

Bulletin # 910038

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Attn: Bee

MESSAGES:

CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK

What a magnificent week for St. Mary Catholic School as we celebrate an entire week in recognition of all those who are part of this great asset to our Parish Family! A whole series of events will occur this week in an attempt to remind all of us of the importance of catholic education. This importance is not simply in the tremendous educational opportunities of all those who attend the school, but the effects of such an educational program spill out to the world around us. The value-centered educational determination of St. Mary Catholic School touches every aspect of our parish life, and the life of those who surround us. We ask all parishioners to keep the intentions of those involved in our Catholic School in their daily prayers; and we offer a heart-felt sense of gratitude to all those who support our Catholic school.

STUDENTS FROM THE SCHOOL
WILL SPEAK AT TODAY'S LITURGIES
ABOUT THE VALUE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Having a parochial school that began in 1847, we are one of the oldest Catholic school parishes in the entire Diocese. Our parochial school has been such an important source of deepening the Faith over these many years that we take a special pride in celebrating Catholic School Week. Our school today ranks at the top of the chart for providing a well rounded and multi dimensional education for all those who come to our classrooms. We recommit ourselves this day as a Parish Family to offer CATHOLIC EDUCATION to all those who value the importance of learning for their children.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL ENVELOPE

Those who are faithful in using their envelopes each week will notice that there is a special envelope entitled "Catholic School Week" in this month's packet. This envelope is offered to all those who would like to help needy families to receive an education in our own parochial school. We invite all parishioners to make a financial contribution to the great asset our school is to the entire Parish Family. All the monies collected in this envelope go directly to St. Mary Catholic Grade School. This envelope may be dropped in the first collection on any given Sunday during this year.

BLESSING OF THROATS

In connection with Friday's optional memorial of St. Blasé, we are invited to the tradition of "Blessing of Throats." This service symbolizes the fact that God offers protection against "...every disease of the throat and every other illness..." in honor of St. Blase, one of twelve saints of the early Church who were invoked for divine security over the sickness of the body. This blessing will be given after the gospel at the two liturgies scheduled on Thursday at 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. We invite all parishioners to join us at one of these times to share in this very ancient blessing of our Catholic Faith.

BAPTISM SUNDAY: TODAY

Today is Baptism Sunday in our Parish Family and we welcome those families bringing their infants to celebrate the sacrament in the midst of the believing community. We remind those parents planning a baptism in the future that the sacrament will not be celebrated during the season of Lent. Those who come to understand the various nuances of the liturgical seasons certainly appreciate our Parish Family's attempt to maintain the motif of each season with the variety of our parish celebrations.

PARISH SHARE CONTRIBUTION

All parishioners will be receiving from the Diocese a direct mailing that outlines for all of us the importance of the Parish Share Collection. We will have members of our Parish Share Team speak at all the liturgies on the weekend of February 18th/19th with the collection being taken up the following weekend as a second collection at all liturgies.

CALLING ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The call goes out to all those who serve the Parish Family in the role of a Liturgical Minister --- to join us at the Mardi Gras on Tuesday, February 28th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Marian Hall. We hope to offer the appreciation of the entire Parish Family to this wonderful group of dedicated ministers who make our liturgies such a special moment for all who gather in the Assembly. The night will be filled with a few surprises that allow all present to enjoy each other's company as we meet new friends and deepen our relationships with those parishioners we have known over these many years.

Masses for the Week

Sunday, January 29 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 p.m. Jim & Peg Tiskus 50th Wedding Anniversary
- 6:00 pm Nellie Rendulic (Pat & Carl Carfagna)
- 7:30 a.m. Ann Sufak (Husband George)
- 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish
- 11:00 a.m. Appollonia Castellano (Daughter Concetta Liberto)
- 5:00 p.m. Parish Youth Ministry

Monday, January 30

- 7:00 a.m. Special Intention Father John (Friends)
- 10:00 a.m. Ed Wesolek (Family) (from 12-12-05 funeral)

Tuesday, January 31 - St. John Bosco

- 7:00 a.m. Anna Mae Walsh (Family)
- 10:00 a.m. Charles Sachs (Wife & Family) (from 1-9-06 funeral)

Wednesday, February 1

- 7:00 a.m. Special Intention Father Ed (Friends)
- 10:00 a.m. David Dulemba (Josephine Blythe)

Thursday, February 2 - Presentation of the Lord

- 7:00 a.m. Marlene Lang Harvey (Mary Lou Lang)
- 10:00 a.m. Arthur Fazio (Friends)

Friday, February 3 - St. Blaise, St. Ansgar

- 7:00 a.m. Mary & Michael Danko (Daughter Barbara)
- 10:00 a.m. William Miller (St. Mary School Faculty)

Saturday, February 4 - B.V.M.

- 8:00 a.m. Thomas Deasy (Wife Margaret Deasy)
- 4:00 p.m. Adelia Seimet (Family)
- 6:00 p.m. Marie & Carl Hunkele (Family)

Sunday, February 5 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. Joseph Wagner (Family)
- 9:00 a.m. Deceased of Joseph Slagel Family (Family)
- 11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish

Additional Flower Memorials:

Robert Schaffold

Margaret Eckert

R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ann M. Driscoll, mother of Sandy Dziubek and Eileen Driscoll of our Parish Family, Ray Wolfendale, father of Jeff and John Wolfendale of our Parish Family, Roman Kurkiewicz, father of Ray Kurkiewicz and Marian Wolfendale of our Parish Family, Regina Lis, mother of Sally Kirzyc of our Parish Family, and Ann Gornick, mother of Sylvia Wilson of our Parish Family.

"CATCH THE VIBE"

VITALITY IN BUILDING EXCELLENCE

Have you made your pledge or contribution to the grounds improvement and Parish Activity Center project of our Parish Family? Have you made a contribution in the past and would like to increase your amount so as to be included on the "Memorial Plaque" for a witness to future generations? The members of the Capital Campaign Committee invite you to do so now!!!

FINANCE COUNCIL: Members of the Finance Council are reminded of their meeting set for Monday of this week beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. The Council members will be able to assess the first half of the current fiscal year, and begin to set the parameters for the coming fiscal year. The fact that this year's budget is still on target is a sign that they accomplished last year's responsibility quite successfully. We thank the parishioners who serve on this Council for their expertise in this matter.



January 22, 2006	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	880	\$15,790.85
Cash/Loose Cks.	—	819.00
Children's Offer.	73	90.00
St. Anthony Sch.	19	240.00
Catholic School	12	242.00
Parish Share	5	125.00
Parish Needy	223	2,501.00
TOTAL	1,212	\$19,807.85

DAILY



READINGS

- Jan. 30:** 2 Sm 15: 13-14, 30; 16: 5-13; Mk 5: 1-20
- Jan. 31:** 2 Sm 18: 9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19: 3; Mk 5: 21-43
- Feb. 1:** 2 Sm 24: 2, 9-17; Mk 6: 1-6
- Feb. 2:** Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2: 14-18; Lk 2: 22-40 {22-32}
- Feb. 3:** Sir 47: 2-11; Mk 6: 30-34
- Feb. 4:** 1 Kgs 3: 4-13; Mk 6: 30-34
- Feb. 5:** Jb 7: 1-4, 6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23; Mk 1: 29-39

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

R.C.I.A. Will meet this week following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. We will take a Tour of the Church. Next week's RCIA Class will meet following the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the rectory dining room. Next week's topic will be: Lent. If you have any questions, please call Father Ed, or Jim Finn at the rectory (412) 486-4100.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: By calling (866) 550-4355, residents can get immediate information about restoring utility services, paying their heating bills, fixing residential heating systems, and locating available shelters in their area. People may also use the special number to learn what they can do to help their neighbors get through the winter.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: "The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light..." It is possible to live a God-centered marriage even among the chaos of the modern world. Let **Worldwide marriage Encounter** provide you with the tools to strengthen your sacrament. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is February 24-26, located at the Sheraton Airport. Additional weekends are planned for April, September and November. For more information or to register, contact Mary & Lou Locante at (412) 635-7775 or check us out on the web at wwwme-pittsburgh.org.

MORNING OF PRAYER FOR MEN: On Sat., Feb. 11th, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at St. Paul Seminary. All men are invited. Call Jim Finn for more information (412) 486-4100. Go on your own or join a car pool leaving St. Mary's at 7:45 a.m.

BAVARIAN MARDI GRAS: this celebration will be held on Sat., Feb. 4th at 7 p.m. at the Teutonia Männerchor on the Northside. Call Theresa Goeller at (412) 487-1870 to find out more!

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Faith Sharing for 4th Week in Ordinary Time
The Gospel account mentions that "the crowd was astonished" by Jesus' teaching. When are you most astonished and amazed by His Words? Do His teachings make a significant difference in your life?

Monday Faith Formation Grades 3 & 4 meet IN church at 6:30 PM. Grade 4 have VENTURES for February 5 ready for the Gospel proclamation.

TUESDAY SPECIAL – Saint John Bosco is celebrated this day. He is a patron of youth because of his life-long zeal in educating and founding homes and schools for children. He began the Salesian community which still thrives in providing homes and educational and technical training for thousands of youth.

THURSDAY, February 2, 6:30 PM in our school library, COME to meet some PROPHETS, introduced by Father William Fay. This is the third of four sessions but newcomers always welcome. What an AWESOME heritage we have to keep discovering and relating to our own lives.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES remember that the yellow page 19 of your grey booklet is the RETREAT FORM due to the Faith Formation office by THIS Thursday, February 2.

FIRST EUCHARIST CLUSTER GROUP for anyone who missed theirs in January, meet at 10:00 AM in Marian Hall this Sunday, Jan. 29.

Sunday PRE-SCHOOL children meet in school Room 7 while Parents participate at 9 AM Liturgy. Stories, songs, crafts for little ones to enjoy. For details call Megan Kemmler at 724-444-4545.

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN at 9 and 11 AM Mass THIS Sunday. Contact Donna Polito or Mary Sue Certo-Newcamp if you will like to serve with the team at one of the liturgies next month.



LOVE ONE ANOTHER

YOUTH MINISTRY **TONIGHT...**

T-ROC will include a 5:00 PM Liturgy with Fr. John and "Bring a Parent Night". **Topic for Parents: "How to Raise Your Teen in a World of Chaos"**. We will be serving Pizza for dinner and a Sundae Bar dessert treat. If you could help by Last name: A-K: bring vegetable trays and vegetable or ranch dip L-R: bring vanilla ice cream (1/2 gallon) S-Z: bring syrup toppings, or other ice cream sundae toppings

HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

Tues. Jan. 31 Play Practice in Marian Hall 7-9 PM
Wed. Feb. 1 Play Practice in Marian Hall 7-9 PM
Thurs. Feb. 2 Play Practice in Marian Hall 7-9 PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8) CALENDAR

FEB. 4 - 5 SOUPER Bowl Collection at all Liturgies
SUN. FEB. 12 LOVEWALK for the Poor

LOVEWALK

ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12. ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS ANNUAL DIOCESAN EVENT. Bring items to donate (food, baby care, school supplies) to Sacred Heart Church in Shadyside for the **2 PM liturgy with Bishop Winter**. Then walk with your items through the city streets with your donated goods to the East Liberty Presbyterian Church for cookies and cocoa. The event should end around 5 PM. Stop by or call the CYM office at 412-492-9344..

APPALACHIA 2006

At our November meeting the goals for our summer work camp were established with a **strong focus on development of faith and a sense of community**. There are **specific requirements** set by the committee for all who want to attend. If you are interested, please talk to Mrs. B at T-ROC and **bring a deposit of \$30**. Make your check payable to St. Mary Church CYM.

Contact Barb Belski or Lisa Rulis Ross
at 412-492-9344

email us at cymoffice@stmaryglenshaw.org

Check out our website! www.stmaryglenshaw.org/cym

Teens have their own site for questions. Go to the above web site for our **new discussion board**. You may anonymously post your question and someone on our parish staff will post a reply. **Young adults and adults click on adult discussion board.**

Alex Lamers is our new **communications guru**.

All high school students who have given us their e-mail address will receive his e-letter. **Check out his January e-letter** If you want to receive Alex's e-letter contact him at cymoffice@stmaryglenshaw.org

ST. MARY SCHOOL

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - Today marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week, a national celebration of the important role that Catholic schools across the country play in providing a values-added and faith-filled education for young people. We are proud of our school which emphasizes intellectual, spiritual, moral, physical and social values in our students, and we thank you, the Parish Family of St. Mary, for your continued support of our efforts. Keep us in your prayers.

OPEN HOUSE - There will be an Open House for all prospective students considering St. Mary School as their school of choice for the 2006-07 year this Sunday, January 29th, after the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM masses. Come and see what a great school we are!

FORENSICS TEAM NEWS - Congratulations to our Forensics Team who placed 4th overall, competing against much larger, more experienced teams. Our students took 13 first place ribbons, 13 second place ribbons, and 2 third place ribbons. Congratulations to team members: Patrick Ebbert, Brianna Thompson, Meghan Bezilla, Aaron Todorowski, Angela Battaglia, Nicholle Williams, James Brunner, Brandon Perrotte, Hannah Todorowski, Meg Omecene, Erin Sarosi, Breanna Rodgers, Katie Muenck and Becky Rugh. Your team, coaches, and school are proud of you!

SUPER BINGO - Another Super Bingo will be held on Friday, February 3, 2006 in Marian Hall. Tickets are \$35 each; \$40 at the door. Admission includes 12 cards for regular games and 5 specials. Doors open at 5:30 PM; early birds at 7:00 PM. The evening includes 40 regular games at 50 points each; 5 specials at 100 points each, one jackpot at 500 points, and one more jackpot at 1000 points. All proceeds benefit St. Mary School. Call Coleen at 412-486-6622 for information or to purchase tickets.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE - The next Middle School dance will take place on Saturday, February 11th, in Marian Hall from 7:15 - 10:15 PM. Tickets are \$5.00 and must be purchased in advance—no tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets are available in the rectory and Faith Formation offices as well as in the school the mornings of February 8th-10th. The dress code is strictly enforced. This event is sponsored by St. Mary School PTG.

PTG AUCTION - St. Mary School PTG presents "All That Pizzazz" Dinner and Auction on Saturday, March 25, 2006 at 6:00 PM at the Greek Orthodox Banquet Hall in Oakmont, PA. The night includes a full-course sit-down dinner with silent and live auctions: get-away packages, sports memorabilia, and so much more! Tickets are \$40 per person; all proceeds benefit the school. Please call Melissa at (412) 492-9349 to purchase tickets.

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME:

A unique ministry for parents with children age birth to five years provides a weekly thought in the bulletin known as A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar. **We can learn a parenting tip from Jesus in today's Gospel and "speak as one having authority." Your children may resist and think that you want to "destroy" them. They may even "cry out with a loud voice," but they will "know who you are, what you stand for and what is expected of them."**

PRAY AND PLAY DAY: all families with children birth to age five are invited to join us in Church at 9:30 a.m. this coming **Wednesday, Feb. 1st**. No reservations necessary! Just show up. We meet in the Children's Liturgy Room (formerly called the Cry Room.) Call Cindy at (412) 487-5272 for more information!

MOM'S NIGHT OUT: Mark your calendars and plan now to come to St. Mary's Rectory on **Wed., Feb. 8th at 7:00 p.m.** to meet with Father Ed. It is a great opportunity to ask questions and find out more about your faith! Join us for this time of conversation, laughter and support! Call Arlene at (412) 492-7275 to let us know you are coming!

FOR DADS: The Dads from the Let the Little Children Come To Me ministry meet every first and third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory. New men are welcome anytime. Why not plan to come this **wed., Feb. 1st?**

A VOCATION VIEW

God chooses ordinary people to speak His message. Can you perceive the voice of God in those around you? If you hear God's voice, harden not your heart. (Deuteronomy 18: 15-20)

Couples who are finding it hard to stay married deserve our prayers and assistance. Pray for a couple you know who is struggling in their marriage. Perhaps your prayer is for yourself. Consider trying Retrouvaille, www.retrouvaille.org



ATTENTION ALL SCOUTS: Sunday, February 5, 2006 is **SCOUT SUNDAY**. **Any parishioner** who is a Cub Scout, Boy Scout or Girl Scout may participate in the procession at the **9 AM liturgy**. A reception will follow in Marian Hall courtesy of the Hospitality Ministry team. Please contact Sandy or Bart DalDosso at 412-492-1370 with the number that plan to attend from your group. Thank you!!!



THIRD ANNUAL CYM PLAY TO BENEFIT THE SCHOOL STUDENTS IN PATZUN, GUATEMALA

Our annual CYM dinner theatre will be on **Saturday, February 18 after the 6 PM liturgy**. This year, the teens will present **Robert Fulghum's "All I really need to know I learned in kindergarten"** under the direction of Mariane Ruffner and assistant, Dr. Kevin Kelly. The dinner will again be catered by John Marshall. The cost of the dinner is \$25 and **tickets will be on sale at the rectory and Faith Formation office. NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE TAKEN OVER THE PHONE**. Limited theatre style seating and sound system available. There will be a matinee on Sun. Feb. 19 @ 1:30 PM for a free will donation.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE:

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is Feb. 2nd. To highlight this feast, the Church has declared that this feast be observed as a celebration of consecrated life. When Feb. 2nd, doesn't fall on a weekend, the Sunday following this feast is the observance of **WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**. Next Sunday we will observe this day with a special emphasis on the call to consecrated life in today's world.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY: will be celebrated the weekend of February 11-12. Those interested in attending the Diocesan celebration at St. Scholastica Parish on Saturday, February 11th, beginning with 5:00 p.m. Mass should call Jim Finn at (412) 486-4100 to make a reservation by Wed., Feb. 1st.

CATHOLIC- BUT NOT CONFIRMED? If you are 18 years of age or older and haven't been Confirmed, now is the time to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation when the Bishop comes to St. Mary's on May 2nd. Preparation for this Sacrament will begin **NEXT Monday, February 6th, at 7 p.m.** Call Jim Finn for registration information by February 3rd. (412) 486-4100.

PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS from Father John

A new game boy for your child: \$99.00

A new pair of athletic shoes for your child: \$189.00

A new computer for your child: \$885.00

Catholic Education for your child: PRICELESS!

As we once more turn the attention of our entire Parish Family to the celebration of Catholic School Week that begins today, we again come to realize the tremendous asset our parochial school is to our entire Community of Faith. There is something unique about the value-centered educational process that marks the Catholic School in that its impact spills over unto the life of the whole Parish Family. Sad to say there are many who measure this priceless value by “how much it costs” to go to the catholic school in relation to free public education that comes at the expense of our taxes. It seems very foolish, does it not, to determine whether a family sends its child to a parochial school simply by the cost of the tuition, when the specially designed educational process of the Catholic School cannot be measured in dollars and cents?

What a magnificent tradition we have here in the Parish Family of St. Mary of the Assumption in the process of catholic school education! We should not be misled by the “1924 date” on the frontal piece of our St. Mary School, for this date only indicates the year that the current building was begun. Rather, we must take ourselves all the way back to the year “**1847**” for the origin of catholic education in our Parish Family.

We are now in the One Hundred and Fifty Ninth year (yes, that is correct, 159 years) of catholic school education in our Parish Family. Seems impossible, does it not, to try to put a price tag on the impact we have felt as a Parish Family for these oh so many years? To measure this priceless contribution to all of our lives in light of the dollars and cents of a tuition cost FOOLISH! So, once more we thank all those who have committed themselves to our parochial school over the years. Faculties and Administrations who have given their lives to the process ...families who have sacrificed so their children may have this priceless education ... parishioners who have offered their time, talent and treasure to maintain our school no matter what the cost ...so many ... for so long ... with such love ... the true meaning of Catholic School Week!!

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