

Bulletin # 910038

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Attn: Bee

MESSAGES:

## THE AUGUST PLACE TO BE

Once more the month of August became the "August Place To Be" in our Parish Family as we celebrated so many events that were open to all parishioners. We thank those who made our Feast Day celebration with the assembly procession to our outdoor Marian shrine such a memorable event. Added to this was the great number of people who took part in our Parish Family picnic with a special gratitude to all those who labored to make it such a wonderful experience for all. The Vacation Bible School that touched so many of our families was absolutely spectacular. Where else would one want to be in the month of August than in the Parish Family of *St. Mary of the Assumption*?

### TODAY IS BAPTISM SUNDAY

We welcome those families who will bring their children to the sacrament of Baptism TODAY as we celebrate our twice-a-month Baptism Sunday. Those parents wishing to bring their children to the sacrament in the future are reminded that they are able to attend the pre-baptism program during the pregnancy of the mother so that they might avoid any last minute difficulties. The pre-baptism program will also give the parents a copy of the two baptism dates that we have for each month, some reading material along with all the details needed to have a wonderful celebration for their child.

### FINANCIAL SUNDAY IN TWO WEEKS

We remind all parishioners that "Financial Sunday" this year will be on the weekend of September 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>. This is one time each year that we "talk about money" so that all members of the Parish Family might know exactly the financial status of our parish life. This year's presentation will concentrate on the Capital Campaign and the creation of a plaque as a memorial for future generations.

### LABOR DAY LITURGY AS USUAL

As we bring the summer to a traditional close with the celebration on Labor Day on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, we welcome all parishioners and their friends to join us for the 10:00 a.m. liturgy to be celebrated on that day. This will end our "Summer Trilogy of Holidays" as we have already celebrated such very special liturgies on Memorial Day and Independence Day.

## "CATCH THE VIBE"

### VITALITY IN BUILDING EXCELLENCE

The Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) has sprung back into action with fervor as we bring the summer vacation season to a close. We hope that all those parishioners who are contacted by a member of the CCC will respond generously to the request that they are making in the name of the entire Parish Family. The Parish Activity Center (PAC), which is now in full swing as those who come to our sacred grounds see the construction work being done continually each day, will be a great asset to every member of the Parish Family. Plans for the use of the PAC will affect all parishioners from the old to the young and every age in between.

### WHAT A PICNIC BONANZA!

What a wonderful time the Parish Family shared at last week's picnic. The brilliance of the sun appearing during the liturgy set the tone for the day --- that even the Lord above was smiling on all who gathered on the grassy knoll. We thank all those who made the day such a wonderful event, too many to mention individually since the picnic event has many people working behind the scenes. We continue to invite parishioners to share in such events as this, which helps us all to build up the Community of Faith that draws us all together here in the Parish Family of *St. Mary of the Assumption*.

### PARISH LIFE COLLABORATOR (part 7)

A Parish Life Collaborator must demonstrate in previous and current positions fidelity to the Faith and Tradition of the universal Church. This person shall manifest the intention to adhere to the discipline of the universal Church and local diocesan Church. The Parish Life Collaborator shall pursue continuing education so as to serve the needs of the People of God most faithfully. Do you know someone who would be an ideal candidate for this ministry?

### FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING SET

All members of the Finance Council are reminded of their meeting set for this Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. This group of dedicated parishioners offers their insight and expertise to make sure that our Parish Family stays solvent in all aspects of our parish life.



**Masses for the Week**

**Sunday, August 27 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 4:00 p.m. Leo V. Adams (Rita Adams & Family)
- 6:00 pm Living & Deceased of our Parish
- 7:30 a.m. John Creaturo (Wife & Daughters)
- 9:00 a.m. Harry Heintl (Harry & Raachele)
- 11:00 a.m. Joseph & Mary Coholich (Son Joe)
- 6:00 p.m. Ron & Barb Belski 30th Wedding Anniversary

**Monday, August 28 - St. Augustine**

- 7:00 a.m. Frederick Rihn (Family)
- 10:00 a.m. Joseph Hvostel (Rege & Family)

**Tuesday, August 29 - Martyrdom of John the Baptist**

- 7:00 a.m. Teresa Gullo (Lisa Ruffa)
- 10:00 a.m. Anna & August DiPasquale (M/M Richard DiPasquale)

**Wednesday, August 30**

- 7:00 a.m. Louise Sunseri (Lou & Marie Thalhofer)
- 10:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving (Ralph & Therese Costa)

**Thursday, August 31**

- 7:00 a.m. Betty Vrscak (Husband, Nick)
- 10:00 a.m. Eric Costa (Grandparents)
- 7:00 p.m. Memorial Liturgy for Edward Fusan

**Friday, September 1**

- 7:00 a.m. Elizabeth Lee Perri (Bud & Karolyn)
- 10:00 a.m. James Soeder (Students & Parents of Mrs. Gentile's Third Grade Class)
- 1:00 p.m. **Wedding - Maria Guadalupe Guzman & Joseph Frauenholz**

**Saturday, September 2 - B.V.M.**

- 8:00 a.m. Ed & Bert Bittner (Family)
- 4:00 p.m. Anna Ferber & Jean Pudelsky (Family)
- 6:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish

**Sunday, September 3 - Twenty-second Sunday in Ord. Time**


- 7:30 a.m. Grace & Norm Kruth (Edna & Family)
- 9:00 a.m. Paul Downs (Bob & Marie Deasy)
- 11:00 a.m. Angeline & Anthony Pagano (Daughter, Mary Bober)

**THE FLOWERS AT THE TABERNACLE THIS WEEKEND ARE IN CELEBRATION OF THE 30TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF Karen & Mike Bezilla.**

**PARISH MINISTRIES FAIR**  
**We're ALL In It Together!**  
**Sat., Sept. 9 - Sun., Sept. 10,**  
**FOLLOWING ALL MASSES**  
**IN MARIAN HALL.**  
**Refreshments and lots of**  
**information!**

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

- III. Maria Guadalupe Guzman (St. Mary) - Joe Frauenholz (St. Mary)**
- III. Lisa Mussomeli (St. Mary) - Jason Sullivan (St. Therese, Munhall)**
- II. Kristin Kuhn (St. Mary) - Sean Wilson**
- I. Christine Molenda (St. Mary) - Scott Hickenboth**

**DAILY**  **READINGS**

**August 28:** 2 Thes 1: 1-5, 11-12; Mt 23: 13-22

**August 29:** 2 Thes 2: 1-3a, 14-17; Mk 6: 17-29

**August 30:** 2 Thes 3: 6-10, 16-18; Mt 23: 27-32

**August 31:** 1 Cor 1: 1-9; Mt 24: 42-51

**Sept. 1:** 1 Cor 1: 17-25; Mt 25: 1-13

**Sept. 2:** 1 Cor 1: 26-31; Mt 25: 14-30

**Sept. 3:** Dt 4: 1-2, 6-8; Ps 15; Jas 1: 17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

August 27, 2006	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	724	\$15,703.00
Cash/Loose Cks.	—	681.00
Children's Offer.	25	21.99
Assumption	7	157.00
School Collection	12	183.00
Parish Share	9	1,1125.00
Parish Needy	13	345.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>\$18,215.99</b>

## **SACRAMENTAL LIFE**

**THE R.C.I.A.: STEPS TO BECOMING A FULLY INITIATED CATHOLIC:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (commonly known as R.C.I.A.) is the normal way in which adults become full, active, participating members of the Catholic Church. The most important thing to keep in mind about the R.C.I.A. is this: it is not merely a new way to prepare adults for baptism; baptism is only one step. The goal of the process is full communion which means "full, conscious, and active participation" in the Eucharist and in the whole life of the Catholic Faith Community. The R.C.I.A. helps adults to grow in their relationship with God, become familiar with Catholic teachings and practices, get acquainted with people in the parish, and get involved in service within the parish or wider community. Many persons who want to join the Catholic Church have already been baptized in another Christian Church. They will not be re-baptized, they will follow a process adapted to the particular needs and concerns of Christians from another faith tradition.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME TO OUR FIRST R.C.I.A. SESSION ON SUNDAY, SEPT. 10TH AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE RECTORY. Call Father Ed or Jim Finn at the rectory (412) 486-4100 for more information.**

**LABOR DAY:** As you celebrate Labor Day, please consider celebrating your Marriage by attending a World-wide Marriage Encounter Weekend. It's a positive, simple, common sense, private experience between husband and wife that celebrates and renews marriages. The next weekend will be held September 15th through 17th, at the IV Points Sheraton near the Airport. For more information or to register, contact Mary & Lou Locante at (412) 635-7775 or check us out on the web at [wwwme-pittsburgh.org](http://wwwme-pittsburgh.org).

**Wheels of Love:** All Medicare recipients should now be aware that they may be eligible to receive a power wheelchair, paid for by Medicare, if they suffer from conditions such as arthritis, respiratory disorders, cardiovascular disease, pain, gait instability, and other conditions that impair a beneficiary's ability to participate in completing activities of daily living. For more information for Medicare eligibility call 1-866-631-3022.

## **RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

### **Faith Sharing for 21st Week-Ordinary Time**

Why do you think God chose YOU to believe? What are some of the difficulties that you have in believing the teachings of the Church? To what extent do you see people saying, "This teaching is just too difficult to follow?"

**CONFIRMATION / Grade 8 Youth & parent/ guardian meet at ONE of the sessions for the Rite of Enrollment and a NEW SLANT on our parish process:** Deacon Fran is eager to see you on: Wed., Aug. 30, 7:00 PM, Providence Hall; or in Marian Hall on Sat., Sept. 2, 5:00 PM; or Sun., Sept. 3, Noon.

**Confirmation Leaders & Facilitators Meet** in Marian Hall for the session: Sun., Aug. 27, 10:00 AM if you did not come last week.

### **CCD-Faith Formation Sessions will begin:**

Sept. 17 - Family Program, 9 AM Mass till Noon;  
Sept. 18 - Monday session, 6:30-8 PM;  
September 23 - Saturday session, 9:30 - 11 AM;  
Sept. 24 - Sun. PRE-SCHOOL during 11 AM Mass

**Grade 2 - First Eucharist candidates & parent/ guardians meet at ONE of the sessions in Marian Hall for the Rite of Enrollment:** Sat., Sept. 2, 7:00 PM; Sun., Sept. 3, 10:00 AM; or Thursday, Sept. 7, 4:15 PM or 7:00 PM.

***Saint Augustine, August 28*** - a converted sinner and Great Doctor of Grace. Copies of his famous **CONFESSIONS** is available for loan from our parish library. ***August 29, The Martyrdom of John the Baptist,***  
Read in the gospel of Mark 6:14-29 about the strange manipulations that caused the beheading of John.

**MARKET DAY...Get the BEST groceries** at our own Market-in-Marian-Hall, Monday, Sept. 25, pick up 7 till 7:45 PM. Order NOW on forms available at the church exits, or on line

## YOUTH MINISTRY

## ST. MARY SCHOOL

**Question: If I already attended liturgy this weekend, should I still come to the Kick-off session this Sunday afternoon?**

**Yes.**

**PARENTS AND TEENS, please join us at 4:45 PM (or come at 4:15 if you want a bite to eat) in Marian Hall. We will be serving up hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill. Bring your favorite non-caffeine beverage (pop, lemonade, etc.) and a snack to share. Activities geared to this year's theme of peace and social justice will lead into the liturgy at 6 PM. If you do not wish to stay for liturgy, you will be finished by 6 PM.**

### **You will want to:**

- Sign up for **THE FALL RETREAT, Appalachia 2007, and Night of the Stars** or help with our **February 2007 production of "Fame," our annual fundraiser for our CYM Mission Committee.**
- Sign up for service hours on selected Monday evenings and certain parish events.
- Share with us the kind of **service opportunities** that will interest you in the upcoming year so that we can make appropriate arrangements. Parents will also be needed for many of these activities.
- Meet the **young adult leader and leadership teen (s)** who will be working with you for the year.
- **Parent presentation** will include pointers on meeting the emotional, physical and spiritual needs of teens and also hear Fr. John speak about Catholic social teaching.

**Service project:** please bring **toiletry items** for the homeless. If some of you would be able to bring **NEW** containers of **anti-fungal foot powder**, the shelters will REALLY appreciate it.

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The fourth of November

**SCRIP NEWS** - The **ENJOY** book, rather than the Entertainment book, will be sold for 2007 and will be available for sale from the first week of August through Christmas. The ENJOY book offers much the same, if not more, for the money. Cost is \$25.00 each and can be pre-ordered. Stop at the Scrip table or the Scrip office with questions.

**NEW LOCATION FOR SCRIP ROOM** - The Scrip office is now located in the rear of Providence Hall and will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30-10:30 AM beginning August 28<sup>th</sup>. Please use the back entrance of the Hall from now on to gain access to that office. Your cooperation is appreciated.

**SUPER BINGO** - The first bingo of the school year will be held on Friday, September 8, 2006. Advance tickets are \$35 each; \$40 at the door. Admission includes 12 cards for regular games and 5 specials. Doors open at 5:30 PM; early birds begin at 7:00 PM. The evening includes 40 regular games (50 points each); one jackpot (500 points); another jackpot (1000 points). All proceeds benefit St. Mary School. Call Coleen at (412) 486-6622 for advance tickets or for more information. Attend all 5 bingos and you will qualify for one Special 500 point raffle at the May bingo. Thank you for supporting our school.

**"SHOP FOR A CAUSE"** - Macy's department store is providing us an opportunity to raise thousands of dollars for our school by sponsoring a benefit, "Shop For A Cause." This event will take place on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006. St. Mary School retains all ticket sale proceeds. School families can earn assessment credit for each ticket sold. Everyone who purchases a \$5 ticket receives a coupon for \$10 off any single purchase and discounts on other items. Macy's gift cards can be bought through our Scrip Program for an added bonus. Call Maribeth Burnikel at (412) 486-8335 for more information.



## **GENERAL PARISH NEWS**

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

A post-baptism ministry for children age birth to five years of age offers programs geared to be spiritually supportive to parents. All are welcome and encouraged to participate. New calendars for the Fall activities are being mailed to the homes. Call Cindy Shadle at (412) 487-5272 for more information.

### **A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

In today's gospel the disciples had second thoughts about Jesus. Disillusion is normal in a relationship. Commitment to another guides us beyond disillusionment to a deeper, more real and satisfying relationship. Commitment, not feelings, make the difference.



Acting bug bit you lately? We are looking for adults who want to flex their drama muscles. We will be auditioning for parish actors to take part in a segment of the Night of the Stars - "The IMAGE of our parish staff."

Call 412-486-4100, ext. 409. Night of the

Stars will be one performance only on Saturday, November 4, 2006 at 8 PM.

**SMAA GOLF OUTING** - This event will be held Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, at Deer Run Golf Course. The outing is open to ALL parishioners, and the cost is \$95.00 per person. 12:00 PM is the Shotgun Start. Included in this outing is 18 holes of golf, dinner and prizes. If you would like to sponsor a hole, the cost is \$125.00. Please make checks payable to SMAA. All proceeds go to fund St. Mary's Athletic Teams. For more information, call Kelly at (412) 551-3150 or Geoff at (412) 551-0034.

**WOMEN'S & MEN'S RETREATS:** Plan to join the Women or Men of St. Mary's for a Fall Retreat at St. Paul's Retreat Center, Southside, Pittsburgh. Women's Date: Fri., Nov. 3 to Sun., Nov. 5. Men's Dates: Fri., Oct. 27, to Sun. Oct. 29. Questions or more information call: Women: Irene Linkowski (412) 487-1779, Pat Rafferty (724) 443-6885 or Elma Plietz (412) 486-3508.  
Men: Carl Lichvarcik (412) 903-7607, Pete Penezic (412) 486-6888

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ADULTS, YOUTH, ENRICHMENT opportunities: 1. with Sister Jacqueline Ketter, Sat., Sept. 16 in Marian Hall. **Get on the Mark !!** with "Gospel Stories from Mark", 9:00 AM till Noon.

2. **The MASS IN SLOW MOTION** with Fr. Ed, five Tuesdays, 6:30- 9 PM begins Sept.19 in St. Mary School Library. Call NOW to register for these **EXCITING FREE EVENTS** 412-486-5521

Coaches, Scout Leaders, Volunteers in any church program who work with children must attend the **PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP** before beginning your service. Call in advance to register: Sunday, Sept.,10, 7:00 PM, Saints John & Paul Church, Wexford- 724-935-2104, OR Wednesday, September 13, 7:00 PM at Holy Martyrs Church, Tarentum, 724-224-0770.

**To: Grade 2 - First Eucharist candidates and parent/guardians meet at ONE of the sessions in Marian Hall for the Rite of Enrollment** at which time the children will receive their booklet RECONCILIATION to be used in your cluster groups AND in their class at St. Mary's: Saturday, September 2, 7:00 PM; Sunday, September. 3, 10:00 AM; or Thursday, September 7, 4:15 PM or 7:00 PM.

(NOTE: there will NOT be a session on Sept. 2, 5 PM; nor Sun., Sept. 3, Noon; nor Thurs., Sept. 7 at 7:30 PM as was listed on the information given in May-June.) CALL 412-486-5521 if any concerns prior to the meeting date.

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**PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS** from Father John

The oldest building on our sacred grounds is our school. The newest building on our sacred grounds will be our Parish Activity Center (PAC) – so appropriately “attached” to the oldest building to give it a new face set for the future. These TWO buildings fused together as one will make this school year of 2006-07 a watermark for catholic education for many years to come. So, this week, we begin another value orientated CATHOLIC SCHOOL year with the commitment of so many parishioners and the dedication of so many families. Every member of the Parish Family should be proud of our parochial school, even if their children never attended the catholic school program for THIS BUILDING has been used by every family with children since 1924, the year etched on its frontal piece. Now, with the Parish Activity Center becoming a reality, this fused building will be an asset to every family with school children or not, since our entire parish life will be enhanced with the many events and activities that are now open to every member of the Parish Family.

Standing in the newly-created Pedestrian Plaza outside the front door of our sacred church building, one looks across the way and is duly impressed by the year 1924 etched into the frontal piece of our Catholic School. At first blush it would seem that catholic education has been going on in our Parish Family for 82 years, but with further investigation a whole new awareness is uncovered. That date of 1924 is not the origin of catholic education in this area. Long before our present school building was erected, another two-story building, 36 ft. long and 24 ft. wide, had been constructed of stone taken from the premises with logs as cross beams. The year? EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY SEVEN! That’s right, 1847! That simply means that when the doors of St. Mary Catholic School open this week, it will be the 160<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of catholic education to take place in the environs of our sacred parish property.

What a testimony to our Parish Family! 160 years of catholic education! Yet, this school building has been a center for much more than just catholic education, since all of our Faith Formation Programs use it throughout the year. With the coming of our PAC all of these programs will have another space to deepen the spirituality of all our parishioners. A new era is about to begin with the completion of our Parish Activity Center --- and all those making it possible will be remembered by future generations for many.

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