

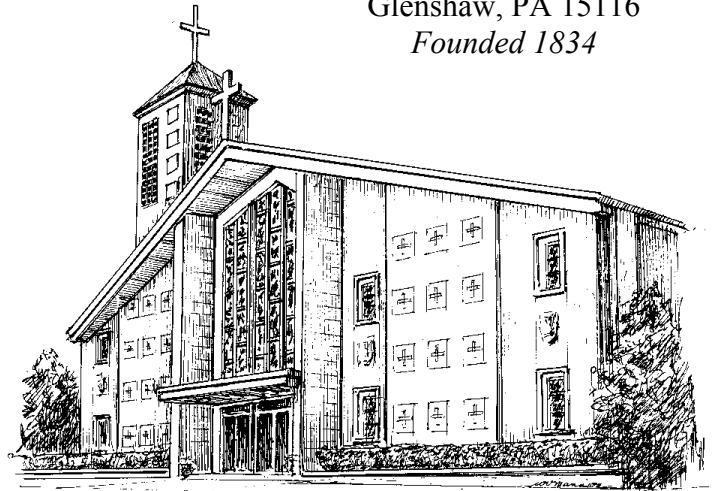
PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2009

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Founded 1834

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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

MINISTRIES FAIR – TODAY!

Today's liturgy will spotlight all those who serve IN MINISTRY in our Parish Family! On behalf of the entire Parish Family we offer a deep sense of gratitude to each and every one of you. The Parish Family of St. Mary of the Assumption in Glenshaw has served the people of this area since 1834, and only able to be of such a witness to the Catholic Faith because of the many parishioners who have given of their time, talent and treasure over these many years. The tremendous reputation our Parish Family has among all the other parishes of the Diocese is only possible because of the spirit of generosity offered by all those who serve in the many varied MINISTRIES of the Parish Family. Today we remember all of them and praise God in thanksgiving for all that they do in the name of our Parish Family!

ALL THOSE WHO ARE IN MINISTRY WILL BE
COMMISSIONED AT EACH OF THE
FIVE LITURGIES THIS WEEKEND

AN INVITATION EXTENDED TO ALL
TO JOIN US IN MARIAN HALL
AFTER THE LITURGY TO WITNESS
THE MULTIPLE MINISTRIES
OF OUR PARISH FAMILY!

SECOND COLLECTION: TODAY

All those who gather for the liturgy TODAY are reminded of the second collection that will be taken up at each liturgy. This is the annual "Bishop's Education Fund Campaign" that is taken up in every parish in the Diocese. There is an envelope in our packet for this collection. The funds received in this collection are sent to the Diocese and distributed to those families who are in need of financial assistance.

TEMPORALITIES COMMISSION

Members of the Temporalities Commission are reminded of their meeting set for Wednesday of this week, September 16th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. The Commission is overseeing the major projects of the Parish Family: development of the sewer system, developing the field, construction of a maintenance building, widening of the road and the creating of a garage for the priests. Anyone with suggestions is invited to join the meeting.

RON BELSKI: "ACOLYTE"

Congratulation to Ron Belski of our Parish Family who has been called to receive the Ministry of Acolyte by the Deacon Formation Board! This is the next step in Ron's journey to become a "permanent deacon" in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Bishop Zubik will celebrate this liturgy THIS AFTERNOON at Saint Bernadette Parish in Monroeville beginning at 3:00 p.m. Members of our Parish Family are cordially invited to join Ron, his family and friends today at this liturgy. On behalf of our entire Parish Family, we offer our congratulations to him, and remind him that he is in all of our prayer intentions.

COUNCIL GOAL FOR 2009 (part 16)

Growing In Faith Together --- **GIFT** --- the acrostic that the Pastoral Council has created to name each of the Twelve geographic areas of our Parish Family. The Pastoral Council members are now in the process of inviting members of the Parish Family to the OPEN FORUM set for Thursday, September 24th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Marian Hall. This forum is open to every parishioner who would like to get a better grasp of the **GIFT** to which they belong. The forum will present the fundamental ideas of how each parishioner can take a better "ownership" in the life of the Parish Family by a deeper "participation" in one of the Twelve **GIFTS** of the parish.

CEMETERY BOARD MEETING

Members of the Cemetery Board will meet this Monday, September 14th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. The Board oversees all of the needs of our cemetery with an eye to developing and creating a mausoleum for those who would like to place their loved ones in our cemetery. The great advantage of being laid to rest in St. Mary Cemetery is the fact that EACH WEEK prayer is offered at the Altar of the Lord for those who have been buried there.

ADULT ENRICHMENT EXPERIENCE

Looking for a way to learn more about all the facets of our Catholic Faith? Interested in finding a "source book" that summarizes all that we believe? Do you have a yearning to deepen your knowledge of what the Church teaches? Come this Thursday, September 17th in room 23 of the school as Father John offers possible answers to these questions!



LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 13, 2009 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 p.m. Catherine (Lem) Strieff - Dick & Carrie Druzak
- 6:00 p.m. Leonard Lang - Wife, Kathie
- 7:30 a.m. Agnes Fowkes - Family
- 9:00 a.m. The Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 11:00 a.m. Chester & Alexandria Politylo - Jim Politylo & Family

Monday, September 14, 2009 - Exaltation off the Holy Cross

- 7:00 a.m. Theresa Klobuchar - Mary Palamone
- 10:00 a.m. Antonio Basso - Family

Tuesday, September 15, 2009 - Our Lady of Sorrows

- 7:00 a.m. Special Intention - Marie & Lou
- 10:00 a.m. Lucy & Felix Lang - Bob & Gina

Wednesday, September 16, 2009 - St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian

- 7:00 a.m. Dick O'Leary - by His Family
- 10:00 a.m. Mike Blum - Wife & Family

Thursday, September 17, 2009 - St. Robert Bellarmine

- 7:00 a.m. Jack Jones - Lawrence & Joan Conroy
- 10:00 a.m. Mathilda Ferraro - Harry & Rachele
- 7:00 p.m. Christian Mothers/Women's Organization

Friday, September 18, 2009 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 a.m. Mary E. O'Connor - Rita Ritzmann & Mary Fadgen
- 10:00 a.m. Alfred Bartoldi, Sr. - Jane & Al

Saturday, September 19, 2009 - St. Januarius; Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:00 a.m. Grace Piano - Joan Triglia
- 4:00 p.m. Joseph Szymkowiak - Wife & Family
- 6:00 p.m. Kyle Wilson - The Zeh Family

Sunday, September 20, 2009 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. 40th Wedding Anniversary of Robert & Gloria Duffy
- 9:00 a.m. Phillip Ionadi - Marco & Rose Imbarlina
- 11:00 a.m. Mary Schultz - Schultz Family

Weekly Activities at a Glance

- Sunday Sept. 13** (Marian Hall) Ministries Fair after all Liturgies
 (Marian Hall) Hospitality Weekend after all Liturgies
 (Marian Hall) 7:30PM - 175th Anniversary Play Practice (Act 1 & 2)
- Monday Sept. 14** (School) 4:30PM - CCD Classes Begin
 (School) 6:30PM - CCD Classes Begin
 (Rectory) 7:00PM - Cemetery Board Meeting
 (Rectory) 7:30PM - Capital Campaign Committee
- Tuesday Sept. 15** (Church) 2:45PM - Children's Cantor Practice
 (Pantry) 6:00PM - Open Pantry
 (Marian Hall) 6:30PM - Adult Ed. with Fr. Ed
 (Church) 7:00PM - Adult Hand Bell Practice
 (Rectory) 7:00PM - St. Vincent DePaul Meeting
- Wednesday Sept. 16** (Marian Hall) 9:30AM - Let the Little Children Come
 (Marian Hall) 1:30PM - 55 Specials Bingo
 (Church) 2:45PM - Children's Choir
 (School) 6:30PM - School Parent's Meetings
 (Rectory) 7:00PM - Temporality Committee Mtg.
 (Church) 7:30PM - Adult Choir Practice
- Thursday Sept. 17** (School) 6:30PM - Adult Ed. With Fr. John
 (Church) 7:00PM - Christian Mothers/Women's Org.
 (Prov. Hall) 7:30PM - 175th Anniversary Play Practice (Act 2 & 3)
- Friday Sept. 18** (Marian Hall) 7:30PM - 175th Anniversary Play Practice (Church Building Scene)
- Saturday Sept. 19** (Marian Hall) 9:00AM - Forensics Meeting
 (Marian Hall) 7:15PM - Middle School Dance
- Sunday Sept. 20** (Church) 9:00AM - Family Program Begins
 (Marian Hall) 9:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children
 (Rectory) 10:00AM - RCIA

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II. Peter Belski (St. Mary) & Megan O'Brien (St. Ursula)

Widows & Widowers Group will meet on September 27, at the **Runway Restaurant** by the Butler Airport at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome. For more information or carpooling call Marge at 412-486-5621 or Barb at 412-486-4209.



THE CROSS TO BEAR

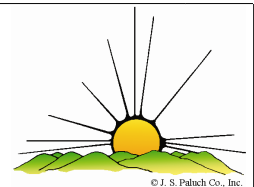
If you bear the cross gladly, it will bear you.

~Thomas a Kempis

Offertory Collection

August 30, 2009	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	692	\$16,064.29
Cash/Loose Checks	-	\$1,020.00
Children's Offertory	30	\$44.61
School Collection	13	\$177.00
Parish Needy	25	\$556.00
Total	760	\$17,861.90

Daily Readings



- Sept. 14** Nm 21:4b-9 Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Sept. 15 1 Tm 3:1-13; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Sept. 16 1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35
Sept. 17 1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50
Sept. 18 1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 8:1-3
Sept. 19 1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15
Sept. 20 Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37

SACRAMENTAL LIFE



Baptized in Christ

Douglas John Garbark
Abigail Julianne Legal
Lila Rose Torchia

Congratulations to their parents, godparents, and grandparents. Please join us in welcoming their into our *Parish Family!*

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Faith Sharing for 24th Week Ordinary Time

The purpose of reflecting on the scriptures is to come to know and eventually “put on the mind of Christ” and the heart of God the Father. It means trying to see the world, others and all of creation the way God sees and cares for them. For Christians, Jesus is the way to seeing, understanding, and viewing the world from God’s perspective. How do YOU understand what it means to take on the mind and heart of Christ? What implications for Christian living does such a commitment have for your life?

Faith Formation for children and youth who attend public schools begin:

THIS Monday, Sept. 14, 4:30 or 6:30 PM ;

Saturday, Sept. 19, 10:30 AM till Noon;

Family Program, Sept. 20, 10 AM-Noon.

Adults and older teens welcome to assist in classes. **Call 412-486-5521 for details.**

Those already registered, STOP at the Ministry Fair in Marian Hall THIS weekend to pick up a copy of our *Catechesis* calendar brochure.

175th Anniversary Blue Bag with white Parish Logo available at the Faith Formation Office @ \$2.00 each.

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT

Call 412-486-5521 to Register

- **Are YOU Desperate for the Word ?** Come to our Bible Study, Tuesdays, 1:00 - 2:30 PM in our Faith Formation Conference center, lower floor of the school building. We will begin on Tuesday, September 8th. We will be studying the Psalms. **All are welcome!** Please contact Dori Monahan at 412.492.9891 with any questions.
- **Creed: The Profession of Faith**, deepen your understanding of what we profess to BELIEVE. Come Tuesdays, 6:30 -9:00PM on September 15th - October 27th in Marian Hall with Father Ed. Please register!
- **ADULTS & TEENS**, SEE the Source Books on display in the foyer and come for an opportunity for ENRICHMENT with Father John. He will lead us through an introduction to the newest Scripture Source Book and Catholic Source Book. Both texts will be available for purchase or loan at the session on Thursday, Sept. 17, 6:30 -9:30 PM, in Room 23 in our school, by the Library. Please register!
- **Protecting God’s Children - Part 1:** A time to Protect God’s Children Film and discussion NEXT Monday, September 21, 6:30-8:00 PM in Marian Hall. Part 2 will be held October 19. Call 412-486-5521 if YOU will participate. FREE booklets to each participant.

A VOCATION VIEW

Do you want to follow Jesus? If you lose yourself for Jesus’ sake, you will find life. It is worth the cost of your life.

(Mark 8:27-35)

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME

All families with children age five and under are welcome to come to church on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16** at 9:30am for **PRAY AND PLAY DAY**. Call Monica to find out more at 412.492.0242. Moms, dads, grandparents and caregivers are welcome!

PARENTING POINTERS

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.” (Matt. 5:9) Birth order theory says that middle children are often peacemakers between their siblings. Whether or not this is the case in your family, teach your children the skills of peacemaking. Talk about and consider taking the Family Pledge of Nonviolence.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Jesus literally laid down his life for us. We also lay down our lives, however, when we put our spouse’s comfort before our own, when we let go of having the last word in an argument, or when we labor for the family.

CATHOLIC MEN’S FELLOWSHIP

Men from our parish meet twice a month to deepen their faith and relationship to God. All men and young men are invited to join this group on either the **FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH** at 7:30pm in the rectory or on the **SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH** after the 8:00am Mass in the school. For more information call the rectory and ask for Jim Finn our pastoral associate.

RETREAT NEWS

A good way to deepen our faith is to spend time away from the distractions of everyday life. St. Paul’s Retreat Center on the south side of Pittsburgh offers many weekend opportunities to do just that. **Our women are going on retreat November 6-7-8 and our men in March.** Information on other retreat opportunities is available by calling the rectory.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

If you want to be happy home we must commit (“lose ourselves”) to our family. If we try to be independent from others (“save ourselves”) we end up lonely and alone. Happiness is found in commitments. The gospel is true: We save our life by losing it!

HOMELESS in Pittsburgh are in need of sleeping bags and blankets. If you wish to donate, please put on the last pews in the Children Liturgy Room with a sign “for the homeless”.



YOUTH MINISTRY

THE BEATITUDES HAVE ATTITUDE LEARN THEM LIVE THEM

Matthew 5: 3-12

Shaler Senior Service projects are going fast. Contact the CYM office ASAP if you are a senior looking for a project.

AUGUST 22, 2009

RED LETTER DAY FOR OUR PARISH

A MESSAGE FROM

Fr. Santo Onen, in Gulu, Uganda:

Greetings to you in the name of the Lord. On behalf of the Christians of Koch Goma Chapel, I would like to convey our heartfelt appreciation for the support you gave us for the borehole. The borehole was drilled on 22/8/09. The work is nearing completion. We are very grateful for that support. We pray that the same spirit continues. I will send the photos of the borehole soon. This year the Archdiocese of Gulu was blessed with three new priests. We were also blessed with six new Deacons who are going to be ordained priests next year in July/August. We ask you to pray for them so that they reach the altar of the Lord. I will send their photos also. God bless you all.

Fr. Santo Onen

On August 22, the well was dug! Now, thanks to so many of you, clean water will be available for the first time in many years. With clean water will come healthier children and less death due to water borne illnesses. Thank you for your generosity in supporting all of our CYM fund raising efforts.

CYM Basketball

There will be opportunities for service hours for all teens wishing to play on the CYM basketball team this year, including working at our monthly parish breakfasts. You will need to complete sixteen hours to qualify for the team. If you are even thinking about playing CYM basketball, go to the Diocese of Pittsburgh website [www.diopitt.org] and print off the athletic release form located in the Youth Ministry section of their web page. Take it to your physician when you go for your school physical. Turn the completed and signed form to the CYM office ASAP OR DROP OFF AT THE RECTORY, we are starting to compile the roster. The site to obtain the form is also posted on the St. Mary CYM Facebook page.

PARENTS: Your teens have lots of questions about relationships and maturing in their understanding of God's plan for them. The amazing Mrs. T will offer an opportunity for teens to gather on September 19 at 9:30 AM in the Catacomb. Call 412-486-5521 to register your high school teen for this life changing series.

HERE'S TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH!

OPEN GYM IS FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND YOUNG ADULTS THIS WEDNESDAY AT THE PAC BEGINNING AT 7:30 PM. GET READY FOR BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL OR BADMINTON.

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK AT St. Mary of the Assumption CYM. 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 contact Mrs. B via belskib@verizon.net.

ST. MARY SCHOOL



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ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS – Entertainment Books will be sold at the Scrip Office and at the Scrip table in church beginning this weekend. The cost of the book is \$20. We appreciate your continued support of our fundraisers.

CONTINUE TO SAVE - Please continue to save all Campbell's products labels, Box Tops For Education labels, ink cartridges, cell phones, and Shop 'N Save receipts for the school. These items afford us the opportunity to purchase educational materials for the children. Many thanks!

SMAA Outing

Monday September 14 - Pittsburgh National Golf Club
12:30 Start 18 Hole Scramble - \$135.00/person - Trio Buffet Dinner, Prizes, Hot Dog at turn, Beer and Soft Drinks - Hole Sponsors = \$135.00 If interested please contact Kelly Cannon Ph: 412-551-3150 / Email: kellycannon@verizon.net

175th ANNIVERSARY HAPPENINGS



- ♦ Stop down after Mass to Marian Hall and look at the various items that tell a lot about the history of our parish family. Going back 175 years is a lot of history! Enjoy some refreshments and meet someone new. Check out the various ministries sponsored by our parish family. Your involvement makes all this possible!
- ♦ Times have changed! In 1927 there were 20 baptisms, 6 marriages, and 7 deaths. The original narrow lane from Middle road to the church, lined on its northern side by locust trees and on the south by a fence, was widened to 30 feet in 1938. The next year, the few remaining locust trees, now over 100 years old, began to fall and had to be removed. By the late 1930's the parish was made up of 200 families. Many nationalities were now represented by the faithful. Today, some 2,400 families make up our parish family!
- ♦ Get your tickets for the Anniversary Dinner Dance on November 14 at the Holiday Inn RIDC Park after Mass today in Marian Hall.
- ♦ The Historical Musical will be held on October 17 in the PAC. FREE ADMISSION TICKETS are available at the Ministries Fair.

OUR PARISH NEWS

Parish MISSION



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PARISH MISSION RENEWAL

The Book of Ecclesiastics tells us that "there is an appointed time for everything." Now is the time for renewal, graces, growth, healing, and forgiveness. Mark your calendars to become part of this

blessed time of Renewal in our parish family. This is also a good time to thank God for the faith sharing that has been part of this parish for the past 175 years. October 11-14, 2009 is the appointed time for all of us! Plan to attend and bring someone you know or love who hasn't been here for one reason or another. No questions asked - just a warm welcome awaits!

PRO-Life Meeting this Wednesday, September 16th at 7:00PM in St. Mary School Room #23. All are welcome! Enter at the back of the school building by the Library.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

Next week will be an historic week in Pittsburgh. Begin it by attending the International Day of Peace FESTIVAL at North Park on Sunday, Sept. 20th from 3:00pm until 6:00pm, rain or shine. For more information call 412.367.0383. All of us should pray for a successful and peace-filled G-20 Summit on Sept. 24-25. Who should we pray for? G-20 leaders and delegates from all over the world, members of the news media, advocates and protesters, police officers and other security officials, government and economic leaders of the Pittsburgh region, residents who work in the downtown area, and all people of the world, particularly those who are poor and vulnerable.

MARKET DAY SPECIAL... OnLine Shopping Passes @ \$20.00 each (they are worth \$25) will be available for purchase at the MINISTRY FAIR TODAY. The pass can only be redeemed online @ marketday.com using the promo code on each pass. Patrons can pay with cash or with a check, made out to "Market Day" at the Ministry Fair (this is the only time they will be available for purchase). **Market Day fliers** are available at the church exits. Orders due by noon, Sept. 15 for the Sept. 21 pick up. Get a **FREE TOTE BAG** when you order 3 items in September. Helpers on pick up day needed Sept. 21, 5 PM on; call Lee at 724-443-1147.

GOOD NEWS TO SHARE



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY will be observed nationally NEXT week, but this weekend, in conjunction with our Ministry Fair, we recognize all those who **so generously volunteer** time, talent, and love to serve as catechists and in other aspects of our liturgical and parish social and temporal life. May the Jesus, the WORD of God, fill the hearts and spirits of each person who serves as Jesus who came to lay down His life for others. As He said, "there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for another."

Dance for All Middle School Students

St. Mary's Parish and School middle school students: grades 6, 7 and 8 – come to the first St. Mary's dance of the year on **Saturday, September 19, 7:15 – 10:00 pm**. All are welcome to enjoy one another's company, music by parish DJ's: Joe and David Bosack, and refreshments in Marion Hall. Join friends from St. Mary's, St. Bonnie's, St. Sebastian's, St. Ursula's, St. Theresa's and Christ the Divine. Buy your **tickets** at St. Mary's School, CCD office or rectory for **\$5.00**. We look forward to seeing you there. No one admitted without a ticket. **Questions, call Mary Sue Certo-Newcamp at 412-767-5234.**

Theology of the Body for Teens presents the two hottest topics on the planet - God and sex - and "marries" them through Pope John Paul II's compelling vision for love and life. Using a great mix of stories, real-life examples, films, activities, prayers, and references to the culture that teens understand, **Theology of the Body for Teens** answers the questions teens have about their own bodies, issues on sexual morality, and how they were uniquely created for greatness. High School Teens (or parents) wishing to be part of the several week process, contact Lee Ann at 412-492-8043. Sessions begin Saturday, Sept. 19, 10:30 AM till Noon or Sunday, Sept. 20, 10:00 AM till Noon. Meeting will be in the our JAM house.

Christian Mothers/Women's Organization

Our spiritual mother, the Catholic Church realizes the great responsibilities of mothers and wants to help them through the Confraternity of Christian Mothers. The destinies of the individual, of society, the Church and the State are in the hands of mothers more than of anyone else. Neglect mothers, or permit them to neglect themselves, and all others who work for the good of God and society will not be successful. What could be more basic to the needs of the world than to have wives and mothers made aware of their dignity and responsibility so that they may form the minds and hearts of their children in a Christian way of life? **Mother Love**, a Prayer Book for Christian Wives and Mothers.

New to St. Mary's? Why not come to our annual meet and greet Calendar Party on Thursday, September 17th? You do not have to be a member to attend an event. Feel free to attend several evenings and decide if Christian Mothers is a ministry you would like to join. We always begin with praying the rosary around 6:35PM followed by 7:00PM Mass, then down to Marian Hall for fellowship. If you are unable to be present for the entire evening, why not plan to be with us whatever portion you can make it. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Buck at 412.492.8367.

September 6, 2009	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	785	\$20,785.46
Cash/Loose Checks	-	\$773.00
Children's Offertory	30	\$93.17
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	3	\$30.00
Catholic School Collection	3	\$75.00
Bishop's Educational Fund	5	\$120.00
Parish Share 2009	32	\$1,185.00
Parish Needy	140	\$1,871.00
Total	998	\$24,932.63

PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS from Father John

The “**Ministries Fair**” is a golden opportunity for every parishioner to be informed of all the dimensions of our active parish life summarized in FIVE categories within our Parish Pastoral Council:

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES that would include the Altar Servers, the Art and Environment Committee, those responsible for the Liturgy of the Word with Children, the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, the Greeters, the Money Counters, all those involved in the Music Ministry, Readers and the Ushers.

FAITH FORMATION includes those in Adult Enrichment, those helping with the Baptism Preparation, the Bible Study Groups who meet regularly, the Catholics Coming Home Ministry, the many parishioners who serve in the various facets of the Faith Formation Program, those taking part in the Cluster Zone Groupings, the Evangelization Team, the Sunday morning Family Program, the persons who help in the Let The Little Children Come To Me Ministry, the couples who lead our Marriage Preparation for Engaged Sessions, those who direct the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), those who head up the Retreats both for women and men, those who take part in the Summer Bible Week and all those who minister in the Catholic Youth Ministry.

THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL with all its facets some of which include the Athletic Association, the Band, the Development Committee, the Drama Club for Children, the Food Service Directors with the cafeteria workers and playground overseers and all those who serve in the Parent-Teacher Guild (PTG).

THE ORGANIZATIONS of our Parish Family that serve all of us are the Apostolic Visitation Ministry, the Ministry of Bereavement, the Capital Campaign Committee, the Confraternity of Christians Mothers and Women’s Guild, the Drama Troupe, the Fifty-Five Special Group, the Finance Council, the Hospitality Committee, Martha’s Hands and Caring Hearts, the St. Mary Pro-Life Committee, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Saturday Men’s Group, the Scouting Programs, the Temporalities Commission, the Vocation Council, the Widows Widowers Support Group and the Worship Commission.

EVENT COMMITTEES include the Blood Drive, the Festival, the Missionary Fund Raising Groups, the Parish Share, the Family Picnic, the Sharing Tree Committee and the Wedding Day Coordinators.