

Bulletin # 910038

St. Mary of the Assumption Church
2510 Middle Road
Glenshaw, PA 15116
(412) 486-4100

Attn: Bee

MESSAGES:

VOICE MAIL SYSTEM

With the recommendation of the members of the Temporalities Commission and with the approval of the Finance Council, the communication system of our Parish Family has taken a major step forward with the addition of VOICE MAIL. We thank Joe Hrason as the point person in making sure that our newly created system will help our Parish Staff better serve all parishioners. Meanwhile we ask all those who call to be patient as we all become adjusted to this new system.

First and foremost, there will be NO change in the fact that we have a 'real live person' to answer the office/rectory telephone from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. each weekday; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. Also, those who need to telephone the school, the CCD Office or the Youth Ministry Office may continue to use the same telephone numbers as before with the call going directly to those offices.

However, when the Staff Person is not in the office at the time of the call, the caller will be sent to VOICE MAIL where the pertinent message may be given. After hour calls will be sent directly to VOICE MAIL where those who seek confidentiality can be so assured. We hope that all parishioners might see this addition to our communication system as another way in which the Parish Staff tries to serve our parishioners in our shared ministry!

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SENT HOME

As part of the service that we offer to all those who contribute financially to the Parish Family, the Office Staff has sent individual financial statements for the year 2005 home to all those who are registered with envelopes in our Parish Family. These statements are for your own personal benefit and can be used for taxation purposes by those who choose to do so. Since the statements are printed from the computer based file of our census program, and then placed immediately in the envelope addressed to the parishioner, no one on the Staff examines the amounts listed on the statements. If your financial statement has an error in the amount you feel was given to the Parish Family due to a glitch in the computer system, simply call the rectory during regular office hours and an adjustment will be made for you by our efficient Office Staff.

RESPECT FOR LIFE MARCH

We remind ALL parishioners that they are invited to join us at 5:30 a.m. tomorrow, Monday morning, to celebrate a liturgy that will be the send off celebration for those attending the March For Life in Washington, D.C. The bus sponsored by our Parish Family is our commitment to the wonderful witness that parishioners and their friends will be when they join the thousands who will come from all over the country. We are reminded that our Parish Family always respects the dignity of human life, from the moment of conception to its natural death!

THANK-YOU RECEIVED

The wonderful work of the "Giving Tree" Committee and the generosity of all those who respond to the ornaments on the tree do not go unnoticed. We have received wonderful notes of gratitude from both MICHAEL'S PLACE and PROVIDENCE FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER for the magnificent gifts sent to them by the Committee.

In their words --- "Our Prayer For All of You"

Wherever you are, may love be with you ..
Wherever you go, may goodness surround you ..
Whatever you do, may joy fill your heart ..
Because each of you deserve every good
And perfect gift a wonderful life can hold!"

ADULT LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All those who serve in any capacity as an adult minister in our liturgical celebrations, are reminded to keep open Mardi Gras night, Tuesday, February 28th, for a special evening of hospitality. Shrove Tuesday will be a special time of celebration for all those who serve our liturgical celebrations during the entire year.

TOUR TO AUSTRIA/GERMANY

Father Aaron Kriss will accompany a group to visit Austria/Germany from April 17 - 25, 2006. Departure is from the Pittsburgh Airport. For packet information, call 800-242-0728 or write St. Mary Rectory, 101 West High Street, Kittanning, Pa. 16201

FESTIVAL DATES FOR THIS YEAR

JUNE 22 - 23 - 24

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Masses for the Week

Sunday, January 22 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 p.m. Ed Graf (Family)
- 6:00 pm Blanche & Nancy (Richey)
- 7:30 a.m. Catherine Ann Buettner (John & Carole Zarotney)
- 9:00 a.m. Herman & Bertha Stegman (Rose Stegman)
- 11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish

Monday, January 23

- 5:30 a.m. Pro Life Mass
- 7:00 a.m. Alma Mammay (Don & Joan Finke)
- 10:00 a.m. Mary Staus (Children)

Tuesday, January 24 - St. Francis de Sales

- 7:00 a.m. Lou Francioni Sr. (Wife Cora)
- 10:00 a.m. Fr. Stan Bernacki (Sherred Family)

Wednesday, January 25 - Conversion of Paul

- 7:00 a.m. Bill Duncan (Wife)
- 10:00 a.m. Bud Walsh (Wife & Children)

Thursday, January 26 - Ss. Timothy & Titus

- 7:00 a.m. Thomas Deasy (Mary Lou Plotts)
- 10:00 a.m. George Williams (Tom & Kathy Goral)(from 11-07-05 funeral)

Friday, January 27 - St. Angela Merici

- 7:00 a.m. Betty Jane Hunkele (Family)
- 10:00 a.m. Shirley Csonka (Mrs. Skelley's Room 14)

Saturday, January 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas

- 8:00 a.m. Charles A. Foley (Todd & Candy Luniewski & Family)
- 4:00 p.m. Jim & Peg Tiskus 50th Wedding Anniversary
- 6:00 p.m. Nellie Rendulic (Pat & Carl Carfagna)

Sunday, January 29 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. Ann Sufak (Husband George)
- 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish
- 11:00 a.m. Apollonia Castellano (Daughter Concetta Liberto)



January 15,2006	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	899	\$16,592.00
Cash/Loose Cks.	—	813.00
Children's Offer.	81	103.71
St. Anthony	331	4,494.75
School Collection	15	261.00
Parish Share	4	295.00
Parish Needy	9	125.00
TOTAL	1,339	\$22,684.46

Art & Environment Meeting: This Monday, January 23 at 8:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. We invite anyone in our Parish Family who is interested in decorating our Church to come with your ideas or ways to enhance our sacred space for the honor and glory of God. Any questions, please call Mary Ann at (412) 486-0165.

MARCH FOR LIFE - Monday, January 23

Be part of the support of LIFE by prayer at home or participate in our 5:30 AM Liturgy, if you are not joining our youth and adults going on the March in Washington, D.C.

R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the souls of Lilyen Ashbaugh, mother of Jackie Szafranski of our Parish Family, Patricia Bell, sister of Stan Szafranski of our Parish Family, and Edward Brown of our Parish Family.

A VOCATION VIEW

The reign of God is now. Are you willing to drop what you are doing to follow Jesus' call? Believe that God will give you what you need. (Mark 1: 14-20)

DAILY



READINGS

- Jan. 23: 2 Sm 5: 1-7, 10; Mk 3: 22-30, or any readings from the Mass "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891
- Jan. 24: 2 Sm 6: 12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35
- Jan. 25: Acts 22: 3-16 or Acts 9: 1-22; Mk 16: 15-18
- Jan. 26: 2 Tm 1: 1-8 or Ti 1: 1-5; Mk 4:21-25
- Jan. 27: 2 Sm 11: 1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34
- Jan. 28: 2 Sm 12: 1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4: 35-41
- Jan. 29: Dt 18: 15-20; Ps 95; 1 Cor 7:32-35
Mk 1: 21-28

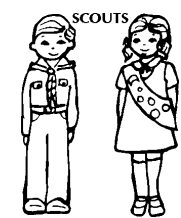
SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISMS: Born again of water and the Spirit here at St. Mary's were:

Jessica Lynn Boyle Ethan Thomas Greenwald
Charlotte Greenwald Matthew William Cardinal
 Katherine Agnes Jenkins

We congratulate them, their parents, godparents and grandparents!

R.C.I.A. meets today following the 9:00 a.m. Liturgy in the rectory dining room. Today's topic will be: "Marriage and Holy Orders". Next week the Tour of the Church will take place after the 11:00 a.m. Liturgy.



ATTENTION ALL SCOUTS: Sunday, February 5, 2006 is SCOUT SUNDAY. Any parishioner who is a Cub Scout, Boy Scout or Girl Scout may participate in the procession at the **9 AM liturgy**. A reception will follow in Marian Hall. Please contact Sandy or Bart DalDosso at 412-492-1370

with the number that plan to attend from your group. Thank you!!!



THIRD ANNUAL CYM PLAY TO BENEFIT THE SCHOOL STUDENTS IN PATZUN, GUATEMALA

Our annual CYM dinner theatre will be on Saturday, February 18 after the 6 PM liturgy. This year, the teens will present Robert Fulghum's "All I really need to know I learned in kindergarten" under the direction of Mariane Ruffner and assistant, Dr. Kevin Kelly. The dinner will again be catered by John Marshall. **Tickets will be on sale at the rectory and Faith Formation office. NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE TAKEN OVER THE PHONE. Limited theatre style seating and sound system available.** There will be a matinee on Sun. Feb. 19 @ 1:30 PM for a free will donation.



RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Faith Sharing for 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's gospel, we hear about some people willing to change everything to follow Jesus. As the fishermen left their nets, what types of things, ways of life, or desires do we leave behind when we choose to follow Jesus? What helps you to overcome doubts to follow Jesus willingly?

Congratulations Grade 8 Youth for participating in the annual March for Life essay and poster contest. Our parish Pro-life team chose winners:

Sean Ferguson for best essay, and **Jessica Hatheway** for best poster. The work of all the entrants are on display on the stage in Marian Hall this SUNDAY. Stop in to see their exhibit and share their interpretations of how "Roe vs Wade Violates the American Way".

Monday Faith Formation, January 23
Grades 7 & 8 meet IN church by 6:30 PM.
Saturday Faith Formation, January 28
Grades 3 & 4 meet IN church; all others in class.

Catholic Vision of Love catechesis and reflection on the beauty and sanctity of human sexuality will be part of the catechetical sessions Jan. 28 & 30. Grades 5-6-7-8 of Family Program welcome to participate with the Saturday or Monday groups.

CLUSTER Families of following GROUPS, please contact our Faith Formation office with your date/time/place of meeting for January:

- Eucharist:** 1-A; 1-B; 2-A; 4; 7; and 9.
- Confirmation:** 2; 3-A; 4; 10-C; and 11.

Staff persons who have visited groups have many COMPLIMENTS about the parents/guardians' superb example of leadership in sharing faith (and tasty treats) at those gatherings.

EUCHARIST Families who miss your group may come to the make-up on January 29 at 10:00 AM Marian Hall.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Didn't get everything you wanted for Christmas? Maybe what you need isn't found under the tree....

T-ROC on Sunday, January 29, 2006 will include a 5:00 PM Liturgy with Fr. John and "Bring a Parent Night". **Topic for Parents: "How to Raise Your Teen in a World of Chaos"**.

HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

Tues. Jan. 24 Play Practice in Marian Hall 7-9 PM
Wed. Jan. 25 Play Practice in Marian Hall 7-9 PM
Thurs. Jan. 26 Play Practice in Marian Hall 7-9 PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8) CALENDAR

FEB. 4 - 5 SOUPER Bowl Collection at all Liturgies
SUN. FEB. 12 LOVEWALK for the Poor

LOVEWALK

ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12. ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS ANNUAL DIOCESAN EVENT. Bring items to donate (food, baby care, school supplies) to Sacred Heart Church in Shadyside for the **2 PM liturgy with Bishop Winter**. Then walk with your items through the city streets with your donated goods to the East Liberty Presbyterian Church for cookies and cocoa. The event should end around 5 PM. Stop by to sign up or call the Faith Formation office at 412-486-5521.

APPALACHIA 2006

At our November meeting the goals for our summer work camp were established with a **strong focus on development of faith and a sense of community**. Youth who will be eligible to attend must be **age 16** by June 26, 2006; must attend our monthly high school faith formation sessions [**T-ROC**]; participate in our major fund raiser-the **Friday Lenten fish dinners** and must attend a **fundamental skills** session if they missed Brandon Goeller's Skill Workshop in September. A **deposit of \$30** can be brought to the **Sunday, January 29th T-ROC** – make check payable to St. Mary Church CYM.

Contact Barb Belski or Lisa Rulis Ross
 at 412-492-9344

email us at cymoffice@stmaryglenshaw.org

Check out our website! www.stmaryglenshaw.org/cym
Teens have their own site for questions. Go to the above web site for our **new discussion board**. You may anonymously post your question and someone on our parish staff will post a reply. **Young adults and adults click on adult discussion board.**

Alex Lamers is our new **communications guru**.

All high school students who have given us their e-mail address will receive his e-letter. **Check out his January e-letter** If you want to receive Alex's e-letter contact him at cymoffice@stmaryglenshaw.org

ST. MARY SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE - There will be an Open House for all prospective students considering St. Mary School as their school of choice for the 2006-07 year on Sunday, January 29th, after the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM masses. Come and see what a great school we are.

SMAA NEWS - The St. Mary Athletic Association is sponsoring a "Night at the Races" on Saturday, January 28, 2006, in Marian Hall. Horse racing, blackjack and other games of chance will be available that evening. Doors open at 7:00 PM with a buffet that begins at 7:15 PM and horse racing at 8:00 PM. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Tickets and horses can be purchased at all home basketball games, You can also contact Joe Natoli at (412) 486-0850 or jnatoli@federatedinv.com to purchase tickets, horses, or reserve a table for a group. Adults only please. Thank you for your support.

SUPER BINGO - Another Super Bingo will be held on Friday, February 3, 2006 in Marian Hall. Tickets are \$35 each; \$40 at the door. Admission includes 12 cards for regular games and 5 specials. Doors open at 5:30 PM; early birds at 7:00 PM. The evening includes 40 regular games at 50 points each; 5 specials at 100 points each, one jackpot at 500 points, and one more jackpot at 1000 points. All proceeds benefit St. Mary School. Call Coleen at 412-486-6622 for information or to purchase tickets.

DESPERATE FOR THE WORD...BIBLE STUDY - A New Year's Resolution: To set aside time to fill our mind with God's truth and our heart with His love. Please join us on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 1:00-2:30 PM starting Tuesday, January 24th. We will gather in the Faith Formation Office. For more information, please call Dori Monahan at (412) 492-9891.

PTG AUCTION - St. Mary School PTG presents "All That Pizzazz" Dinner and Auction on Saturday, March 25, 2006 at 6:00 PM at the Greek Orthodox Banquet Hall in Oakmont, PA. The night includes a full-course sit-down dinner with silent and live auctions: get-away packages, sports memorabilia, and so much more! Tickets are \$40 per person; all proceeds benefit the school. Please call Melissa at (412) 492-9349 to purchase tickets.

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

Adult Enrichment - ALL welcome to meet with Father William Fay, Thursday, January 26, 6:30 - 9:00 PM in Saint Mary School Library to glean the wisdom of the PROPHETS. God's Word is ALIVE and continues to speak to our hearts.

Prayer for Christian Unity till January 25

Prayer for each day: "Loving God, you gather the scattered sheep and watch over those you have gathered. Look on all who follow Jesus, your Son; make them one in the fullness of faith and unite them in the bond of love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME: a

post-baptism ministry to parents with children age birth to five years of age sponsors a **FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** thought each week in the bulletin written by Bud Ozar, a national columnist. **James and John appear irresponsible leaving their jobs and families to follow Jesus. In today's Gospel, Jesus is making the same invitation to you and your family: "Now is the time. Come follow me." In this New Year, Jesus is inviting you to leave your comfort zone and follow him more closely. This is your chance!**

MOM'S NIGHT OUT: All Moms are welcome to meet with Sr. Kathy Adamski, O.S.F., at LaVerna House on Mark Twain Drive at 7:00 p.m. on Wed., Jan. 25th. For directions or questions, call Cindy Shadle at (412) 487-5272.

PRE-MARRIAGE PROGRAM FOR THE ENGAGED:

The schedule for the next Allegheny Valley Deanery pre-marriage program for the engaged is Friday evening, February 24th and Sat., February 25th at the Catholic Community of Sharpsburg. Contact Joe Grusofsky at (412) 781-5150 before the February 14th deadline. Cost \$55.00 per couple.

CELEBRATE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE on Sun., Feb. 5, 12 noon - 2 p.m.

At LaVerna House, the Sisters of St. Francis of Millvale Convent in our Parish, 105 Mark Twain Dr. Come and meet the Sisters and discover what may be your daughter's life purpose. RSVP: Sister Kathy, OSF (412) 215-7708 by Feb. 1st.

THIRD ANNUAL GENESIS-OUTREACH TO MOMS AND BABIES IN NEED:

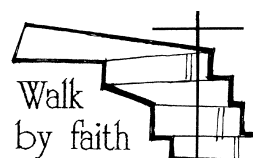
Genesis is an organization that assists women who have made the choice to keep their baby and not abort it. During the months of January thru April the **Let the Little Children Come to Me Ministry** will be collecting personal items like diapers, formula, Maternity clothing, nursing supplies, bottles, clothing for infants to one year old, baby food, etc. Place donations in the Children's Liturgy Room (formerly known as the Cry Room.) Call Cindy Shadle at (412) 487-5272 with any questions you may have. If you are able to donate some time to Genesis, call Melissa at (412) 492-0132 or Patrice at (412) 492-4038.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY: is Sunday, February 12, 2006. There will be a diocesan celebration of World Marriage Day on Sat., Feb. 11th, at St. Scholastica Parish, Aspinwall. It begins with Mass at 5 p.m. in the Church with Bishop Paul Bradley as the presider and homilist. Following Mass there will be a wine and cheese reception in the Parish Hall. Regis and Libbie Flaherty will then speak on the topic: **"You Can Have A Great Marriage!"** All couples, married and engaged, are welcome. Donation \$5.00 a couple. Call Jim Finn at (412) 486-4100 to make a reservation before February 1st.

ADULT CONFIRMATION INFORMATION:

Those 18 years of age or older who have not been Confirmed are invited to prepare to receive this sacrament when the Bishop comes to St. Mary's on May 2nd. Call Jim Finn (412) 486-4100 at the rectory to register for the preparation sessions which will begin shortly.

MEN OF COURAGE: Holy Hour and Benediction on Sat. Feb. 11th, at St. Paul Seminary from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Come hear Deacon Joe Carr, who will be ordained to the priesthood this Spring, speak on being "Men of Courage." Single and Married lay men of all ages are welcome. Call Jim Finn for more information, (412) 486-4100. No charge. Go on your own or join the car pool leaving St. Mary's at 7:45 a.m.



PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS from Father John

Members of our *Pro-Life Committee* will be standing at the doors of the church today seeking our financial support for the magnificent work that they do in regard to our commitment to the sanctity of all Human Life. As all parishioners and their friends are invited to join the Committee on the bus that will be sent to Washington, D.C. Monday morning as representative of our Parish Family, our financial support this day is our way of participating in this witness! Those going to Washington will join thousands who will come from all over the country to remind lawmakers and the world in general of our upholding of the dignity of all life.

THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE! First and foremost we must put an end to the horror of abortion and euthanasia as we come to “respect life” from the very first moment of conception to the final call by God to the eternal kingdom. Human life is too precious! It reflects the divine image of our God in the world in which we live. It has eternal worth and its value supersedes any power humans have to eliminate it.

THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE! Individual communities of people continue to speak out as racial profiling, ethnic cruelty and drive-by shootings make front-page news from the smallest town to the largest city all across this nation. There seems to be no end to the multitudinous ways we can discover to violate the life of another human being. In all of this, however, each of us knows that human life has a dignity and importance that supersedes such acts of destruction and cries out for such acts one day to cease!

THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE! It is not what you and I have done as humans beings that bring such sanctity to our human lives, but rather only what God could do in a moment of creation. The sanctity of our human life goes way beyond our own personal achievements, as if to say the more we do the more dignity we possess. Not so at all! Our human dignity finds its fulfillment in the very nature of who we are as human beings, for a loving God has created each of us into the image of the divine. It is God who has made us to live forever for our destiny is way beyond the finality of this world. And in this we are SANCTIFIED!

	Ads will appear here			