

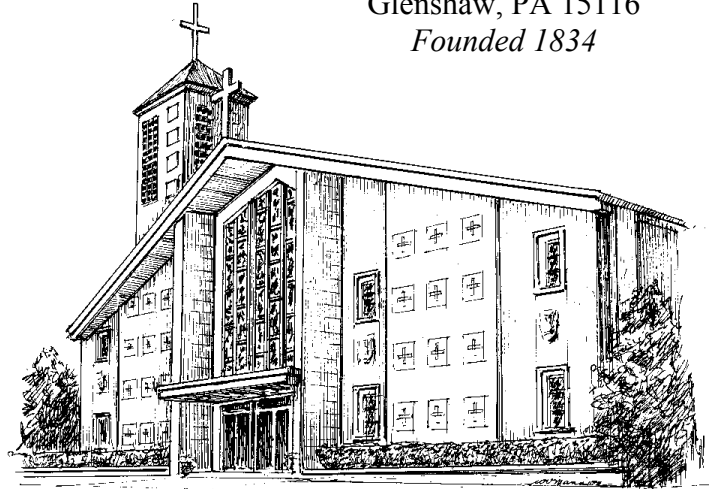
PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 29, 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

RECONCILIATION: THIS WEEK

As we get deeper and deeper into the season of Lent, celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation becomes more and more prominent in this penitential season. Every parishioner is asked to take advantage of one of the TWO opportunities afforded to, as the sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on TUESDAY, MARCH 31st at 6:30 p.m. and at 6:30 p.m. on THURSDAY, APRIL 2nd. Visiting priests will join us so that the communal celebration of the sacrament will be a special experience for all those in attendance. We are reminded that "confessions" will not be heard during Holy Week, since the liturgy asks us to concentrate on the mystery of the Lord's dying and rising during those important days.

NEXT WEEKEND: PASSION SUNDAY

The liturgies next weekend will concentrate on the proclamation of the Passion of the Lord Jesus, with palm being given out to begin the celebration. Please note the need to come a little earlier to the liturgy because of the great number of people who gather in church to celebrate this important day.

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

The "Sacred Triduum" (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil) is the high point of the entire liturgical year. Will you be one of our parishioners who makes an honest attempt to gather with the Faith Community at EACH of these celebrations???



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FESTIVAL FLASHES

Our Parish Family Festival will be held on June 25th - 26th - 27th ... we hope that all members of the Parish Family will keep open these three days ... this is a wonderful time for new families to take an active part in parish life and meet many parishioners ... chairpersons of each of the sectors of the Festival are beginning to invite other parishioners to help in their work ... watch for your raffle tickets that will be coming soon with BIG prizes for the winners!

CATCH THE VIBE

"VITALITY IN BUILDING EXCELLENCE"

A significant aspect of the Pledge Campaign will be completed as those who have made a pledge in the past continue to make payments in the months to follow. Once these payments are complete, we will reduce our debt to zero. As we place the finishing touches on this SECOND PHASE of the improvement of our sacred grounds, we now turn our attention to our front field, the maintenance building and garages for the priests. What VITALITY we have brought to our Parish Family as we continue to BUILD EXCELLENCE on our sacred grounds. The members of the Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) are in the process of developing a campaign for this THIRD AND FINAL PHASE of our renovations.

"VICARS AND VICARIATES" (part 3)

Vicariates developed for the universal Church from the Second Vatican Council and subsequent Church instructions, including the 2004 *Directory for the Pastoral Ministry of Bishops*. There are a number of dioceses in the United States who have begun this diocesan governance system. The basic purpose is to embrace what Bishop Zubik has called for in his first pastoral letter, "The Church Alive!" The Bishop's goal is to grow the Church of Pittsburgh and to encourage excitement of the faith at the parish level.

PASTORAL COUNCIL 2009 GOAL

Would you like to know more about the small communities of Faith now being proposed by the Pastoral Council for increasing the "participation and ownership" of all parishioners in the life of the Parish Family? Keep your ear attuned to the work of the Council as they begin to develop the process that will invite parishioners to take a leadership role in these small communities. Target Date: Advent!



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**ONE MORE FISH DINNER
REMAINING
NAY RATHER, MORE THAN A
DINNER!**

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE
THE "SPIRIT" OF THE PARISH FAMILY!
THIS FRIDAY---LAST TIME THIS YEAR!**



LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 29, 2009 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

- 4:00 p.m. Alexander McLellan - Students & Faculty of St. Mary School
- 6:00 p.m. John A. Bell - Don & Joan Hammel
- 7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 9:00 a.m. Mary Louise Wagner - Buchwalter Family
- 11:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Jim & Rita Finn Family

Monday, March 30, 2009 - Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. May Giel - Loretta Walter
- 10:00 a.m. Fr. Roger Arnold - Sr. Lois

Tuesday, March 31, 2009 - Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. John J. Kirby - Mary Jean Kirby
- 10:00 a.m. Lois Kearns - Deana Guarnero & Shirley Abt
- 6:30 p.m. Lenten Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, April 1, 2009 - Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Catherine Hunkele - Ginny Dougherty & Family
- 10:00 a.m. Ralph Costa - Charles & Lois Hoffmann

Thursday, April 2, 2009 - St. Francis of Paola

- 7:00 a.m. Eileen Golya - Mike & Betty Mester
- 10:00 a.m. Alma Bazil - The Coyle Family
- 6:30 p.m. Lenten Reconciliation Service

Friday, April 3, 2009 - First Friday

- 7:00 a.m. Regis Murphy - Joe & Gen Koepfnger
- 10:00 a.m. Helen Frejkowski - St. Mary Parent/Teacher Guild
- 2:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 4, 2009 - St. Isidore

- 8:00 a.m. John Bell - Chuck & Nancy Zihmer
- 4:00 p.m. Josephine Harlovic - Joe & Kathy Hefferin
- 6:00 p.m. Maxine Deasy - Bob & Marie Deasy

Sunday, April 5, 2009 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

- 7:30 a.m. Andy & Alan Palmer - Family
- 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 11:00 a.m. George Duffy - Family

Weekly Activities at a Glance

- Sunday March 29** (Church) 9:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children
(Rectory) 10:00AM - R.C.I.A.
(Church) 11:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children
- Monday March 30** (Marian Hall) 2:45PM - Brownies Troop # 205
(Marian Hall) 7:00PM - St. Mary Forensics
(School) 6:30PM - CCD Program - All Grades
(Rectory) 7:00PM - Finance Council Meeting
(Church) 8:00PM - Brass Practice
- Tuesday March 31** (Marian Hall) 2:45PM - School Band Practice
(Church) 2:45PM - Children's Handbell Practice
(Marian Hall) 7:30PM - 8th Grade Religious Ed. Group
(School) 8:00PM - Young Adult Night
- Wednesday April 1** (Church) 9:30AM - Let the Children Come to Me
(Marian Hall) 1:30PM - 55 Specials - Bingo/Cards
(Church) 2:45PM - Children's Choir Practice
(Church) 7:30PM - Adult Choir Practice
- Thursday April 2** (Marian Hall) 6:00PM - Fish Fry Dinner Preparation
(Church) 8:00PM - Adult Hand Bell Practice
- Friday April 3** (Church) 10:00AM - School Mass
(Marian Hall) 4:30PM - Fish Fry Dinner
- Saturday April 4** (School) 9:30AM - CCD Program
(Church) 4:00PM - Liturgy of the Word for Children
- Sunday April 5** (Marian Hall) Hospitality Weekend after all Liturgies
(Church) 9:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children
(Rectory) 10:00AM - R.C.I.A.
(Church) 11:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children

The St. Mary School Scrip Office will close for Easter Break on Friday, April 3rd and will reopen on Tuesday, April 14th. Stop in now to get all of the cards you need to stuff your Easter baskets like McDonald's, Ice Cream World, Borders, Claire's, iTunes, Cinemark and more! There will be no scrip sales at church over Easter weekend so stock up now on your grocery cards, too.

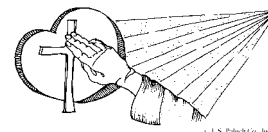
Remember to buy Lowe's and Home Depot cards to tackle all of those spring projects. Every card you buy helps our school and reduces your assessment! For those who still owe on their assessment from this school year, the due date is March 31st.

Please help make this collection process easy and send in your balance due on or before this Tuesday. Thank you!

R.I.P.: PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF FRANK E. SCHMIDT.

March 22, 2008	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	807	\$17,076.79
Cash/Loose Checks	-	\$778.00
Children's Offertory	40	\$51.00
Easter Flowers	38	\$700.00
Catholic Campaign/Mission Appeal	223	3,312.00
Parish Share 2009	84	\$9,735.00
Parish Needy	22	\$929.00
Total	1,214	\$32,581.79

Daily Readings



- March 30:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Jn 8:1-11
- March 31:** Nm 21: 4-9; Jn 8:21-30
- April 1:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
- April 2:** Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
- April 3:** Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
- April 4:** Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56
- April 5:** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50: 4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47 [15:1-39]

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

A VOCATION VIEW

To be God's servant, we must follow Jesus. Do you desire to see where Jesus lives? Serve the poor and the marginalized. (John 12:20-33)

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME: a ministry to parents with young children under age 5 provides a variety of different activities. All parents with children under ten years of age are invited to join the little ones for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday, April 11, 2009 beginning in church at 10:30am with a family blessing. Call Monica to register your children five and under for the Easter Egg Hunt 412.492.0242. Leave name/age/phone number.

PRAY AND PLAY DAY- all are invited to come to the children's liturgy room on Wed. April 1st at 9:30am. A special presentation will be made preparing the children for the Easter Egg hunt on Sat. April 11th beginning at 10:30am in church. For more information, call Jodee 412.267.3027.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel teaches: "Whoever loves his life, loses it." Letting go and death to self are keys to successful relationships. If we hold-on to another too tightly, we smother them. Unless we die to ourselves, we use others for our needs. Hear Jesus today: "If the grain of wheat dies, there is much fruit." Family life and relationships require sacrifice.

PARENTING POINTERS

Our homes not only collect dirt over the winter, they also collect clutter. Spring housecleaning can sound like an onerous chore but why not let it do double duty? Commit to cleaning out not only a room, a closet, or a drawer, but take time to clean out your soul. Do an examination of conscience, reconcile with God and those close to you. Do both kinds of cleaning with your child. You'll feel better afterwards.

NOTE: LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, March 31 at 6:30 PM with Fr. Bill Dorner.
Thursday, April 2 at 6:30 PM with Fr. John Skirtich.
Bring the family!

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Sometimes marital arguments get stirred up because one spouse leaps to a conclusion and imputes a bad motive to the spouse. Allow each other the benefit of the doubt until you've had time to sort it out together.

EASTER BLESSING OF THE FAMILIES

On Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009, Bishops Zubik, Bradley and Winter will welcome families of the Diocese to their Annual Blessing of Families at St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland beginning at 3:00 P. M. As they greet and bless your family personally, they affirm and support you as household of love and witnesses to your family. All families, nuclear, single parent, blended, extended, etc. are invited to come and experience the Bishops' expression of appreciation for the gift that you are and the gifts that you bring to our Diocese. Each family attending will receive a special memento to take home and the children will receive a sweet treat.

PITTSBURGH RETROUVAILLE DAY OF RENEWAL will be held on Saturday, April 4th from 9:00AM until 5:00PM at St. Paul Cathedral. Bishop Zubik will be addressing the group at 4:30 PM. Suggested donation \$25.00 a couple. Please RSVP by March 30th. Call Bill & Sue Weiss 740-283-2420.

CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP- All men are welcome to come to the rectory on Thursday, April 2 at 7:30pm after the Lenten Penance Service in church which begins at 6:30 P. M. for discussion and fellowship. All welcome! Come and share your experiences. Call Bill Cross 412.486.8232.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Faith Sharing for Fifth Week of Lent

The gospel of John which is proclaimed this week is to help non-believers become believers in Jesus. Jesus who accepts suffering as "the Father's will" so that the Father may be glorified. What is your own belief about suffering? Our faith teaches the value of "redemptive suffering". Many people were taught, when faced with something difficult as a child, to "offer it up". Uniting ones' mental, physical or emotional pain to the passion of Jesus Christ can be "redemptive", a saving grace.

Monday Faith Formation, March 30

6:30 PM Grade 7 in church for-Stations of the Cross. All others in classes.

April 4 Family Event - Activities for the Holy Season in Marian Hall: All welcome to visit our \$1.00 Sale for the Missions, then visit activity tables hosted by our Saturday Faith Formation classes:

- Kindergarten & Grades 1 & 4 - Easter Foods Basket
- Grades 2 & 3 Resurrection Eggs
- Grade 5 - Palm Crosses
- Grade 6 - Resurrection Cookies
- Grade 7 - Paschal Candle
- Grade 8 - the Seder Meal

ALL present will join in the "adapted" Seder Meal 10:20-11AM Call 412-486-5521 or e-mail ccdoffice@stmarylenshaw.org to "register" by March 31 to say how many of your family will participate.

ADULT ENRICHMENT : .SAINTS for Lent, Easter, and Pentecost- Part 2" will be discussed with Mr. Jim Finn **Monday, April 6 , 6:30-8:00 PM** in Marian Hall. **All are Welcome !** Call 412-486-5521 ASAP to give your name so sufficient handouts will be available.



Families with children or youth in the Faith Formation programs are reminded to return the SURVEY about session options for the coming season. One child of each family in the

Saturday and Monday sessions received a copy of the survey several weeks ago. Family Program adults either picked up their copy on March 15 or it was mailed to families.

SUMMER BIBLE PROGRAMS - Planning for teams.

The August 10 thru 14 theme! **Son Rock Kids Camp** with a twist to celebrate our 175th anniversary. Please call if you are interested in helping, especially those who have an interest and knowledge in ST. MARY's parish HISTORY. Questions call LeeAnn 412-492-8043 or email leeannt trout@verizon.net.

SPORTS CAMP! Calling all sports fanatics!!! Come spend a few days this summer teaching our youngsters about sports and how to **have a heart of a winner**. Adults needed to mentor teens and coach the younger participants. MIDDLE SCHOOL and HIGH SCHOOL leaders are needed to develop this program. Those teens with great organizational skills that would like a LEADERSHIP position in planning and implementing this fun and energetic summer program please contact Mrs. Lee Ann Trout, 412-492-8043 or email leeannt trout@verizon.net.

YOUTH MINISTRY

LENTEN ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS Over 21 Night

WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL: We will meet after the Tuesday Reconciliation Service [which begins at 6:30 PM] to spend time with Fr. Bill Dorner. Social begins at 7:45 PM – look for directional signs on the main door of the school [across from the main entrance to the church.]

Theme: “Why do Catholics Do That?”

We also have the Wii Fit and PS 3 for your entertainment. Your “over 21” friends are also welcome.

POSITIVELY DANGEROUS

FOR TEENS IN GRADES 9 – 12: Friday, April 24 [begins 6 PM] – Sunday, April 26 [ends 11 AM]. Not your ordinary experience of faith, it will be held at the Gilmory retreat center near the airport. Space is limited so please call Mrs. B ASAP. Cost is \$75; scholarships are available for those in need. We have 4 teens registered.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES FOR TEENS

CROSSWALK: Our major parts are selected but any teen in Grades 8 – 12 may still sign on to participate in a non-speaking role as a costumed member of the crowd of participants. Drama background is not needed, only a desire to bring the Passion of Christ to the public at this annual community and ecumenical event. This day will run from 9 AM to 3 PM and does count as community service.

NEXT PRACTICE IS TODAY, MARCH 29, IN THE CHURCH AFTER THE 11 AM LITURGY.

APPALACHIA REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED

WE CANNOT TAKE ANY LAST MINUTE TEENS THIS YEAR AND REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN TO TEENS AND PARENTS WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO MEET ALL OF THE FINAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION. WHAT ARE THE FINAL REQUIREMENTS? FIND OUT AT OUR MANDATORY APPALACHIA PARENT MEETINGS scheduled for Palm Sunday weekend, [also Hospitality weekend]. Join us either:

Saturday, April 4 after the 4 PM liturgy in the Choir Room.
Sunday, April 5 after the 9 AM liturgy in the Choir Room.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS WITH OUR VETERANS
SERVICE opportunities at the VA HOSPITAL IN ASPINWALL with our St. Vincent de Paul Society, or, on Sunday, with Mr. & Mrs. Wisser:

Every Saturday morning, shave the veterans using an electric razor; this will take about two hours.

Every Sunday morning, escort veterans to liturgy and stay to celebrate with them; you will be done by 11:45 AM.

CALL THE CYM OFFICE IF YOU CAN HELP OUR VETERANS.

CYM WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., Mar. 29	Crosswalk practice after 11 AM mass
Mon. Mar. 30	High School Nite - New Youth Room 5-8 PM
Tues., Mar. 31	Young adult – Over 21 [see above]
Fri., Apr. 3	Fish dinner

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. 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!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR - Nineteen churches from the Pittsburgh and West Virginia areas participated in a Children's Choir Festival held at St. Winifred Parish in Mt. Lebanon. Representing St. Mary's choir were: Emma Schmidt, Hannah Polito, Mia Manganaro, Caroline Elliott, Rebecca Miller, Ashley Woods, Calista Trout, Helena Stone, Regina Dongilli, Kiersten Elliott, Elizabeth Watson, and Olivia Folmer. It was an inspiring day of fellowship and learning singing techniques in relation to sacred music.

SUPER BINGO - A Super Bingo will be held in Marian Hall on Friday, April 17th, 2009. Advance tickets are \$35.00 each or can be purchased at the door for \$40.00. Admission includes 12 cards for each regular game and 4 specials; 40 regular games at 50 points each, 2 specials at 100 points each; 2 specials at 200 points each; one 500 point and one 1000 point jackpot. Doors open at 5:30 PM; bingo begins at 7:00 PM. The evening also includes raffles as well as quickie nd instant bingos and lots of delicious food. Proceeds benefit St. Mary School. Call Coleen at 412-486-6622 for tickets or more information.

HELP THE SCHOOL - The school continues to collect empty ink cartridges (especially HP, Dell, and Lexmark), all Campbell's products, and Shop 'N Save receipts. Another need that we always have is for one-sided paper. Please drop off your donations in the designated boxes in the back of church or at the school office. As always, we appreciate your help.

R. C. I. A. Please continue to pray for our two catechumens and our six candidates as they prepare to enter the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday beginning at 8:30pm. All are welcome to come to the rectory dining room following the 9:00am liturgy. For more information call Father Ed or Jim Finn at (412)486-4100. All are welcome to come to the rectory dining room following the 9:00am liturgy.

175th ANNIVERSARY HAPPENINGS

- ◆ Did you know that the Sisters of Divine Providence began staffing our parochial school in 1899? Two sisters are still ministering here, Sister Jean Anthony in our kindergarten and Sister Lois ministers as our Social Service Minister.
- ◆ Father John Neumann would walk or ride miles and miles through dangerous forests, in snow, rain or heat to bring the consolation of the sacraments to the sick and dying. He neither ate, rested, or slept properly. He was small, but sturdy. Once, completely exhausted, he collapsed on the floor of the dark forest. A band of semi-savage Indians discovered his prostrated body. It was not unknown for Indians to rob, beat, or kill people lost in the woods. Recognizing Neumann as a Blackrobe, they placed him a pallet and carried him safely home.
- ◆ Two fun-filled and educational trips have been planned relating to our heritage with St. John Neumann. Check the bulletin for specific details.

OUR PARISH NEWS



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JOURNEY WITH JESUS, HOLY THURSDAY NIGHT, APRIL 9.

Deacon Fran will take the bus to visit six other local worship sites where we recall the places Jesus was led after leaving the upper room of the last supper. The journey begins immediately after the 7:00 PM liturgy and returns to our church around 11:15 PM. Reserve your seat(s) on the bus; call 412-486-5521 or ccdoffice@stmaryglenshaw.org.

THE BOOK OF REVELATION IN A DAY

Saturday, April 18 at Good Samaritan Church, Ambridge. Jeff Cavins of EWTN Life on the Rock will discuss the Book of Revelation, how the Mass is really heaven on earth, the Church's teaching about the antichrist, the Second coming of Christ, and the Final Judgment. Bring your Bible. 8:00 AM Registration till 4:00 PM Mass with our own **Father John Marcucci**. To register, call 724-266-6565 or www.goodsam1.org.

WORSHIP COMMISSION MEETING

The April meeting will be held on a different day. Members are asked to meet on **Wednesday, April 1 at 7:00pm** in the rectory. Call Tom Goral (412)487-6244 to submit Agenda items.

Greeters & Ushers

In an effort to enable better communications among Greeters and Ushers, we are updating our list of email addresses for all members of these groups. If you are a "Greeter", please email Keith Loiselle at keithe.loiselle@cdlmedical.net and write "Greeter" in the subject line. If you are an Usher, please email Joe Bosak at wheelchk@verizon.net and write "Usher" in the subject line. If you are both "Greeter & Usher" please email both Keith and Joe. We will supply a list, allowing all of us to communicate more efficiently. This information will not be used by us for any other purpose than to facilitate communications among our members.

Widows & Widowers Group will meet on March 29, at Lins Garden Restaurant, Route 8 and Route 910, at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome. For more information call 412-486-5621 or 412-486-4209.

40 Days for Life

Members of St. Mary's Pro-life organization will be participating in the "40 Days for Life" by doing a prayer vigil in front of Magee Women's Hospital every Monday from 9 to 10 AM, starting March 2 through March 30. We invite all members of our parish to join us. If you would like to carpool please phone Ginny at 412-486-8241.

MARKET DAY fliers for April are available this weekend. Pick up will be Monday, April 27, 6:30-7:30 PM in Marian Hall.

TRAVELING VOCATION CHALICE

Our parish Vocation Council sponsors an ongoing project to assist those who wish to pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. All are invited to host this prayer tool in their homes. Joyce & Joe Thomas will host the chalice on March 29th through April 12th. To schedule a week of prayer in your home, call Ron Ondrizek 412.486.6851.

Family Bible Nites: "Rome - Paul and the Underground Church". Second planning meeting will be held on Saturday, April 1st at 11:15 in the school Library. Male and female ACTORS are needed for this program. Contact LeeAnn 412-492-8043 or email leeanntrout@verizon.net.

GOOD NEWS TO SHARE



EASTER EGG HUNT ON HOLY SATURDAY

We still need volunteers to stuff the eggs that will be used for the **EASTER EGG HUNT** beginning in church at 10:30am with a Family Blessing on April 11th. All children ten years of age and under are invited to participate. Call Donna Polito (412) 492-9312 to register your children and/or to help prepare for the hunt. Leave name, age and phone number.

LENTEN

Our parish will be serving our last fish dinner of this Lenten season on Friday, April 3, from 4:30PM to 7:00PM. We are still in need of volunteers. Please call the Penezic's at 412-487-5211 to offer your hand of service. Desserts will be needed for our Fish Dinner as well. Please consider bringing your favorite dessert to share. Drop off your creations in Marian Hall the night before the dinner from 7:00-8:00PM or on Friday by 4:00PM. A schedule for your night of donation follows; last name beginning with the letter:

U - Z April 3

Please know that we have "Take-Out" as well as "Sit-Down" dinners. For your convenience, we have reserved "Take-Out" parking immediately outside the doors of Marian Hall. Thank you in advance for your participation and consideration.

The Riverside Inn Dinner Theater - Matinee show of the "Weekend Comedy", Wed., May 6, 2009. Tickets \$65 includes dinner, show and round trip bus. Call Jane for tickets at 412.487.3091.

GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN AND YOUNG MEN

It's not too late to catch a FREE ride on our bus to the A. J. Palumbo Center on Saturday, April 18, 2009. You are invited whether you are a grandfather, father, single man, or son, whatever your level of faith or whatever your level of spiritual needs, fill out the form below and join us.

PRE-REGISTRATION GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2009

Enclosed is a check made payable to: **C.M.F.**
for \$ _____.

\$35.00 ... Adults
\$10.00 ... High School/College Students

Please reserve _____ seats on the bus.

Please pre-register the following:

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Please return to Rectory Office c/o Jim Finn before the April 4th deadline.

PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS by Rose Stegman

Jesus' words this week give us pause to ponder what is growing in our parish family. When He says, "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, the **seed** remains just a single grain. But if it is planted, it produces many other grains of wheat." I keep being *amazed* at the often unnoticed actions that are **seeds** which have begun to sprout and grow in our midst. Recently a father of one of our parish families shared his insights and wisdom with the Family Program adults. I was not at the discussion but days later several adults who were present commented about how it was SO very helpful for them. One of his recommendations was that "God desires us to play the B.U.G., Build-Up-Game", instead of the Cut-Down Game. A reminder that a word of *encouragement* is an important **seed** to plant – every day! Other parents commented about the fact that their children never want to miss their Faith Formation class because their young catechist is so interesting. This week the Ten Commandments were reviewed in the context of a "Survivor" game. The students who could list the ten were given *immunity* so they'd remain a survivor. That **seed** of knowledge will hopefully endure in life-long upright living. And then there were children of the first grade who eagerly came to help clear tables at one of the Lenten dinners. The **seed** of serving in the spirit of Jesus is planted in our youngest "disciples". Some middle school youth took up the challenge to prepare and serve a meager meal on the feast of the Annunciation, with donations to go to the less fortunate. The **seed** to help support the needy is planted in other *Burning Hearts*! Take time to read carefully our parish BULLETIN and the PITTSBURGH CATHOLIC weekly to keep informed of opportunities to be planters of **seeds** and to enjoy the acclaim for those who have sown **seeds** and are given recognition for the growth and harvesting in process. The wheat then becomes the flour which is used to form the hosts and nourish us with the Body of Christ. It's like a song we sing, "In back of the bread is the flour, and in back of the flour is the mill, and in back of the mill is the sun and the rain, and **the Father's will.**"