

PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
September 21, 2008

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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

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

The Parish Family of *St. Mary of the Assumption* joins Communities of Faith throughout the country as we celebrate Catechetical Sunday TODAY! We wish to recognize all those who serve in our Faith Formation Programs at every level of participation --- from the youngest child to the oldest adult. It is so vital to the life of any Parish Family to have a Faith Formation Program that gives all parishioners an opportunity to deepen their spiritual relationship to the Lord Jesus. We offer a special sense of gratitude to all those who make this deepening process possible in our Parish Family. The theme for this year's celebration is *The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church* with the hope that every member of the Parish Family will commit to making the WORD OF GOD a daily reading for all the members of the family!

OUR PASTORAL COUNCIL CHOSEN

Congratulations to the members of our Parish Pastoral Council for being chosen by the Diocese as being "...a model Council who can be of service to the Diocese in an evaluation project for all Councils...." The members of OUR Pastoral Council will be invited to a Diocesan-sponsored gathering to share their experiences in executing the Lay Leadership of our Parish Family. Well done, Council Members, as you have brought another Diocesan recognition to *St. Mary of the Assumption* Parish Family!

CONGRATULATIONS TO RON BELSKI

Ron Belski, a member of our Parish Family on the formative journey to becoming an ordained deacon, was called to the Ministry of Reader (for some it is called Lector) by Bishop Zubik in a very beautiful ceremony last Sunday. We ask the prayers of all parishioners as Ron continues his formation process that will one day bring him to ordination.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL ENVELOPE

All registered parishioners will notice that this month's envelope packet contains one entitled "Opening of Catholic School." We remind those who have a commitment to catholic education that the monies from this envelope stay here in our Parish Family, and help those who seek financial assistance.

"VOX POPULI" (part 2)

The "Voice of the People" has been polled in the survey that was taken at all the Sunday liturgies a few months ago. Because of the all encompassing nature of the survey, the Council members need time to collate the results. There were **538** responses to QUESTION 8 (one facet of parish life that might be changed) that were summarized thus: (a) 50% concerned the liturgy (b) 34% concerned education in faith formation (c) 8% concerned temporalities (d) 3% concerned the apostolate (e) 3% concerned social events and (f) 2% concerned finances. The Council is now collating these results into "MAJOR SUMMARIES" that have been suggested by our parishioners to develop the "goals and objectives" of our parish life for the future.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY IN THE PARISH

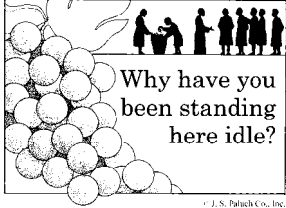
Once more a bulletin from the Diocese reminds all of us "...that it is prohibited to endorse or oppose either directly or indirectly a candidate for public office. Distributing partisan campaign literature on Church property is prohibited...." This is the LAW promulgated by the 2008 Internal Revenue Service. The Bishops on the document "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" clearly state that it is not the Church's intent or role to tell anyone to vote or not to vote for a particular candidate. A copy of this publication is available at the rectory. We ask all those involved in the political process NOT to use our grounds for their campaign!!

MARIAN HALL KITCHEN ADDITIONS

The improvements in the Marian Hall kitchen are still in progress. We ask all those who use the facilities to be patient as we continue to work with the company that is making these improvements. Making sure that all of these items meet the codes for use by all of us simply takes time and preparation. It is process that we continue to monitor.

BEAUTIFYING A GRASSY AREA

We recognize the hard work of our faithful Maintenance Crew as they are beautifying the piece of ground adjacent to the parking lot on the side of the church. We ask all persons to respect this work and use the steps that have been created and not to walk down the areas that was been reseeded.



LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 21, 2008 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Dick O'Leary - Catherine O'Leary
 6:00 p.m. Phillip Ionadi - Marco & Rose Imbarlina
 7:30 a.m. Margaret Davis - Karolyn & Carl Hunkele
 9:00 a.m. Grace Milon - The Kevin Fitzgerald Family
 11:00 a.m. Raymond DiPasquale - Family

Monday, September 22, 2008 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. Mike Blum - Fritz & JoAnn Zajackowski
 10:00 a.m. Marie & Art Harvey - Daughter

Tuesday, September 23, 2008 - St. Pio of Pietrelcina

7:00 a.m. Helen Rihn - Family
 10:00 a.m. Duane Lis - Aunt Sally

Wednesday, September 24, 2008 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. Gerard Walter - Loretta Walter
 10:00 a.m. Ronald Kornick - Brother

Thursday, September 25, 2008 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. Edward Bittner - Family
 10:00 a.m. Maria Antonia Imbarlina - Marco & Rose Imbarlina

Friday, September 26, 2008 - Sts. Cosmas & Damian

7:00 a.m. James Berrang - Family
 10:00 a.m. Ernest & Virginia Restori - Watson Family

Saturday, September 27, 2008 - St. Vincent dePaul

8:00 a.m. Mildred Munio - Marie & Lou
 2:00 p.m. Wedding of Kurt Carrozza & Melissa Peterson
 4:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
 6:00 p.m. Barbara Newland - Henry & Stella Newland, Jr.

Sunday, September 28, 2008 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Giacomo & Teresa Tolomeo - Ruffa Family
 9:00 a.m. George Betz, Sr. - Family
 11:00 a.m. John Roche - Wife & Children

Weekly Activities at a Glance

Sunday Sept. 21 (Church) 9:00AM - Family Program
 (Church) 9:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children
 (Rectory) 10:00AM - R.C.I.A.
 (PAC) 7:00PM - Youth Group

Monday Sept. 22 (School) 6:30PM - CCD Program - Gr. 6,7, & 8
 (Marian Hall) 6:30PM - Market Day Pickup
 (Rectory) 7:00PM - Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday Sept. 23 (Marian Hall) 2:30PM - Girl Scout Troop #303
 (Marian Hall) 6:30PM - Adult Education with Fr. Ed

Wednesday Sept. 24 (Marian Hall) 1:30PM - 55 Specials - Bingo/Cards
 (Church) 2:45PM - Children's Choir Practice
 (Church) 7:30PM - Adult Choir Practice

Thursday Sept. 25 (School) 11:45AM - Early Dismissal - Faculty Mtg.
 (Church) 2:45PM - Children's Choir Practice
 (Church) 8:00PM - Adult Hand Bell Practice

Friday Sept. 26 (Church) 10:00AM - School Mass

Saturday Sept. 27 (School) 9:30AM - CCD Program
 (Marian Hall) 7:00PM - Middle School Dance

Sunday Sept. 28 (Church) 9:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children
 (Marian Hall) 10:00AM - Burning Hearts Meeting
 (Church) 11:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children
 (PAC) 7:00PM - Youth Group

R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose soul of Joe Stanko, brother of Diane Stanko-Smith.

THANK YOU Deacon Frances Dadowski thanks everyone who prayed and sent get well wishes during his operation and recovery. Please keep him in your prayers as he continues his road to recuperation.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

- I. Sampson Yee & Lori Hengelsberg (St. Mary)
- II. Jason McKee & Erin McLaughlin (St. Mary)
- III. Kurt Carrozza (St. Mary) & Melissa Peterson (St. Mary)

ONE MORE REQUEST

O THOU WHO HAS GIVEN US SO MUCH, MERCIFULLY GRANT US ONE THING MORE— A GRATEFUL HEART.

Sept. 14, 2008	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	717	\$17,411.90
Cash/Loose Cks.	-	\$1,305.25
Children's Offertory	37	\$73.28
Bishop Ed. Fund	227	\$3,367.00
School Collection	1	\$5.00
Assumption	2	\$15.00
Parish Share 2008	12	\$625.00
Parish Needy	41	\$444.00
Total	1,037	\$23,246.43

Daily Readings



Sept. 22: Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18
Sept. 23: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21
Sept. 24: Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
Sept. 25: Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9
Sept. 26: Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22
Sept. 27: Eccl 11:9-12:8; Lk 9:43b-45
Sept. 28: Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

TRAVELING VOCATION CHALICE

All parish families are invited to host this prayer tool for vocations. Thanks to the Mularkey and Buck families for recently hosting the chalice in their homes. We had 21 Parish Families sign up to host the chalice during our Ministry Fair. Won't you call Ron Ondrizek to schedule your week? His number is 412.486.6851.

A VOCATION VIEW

God calls people at different times and in various ways. You're never too old or too late to give your life to God. Generosity is the hallmark. (Matt. 20:1-16)

RCIA

We meet every Sunday following the 9:00am liturgy. All are welcome to join us. This week we will discuss the CREED and next week we'll take a look at the MASS. If you or someone you know would like to find out more about the Catholic faith, call Fr. Ed or Jim Finn at the rectory 412.486.4100

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME invites all parents with children five years of age and under to join us each Wednesday morning in church in the Children's Liturgy Room for **PRAY and PLAY DAY** beginning at 9:30am and ending at 10:30am. For more information, call Monica at 412.492.0242.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Family, where "the last will be first," is the vineyard entrusted to us in today's gospel. Successful families are constructed by "laborers," who work hard on family relationships, and not by couch potatoes. Today Jesus is saying to us: "Why are you idle? Go into my vineyard."

MARRIAGE MOMENT

If you're a couple with young children, you can't fully control your "off time." You're always on call. Treat each other generously with the time you have.

175th ANNIVERSARY MEETING

St. Mary's will be 175 years old during the upcoming year, 2009! Those who wish to meet to discuss plans to commemorate this special milestone in our parish life are asked to come to Marian Hall on Wednesday, October 1st at 7:00pm. Questions? Call Jim Finn at 412.486.4100.

Parish
Anniversary



RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Faith Sharing for 25th Week Ordinary Time

This Sunday Gospel from Matthew 20:1-16 is a call for us to participate in God's justice by helping all people have what they need even if, for various reasons, they cannot work a full day on a regular basis. Late Pope Leo XIII's letter "On Capital and Labor", or Rerum novarum, is the foundational document for what has come to be known as Catholic social teaching. In it Pope Leo set forth the rights of workers and owners. He explained the dignity of work and the importance of compensation that allows a family to survive comfortably and be able to invest. Why are just wages a matter for Church doctrine? Why would God want people to receive a just wage?

C.C.D. Faith Formation

Sessions BEGIN : Today-Sunday, September 21-Family Program at 9 AM Mass, then session till Noon; Monday, Sept. 22, ONLY Grades 6-7-8 with parent/guardians meet in church; Monday, Sept. 29 all grades meet, 6:30 PM Kindergarten & Grades 1 thru 5 gather in church; Grades 6-7-8 in classes. SATURDAY, September 27, All children and parents gather IN church at 9:30 AM.

MIGHTY MEN honored this week:

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, often referred to as Padre Pio, was a Capuchin Franciscan friar from Italy in the twentieth century. He served as a spiritual guide for many, encouraging folks to accept life's burdens and to see them as a sharing in Christ's redemptive suffering. He was an instrument of divine love and mercy, especially through his ministry in the Sacrament of Penance, counseling persons who came to confession. In 1918 he received the STIGMATA, wounds in his hands as if nails had pierced them. He suffered for 50 years with the wounds until his death in 1968. He was canonized; proclaimed a Saint by Pope John Paul II in 2002. A Liturgy in his honor will be celebrated by fellow Capuchin friars at Our Lady of the Angels Church, Lawrenceville, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 7 PM.

Saint Vincent de Paul, ordained a priest at 20 years of age, spent most of his life as a priest ministering to the peasants of France as well as prisoners, helping to alleviate their sufferings. With the help of Saint Louise de Marillac, he founded the Daughters of Charity, also dedicated to working among the poor. His legacy of care of the poor lives on through the works of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, founded in 1833 by his admirer, Frederic Ozanam. Pray for and continue to support the faithful team of our own parish St. Vincent de Paul Society who are tireless in their care for the needy.

YOUTH MINISTRY
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
DON'T MISS
OUR FIRST GATHERING
THIS SUNDAY EVENING
SEPTEMBER 21
7 - 8:30 PM
GAME NIGHT AT THE PAC

You need to sign up for
 Appalachia and NCYC 2009

NOW

We need to start our fund raising!

You may also sign up for the following:

Serving at the SOAR Homeless Shelter

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Serving at the East End Cooperative
 Ministries Soup Kitchen

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Participate in our February 2009 Drama
 (auditions will be in November).

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Sign up for our new local home repair
 program for the needy.

WE NEED A FEW GOOD....
DONATIONS OF
ELECTRONIC GAMES

We are looking for electronic games for our social nights; might you consider giving us your old games that are in good shape? A donation of Sony PlayStation 2 plus games to be used in the Play Station like Dance Dance Revolution and Wii would be awesome! Leave a message at the CYM office if you can help our youth program.

NEXT HOMELESS MEAL for the ladies at the SOAR shelter will be on Saturday, October 11. Would you consider helping to serve or providing a meal item [enough to serve 16-18]? Please call the CYM line or email Barb Belski [see contact details below].

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, ext. 409 or email at belskib@verizon.net

ST. MARY



SUPER BINGO

The next Super Bingo will take place on Friday, October 3, 2008, in Marian Hall. Advance tickets are \$35 each; \$40 if purchased at the door. Admission includes 12 cards for regular games and 5 specials. Doors open at 5:30 PM; early birds begin at 7:00 PM. The evening includes 40 regular games (50 points each), 5 specials (100 points each), one jackpot at 500 points and one jackpot at 1000 points. All proceeds benefit St. Mary School. Call Coleen at (412) 486-6622 for more information or to purchase tickets. Thank you for your continued support of our school.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE

A dance for middle school students will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2008 in Marian Hall. From 7:15 – 10:00 PM. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased at the school or rectory September 24 - 26. No tickets will be sold at the door. Appropriate dress is required; the dress code will be enforced. This event is sponsored by the PTG and benefits the school.



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INNISBROOK GIFT WRAP

Once again the students are selling Innisbrook Gift Wrap Items from now until September 25th. The items are very affordable and of good quality. If you are interested in making a purchase, please contact any St. Mary School student. 100% of the proceeds go to our St. John Neumann Tuition Assistance Fund.

ONE-SIDED PAPER

We are requesting donations of one-sided paper for school use. Please make sure that no personal information is included on the printed side. Donations can be dropped off in the school office Monday through Friday. Thank you!

THANK YOU! We know that many of the fundraisers held at the school are supported strongly by you, the parishioners. On behalf of all of us at the school, we would just like to say THANK YOU for your amazing support. Be assured of our prayers for your families and the generous spirit that you share.



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ANY PARISH YOUTH OF GRADE 6-7-8 & PARENT/GUARDIAN INVITED TO MEET WITH MARK TOBIN TO DISCUSS THE NEXT STEP OF THE BURNING HEARTS PROCESS. MEET FOR A "CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST" AND BRAINSTORMING AFTER THE 9:00 AM MASS ON SUNDAY, SEPT. 28. RSVP TO 412-486-5521 IF YOU OR YOUR YOUTH IN GRADE 6-7-8 WILL COME ON SUNDAY SEPT. 28, 10-11 AM IN MARIAN HALL.

OUR PARISH NEWS

THIS THE LAST WEEK to prepare for the BIBLE BOWL for The YEAR OF SAINT PAUL! Mark September 29th on your calendar. Study the passages which appeared in THIS column each week, AND were on a salmon colored page in the packet mailed to each home recently. Be part of a game on Sept. 29, 7:15 PM in Marian Hall. From THIS Sunday:

Philippians 1:21 "If I live, it will be for Christ, and if I die, I will gain even more."

Correction, LAST Sundays was to be:

Philippians 2:10 "At the name of Jesus everyone will bow down, those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth."

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT here soon:
(Call 412-486-5521 to register to attend .)

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. **It's NOT TOO LATE** to join. Call Dori Monahan, 412-492-9891.

THIS TUESDAY, Come to "Parables of Jesus".

6:30-9:00 PM Sept.23-Oct.14 in Marian Hall with Father Ed. **Get in the ACTION of a good story !!!**

MARKET DAY PICK UP is **THIS Monday,**

September 22, 6:30-7:30 PM. Helpers welcome to unpack and sort items 5:00 PM on; call Lee at 724-443-1147. Proceeds from these sales goes to refurbishing our Marian Hall Kitchen. Thank you to all our patrons!

Attention High School Students & Parents!

What: Pro-Life Breakfast with guest speaker
Who: All High School Students are invited.
When: Sunday, October 26, 2008
Time: After the 11:00AM Liturgy
Where: Marian Hall
RSVP: Ginny Dougherty at 412-486-8241 or 412-726-2136

Widow/Widowers Group will meet Sunday, September 28th, at 5:00PM at the Hardwood Restaurant, 646 Pittsburgh Road, (Route 8) in Butler. It is across from Penn Fencing. For more information, call Barb at 412-486-4209 or Marge at 412-486-5621.

55 SPECIALS

We will be traveling to Cambridge Springs to the "Riverside Inn Luncheon Theater" on Wednesday, October 29th. There will be only 40 tickets sold at \$59.00 each. Please call Jane Fabry at 412-487-3091 to reserve yours!

**GOOD
NEWS
TO
SHARE**



Protecting God's Children Workshop

A workshop will be held here at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish on Sunday, October 19, 2008 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM in Marian Hall. Deacon Frances Dadowski, Master Catechist, will be conducting the workshop. All employees and volunteers of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish and School must attend this workshop in order to be in compliance with the Diocese of Pittsburgh, IF you have not already done so. If you have questions regarding this program, please contact Susan Urso, Parish Secretary at 412-486-4100. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 412-486-5521 to register or to register by email: ccdoffice@stmaryglenshaw.org.

Welcome New & returning Sunday Family CCD Members

The Sunday Faith Formation Session resumes today, September 21st, beginning with the 9:00AM Liturgy (Grade 8 serves). Following the Mass, parents will accompany their children to classrooms in the school building to meet with their children's catechists. The adults will return to Marian Hall by 10:30AM for the planned informative program until 12:00noon.

Evening of Reflection with Bishop David A. Zubik

This evening of reflection, "The Church Alive," begins with a talk by Bishop Zubik. It also includes the celebration of the Eucharistic Liturgy, and a social. This event will be held at Martina Spiritual Renewal Center on Thursday, November 20, 2008 from 7:00 to 9:00PM. For more information, please contact Sr. Mary Lou Witkowski at 412-931-9766.

Flea Market

Cub Scout Pack 195 will be hosting a Flea Market at St. Catherine's of Sweden on Wildwood Road on Sat., October 4th, from 8:00AM-12:00Noon. Lots of children's items including toys, clothes, books, etc. All proceeds from the sale will go to the Crisis Center North which is a nonprofit organization serving women and children who are victims of domestic violence in the North Hills. Contact Lisa at 412-492-0117 for more information.

Do **YOU** wonder about how we Celebrate **LITURGY WITH CHILDREN** when they are dismissed from the assembly? Come to a 3 hour workshop, Thursday, September 25, 6:30-9:30 PM at St. Francis, Harmarville with Master Catechist, Ms Tina Kendralla. Call Marilyn Welsh 412-828-3123 to register.



Pastoral Impressions for CATECHETICAL SUNDAY by Rose Stegman

Every Catholic is invited to celebrate today with the theme: **The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church.** As fierce winds snapped branches and broke trees which fell on power lines, the lights went out. No electric power in thousands of homes locally, as well as in communities across the country feeling the effect of a raging hurricane. My niece in Texas phoned asking for prayers to keep her, her daughter, and neighbors safe through the fury. A prayer answered. They suffered no physical harm, but the work ahead of cleaning and repairing will go on for a long time. It is to this and every moment of life that the WORD of God can and does make a difference for humans on our journey of life. Some of our catechists parked along Middle Road, climbing past the fallen tree, then walking the distance to assemble for our “kick off” of the new Faith Formation season. We have an amazing team of volunteers who are committed to proclaim The Word, and no obstacle will stop them on their mission. Our national leaders offer this for reflection today: “Scripture is the living Word, a **LIGHT** unto **our path**, a way of being in personal conversation with God. Scripture, itself, makes this claim: “Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart” (Heb 4:12). For this reason, the Word of God in Scripture is core to our personal prayer lives. Through Scripture the living Word of God comes and speaks with us individually and personally. The Church not only receives, celebrates, and lives the Word of God; the Church is sent on mission to preach the Word to all nations. We are an evangelizing people. The Word of God is the source, the subject, and the means by which we proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our model as evangelizers and teachers is Mary, in whom the Word became incarnate. **We are called to be formed by the Word**, as was Mary when she said, “May it be done to me according to your word” (Lk 1:38b). We are called to be Christbearers, as was Mary. We are to bring Christ to all we meet. This **Catechetical Sunday** we remember especially the duty and honor that is ours by virtue of our Baptism, to be witnesses of the Word of God in every aspect of our lives: in our homes, in our places of work, in how we spend our leisure time, in how we use our resources. We are to be catechists—those who echo the Word of God through time and space—to every generation. May we be faithful witnesses to the Word of God who created us, who redeemed us, who calls us, who loves us, who nourishes us, and who guides us on every step of our life’s journey. Amen.”

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