

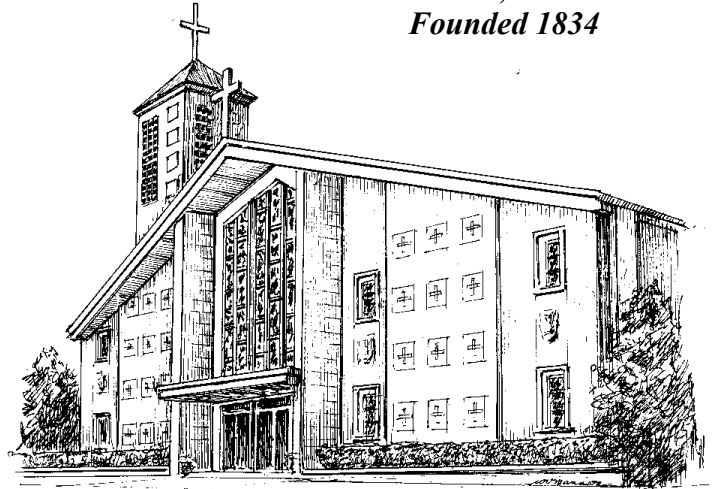
# PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord  
The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God  
January 1, 2012

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## SUNDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

## DAILY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday at 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.  
Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 11:00 a.m. until final penitent is finished

## BAPTISM

On Sunday twice a month after parental interview

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Twice a year in a communal celebration  
Individually upon request

## MATRIMONY

Saturday weddings at 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m.  
Notification at least 6 months in advance

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday at 12:00 noon

## **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD A SUNDAY CELEBRATION**

Today is that one time every seven years when the Solemnity of the Holyday entitled *Mary, Mother of God*, coincides with the Sunday celebration. Since this Marian celebration is a SOLEMNITY, it will take precedent in today's liturgy, rightly so! Always celebrated on the first day of a new year, this honor we bring to Mary stems from her acceptance of "craving" to bring the Son of God into this world. Because of this unique role that she has in the divine plan, she receives the two titles that are most important in our devotion to her: "*Mother of God*" and "*Mother of the Church!*"

### **ONE LITURGY: TWO COLLECTIONS**

Since there are two envelopes in our packet to commemorate this one day --- a Sunday envelope and a Holyday envelope --- we will have TWO collections to maintain the separation that is needed for the Money Counters and for filling out the Diocesan reports. We ask that those present place the Sunday envelope in the FIRST collection, and the Holyday envelope in the SECOND collection. We thank all those who have been so generous to our financial needs during this holy season of Christmas!

### **CHRISTMAS GRATITUDE**

The Parish Family of *St. Mary of the Assumption* is so blessed with the tremendous number of parishioners who make the great events of this holy season so spiritually-enriching. The sounds provided by the Music Ministry filled our sacred church with the beauty of heavenly voices; those who inspired such a marvelously creative décor opened our hearts to the feelings of the season; and those ministered in the sanctuary with those who served in ushering and hospitality created such a warmth for all of us who gathered for these days. We thank each and every person who gave so much to make this a wonderful expression of our Catholic Faith.

**BLESSED CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE  
AT THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH.  
PLEASE TAKE WHATEVER YOU MIGHT NEED.**

### **NEXT SUNDAY: THE EPIPHANY**

Since the Sixth of January, the "official day" for celebrating the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord is not a Holyday of Obligation in the United States as it is in many countries of the world, the Bishops of our country have moved this celebration to the closest Sunday. Thus, next weekend will be the celebration of the Solemnity of the Epiphany. This Solemnity concerning the coming of the Magi will then be followed by the Baptism of the Lord on Monday, the 9<sup>th</sup>, which brings the wondrous liturgies of the Christmas cycle to a climatic conclusion.

### **"FAMILY GIFT TREES" --- HANGING**

Those who wish to see the "Family GIFT Trees" that were created on the walls of the church during the Advent season only need to stop in Marian Hall to see them hanging as part of the décor for this sacred season. There is still time for those who wish to add their "family picture" to the trees. Ornaments are available on the stage in Marian Hall to be used by all those who wish to place a representation of their family on their GIFT tree.

### **PASTORAL COUNCIL GATHERING**

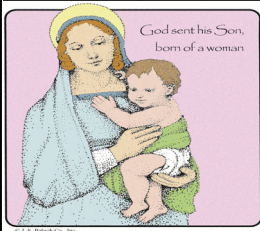
Members of the Parish Pastoral Council will gather on Monday of this week, January 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. Council members are now in the process of fleshing out the "goals and objectives" for our parish life of 2012. Any parishioner who would like to offer ideas to this process is certainly welcome to join the Council members on Monday evening.

### **GIFT COORDINATORS ASSEMBLE**

The GIFT Coordinators will assemble on Thursday of this week, January 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Providence Hall. They will begin to discuss the next project that will offer to parishioners of each GIFT (**G**rowing **I**n **F**aith **T**ogether) and opportunity to fulfill the real purpose of GIFT: "to grow in faith together with parishioners of the neighborhood."

### **CATHOLICS COMING HOME**

Have you noticed any of the national ads on television that invite Catholics to come back home to the celebration of their Faith? Give a call to one of those in our Catholics Coming Home Ministry. Pick up a green card at the door of the church for those who might be open to returning to the Faith.



## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, January 1, 2012 - The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord - Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

4:00 p.m. Mary Theresa Sutter - Family  
 6:00 p.m. Peggy Gessler - Husband, Ben  
 7:30 a.m. Ted Starcevic - Penezic Family  
 9:00 a.m. Richard O'Leary - Family  
 11:00 a.m. The Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family

**Monday, January 2, 2012 - Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen**

7:00 a.m. Jean Quinlan - Sr. Lois Spinnenweber  
 10:00 a.m. Zerah Perry - Family

**Tuesday, January 3, 2012 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

7:00 a.m. William Mascari - Jay & Elma Plietz  
 10:00 a.m. Lloyd Conley, Jr. - Bob Burton

**Wednesday, January 4, 2012 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

7:00 a.m. Tanya Klaber - Christian Mother's Organization  
 10:00 a.m. Andy Caruso - Liz & Ed

**Thursday, January 5, 2012 - St. John Neumann**

7:00 a.m. Betty Americ - Maureen & Edward Gregg  
 10:00 a.m. Donald Pferdehirt - The Coyle Family

**Friday, January 6, 2012 - St. Andre Bessette**

7:00 a.m. Tom Matrascia - Jim & Rosetta  
 10:00 a.m. Maria Novak - St. Mary School Community

**Saturday, January 7, 2012 - St. Raymond of Penyafort**

8:00 a.m. Marie Gaslevic - Family  
 4:00 p.m. Steve Barkovich - Jack & Lorraine Cross  
 6:00 p.m. Frances Yacavino - The Yacavino Family

**Sunday, January 8, 2012 - The Epiphany of the Lord**

7:30 a.m. The Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family  
 9:00 a.m. Vincenza Derenzo - Brother, Marco Imbarlina  
 11:00 a.m. Gerard Walters - Family

## Weekly Activities at a Glance

- Monday** (Rectory) 7:00PM - Pastoral Council Meeting  
*January 2*
- Tuesday** (School) School Resumes  
*January 3* (CCD Office) 1:00PM - Adult Education  
 (Pantry) 6:00PM - Open Pantry  
 (Rectory) 7:00PM - St. Vincent DePaul Meeting  
 (Rectory) 7:00PM - Worship Commission Meeting  
 (Church) 8:00PM - Adult Hand Bell Practice
- Wednesday** (Marian Hall) 1:30PM - 55 Specials Bingo  
*January 4* (Church) 2:45PM - Children Choir Practice  
 (Church) 7:30PM - Adult Choir Practice
- Thursday** (Providence Hall) 7:00PM - GIFT Coordinators Meeting  
*January 5*
- Friday** (School) 10:00AM - School Liturgy  
*January 6*
- Saturday** (School) 10:00AM - CCD Classes  
*January 7* **Hospitality after all the Liturgies**
- Sunday** **Hospitality after all the Liturgies**  
*January 8* (Rectory) 10:00AM - R.C.I.A.  
 (Marian Hall) 12:00PM - Appalachian Mission Meeting

### PRAISE & GRATITUDE TO OUR PARISHIONERS

Thank you from all who received the gifts you provided by your participation in the Sharing Tree:

- Families in our Food Pantry and other needy parish families
- Our Parish Shut-Ins
- Providence Family Support Center
- Intersection Kitchen & Shelter for the Homeless
- Residents at Little Sisters of the Poor
- Vincentian Regency Nursing Home
- St. Vincent dePaul Pantry Families in Manchester

The care you give to the selection and beautiful wrapping of the gifts brings much joy and delight to those who receive them. All are touched and grateful for the generosity and love you show in following the teachings of Jesus Christ by your outreach to the less fortunate among us. Also, thank you for your generous support of the St. Vincent dePaul Society of our Parish throughout the year. May God Bless You with a Happy & Healthy 2012!

December 17/18, 2011	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	773	\$22,647.65
Cash/Loose Checks	-	\$1,272.00
Children's Offertory	41	\$57.97
Retired Religious Fund	3	\$65.00
Christmas Flowers	22	\$842.00
Immaculate Conception	2	\$30.00
Parish Share 2011	10	\$325.00
Christmas Offertory	1	\$100.00
Solemnity of Mary	1	\$50.00
Parish Needy	41	\$1,744.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>\$27,133.62</b>

## DAILY READINGS

**January 2:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28  
**January 3:** 1 Jn 2:29 - 3:6; Jn 1:29-34  
**January 4:** 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42  
**January 5:** 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51  
**January 6:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38  
 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]  
**January 7:** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11  
**January 8:** Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

### *Home with the Lord*

Remember Lord and welcome into your Kingdom those who have died and have gone before us marked in the sign of faith, especially **William Vistein**, brother of Marge Wesolek, **Robert Tucek**, **Charles Ross**, brother of Bill Smolter, **Mary E. Dugan**, mother of Kathleen Kelly, **Ernest Mercalde**, uncle of Rick Mangola, **Margaret Brod**. Please remember to pray for the consolation of their loved ones.

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION

### Faith Sharing for New Years' Day – Mother of God

**Theotokos**, God-bearer is the title by which we honor Mary on this first day of the new year. She is honored as the woman to lead us through 2012. She is eager for us to trust walking with her and her Son. As she bore him in her womb for nine months, and bore him protectively as they fled the wrath of King Herod, she desires to bear us in her arms. As she bore the broken body of Jesus taken from the cross, she desires to bear our heartaches and sorrows. Call on her daily, "**Holy Mary, Mother of God**," pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death."

### Faith Formation Sessions this Week:

- \* **Monday, January 2** – no session; do lesson at home.
- \* **Saturday, January 7** – All meet in church, Grade 8 serve.
- \* **Monday, January 9** – **Parish Eucharistic Day; each class come...**  
**Let us Adore Him – Christ the Lord!**
- \* 4:30 PM Grade 8 meet IN church;
- \* 6:30PM Grades 1 & 3 meet IN church till 6:45 PM

### NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

Mark your calendars! The week of January 9-14 parish communities across the United States will celebrate *National Vocation Awareness Week*.

It begins with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday, January 9. It is also our annual Eucharistic Day. Why not coming to Mass at 10:00am, make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament during the day and come for Evening Prayer and Benediction at 7:00pm? A special intention would be to pray for an increase of church vocations.

### A VOCATION VIEW

Yours may not be **THE** Holy Family, but you are still a holy family. Share an expression of gratitude for the gift of your family today. Pray for wholeness and holiness for all members of the family of God. (Colossian 3:12-21)

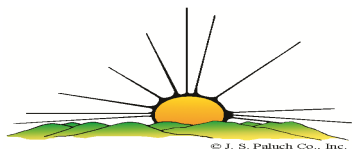
### **FIRST EUCHARIST: Grade 2 child with parent/guardian**

<b>Grade 2 GIFT assembly:</b> Saturday, January 7, 10:00 AM in Church OR Sunday, January 8, Noon, Providence Hall	<b>...or Grade 2 assembly:</b> Monday, January 9 4:30 PM in Marian Hall Or Monday, January 9 6:30 PM in church
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### TRAVELING VOCATION CHALICE

This ongoing project of our parish family Vocation Council offers families including shut-ins and singles an opportunity to host this prayer tool with the promise to pray for an increase in church vocations. Currently this chalice is going from home to home among our school families. Thanks to Ms. Sandra Ondrizek for organizing this endeavor.



### ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT

All men and young men of our parish family are invited to make a reservation for this annual weekend retreat at Saint Paul's Retreat Center on the south side of Pittsburgh. This year the men will be going February 17-18-19, 2012. Call Charlie Fischer to find out more and make a reservation.

### GETTING MARRIED IN 2012?

Registrations are being accepted for the **March 10, 2012** pre-Cana Seminar to be held here at St. Mary's in Marian Hall from 8:30am until the 4:00pm Mass. Engaged couples planning a wedding during 2012 are invited to attend this diocesan-approved marriage prep day. More information is available by calling Jim Finn, our Pastoral Associate at 412.486.4100, Ext. 203.

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** are invited to **Grow In Faith Together** as part of our pilgrimage to the **March for Life** to Washington, DC, Monday, January 23, 2012. Required permission forms have been given in all of the class sessions.

**Catechist Appreciation Lunch** will be held on Saturday, January 14 at Noon in Marian Hall. This celebration is a gesture of our parish **GRATITUDE** for the many hours offered by the catechists and aides who volunteer service in our Faith Formation Programs.

**Mission Outreach THANKS...** winners - of **Tall Doll with Dolly – Maura Kardasz;** and **Mrs. Beverly Kohan** guessed 375 Candy pieces in Jar (There were 376). The \$100.00 proceeds will go to help our adopted students in the Spiritan Mission in Ethiopia.

**Tips for Parents to Build Strong Catholic Families** may be found at [www.faithfirst.com/hogan.html](http://www.faithfirst.com/hogan.html)

# YOUTH GROUP NEWS

*Happy New Year from your Youth @ St Mary's!  
Warmest New Year's greetings from all of us, please  
count on our prayers and gratitude for the support and  
example you give us! We hope the baby born in Bethle-  
hem brings peace and joy to your home.*

## CYM BASKETBALL

- ◆ We have played a number of games and are racking up the wins! Come out and see you team play some hoops. Give Jimmy Kohan a call if you want to help out or attend a game 412-527-9270. Special thanks to our great dedicated men of the Parish like Mike Daley, Phil Fitzgibbons and Jimmy Kohan for making this program a slam dunk!
- ◆ Girls CYM hoops please contact our coaches Jimmy Kohan at 412-527-9270 or Jenna Penezic 412-759-8278.

## University of St Mary's

Anyone of college age or grad. school level who would like to know more about our programs please contact Fr. Jay at [mcsean6612@gmail.com](mailto:mcsean6612@gmail.com) or stop by the rectory.

### Need Service Hours or Want to Talk with a Priest?

Contact Fr. Jay Donahue at the Rectory 412-486-4100 or by email [mcsean6612@gmail.com](mailto:mcsean6612@gmail.com) or by facebook at John Donahue.

## St. Mary's Youth for Life

Our Youth will be heading to Washington DC for the annual March for Life on January 23, 2012. Remember to return permission slips for the March for Life to Mrs. Miller, Ms. O, or mail it to the rectory.

## SQUIRES

The youth of the Squires are doing great things please contact Ray Newcomer for more details 412-767-4870 or [rjdnew@verizon.net](mailto:rjdnew@verizon.net)

## YOUTH GROUP - SAVE THE DATE

- ◆ **Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>** Appalachia Summer missions informational meeting. For more information call Paul Mitsch at the Rectory 412- 486- 4100.
- ◆ **Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>** 6:00 – 8:00 Gift exchange for high school friends for the Feast of the Epiphany.
- ◆ **January 13<sup>th</sup> is the Silver Ring Thing** a high-tech, high-energy performance that educates teens about the benefits of remaining abstinent until marriage. Contact Ms. O. at 412-487-8594 or [s\\_andra@verizon.net](mailto:s_andra@verizon.net) to reserve a seat!
- ◆ **January 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup>** The Youth for Life are hosting a *Midnight Mass for Life* at 11:30pm at our Church and then at 12:30am we will road trip to Washington DC for the March for Life. Register with Virginia Dougherty [vhunkele@gmail.com](mailto:vhunkele@gmail.com).

# ST. MARY SCHOOL

## OFFICES and SCHOOL CLOSED

Our school, school office and Scrip office will be closed on January 2, 2012 and will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2012, with regular hours.

## SUPER BINGO

A Super Bingo will take place on **Friday, January 13, 2012** in Marian Hall. Advance tickets are \$35.00 each or can be purchased at the door for \$40.00 each. Admission includes 12 cards for each regular game and four specials: **30** regular games at **70** points each, 2 specials at 100 points each; 2 specials at 200 points each; one 500 and one 1000 point jackpot. Doors open at 5:30 PM; bingo begins at 7:00 PM. The evening also includes raffles, quickies and instant bingos. Proceeds benefit St. Mary School. Call Coleen Sarosi at 412-486-6622 for more information and tickets.



## NIGHT AT THE RACES

*"They're coming down the stretch"*

*The St. Mary Athletic Association* will hold their annual "Night at the Races" in Marian Hall on Saturday, January 28, 2012. Please join us for this most enjoyable evening with friends and exciting entertainment. Tickets are **\$20.00** and includes food buffet, beer, setups and soda (BYOB). Please consider coming after the 6PM Mass. Doors open at 7:00pm. Buffet dinner at 7:15pm. Races start at 8:00pm. Adults only. For tickets contact Tom Iurlano at [tiurlano@gmail.com](mailto:tiurlano@gmail.com) or Joy Soeder at 412-983-7799 or via email at [soederjoy@yahoo.com](mailto:soederjoy@yahoo.com). **Bring your friends and family!**

## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP

There will be a Protecting God's Children Workshop held on Saturday, February 4, 2012 at St. Victor Parish in Bairdford, PA, from 9:00AM - 12:00PM. Please call Amy Salera or Ann Halapin at 724-265-2070, ext. 3 to register.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### KNOW YOUR CHILDREN'S SCHOOL

**Parents and guardians have the primary responsibility for protecting their children from all potential harm. When choosing a nursery, daycare center, or school, parents should inspect the building and grounds to make sure there are no areas where children play or work that are "off limits" to parents. Such facilities should have a policy that welcomes parents to visit the center or school without prior appointment.**

**Diocese of Pittsburgh Abuse Hotline: 1.888.808.1235**

## OUR PARISH NEWS

## OUR NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS

### PARISH EUCHARISTIC DAY

All are asked to spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on Monday, January 9, 2012 as we celebrate our annual Eucharistic Day. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed following the 10:00am Mass and all are invited to Evening Prayer and Benediction to conclude the day at 7:00pm. Sign up in the narthex so that we know someone will be in church during the day for adoration.

### Special Days this Week:

**January 2 – Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen** were friends who studied together, became monks and bishops. They are honored as Doctors of the Church for their fearless defense of the Catholic Faith.

**January 3 – Saint Genevieve** was an example of prayer and holiness and is honored as first patroness of France.

**January 4 – Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton**, first American born Saint, laid the foundation for the parochial school system in the United States.

**January 5 – Saint John Neumann** came as a missionary to the United States. He was a member of the Redemptorist priests and served in Niagra Falls, Louisiana, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh. He ministered to our own parishioners in Pine Creek in the mid 1800's. He is represented in the small stained glass window above the baptistery in our church.

**January 6 – Saint Andre Bessette** is known as the miracle worker of Montreal, and the first canonized Canadian saint. His life of humble service as a Holy Cross Brother endeared many to seek his intercession for healing.

**January 7 – Saint Raymond of Penyafort** devoted his life as a Dominican, teaching and founding language schools for the study of Aramaic and Hebrew. He co-founded an order in Spain for the ransom of Christian captives of Moors (Muslims).

**INCARNATION** means that the **Son of God** assumed human nature and became man by being conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary. Jesus is true God and true man. As man, the Son of God obtained our salvation. The use of this term in the Nicene Creed indicates that **Jesus' birth has a significance beyond that of any other human birth.**

### Holy Communion Ministers, Readers and Altar Servers

The next schedule for your ministries will be mailed out soon. Please contact Susan Urso, Parish Secretary, in the Rectory Office by Wednesday, January 4, 2012, if there are dates that you will not be able to serve due to unavailability on January 21, 2012, through April 15, 2012. Thank you!

**HOMELESS folks** in our own city of Pittsburgh need **blankets and backpacks** as the weather is getting colder. Any donations of said items may be placed in bag, attach sign "for Homeless", and leave on the last pews in the Children Liturgy Room (cry room). **THANKS to YOU who have already generously responded to this.**

### SAVE THE DATE

Monday, January 23, 2012

### RALLY AND MARCH FOR LIFE

Washington, DC

Meet with Senators Toomey and Casey No Charge for St. Mary's Parishioners Bus will leave from St. Mary's after the 7:00AM Mass and return at 10:30PM. For information, call Carol Loiselle at 724.443.7398 or [carold@zoominternet.net](mailto:carold@zoominternet.net) or sign up in the back of church.



**Church History** on DVD lesson and discussion resumes this Tuesday, January 3, 1:00-2:30 PM in our Faith Formation conference room. Newcomers welcome. Be in-formed of the richness of our Church

### Adult Enrichment: "Catholicism"

Strengthen your faith, be inspired, enjoy the company of fellow Catholics, and grow in relationship with Christ! St. Athanasius Parish (2 blocks east of Rt. 19 in West View) will be offering the nationally acclaimed study series entitled, "Catholicism," which features outstanding DVD presentations by Father Robert Barron and guided discussions led by our Deacons, Gary Comer and Bill Palamara. Meet on **Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:00 AM in the St. Athanasius Youth Center, January 11<sup>th</sup> through February 15<sup>th</sup>.** No cost, no books to purchase. Advance registrations requested, but not required. Drop-ins welcome. To register call Mary at 412-931-4624 x213.

### NORTH HILLS AARP GROUP 595

St. Mary's Parishioners are invited to join in on the fun for an **ALASKAN**, 7 Day Cruise and 3 Day Land Tour on August 29 to September 8, 2012. For more information call Ruth Dollin at 412-486-0614.

**MARKET DAY** has belly warming snacks, entrees and beverages for wintery meals. Pick up a flier at the Scrip or Faith Formation office, or at the rear exits of church. **January delivery will be Monday, January 23, 6-7:00 PM. Helpers needed at 5:00 PM thru 7:00 PM . Call 412-486-5521 to volunteer.**

December 24/25, 2011	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	731	\$20,994.50
Cash/Loose Checks	-	\$1,020.00
Children's Offertory	72	\$242.68
Children/Youth Christmas Collection	229	\$6,386.00
Christmas Flowers	6	\$110.00
Parish Share 2011	13	\$690.00
Parish Needy	20	\$1,551.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1071</b>	<b>\$30,994.18</b>

## **PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS** from Father John

At this time of year we are inundated with “Top Ten” lists of every kind and flavor. So should it be in the events and people who have influenced our parish life during this past year. Here is one priest’s perspective of the TOP TEN stories affecting the life of the Parish Family of St. Mary of the Assumption in 2011:

10. The new “ordained and lay” leadership that now inspires our **YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAMS** to continue to build on the superb foundation that Mrs. Barbara Belski created in her years of leadership.

9. The addition of the St. Anthony Programs to our Catholic Grade School that now opens up the possibility that any child needing a **SPECIAL EDUCATION** program will find it in our parochial school.

8. The official **VICARIATE VISIT** by the Vicar of the Diocese to assure that all those serving on the Parish Staff, all those involved in lay leadership and the auditing of all books meet the standards of the Diocese.

7. The decision of our Cemetery Board to open up the possibility of the construction of a **MAUSOLEUM** in our cemetery to allow parishioners to be buried on our sacred grounds.

6. The ingenious work of the **GIFT COORDINATORS** to develop Hospitality Weekends into an opportunity for all parishioners to “meet and greet” and to donate food items to those in need.

5. The tremendous success of our Catholic Grade School in meeting the requirements of the **MIDDLE STATES REACCREDITATION** process that places our parochial school on the highest standard possible.

4. The very dedicated work of our Worship Commission in preparing all of our parishioners for the acceptance of the **NEW TRANSLATION** of the liturgical celebrations.

3. The **“INCREASED OFFERTORY CAMPAIGN NEWS”** (JOIN) presented by members of the Finance Council that has been so graciously received by so many very generous parishioners.

2. The developments of our **PRIEST STAFF** with the addition of Father Jay, the retirement of Father Ed, the return of Father Bill and my reassignment by Bishop Zubik to remain at St. Mary of the Assumption.

1. **LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS** from major moments like the Triduum and Pentecost, to unique celebrations like Renewal and Feast Days, to so many times that our Parish Family gathers liturgically.