

Bulletin # 910038

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Attn: Bee

MESSAGES:

THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Today we bring the entire Liturgical Year to a climatic conclusion with the celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King. Those Sunday participants who have been following the wonderful sequence of events unfolding in our liturgy have experienced a year full of superb celebrations. We have made our way through the six seasons of Advent/Christmas/Epiphany in the Christmas cycle, and Lent/Easter/Pentecost in the Easter cycle. These seasons coupled with the 34 weeks of Ordinary Time have offered us a composite of all that we believe as Roman Catholics. Now we have come to the end, and our sights are set on the future direction of the kingdom of heaven. The Lord Jesus is now crowned as "Christ the King" and those who have been faithful to his mandate in this world anticipate living in this new kingdom forever.



SPECIAL COMMEMORATION TO HONOR CHRIST OUR KING

We will commemorate the magnificence of this day with a special Procession and Benediction after the 11:00 a.m. liturgy. We hope that those who wish to honor the Lord Jesus as Christ the King will join us for this short, but meaningful service. As we come to the end of another Liturgical Year, we set aside the green vestments of Ordinary Time and begin to focus on the reliving of the mystery of the Lord Jesus with the coming of Advent. Next Sunday will start a new season (and the beginning of a new Liturgical Year) as Advent opens our hearts to the wonder of Christmas and the fulfillment celebrated on the Solemnity of Epiphany. What a wonderful time to recommit ourselves to our Catholic Faith and make a "new year's resolution" to deepen our relationship with our God!!

"CATCH THE VIBE" VITALITY IN BUILDING EXCELLENCE

Every registered family has received a "personal invitation" from the Capital Campaign Committee to make a contribution or pledge to the Campaign. As the construction work continues to move forward, the need to increase our pledges becomes more and more important. In all the work that has been done so far, reaching way back to 2003 when the improvements of our sacred grounds began, we have been able to pay each invoice as it was submitted. However, at the present time, our funds have been depleted so that the next invoice that we will receive will put us IN DEBT and we will now need to borrow from the Diocese.

PENSION PROTECTION ACT

Are you aware of the Pension Protection Act of 2006? This Act allows anyone to take funds from an IRA and send them directly to the church without paying any income tax on the withdrawal. There are no tax consequences for this direct deposit to a recipient charity. What a wonderful way to make a payment to the Pledge Campaign! Check with your tax advisor to take advantage of this Protection Act before the end of the year.

LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTRY (part 3)

The term "LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTRY" will soon become part of the everyday parlance of a Catholic living in the United States, as the Bishops of the country have published the document entitled "*Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord*." This document expresses the strong desire of the bishops of the United States for a fruitful collaboration of ordained and lay ministers, who, in distinct but complementary ways, continue in the Church the saving mission of Christ for the world, his vineyard.

CEMETERY NEAR THE CHURCH

During this month of November we have had special commemorations for those who have died. What a unique feature of our Parish Family to have our cemetery adjacent to our church so that we can remember them each time we gather in our church to celebrate the mystery of the Lord's DYING and rising? Contact the rectory for details about burial of your loved ones in our cemetery.

Masses for the Week

Sunday, November 26 - Christ the King

- 4:00 p.m. Anna Mae Golubic (M/M Ed Grubich)
- 6:00 pm Living & Deceased of our Parish
- 7:30 a.m. Pete Marietti (Harold & Libby Pernisek)
- 9:00 a.m. Kevin Gessler (Mom & Dad)
- 11:00 a.m. Nicholas & Teresa Moyeroff (Grandaughter & Family)

Monday, November 27

- 7:00 a.m. John McDermott (Ray & Winnie Kredell)
- 10:00 a.m. Clarence Walz (Marie Malagrega)

Tuesday, November 28

- 7:00 a.m. John J. Kirby (Wife & Family)
- 10:00 a.m. Frederick & Helen Rihn (Family)

Wednesday, November 29

- 7:00 a.m. John & Barbara Lorkovic (Dick & Carrie Druzak)
- 10:00 a.m. Frank Kosmack (Wife & Family)

Thursday, November 30 - St. Andrew

- 7:00 a.m. William Mammay (Don & Joan Finke)
- 10:00 a.m. Deceased of Costa & Schram Families (Ralph & Therese)

Friday, December 1

- 7:00 a.m. Marie Gaslevic (Family)
- 10:00 a.m. Angelo Spampinato (Wife & Family)

Saturday, December 2 - B.V.M.

- 8:00 a.m. Joseph Wagner (Family)
- 4:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish
- 6:00 p.m. Marie Frankowski (Richey)

Sunday, December 3 - First Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 a.m. Kathryn & Michael Runatz (Family)
- 9:00 a.m. Anna & Carl Triola (Isabelle & Joe)
- 11:00 a.m. Francesciantonio Lazzaro (Elisabetta Derenzo)

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus claims, "anyone committed to the truth hears my voice." Commit yourself to truth and heed the voice of God. (John 18:33-37)

ATTENTION USHERS/GREETERS- Mark your calendars and plan to attend our Get Together on Thursday, December 14 beginning at 7:00 pm in Marian Hall. Call Joe Bosack (412) 487-4797 or Keith Loiselle (724)443-7398 **if you are unable to attend.**

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR THIS WEEKEND ARE IN MEMORY OF STEPHANIE MCNALLEY DONATED BY HER PARENTS, JERRY & LINDA MCNALLEY.

R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the souls of Patricia Sutton and Patricia Ann Seng, mother of Russell Seng.



Due to the printing schedule of the bulletin, the contributions of Nov. 19th & 26th will be in the bulletin of December 3rd. Thank you for your patience.

Nov. 12, 2006	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	869	\$16,984.18
Cash/Loose Cks.	—	947.50
Children's Offer.	45	64.59
Religious Ret.	8	117.00
School Collection	1	1.00
All Saints	2	20.00
Parish Share	9	471.66
Parish Needy	5	70.00
TOTAL	939	\$17,728.43

DAILY



READINGS

- Nov. 27:** Rv 14: 1-3; 4b-5; Lk 21: 1-4
- Nov. 28:** Rv 14: 14-19; Lk 21: 5-11
- Nov. 29:** Rv 15: 1-4; Lk 21: 12-19
- Nov. 30:** Rom 10: 9-18; Mt 4: 18-22
- Dec. 1:** Rv 20: 1-4, 11—21:2; Lk 21:29-33
- Dec. 2:** Rv 22: 1-7; Lk 21: 34-36
- Dec. 3:** Jer 33: 14-16; Ps 25; 1 Thes. 3:12 —4:2; Lk 21: 25-28; 34-36

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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

Regan Dorothy Moore Ryan Paul Ravis
Cameron Michael Tomaszewski

We congratulate them, their parents, godparents and grandparents!

R. C. I. A. – All those interested in finding out more about what it means to be a Catholic Christian are invited to come to the rectory on Sunday mornings following the 9:00am liturgy. We are not meeting this week because of the holiday but all are invited to come next Sun. Dec. 3rd when we will discuss Advent and Christmas; Call Father Ed or Jim Finn to find out more. (412)486-4100.

COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS- If you know someone who has been away from the practice of their faith, invite them to come home for Christmas. Our priests and staff members are very anxious to meet with anyone who would like to re-activate themselves. Simply call our pastoral associate Jim Finn, (412)486-4100 and he'll explain what's involved. It's easy and we are willing to help!

All Widows & Widowers of St. Mary's are invited to meet and sit together in the reserved seats in the front of Church at the 6 p.m. Mass on Saturday, November 25. After Mass we will go down to Marian Hall for Cahal Dunne's Program. Tickets are available from Sr. Lois for \$12.00. Reservations are being taken for our Christmas Dinner on December 10. For more information or questions call Barb at 412-486-4209 or Marge at 412-486-5621.



RELIGIOUS FORMATION

FAITH SHARING - Christ the King Week

What is the TRUTH to which Jesus witnessed? Must Christians be committed to the same truth? The word "witness" in Greek is *martus*, from which we get the word "martyr". Why are people who speak the truth often killed? Why should Christians feel at peace to be a part of God's kingdom, which is partially in this world but is not of this world and has no end?

THANKS to the families of our Faith Formation sessions for the many donations to the Saint Vincent de Paul pantry. The goods you gave will help to provide for many needy families.

Faith Formation Sessions on Saturday and Monday will not meet this week, Nov. 25 and 27 due to the Thanksgiving holidays.

Saint Andrew Day, Thursday, November 30 is a day we remember this apostle of Jesus, and the day to begin the **Daily Prayer till Christmas:**

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe Oh my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of our Savior, Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother. Amen.

ADVENT Resources for Families available at our Faith Formation Center. STOP in to purchase an item for the season:

Candles for wreath...4 for \$3.00

Ring with 4 candle holders...\$3.00

Ring with Greens & 4 candle holders...\$6.00

Booklets & Activities - \$1.00 each:

Family Calendar 2007; Family Prayer Traditions;

What can I GIVE for Christmas? ; Symbols &

Traditions of Advent ; Family Devotions;

Road Work Ahead - for Teens

Chain of Stars OR Chain of Angels - to make

Twirling Toward Bethlehem—Mobile

What Child is This? Seek and Find.

YOUNG ADULTS WELCOME HOME

**PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE TO WRITE
YOUR MAILING ADDRESS AND EMAIL
ON THE SPECIAL CARD AND DROP IT
IN THE BOX IN THE CHURCH LOBBY.**

HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

<u>Sun., Nov. 26</u>	Visit with youth at Holy Sepulcher 5:30 PM
<u>Tues., Nov. 28</u>	CYM Play Rehearsal Marian Hall 6:30 PM
<u>Thur., Nov. 30</u>	CYM Play Rehearsal Marian Hall 6:30 PM
<u>Dec. 1, 2 & 3</u>	Diocesan Retreat in Ellwood City
<u>Sat., Dec. 9</u>	T-ROC with 6 PM Saturday liturgy
<u>Sun., Dec. 19</u>	Semi-formal at St. Ferdinand's (no charge)

MIDDLE SCHOOL CALENDAR

<u>Fri., Dec. 8</u>	Middle School Vigil, Movie Night & service project for the homeless. (see below)
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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 **pillowcase** plus **needle and thread** to sew into two smaller pillows. **Parents will be needed to help with this service project.** Celebrate the 7 PM holy day liturgy on Friday, December 8 then gather for the short prayer vigil and conclude with movie and project.

CHRISTMAS EVE LUMINARIA PROJECT Our youth have expressed an interest in donating proceeds from this year's luminaria project to our mission efforts directed toward children in third world countries. Details will appear in future bulletins.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS AND

ADULTS: PLEASE HELP OUR VETERANS Can you spare less than two hours on a Sunday morning? We are looking for teens and their parents who are willing to escort veterans from their hospital room to the chapel at the VA in Aspinwall, on any Sunday morning. These veterans are so grateful for a kind word and appreciate celebrating liturgy with the volunteers.
Call 412-492-9344.

RETREAT: There may be some openings for the annual diocesan retreat next weekend, **December 1-3**. Cost is \$85. Call 412-486-4100, ext. 409.

NOTICE TO PARENTS REGARDING CYM ACTIVITIES: Be aware that it is **not** our practice to keep your teens **out late**, especially on a school night, unless we specifically note the time on a consent form or in the bulletin. Meetings, play practice, etc. may end as early as 7:30 – 8:30 PM. **Please do not hesitate to call us about the end times of our activities if you are concerned.** Call or leave a message at 412-486-4100, ext. 409.

ST. MARY SCHOOL

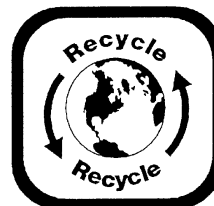
STUDENT RECOGNIZED: Brian Bittner, a seventh-grader, was selected as the First Place Essay Winner in a Veteran's Day Essay Contest, entitled: "Why I Appreciate Soldiers." As the winner, Brian was awarded a \$100 Savings Bond and had the wonderful opportunity of reading his winning essay on the Marty Griffin Show on KDKA Radio. We are so proud of Brian.

SCRIP SALES: Avoid the holiday shopping rush and help our school at the same time. Purchase gift certificates through our Scrip Office for your gift giving. The office is located in the rear of the School and is open daily from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

ENJOY books are still available for purchase for \$25.00 each at the Scrip Office. They also make great Christmas gifts.

APPLES FOR STUDENTS: Giant Eagle began their "Apples For Students" program on Sunday, October 29th, 2006, and it will run through Saturday, March 17th, 2007. If you have not already registered for this program which benefits our school, please show your support by registering online at www.gianteagle.com or by calling 1-800-474-4777. You must enter our **school ID number 1131**.

COMING SOON: The school will be sponsoring a paper recycling program offered through Abitibi Consolidated, the world's largest newspaper recycler. Two bins will be placed by the St. Vincent de Paul boxes into which you can place catalogs, magazines, newspapers, junk mail, fax paper, notebooks, and folders. **NO** phonebooks or cartons of any kind, please.



GENERAL PARISH NEWS

SWEETS WITH SANTA: St. Mary's PTG annual

"Sweets With Santa" Children Party on Friday, December 1st from 6:00 -8:00 p.m. in Marian Hall. Games, prizes, raffles and lots of sweets to eat. Come visit with Santa (For an additional fee you can have your picture taken with Santa). For tickets or information, call Theresa Vaccallaro (724) 265-1454.



PARISH SHARING TREE- Our Sharing Tree is located in the narthex at the main entrance to the church. On this tree are the names of women, men and children who are looking forward to the generosity of our parish family for a Christmas gift. Please return the gifts with the ornament firmly affixed to the **top next weekend, Dec. 2-3 or Dec. 8-9-10.** We need a few volunteers to sort and pack the gifts after the 6:00 pm and 9:00 am Masses. If you can help, please call Mary Kay Collins (412)367-3176.

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME: Families with children age five and under and their older siblings are invited to join us this coming Friday, Dec. 1st. at 6:45pm at the Rebecca Residence Personal Care Home on Cedar Ridge Road for Carols and presents. All voices are welcome for this evening of fun and song...Dads please plan to come and share the spirit of Advent and Christmas with our friends at Rebecca Residence. Call Anne Holtz (412)487-1616.

PRAY AND PLAY DAY- Plan now to attend the next Pray and Play Day on Wed. Dec. 6th beginning at 9:30am. Come to the Children's Liturgy Room and have your little ones under age five hear about the real St. Nicholas, Dec. 6th is the actual feastday, and some information about the Nativity. Older siblings are welcome to join us. All welcome! Call Jodi (412)267-3027 for more information. There will be no Pray and Play Day on Wed. Dec. 20th!

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

The gospel today challenges us "to testify to the truth". We are good at pointing out **NEGATIVE** truths such as the shortcomings of others. We tend to be silent about the **POSITIVE** truths, the many good actions and decisions others do each day.



SEWING ENTHUSIASTS: CYM is looking to improve our costumes for the Good Friday Crosswalk in 2007. Most are simple outfits, but any donations of sewn garments would be greatly appreciated. It's not too soon to get started on this project. If you are interested, please call 412-486-4100, ext. 409.

Sick Relatives & Friends

Michael Ackman, Bobbie Aiello, Martha Anderson, Anna Marie Belch, Beth Ann, Clarence Bittner, Frances Broz, Andrew Caruso, Herman Clarke, Erin Claus, Brenna Cordell, Mary Evankovich, Roberta Evankovich, Luke Fabry, Seth Fabry, Sally Farmerie, Colleen Farrell, Michael Feeney, Lizzy Frederick, Dave Fry, Joseph George, Tom Giel, Finisia Golden, Eileen Golya, Linda Hays, John Hoehn, Ron Hornick, Maggie, Martha Hornak, Joyce Hung, Ave Hutchenson, Janice Jenko, Bobby Kaminski, Rose Ann Karel, Kristy Kessler, Mildred Klein, Denise Lendl, Abigail Lutz, Michelle Midgley, Darryl Miersch, John Mitchell, Kitty & Regis Murphy, Al Newill, Hanna Shuker Pallas, Allison Regan, Courtney Rachel Ryce, Carl Schulze, Annabelle Segriff, David Sell, Patricia Sovek, Robert Sperling, Joshua Stanek, Christopher Stevens, Kerry Stiffey, Margaret Thimons, Mark Thimons, Nick Vrscak, Jim & Clare Young.

Sister's Christmas Catechism - LAST CALL to join our group going with Deacon Fran on the bus, Wed., Dec. 6, leaving St. Mary's at 7:00 PM for City Theater, South Side. Show at 8 PM @\$35 each. Call 412-486-5521 for a reservation.

Adult Enrichment Opportunities:

Discipleship in the Gospel of Mark with Father Fay continues, Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 PM in our school library. ALL adults & youth welcome !

ADVENTure with Father John to discover the wonders of **Jesus' Family Tree**, Tuesdays, December 5 & 12, 6:30 - 9:00 PM in Marian Hall. Call NOW 412-486-5521 to be assured of a seat for YOU at those evenings.

MARKET DAY DECEMBER Order Forms are now available at the church exits, and at the Scrip and Faith Formation offices, or order online at marketday.com If YOU will like to assist on the Market Day team, call Lee at 724-443-0673

FIRST RECONCILIATION THIS WEEK

December 2, and 11th & 19th. Saturday, Dec. 2 & 11 will include welcome to a special event with Saint Nicholas and activities at places he visits in our world. Call 412-486-5521 for details.

PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS from Father John

THANKSGIVING DAY touches us each year at so many levels that it is almost impossible to exhaust all of its possibilities! Let me give it a whirl --- realizing these words just scratch the surface of its importance:

FOOD: food ... food ... food! And plenty of it! No one seemed to go hungry on Thanksgiving --- from the magnificently scrumptious tables we all had in our own homes this past Thursday, to the serving of food to the homeless that took place in so many arenas of our American life.

FAMILY: associated with the sharing at the table was the coming together of the family. All of us have stories of our own families gathering at "our" home or at "grandma's" home or some family member in between and simply telling and retelling stories that we have told so many times before. And still enjoying them!

FOOTBALL: from the backyard games we played as children waiting for the meal to be served, to the gathering around the television with the adults to watch the latest rivalry between two professional teams.

THANKSGIVING DAY, however, went way beyond all these items, and demanded that we look for:

RELIGION: Thanksgiving Day this year was that time during which many of us began the day celebrating the mysteries of God's care for us around the Table of the Lord. Such a celebration gave greater meaning to the food that we then shared at the table in our home.

RELIGION: Thanksgiving Day was that time when the family bowed their head in prayer together to remind each other that the family has so much more meaning when God's presence is at its center.

RELIGION: Thanksgiving Day was that time when the winning or losing of the game had little meaning. It is in the realization that we have all been created by our divine God to play the game that delivers a more meaningful message than the outcome of the game itself.

So, it is certainly a time of food ... family ... football --- but without the wrapping of this day in the blanket of RELIGION, we may lose its truly American significance! Not so in the Parish Family of *St. Mary of the Assumption* on Middle Road. This past Thursday an extraordinary number of parishioners gathered around the Altar of the Lord to celebrate EUCHARIST, which at its core means THANKSGIVING!

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