

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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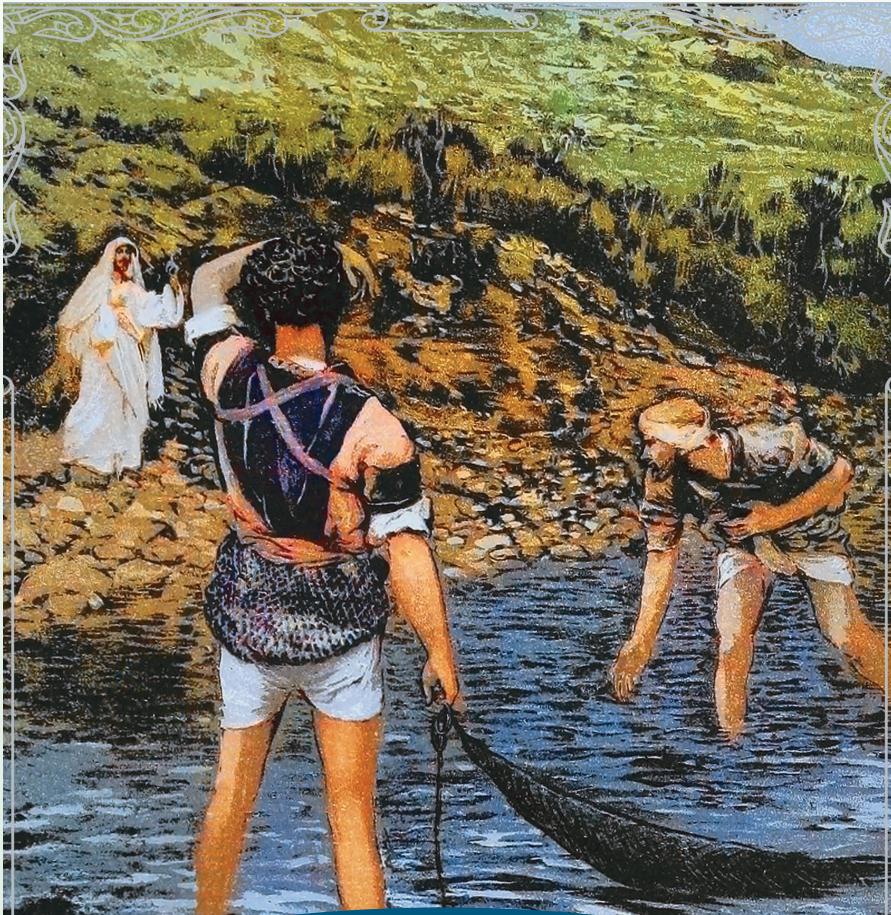
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Guardian Angel Academy (412) 922-4765

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



Week of January 25, 2026

THIRD 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 24 — SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH			
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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			
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Saint Philip	7:00am	Ellen R. O'Toole	The O'Toole Family
Ascension	9:30am	Margaret Buttter	Randy & Kathy Butter Family
Saint Philip	11:00am	Christopher & Mary Adalaide Sprowls	
MONDAY, JANUARY 26 — SAINT TIMOTHY AND SAINT TITUS, BISHOPS			
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Saint Philip	8:00am	Frank Allen	Kitty Neidinger & Family
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27 — ST. ANGELA MERICI, VIRGIN & RELIGIOUS FOUNDER			
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Ascension	8:00am	Wittig & Farley Families	Patricia Farley
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28 — SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH			
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Saint Philip	8:00am	John & Minnie Guay	John & Eileen Guay
THURSDAY, JANUARY 29 - WEEKDAY			
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Ascension	8:00am	Dorothy Leonhiser	The Lugaila Family
FRIDAY, JANUARY 30 - WEEKDAY			
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Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of Saint Philip Parish	
SATURDAY, JANUARY 31 - SAINT JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST			
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Ascension	8:00am	Terry Keeley	Pat Keeley
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Alma & Bill Yingling	Gabrielle Yingling
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Jane Graysay	The Graysay & Kosmar Families
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
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Saint Philip	7:00am	Theresa Davis	Family
Ascension	9:30am	Raymond Killmeyer, Sr.	Family
Saint Philip	11:00am	James Michael Witkowsky	Linda & Joe Givvin



Notes from the Pastor

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

When we use the label “Ordinary,” it simply means that these are the “numbered/ordered” weeks of the Church Year outside the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. Of course, there really aren’t any “ordinary” days in the Kingdom of God. In these millennia of the Lord Jesus and the Holy Trinity, all our days are blessed and “extraordinary!”

Called to help the Lord Jesus

In these first weeks of Ordinary Time, we hear the Gospel accounts of the first weeks and months of Jesus’ public ministry to the people of Israel. As Jesus begins to proclaim the Good News and to initiate the final Kingdom of Almighty God on the earth, we read that He called disciples to Himself and to His ministry.

Beginning with the call of Peter and Andrew, and James and John in today’s Gospel passage, Jesus set out to bring salvation to the People of God in Israel - and in time to all of humanity. However, Jesus did not seek to accomplish His mission and His work all by Himself. Instead, He knew full well that a great many co-workers would be needed to share the Good News and to bring mercy, healing, charity, peace, and the true presence of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit into our world.

This cooperation of many co-workers has been essential since the days of Jesus’ lifetime, and it’s been tremendously important throughout these past twenty centuries of Catholic Christian history (*also known as*

“salvation history”). Beginning with Mary and Joseph and the first Apostles, Jesus has always depended on countless ministers, shepherds, teachers, parents, and grandparents to share His message with the next generation in every age and every land.

Today, as well, Jesus is counting on you and me and every one of His disciples and friends to continue His sacred work of bringing God’s life, light, and love to all those who will accept these divine gifts - and who will also share these treasures with their own families, friends, and neighbors.

While most Catholic Christians who spend any time with Jesus are content to share a single hour with Him on Sundays, Jesus has always asked for more - more of our time, more of our energy and talents, more of our cooperation and our efforts. There are countless ways that each of us can respond to the Lord and help Him in sharing our Catholic faith, prayer, and life with our families and those around us.

In this new calendar year of 2026, I’d like to echo Jesus’ invitation to follow Him and to assist with His important message and work. Our families, community, region, nation, and world truly need Jesus just as much as did the people of His own day. May all of us accept Jesus’ call. May we walk with Him and make our dwelling with Him. May we be close friends with Jesus every day. Finally, may we continue Jesus’ work (*the work to which He calls each of us and all of us*) so that more and more people will find life in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit - and so that we will assist the Lord in growing the eternal presence of God in this world.

Best wishes for a good 2026!

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

SECOND QUARTER REPORT FOR THE 2025-2026 PARISH FISCAL YEAR

provided by the Financial Staff of the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh

485001 - Saint Philip

(Quarter-2 2025/2026 Year to Date)

OPERATING REVENUE:

Offertory Collections	422,822
Donations & Bequests	33,190
Fundraising	26,646
Campaign Income	7
Other Income	47,017
	529,682

OPERATING EXPENSE:

Administration	178,074
Operations & Maintenance	139,145
Liturgical & Rectory	75,823
Religious Ed & C.A.R.E.S.	68,175
Property & Liability Insurance	33,198
Social/ Outreach/ Other	2,980
	497,395

OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)

32,287	
NON-OPERATING ITEMS:	
Extraordinary Maintenance Expense	(58,628)
Net Third Party Collections	(1,648)
Proceeds from Insurance Claim (Net)	27,937
	(32,339)

FEATURED ASSETS and LIABILITIES at 12/31/2025

ASSETS:

Unrestricted Funds:

Cash	162,596
Deposit & Loan Operating Savings	1,347,474
	1,510,070

Restricted Funds:

Deposit & Loan Restricted Savings	30,531
Deposit & Loan Restricted Campaign	1,314
Parish Endowment Investment	41,750
Other Investments	415
	74,010

LIABILITIES:

Insurance Past Due	-
Deposit & Loan Borrowing Debt	-
Other Payables	-

Our Diocesan Administration sent this Fiscal Year Report for inclusion in the bulletin.

We're truly grateful to our parish contributors for your generosity. Every Catholic parish depends on the support of our members and families to fund our annual budget.

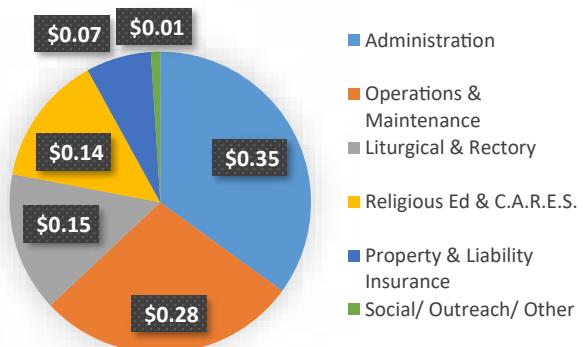
As we continue to share the Good News of Jesus and to grow the Kingdom of God within our community, your contributions make this work possible. Many thanks!

Revenue vs. Expense for 7-1-2025 thru 12-31-2025

Revenue: 529,682

Expense: 497,395

How each Expense Dollar Supports the Parish



Line items include but are not limited to:

Offertory Collections: Offertory, Parish Appeal

Campaign Income: Capital Imp., Debt Reduction, etc.

Other Income: Interest Income, Hall Rentals, Votive

Administration: Staff, Supplies, Management Fee

Operations & Maintenance:

Staff, Church Utilities, Upkeep, Taxes, Supplies

Religious Ed & C.A.R.E.S.: Staff, Supplies, CCD, Adult Ed, RCIA, Catholic Assistance for Regional Elem Schools

Liturgical & Rectory: Staff, Worship, Rectory Upkeep

Social/Outreach/Other:

Youth, Community, Net Rental Property, Preschool

Extraordinary Maintenance Expense: > \$4,000

Net 3rd Party Collections: e.g. Holy Land, Peter's Pence



BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 25

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

Weekdays

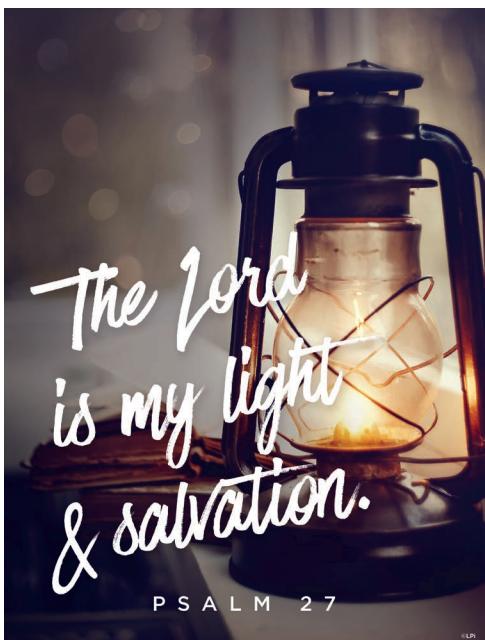
2 Samuel 5:12; Mark 3:4

Sunday, February 1

Zephaniah 2:3 and 3:12-13;
1 Corinthians 1:26-31;
Matthew 5:1-12

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

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Your goodness and participation help to keep our parish alive!



FINANCIAL REPORT OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES

Sunday collections & mail-in, January 17-18	-- \$8,847.25
Online donations, January 17-18	-- \$1,545.00
Maintenance donations	-- \$187.00
Religious Education donations	-- \$150.00

St. Anthony Program & DePaul School donations -- \$2,908.00.

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year	-- \$858,415.50
Parish offertory received since July 1, 2025	-- \$433,643.12
Parish fundraising since July 1, 2025	-- \$31,241.15
Estate gifts received since July 1, 2025	-- \$217.90
General donations since July 1, 2025	-- \$32,622.02

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 17-18		-- 640	
Sunday envelopes used January 17-18		-- 257	
Total households receiving envelopes		-- 1,052	

2026 Parish Appeal Goal	-- \$126,559.50
Parish Appeal received	-- \$0
2026 Parish Appeal Donors	-- 0

Grateful for your increased support!

During our **Forward in Faith! Increased Offertory Appeal**, many of our parish families pledged a commitment to increase your weekly and monthly financial support for our parish community. Thank you for your dedication to Saint Philip Parish now and in the next generation!

Your increased contributions have been most helpful in the funding of our parish operations and in keeping our budget balanced. Should anyone need a reminder of the amount that you pledged, please contact our parish during daytime office hours.

Once again, thank you all for your support of our Catholic parish community - and for your dedication to Saint Philip Catholic Parish today and in the years ahead.



Parish News

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.

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 Conner 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 Fish Fry 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!



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.

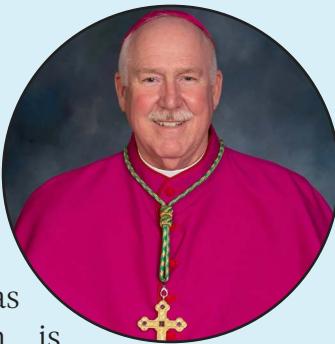
SAINT PHILIP PARISH MEN'S RETREAT



The Retreat for the men of Saint Philip will be held at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center on the Southside from **Friday, March 27 to Sunday, March 29**. The retreat begins with Mass at 5:15pm on Friday and concludes at noon on Sunday. If you have any questions, please call Al Bannon at 412-853-1341 or Joe Hoover at 412-310-6691.

SEEKING YOUNG CANDIDATES FOR THE CATHOLIC PRIESTHOOD

During this weekend of January 24-25, all of our parish members are 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 during this 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.

A PARISH SURVEY DURING LENT

You may recall that in 2023, our Catholic Diocese conducted a survey in every parish to assess the faith and discipleship of each community. In keeping with the program conducted by a Philadelphia consulting group - the Catholic Leadership Institute - every parish will repeat the same survey this coming Lent to gauge how well our parish faith and life are faring in 2026.

This survey is called the Disciple Makers Index. It will be available to all parish members from Ash Wednesday, February 18 through Palm Sunday, March 29. The survey will measure our parish faith, life and discipleship today - as well as the progress of our ongoing parish pastoral planning and growth in these past three years.

Every parish member is asked to complete this easy survey during Lent. All submissions will be kept confidential. Only aggregate results will be shared with the pastor and staff. More information will be provided in coming weeks regarding the location of this year's survey.



We offer our sympathy to the family of **Catherine Lach** who entered into eternal life. Please keep her in your prayers.

Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns *in Honor of MaryAnn Sabram & Evelyn Moses*
Offered by: MaryAnn Gilliland & Family

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *in Loving Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Fred J. Askin*
Offered by: Mary Ellen Askin

ADVERTISER of the Week

MURPHY'S FAMILY DENTISTRY

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

DONATE ONLINE

Online Giving Update

Our online giving platform has transitioned from We Share to ParishSOFT by Ministry Brands.

If you were previously enrolled, your login info remains the same.

New donors, scan the QR or visit: <https://giving.myparishsoft.io/app/giving/saintphilipchurch>

Thank you for your continued support!





Faith Formation

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

REFLECTIONS FROM MARYANN: Some time ago as members of Saint Philip Parish, we reflected on the words from Saint Francis de Sales, "Let's See What Love Can Do." We kept these words in our hearts as we considered how we might serve the people of Saint Philip Parish and our neighbors. We continue to keep these words in our heart as we enter into the year 2026. This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis de Sales on January 24. Some additional reflections from Saint Francis de Sales include the following:

"Have patience with all things-but first with yourself. Never confuse your mistakes with your value as a human being. You are a perfectly valuable, creative, worthwhile person simply because you exist. And no amount of triumphs or tribulations can ever change that."

"Do everything calmly and peacefully. Do as much as you can as well as you can. Strive to see God in all things without exception and consent to His will joyously. Do everything for God, uniting yourself to him in word and deed. Walk very simply with the Cross of the Lord and be at peace with yourself."

"Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations, and say continually: The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart has trusted in Him and I am helped. He is not only with me but in me and I in Him."

Perhaps take some time to reflect upon these words this week as we continue to "see what love can do."

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**.

Soup, Salad and Speaker Series



Celebrating 10 years of Fellowship

Join us this Lent for a beloved parish tradition: 7 weeks of homemade soup, uplifting talks, delicious desserts, and warm community. Beginning **Wednesday, February 25** **6:30pm to 8:00pm** in Ascension's Father Conner Hall. All are welcome. Come and bring a friend!

WEATHER ALERT

WEATHER RELATED CANCELLATIONS:

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

Children's LITURGY

Sunday, 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!

NEW: Weekly reflection videos on the Sunday Gospel will be available from Pflaum Press for use in our Pre-School, Kindergarten and First Grade each week. These come with our Children Liturgy Resources and we are excited to share them with the children.

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.

KITCHEN TABLE MINISTRY: 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.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT PHILIP PARISH

January 26: Faith Formation Family Night at 6:30pm in Ascension's Father Conner Hall

January 27: Hooks & Needles at 9:30am in Ascension's Admin 2nd floor; Salvation History at 7:00pm in Ascension's Admin 2nd floor

January 28: Christian Men's Fellowship at 7:00pm in Ascension's Admin 2nd floor

January 29: OCIA at 6:00pm in Ascension's Admin 2nd floor; Legion of Mary Meeting at 6:30pm in Ascension's Rectory Room; Choir Rehearsal at 7:00pm in Ascension church



Our parish gathered on January 15 in Ascension's Conner Hall for *Holy, Healthy, Happy Aging*, a thoughtful presentation by Laetitia Bridges, Diocesan Consultant and retired Licensed Professional Counselor, who offered practical reminders on nurturing a healthy lifestyle as we grow older. The *Holy, Healthy, Happy Aging* presentation can be viewed on Saint Philip Crafton's Facebook page and YouTube channel → take a look.

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:

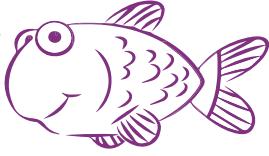
Telephone:

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
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*Building foundations of faith,
education and community*



PREK-8TH GRADE - GREEN TREE

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

For the 2024 tax year, the average federal income tax refund was \$3,167 according to the IRS (www.irs.gov/newsroom/filing-season-statistics-for-week-ending-dec-26-2025). Many people count on their tax refund each year, as it is the one time a year that they will have access to a lump sum of money that can be used for a rainy day fund, vehicle repairs, home repairs, real estate tax payments, or other extraordinary expenses. Those who are anxiously awaiting their tax refund can get the process started by filing their 2025 federal tax return.

The IRS started accepting and processing 2025 tax returns on January 26. Filers with income of less than \$89,000 can take advantage of the Free File program, which allows qualifying filers to utilize online tax preparation software and file their return electronically for free. Visit www.irs.gov/e-file-do-your-taxes-for-free for more information.

For those that are less tech-savvy or do not feel comfortable doing their own taxes with the assistance of online tax preparation software, tax preparation assistance is available through the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs. Individuals must meet certain qualifications. Generally, people with household income of \$67,000 or less will qualify for assistance. Appointments are available now. Call 800-906-9887 to find out more and to schedule an appointment.

The IRS estimates that it will be able to issue most refunds in 21 days or less, but if your

return needs to be reviewed for inaccuracies, or if you file by mail instead of electronically, your refund will likely take longer. If you are anxiously awaiting your refund money, you should file your return early - and you can monitor the status of your return by utilizing the "Where's My Refund?" tool on the IRS website at www.irs.gov/wheres-my-refund.

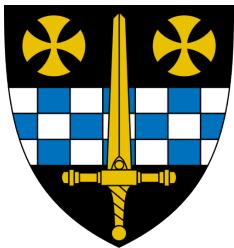
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This past week, your generous donations enabled us to provide a man with \$400 toward rent; a woman was given a \$50 household goods voucher, two full beds and other furniture items; a woman was given a couch; a man was assisted with \$300 toward his security deposit; a family was added to our monthly food delivery list; a woman was assisted with \$400 toward her security deposit; a single mother was given \$449 toward her rent; and a family was assisted with \$400 toward a security deposit. Thank you for your generosity toward those less fortunate!

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If you or someone you know is recovering from a hospital stay or feeling too ill to prepare dinner, the Saint Philip Ladies of Charity are here to help. We'll provide a comforting meal: a quart of chicken noodle soup, a fresh salad, and a loaf of bread. To request a meal, please contact us at ladiesofcharitysaintphilip@gmail.com or call 412-256-8067.





Around the Diocese and Community

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK JANUARY 25-31

For more than 200 years, Catholic Schools have been a vital ministry of the Church, beginning with Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's work in Emmitsburg. Generations of students have received a faith-filled, academically strong education thanks to the dedication of Religious Sisters, Brothers, and Priests, whose sacrifice once allowed students in the Diocese of Pittsburgh to attend tuition-free.

Today, regional school partnerships and renewed high school cooperation help ensure the future of Catholic education despite changing demographics. Many graduates and families remain active in parish life, and we pray even more will grow in their involvement.



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As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, may we give thanks for this enduring gift and continue to support Catholic education so it may strengthen the Church for generations to come.

BISHOP CANEVIN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Bishop Canevin High School (2700 Moraine Rd., Pittsburgh 15205) is offering a \$2,000.00 Catholic Commitment Scholarship for all incoming Catholic elementary graduate students. Bishop Canevin offers many advanced courses and extracurricular activities.

Enroll Now! Bishop Canevin High School Placement Test on **February 7** at 9:00am; and Spring Open House on **March 1** at 1:00pm. Contact Bishop Canevin at 412-922-7400 or bishopcanevin.org for more information.

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PRINCESS TEA PARTY AT CANEVIN HS

The 12th Annual Princess Tea Party, hosted by Team Mahalo, will be held **Saturday, March 21** at Bishop Canevin High School, with sessions from 10:30am to noon or 1:00pm to 2:30pm. Admission is \$40 per princess (ages 3-9), with up to two adults free. Space is limited, so early reservations are encouraged. Each princess receives a door-prize ticket, hair styling, painted nails, make-up, a jewel, a fairy-wand craft, and tea (pink lemonade) with a sandwich and cookie. Guests can meet the Team Mahalo Princesses, enjoy story time with the Fairy Godmother, and browse a kid-friendly auction. Preregister by March 13 at 412-251-3933 or mahaloteaparty2011@gmail.com. All proceeds support CURESEARCH's fight against childhood cancer.





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