

Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

OFFICE HOURS

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

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114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15205

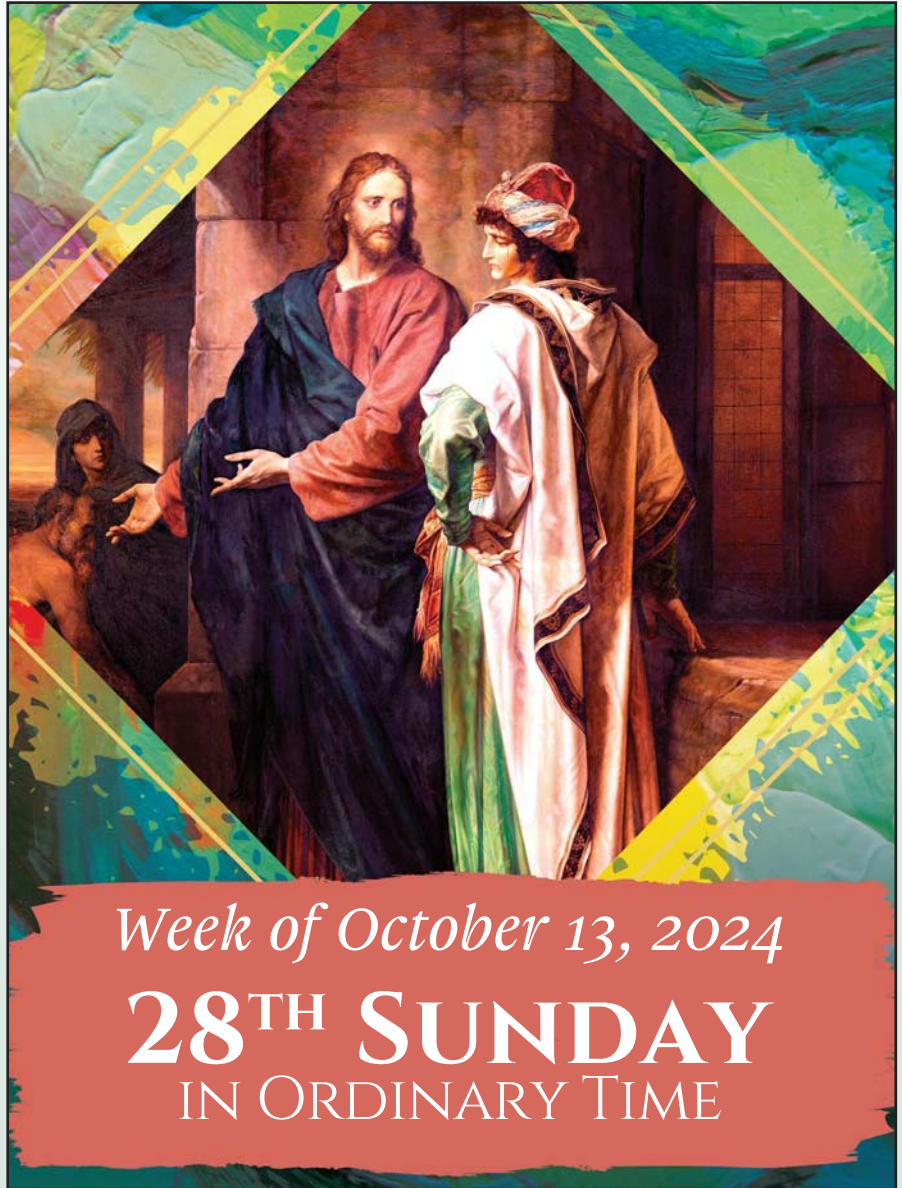
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Faith Formation Office (412) 922-6388
Society of St. Vincent dePaul (412) 444-8140
Guardian Angel Academy (412) 922-4765

CRISIS SUPPORT/SUICIDE PREVENTION

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



Week of October 13, 2024

28TH 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



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
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 — THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY			
Ascension	8:00am	Luigi & Gemma DeAngelis	DeDe Palombini
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Marie & Bill Reif	Sue & Mike Rust
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Anthony & Mary Polus	Family
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 — TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Amanda Louise Ogden	Audra Ogden
Ascension	9:30am	Raymond Best	Terry Best
Saint Philip	11:00am	Marie Gossic	Merrie, Matt & Jacob Kaltz
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14 — WEEKDAY CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS DAY			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Deceased of the McDonough & Schneider Families	Josie Schneider
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15 — SAINT TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH			
Ascension	8:00am	Loretta King	O'Connor Children
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16 — ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE, RELIGIOUS			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Mrs. Rita Torquato	Sons
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17 — SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP & MARTYR			
Ascension	8:00am	Sister Adele Rogers	Cousin, Pat
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18 — SAINT LUKE, EVANGELIST			
Saint Philip	8:00am	John Priselac, Jr.	Linda Priselac
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 — THE NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS			
Ascension	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (Vigil)	Denk & Moses Family	Evelyn Moses
Ascension	5:30pm (Vigil)	Eleanor Legath	Girls
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 — TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Donald Brannan	Brannan Family
Ascension	9:30am	Special Intention of John & Anna Gallagher	
Saint Philip	11:00am	Lucy & Carl Kubiak	Family
BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: Should be submitted to m.takach@saintphilipparish.com no later than 12:00pm on Friday to be included in the following week's bulletin.			





Notes from the Pastor

Best wishes for this Pro-Life Month of October! As we look forward to all the coming holidays, I hope you'll take time for prayer, rest, and your family!

A blessing for our parish community

Last Saturday morning, at Saint Paul Cathedral, Fifth Avenue in Oakland, our diocesan shepherd, Bishop David A. Zubik, DD, ordained nine new permanent deacons for service in the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh! It was a wonderful and solemn celebration of our Catholic Christian faith and life and service.

Among the nine new permanent deacons from throughout our six county diocese is our own Saint Philip Parish member - Deacon Joseph R. Allen. The new Deacon Joe Allen has been a member in our parish community for many years. Joe and his wife Kelly and their three children reside in Crafton Heights, and Joe has been active in the parish in numerous ways.

In preparing for ordination as permanent deacon, Joe participated in a thorough five year, weekly formation program at the Diocesan Pastoral Center along with numerous pastoral experiences and projects, as well as parish programs and diocesan ministries.

On Monday, October 21, Deacon Joe Allen will officially begin his years of deacon ministry here in Saint Philip Parish. Bishop Zubik has entrusted to Joe "the ministry of Word and Sacrament" as well as "the ministry of charity and service" here in our community. Our new deacon's ministry in the parish is voluntary (unpaid) and part-time as he continues to

participate in the life of our community.

Deacon Joe Allen will also participate in our parish liturgy and sacraments in his role as a permanent deacon. When present at a Liturgy, he will proclaim the Gospel and distribute Holy Communion. At times, Joe will also offer the homily. He is also now an ordinary minister of the Sacrament of Baptism - and he is permitted to witness marriages of parish members when they are celebrated outside of the Mass.

How do deacons present themselves in the parish? A Catholic deacon wears a cloth stole from the left shoulder to his right side - across the deacon's heart. Also, he may at times wear a vestment called a "dalmatic" - a tunic usually having two vertical lines that indicate he is a deacon. In our diocese, outside of church, a permanent deacon does NOT wear the "Roman collar." Instead, our permanent deacons wear some simple insignia of their Holy Order.

Personally and as a community, I know that many of us are very grateful to Deacon Joe Allen for his answering the call to deacon service in the Church of the Lord. We also offer him our prayers, best wishes, and support as he begins his deacon ministry. I know that we're also grateful to Bishop David Zubik for assigning Deacon Allen to service in our Saint Philip Parish community.

Our new deacon is certainly a blessing from the Lord Jesus. May Deacon Joe Allen and our entire parish community be blessed by God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit as we all continue to grow the Kingdom of the Lord!

Best wishes for these autumn months!

May this Autumn be a blessed season of prayer, service, celebration, and renewal. May the Lord Jesus keep you and your family members and friends healthy, holy, and always at peace. God bless!

Yours, Father Jim Torquato

Mother Angelica Museum and Catholic Canton

*Featuring: Rhoda Wise House & Grotto
Saint Raphael Center
Mother Angelica Museum
Lourdes Grotto & Rosary Garden*

*Presented by St. Philip Parish
Wednesday, October 23, 2024*



Depart Ascension Church at 7:00AM aboard a highway coach for Canton, Ohio. A breakfast stop will be made en route. Later this morning arrive at Saint Raphael Center & Mother Angelica Museum. In 1981, Mother Angelica, a cloistered Franciscan nun, launched what has become the largest religious media network in the world; Eternal Word Television Network. EWTN now reaches 264 million homes in 145 countries and over 700 million homes with AM, FM, shortwave radio and internet. It all began in 1923 in a small home in the southeast end of Canton, Ohio. Born Rita A. Rizzo, the future Mother Angelica, grew up in a working-class neighborhood during the Roaring Twenties a block away from her parish church. Young Rita had a difficult childhood. Her father abandoned the family before Rita was five years old. Divorce soon followed. Life was a struggle for Rita and her mother. Rita's years of trial were compounded by a debilitating stomach ailment until she was healed by Jesus through a woman named Rhoda Wise. That healing set her life on a course that would ultimately change the world. Come and see where it all began. Our visit will include a guided tour of the complex followed by the celebration of Mass in Mary, Ark of the Covenant Chapel. Enjoy a delicious catered lunch followed by free time to explore the Lourdes Grotto, Rosary Garden and Gift Store. This afternoon visit the Rhoda Wise House & Grotto. Born in 1888 in Cadiz, Ohio and raised in Wheeling, WV, Rhoda converted to the Catholic Church while in Mercy Hospital. Over time she developed a strong devotion to the Rosary and St. Therese the Little Flower. Rhoda Wise would later experience apparitions of Our Lord and St. Therese. On October 7, 2016, Rhoda Wise's Cause for Canonization opened in the Diocese of Youngstown. Enjoy time here to visit the home and pray at the grotto. A special "sweet stop" will be made before we embark on our journey home. Arrive back home approximately 8:00PM. A brief dinner stop will be made en route home.

TRIP INCLUDES

- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- Group luncheon
- All admissions & shrine donations
- Mass & prayer
- Pilgrimage Coordinator



TOUR FARE: \$119.00 per person is due to secure your reservation. Make checks payable to: Wendt Touring and send to St. Philip Parish, 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh, PA, 15205. For more information call Mary Ann Garfold at 412-922-6388. Full payment is required to hold a seat. Space is limited!

*Travel Arrangements made by Wendt Touring
613 Canton Road, Wintersville, OH 43953
Phone: 740-282-5790
www.WendtTouring.com*



**BIBLE READINGS
FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday, October 13

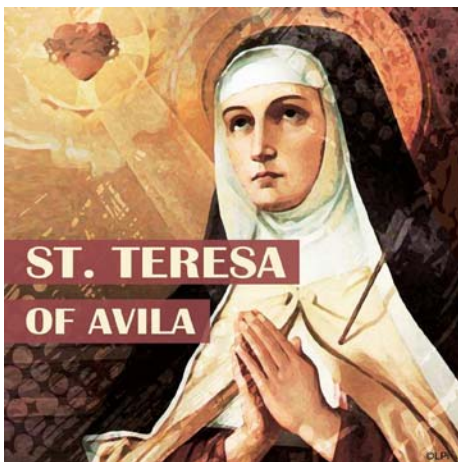
Wisdom 7:7-11;
Hebrews 4:12-13;
Mark 10:27-30

Weekdays

Galatians 4-5;
Luke 10-12

Sunday, October 20

Isaiah 53:10-11;
Hebrews 4:14-16;
Mark 10:35-45



Thank you for your generous financial contributions to

SAINT PHILIP PARISH!



Your goodness and participation help to keep our parish alive!

FINANCIAL REPORT  **OUR SAINT PHILIP PARISH FINANCES**

Sunday collections, October 5-6	-- \$10,051.00*
<i>* Includes Mail-in donations</i>	
Online donations, October 5-6	-- \$3,437.50
Maintenance donations	-- \$366.00
Religious Education donations	-- \$100.00

Parish income needed for this Fiscal Year	-- \$861,064.00
Parish income <u>received</u> since July 1, 2024	-- \$195,482.53
Parish fundraising since July 1, 2024	-- \$13,890.00
Estate gifts received since July 1, 2024	-- \$0
General donations since July 1, 2024	-- \$2,025.00

Average weekly staff salary and benefits expenses	-- \$6,433.39
Average weekly maintenance/operation expenses	-- \$1,543.97
Average weekly utility expenses	-- \$2,259.50
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 October 5-6	-- 733
Sunday envelopes used October 5-6	-- 287
Total households receiving envelopes	-- 1,058

2024 Parish Appeal Goal	-- \$128,119.00
Parish Appeal received as of October 6	-- \$146,014.76*
<i>*Includes online Parish Appeal donations</i>	
2024 Parish Appeal Donors	-- 249


DINNER
with the Saints

MOTHER CABRINI



Wednesday, November 13 at 6:15pm
Ascension Church Conner Hall

We invite you to enjoy a delightful dinner followed by the feature film *CABRINI*. After the movie, stay for a brief discussion and dessert. To reserve your spot, please call 412-922-6388.



Parish News



Congratulations, Deacon Joe Allen!

See photos from Deacon Joe Allen's Ordination on page 11.

NEXT WEEKEND SEPCIAL COLLECTION

Next Sunday we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. While only some are called to go to the missions to serve, all of us are called by our Baptism to support the Church's missionary work by our prayers and our financial help.

The entire Church is given the opportunity to assist the young mission dioceses of Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe where priests, religious and lay leaders share our Faith and serve the poorest of the poor. Thank you for your generous support of this annual appeal.

Children's LITURGY

This Sunday, we'll have the Children's Liturgy at the 9:30am Mass in Ascension church. The next Children's Liturgy will be October 27 at the 11:00am Mass in Saint Philip church.



Our *Bereavement Support Group* meets on the **third Thursday of each month from 2:00pm to 3:00pm** in Conner Hall on the Ascension campus. We spend about an hour together hearing each other's stories with compassion and loving support.

This is not a psychotherapy group but fellow parishioners who care for one another and support one another as we travel through the grief process together. You may come alone or bring someone with you.

Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, October 17. Please consider joining us.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Monday, October 14 — *Faith Formation* at 6:30pm on Saint Philip campus

Tuesday, October 15 — *Hooks & Needles* at 9:00am in the Administration Building

Wednesday, October 16 — *Small Faith Group* from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in Conner Hall

Thursday, October 17 — *Grief Support* at 2:00pm in Conner Hall

Thursday, October 17 — *2nd Grade Parent Meeting* at 7:00pm in Saint Philip library

Thursday, October 17 — *Baptism class* at 6:30pm in the Administration Building

Thursday, October 17 — *Men's Christian Fellowship* at 7:00pm in the Administration Building

Thursday, October 17 — *Legion of Mary* at 6:30pm in the Ascension Rectory

Thursday, October 17 — *OCIA* on Saint Philip campus in Room A

Sunday, October 20 — *2nd Grade Recognition* with reception at the 9:30am Mass at Ascension

Sunday, October 20 — *Rite of Acceptance for Aerial Ball* at 11:00am Mass at Saint Philip church



FINAL FATIMA EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Join us for the Final Fatima Eucharistic Adoration Celebration at **7:00pm on Sunday, October 13**, at Ascension church. Father Torquato will lead an outdoor Eucharistic Procession (weather permitting) with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The rosary will be prayed during the candlelight procession and inside the church for those who prefer not to march. After reentering the church, there will be a brief period of silent Adoration and Benediction. The miraculous events of the sixth apparition will be shared.

Enjoy faith and fellowship in Conner Hall, where relics will be available for veneration, and free Catholic books, sacramentals, and audio tapes will be on display. This event is sponsored by the Legion of Mary.

2025 MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Request Forms are **NOW** available in both of our churches for 2025 Mass Intentions and 2025 Sanctuary Lamp Memorials.

As in past years, our parish members may request TWO Sunday Mass Intentions AND TWO Weekday Mass Intentions - as well as ONE Sanctuary Lamp Memorial. Once all requests have been scheduled, then additional Intentions and Memorials may be requested in December.

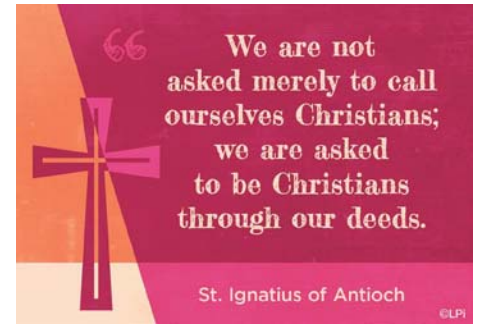
The contribution for EACH Mass Intention is still **\$10**, and the contribution for EACH Sanctuary Lamp Memorial is still **\$20**.

For those requesting Saturday evening Mass Intentions during either the 4:00pm Mass or the 5:30pm Mass, please submit your requests as soon as possible. The Mass Intentions for those two Mass Times fill very quickly!

Also, please write clearly when completing the Request Forms. Give complete information and correct spelling when filling in each line. Also, please include a check payable to "Saint Philip Parish" with the correct amount of your contribution.

Instead of sending out all of the scheduled intentions during Thanksgiving week, Father Torquato will work to send out Scheduled Mass Intentions within 10-12 days after your request is received.

Thank you very much for remembering your loved ones - deceased and living - in requesting the offering of the Priest's Mass Intention for them during our celebrations of the Eucharist!



Sanctuary Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at St. Philip burns *In Loving Memory of Bert McNamara*
Offered by Joyce Lancaster

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at Ascension burns *In Loving Memory of James Lucot, Sr.*
Offered by Family



GREENTREE AUTO BODY

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

A Final Gift to the Parish

Please support

SAINT PHILIP PARISH

by including the community in your will and estate planning.

Thank you!

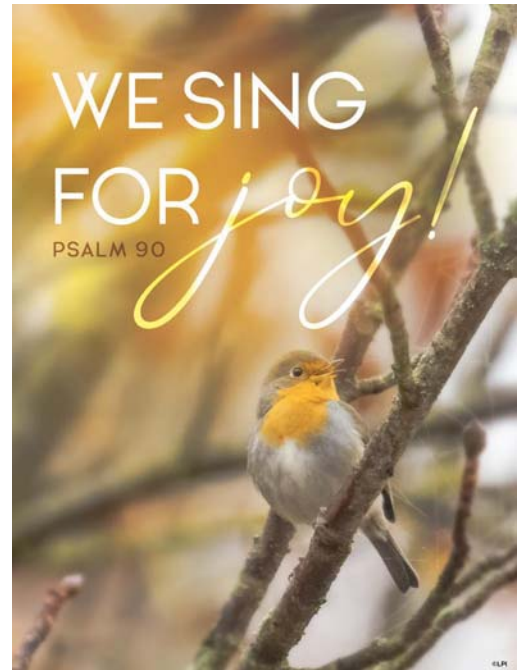
Connect with FLOCKNOTE!

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



Faith Formation /Religious Education

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



REFLECTIONS FROM MARYANN: I have a friend who last week said that if she ran a television station there would be a half hour of the day's news followed by a half hour of local good news. There is little doubt that the news of each day can be a little troubling and at times frightening. It brings me back to our review of 5 Things with Father Bill by William Byrne.

Father Bill notes that today's news can leave people confused, and worried. He reminds us, *"God does not make bad things happen. We live in a world that has been wounded in many ways by our forgetting of God. The power of the Gospel message is that God never forgets us. When bad things happen, God will always bring good from bad. For us the Kingdom comes when we align ourselves with God by bringing Him into our lives in an even deeper and more committed way."* According to Father Bill, here are five ways to bring God more deeply into our lives.

1. Create a house of prayer. Vatican II told us that the home is the first building block of the Kingdom. Make your house, apartment, condo, or dorm room a place where Christ is welcome and comfortable. Decorate accordingly. Always practice humility and forgiveness. Sweep out anything that is not worthy of the King's residence. Saying, *"I am sorry"* or *"Can I help"* keeps a home beautiful.

2. Take a minute. Morning Prayer should become a common spiritual practice. When you open your eyes thank God for the gift of the day, no matter what the day might bring. Offer the day back to Him, and ask yourself to be an instrument of His peace. Ask God, *"What do you want me to do for You today?"*

3. Recall. If you are trying to remember something, write it down. Put a note on your calendar that says, *"Remember!"* Powerful things happen when we intentionally remember them.

4. Savor the in-between. Much of our day is filled with the *"in between"* or the *"not yet."* We wait in line, sit in traffic, wait for someone to show up, wait for our texts to be answered. These times should be opportunity. Fill them with prayer. You may want to keep a list handy of the people you know who need prayer the most. Sitting in traffic, lift up your soul.

5. Recognize the last minute. As you are going to bed, thank God for the day. Replay the mental video of your day and recall where God was and where you might not have been there to meet Him. Make a plan for the next day to build on the graces of that day. When you wake up the next morning, your offering is the plan from the night before.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS!

BAPTISMS: Sessions for new parents will be held once per month. Our next baptism class will be held on **Thursday, October 17 at 6:30pm** in the Administration Building. If you anticipate having your child baptized in October or November and this is your first child, please contact the Office of Faith Formation to register at 412-922-6388.

SECOND GRADE PARENTS: There will be a meeting for all parents of 2nd grade students celebrating the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist in the Spring of 2025 on **Thursday, October 17 at 7:00pm** in the library on Saint Philip campus. Important dates and information will be shared at this meeting along with a review of the Sacrament.

SECOND GRADE PRESENTATION: Next Sunday, October 20, second grade students participating in the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist in 2025 will be recognized by the parish. Each student will receive a Mass booklet followed by a coffee and donut reception in Ascension Church Conner Hall.

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE: Next week on October 20, 8th grade student, **Arial Ball** will participate in the Rite of Acceptance at the 11:00am Mass in Saint Philip church. Arial will be presented to the people of Saint Philip Parish as she continues her time of study, prayer, and service in preparation for full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil in 2025. At that time, Arial will participate in the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation in the Catholic Church.

NOTICE: At the present time, Saint Philip Parish has high school students wishing to participate in the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2025. If you

know of any high school student who would like to participate in the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388. Please remember that an individual must have received all the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation to be considered as a Godparent or Sponsor.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

HELP WANTED: Saint Philip Parish has 8 children in the OCIA process. We are looking for an individual who would be willing to welcome these children into the Catholic faith and introduce them to the basic teachings of our faith. If you can help on Monday nights from 6:30pm to 7:30pm on the Saint Philip campus, call MaryAnn at 412-922-6388.

High school students needed for faith sharing: Saint Philip Parish has three high school students in the OCIA Process. We are looking for one or two high school students and an adult who would be willing to be part of a faith sharing group on Monday nights from 6:30pm to 7:30pm on the Saint Philip campus. If you would like to volunteer or know of a high school student who would like to earn service credit, please call 412-922-6388.

KITCHEN TABLE MINISTRY: There will be a Drop-In Sunday gathering in Ascension Church Conner Hall on **November 3** following the 9:30am Mass. Join us for coffee, donuts, blood pressure screening, a listening ear and general information about wellness. Please feel free to join us for a few minutes after Mass. Each week Kitchen Table Ministry will offer a prayer for Wellness and Healing.

Please join us for our First Annual



Saint Philip Parish

BARBECUE

Sunday, October 27 | 12:00pm - 6:00pm

This year, our expert parish staff members and parish volunteers will be doing the cooking for you and your family at Conner Hall on the Ascension campus, 114 Berry Street.

We'll offer both dine-in seating as well as take-out service. Join us on Sunday - and then enjoy Pittsburgh football on Monday night! Come any time between 12:00 noon and 6:00pm - we'll be ready to serve you!

Each adult meal (\$20) will include:

4 oz. pulled pork and bun, 4 oz. grilled chicken, and 1/3 rack of ribs, coleslaw, & garlic smashed redskin potatoes.

Each children's meal (\$13) will include:

2 chicken fingers, fries, Mac & cheese

Beverages for dine-in include: coffee, tea, lemonade, and water. A bake sale will be offered by our Bake Sale Brigade.

Please complete, detach, and return this form to the parish office or the collection basket (*with your check payable to Saint Philip Parish*) **BEFORE** Tuesday, October 22.

Saint Philip Catholic Parish Barbecue Lunch or Dinner: Sunday, October 27

Name _____ Dine In _____ Take Out _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Adult dinners _____ (\$20 each)

Children's dinners _____ (\$13 each)
(under 12 years old)

Total amount enclosed \$ _____ Probable arrival time _____



Congratulations, Deacon Joe Allen!

On Saturday, October 5, our parish member, Joseph R. Allen, was ordained as a Permanent Deacon for service in the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh. Deacon Joe's family, our priests, and many of our own parish members attended the Ordination ceremony at Saint Paul Cathedral, and Deacon Allen participated as a new deacon in a parish Liturgy on Sunday, October 6. Best wishes to Deacon Joseph as he begins his service in our diocese - and here in Saint Philip Parish!





Pillars of our Catholic Christian Faith

As you know, the three most fundamental beliefs of Catholic Christianity are: 1.) *the Divine Trinity* - there is one Almighty God in three Divine Persons; 2.) *the Incarnation* - the Divine Son of God became fully human in the person of Jesus of Nazareth; and 3.) *the Resurrection* - following His death on the Cross, on the third day, Jesus was raised to new and glorious life by the Father and the Holy Spirit.

It's also important to remember the three foundational pillars of Catholic Christianity. They are:

- 1.) ***The Sacred Scriptures in the Bible*** - the inspired Word of God in the Old Testament and the New Testament;
- 2.) ***The early Tradition*** - the Tradition from Jesus, the Apostles, and the early Church that existed in addition to the writings of the New Testament in the first century; and
- 3.) ***The Magisterium*** which is the official teaching of the Church, its apostles, and shepherds beginning with the Council of Jerusalem in the first years of Christianity and continuing through all the official councils of the Church.

These three pillars are often abbreviated “*S.T.M.*” for easy remembrance. All three of these pillars are essential to Christianity and the Church!

In recent centuries, many Christians have claimed that “our faith is all about the Bible,” but in reality, since the first century, these Three Pillars have all been of tremendous importance. In fact, the Apostolic Tradition and the official Magisterium came into existence even before the writings of the New Testament existed. The Bible is of tremendous importance, but the full and balanced faith of the Church includes the ancient and original Tradition as well as all the official teachings (the Magisterium) of the Catholic Church since the first years after Jesus’ life, death, and Resurrection.

Take a look at *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* and every approved catechism of the Church. You’ll see countless passages from and references to the *Scriptures*, the *Tradition*, and the *Magisterium*. We are blessed to have not only one pillar of Christianity but *THREE Pillars of our faith*. Read *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* AND the *Bible*, and you’ll have the complete picture of our Christian faith as it has been believed and lived in the Catholic Church for 2000 years. *God bless!*





volunteers to assist our food pantry once per month (but if you only speak English, that's OK too!) If you would like to volunteer or to get more information, call or text our hotline at 412-444-8140 or email us at svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com. Thank you!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

The Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank's monthly West End Walk-in Food Distribution, which was temporarily relocated from Langley K-8 to Pittsburgh Classical Academy/Greenway, has been moved back to its permanent home at Langley, which is located at 2940 Sheraden Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15204. The time remains from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. It will still be a walk-up distribution. **The next distribution is this Tuesday, October 15. The distributions are every third Tuesday of the month.**

For those unfamiliar with the walk-in food distributions, attendees receive between 30 and 50 pounds of food, including produce, dairy, protein and other grocery items. Attendees are encouraged to bring bags, boxes or a rolling cart with which to transport the food. For more information, visit pittsburghfoodbank.org/findfood or call the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank at 833-822-7627.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets for our *Help Thy Neighbor Raffle*. We sold \$2,960 in tickets and our anonymous donor generously donated the entire \$5,000 match even though we did not sell \$5,000 in tickets! These funds are vital to continuing to assist our friends in need with rent, utilities, food and all the other ways you read each week that we help those who seek our assistance.

We still desperately need volunteers for our furniture mission, as well as Spanish-speaking

Over the past week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a single father with \$287 toward his water bill; a woman was provided with a monthly bus pass to get to work; a family was provided with \$400 to prevent a gas shut off; a single mother was given \$135 to prevent a gas shut off; and a single mother was given \$400 for her security deposit, a \$50 household goods voucher, two beds and other furniture items. Thanks so much for your generous and ongoing support!

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/ws/opportunities/StVincentdePaul>. Monetary donations made to our conference are used only to assist friends in need and to pay our operational expenses. No money is given to any other organizations.

To donate furniture or household goods, call/text 412-444-8140 or email svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com. For clothing, shoes, or accessories, use the blue bins at St. Philip's Hope House or Ascension's rear parking lot. If you need a pickup, contact us. Please don't leave other items outside the bins. Shop for new or gently-used items at St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores or online at eshoppittsburgh.com. We're also seeking volunteers! For more info, call, text, or email us.

As always, if you, or someone you know, need assistance, call, text or email us at 412-444-8140 and svdp.saint.philip@gmail.com.



Around the Diocese and Community

A LOCAL PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

This Sunday morning, October 13, 8:00am until 1:00pm, a Blood Drive will be hosted by the Ladies of Charity at Saint Malachy church of Archangel Gabriel Catholic Parish. The event will be held in Weirauch Hall, 343 Forest Grove Road in Kennedy Township. Your donation of blood will benefit individuals in our local community. Appointments are NOT necessary. For only one hour of your time, your blood donation can save up to three lives.

LEARN ABOUT HAUNTINGS, SPIRITS, AND EXORCISMS

On **Tuesday, October 22, at 7:00pm**, in Saint Malachy church, 343 Forest Grove Road in Kennedy Township, Archangel Gabriel Catholic Parish will host local expert David VanVickle for a presentation on our Catholic understanding of hauntings, demons, exorcisms, and other spiritual matters. Mr. VanVickle is employed by our Diocese, and he assists diocesan priests when needed. His message will address these spiritual matters as well as common misunderstandings - and he will speak about our faith and trust in the ultimate victory of the Lord Jesus over all darkness and evil. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted. Call their parish office at 412-787-2140 for further information.

RENEWING THE JOY OF YOUR MARRIAGE

A new local Catholic initiative was created in 2015 to strengthen marriages here in our diocesan church. This effort is named "*Renew the 'I Do'!*," and the organizers host multiple

events around Allegheny County for married couples. There are liturgies, social gatherings, concerts, pilgrimages, comedy nights, bowling, holiday events, and other events throughout the year.

All married couples of our parish - and of every diocesan parish - are invited and welcome to participate. Full information is available at www.renewtheido.org. You're welcome to join in - and renew the life and joy of your marriage!

PILGRIMAGE TO SHRINES OF EUROPE

Next year, a local pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines of France, Spain, and Portugal will be led by "*A Pilgrim's Journey*" and Perillo Tours along with Father Brendan Dawson, pastor of Saint Jude Parish in Shadyside and Morningside. The dates are **October 29 - November 9, 2025**. The cost is \$4,799 from Pittsburgh. The shrines to be visited will include Fatima, Guadalupe, Zaragoza, Montserrat, and Lourdes. Information is available at Groups@Perillotours.com OR by calling Jolene at 1-855-784-7687.

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