

Bulletin # 910038

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MESSAGES:

MONTH OF OCTOBER RESPECT FOR LIFE

Across the entire United States of America Catholic Churches one and all are celebrating 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 and to spotlight events in this month to instill such a response from all of them. The theme for this year's celebration is:

"...created ... loved...
redeemed ... by
God ----
priceless....."

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.

WE WILL HAVE A VERY SHORT
BLESSING SERVICE AND
DEDICATION OF OUR MEMORIAL
TO THE UNBORN CHILD IN OUR
PEDESTRIAN PLAZA IMMEDIATELY
AFTER THE 11:00 A.M. LITURGY.
ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN
OUR *RESPECT FOR LIFE*
COMMITTEE AT THIS TIME.

Dignity for human life also includes the respect of others in a multitude of ways. Racism and sexism are violations of this dignity. Non-concern for the physically and mentally challenged, as well as avoidance of the poor and needy is also violation of 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.

"CATCH THE VIBE" VITALITY IN BUILDING EXCELLENCE

The work of the Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) continues as the construction of our Parish Activity Center (PAC) is foremost in the minds of many of our parishioners. The PAC will be a great asset to the parish life of all of us --- as many and varied events are already being planned in a building with a gymnasium floor and stage area. Also, more storage room will be created for all those organizations and groups who need such a place.

INDIVIDUAL LETTERS ARE BEING SENT TO PARISHIONERS THIS WEEK WITH AN INVITATION TO INCREASE THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE PLEDGE CAMPAIGN. WE ASK THOSE RECEIVING THE INVITATION TO RESPOND THIS MONTH!

BLESSING OF ANIMALS WEDNESDAY AT 6:00 P.M.

To celebrate a day this week in honor St. Francis of Assisi who had a great love for all life, even that of the animals of the world, we invite those who wish to have their animals blessed in his name to join us as we gather in the PEDESTRIAN PLAZA doors of the church for a special service for all those animals that are brought that evening.

PARISH RENEWAL COMING

All parishioners are reminded that next week begins our Parish Family Renewal. This is that one time each year when we ask all organizations and groups to set aside the normal events of these three days that pertain to their individual groups and join us each evening for a deepening of our spiritual life together. Father Carmen D'Amico, 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 everyone will have an opportunity to deepen the relationship with the Lord Jesus by participating in these three evenings of spiritual experiences.

Masses for the Week

Sunday, October 1 - Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ord. Time, Respect Life Sunday/World Community Sunday

- 4:00 p.m. John Genco (Mom & Dad)
- 6:00 pm George C. Betz, Sr. (Family)
- 7:30 a.m. Evelyn Wilczynski Richey)
- 9:00 a.m. Rose Cunich (M/M Thomas Streyle & Children)
- 11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish
- 6:00 p.m. Edward Fusan (CYM)

Monday, October 2 - The Guardian Angels

- 7:00 a.m. John Kirby (Buddy & Karolyn Hunkele)
- 10:00 a.m. Loretta Gilch (Sheila Daniels)

Tuesday, October 3

- 7:00 a.m. Matthew & Florence Lebo (Matt & Maureen Lebo)
- 10:00 a.m. Cay Kruth (Patty & Paul Grguras)

Wednesday, October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi

- 7:00 a.m. Nancy Zalewski (Robert & Rose Miller)
- 10:00 a.m. Norman Lis (Daughter, Sally)

Thursday, October 5

- 7:00 a.m. Mary Staus (John & Blanche)
- 10:00 a.m. Nancy Doyle (Ron, Arlene, & Kim)

Friday, October 6 - St. Bruno, Bl. Marie-Rose Durocher

- 7:00 a.m. Teresa Manno (M/M Antonio Fusca)
- 10:00 a.m. Edward Sobehart (Rosalyne Rapsinski)

Saturday, October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary

- 8:00 a.m. Joe Frauenholz (Wife, Mary Ann & Children)
- 4:00 p.m. Arthur Harvey (Sister, Dorothy)
- 6:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish

Sunday, October 8 - Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ord. Time

- 7:30 a.m. Bernadette Green (Mary Louise Betz)
- 9:00 a.m. Ronald Bernot (Family)
- 11:00 a.m. Guido & Maria Sicher (Lena Sicher)

A VOCATION VIEW

All who serve in the name of Jesus will receive a reward. Encourage someone you know who would be of service as a priest, deacon, brother, or sister. (Mark 9:38-43)

PRAYER VESSEL: Beginning next weekend, all will have the opportunity to write their special prayer intentions and place them in the glass container near the Tabernacle to be known as our **PRAYER VESSEL**. Cut out the intention slip below and when you come to Church, place it in the glass prayer vessel. Each week these intentions will be remembered at the Prayer of the Faithful. Additional prayer intention slips can be found by the pamphlet rack.

INTO YOUR HANDS, LORD I ENTRUST MY INTENTIONS

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I. Kim Bittner (St. Mary) - Marlin Metzger

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR: This weekend are in celebration of the marriage of Linda Ferentchak and Scott Slagel.

Sept. 24, 2006	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	841	\$16,755.55
Cash/Loose Cks.	—	782.00
Children's Offer.	44	61.19
All Saints	2	20.00
Mission Sunday	1	10.00
Bishop's Edu.	6	115.00
Parish Share	13	349.57
Parish Needy	226	2,718.00
TOTAL	1,133	\$20,811.31

DAILY



READINGS

- Oct. 2: Jb 1:6-22; Mt 18: 1-5, 10
- Oct. 3: Jb 3: 1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9: 51-56
- Oct. 4: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9: 57-62
- Oct. 5: Jb 19: 21-27; Lk 10: 1-12
- Oct. 6: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Lk 10: 13-16
- Oct. 7: Jb 42: 1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10: 17-24
- Oct. 8: Gn 2: 18-24; Ps 128; Heb 2: 9-11; Mk 10: 2-16 {2-12}

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

RCIA- Are you interested in learning about the Catholic Church? Would you Like to develop your faith? Do you have questions that need answered?

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process through which non-Catholic adults enter the Catholic Church. This week's topic is: **The Bible and How it Works** and next week we will discuss **Highlights of the Old Testament**. If interested, please join us in the rectory dining room after the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Call Father Ed (412)486-4100 to find out more!

PRAY FOR CHURCH VOCATIONS-

The loving environment of a family draws forth an individual's greatest gifts and talents. We've come to realize that creating an atmosphere in which children can hear the Lord's call is one of the most significant responsibilities resting on the shoulders of parents. Our own lives must reflect the presence of God, His Word, and the love He offers His people. Parents, do you encourage your children to develop their talents and gifts? Do you encourage your children to think of Church ministry as a possible life choice? Consider hosting the **Traveling Chalice** in your home. Call Jim Finn (412)486-4100.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK-

Please accept the invitation to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick with us on **Tuesday, October 10th during the 10:00 a.m. liturgy**. Call Sr. Lois for a ride.

MILITARY PRAYER LIST- PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN LISTED ON OUR PRAYER LIST NEAR THE SACRED HEART STATUE. A CANDLE IS KEPT BURNING TO REMIND US TO KEEP ALL IN PRAYER.



RELIGIOUS FORMATION

FAITH SHARING - 26th Week Ordinary Time

October is World Mission Month

What do you know about missionary activity throughout the world? How do YOU become a fruitful part of the church's mission? What do ALL Christians have in common?

Confirmation and First Eucharist Candidates come to the RITE OF WELCOME NEXT weekend, October 7-8. Families arrive at least 15 minutes before the Mass, show your child the pew in which you will be seated, then child report to Marian hall to be part of the procession with the liturgical ministers. Parent and catechist volunteers welcome to assist with the line-up and procession. Call 412-486-5521 to volunteer.

Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors meet with Deacon Fran in Marian Hall either Saturday, October 7, 5:00 PM or Sunday, October 8, 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, or Noon. An important handout will be given for each sponsor to participate on the journey of faith with their candidate.

Sunday Morning Pre-school meets during the 11:00 AM Mass in school Room 7; enter at the main door across from church. Call 412-486-5521 to register in advance.

October 7 - Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

Saturday Faith Formation welcomes some home-schooling families to join in a "living Rosary" at 10:00 AM in church. Any parishioner welcome to participate. **Rosary Kit with statue of Mary** available for loan from our office; call 412-486-5521 to arrange to borrow the kit.

**6 PM SUNDAY LITURGY
OCTOBER 1**

APPALACHIA 2007 Kick-off liturgy will be on Sunday, October 1 at 6 PM. Patrick Sample will sponsor the Skill Workshop which is a requirement for participation in the 2007 work camp. Parents/guardians will need to attend the information session scheduled immediately following the liturgy while youth participate in the skill workshop.

What are you willing to pay to support your teen?

- Drama \$1,400
- One music lesson \$20
- Sport camp \$400
- Monthly cell phone bill for a teen \$40
- School lunch money each week \$10
- Car insurance for one year \$800
- Clothing \$50 each month
- SAT prep \$800

Weekend Retreat \$85

This year's retreat will be a dynamic, faith filled experience with teens from around the diocese. Mark your calendar: Dec. 1-3, 2006.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GETS ON THE SERVICE BUS!

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society visits the street homeless every Monday evening and passes out pillows and blankets along with food. This is how youth in grades 6 – 8 will help them: Bring a pillow (please, no feather pillows) and a pillowcase, scissors to cut the pillow and case and needle and thread to sew into two smaller pillows. **Parents will be needed to help with this service project.** Celebrate the 6 PM liturgy on Saturday, October 28 then gather in Marian Hall for service, snacks and fellowship.

MEALS FOR HOMELESS SHELTER

We are now preparing and serving meals at the **SOAR** program for homeless women, which is part of Bethlehem Haven. They desperately need **daily dinner meals for 16 women.** The shelter is located near Duquesne University; only women are permitted in the shelter to serve between the hours of 5:30 PM (dinner begins at 6 PM) and finish up by 7 PM. Men and boys may help prepare the meals here at the parish. Call the CYM office at 412-486-4100, ext. 409.

Remember

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The fourth of November



ST. MARY SCHOOL

CONDOR FOOTBALL: Our Condor teams will be playing a game on Sunday, October 1st, against St. Bonaventure at J. C. Stone Field in North Park. The Junior Varsity team plays at 1:00 p.m. and the Varsity team plays at 3:15 p.m. Their next game will be played on Sunday, October 7th against St. Cyril at John Merry Field. The times are the same as above. **GO CONDORS!!!**

CROSS COUNTRY: Our Cross Country students will hold a meet on Monday, October 2nd, against St. Teresa at St. Mary's at 4:00 p.m. Come cheer on our team. Friday, October 6th, will be the next meet against St. Alphonsus, Alpha, and St. Sebastian at St. Mary's at 4:00 p.m.

CAMPBELL'S LABELS/BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION/SHOP'N SAVE RECEIPTS: We are again asking for your support in saving Campbell's labels, Box Tops for Education labels, and Shop 'n Save receipts.

Campbell's has changed their submissions; they no longer want the front labels, but rather the UPC symbols from the back of the label. Lids from jars are also accepted.

Please place your donations in the box in the back of Church. Many Thanks for your support!

North Catholic High School Open House:

Sunday, October 29th, 12-3 p.m. Please join us for an enjoyable afternoon of school tours, music and refreshments. Faculty, staff and students will be on hand to answer your questions about academics and activities at NCHS. We have a place for YOU at North Catholic!



GENERAL PARISH NEWS

WORSHIP COMMISSION MEETING:

Tuesday, October 3, 2006 at 7 p.m. in the rectory. Call Tom Goral (412)487-6244 with agenda items.

CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP-all single and married laymen of all ages are invited to come to the rectory this Thursday, October 5th from 7:30 p.m. until 9 p.m.. Call Bill Cross (412)486-8232 for more information. Mark your calendars and plan to attend the **MEN OF COURAGE** Holy Hour on Sat. October 28th at St. Paul Seminary from 8:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m. Rides provided. Call Jim Finn (412)486-4100 if you need a ride. If we have enough interest, we'll have a bus!

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO

ME: is a ministry of families doing their best to bring their children, ages birth to age five closer to our Lord, through pray and play time and service to others. Moms and caregivers are invited to join us **this Wednesday, October 4th At 9:30 a.m. in the Children's Liturgy Room for PRAY and PLAY DAY.** Call Jodee for more information at (412)267-3027.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel when we hear Jesus called "Teacher," we remember that our family is a community of teachers where children, parents and spouses teach each other the sacrificial demands of love and commitment. We are being taught, but are we learning?

R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Madeline Killian.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: is in need of help to take the Veterans to Holy Mass each Sunday in October. (Aspinwall). If you can help one Sunday, it will be truly appreciated. Please meet at the Chapel at the Veteran's Hospital (1st floor) at 10:00 a.m. to get directions.

CAHALL DUNNE: Is coming on Saturday, November 25th to put on his Christmas Show. Time is 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$12.00 per person. Coffee, tea and cake - pretzel will be served. All proceeds are for a new dishwasher in Marian Hall. **NO TABLES WILL BE RESERVED.** Please contact Sister Lois for tickets at (412) 486-4021.

Separated & Divorced evening of reflection with Father John Skirtich, Thurs. Oct. 12, 7-9 p.m. Call (412) 271-0809 to register.

Beginning Experience, for grieving, single-again persons, Oct. 6-8 at St. Joseph Spirituality Center, Baden, PA. Call (412) 456-3160 to register.

Market Day order forms for OCTOBER are now at the Church exits...take a copy or order online www.MarketDay.com The pick up date is Monday, October 23, 7:00 - 7:45 p.m. Call Lee at (724) 443-0673 to volunteer help or with any questions. October Special - If we have at least 109 orders, we will get a FREE freezer for the parish; YOUR order will help us to reach that goal.

If you want to reduce poverty and help your neighbors in need, make a contribution to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh through your United Way designation. To make a donation to all Catholic Charities' program write 4206 on your United Way Contributor Choice Form. For more information call (412) 456-6969. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by those we serve.

PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS from Father John

We enter the month of October and our thoughts turn to the deep “respect for life” that we share with so many other people. Once more we unite the efforts of our Parish Family with followers of the Lord Jesus across the country as the Roman Catholic Church of the United States spotlights OCTOBER as the month when we remind all parishioners about our commitment to life. The theme for this year is “...CREATED, LOVED, REDEEMED BY GOD --- PRICELESS.” From the first moment of conception, to the final breath we are given by the God who created us, our life is most precious. The pro-life movement of so many dedicated people simply attempts to affirm the reality of the dignity of human life for all persons to realize and believe.

However, our respect for human life goes way beyond a “movement” in our society. You and I must put this faith filled tenet into each day of our lives as we constantly cherish others who share in the human dimension of this world. As we enter this third millennium, we are coming to a type of moral crossroads, where upholding the dignity of human life might become the final frontier for promoting the significance of seeing the glory of God shining most uniquely in the human heart of every individual.

We must make sure that we do not reduce the pro-life movement simply to be anti-abortion stance, as is sometimes depicted by those who oppose our voice. We are “PRO-LIFE” --- pro the dignity of all human life; pro the glory of all human life; pro the mystery of all human life, as suggested by this year’s theme. Our commitment to this stance of being PRO compels us to share that message with all others. Their only response is to reduce us to an “ANTI” position, which does not do justice to our “FOR” life declaration.

As members of the Parish Family of *St. Mary of the Assumption*, you and I are asked to unite our prayers with those millions of people in this country who advocate the dignity of all human life. This is not a “Catholic” cause as such, since many others of different faiths, beliefs and all walks of life also take time out of their religious schedules to promote the importance of human life. This is a sign of hope for all of us because it reminds the entire world that this pro-life stance cuts across every sector of the American society, and ultimately makes us a better country because of our commitment to the dignity of life. October simply intensifies something we profess all the other months of the year.

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