

WELCOME FATHER SCOTT

It is with great joy and appreciation that we open the hearts of our people and the doors of our church to Father Scott Seethaler. Father Scott will speak at all our liturgies on this weekend and will be with us until Wednesday evening leading us in our Parish Family Mission/Renewal. We are very blessed to be able to have this nationally-renowned priest place our Parish Family on his very busy schedule. We thank him for that and hope that all of us might gain in the many insights that he will share with us. Every home received a flyer in the mail with all the details of the Mission/Renewal schedule for this year, and we all look forward to gathering as a Parish Family to be enriched in the spirit during the experiences of these days so important to our spiritual enrichment.

THE AUDITORS ARE COMING!

The auditors of the Diocese will be here next week to check the financial situation of our Parish Family, our Catholic School and all the various "groups and organizations" that use the name of St. Mary on their accounting system. We remind chairpersons and treasurers of all these groups that we need their financial records which include bank statements, canceled checks, check-books and all related financial and accounting documents. We ask that they bring these records to the rectory by this coming Friday, October 14th, so that we might have them available here when the auditors come from the Diocese. The audit of our financial records will take approximately a week to complete. We will return all items to the proper groups when the audit is completed.

PLAYGROUND IS COMPLETED

A special thank-you to all those who helped in one way or another in reassembling our playground at its new location. We remind all parishioners that this was another one of those "saving of money" events for the whole Parish Family as those who worked so feverishly to get the playground completed were parish VOLUNTEERS. We remind all those who bring their children here that they are responsible to watch over them during their playtime. Those who come during the school time are reminded that one cannot drive around the back of the school between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. for the children use this playground area for their recess period.

MISSION/RENEWAL WEEK

"WHEN CHRIST COMES CALLING"

Father Scott Seethaler, OFM Cap.

All parishioners and their friends are invited to join us for this four-day Parish Family Renewal!

EVENING SESSIONS

(7:00 p.m. in church)

Sunday: *Don't Let Worry Win*

Monday: *Have A Heart*

Tuesday: *The Prodigal Son, part 2*

Wednesday: *Living Life To The Fullest*

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In conjunction with the celebration of the Eucharist on Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m.

The Communal Anointing of the Sick for all parishioners and friends who seek the strength of the Lord Jesus in their sickness, age or debilitating condition

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The opportunity for everyone to celebrate

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Tuesday evening immediately after the 7:00 p.m. service with visiting priests on hand to offer the forgiveness of the Lord Jesus

ASSORTMENT OF NEWS CLIPS

Father Scott will celebrate the morning liturgy Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

Father Scott's books and tapes will be available for purchase in the narthex of the church building

There will be a variety of religious articles also available for purchase for those who are seeking such articles for personal occasions

Recommended Scripture texts will be given with each of the presentations so that our reading of the Bible will be intensified in our lives

There will be a reception in Marian Hall following the Wednesday evening presentation.

Masses for the Week

Sunday, October 9 - Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish
- 6:00 pm Tony & Victoria Nocera (M/M Richard Bueno)
- 7:30 a.m. Thomas S. Beitler (Family)
- 9:00 a.m. Bert Bittner (Family)
- 11:00 a.m. Anna Mae Golubic (Pat & Ed Skirtich)
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Renewal**

Monday, October 10 - Columbus Day

- 7:00 a.m. Ruth Thomas (Theresa Palermo)
- 10:00 a.m. Jim Rafferty (Family)
- Eucharistic Adoration until 6:30 p.m.**
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Renewal**

Tuesday, October 11

- 7:00 a.m. Gloria Hurley (Family)
- 10:00 a.m. Susie Pane (Family)
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Renewal**

Wednesday, October 12

- 7:00 a.m. Catherine Lazzaro (Jesse Febraro)
- 10:00 a.m. Charles Lang (Wife Lucie & Family)
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Renewal**

Thursday, October 13 - Yom Kippur

- 7:00 a.m. Ruth E. Andrews (Doris Shepherd)
- 10:00 a.m. Clementine Roberti (Madge Boyer)

Friday, October 14 - St. Callistus I

- 7:00 a.m. Giuseppe Imbarlina (Marco Imbarlina Family)
- 10:00 a.m. Jerry DeBaldo (DeBaldo Family)

Saturday, October 15 - St. Teresa of Jesus

- 8:00 a.m. Cathy Buettner (M/M Don Bellisario)
- 4:00 p.m. Rudolph Lamagna (Mary & Children)
- 6:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish

Sunday, October 16 - Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. Shirley Kornick (Family)
- 9:00 a.m. Roy Bongartz (Bongartz Family)
- 11:00 a.m. Lillion Gamuetta (Jim & Kathy Berger Family)

A VOCATION VIEW

You are invited to a rich feast. Don't ignore the invitation. Perhaps you are called to service through ordained ministry or consecrated life. Trust that you will receive the grace you need.

R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dorothy Jane Silberger of our Parish Family.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ON MONDAY

As part of our Parish Mission Renewal, and to celebrate the ending of the **YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST**, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on our Altar following the 10:00 a.m. Liturgy on Monday, October 10th, until 6:30 p.m. in the evening. Please take advantage of the opportunity to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. Our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion have signed up to spend time during the day. The School Children will come over to make a visit and all are encouraged to come for this special time before the Lord.



October 2,2005	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	850	\$17,397.89
Cash/Loose Cks.	—	777.00
Children's Offer.	22	15.25
Bishop's Edu.	3	18.00
Religious Form.	3	20.00
World Mission	1	5.00
Parish Share	19	600.00
All Saints	2	15.00
Parish Needy	28	363.00
TOTAL	928	\$19,211.14

DAILY



READINGS

- Oct. 10: Rom 1: 1-7; Lk 11: 29-32
- Oct. 11: Rom 1: 16-25; Lk 11: 37-41
- Oct. 12: Rom 2: 1-11; Lk 11: 42-46
- Oct. 13: Rom 3: 21-30; Lk 11: 47-54
- Oct. 14: Rom 4: 1-8; Lk 12: 1-7
- Oct. 15: Rom 4: 13, 16-18; Lk 12: 8-12
- Oct. 16: Is 45: 1, 4-6; Ps 96; 1 Thes 1: 1-5b; Mt 2: 15-21

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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

- Luke Patrick Blankenbaker
- Logan Bryan Henne
- Aidan Elijah Herman
- Ashley Marie Palmer
- Christina Angelina Ricci
- William Smolter

We congratulate them, their parents, god-parents and grandparents!

R.C.I.A. Will meet following the 9:00 a.m. Liturgy in the Rectory Dining Room. The topic for this week is: **Scripture Part I.** Next week's topic is: **Scripture Part II.** All are welcome!

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**Widow/Widowers Group:** will meet on Sunday, Oct. 30th at 5 p.m. at Monticello's Restaurant , 2198 Babcock Blvd. If you would like to car pool, please meet in St. Mary's parking lot at 4:20 p.m. Any questions, call Barb at (412) 486-4209 or Marge at (412) 486-5621.

**"CATCH THE VIBE"**

**VITALITY IN BUILDING EXCELLENCE**

As the autumn months begin to move in on us, the plans for our Parish Activity Center (PAC) are moving along quite nicely. The final plans from the architect are being reviewed by the members of the Temporalities Commission and as soon as that process is completed they will be sent out for bid to any construction company so interested. It seems like nothing has been done as of yet since the "first shovel" has not been put in the ground, but the preparatory plans have been under way for almost a year. For those who measure amount of work done by how much has been spent thus far for the Parish Activity Center, that number is a little over \$70,000. This would include the architect fees, the costs for permits and township expenses, the soil checking , etc. Much "ground work" has to be laid before the "ground" can actually be shoveled!

**RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

**Faith Sharing for 28<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time**

Consider that the wedding garment in the gospel story is symbolic for a baptismal garment, or for acting in a just way.

What does this parable say about those who learn about Jesus but refuse to be baptized; or about those who refuse to act with justice? What message do YOU see in this story?

**Confirmation Candidates** of ALL classes of our parish will meet with Deacon Fran on Monday, October 10, 6:20 PM in Marian Hall for discussion of Lesson 2 in THE SPIRIT SETS US FREE, find out what *wind, fire, cloud, and light* have to do with the *SPIRIT*.

Bring your book and BE ready at 6:20 PM. A parent/guardian or sponsor welcome to join in. We will participate in the Renewal session at 7:00 PM with Father Scott Seethaler, OFM Cap.  
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**Monday Faith Formation Classes** will NOT meet IN the classrooms on October 10; come to the Parish Renewal with Father Scott at 7:00 PM.

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**Family Program** meets NEXT Sunday, October 16 at the 9:00 AM Liturgy. Youth of Grade 7 will serve in roles at the liturgy. After Mass the sessions for children and youth faith formation and adults meet till Noon. Each child is welcome to bring a new or gently used item and \$1.00 for the \$1.00 SALE. Proceeds go to help support needy students in Yabello , Ethiopia.

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**Women of Faith** celebrate one of the three women Doctors of the Church this Saturday, October 15, feast of Teresa of Avila. Consider her words in light of YOUR life:

"Christ has no body now on earth, but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ must look out on the world. Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which He is to bless his people."

**YOUTH MINISTRY**  
**High School Grade 9 – 12**  
**T-ROC tonight**  
**Sunday, October 9**  
**With Fr. Scott**  
**Marian Hall 4:45 PM**  
**HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR**

ENTER THE LAND OF LIONS!!!!!!



What do Lions have to do with Scripture? Come and find out at our annual **ZOO SCRIPTURE SCAVENGER HUNT** on October 30. We will leave after celebrating the 9 AM liturgy. Appropriate costumes are welcome but optional. The person with the most outrageous costume will be rewarded with bonus points on the scavenger hunt. Make sure you bring a digital camera, or a cell phone with camera capabilities if possible, because the most outrageous animal picture will also be rewarded with bonus points. Cost is \$12. Please pre-register.

Sun, Oct. 9 T-ROC 4:45 PM Bring a parent night, community potluck, meet with Fr. Scott, prayer at Marian shrine (**BRING YOUR ROSARY AND YOUR BIBLE**) followed by **NIGHT GAMES** while parents attend Fr. Scott's first talk.

Sun. Oct. 23 Steeler Tailgate party in Marian Hall.

Sun. Oct. 30 **Annual Zoo Scripture Scavenger Hunt.**

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**LIGHT THE WAY FOR JESUS**

Luminaria project for Christmas Eve **IDEAL SERVICE PROJECT FOR BOTH SECOND AND EIGHTH GRADE CLUSTER GROUPS.** We will need approximately 300-400 jars to place candles on our property before all Christmas Eve liturgies. We are asking parishioners to drop off **CLEAN**, clear glass jars up to a 16-ounce size; baby food jars and small jelly jars are a perfect size. A specially marked box will be placed in the CYM lobby toward the end of October. Guidelines for your group will be provided when you contact the CYM office.

**ST. MARY SCHOOL**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE** - Another middle school dance will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2005 from 7:30-10:00 PM in Marian Hall. Students in grades 6-8 can purchase tickets for \$5.00 at the church rectory or the CCD office. Tickets will be sold in school the mornings of October 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. Tickets must be purchased in advance and the dress code will be strictly enforced. This event is sponsored by St. Mary School PTG.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS** - We are again selling Entertainment Books this year to benefit the school. They are now available at the Giant Eagle/SNS table at Church or in the Scrip Office in the school. They sell for \$25 with a \$5 assessment credit for each book sold going to any school family you designate. Thank you for your continued support!

**GIANT EAGLE/SNS SALE HOURS** - Please note the following new sale hours: 4:45 - 6:00 PM on Saturdays, 9:45 - 11:00 AM on Sundays. **NO SALES WILL BE CONDUCTED ONCE MASS BEGINS.**

You may use Giant Eagle gift cards to pay for your gas at the Giant Eagle "GetGo" stations. Use your Advantage card to receive fuel perks and then pay with a Giant Eagle gift card.

**ONE-SIDED PAPER AND INK CARTRIDGES** - The school is always in need of one-sided paper, and we are recycling ink cartridges of all kinds. All donations can be dropped off at the school. Many thanks!

**CAMPBELL'S LABELS AND BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** - The school is still collecting Campbell labels and Box Tops for Education from various food products. Please inspect the food items you use, remove the labels, then put them in the boxes provided in the back of Church or send them to the school. Again, thank you for your donation. The school appreciates all you do for us.

**GENERAL PARISH NEWS**

**DESPERATE...** for the **WORD BIBLE STUDY** and discussion of **THE LAMB'S SUPPER** by Scott Hahn continues **THIS Tuesday, October 11, 12:30 till 2:30 PM** in the Faith Formation Center, lower level of our education building.

Call **Dori Monahan, 412-492-9891** or **Michele Mackett, 412-963-1443** for details.

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

Each week a different Family Perspective by Bud Ozar will appear in the bulletin courtesy of the Core Team of our Post-Baptism ministry to young children (birth to age five) and their parents. **The king in today's Gospel had a bottom line beyond which he would not negotiate. As parents we need to identify what is critical (non-negotiable) and what is open to discussion. Not all issues are equal.**

**PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS:**

**Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.**

**SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** will take place during the **10:00 a.m. liturgy on Wednesday, October 12th.** Please take advantage of the opportunity to receive the healing graces of the sacrament.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** The car needs a tune-up, the house needs a fresh coat of paint, the grass needs cutting. The list of things to do seems to never end. What about your marriage? Isn't it time to place your relationship at the top of the list of things that need tending to? Make a **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEK-END**, and give your marriage a tune-up. To make a Reservation in Greensburg, call **Mary and Lou Locante** at (412) 635-7775.

**A REMINDER FROM THE LITTLE CHILDREN**

**COME TO ME MINISTRY:** Please help us collect hats, gloves, scarves and socks so that we can help women and children of the Women's Center and Shelter to keep warm! Each year, women and children are forced out of their homes due to domestic violence. This year lets help make a difference by gathering some items that will help them through the winter. A box is available in the Cry Room through December 1st. The Center can accept new or used hats, gloves and scarves and new socks. Thank you.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR**

**GOLDEN JUBILARIANS:** All those married for fifty years during the year 2005, were invited to celebrate at a Special Mass at St. Paul Cathedral on October 2nd with Bishop Winter. The following couples from St. Mary's attended:  
**Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Caldone**  
**Mr. & Mrs. James McDevitt**

**Teams of Our Lady Information Evening:** Teams of Our Lady is an organization for couples who want to increase spirituality in their marriage. Please join us for an informational evening in the School Library on Thursday, Oct. 20th, at 7:30 p.m. Jim and Maureen Romano, the North Sector Couple, will give a presentation on this small faith based group for married couples. Call them at (412) 487-2500 for more information. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!**  
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**Lost & Found:** If you lost something in Church, please see one of the Ushers who will be happy to assist you.

| Sept. 24,2005     | Envelopes    | Contributions      |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Offertory         | 771          | \$15,298.88        |
| Cash/Loose Cks.   | —            | 1,286.00           |
| Children's Offer. | 25           | 19.00              |
| Bishop's Edu.     | 1            | 15.00              |
| School Collection | 1            | 10.00              |
| Parish Share      | 9            | 1,290.00           |
| Parish Needy      | 193          | 1,828.00           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>1,000</b> | <b>\$19,746.88</b> |

**PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS** from Father John

The leaves are falling from the trees all around us; the winds are blowing chilly breezes in our faces; and the darkness of the night is creeping steadily into our days! There may not be a more telltale sign that winter is coming than a slow ride up the entrance way to our sacred grounds and experience the blankness of the berm of the road: the exhilarating beauty of our flowers is gone!

The ancients had a wondrous sense of looking forward to the renewed life of next year. They called this time of year autumn which comes from the Latin word "auctum." The base meaning of this word is "...to grow steadily, to increase, or to augment..." What a wonderful sense of hope these ancients seem to have that in the midst of a season when all seemed to be dying, they knew the earth was preparing itself for the glorious adventure of next spring's renewed life. As we drive in and out of our entranceway for the next few months, might it be possible that you and I will have that same feeling? Way down in the earth, all along those seemingly lifeless lines of berm, can we come to sense that the "flower bulbs" are already beginning to germinate slowly but surely? Do we honestly believe that which has already been planted deep in the earth is the beginning of the renewed life of next year?

For those of us who look to learn about the mysteries of life from the Creator of all life, what a powerful image has been given to us concerning RENEWAL! It does not come instantaneously, as a computer-generated world that depends upon instant gratification has a difficult time grasping. Rather, RENEWAL, that produces magnificent beauty, begins slowly and germinates steadily. "Learn a lesson from the lilies of the field" as Jesus of Nazareth so insightfully suggested. RENEWAL of the created world around us is a matter of planting deep into the heart of the earth the seeds that will produce the wonder of a future time.

This is RENEWAL WEEK in our Parish Family. It is that one time every year when each of us has an unique opportunity to plant the seed of divine life deep in our hearts with the hope that it will blossom into many faith filled moments of the future. In a world where "violence" challenges the peace of our lives, "fear" fills our hearts with the worries of modern day living, and "uncertainty" darkens the moments in which we live; come, join us this week and plant the spiritual seed of our PARISH FAMILY RENEWAL deep in your heart.

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