

# PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

The Most Holy Trinity  
May 18, 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

## THE HOLY TRINITY

In the long-standing tradition of our Catholic Faith, the first Sunday after the magnificent celebration of Pentecost has been called "*The Solemnity of the Holy Trinity*." First and foremost, as we now begin the long journey of Sunday liturgies that will take us all the way to Christ the King, we celebrate one of the three great mysteries of our Catholic Faith: THE TRINITY. This divine mystery reveals to us the inner life of God in that we believe in "one God, three persons" so that Father, Son and Holy Spirit all share the same divine nature, even though they are different in person. The depth of this theological language brings us to the heart of our belief in a triune God, differentiating us from other monotheistic believers, like those of the Jewish and Muslim faith. Never totally being able to explain the heart of this mystery, we simply call together as the People of God with hearts open to worship ONE GOD, THREE PERSONS.

### SECOND COLLECTION: TODAY

There will be a SECOND collection taken up at all the liturgies today entitled Catholic Relief Services. We should be alert to the fact that this collection will offer financial aid to the humanitarian crisis now taking place in Myanmar. Also included in this collection are the three traditional recipients of the monies: the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, the Church in Latin America and the Church in Africa. There is an envelope in our packet for this collection, and we are asked to be generous.

### MEMORIAL DAY LITURGY: 10:00 A.M.

Being a citizen of the United States of America brings to us a dignity and pride that demands gratitude to our eternal God. We hope to use the occasion of Memorial Day to gather as ONE family to celebrate the mystery of our Catholic Faith by joining us at the 10:00 a.m. liturgy that day.

### FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

Members of the Financial Council are reminded of their meeting set for this Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. Council members are now working on the budget for the next fiscal year which begins on July 1, 2007 to maintain our Parish Family solvency.

## WELCOME TO OUR SENIORS!

We open the doors of our church and the portals of our hearts to all the graduates who join us at our 6:00 p.m. liturgy. We ask all parishioners to keep the intentions of these young people in their daily prayers as they begin to find the fulfillment of their lifetime dreams. These graduates have so much to offer not only to the world in which we live, but also to the Church they have come to serve during their formative years. We hope that they will continue to remain faithful to the Catholic Faith in which they have been nourished by the Parish Family of *St. Mary of the Assumption*.

## "CATCH THE VIBE"

The dedicated work of our Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) continues as the members of the Committee contact each of those who are still paying on their pledge to determine the status of their payment plan. It is imperative that the CCC have an exact handle on the reception of the pledges so that they can determine the exact nature of the parish debt. The CCC will be meeting on Monday of this week, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory to make a report on their telephone conversations with those who still paying. We hope that all those contacted receive this personal call in the spirit of gathering information, and not suggesting delinquency. Many of those contacted have been extremely faithful in their payment plan, and we hope that they are able to continue until their pledge is complete.

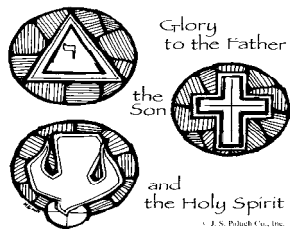


**Festival**

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**FLASHES!!**

Raffle tickets have been sent out ... if you did not receive yours, or if you would like to have another book, simply call the rectory ... volunteers for all the needs of the Parish Family Festival are now being enlisted .... your raffle letter offers you an opportunity to help in some facet of the Festival ... the Chinese Auction booth is creating their wonderful baskets ... the Flea Market is collecting items ... the Craft Booth is in need of more items ... new prizes and games are being created for all ages ... the rides are being established --- the next FESTIVAL MEETING will be held on Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory.



## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, May 18, 2008 - The Most Holy Trinity

- 4:00 p.m. Gerard Willis - Lois & George Lutz
- 6:00 p.m. Baccalaureate Mass - Parish Graduates
- 7:30 a.m. Anne Mae Walsh - Family
- 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 11:00 a.m. John & Iola Marcucci - Family
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group Liturgy - Peace Negotiations in Uganda

### Monday, May 19, 2008 - Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 a.m. John Fowkes, Jr. - Family
- 10:00 a.m. James Berrang - Family

### Tuesday, May 20, 2008 - St. Bernardine of Siena

- 7:00 a.m. George Tallon - Family
- 10:00 a.m. Betty Graf - Helen Ley

### Wednesday, May 21, 2008 - St. Christopher Magallanes/Companions

- 7:00 a.m. Mrs. Carl Hunkele - Family
- 10:00 a.m. Joseph Martin - M/M Carl Tabacjar

### Thursday, May 22, 2008 - St. Rita of Cascia

- 7:00 a.m. Clarence Bittner - Wisser Family
- 10:00 a.m. Mildred Hvostal - Rege & Children

### Friday, May 23, 2008 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 a.m. Elizabeth Berrang - Family
- 10:00 a.m. Ryan Owens - Polito Family

### Saturday, May 24, 2008 - Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:00 a.m. Lloyd B. Conley, Sr. - Betz Family
- 4:00 p.m. Vinny Londino - M/M Gregory Distilo
- 6:00 p.m. Eileen Donatelli - Joan & Don Finke

### Sunday, May 25, 2008 - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

- 7:30 a.m. Virginia Zottola - Cugliari Family
- 9:00 a.m. Norma & Lizzy Frederick - Barbara & Rick Romea
- 11:00 a.m. Ann & Bernard Churilla - Daughters

## Weekly Activities at a Glance

- Sunday May 18**
  - (Church) 9:00AM - Family Program
  - (Marina Hall) 9:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children
  - (Marian Hall) 11:00AM - Sunday Preschool
  - (Church) 6:00PM - Youth Group Liturgy
  - (Marian Hall) 7:00PM - Youth Group
  - (Rectory) 7:00PM - Directed Prayer Meeting
- Monday May 19**
  - (Church) 8:30AM - School Confessions Gr. 3 through 7
  - (Marian Hall) 2:45PM - Brownies Troop #303
  - (Church) 2:45PM - Children's Handbell Practice
  - (Marian Hall) 6:00PM - Grade 1 - Sacramental Preparation Mtg.
  - (Marian Hall) 7:00PM - Grade 7 - Sacramental Preparation Mtg.
  - (Rectory) 7:00PM - Finance Council Meeting
  - (Rectory) 7:30PM - Capital Campaign Committee Mtg.
- Tuesday May 20**
  - (Church) 2:45PM - Children's Cantor Practice
  - (Marian Hall) 7:00PM - School Spring Band Concert
- Wednesday May 21**
  - (Marian Hall) 9:15AM - Let the Little Children Come to Me
  - (Marian Hall) 1:30PM - 55 Specials - Bingo/Cards
  - (PAC) 3:00PM - CYM Drop-in
  - (Marian Hall) 7:00PM - St. Rita of Cascia Movie
  - (Church) 7:30PM - Adult Choir Practice
- Thursday May 22**
  - (Church) 1:30PM - May Crowning
  - (Marian Hall) 6:00PM - Grade 1 - Sacramental Preparation Mtg.
  - (Marian Hall) 7:00PM - Grade 7 - Sacramental Preparation Mtg.
  - (Church) 8:00PM - Adult Hand Bell Practice
- Friday May 23**
  - (Church) 10:00AM - School Mass - Sending Forth 8th Gr.
  - (Marian Hall) 7:00PM - Middle School Dance
- Saturday May 24**
- Sunday May 25**
  - (Church) 9:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children
  - (Marian Hall) 10:00AM - Gr. 1 - Sacramental Preparation Mtg.
  - (Church) 11:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children
  - (Marian Hall) 12:00PM - Gr. 1 - Sacramental Preparation Mtg.

RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Janet Meinert.

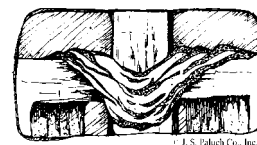
## Banns of Marriage

- I. Erin Roll (St. Mary) & Charles Bellisario (St. Mary)
- II. Nicole Cheberenchick (St. Valentine) & Ryan Hoover (St. Mary)

## Offertory Collection

May 11, 2008	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	841	\$17,872.20
Cash/Loose Cks.	-	\$905.00
Children's Offertory	48	\$61.88
Catholic Relief/ Latin America	3	\$18.00
Ascension Thursday	4	\$65.00
Parish Share 2008	15	\$680.00
Parish Needy	54	\$961.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>\$20,563.08</b>

## Daily Readings



GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON.  
JOHN 3:16A

- May 19: Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-19
- May 20: Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37
- May 21: Jas 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40
- May 22: Jas 5:1-16; Mk 9:41-50
- May 23: Jas 5:9-12; Mk 10:1-12
- May 24: Jas 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16
- May 25: Dr 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Cor 10:16-17;  
Jn 6:51-58

## **SACRAMENTAL LIFE**

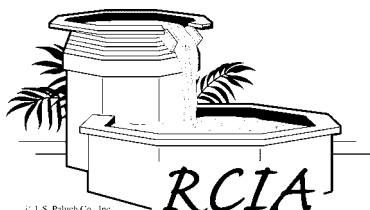
## **RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

### **A VOCATION VIEW**

Are you being called to live in community? Call on the Trinity to help you discern. (2 Corinthians 13:11-13)

### **OUR PARISH PRAYER VESSEL**

*"Into your hands, O Lord, we entrust our intentions."* The worship commission placed a glass prayer vessel in the front of the church near the tabernacle. Ever since, many parishioners have placed their special intentions into this vessel, entrusting these intentions to God, and to the prayers of our parish family. Every day, these intentions are remembered at Mass and each weekend, these intentions are lifted up to God in the General Intercessions, which is also known as the Prayer of the Faithful. Parishioners and visitors are invited to make use of this means of reaching to God in prayer and asking His grace and blessings on those we love.



### **WHAT IS THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)?**

RCIA is a process by which people become members of the Roman Catholic Church. The process is concerned with the total formation of the person. The Rite is designed for those seeking baptism, those already baptized seeking to become Catholic and those who were baptized Catholic but have not completed all the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). If you have any questions or if you or a loved one are interested in joining the RCIA process for the upcoming year, please contact Fr. Ed or Jim Finn (412) 486-4100.

### **DIRECTED PRAYER MEETING TONIGHT-SUNDAY MAY 18, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE RECTORY DINING ROOM**

Father Jim Conroy, S. J. will be here tonight for the initial meeting on the directed prayer process. Those who have indicated an interest in this formation week are reminded to come to the rectory at 7:00pm on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. There is still room for those who are interested but didn't sign up. Come to the rectory tonight at 7:00pm for this one hour meeting. Questions? Call Jim Finn, Pastoral Associate (412)486-0187.

### **A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel teaches that "love" is the result of our "giving." The selfless giving of spouses, parents and children for one another is not only the sign of a happy and holy family. Selfless giving is the gift and the challenge of family life.

### **Faith Sharing for Trinity Sunday**

Slowly make the sign of the Cross on a partner while saying, "God who created all things loves you with an everlasting love, has formed you, calls you by name, and plans a future for you full of hope. **Jesus, God the Son**, became incarnate to save us, heals our souls, shows us the way, serves us and calls us to serve, and says, "Fear not, I am with you." **God the Holy Spirit**, our Advocate and Consoler, leads and guides us in the way of truth, fills our hearts with love, and calls us to share love and peace with the world. Amen.

**CATECHIST Certification and Enrichment Courses being offered at Duquesne University this June 9-13 and 16-20, 9:00 AM till Noon.** Contact our Faith Formation Office or diopitt.org for a complete listing of classes being offered. Those wanting to register, please do so by May 22.

**CATECHISTS** are those who love God and are eager to share their own love with children or youth of our parish family. **If YOU would like to assist as a catechist**, please contact Rose Stegman, 412-486-5521.

**Faith Formation/CCD Registration for the 2008-2009** season being taken. Please contact our office at 412-486-5521 or ccdoffice@stmaryglenshaw.org

**2009 CONFIRMATION - Grades 5-6-7 youth and parent/guardians of our parish family, COME**, meet with Deacon Fran, Catechist Mark Tobin, and other staff, at either ONE of the assemblies to discuss how **Middle Schoolers** may begin to become "disciples" on the journey to **confirm Faith in Jesus** and live out their Baptism commitment as vital members of the Church. The **HOPES of our youth**, as expressed in their own recent comments about family, parish, and our world, will be shared. **Assemble in Marian Hall at 7:00 PM on Monday, May 19, OR Thursday, May 22.**

**REGISTRATIONS being accepted for Summer Bible Programs** which will be offered in our parish:

1. 4 evenings June 29-July 2, 7:00-9 PM  
**Adventure in Galilee-celebrate at the well, the Sabbath, and find treats at the marketplace.**
2. Tuesday evenings in July - "**POWER ZONE**" - summer sports camp! 5:00-9:00 PM
3. **Son World Adventure Park**, August 11-15, 9:30 AM till Noon. Call Lee Ann, 412-492-8043 for details or to volunteer.

### **Corpus Christi-Sawdust Carpet Celebration**

You are invited to come to Holy Martyrs Parish in Tarentum on Sunday, May 25, 2008. Please join many faithful in making a sawdust carpet in the parking lot. Activities begin with sawdust carpet making at 7:30AM. Please contact the rectory at 724-224-0770 by May 22 to reserve a spot.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

**WHAT'S UP** Congratulations to **Amber Rex**, who maintained a 4.0 all 4 years at Fox Chapel Area High School. She was one of 30 top scholars in her senior class and received the Top Student of Family Consumer Sciences Rotary Club Award. She was awarded a merit scholarship and will be attending Westminster College.

### **CONGRATULATIONS 2008 HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES**

We will post our annual list of graduates and their future plans in next week's [May 25] bulletin. We must have this information by Monday, May 19. Please call the CYM office at 412-486-4100, ext. 409.

#### **FLAGS ON VETERANS GRAVES FOR MEMORIAL DAY**

Every year CYM places new flags on the graves of veterans who are buried in our parish cemetery. **We will need lots of help. Work times this week include:**

**Mon., Tues., and Wed., May 19-21 from 4-6 PM**

THIS IS A **BIG** JOB; ALL ARE WELCOME TO HELP US.



#### **LATEST NEWS ON OUR TWO MISSION TRIPS**

Our **Appalachia** foremen traveled to West Virginia this past week to pick out the worksites for our 2008 team of 16 high school students, 7 young adults and 13 adults. Our teens have been preparing for this mission experience since last September. **Youth who are entering the ninth grade this fall will be eligible for our June 2009 Appalachia mission.**

**Only \$5,000 remains to be raised to cover our total of \$34,000 needed for the cost of mission travel for nine people to Uganda, Africa.** We only began this fund raising in January and have already received 85% of the total. **The response in donations has been incredible.** Our mission workers are prepared to pay whatever it takes, but any donations to help them offset their personal costs will be greatly appreciated. You may make out checks to "St. Mary Parish" with a memo for "travel fund" and leave for Barb Belski at the rectory.

**We are now collecting the following supplies to be taken to Uganda for the children:** new pencils with erasers, small plastic pencil sharpeners, chalk and small notebooks. Please bring supplies to the CYM Office or leave at the parish rectory for Barb Belski.

### **KENNYWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY**

will be on Tuesday, July 8. **Cost is \$21**, make check out to St. Mary Parish. A signed consent form will be required. This is an awesome opportunity to have fun at the Park with youth from around the Diocese. We also will gather at the pavilion for liturgy in the morning. Call the CYM office to register at 412-486-4100, ext. 409.

#### **National Catholic Youth Conference [NCYC]**

**DECEMBER 2009 ~ GRADES 9 - 12**

**COST WILL BE ~\$800 PER STUDENT**

**REGISTER NOW!**

*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.*

## **ST. MARY SCHOOL**

### **SPRING BAND CONCERT**

Our instrumental band students will perform one last time at an afternoon concert in Marian Hall on May 20th at 1:30 PM and 7:00 PM. You are most welcome to attend and enjoy the sweet music that our students make.

### **TALENT SHOW**

Our annual Talent Show will be held on Thursday, May 22nd, at 8:45 AM. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to display some of the many talents that they have.

### **MAY CROWNING**

The whole student body will participate in the Crowning of Mary as the Mother of God at a ceremony which will take place on Thursday, May 22nd, at 1:30 PM in the church. Everyone is welcome to come and pray with us!



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### **MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE**

The last dance of this year for middle school students will take place on Friday, May 23rd at 7:15 PM in Marian Hall. Tickets may be purchased at the rectory for \$5.00.

### **GOODBYE, PRESCHOOLERS**

Our preschoolers (3 and 4 year-old) will end their school year on May 22nd and 23rd respectively. We wish them a great summer and hope that other interested families will join their ranks come fall.

### **REGISTRATION**

Anyone who is interested in registering their children in our school may do so by calling the school office at (412) 486-7611. Our school offers a preschool through 8th grade program, focusing on strong faith formation and academic excellence. Come and grow with us!

### **KEEP SAVING**

The school is still collecting empty ink cartridges, old cell phones, Shop 'n Save receipts, and various Campbell's products labels. Please drop them off in the back of church or in the container at the school door entrance. We appreciate your continued support.

## **GENERAL PARISH NEWS**

### **Sunday Family CCD:**

The next session is May 18<sup>th</sup> beginning with the 9:00 am Liturgy: Grades 8 & 2 Serve.

Adult Session: Marian Hall 10:00 am – Noon

Closing Prayer: Grades 1 & Kindergarten

Catechist: Mr. Schaffold & Mrs. Bedel. This will be the last session for the 2007-08 school year!

### **Special Project for May:**

#### **TASK FORCE MED FALCON – KOSOVO ORPHANAGE**

Major Lefler & his unit's humanitarian efforts are the focus of this project – this organization benefits children from birth to 8 yrs. in an orphanage in Kosovo. Items needed: New or gently used clothing; pencils, small boxes of crayons. These will be collected at the May 18<sup>th</sup> family CCD session. Thank you for your continuing support!

#### **ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL TEENS**

**No Youth Gatherings Program.** The Grade School Faith Formation Kids will be presenting an All Star Talent Show on Sunday, May 18, after the 9 AM Mass in the Parish Activity Center. Thanks to the Teens who have volunteered to help out with the Talent Show. This will be the last session for Family CCD for the Summer.

**MARKET DAY FLIERS FOR MAY** have scrumptious foods for festive celebrations. Pick one up at the church exits, the Scrip office or the Faith Formation office. Place your order NOW; the MD pick up will be **THURSDAY, May 29, 6:30-7:30 PM**; willing helpers needed 5:00 PM and there after.

**TODAY -ALL ages welcome to come to the DARFUR DESTROYED VILLAGES MARCH & RALLY, Sunday May 18, 2:00 – 4:00 PM.** Activities begin at Freedom corner, across from Melon Arena and conclude in Market Square, downtown Pittsburgh.

**GRIEF GATHERING - Loss of Loved One** Capuchin Father Scott Seethaler will present "Dealing with the Grief of Losing a Loved One" at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, at St. Joseph Parish in Cabot. The program will include spiritual guidance, prayer and reflection for anyone who has lost a spouse, child, parent, sibling or friend. No registration required. For information, call 724-352-3503 or 724-352-2149.

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

is a ministry for parents with children age five and under. Moms and caregivers and children are invited to join us every first and third Wednesday. We will meet from approximately 9:30am to 10:30am in the Children's Liturgy Room in the church. Each time we gather we invite the children to learn one of the gestures involved in the Mass, to move to inspiring music, visit Jesus in the tabernacle, and join in a parade! Come and share with your child in this fun faith-filled experience! Older siblings are welcome to join us. No reservations are necessary. Please join us for any of the Pray and Play dates--why not check it out this **Wednesday, May 21, 2008?** Call Monica (412)492-0242 for more information.

## **AROUND OUR TOWN**

**CONGRATULATIONS** youth of our parish, Kaitlyn Keenan, anointed and filled with God's Spirit at the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Victor church this past week.

**FREE MOVIE: SAINT RITA**, a story of love of a wife, mother, and medieval "disciple" of Christ. Enter into her story of passion, fury, and fidelity in this contemporary depiction of her life in the Italian town of Cascia. ALL welcome to the film in Marian Hall, Wed. May 21, 7 PM.

**GRADE 2 Children welcome to come in their First Eucharist outfit and have reserved pews in front at each liturgy May 25, Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ.** Parents please return the form which was with your child's First Eucharist certificate or call our Faith Formation Office, 412-486-5521. Photos will be on display **for those who contact us** by Friday, May 23.

#### **News about Pilgrim George**

Pilgrim George has begun his summer pilgrimage to Our Lady of Monte Cassino located at Notre Dame, Indiana. Please keep him in your prayers. Any one interested in his route of travel, please contact the Faith Formation Office, at 412-486-5521.

#### ***YOU ARE INVITED***

Please join us in honoring our military at the 10:00AM Liturgy on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26. We request members of the military, whether active, reservist, or veteran, to wear your uniform and join in the entrance procession. It is a fitting gesture to show support for our troops and pay homage to those defenders of our freedom, who have gone before us.



## ***FESTIVAL HAPPENINGS!***

#### **CHINESE AUCTION**

The Chinese Auction Committee is now searching for donations and volunteers. In order for the Chinese Auction to be successful we need your assistance. We invite you or anyone you know who would like to donate their time and/or talent to assist our committee with soliciting donations, setting up and taking down the display each day of the Festival or the selling of tickets to contact: Lois Krieg (412) 486-3611 or Elma Plietz (412)486-3508. Please let us know if your ministry wants to donate. We will accept donations through May 22nd. Thereafter, will we only accept cash donations.

#### **FLEA MARKET**

New and used items needed in **GOOD and CLEAN** condition! NO clothing, magazines or gym equipment! Small items of furniture accepted! Spring cleaning? Your unwanted "valuables can become someone else's treasures. Drop off dates and times are: June 10 through June 13 - 12:00 noon to 3:00PM and 6:00 to 9:00PM each day in our Parish School. **Items are NOT to be left unattended ANYWHERE on the Parish grounds.** Help is needed to sort and price our treasures! Please call Mary Ann Coholich at 412-486-0165, if you can help!

#### **CRAFT BOOTH**

Thank you so much to all crafters who have donated wonderful homemade items to our booth year after year. We do appreciate your generosity and the craft booth as made a lot of money for the church as a result. We are again asking for all types of new craft items that we can sell at the festival. Please call Debbie Boyd at 724-449-5790 with questions for pick-up! Thank you!

## ***PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS*** from Father John

As all of you gather at one of the beautiful liturgies being celebrated in our parish church on this Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, I am nestled silently (if that is at all possible) on retreat at the Paul VI Pastoral Center here in the lush mountains of West Virginia. There is no doubt that our mutual commitment to the loving presence of the Lord Jesus, whom we experience so profoundly in the sacred liturgy of our Roman Catholic faith, keeps us in tune with each other even though we are many miles apart.

You will notice that today's 11:00 a.m. liturgy, previously scheduled as a remembrance of my 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a priest, is now being celebrated more appropriately for John and Iola Marcucci, my parents. If there is anyone who should be recognized on this day, it ought to be MY PARENTS. There is no doubt in my mind that I would not have been a priest for even one day, let alone 40 years, without their loving guidance throughout my formation period and their dedicated encouragement to my ministry as long as they lived.

Many priests, when celebrating such an important moment as their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, will speak of a former priest, or teacher or church representative who had been tremendously influential in their lives. And rightly so! Even though I went to both a catholic grade school and high school all my life, and those dedicated to my education surely had a powerful influence on my vocation, --- no one touched the core of my decision more deeply than my mother and father. On this day I remember them, and ask you do to the same!

My mother always put into perspective that the priestly life of her first born son was certainly not about him --- but about God's working through him. Her immediate retort to anyone (including the Bishop who once was floored by the quickness of her response) who would ask "...how is your son THE PRIEST doing these days..." would simply be: "I have TWO sons - and they are BOTH doing well." My mother clearly understood that her "*son the priest*" was no better than any other child loved by its mother. If my parents were alive today, they would make sure that I did not allow my 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary --- like every other anniversary I had when they were alive --- to be any type of self aggrandizement. They would remind me to thank God for my health and my family and the People of God whom I serve. May 18, 2008 --- 40 years to the day of my ordination --- is not a day to be recognized or honored --- but a day to thank YOU for being in my life!