

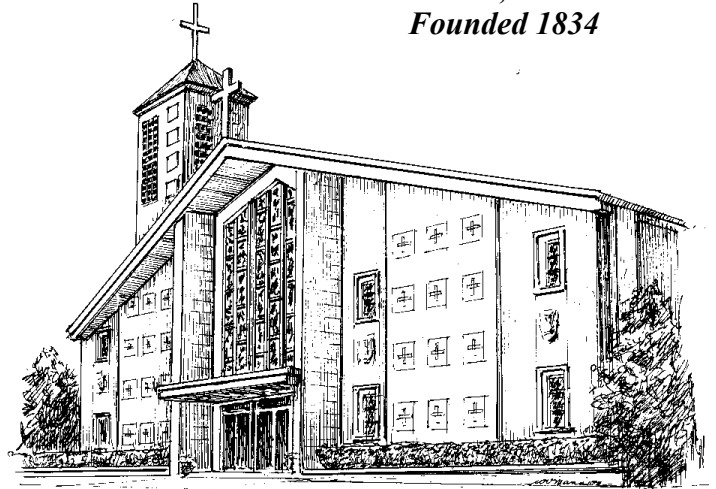
# PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 2, 2011

2510 Middle Road  
Glenshaw, PA 15116  
Founded 1834

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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

## A FOND FAREWELL

FATHER ED will speak at all the liturgies today as he is now in the process of making his final preparations for beginning his retirement at St. John Vianney Manor with other Diocesan priests. There will be a pale of perceptible sadness running through the hearts of those in the Assembly today as Father Ed summarizes a magnificent ministry of priestly service he has shared with all of us over these past 10 years.

**ALL ARE INVITED  
TO JOIN US  
IN MARIAN HALL  
TO OFFER THEIR  
PERSONAL REGARDS  
TO FATHER ED**

Even though Father Ed is no longer assigned to our Parish Family, he still remains a priest of the Diocese of Pittsburgh with all his priestly faculties. This will allow him to return to us on all of those occasions when his presence is sought so that those groups like the Knights of Columbus and the Squires, or individuals who may be planning events like a wedding or baptism are certainly free to invite him to return for their celebrations. So today's celebration is certainly a "Fond Farewell" but it is not "Good-Bye."

### **J.O.I.N. (part 11)**

"**J**UST **O**FFERTORY **I**NCREASE **N**EWs" is the campaign that began three weeks ago as a Finance Council member spoke at all the liturgies to give us a capsule report of our fiscal needs under the heading of Stewardship. Members of the Finance Council would like to offer their appreciative gratitude to those parishioners who have already responded to their plea by **I**NCREASING their regular Offertory contributions. Members of the Money Counting Teams have already noticed a significant increase in some parishioners' envelope amounts. We hope that all parishioners will reassess their envelope amounts and join those who have already expressed their commitment to keep our Parish Family solvent in all ways.

## MONTH OF OCTOBER

### **RESPECT FOR LIFE**

Across the entire United States of America Catholic Churches since 1972 one and all celebrate all the days of October as "Respect For Life" month. Every Parish Family is asked to proclaim to its people that we uphold the dignity of human life. The theme for this year's celebration is:

**"...I came so that all might have life  
and have it to the full...."**

The Catholic Church in the United States sets aside this month to accentuate the "dignity of human life" from the very first moment of conception until one is called home by God to the heavenly kingdom. Humans are forbidden to interfere with this process so that abortion on the one hand and euthanasia on the other is outside the realm of human power. Dignity for human life includes the Church's teaching against the death penalty. Racism and sexism are also violations of this dignity. Non-concern for the physically and mentally challenged, as well as avoidance of the poor and needy violates the dignity of human life. We ask all members of our Parish Family to pray each day that all persons will come to realize the importance of human life and make this month a time when the teaching of the Catholic Church is understood by all Americans.

### **PARISH RENEWAL COMING**

All parishioners are reminded that next week begins our Parish Family Renewal. The Renewal priest will speak at all the liturgies next weekend, and then conduct a service each evening from Monday thru Wednesday. We hope that no other group has scheduled a use of the church or school facilities during that time so that all of their members may take this parish opportunity to renew their spirituality.

### **NEXT "GIFT" GATHERING**

"GIFT" COORDINATORS are reminded of their gathering set for Thursday of this week, October 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Providence Hall. The Coordinators will begin to plan events that will bring us together in our GIFT during the up and coming holiday seasons. Members of Perga and Corinth are reminded that their gathering originally set for today has been moved to December's Hospitality Weekend.



## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, October 2, 2011 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. William Settino - Wife & Children  
 6:00 p.m. Paul & Elisabeth Imbarlina - Rocco Didomenico & Family

7:30 a.m. The Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family  
 9:00 a.m. Labate Antonino - Francesco Labate Family  
 11:00 a.m. Thomas E. Flaherty - Wife & Children

### Monday, October 3, 2011 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. Dorothy Thiel - Dennis & Anita Chermak  
 10:00 a.m. Barbara Latkovic - Carol & Don Lydon

### Tuesday, October 4, 2011 - St. Francis of Assisi

7:00 a.m. Joseph Slagel - George & Kathy Ilkka  
 10:00 a.m. Ed Sarnowski - Tony DeBaldo Family  
 6:00 p.m. The Blessing of the Pets

### Wednesday, October 5, 2011 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. Steve - Esther Reiser  
 10:00 a.m. Frank Moran - Friends & Family

### Thursday, October 6, 2011 - St. Bruno & Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

7:00 a.m. Cecelia Scialabba - Joan Duffy  
 10:00 a.m. Margaret Lannen - Mr. & Mrs. Edward Gregg

### Friday, October 7, 2011 - Our Lady of the Rosary

7:00 a.m. Filippo & Vincenza Ruffa - The Ruffa Family  
 10:00 a.m. Joe Frauenholz - Wife, Mary Ann & Children

### Saturday, October 8, 2011 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Richard Cullinan, Jr. - Jim & Rita Jackson  
 4:00 p.m. Alexander Polesiak - Dan & Shirley Stepnick  
 6:00 p.m. Rosemarie Labriola - The Sarosi Family

### Sunday, October 9, 2011 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. The Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family  
 9:00 a.m. The Deceased of the Hoffmann Family  
 11:00 a.m. Joseph Shank - The Balestrino Family

## Weekly Activities at a Glance

- Sunday** October 2: Farewell Reception for Fr. Ed after all Liturgies
- Monday** October 3: (School) 4:30PM - CCD Classes  
 (Marian Hall) 5:45PM - Daises Troop Meeting  
 (School) 6:30PM - CCD Classes  
 (Rectory) 7:00PM - Pastoral Council Meeting
- Tuesday** October 4: (CCD Office) 1:00PM - Adult Education  
 (Church) 2:45PM - Children's Cantor Practice  
 (Church) 6:00PM - The Blessing of Pets  
 (Rectory) 7:00PM - Worship Commission Meeting  
 (Church) 8:00PM - Hand Bell Practice
- Wednesday** October 5: (Marian Hall) 1:30PM - 55 Social Group Bingo  
 (Church) 2:45pm - Children's Choir Practice  
 (Church) 7:30PM - Adult Choir Practice  
 (PAC) 7:30PM - CYM Open Gym
- Thursday** October 6: (School) 8:30AM - School Picture Day  
 (Marian Hall) 6:30PM - Adult Education  
 (Church) 2:45PM - Altar Server's Training  
 (Providence Hall) 7:00PM - G.I.F.T. Coordinators Meeting  
 (Church) 6:45PM - Altar Server's Training
- Friday** October 7: (Church) 10:00AM - School Liturgy  
 (School) 11:45AM - Early Dismissal - Faculty Mtg.  
 (Marian Hall) 7:00PM - SUPER Bingo
- Saturday** October 8: (School) 10:00AM - CCD Classes
- Sunday** October 9: (Marian Hall) 10:00AM - Grade 2 Cluster Group  
 (Marian Hall) 11:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children  
 (Marian Hall) 12:00PM - Grade 2 Cluster Group



Flowers adorning our Sanctuary are in celebration of the wedding of **Matthew and Dianne Lutz**.

## PEACEFUL HEART

WHILE YOU ARE PROCLAIMING PEACE WITH YOUR LIPS, BE CAREFUL TO HAVE IT EVEN MORE FULLY IN YOUR HEART.

~ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

September 17/18, 2011	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	718	\$19,386.45
Cash/Loose Checks	-	\$1,417.00
Children's Offertory	41	\$81.00
Bishop's Education Fund	22	\$418.00
St. Mary School	3	\$85.00
Parish Share 2011	26	\$1,760.00
Parish Needy	30	\$1,439.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>\$24,586.45</b>

FLOWERS ADORNING OUR SANCTUARY ARE IN APPRECIATION OF  
**FR. ED**  
 AND HIS MINISTRY WITH US.

## Daily Readings

- October 3: Jon 1:1 - 2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37  
 October 4: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42  
 October 5: Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4  
 October 6: Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13  
 October 7: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26  
 October 8: Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28  
 October 9: Is 25;6-10a Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22;1-14 [1-10]

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

### BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Philip Michael Dunn, Jr.  
Ethan David Hunkele

Congratulations to their parents, godparents, and grandparents. Please join us in welcoming their into our *Parish Family*.



### Home with the Lord

Remember Lord and welcome into your Kingdom those who have died and have gone before us marked in the sign of faith, especially **Margaret Cullinan**, mother of Richard, **William H. Milon**, father of Bill, **Edward W. Domhoff**, brother of Rich. Please remember to pray for the consolation of their loved ones.

### Banns of Marriage

- I. Craig Hoolahan (St. Mary) & Cherie Vybiral (St. Alphonsus)  
I. Jacob Huffman (Transfiguration) & Jennifer Hunkele (Transfiguration)

### VOCATION VIEW

Let go of worry. Go to God in prayer. Then the peace of God will dwell in your heart and mind. Ask God to show you how to follow Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-9)

### PARISH FAMILY RENEWAL

Our Parish Family Mission Renewal begins **next** weekend. Father Gene Lauer, a priest of the Diocese of Pittsburgh will preach at all the weekend Masses. The Renewal begins next Monday morning with 10:00am Mass. Evening Prayer and Talk follows at 7:00pm on Monday evening, October 10th. Here is the schedule in a nutshell:

**Mon., Oct. 10, through Wed., Oct. 12, 10:00am Mass and  
Mon., Oct. 10, through Wed., Oct. 12, 7:00pm**

**COME AND BRING SOMEONE WHO HASN'T BEEN TO CHURCH IN A LONG TIME! All are welcome!**

### ANOIDING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on **Tuesday, October 11** as part of the Parish Mission Renewal during the morning Mass at 10:00 A. M. Keep in mind that this sacrament may be received more than once if the sick person recovers after being anointed and then falls ill or if during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious. A person may be anointed before surgery. Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present. Sick children may be anointed if they have sufficient use of reason to be strengthened by this sacrament. Please take advantage of this opportunity to obtain God's healing grace. If you or someone you know needs a ride, call Sister Lois at 412.486.4021.

### COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

As part of our Mission Renewal on Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00pm in the evening there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance. Following Father Gene's talk there will be five priests hearing confessions.

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION

### Faith Sharing for 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October is the Month of the Rosary. What a way to "put your whole self in" to living the mysteries of your own life as you reflect on the lives of Jesus' and Mary's experiences of JOY, SORROW, LUMINOUS, and GLORIOUS events. Our holy models of Faith **desire** to walk-with-you each day. Carry the rosary prayer beads with you as a reminder of the presence of Jesus and Mary with you, and a prompt to speak with them about the mysteries you encounter each day. Visit or contact our Faith Formation Office for a FREE rosary, or to borrow a CD, video, DVD, or **the Mary Kit** to enhance your family time and honor Mary and Jesus, her Son .

**BURNING HEARTS** is our diocesan process for Middle School Youth...More than 55 of our Grade 7 & 8 youth with "burning hearts" are participating in THIS weekend's **HOMELESS EXPERIENCE**. Adults interested in lending a hand with up-coming "**Burning Hearts**" youth events, contact the Faith Formation Team at 412-486-5521. **NEXT event—Youth Faith Rally**, Saturday, November 5, 7:00-9:00 PM at St. Ferdinand's, Cranberry. **Required Permission Forms due by October 20<sup>th</sup>**.

"Catechesis teaches Christians how to pray with Christ, in Christ, and in communion with the Church."

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### Special Days this Week:

**October 4 –Saint Francis of Assisi, patron of ecology.** Come to our annual BLESSING OF PETS at 6:00 PM .

**October 5 – Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos**, a Redemptorist priest who was the first pastor of Saint Joseph church in Sharpsburg and served in our own parish in the mid 1800's.

**October 6 – Saint Bruno**, founder of the Carthusians, passed on his love of seeking God in solitude.

**October 6 - Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher** of Quebec, Canada found the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary to serve the poor.

**October 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary** has been honored under that title since 1573. Originally Mary was honored as Our Lady of Victory since 1571 when people of Lepanto prayed the rosary incessantly to overcome the Muslim forces from overtaking western Europe. Mary continues to request that WE pray the rosary for PEACE.

**ADULT ENRICHMENT EPIC: A Journey Through Church History** continues **THIS Thursday, October 13**, 6:30 PM in Marian Hall. YOU are welcome to come along on the journey even if you missed the previous sessions.

**40 Days for LIFE ...Fast and Pray to end abortion, September 28 through November 6.** Our Saint Mary's team will pray outside Planned Parenthood in Pittsburgh on Tuesday, October 18, and Friday, October 28, 7:00-11:00 AM. Any parishioner welcome to join us. Contact Ginny Dougherty for details, 412-486-8241.



## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Welcome all 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders to our all new St. Mary's Youth Group!

### YOUTH DISCUSSION GROUP

We were excited to see everyone last week at our Youth Group Discussion. We are now in full swing and very excited to have Father Jay with us. We are discussing the principles and actions we are called to in Catholic Social Teaching. We are looking at the first theme; Life and Dignity of the human person. This is not "just a nice thing to do" when we have time but truly who we are called to be. Please come and join us **Sunday, October 2, 6 to 8 PM in the JAM Center.** Come and join us for fun, food, and fellowship.

### SERVICE

**Sunday, Oct. 9,** 5 to 6 PM Planning Meeting for "The Haunting at St. Mary's;" JAM Center. All teens interested in helping with our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Haunted House (this year for the benefit of the Lupus Foundation of Pennsylvania) should plan to attend this fun and crazy planning session at the JAM Center and feel welcome to stay for our Youth Group Discussion afterwards.

### UP COMING EVENTS

**Sunday, Oct. 9:**

- 6 to 8 PM: Youth Group Discussion, JAM Center.

**Sunday, Oct. 16:**

- 10 to Noon: Youth Group Discussion, PAC.

**Sunday, Oct. 16:**

- 3 PM: Set up for Haunting of St. Mary's, JAM Center

**Saturday, Oct. 22:**

- 6:30 PM: The Haunting of St Mary's opens at the JAM Center.
- Donations accepted for the benefit of the Lupus Foundation of PA.

**Sunday, Oct. 23:**

- 6:30 PM: The Haunting of St. Mary's open at the JAM Center.

**Sunday, Oct. 30:**

- 6 to 8 PM: Youth Group Discussion, JAM Center.

### CYM BASKETBALL

Diocesan competitive basketball through the youth ministry department is open to both boys and girls in Grades 9 – 12. Parents and teens who are interested in participating can stop by the PAC on Wednesdays in October from 7:30 to 9 PM. Call the Rectory for current information on our social, spiritual and service activities for teens and young adults at 412-486-4100.

### SAVE THE DATE

**November 18-20** is the weekend set for an exciting **Youth Retreat at Camp Allegheny.** Keep posted for more information to come about this terrific teen faith and fellowship opportunity. In the meantime, talk to your friends about sharing a fun weekend away to deepen and renew your faith!

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## ST. MARY SCHOOL

### BINGO

A Super Bingo will be held at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 2510 Middle Road in Glenshaw on **Friday, October 7, 2011.** Advance tickets are \$35.00 each or can be purchased at the door for \$40.00 each. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; bingo begins at 7:00 p.m. Admission includes 30 games of Regular Bingo, 4 Specials and 2 Jackpots. Proceeds benefit St. Mary of Assumption School. Call Coleen at 412-486-6622 for more information and tickets.

### ST. MARY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

**Friday, October 7, 2011 - 12:00PM Shotgun Start**

Pittsburgh North Golf Club just north of St. Mary's, off of Rt. 8 \$100.00 includes golf, dinner, prizes, hot dog at the "turn", and beverages throughout the day. If you wish to sponsor a hole \$100.00. Please contact Kelly Cannon at [kellycannon@verizon.net](mailto:kellycannon@verizon.net) or 412-551-3150.

### CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

#### Pro-Life Month

During the month of October, CMWO has set up bassinets in the Marthex of the church to collect baby related items for Genesis of Pittsburgh. Suggested items: newborn and sizes 4,5, & 6 diapers, baby washcloths, towels, shampoo and wash, onesies, 0-3 months and receiving blankets. Your donations help local mothers who have chosen life. Contact Mary Ann Coholich at 412.486.0165 with questions.

**OUR LAST GATHERING** in September was an unforgettable evening with Father Jay. We are truly blessed to have Father Jay in our parish as he brings his love for our faith in a positive energetic way. THANK YOU FATHER JAY! Our next gathering will be Tuesday, October 11, 2011. We will begin our evening at 7:00PM with the Parish Renewal which includes a Communal Reconciliation Service. The evening continues in Marian Hall with a recitation of the Rosary followed by fellowship and refreshments. All women are invited to join us. Donations requested for Genesis House this month will be paper products (plastic storage bags, foil wrap, etc.). Please call Elaine Lascher at 412.492.7227 if you have any questions.

#### CMWO PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Do you know of someone who is in need of healing, physically or emotionally? Why not give them a beautiful prayer shawl for comfort during trying times. Call Anne Mitsch at 412.979.3155 or place a note in the collection basket with your name and phone number, we will contact you!

#### ST. MARY'S 55 SOCIAL GROUP

We will be traveling to **WHEELING CASINO** on Monday, October 17th. You will receive \$25.00 back in Freeplay!

Please join us at our "**Covered Dish**" gathering on Wednesday, October 19th in Marian Hall. All are welcome!!

**For both outings,** please call Jane Fabry for details at 412-487-3091.

## OUR PARISH NEWS

### Holy Communion Ministers, Readers and Altar Servers

The next schedule for your ministries will be mailed out soon. Please contact Susan Urso, Parish Secretary, in the Rectory Office by Wednesday, October 5, 2011, if there are dates that you will not be able to serve due to unavailability on October 22, 2011, through January 15, 2011. Thank you!

### ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS

If you are no longer interested in serving, please call Mrs. Urso at 412.486.4100 before October 7. She will remove you from the schedule. **NEW SERVERS** from Grades 5 and 6 will be trained on October 6. Call Mr. Finn 412.486.4100 for more information. Thank you for your cooperation in this important ministry.

### WORSHIP COMMISSION MEETING

Members will meet on Tuesday, October 4, at 7:00 P.M. in the rectory. Submit Agenda items to Tom Goral 412.487.6244.

### LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME

All families with children age five and under are welcome to come for the **PRAY and PLAY DAYS** on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the Children's Liturgy Room. All are welcome to come this **Wed., October 5, at 9:30am** for the next Pray and Play Day. For more information go to: [stmaryschildren@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryschildren@gmail.com).

### RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults meets every Sunday morning from 10:00am until 12 noon in the rectory. Those who wish to find out more about being a Catholic Christian and those who never completed their initiation into the church are welcome to join us. This week we will discuss the Creed and next Sunday we will discuss the Old Testament. Call Jim Finn at the rectory to find out more (412)486-4100.

**MARKET DAY** fliers for October are available in our church, the Scrip and Faith Formation offices. You could get FREE French Breadsticks. All who order \$40 or more each month will be eligible for the drawing to win a FREE item from Market Day. Pick up will be Monday, October 17, 6:00-7:00 PM.

### LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA

"A Walk Through the New Mass Translation" CD is now available. Dr. Edward Sri, Professor of Scripture and Theology at the Augustine Institute, provides a fascinating explanation of the new English translation of the Mass which will soon be put into practice. You will receive a free booklet with your CD purchase of \$3.00.

September 24/25, 2011	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	644	\$18,484.15
Cash/Loose Checks	—	\$1,208.00
Children's Offertory	27	\$40.00
All Saints	1	\$10.00
Bishop's Education Fund	2	\$20.00
Parish Share 2011	11	\$2,525.00
Parish Needy	28	\$473.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>\$22,760.15</b>

## OUR NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS

### CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

All men and young men are invited to come on the **SECOND SATURDAY** of the **MONTH** following the 8:00 A. M. Mass for refreshments, fellowship, prayer and discussion. Call Carl Lichvarcik 412.903.7607 to find out more. We will meet on Saturday morning, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Registration is closed for this conference on Saturday, October 22. They have filled the conference. Those who made their conference registration and are interested in car pooling should call Jim Finn 412.486.4100.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

**HELP!** Our month to escort patients to Sunday Mass is **October** at the Vets Hospital in Aspinwall. Mass begins at 10:30AM. Please meet by the Chapel - 1st Floor by 10:00AM to receive directions. Help us to put some smiles on the Veterans faces and let them know how much we appreciate their service for us. Any questions, please call Sr. Lois at 412.486.4021 or Terry Wisser at 724.443.7382.

**Separated or Divorced?** Are YOU interested in ministry with persons hurt in fragile relationships? If so, contact Rose Stegman at our Faith Formation Office at 412-486-5521. The Diocesan Office for Adult and Family Faith Formation is sponsoring a training workshop. It will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, at St. Paul Seminary, Crafton from 6:30-9:00p.m. The leaders of this workshop are qualified professionals with experience in separated/divorce ministry, grief counseling and communication skills.

### Novena for Implementation of the New Roman Missal.

*A new intention will be given each week.*

**Week 1:** That Priests will celebrate the Eucharist worthily.

Scripture Reading: Genesis 14:18-20

### Reflection from Pope Benedict XVI, May 15, 2005:

"Priests...consider the center of each day the possibility to celebrate the Eucharist worthily. Lead people ever anew to this mystery. Help them, starting from this, to bring the peace of Christ into the world."

**Prayer:** O God, who made your Only-Begotten Son eternal high Priest, grant that those he has chosen as ministers and stewards of your mysteries may be found faithful in carrying out the ministry they have received. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**Novena Prayer of Self-Offering:** Receive, Lord, my entire freedom. Accept the whole of my memory, my intellect and my will. Whatever I have or possess, it was you who gave it to me; I restore it to you in full, and I surrender it completely to the guidance of your will. Give me only love of you together with your grace, and I am rich enough, and ask for nothing more. Amen.

### LIFE CHAIN

Life Chain is a peaceful witness to life. We will be standing on Rt. 8 in Etna from Kittaning St. to Grant St., this Sunday, Oct. 2, from 2-3:00PM. We stand in silent prayer for one hour, joining thousands of Life Chains across the country. For more information please contact Ginny Dougherty at 412.486.8241.

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

It would be impossible to summarize the entire 9 years, 8 months and 1 day of Father Ed's ministry in our Parish Family in the 431 words of this page. The deep and lasting impressions that he has left on us in the time of his priestly ministry in our Parish Family will have repercussions in the ongoing spirituality of our parish life for many years to come. Even the magnificent response of today's farewells after all of these weekend's liturgies will not do justice to how much Father Ed has meant to so many of us.

From the depth of his spiritually-enriching homilies for crowds of people on so many occasions, to the multiplicity of hours he has spent in counseling parishioners individually, Father Ed always had only the needs of all parishioners at heart. There was never a responsibility too much for him, nor beyond his capabilities. His classes in the Catholic School and Faith Formation programs to his Adult Enrichment courses underscored his ministry to all ages and genders. Whether being whisked off to celebrate liturgies in surrounding parishes when their priests were not able, or celebrating with young people in both the catholic and public high schools of the area, Father Ed was always up to the task. He was not only an Ambassador of Catholic Faith, but a priest who was willing to share his natural talents and religious charisms with one and all.

Father Ed was never a stranger in the domestic duties of our rectory. Many a meal for the Staff came from his culinary talents, and when guests were here for major events like Confirmation or Extended Staff celebrating lighter moments, our dining room table was enhanced by his unique creations. His ability to choose the right bottle of wine to complement the meal or to opt for a dessert that just put a finishing touch on everyone's palate came so naturally to him. *Chef du cuisine FRED* made our rectory a place where "everyone knew your name" and everyone's hunger was wonderfully satisfied.

On and on I could go suggesting the numerous ways in which Father Ed will be missed; but allow the author of Ecclesiastes to speak to us "...God has made everything appropriate to its time ...without us ever discovering the work which God has done..." (3:11) For all these many events and occasions, numbering nearly ten years in TIME, FATHER EDWARD SCHLEICHER himself will never know the wonderful work of God that he has accomplished in the Parish Family of *St. Mary of the Assumption*.