

Bulletin # 910038

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Attn: Bee

MESSAGES:

GROUP FIRST EUCHARIST

The entire Parish Family opens its doors and heart TODAY as our second graders come to celebrate their First Eucharist in one of the groups who will assemble at each of today's liturgies. We ask that all parishioners make room for the many guests who will join us and be alert to the reserved places that have been set-aside for the children and their families. We thank all those catechists and aides who have helped in preparing these children for this day, and we congratulate their parents and guardians for taking such a significant role in the religious formation of their children. What a special day in our Parish Family when so many of our young people join us in receiving the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus. We hope that all of us will continue in our commitment to these young people by making sure that they come each Sunday to celebrate this central mystery of our Catholic Faith.

"CATCH THE VIBE"

VITALITY IN BUILDING EXCELLENCE

Anticipating the "first shovel in the ground" for our Parish Activity Center (PAC), all parishioners are encouraged to be a participant in this event with a contribution or a pledge to the Campaign. Members of the Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) continue to offer their time in contacting members personally. We hope that all respond generously to their appeal.

FESTIVAL FLASHES



June 22 - 23 - 24 have been set side, as we

Do each year, for our Parish Family Festival... What a wonderful time to meet and work with other members of the Parish Family...volunteers are always needed and parishioners should be on the alert to "sign up" to help at one of the facets of the Festival...members are asked to watch for the date for bringing items for our GIGANTIC Flea Market...games and rides for the children will be on tap...delicious meals will be served each of the three nights of the Festival...ONE book of tickets for our superb Raffle is being prepared for each family...this book will be coming shortly to your home... the Festival Committee is asked to set aside Monday, May 15th for our next meeting...

A MAJOR PARISH EVENT

Tuesday May 2nd at 7:00 p.m., our parish church will be filled with the living presence of the Holy Spirit as we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. We extend an invitation to all parishioners to join Bishop Paul Bradley, priests of the area and the guests gathering with our Candidates to welcome the incoming of the Holy Spirit. Our Parish Family has been intricately involved in the preparation process of these young people as we have prayed with them when they made first commitment in our presence at a Sunday liturgy, and applauded them when they signed their Book of Commitment at another Sunday liturgy. We congratulate their parents and guardians, their sponsors and friends, and all those catechists who have brought the Catholic Faith to their hearts. The Holy Spirit will enlighten their lives, fill their hearts with new love and allow them to stand fully initiated into the Parish Family of the St. Mary of the Assumption. What a magnificent night for our entire Parish Family!

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION BANQUET

Congratulations to all the members of the St. Mary Athletic Association (SMAA) for their magnificent athletic banquet this past Friday evening. What a wonderful display of parental and adult commitment to the all inclusive sports program of our Catholic School. All those students who participate in one of another of the athletic programs will have much to remember as awards, prizes and mementos were distributed in abundance to all the student-athletes. Those parents and guardians who wish to have their children "play sports" in grade school can find no better opportunity for their children than that which is provided by St. Mary Catholic Grade School.

A COMPUTER GLITCH OCCURRED

A computer glitch from the company who sends out the statements for our Parish Share Program caused confusion for many of our parishioners. If your statement was incorrect, please simply disregard it for another correct statement will be sent to you. The electronically generated statements had a glitch that the company did not realize before they sent them out. We apologize for any inconvenience on behalf of the Company.

Masses for the Week

Sunday, April 30 - Third Sunday of Easter

- 4:00 p.m. Eleanor Triglia (Family)
- 6:00 pm First Eucharist Families
- 7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish
- 9:00 a.m. Charles Lang (Lucie & Family)
- 11:00 a.m. Thomas Goral, Sr. (Tom & Kathy Goral)

Monday, May 1 - St. Joseph the Worker

- 7:00 a.m. Dr. Vincent Londino (M/M Gregory Distilo)
- 10:00 a.m. Lou Francioni (Wife Cora)

Tuesday, May 2 - St. Athanasius

- 7:00 a.m. Betty Vrscak (Husband, Nick)
- 10:00 a.m. Maxine Deasy (Family)
- 7:00 p.m. **Sacrament of Confirmation**

Wednesday, May 3 - Ss. Philip and James

- 7:00 a.m. Alma Rafferty (Matt & Maureen Lebo)
- 10:00 a.m. Elizabeth Imbarlina (Rocco Didomenico)

Thursday, May 4

- 7:00 a.m. Ruth Mc Cleary (Paul & Anne Mitsch)
- 10:00 a.m. Bernie Meinert (Mom)

Friday, May 5

- 7:00 a.m. Zerah Perry (Lena Sicher)
- 10:00 a.m. Bob Porco (Kathy & Autumn Klein)

Saturday, May 6

- 8:00 a.m. Thaddeus T. Bober (Family)
- 2:00 p.m. **Wedding - Misty Palmer - Todd Gatnarek**
- 4:00 p.m. Joseph Hajenich (Wife & Family)
- 6:00 p.m. Marko R. Cunich (M/M Thomas Streyle & Children)

Sunday, May 7 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 7:30 a.m. John Fowkes (Family)
- 9:00 a.m. Clementine Heintz (Harry & Rachele)
- 11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish

PENTECOST/SPRING CONCERT: For those who would like to sing with the Adult Choir but can't make the weekly commitment, there is an opportunity this Spring. Anyone who would like to sing Vivaldi's "Gloria" at our Pentecost/Spring Concert on June 4th, is welcome to rehearse with us during the month of May and sing with us at the 12:45 p.m. Concert. Many people are familiar with the piece as it is a beautiful and beloved choral work that has been performed in the past here at St. Mary's. This is an opportunity for those who have sung with the choir in the past to join us again or for those who haven't, but would like the experience of rehearsing and performing this work. Please consider joining us for this wonderful event. If you are interested, please call Bob Kardasz, Director of Music Ministries at (412) 486-4100 or come to a Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. rehearsal.

R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mildred Schriver, Donald E. Cross, husband of Dorothy Cross and Dorothy Lunz., mother of Kathy Atkins. May the Risen Lord give them eternal rest in His kingdom.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

- III. Misty Palmer (St. Mary's) - Todd Gatnarek
- II. Emily Volk (St. Mary's) - James Ford

WORSHIP COMMISSION MEETING - Tuesday, May 9th at 7 p.m. in the rectory. All are welcome! Submit agenda items to Tom Goral by calling (412) 487-6244.

April 23, 2006	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	799	\$15,386.17
Cash/Loose Cks.	—	1,069.00
Children's Offer.	46	59.00
Easter Collection	14	280.00
Parish Share	44	2,700.00
Parish Needy	210	2,585.00
TOTAL	1,113	22,079.17

DAILY



READINGS

- May 1: Acts 6: 8-15; Jn 6: 22-29 or (for memorial) Gn 1: 26 — 2:3 or Col 3: 14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13: 54-58
- May 2: Acts 7:51 —8:1a; Jn 6: 30-35
- May 3: 1 Cor 15: 1-8; Jn 14: 6-14
- May 4: Acts 8: 26-40; Jn 6: 44-51
- May 5: Acts 9: 1-20; Jn 6: 52-59
- May 6: Acts 9: 31-42; Jn 6: 60-69
- May 7: Acts 4: 8-12; Ps 118; 1 Jn 3: 1-2; Jn 10: 11-18

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Welcome Bishop Paul Bradley to Call on the Spirit with our youth in the Sacrament of Confirmation

this Tuesday, May 2. Confirmandi will meet with our bishop at 6:30 PM in Marian Hall. Sponsors and other family members may take places in the assembly in church to be ready for the Liturgy at 7:00 PM.

THANKS to all the staff and adults who shared their *spirit* in the cluster groups and parish gatherings with the Confirmandi during the past months. May all be filled with the Holy Spirit !

WELCOME TO FIRST EUCHARIST, children

of our Grade 2 classes. Our entire parish join with families in the joy of witnessing faith expressed in sharing at the table of the Lord.

THE CRAFT BOOTH COMMITTEE IS AGAIN IN SERIOUS NEED OF ITEMS TO SELL AT THE PARISH FESTIVAL. YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS IN THE PAST HAVE REALLY HELPED MAKE THE CRAFT BOOTH A SUCCESS! AND REMEMBER THAT 100% OF ALL PROCEEDS GO RIGHT TO THE CHURCH! WE NEED ALL TYPES OF NEW CRAFT ITEMS - ANYTHING THAT MAY BE YOUR SPECIALTY. PLEASE CALL DEBBI BOYD AT (724-449-5790) WITH QUESTIONS OR FOR PICK-UP.

ACTIVE MILITARY - RESERVISTS - VETERANS

We need the following information for the Memorial Day Mass at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 29, 2006. Please fill out and return in the collection basket.

Branch of Service _____ From _____
To _____. Would you be available to carry service flag in procession Yes _____ No _____ Have and can wear my Service Uniform to carry service flag. Yes _____ No _____. If you were a P.O.W. Yes _____

No _____. Name _____
Phone _____. This information will apprise us as how many military are in our Parish. Also, we would like to honor those killed in action.

Name _____, Conflict _____,
Branch _____, Rank _____. We also update our Military Prayer List as often as possible. Please provide us with names etc. of relatives serving. There are people in our Parish in Civilian Service as Police, Fire Medics, Nurses, Doctors. We would like to update our list of these individuals so as to honor them.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

FAITH SHARING - 3rd EASTER WEEK

Why do you think that Jesus' sharing food, fish and bread, accompanied the resurrection experiences? What might the sharing of food imply about our own responsibility to share what we have with others?

Monday and Saturday Faith Formation Sessions Had their last "formal" meet last week. Some families missed picking up a copy of the scripture reference page to use throughout the summertime. Stop at the Faith Formation for a copy, also volunteers signing up to assist at a special liturgy once a month May thru August, and at our parish festival. **YOUR** service welcome and needed.

GOOD NEWS is to be shared ! FIVE assemblies of formation for NEW catechists willing to share faith with youth and children in our parish programs. Begins Saturday, May 13, 9 AM till Noon meet at St. Joseph, O'Hara Twp. Music, planning, drama and more ! Call Nancy Vecchio, 412-963-9252 to register.

REGISTRATION Information for Catechesis Sessions-Sept. 2006-2007 available NOW at our Faith Formation Office. Forms were given to a member of each family currently enrolled.

MISSION PROJECTS: THANKS to generous youth that the goal of raising \$300 per student for three students at the Catholic Youth Hostel in Yabello, Ethiopia under the care of Father Vince Stegman, CSSp is nearly met. There is just a little more space to fill with **QUARTER-BACKS** to complete the map of Ethiopia. **A RAFFLE OF FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT T-SHIRTS** will be held at the Family Program session on May 7. TEN shirts = ten prizes. Tickets available at the Faith Formation office @\$1.00 each or 7 for \$5.00. **Any parishioner welcome to participate;** stop at our office.

YOUTH MINISTRY

T-ROC – Sunday, May 7th

Our topic is "The Gift of the Holy Spirit"

- Gather at 5:45 PM in the church, **Liturgy at 6 PM.**
- Bring food specified below to share.
- **Teens** will be meeting with our **T-Team** up in the church after food and fellowship!
- **Students who bring their own Bibles will be eligible for a free ticket to the Gateway Clipper World Youth Day Dinner Dance in Fall of 2006**
- **Parents** will stay in Marian Hall for an Adult Session on "The Spirit in Our Lives".
- **An activity will be provided for students in grades 6-8, so that all parents can attend the adult session.**
- The evening will conclude around 8:30 p.m.

T-ROC Food - Please contribute the following items. If your last name begins with:

- A - E** Desserts
- F - K** Non-caffeine soda or beverage
- I - L** Fruit
- M - Q** Veggies and Dip
- R - Z** Warm Appetizer

BREAKFAST AND BIBLE – May 7th

Come hungry for scripture and a delicious breakfast!

10:00 a.m.- Noon at the JAM Center!

HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Sat. May 6** Silver Ring Thing
- Sun. May 7** Breakfast & Bible 10-Noon-JAM Center
- Sun. May 7** **T-ROC - 6- 8:30 PM in Church**
- Tues. May 9** Planning meeting for Baccalaureate 7 PM
- Sun. May 21** Sr. Baccalaureate begins with 9AM Liturgy

Parents of Students in the Eleventh Grade:

Juniors and their parents host this event. Our **planning meeting will be on Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Faith Formation office. Call CYM office at 412-492-9344 to assist.

SENIOR BACCALAUREATE - MAY 21, 2006

High school seniors AND college graduates-celebrate your graduation at our annual Baccalaureate liturgy at 9 AM on Sunday, May 21st. Brunch to follow in Marian Hall for your invited guests. Invitation letter will be forthcoming.

ST. MARY SCHOOL

REGISTRATION - Registration for students in preschool (3 and 4 year-olds), kindergarten, and grades 1 through 8 for the 2006-2007 school year are still being accepted in the school office. Children registering for kindergarten **MUST** be 5 years of age by September 1, 2006. Requirements for registration include your child's birth and baptismal certificates and the child's social security number. A \$100.00 non-refundable registration fee is also required at this time which will be applied to next year's tuition.

PTG BINGO - Be sure to mark your calendars for another Super Bingo will take place on Friday, May 5, in Marian Hall. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$35.00 by calling Coleen Sarosi at (412) 486-6622 or \$40.00 at the door. Doors open at 5:30 PM; early birds begin at 7:00 PM.

Admission includes 12 cards for each regular game and 5 specials. Additional cards may also be purchased at 6 cards for \$5.00. 50 points will be awarded for each of the 40 regular games; 100 points for each of the 5 specials; 500 points for one jackpot, and 1000 points for another jackpot.

The evening includes refreshments, good food, baked goods, raffles, and instant lotteries. All proceeds benefit St. Mary School.

FORENSICS NIGHT - The St. Mary Forensics Team will be holding a "Celebration of the Spoken Word" on Monday, May 1st, at 7:00 PM in Marian Hall. All are welcome to attend this session to hear the presentations of our forensics team members. They again had a great year, and we congratulate them on their success!

WE NEED YOUR HELP - Once again we are asking that you continue to save your Shop 'n Save receipts, Labels for Education from Campbell's products, old cell phones, and empty ink cartridges.

We are also in **GREAT** need of one-sided paper. All donations can be dropped off in the school office. **THANK YOU** ---we appreciate your continued support!

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

ALL ABOARD THE SCHOOL BUS to LATE NIGHT CATECHISM 2, May 23, 7:00 PM at City Theater. \$30 per ticket; call 412-486-5521 NOW ! We will leave at 6:00 PM if YOU wish to take the bus to the "class".

A FULL HOUSE was present for THE DA VINCI CODE with Father John, last Tuesday. If you missed that awesome expose, and wish to borrow a replay on film, call our Faith Formation office at 412-486-5521.

Parish PHOTO DIRECTORY project team will meet Tuesday, May 30. MARK your calendar so that YOU can add to the venture. Call Ruth Dollin for more details, 412-486-0614 .

SON TREASURE ISLAND Summer Bible Program, August 14-18 COME to search for the most AWESOME TREASURE along the beach as dancers sway to the rhythms of Caribbean drums, maraccas and sand blocks. At-home helpers welcome to prepare items by sewing, Volunteers contact Mrs. Lee Ann Trout, 412-492-8043; for Registration form call 412-486-5521.

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME:A unique ministry for parents with children age birth to five years old provides a weekly thought in the bulletin known as **A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** by Bud Ozar: **The apostles recognized Jesus when they touched Him and ate with Him. Then their fear left them and they experienced peace. Perhaps we experience anxiety, not peace, in our homes because we don't eat together or touch each other often enough.**

REBECCA RESIDENCE, FRIDAY, May 5th, @ 6:45 p.m.: Let the Little Children Come To Me Ministry will be delivering handmade flowers with a poem and message from the kids. Please plan to visit our friends at Rebecca Residence. All families are welcome as we bring smiles, songs and spring flowers! Contact Ann Holtz at (412) 487-1616.

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus opened the minds of His followers to understanding of scripture. He pronounced them as His witnesses. Be the hands and feet of Jesus today. (Luke 24: 35-48)

ROAD TO THE PRIESTHOOD

All young men wanting to learn more about the Priesthood are invited to Saint Paul Seminary, Crafton, to hear presentations from the newly ordained priest, meet the seminarians, and enjoy a cookout. The event is on Wednesday, May 10th, from 4:30 - 8:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. a Holy Hour for Vocations will be prayed before the Blessed Sacrament. For more information, call Father Wehner at (412) 456-3048.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

"A HUGE SUCCESS" We would like to congratulate all those who participated in the Scouting Project (for food). Special thanks to the Brown Family who sorted and packed all the boxes and delivered them. We are so proud of you and we appreciate all of you! God Bless you all!

Family CCD will meet next Sunday, May 7th

The Project for May will be **The Women & Children Center of Shadyside**. We will be collecting snacks and drinks for the children in the shelter. If you are unable to attend the May meeting, please feel free to drop these items off in the Children's Liturgy Room (Cry Room) (please mark all bags), and they will be picked up and delivered to the shelter. In addition, please bring a "potluck" dish or snack with you to the session for the members of the Family Program to share, as this will be our last session of the 2005-2006 year.



PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS from Father John

The radiant magnificence of the Easter Season is upon us and its presence can be felt throughout the entire church. As soon as we step inside our sacred building, the captivating aroma of the flowers gets our attention. Then, we immediately see the splendid array of the Easter décor that makes us pause in our tracks. An impressive Easter Candle, a fountain of running water and oil stocks front and center tell all of us that this is not simply a time of beautiful temporal ornamentation; but these are the moments of eternal sacramental life!

The Easter Season resounds with the spirituality of the Sacraments of Initiation: **Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist**. From the Easter Vigil, when two members of our Parish Family came to the fullness of the sacramental life in the most important liturgy of the entire year, through all the days of the Easter Season when many of our parishioners are immersed in the life of these three sacraments, all of us might note how precisely our Parish Family holds fast to this liturgical setting when the Sacraments of Initiation are so emphasized. Each Sunday during this Easter Season when children are brought to the waters of the font, we are reminded of the importance of the “first” of the Sacraments of Initiation: BAPTISM. Baptism opens up for those to be baptized a new life as they are plunged into the font of running water imitating a process of dying and rising with the Lord Jesus and thus becoming a new creation, free from all sinfulness.

The “second” of these Sacraments of Initiation will be celebrated on Tuesday this week when our entire sacred church will be on fire with the Holy Spirit. Those to be confirmed will be anointed by the Auxiliary Bishop of our Diocese with the oil of salvation from the sacred stocks brought from the Chrism Liturgy at the Cathedral on Holy Thursday, and thus made strong in the life of Christ.

Eucharist as the “third” of these sacraments will be celebrated by the First Communion class with great solemnity at all of today’s liturgies and will be experienced each week as we gather as a Community of Faith. In this three-fold celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation, we have caught the very heart of the Easter event. The Easter Season has become a time for the Parish Family of *St. Mary of the Assumption* to RELIVE the Sacraments of Initiation in our lives, not simply to remember them in our mind!!!

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