

OUR PARISH FAMILY WINS!

The "Holy Family Society of the USA" is a Catholic fraternal benefit organization that awards a \$3000 grant each year to help a Parish Family fund a special project for which capital is needed. Mary Clarke of our Parish Family entered our future Parish Activity Center (PAC) for which we are now running our Capital Campaign as a nominee for this award along with others from across the entire country.

WE WON!

This past week a \$3000 check was received from the Holy Family Society to assist us in our project. We thank them for their generosity and certainly thank Mary Clarke for thinking about her Parish Family. What a wonderful example of our parish spirit --- when a parishioner is always thinking of the needs of the entire Parish Family!

PARISH FAMILY GRATITUDE

On behalf of the entire Parish Family, the members of the Parish Staff would like to thank all those who helped make this year's "PARISH MISSION/ RENEWAL" such a magnificent success. So many members of our Parish Family were spiritually enriched during these special days. A tip of the hat to all those parishioners who really joined us for the events of this week as they discovered "When Christ Came Calling" as Father Scott inspired all participants this past week.

THE AUDITORS ARE HERE

The auditors of the Diocese will be here all week to check the financial books of our Parish Family and all those groups and organizations that use the name of "St. Mary" on their checking account. We remind the chairpersons and treasurers of these groups that your books will be returned to you next week. The entire Parish Family will be kept abreast of the work of the auditors once their final report is given to us.

SECOND COLLECTION: NEXT WEEK

All parishioners are reminded of the second collection that will taken up at all the liturgies NEXT week for "World Mission Sunday." There is an envelope in our packet for this collection.

OCTOBER : RESPECT FOR LIFE MONTH

VARIED QUOTATIONS FROM DIFFERENT SOURCES

"...life has an inviolable value and unrepeatable dignity, especially because every person is called to share in the life of God...." (Pope John Paul II)

"...Catholics have a right and duty to recall society to a deeper understanding of human life and to the responsibility of everyone in this regard..." (From the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith)

"...each child has a right to be conceived and born as the fruit of a loving union between husband and wife, to be loved and accepted as a new and distinct individual..." (Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities)

"...by law human life is protected not only from immediate destruction, but from every degree of actual violence, and from every danger..." (James Wilson, signer of Declaration of Independence)

"...the most fundamental building block of a just social order is respect for human life and until men and women individually and collectively make a profound commitment to the value and dignity of all human life, we will never find true peace, justice and reconciliation..." (Jesuit Conference Board)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

The members of the "Capital Campaign Committee" (CCC) celebrate their "first anniversary" this month as they have offered a tremendous leadership to our Campaign over this past year. Their unflinching dedication to the Campaign has been an inspiration to all parishioners. The CCC continues to contact parishioners in a personal way to employ their assistance in pledging to the campaign. The CCC will meet on Monday of this week at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory with an invitation to any parishioner who would like first hand information to join them.

PLAYGROUND USAGE

Our playground seems to meet the approval of many parents, guardians and grandparents who bring children at all hours of the day and night to use it. We just remind those who use this area "without" our supervision must do so "at their own risk." The volunteers who set up this area made sure the playground met all the requirements of safety according to the codes, but those there without our supervision must take responsibility for their actions.



Masses for the Week

Sunday, October 16 - Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 p.m. Rudolph Lamagna (Mary & Children)
- 6:00 pm Living & Deceased of our Parish
- 7:30 a.m. Shirley Kornick (Family)
- 9:00 a.m. Roy Bongartz (Bongartz Family)
- 11:00 a.m. Lillian Gamvetta (Jim, Kathy Berger Family)

Monday, October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch

- 7:00 a.m. Paul Duncan (Tom & Dona Hotopp)
- 10:00 a.m. Annette V. Steinmetz (David & Carol Thompson & Family)

Tuesday, October 18 - St. Luke

- 7:00 a.m. Livia Richert (Carmela Cosentino)
- 10:00 a.m. Dorothy Falconio (Family)

Wednesday, October 19 - Ss. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues and companions

- 7:00 a.m. Betty Schleicher (Kathy & Al Yarzebinski)
- 10:00 a.m. Joseph Hulbert (Joan Hulbert)

Thursday, October 20 - St. Paul of the Cross

- 7:00 a.m. George Williams (M/M Joseph Goral)
- 10:00 a.m. Mary Jane Gebert (Domenic & Italice)
- 7:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of CM/LG

Friday, October 21

- 7:00 a.m. Frank Regan (Bill & Thelma Fischer)
- 10:00 a.m. Chuck Sachs (Wife & Family)

Saturday, October 22

- 8:00 a.m. Arlene Baer (Al & Ernie Boss)
- 4:00 p.m. Maria Bennardo (Family)
- 6:00 p.m. Joseph Astemborski (Henry & Stella Newland)

Sunday, October 23 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. Bernice Farmerie (Jim & Bee)
- 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish
- 11:00 a.m. Maxine Deasy (Family)

A VOCATION VIEW

God has called you by name. You are a child of God. Are you aware of your strength in God? (Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6)

R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the souls of Virginia Baumann of our Parish Family, Edward Sobehart, father of Bob Sobehart of our Parish Family, Rita Schnauer, mother of Elaine Fischer of our Parish Family, Margaret Jones, mother of Kathleen Conley of our Parish Family and Charles Murslack, father of Matthew Murslack of our Parish Family.

R.C.I.A. will meet following the 9:00 a.m. Liturgy in the Rectory Dining Room. The topic for this week is: **Scripture Part II**. Next week's topic is: **Church History**. All are welcome!

MONEY COUNTER NEEDED

Have you ever thought that you might wish to serve the needs of the Parish Family by joining one of the Money Counter teams? At the present time, we are in need of someone to help the team that meets on the SECOND SUNDAY of the month. The Money Counter Team usually gathers around 9:00 a.m. and is usually finished by 12:30 p.m. If you would possibly like to serve in this capacity, would you please contact the rectory with your request sometime during this coming week.

October 9, 2005	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	833	\$17,505.95
Cash/Loose Cks.	—	944.00
Children's Offer.	17	11.50
Bishop's Edu.	1	10.00
World Mission	3	11.11
All Saints	4	31.11
Parish Share	18	467.50
Parish Needy	12	206.11
TOTAL	888	\$19,187.28

DAILY



READINGS

- Oct. 17: Rom 4: 20-25; Lk 12: 13-21
- Oct. 18: 2 Tm 4: 10-17b; Lk 10:1-9
- Oct. 19: Rom 6: 12-18; Lk 12: 39-48
- Oct. 20: Rom 6: 19-23; Lk 12: 49-53
- Oct. 21: Rom 7: 18-25a; Lk 12: 54-59
- Oct. 22: Rom 8: 1-11; Lk 13: 1-9
- Oct. 23: Ex 22: 20-26; Ps 18; 1 Thes 1: 5c-10; Mt 22: 34-40

DESPERATE for the WORD BIBLE STUDY

and discussion of THE LAMB'S SUPPER by Scott Hahn continues THIS Tuesday, October 18, 12:30 till 2:30 PM in the Faith Formation Center, lower level of our education building. Call Dori Monahan, 412-492-9891 or Michele Mackett, 412-963-1443 for details.

Total Catholic Education Conference, October 21 and 22 at the D.L. Convention Center, Pittsburgh,

is an opportunity for ALL parents to be enriched with NEW approaches to educational methods used in our parish schools as well as how to apply the GOOD NEWS of Jesus in our 2005 lives. Call NOW 412-456-3100 or see <http://www.tcec2005.org> to register.

Sister Jacqueline Ketter, CSJ to Return

for a one evening presentation on "The Gospel Stories", Thursday, November 10, 7:00 - 9:30 PM in Marian Hall. ALL adults welcome. Catechists may get diocesan credit for participating. Call 412-486-5521 NOW to register.

THIS JOINT IS JUMPIN', Pittsburgh's Greater Harmony Chorus and Sweet Adeline's Inter-national Show at Pine-Richland High School, Sat., Oct. 22, 7:30 PM. Call for tickets , 1-877-336-0037 or Bert at 724-444-6353.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBER: The Pastoral Council members will be commissioned on the first Sunday of Advent, November 27th this year. As the present time, various parishioners are "discerning" if they feel called to serve on the Council. If you would like to know more information about the Council, please call the rectory with your request. A member of the Parish Staff will contact you about the process. The LAY LEADERSHIP of the Pastoral Council is one of setting the "goals and objectives" of the Parish Family as we continue to journey to the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus!

RELIGIOUS FORMATION**Faith Sharing for 29th Week Ordinary Time**

Paul's letter in 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 which is proclaimed this Sunday comes from Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy. The mind-set of the early Christians was one of community. They did not think of themselves as individual Christians. Their identity as Christians came from the group. Consider how do WE, as Saint Mary parish family, draw strength from one another as Christians? What works of faith happen in our community? What does our community do that is a labor of love? In what direction do you see the Holy Spirit leading the Church today?

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Family Program meets today, October 16 at the 9:00 AM Liturgy. THANKS to youth of Grade 7 who serve in roles at the liturgy. For our MISSION project, each child is welcome to bring a new or gently used item and \$1.00 for the \$1.00 SALE. Proceeds go to help support needy students in Yabello , Ethiopia.

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Monday Faith Formation Grades 4-5-6 meet at 6:30 PM IN church October 17. All others meet in classrooms. ALL welcome to bring an item for the \$1.00 SALE to help our "adopted" students in Yabello , Ethiopia. Take items to the Faith Formation Conference Room by the office.

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Saturday Faith Formation Classes will NOT meet on October 22 as catechists are attending the Total Catholic Education Conference at the David Lawrence Convention Center.

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Traditions of Catholic Spirituality with Father Andrew Fischer begins THIS Wednesday, Oct. 19, following the 7:00 PM liturgy till 9:45 PM at the John Paul Center, Ninth Street, Sharpsburg. This course will meet ONE Wednesday a MONTH till May 17. All youth and adults welcome. Call THIS MONDAY, 412-781-5150 to register. Catechists may obtain diocesan credit for attending.

YOUTH MINISTRY

ENTER THE LAND OF LIONS!!!!!!



What do **LIONS** have to do with Scripture? Come and find out at our annual **ZOO SCRIPTURE SCAVENGER HUNT** on October 30. We will leave after celebrating the 9 AM liturgy. Appropriate costumes are welcome but optional. Make sure you bring a digital

camera, or a cell phone with camera capabilities if possible, because the most outrageous animal picture will also be rewarded with bonus points. Cost is \$12. Please pre-register.

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT IN NOVEMBER

What is our hidden agenda? We want you to get closer to God. How often do you have the chance to go off for a weekend and spend time with other youth, having fun and focusing on your relationship with God? **It is a perfect time for active High School Students , November 18-20, 2005, the weekend before Thanksgiving.** Cost is \$80, some grants are available. Call the CYM office at 412-492-9344 for information.

HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Sun. Oct. 30 Annual Zoo Scripture Scavenger Hunt.
- Tues., Nov. 1 Cold read tryout for the CYM play in Marian Hall. Specific evening time will be posted in the next bulletin.
- Fri., Nov. 18-20 High school retreat. Must pre-register.

LIGHT THE WAY FOR JESUS

Luminaria project for Christmas Eve.

IDEAL SERVICE PROJECT FOR BOTH SECOND AND EIGHTH GRADE CLUSTER GROUPS. We will need approximately 300-400 jars to place candles on our property before all Christmas Eve liturgies. We are asking parishioners to drop off CLEAN, clear glass jars up to a 16-ounce; baby food jars and small jelly jars are a perfect size. A specially marked box will be placed in the CYM lobby toward the end of October.

**YOUNG ADULTS IN MID-TWENTIES
WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOU!!!**

A core group of **young adults** (age range in mid-twenties) has formed and is planning activities for young adults. **Want to get in on the action?** Call 412-492-9344.

ST. MARY SCHOOL

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE - Another middle school dance will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2005 from 7:30-10:00 PM in Marian Hall. Students in grades 6-8 can purchase tickets for \$5.00 at the church rectory or the CCD office. Tickets will be sold in school the mornings of October 18th-20th. Tickets **must** be purchased in advance and the dress code will be strictly enforced. This event is sponsored by St. Mary School PTG.

SUPER BINGO - There will be another Super Bingo held on Friday, November 11, 2005, at St. Mary Church in Marian Hall. Advance tickets are \$35.00 each; \$40.00 if purchased at the door. Admission includes 12 cards for regular games and 5 specials. Doors open at 5:30 PM; early birds begin at 7:00 PM. The evening includes 40 regular games (50 points each), 5 specials (100 points each), one jackpot at 500 points and another jackpot at 1000 points. All patrons attending the next four scheduled bingos will be eligible for a special \$500 cash drawing to be held at the May 5th, 2006, bingo. All proceeds benefit St. Mary School. Call Coleen at 412-486-6622 for Information or to purchase tickets.

ADVANTAGE CARD REGISTRATION - If you have not registered your Giant Eagle Advantage Card, you may do so by calling 1-800-474-4777. Once you are registered, you never have to register again. Our school code is : **1131**. There is no need to send in receipts; this program replaces collecting the receipts.

GIANT EAGLE - You may use Giant Eagle gift cards to pay for your gas at the Giant Eagle "GetGo" stations. Use your Advantage card to receive fuel perks and then pay with a Giant Eagle gift card. You may also use Giant Eagle gift cards to pay for prescriptions. This will help to further accumulate those fuel perks.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS - We are again selling Entertainment Books this year to benefit the school. They are now available at the Giant Eagle/SNS table at Church or in the Scrip Office in the school. They sell for \$25 with a \$5 assessment credit for each book sold going to any school family you designate. Thank you for your continued support!

CAMPBELL'S LABELS AND BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION - The school is still collecting Campbell labels and Box Tops for Education from various food products. Please inspect the food items you use, remove the labels, then put them in the boxes provided in the back of Church or send them to the school. Again, thank you for your donation. The school appreciates all you do for us.

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

St. Mary School Athletic Association News:

Congratulations to the St. Mary School Cross Country Team for their performance in last week's Catholic Schools League Championship. Under the leadership of Coach Alice McLaughlin, our teams competed against 44 other teams. Our JV Girls team finished in second place, our JV Boys team finished in third place, our Varsity Girls team finished in third place, and our Varsity Boys team finished in fifth place. In the open categories, our JV Girls and Varsity Girls finished first, and our JV Boys and Varsity Boys finished second. Congratulations to all of our student athletes on a very impressive showing in the Championship, and for a great season!

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME:

Each week a different Family Perspective by Bud Ozar will appear in the bulletin courtesy of the Core Team of our post baptism ministry to young children (birth to age five) and their parents. **Jesus sounds like a frustrated parent when he says "Why are you testing me?" Children test parents because that is how they learn limits. Imitate Jesus in today's gospel: be firm but fair.**

PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS:

Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us.
Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.
I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord.
Amen.

Hats! Gloves! Scarves and Socks! A project of the Let the Little Children Come To Me Ministry - Reminder to please help us collect hats, gloves, scarves and socks so that we can help women and children of the Women's Center and Shelter to keep warm! Each year, women and children are forced out of their homes due to domestic violence. This year let's make a difference by gathering some items that will help them through the winter. A box is available in the Cry Room through December 1st. The Center can accept new or used hats, gloves and scarves and NEW socks. (Simply place your donations in the box, and a member of our Core Team will pick them up periodically for delivery. Thank You.)

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE: I am very sorry, but I have misplaced the names of those who signed up for the Hospitality Committee during the Ministry Fair. We are holding a planning meeting on Monday, October 17th, at 7 p.m. in the rectory. Those who volunteered are asked to please come to the meeting. Even those who had not signed-up, but would like to join are welcome. If you would like to be on the committee and are unable to attend the meeting, please call Karen Lichvarcik at (412) 903-7607.

ST. MARY'S CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/LADIES

GUILD: Monthly meeting, October 20, starting with Mass at 7:00 p.m. Enjoy a craft evening. Donations of paper products for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry are appreciated. See you there!

Widow/Widowers Group: will meet on Sunday, October 30th, at 5 p.m. at Monte Cello's Restaurant, 2198 Babcock Blvd. If you would like to car pool, please meet at St. Mary's parking lot at 4:20 p.m. Any questions? Call Barb at (412) 486-4209 or Marge at (412) 486-5621.

AROUND THE TOWN

NORTH CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL invites 6th, 7th and 8th grade students and their families from Catholic and public elementary schools, and interested transfer students, to **OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, October 30, from 12 - 3 p.m.** Come see for yourself how our extensive curriculum of core courses and electives, our value-based programs of faith and character formation, and our outstanding activities and athletics help students to achieve their educational and lifetime goals. For information, call the Admissions Office at (412) 321-4823. Ext. 127. Entrance Exam for incoming 9th graders: Saturday, November 12, 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. A completed application must be submitted to take the Exam. Early application fee of \$10 until November 15. No fee for the Exam.



PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS from Father John

“We need a spark” seems to be the modern day symbolic plea for any area of life that needs a shot in the arm. It is the classic example of the football coach who chooses to put the “backup” quarterback into the game since the team is not doing so well. It is the cry of the company CEO who is looking for “a fresh approach” in the hiring of a new employee because profits are turning downward. It is the hope of those sitting at the negotiations table that the newly acquired “mediator” might bring the discussion to a compatible solution.

The analogy of looking for a “spark” places us in the mind of the FIRE that is actually produced from the original ignited particle. As a matter of fact, when the newly acquired “spark” produces the intended effect, the analogy is completed with references to fire. We hear expressions like “we are on fire now” or “the company is red hot now” or “we are burning up the league now.” The analogy of going from “a spark to a blaze” has such an effective force to it because it is not something humanly contrived, but rather that which is discovered in our real experience of life. Every person who has ever walked in the magnificence of a forest has been warned about the danger of a spark. How many blazing forest fires where hundreds of trees have been affected have been attributed to an uncontrolled spark?

So appropriately, the image of FIRE has had a rich history in the expressions of our Catholic Faith. We sometimes symbolize the Holy Spirit with a “flame” that reminds us of the spark of divine life that begins with baptism. Hymns like Come, Holy Ghost, which have a long standing tradition in our Faith have lines that read “thou font of life and fire of love.” The Easter Candle, clearly the most important candle in our Faith, and associated with some of the most significant moments in our liturgical celebrations, speaks of the fiery presence of the Holy Spirit received at baptism.

The PARISH RENEWAL, which we celebrated last week, has become the “SPARK” of our parish spirituality. All those persons who entered into the spirit of the Parish Renewal have become a people on fire with the Holy Spirit. We were anointed in the Spirit ... we were reconciled in the Spirit ... we were eucharisted in the Spirit! Our Parish Family is red hot now, and parish life for another year will burn with the fire of the Holy Spirit. COME HOLY SPIRIT!

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