

Bulletin # 910038

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## “CATCH THE VIBE”

### VITALITY IN BUILDING EXCELLENCE

Parishioners who have never given to the Pledge Campaign since its inception in 2003 will be sent a personal invitation this week seeking their financial assistance in our improvement project. As the construction of our Parish Activity Center (PAC) continues to move forward, we are hoping that all parishioners will make a pledge or contribution to the campaign. The next invoice that we receive for the work now going on will exhaust the funds that we have already accumulated for this project. Thus, we will begin to acquire our first debt as we will need to borrow money from the Diocese to meet this invoice.

We remind all members of the Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) that we will meet on Monday of this week, November 13<sup>th</sup> in Marian Hall at 7:00 p.m.. Any parishioner who would like to help in this mailing out process is cordially invited to join the CCC on Monday evening.

### LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTRY (part 2)

The term “LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTRY” will soon become part of the everyday parlance of a Catholic living in the United States, as the Bishops of the country have published the document entitled “*Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord.*” This document will become a “common frame of reference for ensuring that the development of lay ecclesial ministry continues in ways that are faithful to the Church’s theological and doctrinal tradition and that respond to contemporary pastoral needs and situations.” All members of our Parish Family should become familiar with this development!

### “PITTSBURGH CATHOLIC” MAILED

All those who take a “Pittsburgh Catholic” each week from the church will notice that this week’s edition is being SENT HOME to every registered family in our parish. We hope that our parishioners will make use of this edition since it contains the popular Advent-Christmas calendar with many ideas for the family at this time of year. There are many articles in the paper that explore parish life, give the current state of the Envisioning Ministry process for the future, and a multiple list of other important religious news and instruction for those growing in the Catholic Faith.

## RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND

Each year at this time we are encouraged to support the collection for the religious that is taken up in all the churches of the United States. The insert in this week’s bulletin will be a reminder of the great need that is quite apparent in helping the retired religious. We will have an opportunity to be generous to this collection NEXT WEEK as one of the members of the religious will speak at all the liturgies. There is an envelope in our packet for this collection. We ask that all members of our Parish Family be as generous as possible in giving to this collection since the National Religious Retirement Office is then able to distribute these funds to the religious in our Diocese and throughout the country.

### PAVER BRICKS HAVE FOUND A HOME

Those who previously purchased paver bricks will be elated to know that the inscribed bricks have become a beautiful path for those who walk the journey of our OUTDOOR Way of the Cross. We invite all parishioners to take advantage of this spiritual journey before the cold winter days set in, and be mindful that it will be a very special Lenten practice next year for all of us. We thank Jonathan Coholich and his organized crew for creating such a wonderful use for these inscribed bricks.

### ARE YOU SAVING YOUR NEWSPAPER?

Members of the Temporalities Commission have set the concrete pad for the arrival of the BINS to collect our old newspapers. Notice that pad at the back corner of the school and be alert to the bins that will be coming shortly. We hope that all parishioners will become involved in this project. Not only has our Parish Family created another way of increasing our finances, but also we are making an extra effort to help in the conservation of our natural resources, as this paper will now be recycled.

### TOUR OF CHURCH BOOKLET

Congratulations to those involved in our “Let The Little Children Come To Me” process for putting together a “Let’s Tour” guide for our own church building. What a wonderful tool to help children (and adults in many cases) to learn about all the facets of our beautiful church. Those wishing to purchase this little booklet may simply call the rectory for information concerning it.

**Masses for the Week**

**Sunday, November 12 - Thirty-second Sunday in Ord. Time**

- 4:00 p.m. Betty Mittelmeier (Carol & Robert Seay)
- 6:00 pm Deceased of Deasy Family (Bob & Marie Deasy)
- 7:30 a.m. Frances Barsh (Family)
- 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish
- 11:00 a.m. Angelo Spampinato (Wife, Rose)

**Monday, November 13 - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**

- 7:00 a.m. Clarence A. Walz (Family)
- 10:00 a.m. Alfred M. Bartoldi (Mother & Dad)

**Tuesday, November 14**

- 7:00 a.m. Fred Gentile (Ellen & David Newell)
- 10:00 a.m. Mae Gentile (Dolly Gentile)

**Wednesday, November 15 - St. Albert the Great**

- 7:00 a.m. Louise Sunseri (Joe Slagel Family)
- 10:00 a.m. Albert Uranker (Edward Uranker)

**Thursday, November 16 - St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude**

- 7:00 a.m. Nanette Kowaleski (Family)
- 10:00 a.m. Ann & Chuck Goetz 42nd Anniversary
- 7:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of CM/WO

**Friday, November 17 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary**

- 7:00 a.m. Teresa Gullo (Lisa Ruffa)
- 10:00 a.m. Carl & Mary Jane Tabacjar 50th Wedding Anniv. (Children & Grandchildren)

**Saturday, November 18 - Dedication of Basilicas of Ss. Peter & Paul, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, B.V.M.**

- 8:00 a.m. Jim Cenci (Family)
- 2:00 p.m. **Wedding - Jamie Palmieri & Brett Schaltenbrand**
- 4:00 p.m. Eleanor Triglia (Family)
- 6:00 p.m. Stephanie McNalley (Family)

**Sunday, November 19 - Thirty - third Sunday in Ord. Time**

- 7:30 a.m. Eleanor Pugliese (Family)
- 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish
- 11:00 a.m. Sara Lupnacca (Pamela & Dennis Ladesic)

**A VOCATION VIEW**

**If we dare to trust God with our lives, great things happen. Give God your total self. (Mark12:38-44)**

**READER MEETING-** all those who proclaim the word of God in our parish family are reminded to come for an important get together this Wed. November 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 pm.

**MILITARY PRAYER LIST-** during this Veteran's Day weekend, let us remember in a special way to pray for all our veterans and those currently serving our country, especially those listed on our Military Prayer List by the Sacred Heart statue. Pray especially for **Robert Kaminski**, a member of our parish family who was seriously injured in Iraq. You may send letters and cards to the rectory or directly to him:

**Walter Reed Medical Center  
Soldier Robert Kaminski  
C/o Red Cross Ward- 57  
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW  
Washington, D. C. 20307**

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

**III. Jamie Palmieri - Brett Schaltenbrand  
(St. Mary's)**

**R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anna Fritsch.**

**DAILY**



**READINGS**

- Nov. 13: Ti 1-9; Lk 17: 1-6
- Nov. 14: Ti 2:1-8; 11-14; Lk 17: 17-7-10
- Nov. 15: Ti 3: 1-7; Lk 17-11-19
- Nov. 16: Phlm 7-20; Lk 17: 20-25
- Nov. 17: 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17: 26-37
- Nov. 18: 3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18: 1-8 or (for the memorial of the Dedication)  
Acts 28: 11-16, 30-31; Mt 14: 22-33
- Nov. 19: Dn 12: 3; Ps 16; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13: 24-32

| November 5,2006   | Envelopes    | Contributions      |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Offertory         | 908          | \$18,293.70        |
| Cash/Loose Cks.   | —            | 1,001.00           |
| Children's Offer. | 60           | 87.51              |
| All Saints        | 34           | 308.00             |
| World Mission     | 3            | 80.00              |
| Parish Share      | 14           | 1,018.33           |
| Parish Needy      | 12           | 276.00             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>1,031</b> | <b>\$21,064.54</b> |

## **SACRAMENTAL LIFE**

**FAMILY CCD PROGRAM:** meets NEXT Sunday, November 19th, beginning with 9:00 a.m. Liturgy, Grade 7-2; Closing Prayer after session by Grade 3.

The November Project will be the Angel's Place, Inc. A table will be set up at the back of Marian Hall for this collection. Thank you for your generosity and support - it is greatly appreciated!

**OUR PRAYER VESSEL:** Located on the table near the Tabernacle is filling up with the many prayer intentions of our Parish Family. These intentions are remembered at every Mass. Extra petition slips are located in the back of Church by the pamphlet rack or you can use the one below.

**INTO YOUR HANDS, LORD I ENTRUST MY INTENTIONS**

**R. C. I. A.-** If you or someone you know and love is interested in finding out more about what it means to be a Catholic Christian, join us on Sunday morning at 10:00 am in the rectory. This week we will discuss: Church History around the world and next week we'll continue our discussion focusing on the church in the United States. Call Fr. Ed or Jim Finn at (412)486-4100.

## **MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL AND**

**MORAL THEOLOGY-** We invite you to join Super Bowl Champion Chris Godfrey, president of Life Athletes, Inc. as he explores teaching virtue, abstinence, chastity and respect for life with the help of professional and Olympic athletes. All parishioners and especially our middle school and high school youth are welcome to join us on **WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15<sup>TH</sup>** at 7:30 pm at **St. Paul Seminary Auditorium**. The talk is free—**all are welcome. Dads bring your sons!** Call Jim Finn (412)486-4100 if you need a ride!

## **RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

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**FAITH SHARING - 32nd Week Ordinary Time**

How do YOU experience God's providence?

How do YOU show generosity to others?

What do we do in our parish family to ensure that the poor feel welcome? What kinds of things are difficult for you to do without?

**Grade 5-6-7-8 Parents/Guardians Meet with Father Ed about *The Catholic Vision of Love*, spiritual aspects of human sexuality.** This diocesan designed program is for Grades 5-6-7-8 and is required to be presented in all those classes of our parish. An **Adult SESSION** to review the principles of the CVOL will be held **IN CHURCH THIS Monday, Nov. 13, 6:30 PM**

If YOU are concerned about the integrity of our youth in the face of the social pressures they encounter, don't miss this.

**Saturday Faith Formation Nov. 18 welcomes parents/guardians to meet IN their child's class at 9:30 AM.** Older youth will have an opportunity to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 AM; parents/guardians too

**FAMILY ADVENT ACTIVITIES available at our Faith Formation Center .** Stop in to purchase an item which could help to keep you spiritually focused during the Advent season:

Candles for wreath...4 for \$3.00

Ring with 4 candle holders...\$3.00

Ring with Greens & 4 candle holders...\$6.00

**Booklets & Activities - \$1.00 each:**

Family Calendar 2007 ,Family Prayer Traditions, What can I GIVE for Christmas?, Symbols & Traditions of Advent, Living Light-Devotions for Children, A Circle of Love-Family Devotions Road Work Ahead - for Teens,

Chain of Stars - to make Chain of Angels - to make Twirling Toward Bethlehem - Mobile

What Child is This? Seek & find

## 6 PM liturgy Sunday, November 12

All parishioners are welcome to attend. Fr. John will be the celebrant and then he will visit each group. We will continue our study of Catholic Social Teaching. Small group discussions for the adult and high school groups will be focused on action plans. Activities will be available for Grade 8 and younger.

**WE WERE RUNNING OUT OF FOOD AT THE OCTOBER SESSION SO PLEASE BRING SOMETHING TO SHARE!**

Snack to bring if Last Name begins with:

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

### Reflections from the NIGHT OF THE STARS:

I was in awe that:

high school teens like **Robb** and **Randy Ruffner** and **Melissa Szafranski** were so musically talented.

We had the pleasure of a book reading from one of our own parishioners and published author, **Dr. Richard De-Filippo**.

**Mr. Tom Politylo**, a skilled actor, brought his talents here for the benefit of our own youth ministry.

**Karly Smrekar**, **Hanna Dausch** and the **St. Mary's Children's choir** demonstrated how even our youngest have incredible talent to offer.

our stage crew of **Megan Brown**, **Nick Sciullo** and **Crista Zavolta**, all teens, were a competent and essential part of the performance.

So many who missed the performance and even those who attended are requesting an encore performance.

Josh's plan for an intergenerational drama troupe came together for a wonderful night of fellowship and entertainment. **Ron Belski**, **Mary Sue Certo-Newcamp**, **Mary Ann Coholich**, **Josh DeFilippo**, **Ziggy Dougherty**, **Aidan Kelly**, **Alex Lamers**, **Katie Raimondi**, **Mariane**, **Randy** and **Robb Ruffner** and **Melissa Szafranski**, thanks for the laughter and the great memories!

### HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

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| <u>Sun., Nov. 12</u>  | T-ROC   |
| <u>Tues., Nov. 14</u> | Rehearsal for FAME –<br>Providence Hall 6:30 PM             |
| <u>Thur., Nov. 16</u> | Rehearsal for FAME –<br>Providence Hall 6:30 PM             |
| <u>Sun., Nov. 19</u>  | CYM Gateway Clipper Dinner dance<br>(you MUST pre-register) |
| <u>Sun., Nov. 26</u>  | We visit with youth at Holy Sepulcher 6 PM                  |

## SCHOOL NEWS

**PTG MEETING:** There will be a PTG Meeting on Tuesday, November 14th, at 7:00 p.m. in Marian Hall. In addition to the regular meeting, a speaker from Children's Hospital will address the topic of "Overscheduled Kids."

**CHECHE BLESSING:** The instrumental band students as well as the members of our Children's Choir have been invited once again to perform at the Blessing of the Creche in downtown Pittsburgh on Friday, November 17th. We consider this a real honor to be invited to this special event.

**SCRIP SALES:** Avoid the holiday shopping rush and help our school at the same time. Purchase gift certificates through our Scrip Office for your gift giving. The office is located in the rear of our school and is open daily from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

**ENJOY** books are still available for purchase for \$25.00 each at the Scrip Office. They also make great Christmas Gifts!

**APPLES FOR STUDENTS:** Giant Eagle began their "Apples for Students" program on Sunday, October 29th, 2006 and will run through Saturday, March 17, 2007. If you have not already registered for this program which benefits our school, please show your support by registering online at [www.gianteagle.com](http://www.gianteagle.com) or by calling 1-800-474-4777. You must enter our school ID number :1131.

### NORTH CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT

**TESTING:** November 18, 2006 for the class of 2011! Students may download an application online at [www.north-catholic.org](http://www.north-catholic.org) or call (412) 321-4823 ext. 127 for details.



## **GENERAL PARISH NEWS**

### **ATTENTION ALL CHRISTIAN MOTHERS**

**WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION MEMBERS:** For those of you who have an interest in learning how to become a **Server, Reader or Minister of Holy Communion** for our monthly Liturgy, we are meeting on **Tuesday, evening the 14th of November at 7:00 p.m.** to teach this to those of you who are interested. Please call Jan Raible at (412) 486-0367 or Marilyn Buck at (412) 492-8367 **as soon as possible** if you plan to attend.

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

**ME MINISTRY:** There are many opportunities provided for parents with children under the age of five to gather for prayer, fun and support. Call Cindy Shadle for more information (412) 487-5272.

**PRAY AND PLAY DAY-** Bring your little ones to church this Wed. Nov. 15 at 9:30am for an opportunity to pray and play and to meet new friends with children the same age as yours! Call Jodi (412)267-3027 for more information!

### **A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** by Bud Ozar

The widow in today's gospel challenges us to be generous by giving back to the Lord and to the community from the blessings we have received. Jesus is clear in today's gospel: Don't just talk about it (like the Scribes), but do it (like the widow)! If it isn't sacrificial, we are not yet generous enough.

**ATTENTION USHERS AND GREETERS:** Mark your calendars - - - plan now to attend our annual get together on Thursday, December 14th, at 7:00 p.m. in Marian Hall.

**CAHAL DUNNE:** Saturday, November 25, in Marian Hall, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$12.00. Please call Sister Lois at (412) 486-4021.

### **Could YOU be a DISCIPLE?**

**Father William Fay** will lead the discussion of **Discipleship in the Gospel of Mark.**

**COME THIS** Tuesday 6:30-8:30 PM in the school library. ALL adults & youth welcome !

**Sister's Christmas Catechism -The Mystery of the Magi's Gold.** Deacon Fran will take us on the bus from Saint Mary's to City Theater, South Side, Wed, Dec. 6 for the 8 PM show. Call 412-486-5521 now to reserve a ticket @\$35.00 each. A great way to celebrate Saint Nicholas night !

**MARKET DAY NOVEMBER** Order Forms are found at the entrances of our church. Orders may also be placed at [www.MARKETDAY.com](http://www.MARKETDAY.com). Helpers welcome to assist on the Market Day team. Call Lee Holleran at 724-443-0673.

### **Monday Night Football and Moral Theology**

Adult lecture by Mr. Chris Godfrey, Wed, Nov. 15, 7:30-9:00 PM at St. Paul Seminary, Crafton. Free and ALL Welcome!

### **Jefferson Regional Medical Senior Services:**

This service agency will offer a free series of four programs designed for those who care for or assist older adults. Programs will be held in the Jefferson Room, Bibro Pavilion, Jefferson Regional Medical Center, Coal Valley Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15236. Presentations include: Nov. 13th, *Preparing the Way (financial preparedness/legal concerns)*; Nov. 20th, *Self Care for Caregivers*; Nov. 27th, *What Can I Do : Next Steps (managing family disagreements, dealing with resistance, how to ask for help and where to find it)*. Call Senior Services at (412) 469-7099 to register.

**Shaler Area High School** will present the Play of **PETER PAN** on Friday, Nov. 17th, at 7 p.m. and Sat., Nov. 18th, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are available at the door.

## **PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS** from Father John

There is many a day in my life when I take a stroll through the cemetery where my mother and father have been buried side by side. It seems like the older I get with more of my life behind me than in front of me, this walk takes on a greater significance. There is nothing morbid about my reflection, for the basis of my “impression” lies in the magnificent experience of the Resurrection as the destiny designed by God for all of us.

November brings these thoughts to the fore since this is the month when we remember our beloved dead. What a touchingly powerful celebration we had on All Souls Day when FIFTY-FOUR candles were lit in our sanctuary --- each one representing one of the 54 persons who was buried from our Parish Family this past year! Yet we have come to believe that death is not a tragic end to life. It is simply the entranceway that allows us to bask in the light of eternal glory.

Those of us who saunter through the cemetery adjacent to our own parish church can literally “feel” the presence of the divine Lord in the beauty of these sacred grounds. The wonderful care of the cemetery by our devoted Maintenance Department bespeaks to all who pass this way of our commitment to those who have gone before us. What a superb memory for any family --- to bury their beloved on the same grounds where they come to celebrate the liturgy each weekend! Our Catholic Faith has always underscored the precious importance of a funeral liturgy. Having just completed the month of October when the emphasis was on Respect For Life, we now move through the month of November where “eternal life” becomes the focus of the liturgical action. We began the month remembering our beloved on All Souls Day, and we will end the month with the triumph celebration of Christ the King.

Might this be the month when we visit the sacred burial grounds of the members of our own family? Might this be the month when we keep alive their memory in our daily prayers? Might this be the month when we take a serious look at our own personal preparations for burial? These are not thoughts of morbidity, which stems from an unwholesomely gloomy attitude of death; but these are glorious thoughts of Resurrection, which comes from a deep-seated faith experience in the Lord Jesus.... “Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting” (1 Corinthians 15:53)

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