

PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2009

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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

ASCENSION THURSDAY

Thursday of this week, May 21st, is one of the six Holydays of Obligation that we celebrate here in our Diocese in the United States. This date marks the "40 day period" since Easter and reminds us of the return of the resurrected Lord Jesus to the Father in heaven. We have only 10 days remaining after that before we then look to Pentecost and the sending of the Holy Spirit. The liturgy schedule for this holyday is 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening, 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Thursday morning and 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evening. We look for all parishioners to join us for liturgy at one of these times as we celebrate this all-important event.

PENTECOST: IN TWO WEEKS

Do you have a favorite RED outfit or some type of RED clothing that you especially love to wear?? How about planning on wearing those clothes on Pentecost Sunday in two weeks as we fill our parish church with the red of the Holy Spirit? For those who might be able to READ in a foreign language, you are invited to call the rectory to help proclaim the Word on Pentecost as we re-enact the first Pentecost with the "many foreign tongues."

THREE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

We invite all parishioners and their friends to begin each of the three summer HOLIDAYS with the celebration of the liturgy. On each of those days there will be only ONE daily liturgy celebrated at 10:00 a.m. The first of those three holidays will be on May 25th when we have Memorial Day. The other two days include Independence Day on July 4th and Labor Day on September 7th. These are very special times when the entire Parish Family gathers at ONE liturgy to show our unity in the remembrance of days.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING

Members of our Cemetery Committee are reminded of their meeting set for Monday of this week, May 18th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. The Committee is now studying the feasibility of "above ground" burials for our cemetery. Those wishing to have mausoleum burials for their family might keep abreast of the work of the Committee, so that parishioners might be the first to reserve such burials and thereby insure a great savings in cost.

SECOND COLLECTION: TODAY

There will be a SECOND collection taken up at all the liturgies today for three important projects: (a) American Bishops' Overseas Appeal; (b) Aid to Eastern Europe; (c) Latin American Campaign and (d) Church of Africa. The Diocese has attempted to streamline our second collections by putting these three, which at one time were collected individually, into one unified collection. There is an envelope in our packet for this collection; please be generous.

TEMPORALITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA

Temporalities Committee meeting is this Wednesday, May 20th beginning at 8:00 P.M. (note the change in time because of the Holyday liturgy) in the rectory. Agenda for the Committee includes: (a) final details on the new roof for the school; (b) plans for the new sewer system; (c) work on the grassy field in the front of our property; (d) Maintenance building; (e) widening of road around the rectory; and (f) garages for the priests. Any parishioner who might offer suggestions or savings to any of these plans is cordially invited to meet with the Committee.

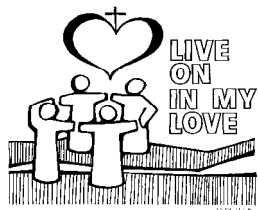
"VICARS AND VICARIATES" (part 8)

The Vicariate Structure now being planned for the Diocese (as outlined in previous bulletins) would decentralize, reorient and reorganize. Added to this list, the Vicar would now become a senior leader in the Diocese. The Vicar would have face to face contact with the Bishop, as well as create formal and informal document information flow. The Vicar structure has been approved by Bishop Zubik and received the support of the Priest Council.



FESTIVAL FLASHES

FESTIVAL DAYS: June 25-26-27 ...we hope that all parishioners will set aside these three days to join us for the food, fun and entertainment, as an ideal time to become bonded with other parishioners...work is now being done behind the scenes .. setting up our gigantic Flea Market ... making originals for our Craft Booth ... appealing to businesses and individuals to be a sponsor ... lining up volunteers for each of the booths ... choosing the prizes and new games ... planning delicious meals for each night!



LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 17, 2009 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:00 p.m. Reid DeRunk - Alan, Judy & Amy Klaum
 6:00 p.m. Jennie Marie Carlucci - Miller Family
 7:30 a.m. Mary Louise Wagner - The Wisenski Family
 9:00 a.m. Norine Benzenhoefer - Family CCD Family
 11:00 a.m. Special Intention - Vincenza & Rocco Didomenico

Monday, May 18, 2009 - St. John I

7:00 a.m. Anna Mae Walsh - Bob & Gina
 8:30 a.m. Confessions for School Students
 10:00 a.m. Cherly Crawford - Rosetta Kmetyk

Tuesday, May 19, 2009 - Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m. Antonino Costa - M/M Joe Liberto
 8:30 a.m. Confessions for School Students
 10:00 a.m. Sander Family - Adeline & Russ
 Anointing of the Sick

Wednesday, May 20, 2009 - St. Bernardine of Siena

7:00 a.m. George Tallon - Family
 10:00 a.m. James & Mary Regina Cannon - Cannon Family
 7:00 p.m. 30th Wedding Anniversary of Richard & Theresa Goeller

Thursday, May 21, 2009 - The Ascension of the Lord

7:00 a.m. Mrs. Carl Hunkele - Family
 10:00 a.m. Marcella Tarasi - Her Children & Grandchildren
 7:00 p.m. Christian Mothers / Women's Organization

Friday, May 22, 2009 - St. Rita of Cascia

7:00 a.m. Anna & Michael Danko - Granddaughter, Barbara
 10:00 a.m. Mildred Hvostal - Rege & Children

Saturday, May 23, 2009 - Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. Grace Piano - Rose Runatz
 4:00 p.m. Bill Gallenz - M/M Bernie Wieszczyński
 6:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family

Sunday, May 24, 2009 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. Vincent Londino - M/M Gregory Distilo
 9:00 a.m. Deceased of Hoffmann Family - Joe & Pat Hoffmann
 11:00 a.m. Ann & Bernard Churilla & Marvin - Irene, Elaine & Laverne

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

May 10, 2009	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	788	\$18,253.07
Cash/Loose Checks	-	\$1,203.00
Children's Offertory	33	\$52.13
Easter	1	\$5.00
Catholic Relief Services	4	\$45.00
Catholic School	1	\$5.00
Ascension	3	\$50.00
Parish Share 2009	21	\$2,656.96
Parish Needy	47	\$806.00
Total	898	\$23,076.16

Weekly Activities at a Glance

Sunday (Church) 9:00AM - Family CCD Program
 May 17 (Marian Hall) 12:05PM - Rite of Enrollment - Gr. 1

Monday (Church) 8:30AM - Confessions for Grs. 5,6, & 7
 May 18 (Marian Hall) 4:00PM - Rite of Enrollment - Gr. 1
 (Catacombs) 6:00PM - CYM Youth Nite
 (Rectory) 7:00PM - Cemetery Meeting

Tuesday (Church) 8:30AM - Confessions for Grs. 2,3, & 4
 May 19 (Marian Hall) 2:45PM - School Band Practice
 (Church) 2:45PM - Children Hand Bells Practice

Wednesday (Marian Hall) 9:30AM - Let the Little Children Come to Me
 (Marian Hall) 1:30PM - 55 Specials - Bingo/Cards
 (Church) 1:30PM - May Crowning
 May 20 (Church) 2:45PM - Children's Choir Practice
 (PAC) 6:00PM - CYM Open Gym
 (Church) 8:00PM - Adult Choir Practice
 (Rectory) 8:00PM - Temporalities Meeting

Thursday (Church) 8:00PM - Adult Hand Bell Practice
 May 21 (Church) 7:00PM - Christian Mothers/Women's Group

Friday (Church) 10:00AM - School Mass
 May 22

Sunday (Marian Hall) 10:00AM - Rite of Enrollment - Gr. 7
 May 24 (Church) 11:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children

At 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 Dennis Harrington and Kelly Harrington, father and brother of Pegin Foglia & Myles Harrington.

Banns of Marriage

- I. Stephen Galise (Ss. John & Paul) & Susan Schaltenbrand (St. Mary)
- II. Michael L. Snelling (St. Teresa) & Linnea Merz (St. Mary)
- II. Paul Byers (St. Mary) & Mary Ellen Pampena (St. Mary)

Daily Readings



IT WAS NOT YOU WHO CHOSE ME, BUT
 I WHO CHOSE YOU
 AND APPOINTED YOU TO GO AND BEAR FRUIT.

MAY 18 ACT 16:11-15; JN 15:26 - 16:4A
MAY 19 ACTS 16:22-34; JN 16:5-11
MAY 20 ACTS 17:15, 22 - 18:1; JN 16:12-15
MAY 21 ACTS 1:1-11; EPH 1:17-23 OR 4:1-13
 [1-7,11-13]; MK 16:15-20; ACTS 18:1-8;
 JN 16:16-20
MAY 22 ACTS 18:9-18; JN 16:20-23
MAY 23 ACTS 18:23-28; JN 16:23B-28
MAY 24 ACTS 1:15-17, 20A, 20C-26;
 1 JN 4:11-16; JN 17:11B-19;

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Twice each year this sacrament is celebrated communally. You or someone you love are invited to come this **Tuesday, May 19, 2009** to receive this sacrament during the Mass at 10:00 A. M. Keep in mind this sacrament may be repeated if the sick person recovers after being anointed and then again falls ill or if during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious. Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present. Sick children may be anointed if they have sufficient use of reason to be strengthened by this sacrament. If needed, the parish will provide transportation to the Mass on Tuesday, May 19th. Call Sister Lois at 412.486.4021 if you need a ride.

OUR PARISH PRAYER VESSEL

"Into your hands, O Lord, we entrust our intentions." The worship commission placed a glass prayer vessel in the front of the church near the tabernacle. Ever since, many parishioners have placed their special intentions into this vessel, entrusting these intentions to God, and to the prayers of our parish family. Every day, these intentions are remembered at Mass and each weekend, these intentions are lifted up to God in the General Intercessions, which is also known as the Prayer of the Faithful. Parishioners and visitors are invited to make use of this means of reaching to God in prayer and asking His grace and blessings on those we love.

WHAT IS THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)? RCIA is a process by which people become members of the Roman Catholic Church. The process is concerned with the total formation of the person. The Rite is designed for those seeking baptism, those already baptized seeking to become Catholic and those who were baptized Catholic but have not completed all the sacraments of initiation (baptism, confirmation and Eucharist). If you have any questions or if you or a loved one are interested in joining the RCIA process for the upcoming year, please contact Fr. Ed or Jim Finn (412)486-4100.

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME

is a ministry for parents with children age five and under. Moms and caregivers and children are invited to join us every first and third Wednesday. We will meet from approximately 9:30am to 10:30am in the Children's Liturgy Room in the church. Each time we gather we invite the children to learn one of the gestures involved in the Mass, to move to inspiring music, visit Jesus in the tabernacle, and join in a parade! Come and share with your child in this fun faith-filled experience! Older siblings are welcome to join us. No reservations are necessary. Please join us for any of the Pray and Play dates---why not check it out this Wednesday, May 20, 2009? Call Monica (412)492-0242 for more information.

MOMS PRAYER AND COFFEE

All Moms with young children are invited to join other Moms tomorrow evening, Monday, May 18th at 7:30 P. m. at PANERA on Route 8 North in Gibsonia. Enjoy a time of conversation, laughter and support. Join us as we discuss **DISCOVERING THE ME: THAT GOD KNOWS**. Call Monica to RSVP at 412.492.0242 or just come and bring a friend!

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Resolving an argument: Strategy # 3 CHANCE. If it's not a matter of importance or morality, flipping a coin can save time and a headache. Next week: CO-EXIST.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Can you say to your children the words of Jesus in today's scripture, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you"? This requires we 'lay down our life' (our time, attention, opinions) for each other. This is the sacrament of family life, when God becomes visible in our sacrificial love for one another.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Faith Sharing for the 6th Sunday of Easter

In this week's gospel from John 15:9-17, Jesus uses two Greek words to define the meaning of love. The word *agape* means self-giving love, like that between the Father and the Son. *Phileo* refers to love that is characterized by human affection and friendship. He urges his followers to "love one another AS he loves us, that is with God-like love." What a challenge and noble goal. So how's **your** love life?

Families of Children/Youth who attend PUBLIC SCHOOLS, if YOU need a copy of the Registration Form for our 2009 – 2010 Catechetical Season, contact our office at 412-486-5521 or ccdoffice@stmaryglenshaw.org

OUT TO THE BALLGAME... to attend the **Pirate's vs Houston Astro's Friday, May 29**. A few tickets still available for left field grandstand @ \$9.00 per person. A carpool will leave St. Mary's at 5:45 PM. The game begins at 7:00 PM. Contact our Faith Formation Office if interested, 412-486-5521.

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS Grades 6-7-8 and Parents/Guardians, welcome to contact Mr. Ron Stone with YOUR ideas for monthly gatherings. Send inquiries to ccdoffice@stmaryglenshaw.org - att: Mr. Ron

Grade 1 children and Parent/Guardian plan to meet ONE for a **Rite of Enrollment** as we look forward to the coming year on the journey toward **First Eucharist and Reconciliation**. Meet in Marian Hall this Sunday May 17, 12:05 PM or Monday, May 18, 4:00 or 6:00 PM

Grade 7 youth and parent/guardian meet for a **Rite of Enrollment** as we look forward to the **Journey of CONFIRMATION** as a disciple of the Lord Jesus. Meet in Marian Hall on Monday, May 18, 7:00 PM or Sunday, May 24, 10:00 AM.



Newly Confirmed gathering for ALL clusters will be May 30 at the 6:00 PM Pentecost Eve Liturgy followed by refreshments and a **DECATHALON**: teams + ten games = ten

TROPHIES to the Champions. Sign up lists for teams still being accepted at our Faith Formation office.

CONGRATULATIONS to Justin Adamski and Samuel Stites being welcomed to **First Eucharist** at the 11:00 AM Liturgy today.

Camp Good Sam-Supporting, Affirming...Me, for children ages 6 thru 18 who have experienced a significant loss. August 13 -15 in Camp Kon-O-Kwee, Fombell, PA (30 miles north of Pittsburgh) is designed to build trust, develop self-esteem, and strengthen coping skills. Cost for camp is \$15.00 per child. Volunteer teachers, counselors, and coaches also welcome. Call 1-800-720-2557 or aolzewski@goodsamaritanhospiice.org

LIFE

"Blessed be every mother who brings her babe to birth. Blessed be every doctor who refuses to abort life, but seeks to save life."

(from a Prayer for Life by Bro. Martin)



YOUTH MINISTRY VETERANS GRAVES

Every year, CYM is responsible for placing the flags on the graves of the veterans in our parish cemetery. Did you know that we have a veteran of the Civil War buried on our sacred grounds? REPORT TO THE JAM CENTER TO PICK UP FLAGS. We would like to place all of the flags on the following days:

Monday, May 18 from 2:30 to 5:30 PM
 Tuesday, May 19 from 3:30 to 5:30 PM
 Wednesday, May 20 from 2:30 to 5:30 PM

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: Each year many public high schools offer a Baccalaureate, which is basically a prayer service run by the students; some occur at the high school while others are off-site, usually at a near by place of worship. If you are a high school senior, do you know about your public high school's Baccalaureate?

Hampton High School - Monday, June 8
Fox Chapel High School - Wednesday, June 10

CLASS OF 2009
BOTH HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE
SAVE THE DATE
ANNUAL PARISH BACCALAUREATE
 [We pray for our graduates in the context of a liturgy]
SUNDAY, JUNE 14
9 AM LITURGY

REPORT TO CHURCH AT 8:45 AM
BRING YOUR CAP & GOWN
OR ONE WILL BE PROVIDED

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN MARIAN HALL

Our parish celebrates your graduation with prayers and a breakfast reception. Even if you do not receive anything in the mail, you are definitely invited. PLEASE SAVE THE DATE - RSVP to the CYM office with the number of guests attending the breakfast [the graduate and two parents/guardians are not charged, all other guests pay \$3 per person]. Also, call in your information - the school you graduated from and what are your future plans i.e. school or a job.

PARENTS OF THE CLASS OF 2010 PLUS OUR CURRENT ELEVENTH GRADERS

Call the CYM office with whatever time, talent or treasure that you are willing to share to help us launch our 2009 graduates at our annual Baccalaureate on June 14, which is hosted every year by the 100 or so families of eleventh grade students registered at our parish.

APPALACHIA MISSION NEWS

TWO MORE FUNDRAISERS - ON JUNE 6 & 21
 PARENT MEETING - MANDATORY MAY 30 OR 31
 TEEN INTERVIEW - SCHEDULE ASAP W/ MRS. B

CYM WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., May 17 Catacomb open 10 AM-noon Gr.9-12
 Mon., May 18 Flag placing 2:30 - 5:30 PM
 Catacomb open 6 - 8 PM
 Tues., May 19 Flag placing 3:30 - 5:30 PM
 Wed., May 20 Flag placing 2:30 - 5:30 PM
 May 23 - 25 Mandatory family relaxation weekend

Call the CYM line for current information on our social, spiritual and service activities for teens and young adults at 412-492-9344 or 412-486-4100, extension 409 or email at belskib@verizon.net

ST. MARY

REGISTRATION FOR 2009-2010

St. Mary School is now accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year. We offer a 3 and 4 year-old preschool program as well as kindergarten through 8th grade programs. Children MUST be five years old by September 1st in order to register for kindergarten. Parents/guardians are asked to provide the child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate, and copy of the child's social security number when registering. A \$100 registration fee, which will be applied to the child's tuition, is also required at the time of registration. For more information or to arrange a tour, please call the school office at (412) 486-7611. Come and see what we are all about!



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PARENTING POINTERS

As we remember Jesus ascending into heaven, perhaps you and your child could 'lift up' in prayer the memory of deceased relatives who have gone to be with god. Even though we don't know where "heaven" is, children can watch a balloon or kite ascend toward the heavens—and pray.

175th ANNIVERSARY HAPPENINGS



To commemorate 175 years of presence on this holy mountain the following events have been planned. All parishioners and former parishioners are invited to participate in all that has been planned.

- ◇ **PENTECOST CONCERT-** Sunday, May 31 at 1:00pm in church. Refreshments will be served following the 11:00am Mass on the plaza as part of our Hospitality weekend which has been moved up one week to add to the festivities.
- ◇ **ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL-** Mark your calendars for June 25-26-27. There will be a Polka Mass at 5:00 P. M. on Saturday, June 27th. Ethnic dinners will be served every evening in Marian Hall from 4:30P.M. until 7:00P.M. highlighting the food prepared by the early settlers of the Pine Creek region. **THE GRAND FINALE OF THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL** will be professional Fire Works (just like downtown). Come early for the best view!
- ◇ **ANNIVERSARY TRIP TO ST. JOHN NEUMANN'S SHRINE IN PHILADELPHIA**
Hurry and make a reservation for this July 18-19 trip to Lancaster and Philadelphia. Get ready for fun, good food and fellowship with an opportunity to visit the church where St. John Neumann is buried. Call Mary Ann 412.486.0165.
- ◇ **HISTORICAL MUSICAL-** You can become part of this production scheduled for Sat. October 17, 2009 in the PAC. Your help is needed. Call to find out how you can audition to be involved in this locally produced musical. Call Tom Politylo to find out more 412.486.5030.

OUR PARISH NEWS

Festival Happenings

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to volunteer at the festival for a few hours, please call ANNE ZEIS at 412.487.7520. There are time slots open for the game booths, food booths, and the Flea Market. Bring a friend and make a new friend while helping our festival be a success.

CRAFT BOOTH

Thank you so much to all crafters who have donated wonderful homemade items to our booth year after year. We do appreciate your generosity and the craft booth as made a lot of money for the church as a result. We are again asking for all types of new craft items that we can sell at the festival. Please call Debbie Boyd at 724-449-5790 with questions for pick-up! Thank you!

BASKET AUCTION

The Basket Auction Committee is now searching for donations and volunteers. In order for the Basket Auction to be successful we need your assistance. We invite you or anyone you know who would like to donate their time and/or talent to assist our committee with soliciting donations, setting up or the selling of tickets to contact: Judy Fritsch, 412.487.2368 or Kathy DiGirolamo, 412.486.0508. Please let us know if your ministry wants to donate. We will accept donations through June 5, 2009. Thereafter, will we only accept cash donations.

FLEA MARKET

New and used items needed in **GOOD and CLEAN** condition! NO clothing, magazines or gym equipment! Small items of furniture accepted! Spring cleaning? Your unwanted "valuables" can become someone else's treasures. Keep watching our bulletin for the drop off dates and times. **Items are NOT to be left unattended ANYWHERE on the Parish grounds.** Help is needed to sort and price our treasures! Please call Mary Ann Coholich at 412-486-0165, if you can help!

ST. MARY BAKERS

Once again it's time for all parishioners to share your "baked goodies" which will be enjoyed by all who attend the Festival Dinners and purchase them at the Bake Sale. Bake goods are needed for each dinner and the bake sale which will be held each night of the festival in Marian Hall. Please bring your desserts, pies, cakes, cookies to the church hall anytime after 1:30PM each day and label for dinner or for Bake Sale or double your recipe and make one for each! The following is a guideline if your name begins with:

- A thru H - Thursday, June 25
- I thru P - Friday, June 26
- Q thru Z - Saturday, June 27

Thank you in advance for baking and donating a "double batch" of bake goods. God Bless the hands of our wonderful bakers!



GOOD NEWS TO SHARE



CONCERT

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On Sunday May 31, to celebrate Pentecost and St. Mary's 175th Anniversary, there will be a choral and instrumental concert at 1:00 PM featuring our adult choir and other members of our music ministry. There will be a period of refreshments and fellowship following the 11:00AM mass. Following this, the concert will start at 1:00PM. To reflect on the church's past traditions, music will be sung in German, English, Latin, Welsh and Gaelic. The concert will feature the music of Mendelssohn, Mozart, Bach, Bruckner, Brahms and Rutter. In addition to the choir, there will be performances by vocal soloists, organ, and a woodwind trio. We hope to see everyone there as we continue to celebrate our 175th anniversary.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

Our Tea Party is just around the corner - Thursday, May 21st! Don't forget to bring a teacup you are willing to part with as we will be exchanging them and praying over the summer for the person whose teacup you receive. Guests are welcome. Tell them to bring a teacup too. If able, please bring either a sweetbread, fruit salad, tea sandwiches or other finger food treat. In honor of Mother's Day we will once again hold a diaper drive to benefit the Pittsburgh Adoption Support Group. If you are able, please bring a package of diapers (size 1,2, 3 or 4) and/or wipes to the May meeting. Rosary is at 6:35pm, Mass at 7:00pm followed by Confraternity prayers and our tea party in Marian Hall. We will also be raffling off a basket. Hope to see a lot of Christian Mothers!

GENESIS OF PITTSBURGH will conduct a Baby Bottle Campaign this year in place of their annual "Tag Day" Collection. Empty baby bottles have been placed in the church narthex on Sunday, May 10th. Donors take the bottles home and deposit loose change, bills or checks and return the filled bottles to the same location on Sunday, May 24th. Genesis thanks you for your continuing support.

FREE HAMBURGERS at MARKET DAY for orders over \$35 this month. Orders may be placed on line till Thursday, May 21 at marketday.com Those wanting a paper form, call 412-486-5521. Market Day pick up will be WEDNESDAY, May 27, 5:30 PM due to the Monday, Memorial day holiday. Thanks to ALL helpers at our Market Day pick ups.

MISSION OUTREACH to help support needy students in Ethiopia under care of Fr. Vince Stegman. Raffle of 70 inch square colorful QUILT on May 31. Tickets \$1.00 each c/o Rose at our Faith Formation office.

Summer Bible Program opportunities

Registration deadline for July and August programs will be at our Parish Festival.

- ◆ 4 evenings June 28-July 1, 6:30-8:30 PM - "Paul in Rome and the Underground Church"
 - ◆ Tuesday evenings in July, 6:00-8:30 PM- "POWER ZONE" - summer sports camp!
 - ◆ Son Rock Kids' Camp, Aug.10-14, 9:30 AM- Noon
- REGISTRATION FORMS are available at the display board in our church foyer.

In the Merry, MARY Month of May ~ Pastoral Impressionsby Rose Stegman

The lyrics of a song I heard sung from the time I was a tot , till my own mother's dying days are: "M is for the Million ways she loves me. O means only that she's growing old. T is for the tears she shed to save me. H is for her heart of purest gold. E is for her eyes with love-light shining. R means that she's right and right she'll **always** be. Put them all together they spell "Mother" a word that means the world to me." Our family loved to sing; we learned from mom and dad that singing could express our deepest emotions. So **last week at our family gathering**, we sang it again. The phrases could likewise be applied to our heavenly mother, MARY as we honor her specially throughout the month of May. She's honored in every land under such titles as : Our Lady of Quick Help, Our Lady of the Nest, Our Lady of Prosperity, Refuge of Sinners, Our Lady of Fire, Our Lady of the Doves, Mary of Lourdes, and Fatima, and Medjugore, Our Lady of the Star, the Cape, the Holy Cross, the Vine, Forests, Queen ...of Clergy, ...of Apostles, ...of Charity, ...of Tears, ...of Conquest, ...of Wisdom, ...of Grace, ...of Joy, ...of the Holy Rosary. Someone has researched and written at least 365 titles of Mary, one to be celebrated each day of the year. As you think about your biological mother, is there a title you might designate for her each day? In remembering my childhood, I'd praise my mother on Sundays **after returning from Holy Mass** as, "Mother of Playing Games and Singing:" Mondays, "Queen of the Clean Laundry:" Tuesdays, "Our Lady of the Well ironed clothes:" Wednesdays, in springtime and summer as, "Our Mother of the Gardens:" Thursdays as "Mother of the grocery shopping:" Fridays, "Our Model of Mission Outreach," for she often had a project for us to help with preparing items for her missionary sister, a Franciscan serving in a leper compound. Saturdays she was "Our Mother, the Baker Woman" showing us how to mix the earthy elements, knead the dough and have patience for the yeast to work, then wait until the fresh baked treat was ready to eat. It's also a **time** to think of our Mother-church here on Saint Mary's hill having reached 175 years – Mother most Faithful. Through so many disciples who have served, and those currently carrying on the "YES" of Mary and Jesus, we are blessed to affirm that our Mother-church still has "eyes with love-light shining." **You'll see such "love-light shining" as some of our parish family gather this Wednesday, May 20 at 1:30 PM to honor Mary. For those who are available, come to be delighted as Mary is honored and crowned again as we sing,**

"Mary we crown you with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of this May!"