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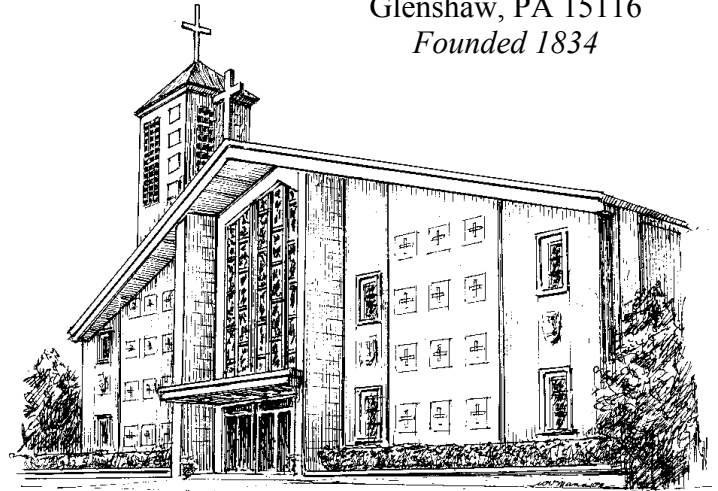
# PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

2nd Sunday of Lent  
March 4, 2007

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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



## **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

### **“THE TRANSFIGURATION”**

Every year, on the second Sunday of Lent, we have the story of the TRANSFIGURATION. This episode in the life of Jesus appears in all three of the synoptic gospels; and since this is the year of LUKE, we will proclaim his version this year. Even though each evangelist has nuanced the story to further the theology of his gospel, the basic meaning of the story remains the same: Jesus sharing a “moment of glory with his disciples in the midst of his journey toward suffering and death.” The season of Lent invites us to follow Jesus on this journey as we look forward to the liturgical celebrations of the Triduum!

### **CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION**

Today the entire Parish Family welcomes the Confirmation Candidates who have been called to the process of Continuing Conversion. Witnessing to all of us that each candidate is currently ready to accept the responsibilities that come with the reception of this sacrament, the Candidate will be asked to sign the BOOK OF COMMITMENT that will be placed on the altar. As these young persons present themselves for this commitment, the entire Parish Family will be asked to remember them in prayer as we all look forward to the evening of May 1<sup>st</sup> when our church will be filled with the coming of the Holy Spirit in the celebration of this sacrament.

### **PARISH SHARE COLLECTION**

We thank those parishioners who responded so generously to the 2007 appeal for the Parish Share. Those who have not as of yet may do so any time this month. Simply place your pledge card in the first collection basket, or send it by mail to the church. Those who have made a pledge will begin to receive a card in the mail each month listing the amount of the pledge and how much has been paid already. We hope that all parishioners will use the Parish Share Program as a way of contributing to our own Parish Family; since once we have met our assessment; the overage of the program will be returned to our parish budget to be used at our own discretion.

**ARE YOU SAVING YOUR PAPER?  
SIMPLY DROP IT INTO THE BIN  
IN THE BACK OF THE SCHOOL!**

## **LENT: A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY**

The season of Lent continues to move week by week toward the great days of Holy Week and the Triduum. All parishioners are invited to deepen their spirituality by participating in one or more of our Lenten practices: daily liturgy, our Tuesday evening enrichment series, Monday evening bible sessions, Way of the Cross and our fish dinners on Friday, and using the suggestions in the Lenten packet sent to every registered family. Communal Reconciliation will be coming later this month. Lent is a time to strengthen our relationship with the Lord Jesus by accepting a Lenten spirituality.

### **ENRICHMENT SERIES: TUESDAY**

Plan to join us on Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. for a special evening of prayer. Our special guests will be members of ALPHA, an association of talented singers, players, dancers and dreamers who desire to reclaim a spirit of celebration and enhance the community. The focus of this evening prayer will be on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. There is no charge for this experience and you are asked to invite a friend to join you, irrespective of religious or denominational background.

### **BIBLE ENRICHMENT SERIES: MONDAY**

Those seeking “Bible enrichment” are invited to join Father Fay, a biblical scholar with a special gift to make the scriptures come alive for the person in the pew, on Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. in Marian Hall. Father will concentrate on The Passion of Jesus in the Gospels. If you wish to register, simply call 412-486-5521 sometime Monday.

## **“CATCH THE VIBE”**

The Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) reminds all parishioners that the DEADLINE for placing names on the “Memorial Plaque” is fast approaching. Those who are being contacted by a member of the CCC are asked to make their decision at this time. School families invited by the SMAA to take an active role in the Campaign may return their “condor card” as soon as possible. Meanwhile, CCC members are reminded of their meeting set for the second Monday of March, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory. The CCC gathers each month to keep an eye on the progress of the Campaign.

**Masses for the Week**

**Sunday, March 4, 2007 - Second Sunday of Lent**

- 4:00 p.m. Mary Kocan - (Carol & Tom Roberts)
- 6:00 p.m. John & Emma Miller - (Jack & Sandy Dziubek)
- 7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 9:00 a.m. Joseph Hrason, Sr. - (Family)
- 11:00 a.m. Joe Frauenholz - (Wife & Children)

**Monday, March 5, 2007 - Lenten Weekday**

- 7:00 a.m. Ann McGuire - (Buddy & Karolyn Hunkele)
- 10:00 a.m. Nancy Doyle - (Ron, Arlene, & Kim)

**Tuesday, March 6, 2007 - Lenten Weekday**

- 7:00 a.m. Nancy - (Carol & Marty Fauer)
- 10:00 a.m. Alma Rygielski - (Bob & Gina Lang)
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Evening Prayer

**Wednesday, March 7, 2007 - Lenten Weekday**

- 7:00 a.m. Stan Nebinski - (Al & Ernie Boss)
- 10:00 a.m. Anna Kasunich - (Sisters Helen & Barbara)

**Thursday, March 8, 2007 - Lenten Weekday**

- 7:00 a.m. Jim Soeder - (The Ruffner Family)
- 10:00 a.m. Paul Leo - (Rege & Children)

**Friday, March 9, 2007 - Lenten Weekday**

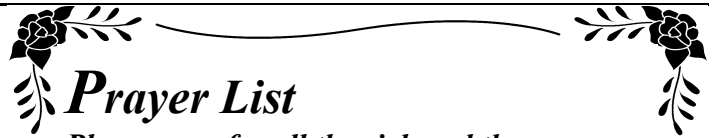
- 7:00 a.m. Leonard Lang - (Bernice Scheidler)
- 10:00 a.m. Ed & Bert Bittner - (Family)
- 2:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 10, 2007 - Lenten Weekday**

- 8:00 a.m. William Settino - (Dan & Shirley Stepnick)
- 4:00 p.m. Jim Cenci - (Family)
- 6:00 p.m. Henry Newland, Sr. - (Henry & Stella Newland)

**Sunday, March 11, 2007 - Third Sunday of Lent**

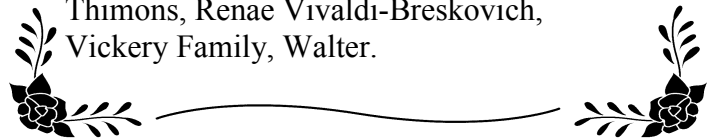
- 7:30 a.m. Elizabeth Vrscak - (Husband Nick)
- 9:00 a.m. Joy Wetzel - (Janie, Jim, Megan, & Pat)
- 11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family



**Prayer List**

*Please pray for all the sick and those recovering from illness. Family and friends have requested prayers for the following:*

Anthony, Anna Marie Belch, Agnes Bernas, Bethann, Mary Kay Collins, Herman J. Clarke, Liz Fornaser, Kathie Francis, Gemma, Finisia Golden, Gladys Hefferin, Kate Heinricker, Martha Hornak, Ava Hutchenson, Andrew Kadash, Katie Lang, Abby Lutz, Maggie, Larry McIntyre, Darryl Miersch, Hannah Shuker Pallas, Courtney Ryce, Annabelle Segriff, Joshua Stanek, Eileen Stegman, Craig Trimble, Mark Thimons, Renae Vivaldi-Breskovich, Vickery Family, Walter.



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**RIP:** Please pray for the soul of Gertrude Gribbin, mother of Thomas Gribbin, and Mary Yasinski of our Parish Family.

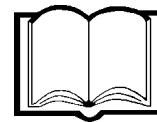
**A VOCATION VIEW**

**God brings us through difficult experiences and always leads us to life. Depend on the Holy Spirit to guide you on the path of life. (Luke 4:1-13)**

**Anointing of the Sick:** will be on March 10th at the 4:00PM Liturgy. Those who wish to reserve seats, please call 412-486-5211, Faith Formation Office.

January 7, 2007	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	729	\$15,665.69
Cash/Loose Cks.	-	\$536.00
Children's Offertory	46	\$74.59
Easter Flower	1	\$20.00
Religious Formation	23	\$840.67
Parish Share 2007	295	\$38,761.00
Parish Needy	29	\$290.67
<b>Total</b>	1,123	\$56,188.62

**DAILY READINGS**



- March 5:** Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
- March 6:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23: 1-12
- March 7:** Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
- March 8:** Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
- March 9:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- March 10:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- March 11:** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

## **SACRAMENTAL LIFE**

**CONGRATULATIONS** – to our R. C. I. A. catechumen and candidates who celebrated the Rite of Election and the Rite of Call to Continuing Conversion last Sunday at St. Paul's Cathedral. Please continue to pray for the following as they continue their journey to the Easter sacraments:

Sean Kwiatek- St. Mary's

Richard Butler- St. Mary's

Michael Cavallaro- St. Victor's

Pamela Gerthoffer- St. Mary's

Jennifer Rihmland-St. Mary's

Wolfgang Rihmland- St. Ursula's

Michael Spagnoletti- St. Mary's

David Stevenson- St. Victor's

See the bulletin board in the narthex so that you put a face with the name!

**RCIA-** Anyone interested in learning more about what it means to be a Catholic Christian is welcome to join us on Sunday mornings following the 9:00am Mass in the rectory. This week we will discuss: The Church and Modern Moral Issues. Next week we will tour the church. Call Fr. Ed or Jim Finn at the rectory (412) 486-4100 to find out more!

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

**ME:** come to St. Mary's on Wed. March 7<sup>th</sup> and participate in **PRAY AND PLAY DAY** beginning at 9:30am in the Children's Liturgy Room. The topic will be the Gospel and Homily. Parents with children under five years of age, older siblings and caregivers are welcome! Call Jodee (412-267-3027) for more information.

### **A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE BY Bud Ozar**

It's easy to sleep-walk through a day, going from one task to another. Today's gospel says the apostles recognized God's presence only when they were "totally awake." This Lent spend a few minutes each day "fully awake", appreciating God's presence in your family. Like the apostles you will say: "It is good for us to be here."

## **RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

### **FAITH SHARING –LENT-Week 2**

Jesus took friends with him to the mountain of "transfiguration". What experiences of Jesus transform YOU? How would you describe a "mountaintop" experience you have had? What does it mean to be a "citizen of heaven" ?

**FIRST EUCHARIST candidates** with a parent/guardian meet this month: Sat., March 3, 9:30 AM or Monday, March 12, 6:30 PM, or Sat., March 24, 11:30 AM. ( The March 3 time is a *CHANGE*; NO 9:30 AM meeting on March 24.)

**Reminder:** C.V.O.L. -"Catholic Vision of Love": Grades 5-6-7-8 - Please check the flyer you received for dates & times and call prior to the day to inform the team of the grade/session you will attend.

**THE WORD AMONG US** copies still available at the rear exits and on the book/ pamphlet display . One of the feature articles, "**12 Things Parents Can Do to have a HOME Where Vocations Grow**" is included in this issue. The daily reflections on the scripture proclaimed at Mass suggest ways to grown in intimacy with our loving Savior.

**Rice Bowls:** are still available in the back of our church. Take one for your Lenten Sacrifice.

### ***HOSANNA 2007 – Faith Rally for Youth***

**Grades 8 through High School – April 1, PALM SUNDAY, at the Palumbo Center, Duquesne University. Registration information available at our Faith Formation Office or on line [www.diopitt.org/education/hosanna\\_2007.htm](http://www.diopitt.org/education/hosanna_2007.htm)**

**"Family Emotional Process", "Domestic Violence", "Helping Children Deal With TOUGH Issues"** are a few of the topics at Catholic Charities Conference to be held in Pittsburgh, April 16-18. Early bird DISCOUNT to registrants by March 9. Call 412-486-5521 or 1-800-325-3535 for details.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

What are you doing for Lent this year?

**OPEN TO THE PARISH**

**LENTEN NAILS PRAYER SERVICE**

**TONIGHT, SUNDAY, MARCH 4 AT 7:30 PM** will conclude our T-ROC session and will **not** include a liturgy. **You know you need to take the time for this powerful Lenten experience!** Meet promptly in the church for the **T-ROC session beginning at 6:30 PM.** Major Robert Lefler will be speaking tonight regarding a CYM project for a **special collection of items that will be used by children in an orphanage supported by his troop overseas.**

## **HOSANNA 2007**

Meet with a few thousand teens in grades 8 – 12 from around the diocese for liturgy, a concert, dinner and a charity dance on Palm Sunday, April 1 at the A.J. Palumbo Center. **Don't like to dance?** Well, there will be a carnival as well and all proceeds go to support the diocesan mission in Chimbote, Peru. Cost is \$20 plus \$5 more if we have enough to take the bus. You must get your registration in by Monday, March 12. Call the Faith Formation office to let us know if you are interested at 412-486-5521.

## **LENTEN ACTIVITIES FOR TEENS AND FAMILY**

Any teens Grade 8 - 12 wishing to participate in the **Good Friday Crosswalk** will need to attend several rehearsals in March (TBA). Be prepared for an awesome Lenten experience on Good Friday, April 6 from ~ 9 AM to 4 PM. **Drama background not needed, only a desire to bring the Passion of Christ to the public at this annual community and ecumenical event.** Call the CYM office at 412-486-4100, ext. 409.

**FISH DINNER:** will be on Friday, March 9th! **Parish bakers: if your last name begins with the letters E through L, please bring your dessert to Marian Hall before 4 PM.** We will be serving dinners from 4:30 – 7:00 PM. As in the past, ALL proceeds go toward our Appalachia summer work experience sponsored jointly by our parish St. Vincent de Paul and Catholic Youth Ministry. **Thank you!**

## **ST. MARY SCHOOL**

**REGISTRATION** - St. Mary School will be accepting registrations for students in preschool through grade 7 beginning March 1, 2007. If you are interested in becoming a member of our school community, registration will take place from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM each day the week of March 5th. To arrange a tour, please feel free to call the school office at (412) 486-7611 to make an appointment.

The 3 year-old preschool program meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-11:00 AM; the 4 year-olds meet on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30-11:00 AM. The school also offers half-day and full-day kindergarten classes.

Students entering kindergarten must be age 5 by September 1st. A copy of the child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate (if Catholic), and social security identification must be provided at the time of registration. A \$100.00 deposit is also required but is applied towards tuition.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - Students in grades 4-8 will pray the Stations of the Cross on all Fridays during Lent at 2:00 PM. All are invited to come and join us in prayer.

Another opportunity to pray the Stations will be on the following Wednesdays during Lent: February 28<sup>th</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>. Students in grades 1 through 3 will pray on these days.

**GIANT EAGLE GIFT CARDS** - Please consider purchasing Giant Eagle gift cards from our school first before purchasing the gift cards that Giant Eagle sells. You can then go to Giant Eagle and purchase the various gift cards there. Our school Scrip program has gift cards from more than 40 vendors available Monday-Friday, and a larger selection can be pre-ordered weekly.

## General Parish News

**Pastoral Council Meeting:** All 12 members of the Pastoral Council are reminded of their meeting set for Monday of this week, March 5<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:30pm in the rectory. The Council is now working on the very important task of “setting the goals” of our parish life for this year. Those with ideas or suggestions may contact one of the Council members before the Monday evening meeting.

**Family Faith Formation Session:** meets Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at the 9:00 am Liturgy with sessions following for children & youth faith formation and adults until 12:00 noon. Liturgy: Grade 6. Seder in classes. Closing Prayer: Grade 2

**Special Project for March:** Miryam’s a “unique, comprehensive program for homeless women with special needs.” They are in need of: Deodorant, perfume, cosmetics, hygiene items, socks, winter sweaters, food items such as sugar and hot chocolate. As always, Monetary donations are welcomed – make checks payable to “Miryam’s”

**Reservations** for the March 15th Christian Mothers Women's Organization **Covered Dish Dinner and Surprise Auction have to be made prior to the dinner** so we can order enough of the entree. You may place an envelope with your name and money in the collection basket even if you called and gave your name to a CMWO officer with your reservation. Remember **husbands are invited** as well **or bring a friend**, but **tickets are \$5. per person**. This evening is always lots of fun and full of surprises and prizes. This is also our **Night of Reflection with Deacon Francis** as our guest speaker. Confessions will not be heard prior to Mass so please follow the Lenten schedule for penance on March 27th @ 7 p.m. and every Saturday from 11 a.m. until last penitent. If there are any questions, please call one of the officers.

**Second Saturday Men’s Group:** will meet on Saturday, March 10th, after the 8:00AM Liturgy. All men are welcome. Please come and join us. For information call Carl at 412-903-7607.

**MARKET DAY** has easy to prepare **LENTEN foods**. See the flier in today’s Bulletin; get one at the Scrip or Faith Formation office, or order online at [marketday.com](http://marketday.com) Meet our Market Day leader, Lee Holleran ; call 724-443-0673 .

**Worship Commision Meeting:** members will meet this Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at 7:00PM in the rectory. Please call Tom Goral at 412-487-6224 with agenda items.

## Around the Town

**ALL MEN ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ON SATURDAY, MARCH 24<sup>th</sup>**- There is still time to make a reservation to attend the **Second Annual Gathering of Catholic Men** at the A. J. Palumbo Center on the campus of Duquesne University. Stop at the table in the narthex after Mass to buy your ticket for the special group rate of \$35.00. The deadline is next Sunday, March 11. The cost at the door is \$55.00. Make checks payable to: Catholic Men’s Fellowship. **High School and College age young men will be admitted for ten dollars!**

**“55 Specials” Tour:** Thursday, April 12, 2007, the “55 Specials” will be hosting a “Bundles” Brown Bag Tour. It includes: Fisher’s Country Store, Gardner’s Candy Factory, Oak Spring Winery, Casino at Lakemont Park with a buffet luncheon, Bayer Candy Factory, Benzel’s Pretzel Bakery and a visit to Meadows Frozen Custard stand for a cone. Cost is \$69.00. Please call Jane Fabry at 412-487-3091.

**COLLEGE STUDENTS,** go on-line [www.nrlc.org](http://www.nrlc.org) or e mail [jlittle@wrtl.org](mailto:jlittle@wrtl.org) to get details about a ground-breaking course which will offer in-depth study of LIFE issues from spiritual and political perspectives. Spend 6 weeks in Washington,DC this summer for this *amazing* experience.

There will be a **Beginning Experience** weekend for grieving single-again persons. Beginning Experience is a peer grief resolution outreach to divorced, widowed and separated men and women. Teams present the structured Beginning Experience programs under the guidelines of the Beginning Experience International Ministry Center. The weekend program helps grieving single-again persons emerge from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning and move into the future with renewed hope. The program helps deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity through God, for turning the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. The weekend will take place at St. Joseph Spirituality Center, Baden, PA, on April 20, 2007. The cost is \$130.00. Cost should not hinder anyone who could benefit from attending. Payment arrangements or possible financial assistance can be arranged. To register or for more information, contact the Office for Family Life and Catechesis, 412-456-3160 or [familylife@diopitt.org](mailto:familylife@diopitt.org). or call Jim Ackerman, 724-334-0118.

**PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS** from Father John

Lent and Spring! Why this identification? For the simply reason that they both have the same meaning. One could say that "...Lent IS Spring..." or one could say "...Lent MEANS Spring..." or one could say "...Lent EQUALS Spring..." To be more precise, Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word "LENTEN" and it is this word that has the meaning of "SPRING." This month of MARCH will bring us the "Season of Spring", as we put to bed the season of winter. In the language of the astronomical year, this day marks the equinox. That is one of the two days in the entire year when we experience twelve hours of darkness and twelve hours of sunlight. The other equinox will come on the first day of autumn. The difference between the two is immense. On the first day of autumn, "darkness" seems to be winning the battle of the skies as night comes more quickly. Not so at the spring equinox! Now "darkness" seems to have been conquered since the light of day continues to increase with each passing moment.

LENT, the liturgical season simultaneously celebrated at the spring equinox, is aptly named for it speaks to us of the fact that the "darkness of sin and death" are about to be conquered with the coming of Easter. Even "Easter" fits the pattern of being suitably named for it too comes from an ancient Anglo-Saxon word. In this case, it is the name "Eastre" that was used in speaking of the spring goddess of new life. So Lent is pointing us in the right direction. The sacred mysteries that we celebrate at this time of year announce to the world not only that darkness and death have been conquered, but also we are now living a new life in the Easter joy of the Resurrection. With the dawn of each new day, more light will be shining in the world all around us. At the same time, our inner lives will be spiritually filled with the glorious light of the Easter event as we unite our hearts with the resurrected Lord Jesus.

Lent is not an end in itself. It exists only to lead us all to the Easter feast and can be understood only in light of the Resurrection. Easter gives meaning to Lent, and displays it for what it is: a celebration that darkness, sin and death have been conquered once and for all. With the coming of the spring equinox, we have reached the fulcrum of the year and there is no turning back. The darkness of death has lost the battle for supremacy. The central mystery of "the dying and rising of the Lord Jesus" has declared the eternal victory!