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MESSAGES:

PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Third Sunday of Lent
March 11, 2007

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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



WELCOME FATHER GARRY

We open the doors of our church and the love of our hearts to all those who join us at the 4:00 p.m. liturgy TODAY as we celebrate a special liturgy for "Persons With Disabilities." To add a special dimension to our celebration, we have once more invited Father Garry Patriquin, a priest of our own Diocese ordained in 1984, who is now confined to a wheel chair. Father Garry brings a very special expression of the priestly ministry to our Parish Family as the main celebrant of the liturgy this weekend. We ask all parishioners to remember in prayer all those persons who are challenged in any way whatsoever, especially those who join us at today's liturgy. We must always be a Parish Family who not only remembers "Persons With Disabilities" in prayer, but also cherishes them as integral to the spirituality of our parish life together.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In conjunction with today's 4:00 p.m. liturgy celebrated for "Persons For Disabilities" all those who wish to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will have a golden opportunity to do so. This "communal" celebration of the Sacrament is open to the elderly, those with any type of malady or anyone who would like to have the strength of the Lord Jesus in the debilitating condition of their health. Even though we celebrate this Sacrament "communally" twice a year, the celebration of the Sacrament in an individual case may take place at a person's request at anytime during the year.

TUESDAY: AN ENRICHMENT

As a very important part of Lent in our Parish Family, we have invited a special guest to join us each Tuesday. This Lenten Enrichment Series will also include the Eucharistic liturgy beginning at 7:00 p.m. We hope that all parishioners will take advantage of these special Lenten evenings and the many insights that will be shared by this wonderful array of presenters. This week Father Fred Byrne will be our guest. Father Fred is a Benedictine priest who serves as the Vocational Director at St. Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe. What an opportunity for all of us to be inspired by a RELIGIOUS of the Order which has been greatly influential in the seminary training of so many of our Pittsburgh priests.

"CATCH THE VIBE"

The Pledge Campaign continues to mount as members of the Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) personally invite other parishioners to make a pledge or contribution to the process. We ask members of the Parish Family who are being contacted by one of the members of the CCC, or those in our catholic school who have been invited by the SMAA to be as generous as possible in making a contribution or a pledge. The Capital Campaign Committee will meet this Monday evening, March 12th beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory. This Monday evening gathering is open to any parishioner who wishes to be better informed about the progress of the Capital Campaign or anyone who might like to assist in the contacting of other members of the Parish Family.

PAPER RECYCLING PROGRAM

Do you save your newspapers, magazines, junk mail and other *paper* products each week? Here is a simple process: save a brown paper bag from the store and put all your paper products in the bag all week and then drop it in the recycling bin when you come to church or school. Not only does it save space in your regular garbage, but it also helps us in our environmental stewardship. The BIN is located in the back of the school with easy access to it.

INVITING MARGINAL CATHOLICS

Would you like to serve in a ministry that would reach out to members of our Parish Family who have drifted away from the church? The 12 members of our Pastoral Council are now forming such a team. Any parishioner with suggestions about such a process is asked to contact one of the Council members. All parishioners are asked to be alert to the commitment of our Pastoral Council to this ministry.

SECOND COLLECTION: NEXT WEEK

All should be mindful of the fact that there will be a second collection NEXT week. There is an envelope in our packet for such a collection that includes three different appeals.

DO YOU HAVE A CREDIT CARD?
WATCH FOR THE NEWS ABOUT THEM
FOR GROCERY AND SCRIP
PURCHASES

Masses for the Week

Sunday, March 11, 2007– Third Sunday of Lent

- 4:00 p.m. Jim Cenci - Family
- 6:00 p.m. Henry Newland, Sr. - Henry & Stella Newland
- 7:30 a.m. Elizabeth Vrscak - Husband Nick
- 9:00 a.m. Joy Wetzel - Janie, Jim, Megan & Pat
- 11:00 a.m. Living and Deceased of Our Parish Family

Monday, March 12, 2007 - Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Regis B. Huber - Carol & Justin Hoffman
- 10:00 a.m. Jim Rafferty - Family

Tuesday, March 13, 2007 - Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Frutune Sabatiello - Family
- 10:00 a.m. The Zuiebert Family - Family
- 7:00 p.m. Judith Heinauer - Rick & Marilyn Boucek

Wednesday, March 14, 2007 - Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Steve Garasic - Frank & Alberta Dietz
- 10:00 a.m. Ann Bennardo - Husband & Daughters

Thursday, March 15, 2007 - Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Bernard Mittereder - Anne Riley
- 10:00 a.m. Anthony Pugliese, Sr. - Helen Meinert
- 7:00 p.m. Christian Mothers/Women's Organization

Friday, March 16, 2007 - Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Frederick Rihn - Family
- 10:00 a.m. Katherine Lazzaro - Giuseppe Labate
- 2:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 17, 2007 - Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. Anne & James Downes - Ben & Peggy Gessler
- 4:00 p.m. Frank Regan - Frank Laird
- 6:00 p.m. Paul Mammay - Don & Doan Frike

Sunday, March 18, 2007– Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 7:30 a.m. Guiseppe Barbieri - Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Destilo

A VOCATION VIEW

Moses heard God's call from a burning bush. What is your passion, your burning bush? Take time to know what God is sending you to do and be. (Exodus 3:18, 13-15)

R.I.P. : Please pray for the souls of Mary Kay Collins, Joseph Martin, Lloyd Bartholow, Robert Samarin, father of Cindy Klier, and Agnes C. Bernas, mother of Rita Finn.

SPRING VOLUNTEER TRAINING
CRISIS CENTER NORTH

There is a critical need to increase the awareness of the devastating effect that domestic violence has on families in our community. Please consider our immediate need for volunteers. Our Spring Volunteer Training is scheduled for April 9th – April 30th, 2007 at the Northland Public Library. This includes Monday and Thursday evenings, from 6 – 9 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. This 40-hour training is state mandated by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Abuse (PCADV). We hope you will consider this opportunity. Please contact Glenn Sauer, Volunteer Coordinator, at 412-364-6728 or gsauer@crisiscenternorth.org, if you have any questions or wish to get involved.

Offertory Collection

March 11, 2007	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	942	\$20,084.71
Cash/Loose Cks.	-	\$737.00
Catholic Campaign Human Development	2	\$8.00
Children's Offertory	79	\$123.61
Religious Formation	12	\$135.00
Parish Share 2007	287	\$32,213.00
Easter Flowers	24	\$281.00
Parish Needy	168	\$2,017.00
Total	1,514	\$55,599.32

DAILY



READINGS

- March 12 - 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30**
- March 13 - Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt. 18:21-35**
- March 14 - Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19**
- March 15 - Jer 7:23-28; Kl 11: 14-23**
- March 16 - Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34**
- March 17 - Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14**
- March 18 - Jos 5:9a, 10-12;**
Ps 34; 2 Cor 5:17-21;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Our R. C. I. A team meets every Sunday morning. This week we will meet in church at noon for a tour of the church with Fr. Ed. All are welcome. Special booklets entitled: **LET'S TOUR ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH** are available for purchase for only \$5.00. They make excellent gifts. Next Sunday following the 9:00AM Mass we will discuss **PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH**. All welcome!

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME:

A post baptism ministry for parents with children age birth to five years old. We offer a variety of activities appropriate to young children. For more information call Cindy Shadle at (412) 487-5272.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The gardener in today's gospel gave the fig tree another chance to produce fruit. In families we need to grasp every opportunity to give another chance to each other. Don't waste the opportunity.

MOM'S NIGHT OUT- All moms with children under five are welcome to join us this Wednesday, March 14th. Call Arlene (412)492-7275 for specifics. All welcome!

GENESIS COLLECTION- The moms from the Let the Little Children Come To Me ministry are collecting items for the babies and expectant moms at Genesis House. Everything is appreciated. Drop off your donations in the Children's Liturgy Room or call Cindy at (412)487-5272 for more information. Thank you in advance for your help with this pro-life service project.

LOST AND FOUND- If you lost something in the last few months, please stop by the ushers room and ask one of the ushers to show the variety of lost items we have been collecting. If not claimed, the items will be disposed of.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

FAITH SHARING –LENT-Week 3

What does Luke 13:1-9 tell about God? Do you consider God as “the punisher” or “the one to give second chances”? How does sin bear its own destruction or negative consequences?

MONDAY FAITH FORMATION : Grade 2 meet IN church at 6:30 PM ; Grades 5-6-7-8 continue with the catechesis of the Catholic Vision of Love instruction and discussion.

SATURDAY Faith Formation will NOT meet for a class session March 17; families do the lesson at HOME. Happy Saint Patrick Day ! Patrick was a missionary to Ireland; this is a good day to pray for all missionaries.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

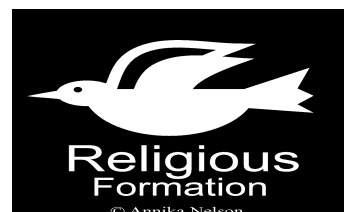
Share with their March Cluster group how they are already following Jesus' way of discipleship and discuss how they might improve on their commitment as they are strengthened in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

FIRST EUCHARIST CANDIDATES with a parent/guardian meet THIS week: Monday, March 12, 6:30 PM, or Sat., March 24, 11:30 AM. (NO 9:30 AM meeting on March 24.)

Teen Chorale: Tricounty Choir Institute's Teen Chorale presents: “Why Must He Die?” This passion play will be presented on Sunday, March 25th at 7:00PM at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish. All ages are welcome!

HOSANNA 2007 – Faith Rally for Youth

Grades 8 through High School – April 1, PALM SUNDAY, at the Palumbo Center, Duquesne University. Registration information DUE at our Faith Formation Office THIS WEEK !





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HOSANNA 2007

Meet with a few thousand teens in grades 8 – 12 from around the diocese for liturgy, a concert, dinner, a carnival and a charity dance on Palm Sunday. Proceeds from the carnival benefit the mission in Chimbote, Peru.

April 1 at the A.J. Palumbo Center.

Cost is \$20 (make check out to Diocese of Pittsburgh) **plus \$5 more for the bus.** You must get your registration in by Monday, March 12. Call the Faith Formation office to let us know if you are interested at 412-486-5521.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES FOR TEENS AND FAMILY

On **Holy Thursday**, April 5, the youth of our parish will make our traditional trip to attend the Chrism Liturgy at St. Paul Cathedral to pick up the chrism oils for our parish. Transportation will be provided. This is a **great** opportunity for our youth to reunite with former priests from our parish, like **Fr. Philip and Fr. Paul. Fox Chapel, Shaler and Hampton are all on scheduled days off** (barring any more snow days!!). We hope to take a large group down which will depart from our parish at 8:45 AM. Students in grades 9 -12 may register by calling the CYM office at 412-486-4100, ext. 409.

Any teens Grade 8 - 12 wishing to participate in the **Good Friday Crosswalk** will need to attend several rehearsals in March (see below). Be prepared for an awesome Lenten experience on Good Friday, April 6 from ~ 9 AM to 4 PM. **Drama background not needed, only a desire to bring the Passion of Christ to the public at this annual community and ecumenical event.** Call the CYM office at 412-486-4100, ext. 409.

EXCUSED ABSENCE [IF NEEDED FOR HOLY THURSDAY]

Act 175 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania allows for up to 30 hours per school year of excused absence for religious formation activities without academic or athletic penalty. Our office will provide proper documentation if your student wishes to participate in a church sponsored activity during school hours.

HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Sun., Mar. 11 Crosswalk practice after 11 AM liturgy
- Sun., Mar. 18 Crosswalk practice after 11 AM liturgy
- Sun., Mar. 25 Crosswalk practice after 11 AM liturgy
- Sun., Mar. 25 Teen Chorale 7 PM at the church

ST. MARY SCHOOL

REGISTRATION - St. Mary School will be accepting registrations for students in preschool through grade 7 beginning March 1, 2007. If you are interested in becoming a member of our school community or would like additional information, please call the school office at (412) 486-7611.

The 3 year-old preschool program meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-11:00 AM; the 4 year-olds meet on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30-11:00 AM. The school also offers half-day and full-day kindergarten classes as well as an after-school program until 6:00 PM.

Students entering kindergarten must be age 5 by September 1st. A copy of the child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate (if Catholic), and social security identification must be provided at the time of registration. A \$100.00 deposit is also required but is applied towards tuition.



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STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Students in grades 4-8 will pray the Stations of the Cross on all Fridays during Lent through March 30th at 2:00 PM. All are invited to come and join us in prayer.

Another opportunity to pray the Stations will be on the following Wednesdays: March 14th, 21st, and 28th. Students in grades 1 through 3 will pray on these days.

CONGRATULATIONS - The JV boys and girls teams advanced to diocesan playoff levels this year. The JV girls' team was the runner-up in the diocesan championship. Congratulations to our student athletes and their coaches for a great season!

GIANT EAGLE GIFT CARDS - Please consider purchasing Giant Eagle gift cards from our school first before purchasing the gift cards that Giant Eagle sells. You can then go to Giant Eagle and purchase the various gift cards there. Our school Scrip program has gift cards from more than 40 vendors available Monday-Friday, and a larger selection can be pre-ordered weekly.

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

Family Faith Formation Session: meets next Sunday, March 18th at the 9:00 am Liturgy with sessions following for children & youth faith formation and adults until 12:00 noon. Liturgy: Grade 6. Seder meal in classes. Closing Prayer: Grade 2 - scapulars

Special Family Project for March: Miryam's for women with special needs. Please donate items such as: Deodorant, perfume, cosmetics, hygiene items, socks, winter sweaters, food items such as sugar and hot chocolate. As always, Monetary donations are welcomed – make checks payable to “Miryam's

A GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN- the deadline for making a group rate reservation for this event on Saturday, March 24th at the A. J. Palumbo Center is **Monday, March 12th**. Send a check for \$35.00 made payable to: **CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP** to Jim Finn at the rectory. The bus will leave St. Mary's on Sat. March 24th at 8:00AM. **SPECIAL RATE OF TEN DOLLARS FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE AGE MEN.** Admission at the door is \$55.00.

Christian Mothers/Women's Organization

This is the last weekend to get your reservations in for our CMWO Dinner and Auction. Mark your calendar for Thursday March 15th at 6:45 p.m. Rosary, Mass w/ Father John, talk w/Deacon Francis , Dinner and Surprise Auction all rolled into one! **CMWO members are to bring a food item** of some type to share at our Covered Dish Dinner **and a wrapped gift** item (\$10 or more) as well for our Surprise Auction. Entree of fried and baked chicken , rolls, coffee, tea, soda, beer, wine, paper plates and cutlery will be provided. We're looking forward to a full house **with husbands, friends, or just by yourself.** Proceeds of the Auction goes to Sr. Lois and the new families in need.

Anyone who signed up and anyone else who can help to help set up the hall and help with the kitchen should report at 5:30 p.m. The committee from last months canceled meeting should also give a hand if at all possible, (those with the initials M,N,O,P,Q,R). Anyone else who comes early and wants to help will always be welcome. Just ask where your needed. **Remember that the clean up committee can always use extra hands.**

EASTER EGG HUNT- All children under ten years of age are invited to the Parish Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday, April 7th at 10:30AM. Meet in church for a family blessing and then hunt for eggs on the church grounds! Call Donna Polito at (412)492-9312 to make a reservation. Leave child's name, age and phone number. Bring a basket and friendship! We welcome the donation of plastic eggs and candy. Leave your donation in the Children's Liturgy Room. Thank you for your generous support for this annual event!

Around the Town

Widows & Widowers Group will meet on March 25, at The Cheese Cake Factory, Ross Park Mall, lower level nears Penny's, at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome. For more information call 412-486-5621 or 412-486-4209.

Adult Lenten Enrichment Continues –

The Passion of Jesus in the Gospels with Father William Fay meets MONDAYS, March 12 thru 26 , 6:30-8:00 PM in Marian Hall. COME even if you missed last week.

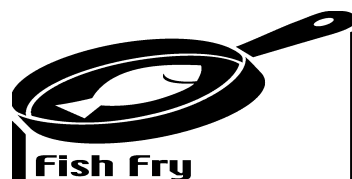
MARKET DAY LENTEN Specials: See the flier in today's Bulletin; get one at the Scrip or Faith Formation office, or order online at marketday.com Meet our Market Day leader, Lee Holleran ; call 724-443-0673 .

FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH, Monday, March 19, is a first class feast. Men of our parish are welcome to a special blessing during the 7:00 PM Liturgy in honor of Jesus' foster-father.

Get-a-LIFE Course, COLLEGE STUDENTS, go on-line www.nrlc.org or e mail jlittle@wrtl.org to get details about a ground-breaking course which will offer in-depth study of LIFE issues from spiritual and political perspectives. Spend 6 weeks in Washington, DC this summer for this *amazing* experience.

Fish dinner will be on Friday, March 16th!

Parish bakers: if your last name begins with the letters M through P, please bring your dessert to Marian Hall before 4 PM. We will be serving dinners from 4:30 – 7:00 PM. As in the past, ALL proceeds go toward our Appalachia summer work experience sponsored jointly by our parish St. Vincent de Paul and Catholic Youth Ministry.



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St. Vincent dePaul Society

We are collecting Easter candy for our Easter Baskets for our children who come to our pantry and for the boxes we make for the children at the Shuman Center. If you can help by donating candy please call Sr. Lois at 412-486-4021. Thank you for your consideration.

PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS from Father John

“MARCH MADNESS” is a frenzy that will now begin for another season. People in all walks of life are spending hours searching standings and statistics before they fill out the ballot of their pool. Workers in every arena of the workplace will be calling in sick, or sneaking off during lunchtime to find the nearest television to watch as much of the games as possible without jeopardizing their jobs. Sports aficionados will merely bunked it in for three straight weekends as they grab some fast food and refreshing drink and simply become a couch potato in front of a television that switches from game to game to bring the most exciting finishes to the screen. “MARCH MADNESS” is a frenzy of the college basketball world that takes the final weeks of the month of March and through a series of 64 basketball games, played at various times and different locations throughout the entire country, creates a one loss elimination of the specially chosen 65 basketball teams. At the end, only one team remains victorious and that team is crowned as the National Champion! “MARCH MADNESS” is a frenzy that has captured every facet of the news. It not only fills the sports section of the daily newspaper; but in cities where its team is still in the hunt, it becomes front-page news. Television news has it as its lead-in story. Talk radio fills the airways all day long with predictions of who will make it to the Final Four, and who will be crowned CHAMPION (during Holy Week this year)!

Simultaneously, and seemingly anticlimactical to the world of sports, the Liturgy of the Church will take these final weeks of March to celebrate the memory of another frenzy that has repercussions way beyond any sports tournament. The Season of Lent will reach its climax in Holy Week as the Liturgy relives the world of Jesus of Nazareth who has created a frenzy of epic reverberations. A religious madness has been stirred up. A Roman nation feels threatened. A Jewish religion is enraged. Combined they have chosen to eliminate the one who has caused such a furor. The cross of Golgotha is the only answer to this “religious fanatic” who is the cause of the frenzy that has every facet of life frantic. And so it came to pass --- the cross of Golgotha was to end this frenzy. Not so! There was an empty tomb. A crown of victory over death for the crucified one who is now alive! Disciples were frantic with the news. Jesus the Christ has been CROWNED in the glory of the Resurrection! And another frenzy had begun --- and still it is today!