

Bulletin # 910038

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Attn: Bee

MESSAGES:

SPIRIT FILLED EVENING

Congratulations to all those persons who made last Tuesday's celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation such a memorable event. Those who planned the liturgy, including the magnificent music of our Music Ministry, set the tone for a wondrous celebration. The décor of the church, the service of the ministers, the hospitality of the refreshment committee extended a warm welcome to all our parishioners and guests. Bishop Bradley commented on various occasions of the special character of the people of *St. Mary of the Assumption*. From the delicious dinner that was served to him and our guests before the liturgy, to the final picture taken with him in Marian Hall, he was so impressed with the spirit that fills the hearts of our parishioners. We thank all those who made this experience such a memorable parish event, and hope that the living Spirit of the Lord Jesus will fill their lives with peace and joy for many years to come!

COUNCIL CONCERN FOR HOMEBOUND

One of the goals of our Pastoral Council is to assure that every parishioner who is homebound, in a caring facility or institutionalized is aware of the MINISTRY that our Parish Family might have to them. Sister Lois represents our Parish Family in reaching out to these people who have needs from receiving the Eucharist in their homes, to having a meal provided for them. We ask those who might be concerned about such parishioners to contact the rectory or Sister Lois to make us aware of this need.

FESTIVAL FLASHES



June 22-23-24 are the dates for our Parish Family Festival...volunteers are always needed — to run a booth each evening...the "dice table" needs someone who understands all the facets of this game...Gigantic Flea Market is a great attraction for everyone...new games are on tap this year, with a special "pit crew" opportunity for those who like NASCAR....Children's rides are an integral part of each night... Delicious meals are served each night... "Yummy Island" offers a variety of special treats...be alert to the fact that the two Saturday evening liturgies that weekend will be at 5:00 p.m. and 11:15 p.m. ...the Festival Committee is asked to set aside Monday, May 15th for our next meeting...

PAC IN FINAL STAGES

The "ground breaking" for our Parish Activity Center (PAC) is now in its final stages. The building itself has been approved by the Building Commission of the Diocese, and now we await the approval to borrow the funds to begin construction. Members of the Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) continue to seek pledges from parishioners so that we can assure the Diocese that we will be able to fund this venture. IF we are not granted the loan, it will be because we have not collected enough pledges --- so we beseech all parishioners to be part of this campaign.

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 29th when we have Memorial Day. The other two days include Independence Day on July 4th and Labor Day on September 4th. These are very special times when the entire Parish Family gathers at ONE liturgy to show our unity in the remembrance of days so important to the United States of America.

EASTER WATER AVAILABLE

There is still some newly-blessed Easter water available for those who bring a container. The vat of water is situated in the front of the sanctuary near the fountain of running water. This is a very ancient practice in our Faith for Christians to carry the water to their home for blessings invoked during the year. It is a wonderful custom to have our children "bless themselves" each night before going to bed. The Easter water would remind them of their baptism and how they have become a child of God.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

Members of the CCC are reminded of their meeting set for Monday of this week, May 8th, at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory. Any member of the Parish Family who would like to see the progress of this Committee is welcome to join them. Parishioners who would like to be included in the "Memorial Plaque" being designed for the PAC are asked to contact one of the members of the Committee to assure your name being inserted on that plaque.

Masses for the Week

Sunday, May 7 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 4:00 p.m. Joseph Hajenich (Wife & Family)
- 6:00 pm Marko R. Cunich (M/M Thomas Streyle & Children)
- 7:30 a.m. John Fowkes (Family)
- 9:00 a.m. Clementine Heintz (Harry & Rachele)
- 11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish
- 6:00 p.m. Victims of Genocide of Sudan (CYM)

Monday, May 8

- 7:00 a.m. Maureen Gessler (Mom & Dad)
- 10:00 a.m. Bobby Pawlawski (Cousin - Mary Ann)

Tuesday, May 9

- 7:00 a.m. Edward Lupone, Sr. (Family)
- 10:00 a.m. Nellie Kirzyc (Daughter, Mary Ann)

Wednesday, May 10 - Bl. Damien de Veuster of Molokai

- 7:00 a.m. Mildred Rau (Marilyn Boucek)
- 10:00 a.m. George Williams (Ken, Kathy & Family)

Thursday, May 11

- 7:00 a.m. Helen Keirn (Steve & Jane Fabry)
- 10:00 a.m. Clarence A. Walz (Family)

Friday, May 12 - Ss. Nereus and Achilleus, St. Pancras

- 7:00 a.m. Mildred & Aloysius Munio (Pat & Mike Sunseri)
- 10:00 a.m. Edward Bentley (Wife Barbara)

Saturday, May 13 - Our Lady of Fatima

- 8:00 a.m. Ruth Thomas (Husband)
- 2:00 p.m. **Wedding - Emily Volk - James Ford**
- 4:00 p.m. Dorothy Falconio (Family)
- 6:00 p.m. Frank Regan (6:00 p.m. Ushers)

Sunday, May 14 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 7:30 a.m. John Fowkes, Jr. (Family)
- 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish
- 11:00 a.m. Special Intention Cora Francioni Family

Sick Relatives & Friends

Michael Ackman, Anna Marie Belch, Beth Ann, Erin Claus, Brenna Cordell, Robert Lee Corrigan, Jr., Mike Donahue, Eileen Driscoll, Carolyn Dugan, Mary Evankovich, Roberta Evankovich, Seth Fabry, Sally Farmerie, Colleen Farrell, Maura Finn, Dave Fry, Joseph George, Finisia Golden, Linda Hays, John Hoehn, Maggie, Martha Hornak, Joyce Hung, Christine Hunsberger, Ava Hutchenson, Janice Jenko, Kristy Kessler, Mildred Klein, Abigail Lutz, Michelle Midgley, Darryl Miersch, Hannah Shuker Pallas, Courtney Rachel Ryce, Carl Schulze, Annabelle Segriff, Patricia Sovek, Robert Sperling, Anthony Spinola, Joshua Stanek, Margaret Thimons, Mark Thimons, Bill Vistein, Jim & Clare Young. We invite anyone who would like to add someone to our Prayer List for 2006, to please give the rectory a call at (412) 486-4100

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

- III. Emily Volk (St. Mary's) - James Ford
- I. Elizabeth Didomenico (St. Mary's) - Clint Soose (St. Bonaventure)

R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Nancy Jane Doyle, mother of Jim Doyle and Josephine Razum, mother of Rose Wagner.

First Eucharist 2006 Cluster Group meets May 28, 10-11 AM in Marian Hall for a share-the-story about coming to the Table of the Lord and to plan for the Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ.

April 30, 2006	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	822	\$15,697.00
Cash/Loose Cks.	—	1,060.00
Children's Offer.	52	116.65
Human Devel.	1	50.00
School Collect.	1	10.00
Parish Share	61	3,827.50
Parish Needy	49	575.00
TOTAL	986	\$22,336.15

DAILY



READINGS

- May 8: Acts 11: 1-18; Jn 10: 1-10
- May 9: Acts 11: 19-26; Jn 10: 22-30
- May 10: Acts 12: 24—13: 5a; Jn 12: 44-50
- May 11: Acts 13: 13-25; Jn 13: 16-20
- May 12: Acts 13: 26-33; Jn 14: 1-6
- May 13: Acts 13: 44-52; Jn 14: 7-14
- May 14: Acts 9: 26-31; Ps 22; 1 Jn 3: 18-24; Jn 15: 1-8

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISMS: Born again of water and the Spirit here at St. Mary's was:

Jason Adrian Midgley

We congratulate him, his parents, godparents and grandparents!

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**PENTECOST/SPRING CONCERT:** For those who would like to sing with the Adult Choir but can't make the weekly commitment, there is an opportunity this Spring. Anyone who would like to sing Vivaldi's "Gloria" at our Pentecost/Spring Concert on June 4th, is welcome to rehearse with us during the month of May and sing with us at the 12:45 p.m. Concert. Many people are familiar with the piece as it is a beautiful and beloved choral work that has been performed in the past here at St. Mary's. This is an opportunity for those who have sung with the choir in the past to join us again or for those who haven't, but would like the experience of rehearsing and performing this work. Please consider joining us for this wonderful event. If you are interested, please call Bob Kardasz, Director of Music Ministries at (412) 486-4100 or come to a Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. rehearsal.

**SECOND SATURDAY MEN'S GROUP:** will meet Saturday, May 13th after the 8:00 a.m. Liturgy. This is our last gathering until September. All men are welcome!

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Our Craft Booth Committee is again in serious need of items to sell at the Parish Festival. Your generous donations in the past have really helped make the Craft Booth a success! And remember that 100% of all proceeds go right to the Church! We need all types of new Craft items. Anything that may be your specialty. Please call Debbie Boyd at (724) 449-5790 with questions or for pick-up.



**RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

**FAITH SHARING - 4th EASTER WEEK**

With the understanding that a good shepherd provides everything a flock needs, what does this indicate about God's providence and care? As a member of the Body of Christ, what do you do to help shepherd God's people?

**Son Treasure Island Summer Bible Week - August 14-18, 9:30 AM till Noon daily.** NOW taking registrations and volunteer sign ups, ages 3 to 99 will dance on the "beach", sing to Carribean tunes, create island crafts, games and more...Call 412-492-8043 or 412-486-5521 for details.

**WISH LIST:** donations of **BUTTONS** and **BEADS** no bigger than a dime, place in the box in the Children Liturgy room of the church foyer.

**Monday, Saturday, and Family Program Faith Formation Families** volunteers welcome to sign up to assist at a special liturgy once a month May thru August, and at our parish festival. YOUR service welcome and needed. Call 412-486-5521 or stop at the Faith Formation Office.

**METHODS FOR CATECHESIS,** a five session catechist formation opportunity Saturday, May 13, 9 AM till Noon meet at St. Joseph, O'Hara Twp. Music, planning, drama and more ! Call Nancy Vecchio, 412-963-9252 to register.

**REGISTRATION Information for Catechesis Sessions-Sept. 2006-2007** available NOW at our Faith Formation Office. Forms that WERE given to each family currently enrolled need to be returned to our Faith Formation office ASAP.

**WORTH WAITING FOR** a one hour interactive session for **Grade 8 youth AND parent/guardians** with members of Tri-City Life Center of Lower Burrell. FREE packet of handouts to each youth; Registration a **MUST** before or by May 19th; call 412-486-5521.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

### **SENIOR BACCALAUREATE - MAY 21, 2006**

High school seniors AND college graduates-celebrate your graduation at our annual Baccalaureate liturgy at 9 AM on Sunday, May 21. Brunch to follow in Marian Hall for your invited guests. **RSVP at 412-492-9344** and include the number of guests who will be attending, plus your **current school** and **future plans** and any **ministry** you served in the parish. Remember that two adults and the student are guests for the brunch and we ask for \$3 per person for each additional person.

## **T – ROC TONIGHT**

**MAY 7**

**NEWLY CONFIRMED EIGHTH GRADERS AND THEIR PARENTS ARE WELCOME**

- **Gather at 5:45 PM** in the church, **Liturgy 6 PM.**
- Bring food specified below to share.
- **Students who bring their own Bibles will be eligible for a free ticket to the Gateway Clipper World Youth Day Dinner Dance in Fall of 2006**
- **Parents** will stay in Marian Hall for a Parent Session on "Lifegiving Spirit" with Fr. Greg.
- **An activity will be provided for students in grades 6-8, so that all parents can attend the adult session.**

**T-ROC Food** - Please contribute the following items. If your last name begins with:

- A - E** Desserts
- F - K** Non-caffeine soda or beverage
- I - L** Fruit
- M - Q** Veggies and Dip
- R - Z** Warm Appetizer

### **HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR**

- Sun. May 7** Breakfast & Bible 10-Noon-JAM Center
- Sun. May 7** T-ROC - 6- 8:30 PM in Church
- Tues. May 9** Planning meeting for Baccalaureate 7 PM
- Sun. May 21** Baccalaureate 9AM Liturgy

### **Parents of Students in the Eleventh Grade:**

Juniors and their parents host this event. Our **planning meeting will be on Tuesday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Faith Formation office. Call CYM office at 412-492-9344 to assist.

## **ST. MARY SCHOOL**

**REGISTRATION** - Registration for students in pre-school (3 and 4 year-olds), kindergarten, and grades 1 through 8 for the 2006-2007 school year are still being accepted in the school office. Children registering for kindergarten **MUST** be 5 years of age by September 1, 2006. Requirements for registration include your child's birth and baptismal certificates and the child's social security number. A \$100.00 non-refundable registration fee is also required at that time which will be applied to next year's tuition.

**DIOCESAN SPELLING BEE** - Each year every school in the diocese of Pittsburgh is asked to have a student representative participate in the annual spelling bee which will take place on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. After an in-school competition, it was decided that Erin Sarosi, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader, will be our representative; Christine Sinkovich, also a 6<sup>th</sup> grader, is the runner-up. Congratulations and good luck!

**DRAMA CLUB PLAY-** The drama club students of the school will present the play, *Annie Jr.*, on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, in Marian Hall. There will be a performance for the student body at 12:30 PM and another performance at 7:00 PM.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE** - The last dance of the school year will take place on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, in Marian Hall from 7:15-10:00 PM. Tickets are \$5.00 and **must** be purchased in advance at the rectory, CCD office, or the school from May 8-10<sup>th</sup>. The dress code will be strictly enforced.

**PLEASE HELP** - We are asking you to save your Shop 'n Save receipts, Labels for Education from Campbell's products, old cell phones, empty ink cartridges, and one-sided paper. Many thanks!

### **A VOCATION VIEW**

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. What love God has bestowed on us in calling us His children! Pray that you may be faithful to your vocation call. (1 John 3: 1-2)

## **GENERAL PARISH NEWS**

“YES, SISTER !” the expected way to respond to Sisters who taught/teach in parish schools. A **one-woman- “Sister of the ‘50’s” teaches in the comedy, LATE NIGHT CATECHISM 2, May 23, 7:00 PM at City Theater. \$30 per ticket; call 412-486-5521 NOW ! We will leave at 6:00 PM if YOU wish to take the bus to the “class”.**

### **Parish PHOTO DIRECTORY project team**

will meet Tuesday, May 30. MARK your calendar. If YOU will volunteer for this team, please call Ruth Dollin for more details, 412-486-0614 .

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:**

Today, Good Shepherd Sunday, is a special celebration of **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**. The world-wide Church invites us to honor all Christian vocations. We are called to be united as one flock under the guidance of our one shepherd, Jesus. By our baptism we are called, chosen, and sent to carry on the mission of Jesus. You are invited to pray for our seminarian, **Bill Dorner**, as he prepares for his ordination to the transitional diaconate on Sat., June 3rd. Families are also invited to host the Traveling Vocation Chalice in their homes as a prayer tool to pray for an increase in Church Vocations. Call Jim Finn at the rectory (412) 486-4100 to schedule the chalice.

**PARISH FAMILY VOCATION COUNCIL:** All are invited to join the members of the Vocation Council at St. Paul's Seminary this Wednesday, May 10th, from 7-8 p.m. for a Holy Hour sponsored by the seminarians of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Reception to follow. If you need a ride, call Jim Finn at (412) 486-4100.

**WORSHIP COMMISSION MEETING:** members will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory on Tuesday, May 9th. All welcome!

### **LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME:**

This unique ministry for parents and children under the age of five provides post baptismal support for the parents and activities to connect these parents and their youngsters to the Parish Family. Each week The Core Team places a timely thought for parents of young and not so young children. Bud Ozar writes: **In families we are good shepherds of one another when we give our time, attentions, and interest to each other. Shepherding one another is the glue that holds strong families together.** For more information about the Let the Little Children Come To Me Ministry call Cindy Shadle at (412) 487-5272.

### **LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME -**

**MOM'S NIGHT OUT:** All Moms are invited to meet at Panera on Rt. 8, Wed., May 10th at 7 p.m. For more information call Arlene Milon at (412) 492-7275.

### **GENESIS TAG DAY:**

Members of Genesis of Pittsburgh will be outside Church Doors on May 13 and 14 collecting donations for Genesis of Pittsburgh, Inc. This nonprofit social service agency helps women facing an unplanned pregnancy. They offer free counseling, educational assistance, practical help in the form of infant needs, affordable adoption services, temporary shelter and future planning for all in need. Your contributions will be directly used to support these programs. We thank you in advance and as a token of our gratitude, a red rose applique' symbolizing your support will be given for each donation. Our aim is to guarantee the unborn a "future" whether through responsible parenting or placement through adoption.

### **WASHINGTON D.C. TOUR, MAY 25, 26 &**

**27. LAST CALL!!!** We have EIGHT seats available for those that may want to travel with us to D.C. Full itinerary, guided tour, includes two breakfasts, two dinners, all taxes and gratuities, etc. Cost is \$366.00 per person (two in a room). Call Mary Ann Coholich (412) 486-0165 or Arlene Nath (412) 487-1891.

**PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS** from Father John

BIRTHDAYS!!! Strictly speaking, we each have only ONE – the day, month and year of our BIRTH! The same day and same month in subsequent years is really an “anniversary” of the day of our birth. It allows each of us on the one hand, and our family and friends on the other, to “commemorate” the importance of the day. The first years of that commemoration become important to the person celebrating the anniversary of the birth. Each of us remembers the wonderful “birthday parties” planned by our families as all our friends brought presents and ate cake and ice cream until it was time to go home. We might even remember our “THIRTEEN” birthday for then we became an official teenager.

There were other anniversaries of our birth that became significant to the person who was celebrating the day. These were the birthdays when we came of age. When we were old enough “to apply for our driver’s license” became a great day. When we were old enough “to vote” or “to go into a bar and order our first beer legitimately” are days that we remember with a variety of stories that we repeat all the days of our lives.

After that, we begin a whole series of “birthdays” when our family and friends begin to take up the count. We celebrate our THIRTIETH birthday, and family reminds us that it is about time “to settle down” in our life style. At FORTY, we are told by our friends that the “mid life crisis is on the horizon.” When we reach FIFTY, most of us stop counting and the people around us try to make us feel good by suggesting that “we do not look our age.” Then, we come to the SIXTIETH anniversary of our birth, and a teenager says to us “.boy, you are older than my grandfather ...” and we know for sure that we have really come of age! So here I am --- looking forward to commemorating the SIXTY-FOURTH year of living ...

Why this discussion about birthdays? Not because of my sixty-four years, that’s not important enough! But rather, in one month, exactly four weeks from today, we will celebrate The Solemnity of Pentecost and in the tradition of our Catholic Faith, we refer to this day as “**The Birthday of The Church.**” This is a day that we all celebrate, irrespective of our age. A day when the Holy Spirit gives us life ---not life that can be counted in the number of years we live in this world, but life that goes beyond all count --- for that life is a life which lasts forever in the glorious kingdom of the Christ! What a birthday to celebrate!!!

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