

Bulletin # 910038

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Attn: Bee

MESSAGES:

## SCOUT SUNDAY: TODAY

We offer a warm welcome to all those who gather at the 9:00 a.m. liturgy this morning to celebrate *Scout Sunday*. We recognize all of the young people of our Parish Family who participate in the scouting program at every level, and most especially thank all of the adults and parents who give of themselves so generously to form these young people into dedicated Americans who realize the importance of God in their lives.

**Any parishioner who is a Cub Scout, Boy Scout, or Girl Scout may participate in the procession today. Simply gather at the back of the church at 8:45 a.m. to do so.**

Congratulations to all those who will receive their religious award as we invite all parents and guardians to encourage their children to participate in future religious award programs of the scouting. The many scout programs that use our facilities during the course of the year offer great service to our Parish Family in many ways, and today's 9:00 a.m. liturgy recognizes them for it. A reception will follow in Marian Hall courtesy of the Hospitality Ministry to which all are welcome!

### PASTORAL COUNCIL LEADERSHIP

The 14 members of the Parish Pastoral Council will gather once more on Monday of this week, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory to set in motion the goals and objectives of the Parish Family for the year 2006. Each of the goals established by the Council will adhere to one of the four pillars of our Parish Vision Statement. Now that the Vision of our Parish Family appears on the front cover of the bulletin each week, the Council hopes that all groups and organizations will keep an eye on this vision as each group outlines its activities for the year. The real purpose of the leadership of our Pastoral Council is to keep our entire parish life together under the one umbrella of our Parish Vision.

### CONGRATULATIONS, FATHER ED

Congratulations to our own Father Ed who was honored this past week by the **Three Rivers Youth Council** of Pittsburgh for his devoted work with the troubled youth of the entire metropolitan area.

## “CATCH THE VIBE” VITALITY IN BUILDING EXCELLENCE

As the winter months continue to move in on us, the plans for our Parish Activity Center (PAC) are moving along quite nicely. The final plans from the architect are being reviewed by the members of the Temporalities Commission and as soon as that process is completed they will be sent out for bid to any construction company so interested. It seems like nothing has been done as of yet since the “first shovel” has not been put in the ground, but the preparatory plans have been under way for almost a year. For those who measure amount of work done by how much has been spent thus far for the Parish Activity Center, that number is a little over \$75,000. This would include the architect fees, the costs for permits and township expenses, the soil checking, etc. Much “ground work” has to be laid before the “ground” can actually be shoveled!

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS EVENING

All adult extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, greeters, lectors, ushers and music ministers, including the choirs, contemporary groups, bell choir, cantors and instrumentalists, are invited to gather with us for our Mardi Gras celebration on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Marian Hall. We hope to create a socially friendly atmosphere during which we might meet and greet other ministers who are part of the many liturgical celebrations of our Parish Family.

### PARISH SHARE SUNDAY

The collection for this year's Parish Share Program will take place in three weeks on the weekend of February 25/26 when the second collection that day will be for our contributions and pledges. A member of the Finance Council will speak at all the liturgies in two weeks to remind us of the important of this collection. We thank all those parishioners who responded so generously to last year's appeal because with their generosity we were able to make this past year's assessment without taking funds from our regular collection. That is now SIX YEARS in a row we have made our Parish Share assessment. We hope that every parishioner will be able to contribute at least the same amount to this year's collection.

**Masses for the Week**

**Sunday, February 5 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 4:00 p.m. Adelia Seimet (Family)
- 6:00 pm Marie & Carl Hunkele (Family)
- 7:30 a.m. Joseph Wagner (Family)
- 9:00 a.m. Deceased of Joseph Slagel Family (Family)
- 11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish

**Monday, February 6 - St. Paul Miki and companions**

- 7:00 a.m. Elma Spinnenweber (Sr. Lois & Joan)
- 10:00 a.m. George Baker (Marge & Family)

**Tuesday, February 7**

- 7:00 a.m. Ruth Thomas (Bill & Joan Heinz)
- 10:00 a.m. Sally Molnar (Family)

**Wednesday, February 8 - St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita**

- 7:00 a.m. Marie Gaslevic (Joan & Bill Heinz)
- 10:00 a.m. Filomena Bennardo (Family)

**Thursday, February 9**

- 7:00 a.m. Joseph & Josephine Mikszan (Mikszan Children)
- 10:00 a.m. Donna & William Kelsh (Family)

**Friday, February 10 - St. Scholastica**

- 7:00 a.m. John Creaturo (Wife & Daughters)
- 10:00 a.m. Bob Porco (The Butler Family)

**Saturday, February 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes**

- 8:00 a.m. Sp. Int. Lisa Marie Palmer (Mother)
- 4:00 p.m. Anna Ferber (Family)
- 6:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish

**Sunday, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 7:30 a.m. Francis Werling (Family)
- 9:00 a.m. Frank Kirzyc (Wife Sally)
- 11:00 a.m. Agnes, Bill & Charles Semler (Hilda & Bill Gilg)

**R.I.P.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Clarence Walz and Elmer Hunkele of our Parish Family, and Ralph McDermot, brother of Patricia Rosswog of our Parish Family.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN** will be celebrated on February 26th at the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Contact Donna Polito, (412) 492-9312 or Mary Sue Certo-Newcamp, (412) 767-5234 if you would like to serve with the team at these or one of the liturgies in the coming months.

**FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR TODAY** Are in loving memory of John Galicia and in celebration of the Wedding Anniversary of Tom & Martha Garasic.

**WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE:** Today we celebrate as we recognize and give thanks for those who have consecrated their lives to God and the Church through the vows of poverty, Chastity and obedience. Some join a religious congregation, others remain single and make a profession to God through the local Bishop and are known as consecrated virgins. We continue to thank God for the presence of the Sisters of Divine Providence and the Millvale Franciscans in our Parish Family. May God continue to bless all the religious women and men serving the Church. **PRAY FOR AN INCREASE OF CHURCH VOCATIONS!**

**Worship Commission Meeting:** Tuesday, February 7th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory. All are welcome.

January 29, 2006	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	830	\$16,109.65
Cash/Loose Cks.	—	730.00
Children's Offer.	75	125.10
St. Anthony	6	62.00
School Collection	14	180.00
Parish Share	2	90.00
Parish Needy	40	380.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>967</b>	<b>\$17,676.75</b>

**DAILY**



**READINGS**

- Feb. 6: 1 Kgs 8: 1-7, 9-13; Mk 6: 53-56
- Feb. 7: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
- Feb. 8: 1 Kgs 10: 1-10; Mk 7:14-23
- Feb. 9: 1 Kgs 11: 4-13; Mk 7:24-30
- Feb. 10: 1 Kgs 11: 29-32; 12: 19; Mk 7:31-37
- Feb. 11: 1 Kgs 12: 26-32; 13: 33-34; Mk 8: 1-10
- Feb. 12: Lv 13: 1-2, 44-46; Ps 32; 1 Cor 10: 31—11:1; Mk 1: 40-45

**SACRAMENTAL LIFE**

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

**Kristopher Jon Pizzella**

**We congratulate him, his parents, godparents and grandparents!**

**R.C.I.A.** Meets each Sunday following 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Rectory dining room. This week's topic will be: Lent. Next week's topic: The Commandments. Please call Father Ed or Jim Finn at (412) 486-4100 for information.

**PARISH SHARING TREE:** Many thanks and blessings to the Parish Family. Through your generosity and caring we were able to provide over 600 gifts to those in need. In addition we received 79 gift cards for Target, K-Mart, Wal-Mart and Kohl's. These gift cards were given to clients of our Food Pantry and to our neighbors in Sharpsburg. Many in the Sharpsburg area are still trying to recover from the flood. A special note of appreciation to the students in Mrs. Fischer's Class, who cut out over 600 ornaments and to the Confirmation Candidates who attached yarn to the ornaments. Our Parish Family has truly answered the question: "Where did I see you Lord when you were hungry or unclothed?"

**CALLING ALL MEN!** The Catholic Men's Fellowship in conjunction with the Diocesan Dept. for Evangelization is sponsoring a **Morning of Prayer** for all men on Sat., Feb. 11th. The theme of the gathering is "Men of Courage." Meet at St. Paul Seminary at 8:30 a.m. for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and fellowship. Go on your own or join the car pool leaving St. Mary's at 7:45 a.m. The gathering concludes at 10:00 a.m.

**Prayer for the Safety of Soldiers**

**Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in you will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

**FAITH SHARING FOR 5TH WEEK IN ORDINARY**

**TIME:** Simon tells Jesus, in mark 1: 29-39, "EVERYONE is looking for you." Am I included in the EVERYONE looking for Jesus NOW? What makes me seek out Jesus? Where can I find the balance that Jesus models, prayer and deeds or words that offer healing?

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:** The Yellow Page 19 of your gray booklet is the RETREAT FORM that was due to the Faith Formation Office LAST Thursday, February 2; please return yours if you still have it.

**MONDAY Faith Formation Kindergarten meet IN CHURCH at 6:30 p.m.**

**THURSDAYS, FEBRUARY 2ND & 9TH, 6 P.M. IN OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY.** COME to engage with fiery PROPHETS and Father William Fay. New-comers to this series still welcome. If you're looking for LOVE, here's an opportunity to discover the REAL source.

**Saturday Faith Formation, Feb. 11, 9:30 a.m. Grades 6-7-8 meet IN Church for celebration of the sacrament of RECONCILIATION. Parents/Guardians and Confirmation Sponsors welcome to participate.**

**QUARTERBACKS HEADING FOR THE GOAL TO FILL ETHIOPIA** Faith Formation youth KICK-OFF the next phase of their project to help support the youth at the Catholic Hostel in Yabello, Ethiopia. Showing the BACKS of quarters attached to a sturdy poster to FILL the shape of Ethiopia is the goal. **Congratulations to winner, Jonathan Fenton,** now wearing the sports hat signed by Coach Bill Cowher. THANKS for your support of the raffle which raised 4180 for the Hostel directed by Father Vince Stegman, CSSp.

**SUNDAY, PRE-SCHOOL** children meet in School Room 7, while Parents participate at 9:00 a.m. Liturgy. Stories, songs, crafts for little ones to enjoy. For details call Megan Kemmler at (724) 444-4545.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

help us  
in  
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**SOUPER BOWL  
COLLECTION...**

*After all Liturgies...*

Middle School Students will be standing at the doors after all of the liturgies this weekend collecting donations for the Bread of Life Food Pantry in Etna. We call this event **SOUPER BOWL** weekend. While our thoughts will certainly be focused on our own Pittsburgh Steelers in Detroit, might we also take this opportunity to help our middle school students learn the value of service in the name of Christ? Please be as generous as possible.

**HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**Tues. Feb. 6** Play Practice in Marian Hall 7-9 PM  
**Wed. Feb. 7** Play Practice in Marian Hall 7-9 PM  
**Thurs. Feb. 8** Play Practice in Marian Hall 7-9 PM  
**Sun. Feb 12** Breakfast & Bible – JAM Center 10-Noon  
**Sun. Feb 26** T-ROC – 6:30 – 9:00 PM-Meet in Church

**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 or call the CYM office at 412-492-9344.

**Breakfast & Bible – February 12th**

**High school youth 9-12:** Our next T-ROC is February 26<sup>th</sup> but if you can't make that session, come to our Breakfast & Bible at the JAM Center 10 – Noon. (All youth registered for Appalachia must attend T-ROC or Breakfast & Bible.)

**APPALACHIA 2006**

Our Appalachia team of youth and adults has now been established for this summer's work camp. For all those who have paid and registered, you will be receiving more information about our meeting on February 21st. We will finalize our work plans for the Fish Dinners on Friday, March 10, 17, 24, and 31.

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

**ST. MARY SCHOOL**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE** - The next Middle School dance will take place on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, in Marian Hall from 7:15 - 10:15 PM. Tickets are \$5.00 and must be purchased in advance—no tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets are available in the rectory and Faith Formation offices as well as in the school the mornings of February 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. The dress code is strictly enforced. This event is sponsored by St. Mary School PTG.

**INTERNET SAFETY PROGRAM** - All parents and guardians are invited to attend a program on internet safety sponsored by the Hampton Township police department on Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM. The presentation will focus on websites being used by our young adults which are inappropriate websites. It would be very worthwhile to attend this program if you have concerns or just want to be informed. This will take place in Marian Hall. No children are permitted to attend—this is for adults only.

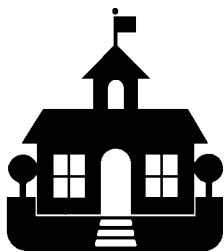
**CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK:** A special thank-you to all those who contributed to this year's Catholic School Week celebration as we once more recognize what an asset the parochial school is to our entire Parish Family. We open our school to all those families who will be coming to our school for the first time. In particular, we look to those who have a child beginning pre school, kindergarten or first grade in September. We remind all parishioners that our parochial school begins with a three-year old program and extends all the way to the eighth grade. If you know of a family not from our parish with a child in this age group, please remind them that our school is open to all children, irrespective of their religion, race or social class.

**DELINQUENT TUITION:** The tuition rate for the coming school year will be set during this month of February. We remind all those who have not paid their 2005-2006 tuition that it is due in full at this time. The new tuition payments will begin in March.

**A VOCATION VIEW**

**Proclaiming the Gospel is our Christian mission. Jesus proclaimed the Good News and healed because he was rooted in prayer. Take Jesus' lead—pray! (Mark 1: 29-39)**

**PRAYER LIST OF THE SICK:** We remind all those persons who are listed on our Prayer List that appears each month in the bulletin that the names of 2005 are not automatically placed on the list for 2006. Those who are still homebound, ill or in need of our prayers are asked to simply call the rectory during the regular office hours and place the your name or the name of your loved one on our 2006 listing. We invite all parishioners to remember in prayer all those who will be added to the Prayer List for 2006.



**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"**. Cost of the dinner is \$25 and tickets are 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; refreshments may be purchased at the matinee intermission. **The Mission Committee is looking for volunteers** to help with the **set up and clean up** for our dinner theatre on Saturday, February 18, and on Sunday, February 19, this volunteer work counts as service hours. Please call 412-492-9344 if you can help. Also, to our **Parish Pie bakers:** Show off your baking skills and benefit the school that our parish supports in Patzun, Guatemala. **The village was hit particularly hard with the recent rain and the roof needs to be repaired.** On Sunday, February 19, we would like to serve pie with our refreshments at intermission. Please drop your pies off in Marian Hall either Saturday, February 18 after 3 PM or Sunday, February 19 before noon.

**ATTENTION MEN OF THE PARISH FAMILY:**

You are invited to take advantage of several opportunities to assist you in your role as Catholic husbands, fathers, grandfathers and members of this faith community. Why not begin this LENT with a booster shot for your faith life? Join the men on March 3-4-& 5 at St. Paul Retreat House on the Southside. Call Charlie Fischer at (412) 487-4667, Jerry McNalley (724) 443-6661 or James Karcher (724) 444-5798 to find out more!

**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE ANSWER THE CALL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE:** On Sat., April 1st at the A.J. Palumbo Center on the campus of Duquesne University. Whether you are a father, grandfather, single man or son, what ever your

Level of spiritual need, "COME AND SEE" how your life can be changed. A modest discount is available for parish group sales. If enough men from here register, we will have a FREE bus. To register or find out more, call Deacon Francis or Jim Finn at the rectory (412) 486-4100 as soon as possible!

**SECOND SATURDAY MEN'S GROUP:** will meet on Saturday, February 11th, after the 8 a.m. Liturgy. All men are welcome. Please be prepared to pay deposit for the April 1st outing.

**LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME:**

Each week a different Family Perspective by Bud Ozar will appear in the bulletin courtesy of the Core Team of our post baptism ministry to young children (birth to age five) and their parents. **When a parent sits down to relax suddenly "everyone is looking for you." Imitate Jesus, in today's gospel, and "get away to a quiet place" where you can spend a few moments talking with the Father. Reflection brings relaxation and better parenting.**

**MOM'S NIGHT OUT:** All Moms are invited to join the Let the Little Children Come To Me Ministry Moms on Wed., Feb. 8th at 7 p.m. in the rectory dining room. We will meet with Fr. Ed, and discuss **SIGNS AND SYMBOLS-An Overview of the Sacraments.** All are invited to join us for this time of conversation, laughter and support! Call Arlene at (412) 492-7275.

**VALENTINE SMILES - SHARE GOD'S LOVE:**

The Let the Little Children Come To Me Moms and Tots will visit Hartwood Personal Care Home next Monday, February 13th, at 9:45 a.m. Prior to visiting, each child should make two Valentines. Give a hug and get a smile...share God's love. To find out more, call Edith at (412) 492-0557 and sign up!

**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.

**PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS** from Father John

May I speak on behalf of the entire Parish Family in welcoming all the SCOUTS, both boys and girls and all their adult leaders to today's 9:00 a.m. liturgy as we celebrate SCOUT SUNDAY!!! The Scout Program has a marvelous history of development in this country. Even though the early tradition of the Scout movement began in England in 1907 under the leadership of Robert Baden Powell, an officer in the British army; it spread quickly to the United States because of its accent upon developing character, citizenship, and physical and mental fitness. With the aid of William Boyce, a Chicago publisher who had been greatly impressed by the Scout Program in England, the "Boys Scouts of America" was formed in 1910.

Meanwhile, a certain Juliette Gordon Low, who was a companion to Baden Powell, brought the Scout movement for girls to the United States. In 1912 she set up a home program for girls to meet so that they too might experience the American values of citizenship and personal accomplishments; and therefore she is known as the founder of the "Girl Scouts of America." In 1916 the Congress of the United States gave the Scouting Program a federal charter and from that time on it has had a major impact upon the life of many young people.

The activities of the Scout Program are geared to a series of achievements that the boys and girls must accomplish to advance through the various Scout ranks. Those interested parishioners who gather at today's 9:00 a.m. liturgy to celebrate with the many dedicated scouts of our Parish Family will witness to the accomplishments of our young people by the multitudinous variety of badges and medals that don their uniforms. Today we make a special recognition of the boys and girls who will be awarded the RELIGIOUS medals that identify them with the Catholic Faith.

We congratulate all our girls and boys who participate in the Scout Program, whether they meet on our grounds or elsewhere, and encourage them to continue in this process. For all the adults who offer themselves so generously to the development of these young people, thank you very much for your dedicated efforts that allow the youth of our Faith Community to mature into such wonderful human values!

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