



**YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH**  
December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021

# Saint Philip Catholic Parish

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

**WEEK OF AUGUST 8, 2021**

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**19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**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

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## CONFESSION

Offered Saturdays from 12:15pm to 1:15pm 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 the *Ascension Church*. Please call the Religious Education Office at 412-922-6388 for more information.

**Matrimony:** Priest is to be contacted six months in advance of wedding. Participation in Pre-Cana Program required. Please contact the Parish Priests 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*.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):** Call the Office of Religious Education for more information.

**Priesthood/Religious Life:** Contact the Parish Priests 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.

# MASS SCHEDULE

*Masses are held at Saint Philip Church and Ascension Church*

LOCATION	TIME	MASS INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
<b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 7 — WEEKDAY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Dorothy Conroy	Gorman Family
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	John C. Sebesta	Family
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	John Priselac & Frances Priselac	Linda Priselac
<b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 8 — NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Amanda Louise Ogden	Dan Ogden
Ascension	9:30am	Thomas F. Quinn	Susan Kiesel
Saint Philip	11:00am	Mildred Hutchison	Linda Givvin
<b>MONDAY, AUGUST 9 — WEEKDAY</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	John C. Sebesta	Family
<b>TUESDAY, AUGUST 10 — SAINT LAWRENCE, DEACON &amp; MARTYR</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Maureen Kukuruda	Kukuruda Family
<b>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11 — SAINT CLARE, VIRGIN</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Philip Parish	
<b>THURSDAY, AUGUST 12 — WEEKDAY</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	77 <sup>th</sup> Jubilee of Sister Betty Waigand	Family
<b>FRIDAY, AUGUST 13 — WEEKDAY</b>			
Saint Philip	8:00am	Ann Winfield	Daughter
<b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 14 — SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, PRIEST AND MARTYR</b>			
Ascension	8:00am	Ottlee Rodgers	Pat Rodgers
Saint Philip	2:00pm	Wedding - Jack Champion and Emily Evans	
Saint Philip	4:00pm (V)	Joan Meyer	Bernard Meyer & Family
Ascension	5:30pm (V)	Theodora & Vance Okraszewski	Marcy Nordick & Family
<b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 15 — THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>			
Saint Philip	7:00am	Gary Tomcik	Son & Family
Ascension	9:30am	Edward Heigl	Peggy Baehr & Debby Sullen
Saint Philip	11:00am	Marie Cortese	Rich & Dot Kraemer
<b>SUNDAY COLLECTION</b>			
The Collection for August 1 totaled: \$8,365.00			



*Saint Philip Parish is on Facebook! Follow us today to learn about upcoming events and happenings.*



# Notes from the Pastor

Greetings once again, and best wishes for a very good month of August as we continue to be blessed with a very good summer!

## Returning to our Catholic Sunday Obligation this August 14-15

On July 15, Bishop David Zubik and all the Catholic Bishops of Pennsylvania announced that the **Obligation to participate in the Sunday or Saturday evening Liturgy IN PERSON will resume the weekend of August 14-15. Following seventeenth months of Covid-19 Pandemic precautions** during which our Catholic Obligation was suspended throughout most of the world, the Sunday and Holy Day Obligation will be reinstated here next month.

**I hope that all of us who've been gathering for the Sunday Liturgy will soon be joined** by twice as many of our parish members - and maybe even more - as we gather each Sunday (and Saturday evening) to give thanks to God, to celebrate our faith, to listen to God's Word, and to share in the Lord's Supper.

**As we look forward to more and more members and families joining us for the Mass**, I hope that more in our community will continue to receive a full vaccination, and I hope that we'll feel safe in the company of one another. Of course, you may still wear a face mask if you so choose. Also, we will retain some sections in both of our churches where social distancing will still be the option.

**Thank you all for your participation** in person or at home during these past seventeen months. May we all look forward to coming together to celebrate our Liturgy and the Eucharist once more in person and with so many of our parish members and fellow Catholic Christians! May the Lord bless us with renewed faith and renewed parish life in the coming months!

## A Sunday Reflection

**During the years when Pope Benedict XVI served as Saint Peter's successor (2005—2013)**, he directed the attention of all Catholic Christians to the sacred importance of the Eucharist in our individual lives and in the life of the entire Church. You may recall that Pope Benedict XVI implemented the practice of each Catholic bowing before the Blessed Sacrament prior to receiving Holy Communion. In Papal Liturgies at Saint Peter Basilica in Vatican City, it was also Pope Benedict XVI who called for five minutes of silent meditation to follow the Rite of Holy Communion so that all participants had time to meditate on the sacred gift of the Eucharist which they had received.

**We have many holy scriptures and statements of faith in our Church life** which remind us of the divine life that Jesus gives us through his own ministry and life. We also receive the Bread of Life, the Body and Blood of the Lord, which Jesus gives us in the Eucharist every Sunday and every day of the year. This Blessed Sacrament - this sacred treasure - is such a tremendous Gift from God which fills us with God's very life. The Eucharist is also the Gift that Jesus promises will be our admission into the eternal life of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**For these reasons, we are called to always appreciate and treasure the Eucharist**, our Holy Communion with our Lord and Savior. We show our appreciation through our Liturgy and prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. We show our appreciation every time we genuflect toward the Tabernacle in church, We also show our appreciation of the Eucharist by inviting our family members and fellow Catholic Christians to join

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**Your goodness and participation  
help to keep our parish alive!**

us at Mass every Sunday or Saturday evening. By encouraging our family and neighbors to join us in church, we show how much we appreciate our faith, our prayer and Liturgy, and the sacred gifts which Jesus gives us in the Eucharist and all the Sacraments which fill us with Divine Life and the promise of everlasting life in the very Kingdom and Life of God.

Beginning "Guardian Angel Academy" this month

**As you know, Guardian Angel Academy is the newly merged Catholic elementary school shared and supported by Saint Philip Parish and Saint Raphael the Archangel Parish.** There are now more than **200 students** enrolled, and the Implementation Committee and the Principal continue to prepare students and families for the upcoming academic year. Saint Philip Parish will support Guardian Angel Academy to the extent that our parish community is able financially, and Saint Philip Parish will promote Guardian Angel Academy through communications to our parish community during the academic year.

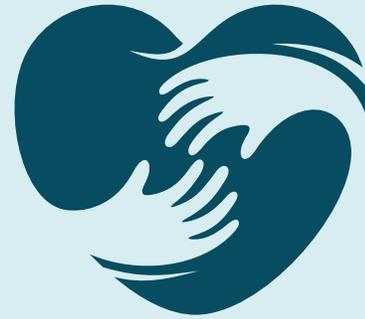
**Once again, I'm very grateful to everyone in our parish community who's supporting this effort** to maintain Catholic elementary education here in our local area. With everyone's positive help and support, we can together make this newly merged school a success and a true blessing for our young students, their families, and our two local parishes of Saint Philip and Saint Raphael the Archangel now and for years to come!

Best wishes for this Sunday, this week, and August!

**Best wishes for a very good Sunday!** 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.

Until next Sunday, may you and all in our community receive goodness, health, and divine grace from God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. May the Lord Jesus bless you, your family, and our parish community now and always!

Yours,  
Father Jim Torquato



## 2021 Parish Share Campaign

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Our parish has now received Parish Share contributions from

# 445+

families and members since February.  
Thank you for your generosity!

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Last month, a second Parish Share appeal mailing was sent to the

# 1640+

**members and families  
who've NOT yet responded.**

*We invite all our parish households to support and contribute to this ongoing Parish Share Campaign for the benefit of our Diocese of Pittsburgh and of Saint Philip Parish, Thank you all very much!*

# Welcome

BACK EVERYONE TO OUR

## SUNDAY LITURGY

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!** This summer, we thank the Lord that, in recent months, the Covid-19 Pandemic has been easing thanks to the medical treatment shared with so many adults and young persons in our region and in our nation!

Because of this wonderful development, Bishop David Zubik of the Diocese of Pittsburgh - together with all the Catholic Bishops of Pennsylvania - announced on Thursday, July 15, 2021, that, **beginning the weekend of August 14-15, 2021, all Catholic Christians of the Diocese of Pittsburgh** (and the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania) **will be obligated once again to participate in the Liturgy of the Church IN PERSON** (on Sunday or on Saturday evening) **unless** your age or condition necessitates staying at home and participating in the Mass through electronic media.

And so, we warmly invite you - all of our parish members and families - to join us once again for our Liturgies and parish life! Hopefully, with so many adults and young adults having received a vaccination, everyone will feel safe in coming together now for our worship and prayer at Saint Philip Church and Ascension Church!

*Please be assured that we will retain some sections in each church with distanced seating for those who'd still appreciate some social distancing.*

**Our weekend schedule is:**

**Saturday**

**4:00pm at Saint Philip  
5:30pm at Ascension**

**Sunday**

**7:00am at Saint Philip  
9:30am at Ascension  
11:00am at Saint Philip**

We look forward to being with everyone once again each weekend beginning August 14-15! May the good Lord bless you, our community, and all people with health, safety, and goodness!



# Parish News

## BASKETS NEEDED

Our basket raffles are a popular and profitable part of many of our parish fundraisers. We would like to make sure we have a variety of themed baskets for our upcoming fundraiser, the **St. Philip Bingo at Tiffany's IV on September 12**. So, if you have usable, empty baskets you can spare, please consider donating them to us. Baskets can be dropped off at the parish office.

## THE PARISH OFFICES ARE NOW OPEN

The Parish Offices are once again open for in-person parish business, Monday through Friday from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

If you have not been fully vaccinated, please wear a face covering to enter the offices. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

## PARISH SUPPORT

We are grateful for your continued support!

If you are unable to attend Mass, you may mail your weekly offering to the Parish Office at 114 Berry Street, Pittsburgh 15205 or drop it off in the mail box located outside the main office door. St. Philip Parish also offers the option for ONLINE GIVING.



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### LECTORS - August 14 & August 15

- 4:00pm at St. Philip - Denny Maher
- 5:30pm at Ascension - Colleen Pilarski
- 7:00am at St. Philip - Patrick Kelly
- 9:30am at Ascension - Linda Barone
- 11:00am at St. Philip - Katelyn Hoff

### EUCARISTIC MINISTERS - August 14 & August 15

- 4:00pm at St. Philip - Susan Solt-Lonsinger
- 5:30pm at Ascension - Annette Marlinga
- 7:00am at St. Philip - Karen Rozeck
- 9:30am at Ascension - Katie Philliips
- 11:00am at St. Philip - Sharon Gaitens

## REMEMBER THE DATE - OCTOBER 9 - RETURN OF THE ST. PHILIP PARISH FLEA MARKET

We are happy to announce the return of the St. Philip Parish Flea Market. We hope we can count on you to donate your no-longer-needed items for this Fall event. This is a good opportunity to de-clutter your home and a great way for us to raise needed funds for parish programs. Be sure to watch future bulletins for further information.



## ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO HELP!

Second Annual Food Drive next weekend: **Saturday, August 14 and Sunday, August 15** to collect non-perishable food items and personal care items.

See this week's **St. Vincent de Paul Update on page 12** for more details.

## GUARDIAN ANGEL ACADEMY

A Catholic education is a true blessing for our young students. Our newly merged Guardian Angel Academy is accepting registrations for the upcoming school year. To complete the registration process, please visit [scespgh.org](http://scespgh.org) and click on the link.

## COACHES NEEDED FOR GUARDIAN ANGEL ACADEMY

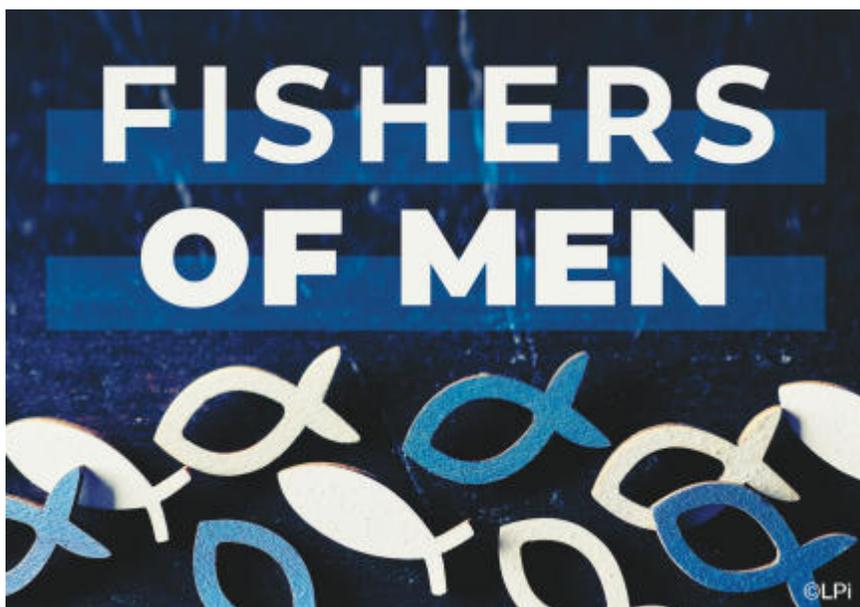
Guardian Angel Academy is looking for anyone interested (does not have to be a school parent) in coaching Fall sports: Soccer, Cross Country and Volleyball. If interested, email Amanda Sargent at [ahsargent@burnswhite.com](mailto:ahsargent@burnswhite.com). **Coaches MUST have up to date clearances on file with the school/parish before starting any practices.**

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT

As Christian adults, we have a moral and legal responsibility to protect the spiritual, emotional and physical well-being of children as they participate in activities sponsored by our diocese, our parish and our school. We must ensure that these children, in the care of the Church, be provided with an environment which is safe and nurturing and that they not be placed in any danger. To this end, it is the Diocese of Pittsburgh's policy that no one may volunteer or minister at a parish until a volunteer application is submitted and all background checks are completed and results received.

We must continue to keep current the information of those ministering and volunteering in the parish in the diocesan database. (For instance, the PA Child Abuse History Clearance and waivers or fingerprints must be renewed every 5 years.)

If you receive a renewal application or any other documents, please complete and return the paperwork to Maureen Takach, Safe Environment Coordinator as soon as possible. We know that these requirements are an inconvenience but we must remain compliant with diocesan and state policy. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Connect with us through   
**FLOCKNOTE!**

To register, contact our parish office,  
OR text **stphilippa** to **84576**, OR visit  
[www.stphilipchurch1.flocknote.com](http://www.stphilipchurch1.flocknote.com).



*Please Support*  
**SAINT PHILIP PARISH!**  
*by including the parish in  
your will and estate planning.*

*Thank you!*

Sanctuary  Lamp

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **St. Philip** burns  
*In Loving Memory of John C. Sebesta*  
Offered by Virginia Sebesta

This week's Sanctuary Lamp at **Ascension**  
burns *In Loving Memory of Audrey Heigl*  
Offered by Debby Sullen & Peggy Baehr

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# Religious Education

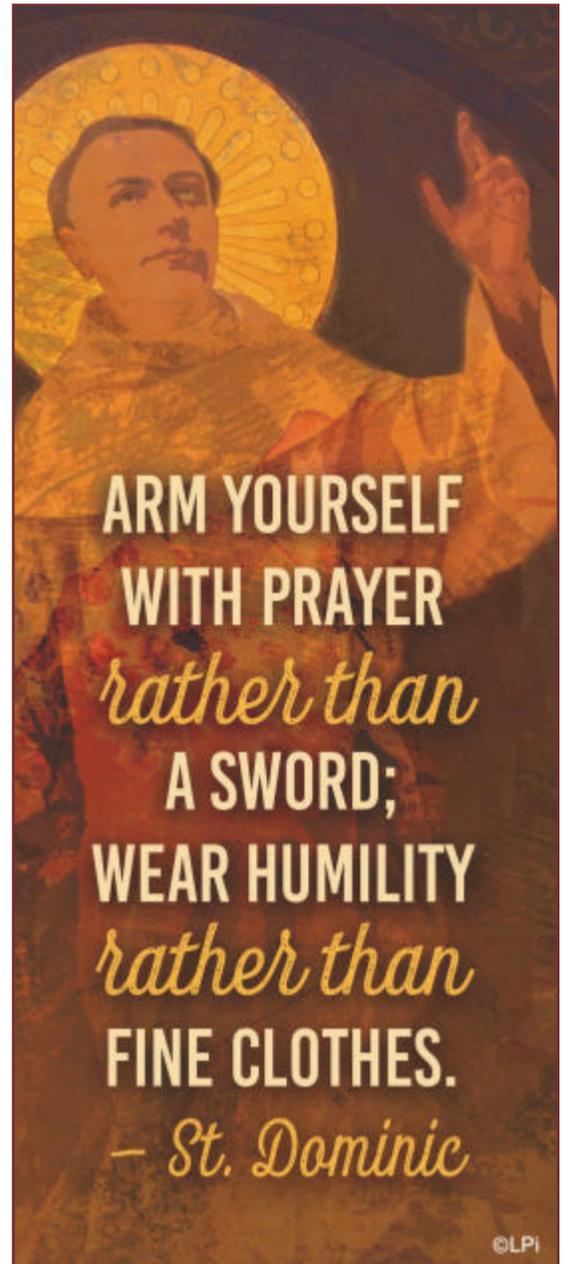
Ms. MaryAnn Garfold, Director of Religious Education  
412-922-6388 [stphilipreligious@gmail.com](mailto:stphilipreligious@gmail.com)

**MARYANN'S THOUGHTS:** The first reading for Sunday, August 8 is one of my favorites. I think each of us at one time or another have wanted to say, *"This is enough, O Lord!"* We see in the Scriptures that even though Elijah is ready to give up, the Lord provides nourishment and strength to continue the journey. The Lord provides nourishment and strength to each one of us if we will take notice. Most importantly, we have the opportunity each day to be strengthened by the Eucharist at Holy Mass. In addition, there are other opportunities as well. Perhaps it is in an unexpected phone call, perhaps in nature, perhaps in the love of someone close. It is important that we take notice of these moments. The Lord provides strength to me each morning. At first, I hardly noticed. But then I began to see a pattern. Each morning, the Lord allows me to see something in nature that will bring a smile to my face. Yesterday, it was a deer and her two fawns trying to cross the road. Today, it was a fox standing on the outside of a fenced-in garden wishing to get in and eat the crops. Let us take notice this week of the moments of nourishment which the Lord provides us. Let us especially take advantage as often as possible to be strengthened by the Eucharist.

**FAITH FORMATION: It is time to register!** Registration forms and Family Night Invitations will be mailed out this week. **Please respond as soon as possible.** For specific information or to discuss special circumstances for instruction, please call MaryAnn at 412-922-6388. You are asked to register your child if you wish your child to participate in the Sacrament of First Eucharist or Confirmation. Plans for this Fall include individual classrooms with social distancing and Family Activity Events once per month. We will follow the Diocesan Guidelines for the safety and protection of all participants. A specific calendar will be available during the August 23 Family Night.

**FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION:** Help Spread the Word! Please share with your friends and neighbors who might wish to join the Monday Night Faith Formation Sessions that registrations are now being accepted. Anyone wanting their child to attend St. Philip Faith Formation (formerly CCD) for the first time is asked to call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388 to receive information.

**FAMILY NIGHT:** There will be a Family Night for Parents and Children on **Monday, August 23 from 6:15pm to 7:45pm at Ascension Conner Hall.** There will be a free dinner, games and activities for children, information for parents, and opportunities for family prayer. **Please call MaryAnn at 412-922-6388 to register.**



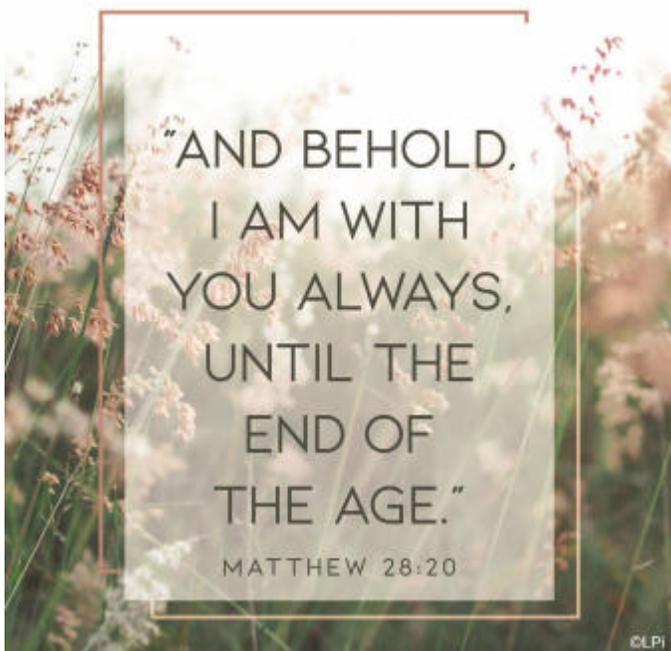
**HELP WANTED!**

- Can you share your faith with children and families for 1 hour?
- Would you like the prayers and support of a small faith group?
- Would you like to make a difference in your parish community?
- Would you like to increase your prayer life?
- Would you like to learn more about your faith as you share it with others?

Consider the call to be a Catechist in our Monday Night Faith Formation Program. We are in need of teachers and aides. **We are also in need of High School Discussion Leaders once a month and Pre-School Activity Coordinators once a month.** Call MaryAnn at 412-922-6388 to volunteer or for more information.

**BAPTISM REQUESTS:** We are accepting requests for baptism. **Please call the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.**

**Want to Learn More About the Catholic Faith or Receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?** We welcome anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. We also welcome any Adult who is interested in completing the Sacraments of Initiation with the Sacrament of Confirmation. Sessions are designed to fit your individual schedule and needs. **For information, please contact MaryAnn in the Office of Faith Formation at 412-922-6388.**



# FAMILY NIGHT

Dinner & Activities

**Monday, August 23**

6:15pm to 7:45pm

Ascension Church Conner Hall

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Adults \_\_\_\_\_

# of Children \_\_\_\_\_

Ages of Children \_\_\_\_\_

Please register by calling 412-922-6388 before Friday, August 20 or drop off form at the Parish Office, 114 Berry Street.



# Around the Diocese and Community

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES FIRST EVER BABY SHOWER

This August, Catholic Charities of Pittsburgh will be hosting our first-ever baby shower to help support new and expecting moms as they work hard to give their babies the best possible start in life. We are honoring approximately 30 moms, celebrating their decision for life and letting them know their community cares for their needs. Will you help us ensure that each one has the essential supplies to start well? We're looking for the following unused, new items for every mom in attendance:

- Stroller & Car Seat Combos
- Pack 'n Play
- Diaper Bags
- Onesies/Baby Clothes

To share a gift or make a donation, contact Meghan Wallace, Fundraising Events Manager at [mwalla@ccpgh.org](mailto:mwalla@ccpgh.org) or 412-456-6950.

## GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Each year the Diocese of Pittsburgh recognizes the achievement of those couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with a Mass presided by Bishop David Zubik at St. Paul Cathedral, followed by a reception. This Golden Anniversary Mass will be held on **October 10, 2021**. Please RSVP to the parish office with your name (spouse's name), address and phone number by August 25 if you would like to attend. A personal invitation will then be sent to those who reply along with further information.

## WEEKEND RETREAT FOR POST-ABORTION HEALING

Rachel's Vineyard, a weekend retreat designed to address and help heal the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion, will be held **August 13-15, 2021** at The Ark and the Dove on Babcock Boulevard north of North Park. To register, or for more information, call Toni Jester at 412-352-5348, or email her at [toniafj1@comcast.net](mailto:toniafj1@comcast.net).

## CRUSADER CLASSIC GOLF OUTING: MONDAY, AUGUST 30

We are asking your help in making this year's *Crusader Classic* a special day for the students of Bishop Canevin High School. This year's outing is our 20<sup>th</sup> and we are hopeful it will be one of the most significant fund raisers that helps us provide financial assistance to the many families who are struggling to afford a Catholic education for their children. For questions or further information, please contact Chuck Rakaczky, Executive Director for Development and Business Operations at 412-922-7400 x216 or [rakaczky@bishopcanevin.org](mailto:rakaczky@bishopcanevin.org).

## FALL 2021 SCENIC TRIP TO NEW HAMPSHIRE

Would you like to visit scenic New Hampshire this Fall? During **September 24-29**, the **Ohio Valley Hospital Nurses Alumni Association** is hosting a six-day trip to New Hampshire with numerous visits and events there and along the way. You're welcome to join them on this motorcoach excursion. For complete information and reservations, please contact Evelyn Moses at 412-921-6388!



We continue to pray for the intercession of St. Joseph as we celebrate the Year of St. Joseph.

### PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

O God, you gave Joseph the joy of joining Mary in caring for the child, Jesus. Through his intercession, grant us the grace to nurture the life of Christ in our lives. Help us to guide and support one another in truth and in love, and so build up the Body of Your Church. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Saint Philip Parish

# FAMILY NIGHT

Dinner & Activities



Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>

**6:15pm to 7:45pm**  
**Ascension Church Connor Hall**

**6:15pm-7:00pm:** Free Dinner

**7:00pm-7:35pm:** Games & Activities for Children

**7:00pm-7:35pm:** Information for Parents in Church

**7:35pm:** Closing Prayer for Families in Church

Please register by calling 412-922-6388 before Friday, August 20  
or drop off form at the Parish Office, 114 Berry Street.



# Ministries & Societies

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY UPDATE

First off, we would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who made a monetary donation to our food bank during the Pittsburgh Foundation's One Day Critical Needs Alert on August 3. We do not have totals of the amount donated or the matching funds that we will receive as of the writing of this post, but we will be sure to report those numbers in a future post once we receive them.

This weekend, you will notice St. Vincent de Paul volunteers handing out paper bags before all Masses. This is the kickoff to the second event benefiting our food bank, our Second Annual Food Drive. Last summer, when the Covid pandemic was raging and many people were in dire need of food, we were contacted by a Bishop Canevin and former St. Philip student, who wanted to help by organizing a drive-through food drive. We had never held such an event, but we put our trust in God and forged ahead.

The event was such a success, that we immediately knew we wanted to do it again next year -- and here we are! Despite having graduated from Bishop Canevin and starting college, we will be joining forces with that same young man for our Second Annual Food Drive. We will be accepting non-perishable food items and personal care items. We are especially in need of **macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, canned tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, chunky soup, canned green beans, canned corn and canned peas**. Please check the expiration dates on the food before donating. **We cannot accept food that is more than 6 months past the expiration date.**

You will have two chances to donate. The first opportunity will be during our drive-through food drop off event, which will take place in the **Knights of Columbus parking lot from 10:00am to 1:00pm on Saturday, August 14**. Our volunteers will come to your vehicle and retrieve your donation from the trunk or back seat. We will also have volunteers at all of the **Masses the weekend of August 14 and 15 to accept donations before Mass**.

Your donations will enable us to continue to feed our 68 "food families" to whom we deliver monthly, and the people who contact our hotline in need of emergency food assistance. Thank you in advance for helping us make our Second Annual Food Drive a huge success!

This week, your generous donations enabled us to assist a disabled woman with \$124 toward her electric bill, and a single mother with \$96 for an electric utility security deposit.

If you would like to make a monetary donation or a donation of \$10 Giant Eagle gift cards, please place your donation in one of the poor boxes, mail them to the parish office 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.

If you would like to make a donation of furniture or household goods, 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). If you have items that you would like to donate to us, we ask

that you hold onto those items until we are either able to deliver them directly to a friend in need or have new storage space. If you would like to donate clothing, shoes or accessories, please place your donation in the blue bins in front of the Hope House at St. Philip or in the rear parking lot at Ascension, or you can call, text or email us to arrange a pickup if you are unable to transport them yourself. Please do not place any other items in those bins or leave anything outside of them because they will

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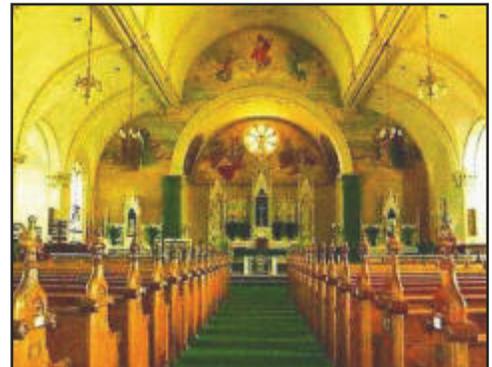
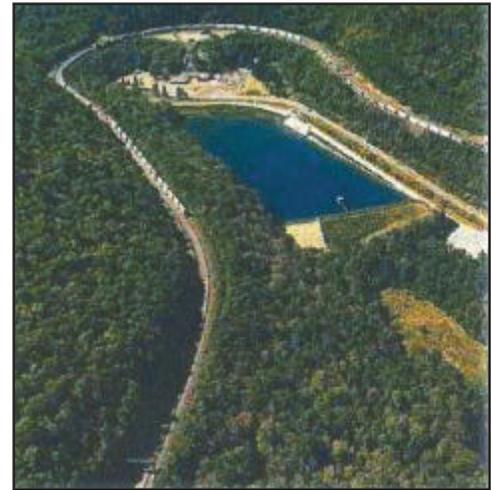
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