

# Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

## OFFICE HOURS

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

## PARISH STAFF

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Rev. Joseph Scheib, Saint Philip Rectory  
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## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Patricia Cygrymus, Barbara Hendrick,  
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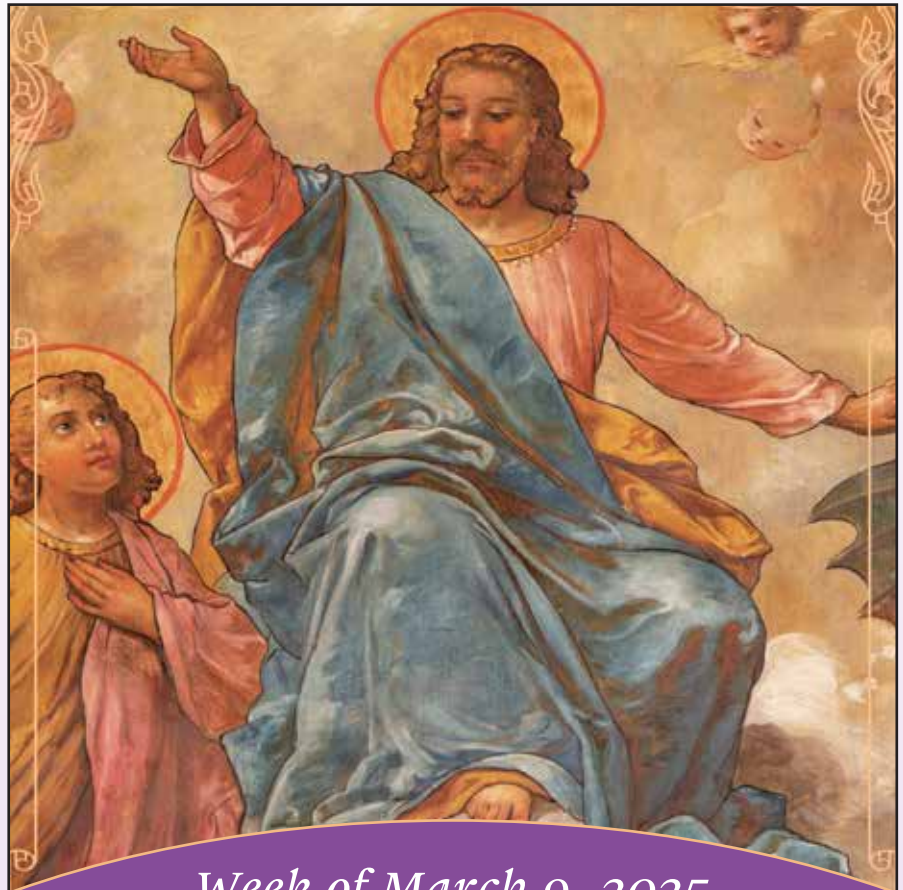
## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

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## CRISIS SUPPORT/SUICIDE PREVENTION

24-Hour Lifeline Dial 988  
Resolve Crisis Network 1-888-796-8226



*Week of March 9, 2025*

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

*Forty Days of Renewal*

## SAINT PHILIP CATHOLIC PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Catholic Community of Saint Philip Parish, united in faith and empowered by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, are firmly committed to promoting full and active participation in the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church.

We answer the call of the Gospel to bring about the kingdom of justice and peace through worship, education, service, and stewardship.

### Saint Philip Church

50 West Crafton Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

### Ascension Church

114 Berry Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

### Guardian Angel Academy

915 Alice Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15220  
Mr. Robert Munz, Principal



## CONFESSION

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

## SACRAMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Protecting God's Children* —  
VICTIM HOTLINE: 1-888-808-1235

CHILDLINE: 1-888-932-0313 to report child abuse  
Call 911 if a child is in imminent danger.

# LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

| LOCATION  | TIME           | PRIEST'S INTENTION                                  | REQUESTED BY                |
|---|----------------|---|-----------------------------|
| <b>SATURDAY, MARCH 8 — SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY</b> |                |   |                             |
| Ascension   | 8:00am         | Ottley & Felix Rodgers                              | Pat Rodgers                 |
| Saint Philip  | 4:00pm (Vigil) | Joseph & Fannie Carson                              | David & Tamara Dulick       |
| Ascension   | 5:30pm (Vigil) | Anthony & Mary Polus                                | Family                      |
| <b>SUNDAY, MARCH 9 — FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>           |                |   |                             |
| Saint Philip  | 7:00am         | Deceased of the Rosano Family                       | Rita Keblish                |
| Ascension   | 9:30am         | Anna & Victor Zink                                  | Marcy & Ed Tuszyński        |
| Saint Philip  | 11:00am        | Joe & Dorothy Chmiel                                | Chmiel Family               |
| <b>MONDAY, MARCH 10 — LENTEN WEEKDAY</b>                |                |   |                             |
| Saint Philip  | 8:00am         | Joe Engel   | A Friend                    |
| <b>TUESDAY, MARCH 11 — LENTEN WEEKDAY</b>               |                |   |                             |
| Ascension   | 8:00am         | Patricia Wilkie & Roberta McKinney                  | Ruth Rittler                |
| <b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12 — LENTEN WEEKDAY</b>             |                |   |                             |
| Saint Philip  | 8:00am         | Living & Deceased Members of Saint Philip Parish    |                             |
| <b>THURSDAY, MARCH 13 — LENTEN WEEKDAY</b>              |                |   |                             |
| Ascension   | 8:00am         | Cielecyc Family                                     | James Potanko               |
| <b>FRIDAY, MARCH 14 — LENTEN WEEKDAY</b>                |                |   |                             |
| Saint Philip  | 8:00am         | Roger Constantino                                   | Patty Maguire & Anita Volpe |
| Saint Philip  | 8:30am         | Stations of the Cross                               |                             |
| Ascension   | 7:00pm         | Stations of the Cross                               |                             |
| <b>SATURDAY, MARCH 15 — LENTEN WEEKDAY</b>              |                |   |                             |
| Ascension   | 8:00am         | Paul Korol  | Wife, Claudia Korol         |
| Saint Philip  | 2:00pm         | Wedding - Michael C. McCarthy & Emily Ann Kondracki |                             |
| Saint Philip  | 4:00pm (Vigil) | McElligott & O'Connor Families                      | Cathy O'Connor              |
| Ascension   | 5:30pm (Vigil) | Audrey & Valentino Nania and Richard Nania          | McAlister Family            |
| <b>SUNDAY, MARCH 16 — SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>         |                |   |                             |
| Saint Philip  | 7:00am         | Pat Doherty   | Family                      |
| Ascension   | 9:30am         | Joseph R. Twardy                                    | Family                      |
| Saint Philip  | 11:00am        | Bowen Family  | Greg & Jeannie Shumovich    |



# Notes from the Pastor

from the toxic and poisonous messages, temptations, and social trends that wash over us each day like a tsunami.

**Rather than accepting** all the electronic messages and common thoughts expressed in our media and our society, we are reminded this Sunday by the Gospel to protect ourselves from the temptation, sin, darkness, and evil that are present in our society every day.

**How can we protect ourselves** and resist the temptation and sin all around us? This will be a good start: unplug as much as possible! Unplug from the internet, from television, and from the entertainment world as much as possible to avoid being lead into sin and evil. Instead, create quiet in your life and in your home. Read the Gospels, spend time in prayer, and turn your life toward the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother Mary.

**The darkness and evil that still remain present in our world will harm many lives,** families, communities, and nations. Let's not be naïve about that. Rather, let us be vigilant and committed to protecting ourselves from all those things that are not of the Lord Jesus and His Kingdom. Best wishes to you and everyone for a good and holy Lent as we draw nearer to Jesus and as we make our way to the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.

Best wishes for a blessed Season of Lent

**May Lent and this Jubilee Holy Year of 2025** be a blessed time of hope, gratitude, service, prayer, forgiveness and reconciliation! May the Lord Jesus fill you and your family members and friends with peace, health, holiness, and divine goodness. God bless!

Yours, Father Jim Torquato

**Welcome to our celebration** of the Lord's Day this Sunday as we come to the Season of Lent during our Jubilee Holy Year 2025!

Protecting our souls and ourselves

**I tend to think that most Christians are raised to be trusting** of others - especially in our personal relationships. We have been raised to believe that others are honest and good - that others want to be true and faithful disciples of Jesus just as we want to be.

**Unfortunately, more than a few people** think that being "trusting" is simply being "naïve." They trust no one and think that most people are deceptive and dishonest. They think that we who are trusting individuals are all too often are misled and swindled.

**Those people with such a negative evaluation of others** have an unfortunate view, but they may have a point to which we should pay attention. That point is that we need to be aware of what is truly going on in our lives, our community, and our society.

**In particular, I believe that we all need** to be mindful of the messages, images, and activities found throughout our society today which are anything but Christian. Related to the temptations that Jesus experienced in His personal life, we too find temptations all around us every day. Following Jesus' example in today's Gospel reading, we need to protect ourselves, our families, and our communities





# Come & See

Please help us, once again, to support the important work of Bishop David Zubik and the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh!

## Dear members and families of Saint Philip Parish,

Thank you for your support of Saint Philip Parish and the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh! I'm most grateful for your contributions to our parish in our Sunday and special collections. Once again, I'm again asking your support for the **2025 Annual Parish Appeal** to collect our parish's required "Diocesan Management Fee" to fund the daily service provided to Saint Philip Parish by Bishop David Zubik and his central diocesan administration. Each year, the Annual Parish Appeal funds the ministries and services of our Diocesan Church which:

- provide for us all the leadership, offices and daily operations of the Bishop and the Diocese;
- continue services to the elderly, families, young people, and those in need;
- direct all of our parish Faith Formation programs, Catholic schools, youth ministry activities, and young adult programs;
- provide legal and financial services to our parish every day of the year;
- continue evangelization through the internet, radio, and television;
- provide marriage preparation for engaged couples - and programs for married couples;
- enhance liturgical and music ministry as well as ecumenical efforts;
- give training and formation to our seminary students and diocesan priests,
- ensure care and support for the retired priests of the Diocese; and
- conduct many other efforts and programs of our diocesan Church of Pittsburgh!

## Our own parish is served by Bishop Zubik and the programs of the Diocesan Church every day!

In that our Annual Parish Appeal assessment for 2025 is **\$126,559**, I'm asking (*as in past years*) that each household of the parish pledge and contribute **\$250 or more** during this year. If you can contribute \$300, \$500, \$1000 or more, that would be most helpful! All funds contributed above our **\$126,559 goal** will remain with our parish. It is your generosity alone that allows us to meet this financial obligation to the entire diocesan church. Your pledge can be paid now or fulfilled over the coming ten months. Last year, we did meet our Parish Share goal for this annual campaign - *please help us to meet our goal again in 2025!*

**Please know that I'm most grateful for your support of the 2025 Annual Parish Appeal.** Please use your reply form sent to you in the mail for your direct donation OR your pledge to be paid over the next ten months. Donation envelopes can also be found in our two churches. Once again, thank you very much, and may the Lord Jesus continue to bless you, your family, our fine parish, and our entire Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh now and in the year ahead!

Gratefully,  
Father Jim Torquato



**Sunday, March 9**

Deuteronomy 26:4-10;  
Romans 10:8-13;  
Luke 4:1-13

**Weekdays**

Leviticus 19;  
Matthew 5

**Sunday, March 16**

Genesis 15:5-18;  
Philippians 3:17 - 4:1;  
Luke 9:28b-36



**SPRING**  
*Forward*

**IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!**

Don't forget that Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday. As you set your clocks ahead, make it a habit to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and other home safety devices. Stay safe and enjoy the extra daylight!

**FINANCIAL REPORT**  **OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES**

|                                      |                 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Sunday collections, <b>March 1-2</b> | -- \$12,511.85* |
| <i>* Includes Mail-in donations</i>  |                 |
| Online donations, March 1-2          | -- \$2,848.00   |
| Maintenance collection               | -- \$159.00     |
| Religious Education collection       | -- \$154.00     |

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| Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year        | -- \$861,064.00 |
| Parish income <u>received</u> since July 1, 2024 | -- \$505,809.41 |
| Parish fundraising since July 1, 2024            | -- \$25,755.55  |
| Estate gifts received since July 1, 2024         | -- \$500.00     |
| General donations since July 1, 2024             | -- \$21,056.46  |

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|---|---------------|
| Average weekly staff salary and benefits expenses | -- \$5,885.13 |
| Average weekly maintenance/operation expenses     | -- \$2,179.94 |
| Average weekly utility expenses                   | -- \$2,030.82 |
| Average weekly insurance expenses                 | -- \$1,102.17 |
| Weekly contributions to Guardian Angel Academy    | -- \$1,397.92 |

|                                      |                          |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Parish members -- 2,456              | Parish families -- 1,287 |
| Church attendance on March 1-2       | -- 698                   |
| Sunday envelopes used March 1-2      | -- 299                   |
| Total households receiving envelopes | -- 1,058                 |

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|--|-----------------|
| 2025 Parish Appeal Goal                          | -- \$126,559.50 |
| Parish Appeal received as of March 2             | -- \$34,985.00* |
| <i>* Includes online Parish Appeal donations</i> |                 |
| 2025 Parish Appeal Donors                        | -- 150          |

***Grateful for your increased support!***

During our 2023 *Forward in Faith!* 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 will soon be seen in our weekly collection totals and in the total parish income for this fiscal year. Should anyone need a reminder of the amount that you pledged, please contact our parish during weekly office hours.

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



# Parish News

## Newly Baptized

Please welcome into our faith family... **Anthony Gianluigi Gioia**, son of Anthony Paul and Meghan Cathleen McGrath Gioia, who received the Life of Christ in Baptism in our parish on Sunday, March 2, 2025. May he grow in wisdom, age, and grace



## SAINT PHILIP WOMEN'S RETREAT

Join us for the Saint Philip Women's Retreat from **April 11-13** at Saint Paul Retreat Center on the South Side. This retreat promises a fulfilling experience with engaging talks, opportunities for the sacraments, quiet prayer experiences, delicious food, workshops, and liturgy. To learn more, call Diana Miller at 412-759-6241.



## Free FAMILY RETREAT

Join us on **Saturday, May 17** from 12:00 noon until Mass

The day will begin at noon in Saint Philip cafeteria with a catered lunch. We will continue with prayer, family games, a talk for parents, crafts and activities for children of all ages, snacks and family service activities. The day will conclude with the celebration of the 4:00pm Mass in Saint Philip church. All ages are welcome. Call 412-922-6388 for reservations.

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

**Monday, March 10:** *Faith Formation* on Saint Philip campus

**Tuesday, March 11:** *Hooks & Needles* at 9:00am in the Ascension Administration Building

**Wednesday, March 12:** *Soup, Salad and Speaker Series* at 6:30pm in Ascension's Conner Hall with speaker Sister Mindy Welding

**Thursday, March 13:** *Choir Rehearsal* at 7:00pm in Ascension church

**Thursday, March 13:** *Legion of Mary* meeting at 6:30pm in Ascension's Rectory

**Friday, March 14:** *Stations of the Cross* following 8:00am Mass at Saint Philip; and 7:00pm at Ascension

**Friday, March 14:** *Parish Fish Fry* from 4:00pm to 7:00pm in Ascension Church Conner Hall

## CALLING ALL BAKERS!

It's that time of year again when we ask you to share your favorite Baked Goods recipes for our Parish Fish Fry. We love cookies, pies, cakes, breads, etc. Baked goods can be dropped off **every Thursday during Lent from 6:00pm to 8:00pm** in Ascension Church Conner Hall. Your delicious baked goods add to the enjoyment of our Fish Fry patrons.



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



Your goodness and participation help to keep our parish alive!

# SAINT PHILIP PARISH

## Soup, Salad and Speaker Series

Best wishes for a very good Season of Lent!

You, your family, and your friends are welcome to join us Wednesday evenings for the 2025 Lenten Season.

### Ascension Church Conner Hall Wednesdays - 6:30pm to 8:00pm

**MARCH 12 - Sister Mindy Welding, IHM**

*Jesus prays*

**MARCH 19 - Father Rick Thompson**

*Jesus forgives*

**MARCH 26 - Father Sam Esposito**

*Jesus walks the way of the Father*

**APRIL 2 - Sister Carole Blazina, SC**

*Jesus loves*

**APRIL 9 - Deacon Tim Killmeyer**

*Jesus' final days*

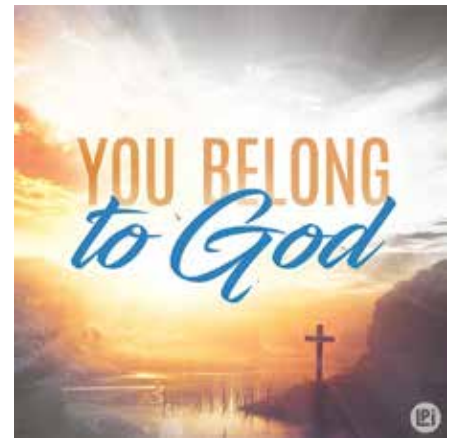


**NO reservations are needed!** Simply come to Ascension Church (114 Berry Street) and join us!

### Soup, Salad and Speaker Series - what is it?

- **Enjoy a shared meal** of homemade soup, bread, salad, and dessert
- **Choose from 6 different soups**, including vegetarian options
- **Share dinner with friends** and meet new people
- **Experience Lenten prayer** and quiet time
- **Hear an inspiring speaker** each week
- **Engage in table discussions** led by the speaker
- **Finish the evening with coffee, tea, and dessert**

*Spend 90 minutes a week in Lenten reflection while enjoying a delicious meal and meeting new people. Why not bring a friend?*



### Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns *In Loving Memory of Anna & Theresa Kaczmarek*  
Offered by Paul Kaczmarek

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *in Loving Memory of Anthony & Mary Polus*  
Offered by Family



**REGE'S BARBER SHOP**

*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](http://www.stphilipchurch1.flocknote.com).





# Faith Formation

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

**REFLECTIONS FROM MARYANN:** As we begin Lent, it is a good time to check in with 5 Things with Father Bill on things to get for Lent. Father Bill notes, “People love to talk about ‘giving up’ stuff for Lent. This year instead of just giving up, how about we get stuff for Lent.”

- 1. GET BUSY.** Often, we think of our spiritual lives like we think of a hobby. If I get time, I am going to work on prayer, or my French lessons. Our spiritual life is the one thing that should be constantly improving. So it has to move up the priority list.
- 2. GET TOUGH.** With our priority list rearranged, when we acknowledge that prayer is not like golf but more like water and air, we need to figure out when we are actually going to pray. Get tough with yourself. Taking time out of the day is going to leave us strengthened to live our day more fully. Surprisingly, the more time you give to God, the more you get things done. Try it.
- 3. GET EXCITED.** Each day when I go to pray, I stop and just experience the silence. It’s like slipping into a hot tub. With so much noise in the world and in my heart, the gift of quiet is luxurious. Get excited to dwell in that peace each day.
- 4. GET FULL.** The Second Vatican Council referred to the Eucharist as *“the source and summit”* of the Christian life. Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. Increasing our experience of the Eucharist through daily Mass and times of prayer before the tabernacle or at adoration will deliver an abundance of grace for your life.
- 5. GET HAPPY.** At the end of the day, joy is what we really desire and what God desires for us. Jesus knew this when He told us, *“If you keep My commandments, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and remain in His love. I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and your joy may be complete”* (John 15: 10-11). Prayer is not just about my peace but building the Kingdom of God. During Lent, connect with God and then help others do the same by inviting them back home to church.



## Saint Philip Parish TRAVEL MINISTRY

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Discover the Shrines & Sights of Washington, DC, Emmitsburg, MD and Gettysburg, PA! Saint Philip Parish will present this trip on May 20 -21, 2025.

**Due to the need to make hotel reservations the deadline for registration is April 1.**

Highlights of this exciting trip and a registration form can be found on page 10 of this bulletin.

If you are interested, call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388 to reserve your place.



**ADDITIONAL NOTE:** In the last sentence of Father Bill's message (on page 8), he encourages us to invite others back home to church. We can do this by inviting them to Mass but also by inviting them to join us in the many Lenten Prayer Opportunities we have prepared this Lent. Our *Soup, Salad and Speaker Series* begins this **Wednesday, March 12 at 6:30pm** in Ascension Church Conner Hall.

## Children's LITURGY

### First and Second Sundays:

9:30am Liturgy at Ascension church

### Third and Fourth Sundays:

11:00am Liturgy at Saint Philip church

**CHILDREN'S MASS BOOKLETS:** There are now Mass booklets for children in the entrance of each church. Please feel free to borrow and use for your child during Liturgy. We ask that you return them at the end of Mass for use the next Sunday.

**KITCHEN TABLE MINISTRY:** Join us for **Drop-In Sunday on April 6 after the 9:30am Mass.** We will have delicious donuts from Better-Maid Donuts, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. It's a great opportunity to meet new friends and renew old friendships. There will be blood pressure screenings, general information on wellness, and table conversations. We hope to see you there!

You're invited to the screening of the movie, *"The Blessing Bracelet"* on **Tuesday, March 18 at 6:30pm** in Ascension Administration Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The evening will include the movie, a discussion of theme, *"God's Providence and Blessings,"* and snacks. If you would like to attend, please call 412-922-6388.



## JOIN US THIS LENT AT SAINT PHILIP PARISH

*Soup, Salad and Speaker Series* starts **March 12 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm!** No reservations are needed. Come and bring a friend. Enjoy delicious homemade soup, bread, and salad. After dinner, we'll gather in the church for prayer and a talk by Sister Mindy Welding on *"Accompany Jesus in Prayer."* We'll then reconvene in Conner Hall for discussion and dessert. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity!

Join us on **Monday, March 17** for *Around the Lenten Journey Brunch* from 11:30am to 1:00pm in the Ascension Administration Building. The afternoon includes:

- Light lunch with Saint Patrick's Day foods & treats
- Saint Patrick's Day prayers & reflections
- Reflection on the Lenten Scriptures
- Table discussion and fellowship
- Prayers to Saint Joseph
- Saint Joseph Table goodies to take home



## St. Joseph's Table

**\*\*Please bring hand soap for the food pantry collection.\*\***

To register, please call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.

**PLEASE NOTE: There is a chairlift available for those who need it.**

# WENDT TOURING REGISTRATION FORM

Tour Name: *Shrines of Washington DC,  
Emmitsburg, MD, Gettysburg, PA*

Presented by: Saint Philip Parish

Tour Dates: **May 20-21, 2025** DC1-25

\*\*Please print clearly & complete one form  
per person.

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Name

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How do you wish to be addressed on the name tag?

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Email

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Mailing Address

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City State Zip

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Home phone

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Cell

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Name of roommate (if applicable)

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Special requests (i.e., dietary restrictions)

**Payment policy:** A \$50.00 per person deposit is due to secure your reservation with the balance due by April 1, 2025. Make checks payable to: Wendt Touring and send to St. Philip Parish, 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh PA 15205.

**Refund policy:** Full refund on cancellations made by April 1. Cancellations made after April 1 are subject to penalties.



## Shrines & Sights of **Washington, DC, Emmitsburg, MD, & Gettysburg, PA**

Presented by Saint Philip Parish  
**May 20-21, 2025**

### **HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:**

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception - Visit the Jubilee Year Holy Door  
National Shrine of St. John Paul II - Gettysburg Battlefield  
National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - Shrine Grotto of Lourdes

### **JOURNEY INCLUDES:**

Motorcoach transportation  
One night lodging  
Two meals - 1B & 1D  
Sightseeing & shrine donations  
Daily Mass & prayer  
Pilgrimage Coordinator

### **PILGRIM FARE - PER PERSON:**

\$349.00 - double  
\$429.00 - single  
\$339.00 - triple



Travel arrangements made by Wendt Touring, Inc.  
613 Canton Road, Wintersville, OH 43953  
Phone: 740-282-5790 | [www.WendtTouring.com](http://www.WendtTouring.com)



# Guardian Angel Academy

*One of the South Region Catholic Elementary Schools (SRCES)*

## **GAA NIGHT AT THE RACES**

Join us on **Saturday, March 29**, for an evening of racing, food, and fun. Doors open at 5:30pm, with post time at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$30 for single admission (\$10 fundraising credit) and \$50 for couples (\$20 fundraising credit). Admission includes a dinner buffet, desserts, and drinks. BYOB and other snacks are allowed. Space is limited. **Call 412-922-4765 before March 19.**

## **FORENSICS TOURNAMENT**

On January 25, at Ave Maria Academy Bethel Park campus, Gino Matts won two second-place awards for “God, I Hate Shakespeare,” Eliana Cornetti won two first-place awards for “Forensics Nightmare,” and Anna Cerchiaro won first- and second-place awards for “The Day the Crayons Quit.” Haley Stickman won first- and second-place awards for “Why Woman Wants to Vote.” The final tournament was on March 8 at South Fayette Middle School.

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

**Spelling Bee:** During Catholic Schools Week, Thomas McGovern won our annual 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling Bee and will represent our school in the Diocesan Spelling Bee in May.

**Handwriting Contest:** Students from Kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade competed in an All School Handwriting Contest. Four finalists per grade received a free Dress Down coupon and a free meal at Texas Roadhouse. One winner per grade received a \$20 cash prize from the PTG.

Congratulations to all participants!



# **PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY**

## **SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025**

### **1:00PM TO 2:00PM**

**Ascension Church Conner Hall**  
**114 Berry Street**

Do you know what steps to take if your identity has been stolen? Do you know how to recognize the signs of fraud? These are important questions, and we would like to help you answer them. Please join us in Connor Hall on Sunday, March 30 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm for a discussion of these important topics.

Ms. Jacquelyn Todd, Branch Manager of the Crafton First National Bank will be here to give you important information and answer your questions to help you keep your identity and your finances secure.

No reservation is needed, but to ensure we have enough handouts, please let us know if you plan to attend by calling our office at 412-922-6300 or completing the form below and returning it to the Parish Office by Friday, March 28.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

This year, we will be holding our fourth annual Lenten food drive to benefit our St. Philip St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. Our food pantry volunteers currently deliver food to approximately 60 households each month who do not have transportation with which to reach a traditional food bank. We also serve those who contact our hotline and are in need of emergency food assistance.

# Lenten FOOD DRIVE

For the Lenten food drive, we are asking that you donate certain foods and toiletries that we need the most, but we will happily accept any unexpired, non-perishable food items or toiletries that you would like to donate. Paper bags with an attached list of suggested donation items are available at the St. Philip Church courtyard (ramp) entrance and the Ascension Church main entrance. **Donations can be returned to those same locations until Sunday, April 13.**

We are asking for the following items: kid-friendly cereals, instant oatmeal, jelly, peanut butter, canned fruit, condensed tomato soup, condensed vegetable soup, condensed chicken noodle soup, canned chicken, canned tuna, chunky soups, spaghetti sauce, baked beans, pasta (rigatoni, penne, rotini), spaghetti o's, minute rice, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo and bath soap or body wash.

If you would like to use our Lenten food drive as an opportunity to get your whole family involved in an almsgiving activity, you can shop each week for some of the items as a family, drop your donation off at church when you attend Mass together, and say a prayer together for those who do not have enough food to eat. **For the first week of Lent, you can shop for the suggested breakfast foods, which are kid-friendly cereals, instant oatmeal, jelly, peanut butter and canned fruit.**

This year, we also have an anonymous donor that has offered to match all monetary donations that we receive during Lent up to \$3,500.00. This is an exciting opportunity to make your donation go even further! If you would like to make a monetary donation, please place your donation in one of the poor boxes, mail it to the parish office (to the attention of SVdP) at 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15205, or donate online at <https://saintphilipchurch.weshareonline.org/w/opportunities/StVincentdePaul>.


**Thank you in advance for supporting our Lenten food drive, our food pantry, and our neighbors in need!**

**We still desperately need volunteers for our furniture mission, as well as donations of couches and loveseats.** If you are getting new furniture and your couch or loveseat still has some life in it, please consider donating it to our friends in need. We are also once again in need of new full-sized sheet sets to give out when we give a friend in need a new bed. If you would like to volunteer or to schedule a pickup or drop off of your donation, please call or text our hotline at 412-444-8140 or email us at [svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com](mailto:svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com). Thank you!

Over the past week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a man with \$400 toward his rent, and a single mother with \$500 toward a utility bill. Thank you!

# Saint Philip Parish

# LENTEN FISH FRY



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| (Jumbo fish sandwich, fries, coleslaw)            |         |
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| (Cod baked in OJ, fries, coleslaw, roll)          |         |
| <b>JUMBO SHRIMP DINNER</b> .....                  | \$13.00 |
| (5 Shrimp, fries, coleslaw, roll)                 |         |
| <b>CRABCAKE DINNER</b> .....                      | \$13.00 |
| (3 Homemade Crabcakes, fries, coleslaw, roll)     |         |
| <b>SEAFOOD PLATTER</b> .....                      | \$13.00 |
| (Fish, 2 Shrimp, Crabcake, fries, coleslaw, roll) |         |
| <b>MACARONI &amp; CHEESE</b> -small .....         | \$4.00  |
| <b>MACARONI &amp; CHEESE</b> -large .....         | \$7.00  |
| <b>HALUSKI</b> -small .....                       | \$4.00  |
| <b>HALUSKI</b> -large .....                       | \$7.00  |
| <b>SOUP OF THE WEEK</b> -small .....              | \$3.00  |
| <b>SOUP OF THE WEEK</b> -large .....              | \$7.00  |
| (large soup to go, cold)                          |         |
| <b>GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH</b> .....              | \$3.00  |
| <b>FRENCH FRIES</b> .....                         | \$3.00  |
| <b>ASSORTED BEVERAGES</b> .....                   | \$1.00  |

**Attention customers with food allergies.** Please be aware that our food may contain or come into contact with common allergens, such as dairy, eggs, wheat, soybeans, tree nuts, peanuts, fish, shellfish or wheat.



## Mardi Gras Celebration

Our annual parish Mardi Gras celebration was held on March 3. More than 175 parish members and family members enjoyed a fun evening of supper, dessert, games, prizes, music and dancing. Many thanks to our staff members, our volunteers, our leprechaun — and to all who attended — for a delightful evening together prior to Ash Wednesday and the Season of Lent!





# Around the Diocese and Community

## “INVITE ONE BACK” TRAINING

On **Saturday, March 15, from 8:00am** until 4:00pm, our Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh will offer a free, full day seminar to help active Catholic Christians “Invite One Back” to life in their parish and in the Church. Members of the organization Saint Paul Street Evangelization will give the presentations. This seminar will be held at Saint Bonaventure church of Saint Matthew Parish, 2001 Mount Royal Boulevard, Glenshaw, 15116. To register today, please visit [stpaulse.com/IOB-Pittsburgh](http://stpaulse.com/IOB-Pittsburgh).

This FREE seminar includes presentations, materials, lunch, and morning hospitality. All are welcome!

## MARCH 13-15 PARISH MISSION

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish will present a 3-day Lenten Mission, “A Journey to Joy” on **March 13-15 from 7:00pm to 8:15pm** each evening at St. Margaret Mary Church in Moon Township. The mission will feature actor Frank Runyeon, who brings Scripture to life with drama and humor. For more information, contact Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish office at 412-264-2573.

## OLSH HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

The award-winning OLSH High School Theatre Department presents, *Children of Eden!* Evening Shows: **March 14, 15 at 7:30pm**. Matinee Shows: **March 9, 15 at 2:00pm**. Shows frequently sell out in advance; purchase tickets online now at [www.olsh.org/theatre!](http://www.olsh.org/theatre!)

## HUGE INDOOR GARAGE SALE

St. John Neumann Church  
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## MARCH 22 YOUNG MEN’S SUMMIT

*Saint Joseph: Model for Husbands and Fathers* featuring presentations by Father Joe Freedy, Canon William Davis and Father Pete Gruber on **Saturday, March 22 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm** at the Pittsburgh Diocesan Pastoral Center, 2900 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15205. For more information or to register for this free event, visit [www.cmfwpa.org](http://www.cmfwpa.org).




## SPRING OPEN HOUSE

**Sunday, March 23**  
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Families with students in grades 6-8 are invited to join OLSH Student Ambassadors, faculty, staff, coaches, and parents for a guided tour of campus to learn how OLSH transforms lives, one student at a time!

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