12-23

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

Your goodness and participation help to keep our parish alive!



HERE
AM I,
LORD;
TO DO
YOUR
WILL.
Psalm 40

FINANCIAL REPORT OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collections and mail-in, Jan. 10-11	-- \$14,265.50
Online donations, January 10-11	-- \$2,470.00
Maintenance donations, Jan. 3-4 and 10-11	-- \$166.00
Faith Formation donations, Jan. 3-4 & 10-11	-- \$811.50

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year	-- \$858,415.50
Parish offertory received since July 1, 2025	-- \$415,405.49
Parish fundraising since July 1, 2025	-- \$31,241.15
Estate gifts received since July 1, 2025	-- \$217.90
General donations since July 1, 2025	-- \$32,272.00

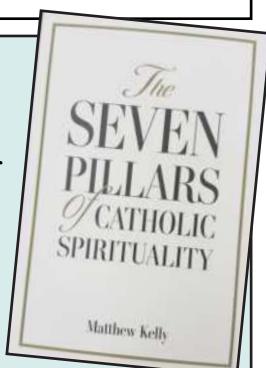
Average weekly staff salary and benefits expenses	-- \$6,154.57
Average weekly maintenance/operation expenses	-- \$2,371.13
Average weekly utility expenses	-- \$2,046.80
Average weekly insurance expenses	-- \$1,137.78
Weekly contributions to Guardian Angel Academy	-- \$1,392.25

Parish members	-- 2,289	Parish families	-- 1,253
Church attendance on January 10-11	-- 743		
Sunday envelopes used January 10-11	-- 283		
Total households receiving envelopes	-- 1,052		

2025 Parish Appeal Goal	-- \$126,559.50
Parish Appeal received as of January 12	-- \$187,173.83
2025 Parish Appeal Donors	-- 322

New Reading for Winter

This month, 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 entitled, *The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality*.



This excellent book will share with you the primary practice 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!

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!

THANK YOU FOR THE SUCCESSFUL CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE!

“Alone, we can do so little; together we can do so much.” To all our dedicated volunteers and generous parishioners who baked, brought candy, trayed, sold after the Masses, or purchased our Christmas goodies - THANK YOU! With your support, our parish made a profit of \$4,478.00.

CALLING ALL BAKERS

The St. Philip Fish Fry is back, and we need your delicious homemade treats for our bake sale. All goodies are welcome, cakes, pies, cupcakes, cookies, fudge, and more.

Drop-off times:

- Tuesday before Ash Wednesday
- Thursdays during Lent, 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Drop-offs take place in Ascension’s Connor Hall. Thank you in advance for your generosity and for adding sweetness to our Fish Fry season.

GAA USED BOOK SALE

Guardian Angel Academy’s Student Council is hosting a Used Book Sale on **Sunday, January 25**,

during our Open House for Catholic Schools Week, from 11:00am to 1:00pm in the School Cafeteria. All parishioners and Guardian Angel Academy families are welcome.

Newly Baptized

Please welcome into our faith family... **Ross Francis**



Shoop, III, son of Ross Francis, Jr.

and Kaitlyn Elizabeth McGrath Shoop, who received the Life of Christ in Baptism in our parish on Sunday, January 11, 2026. May he grow in wisdom, age, and grace.

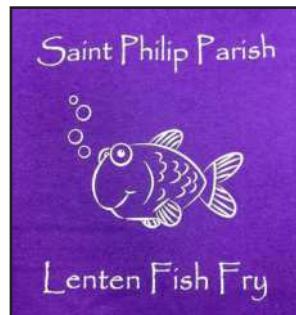
MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

Join us for our annual Parish Mardi Gras celebration on **Monday, February 16** from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in Ascension’s Connor Hall. Enjoy a pancake and sausage supper, music from our DJ, a lively dance floor, a coloring contest, Lent Trivia, and more. **This evening is open to all ages and all members of the Parish.** See page 10 for the registration form.

FISH FRY VOLUNTEER SHIRTS FOR 2026

Once again this Lent, our staff and volunteers will be wearing our purple Fish Fry shirts to identify everyone involved in the hospitality and service of this special Lenten event.

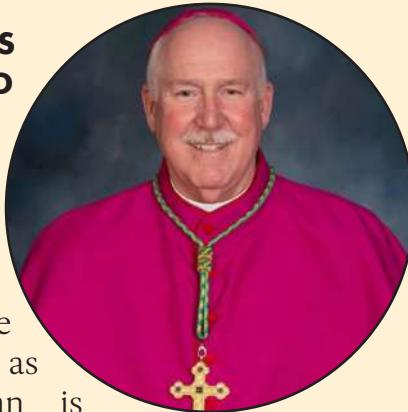
If you’ll be a NEW volunteer, please let our office staff know which size purple shirt you’d like. If you’re a returning Fish Fry Volunteer and need a new shirt, please contact our parish office this week.



Our Fish Fry shirts are truly helpful to everyone - especially our guests - during the eight evenings of the Saint Philip Parish Lenten Fish Fry!

SEEKING YOUNG CANDIDATES FOR THE CATHOLIC PRIESTHOOD

Next week, 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 an 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 THIS WEEKEND

A special collection for St. Anthony School Programs and DePaul School for Hearing & Speech will be taken at all Masses this weekend, **January 17-18**. Thank you for your support.



We offer our sympathy to the family of **Joan F. Patberg** and **Carl Sbraccia** who entered into eternal life. Please keep them in your prayers.

Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns *in Loving Memory of Deceased members of the Phillips & Kraemer Families*
Offered by: Family

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *in Loving Memory of J. M. J. Maracek*
Offered by: A. R. Maracek

ADVERTISER of the Week

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

Birthday Greetings

Our beloved Sister Betty Waigand celebrated her 100th birthday on January 14, 2026. She now resides at John Kane Center, 300 Kane Blvd., Room 316 3B, Pittsburgh, PA 15243. She is confined to a wheelchair but is doing well. It would be nice if she received birthday cards from parishioners honoring her birthday.



Faith Formation

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

REFLECTIONS FROM MARYANN: This week during our Sunday Liturgy, we pray the responsorial Psalm 40, *“Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.”* Through our daily prayer, we hear God’s call to each of us. It might be the call to reach out to someone who has hurt us. It might be the call to have patience in difficult situations and with those we love. It might be the call to be generous with our time, talent and treasure. No matter what God calls, we must be ready to listen and respond. There are some things that can keep us from responding to God’s call.

The first thing that might keep one from responding is ***self doubt***. We tell ourselves, “*God could not possibly be asking that of me*,” or “*I don’t have the time*,” or “*Everyone knows more than I do*.”

Something that may also keep one from responding to God’s will is ***grudges***. Holding onto resentment only hurts you and keeps you from hearing the voice of God. You may want to journal a letter to the person expressing your feelings and releasing the pain.

Fear is another thing that may keep one from responding to God’s will. Release the fear of trying something new and allow yourself to take risks. Identify one thing you have been hesitant to try and take one step toward it.

Finally, ***comparisons*** keep one from hearing and responding to the Will of God. Your journey is your own. Attend to social media and broadcasts that uplift you. Listen to a piece of music, watch an uplifting movie or read a good book. Let us be attentive in prayer this week as we say, *“Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.”*

FAITH FORMATION NEWS: Our second semester of Monday evening CCD sessions has begun. 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.**

A Prayer for the NEW YEAR

Lord, bless the coming year. Help me use my time wisely and strengthen my resolve to:

Never stop praying: Teach me to pray without ceasing and to seek Your will above my own.

Encourage one another: Open my eyes to others’ needs and let my words uplift and point to You.

Work without complaining: Guard my mouth and help me serve with gladness and gratitude.

Yearn for Christ’s return: Keep my hope rooted in Christ alone and help me stay faithful.

Evangelize the lost: Give me a heart for those who don’t know You and courage to share the Gospel.

Acknowledge Him: Let my life reflect full trust in You and bring honor to Your name.

Redeem the time: Teach me to number my days and invest them in what bears eternal fruit.

There will be **NO** Faith Formation on **Monday, Jan. 19** in observance of the *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* Federal Holiday.

Children's LITURGY

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

Sundays, February 1 and February 8 at the 9:30am Mass at Ascension church

FAITH FORMATION FAMILY NIGHT: 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!

BAPTISM PREPARATION: A Baptism session for new parents is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 11** at 6:30pm in the Administration Building at 114 Berry Street. If you would like to have your child baptized, please call 412-922-6388 to begin the process.



WEATHER RELATED CANCELLATIONS: Please listen to KDKA or WPXI for issues related to cancellation due to weather.

KITCHEN TABLE MINISTRY NEWS:

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



FEELING THE WINTER BLUES? Here are some tips to cope from CatholicCounselors.com:

- 1. Move your body and seek light.** Even a short walk, stretch or a few minutes of sunlight can help reset the nervous system and lift the mood.
- 2. Choose connection over isolation.** Our anxious brain wants to withdraw-but our soul heals in relationship, not in hiding.
- 3. Pray honestly, not perfectly.** God meets us in truth, not performance. Simply saying, "Lord, I'm struggling - please be with me here," is itself an act of faith.



In the Sacraments of Christian Initiation, we are freed from the power of darkness and united with Christ in his death and resurrection. Through these rites, we receive the Spirit of adoption and become part of God's holy people. Baptism incorporates us into Christ, Confirmation seals us with the Holy Spirit, and the Eucharist nourishes us at the Table of the Lord.

At Saint Philip Parish, we are blessed to accompany two adults and two children who have been preparing through this process and will celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil: **Marcus Lipinski, Erin Rose Connor-Nicholls, Adam Lipinski, and Cade Rodriguez**. Let us hold them in prayer as they continue their journey toward Easter.

We also welcome Candidates **John Walters** and **Kaela Bartman**, who will prepare for and celebrate the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation in 2026-2027.

In addition, we celebrate with the families of **Emma Lipinski, Lily Davis, Zoey Davis, and Sadie Davis**, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism this year.

We are truly blessed as a parish community. May we continue to share the Good News of God's love and bear witness so that others may come to know His love through us.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or completing the Sacraments of Initiation, please contact the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

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: _____

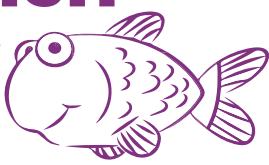
Telephone: _____

Email: _____

No. of Adults: _____

No. of Children: _____

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.

Each Fish Fry evening will be 4:00pm until 7:00pm on 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!

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



OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

11 AM - 1 PM

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 10 AM
ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND CHURCH

We are excited to invite you to our Open House for our 2026-2027 school year.

- Take a guided tour of the school
- Meet with the Principal
- Learn more about our Academics and Activities
- Ask questions about Fundraising, Volunteering and Athletics

- ✓ GRADES KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 8
- ✓ FULL DAY PRESCHOOL 3 & 4 PROGRAMS
- ✓ MORNING & AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAMS
- ✓ ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT FOR ALL GRADES
- ✓ TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATED ACROSS CURRICULUM
- ✓ EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS & ACTIVITIES
- ✓ INSTRUCTIONAL & COMPETITIVE SPORTS

GUARDIAN ANGEL ACADEMY
915 ALICE STREET
PITTSBURGH, PA 15220
412-922-4765

*Building foundations of faith,
education and community*



PREK-8TH GRADE - GREEN TREE

GAA.SRCES.ORG



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

We have had some really frigid temperatures already this winter and there is a lot of winter left.

If you, or someone you know does not have adequate heat or shelter, these cold temperatures are more than just an inconvenience, they can be life threatening. Thankfully, when we have extremely cold temperatures, the CitiParks Warming Centers are there for those who need them.

The Warming Centers are just the CitiParks Healthy Active Living Centers, which are normally restricted to individuals 60 and older, open to anyone who needs to get out of the cold. These centers open when the high temperature is forecasted to be at or below 20 degrees and they are open from 8:00am to 7:00pm. The closest Warming Center is located at the Sheraden Healthy Active Living Community Center, 720 Sherwood Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15204. The phone number is 412-777-5012. For more information about warming centers around the area, visit www.pa211.org and search for warming centers near you.

We are in need of donations of washers, gas and electric dryers, and gas and electric stoves, as these items are frequently requested by our neighbors in need. If you have one that is in good, working condition, please call or text our hotline at 412-444-8140 or email us at svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com to arrange a pickup.

This past week, your generous donations enabled us to provide a single mother with \$400 toward her rent; a family was given \$400 toward their rent; a family was given an emergency food delivery; a woman raising her granddaughter was given \$300 toward rent and two beds; a single mother was assisted with \$402 toward her security deposit; a woman was given a couch, dresser and other furniture items; and a family was assisted with \$400 toward their security deposit. Thank you for your continued support of our friends in need!

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.

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.

FOR THE HOMEBOUND

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Around the Diocese and Community

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK JANUARY 25-31

For over 200 years, Catholic Schools have been a vital ministry of the Church, beginning with Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's pioneering work in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Since then, tens of thousands of Catholic elementary schools, high schools, colleges, and universities have been established across the United States.



Generations of students have received a faith-filled education rooted in Catholic teaching and academic excellence thanks to the tireless service of Religious Sisters, Brothers, and Priests. Their sacrifice once made it possible for students in the Diocese of Pittsburgh to attend school tuition-free.

Today, Catholic education continues through regional school partnerships and renewed high school cooperation, ensuring its viability despite changing demographics. Many graduates and families remain active in parish life, and we pray that even more will deepen their involvement in the years ahead.

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, may our parish community give thanks for this enduring gift. Let us continue to support Catholic education and pray that it strengthens the life of the Church for generations to come.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR Christian Unity

January 18-25

*Help us to be one, Lord Jesus,
as You prayed to the Father.*

*Gather us all to You, diverse in culture,
gift, call, way of life, and perspective.*

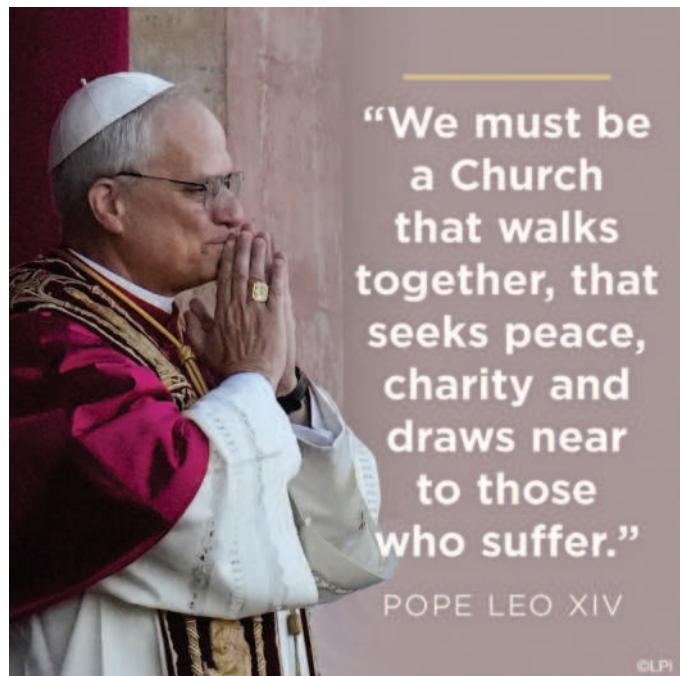
*May the love we have for You overflow
into the love we have for each other.*

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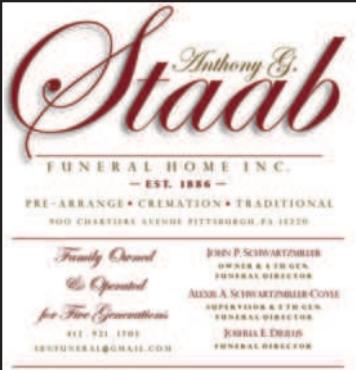
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