

# PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
April 20, 2008

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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

## "VOX POPULI"

(10<sup>th</sup> and final part)

### AT TODAY'S LITURGY

Members of the Pastoral Council will be on hand today to collect the ideas and suggestions made by all parishioners in our "Vox Populi" (The Voice Of The People) SURVEY to be distributed at all the liturgies. People in the pew will be able to influence the future "goals and objectives" set by the Council as the Lay Leadership of the Parish Family. Those filling out the card need not sign their name to the survey, but ALL are asked to be honest and sincere in the answers that they give.

If you know of someone who is not at the liturgy today and would like to fill out a survey, please take one to them. Survey cards will remain in the foyer of the church for those who will be coming to liturgies later on this month. After the members of the Pastoral Council collate all the surveys, their results will be made available to all parishioners.

### GROUP EUCHARIST: NEXT WEEKEND

The entire Parish Family will open its doors and heart NEXT WEEKEND to the young people celebrating their First Eucharist in one of the groups who will assemble at each liturgy. We ask that all parishioners make room for the many guests who will join us next week and be alert to the reserved places that have been set-aside for the children and their families. What a special day in our Parish Family when so many of our young people will join us in receiving the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus. We hope that they will continue to come each Sunday to celebrate this mystery of our Faith.

### PENTECOST SUNDAY: MAY 11<sup>th</sup>

Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit in the form of "fiery tongues" to indicate the many languages that were understood on that day. Are you able to READ a foreign language? Might you be willing to read a few lines in that language on Pentecost so that we might be able to "reenact" the first Pentecost? If you would like to help in this Ministry of the Word, please call the rectory this week if you have not as of yet volunteered for one of the liturgies on Pentecost Sunday.

## "CATCH THE VIBE"

"VITALITY IN BUILDING EXCELLENCE"

There is great excitement among the 13 members of the Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) at this phase of the Campaign. This excitement stems from the fact that "IF all those persons who are still paying on their pledge continue to do so until the end, the Parish Family will be OUT OF DEBT for the entire project!" CCC members are now contacting these persons to assess their ability to meet their commitment ---even though many of them have been very faithful so far. We hope that they will continue to make payments on their pledge, and they simply need to reassure the CCC member of this fact.

### FISH DINNER REPORT

Were you one of the many volunteers who helped to make our Fish Dinners so successful? Would you like to join us on Monday of this week, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Marian Hall for a final report on the dinners? Ginny and Paul Penezic, the chairpersons of the dinners, will be on hand to receive the ideas and suggestions of those who worked so hard at these six Lenten dinners as we look to future possibilities.

### FAMILY PROGRAM: TODAY

Just a gentle reminder to all those who come to the Family Program that they are encouraged to park in the LOWER LOT since their cars are here for the entire Sunday morning. One of the reasons for expanding the parking facilities in our Pledge Campaign was to eliminate parking on the "grassy knoll" -- especially for those in the Family Program who needed to do that before we had the lower lot.



**Festival**

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**FLASHES!!**

The Parish Family Festival will be June 19-21 ... soon raffle tickets will be coming with over \$11,000 worth of prizes to be won .... volunteers to help at the various booths are now needed .... Parishioners are now being contacted personally to help during the Festival ... new games and new prizes are on tap for this year ... chairpersons are asked to keep an eye on the bulletin for the announcement of their next meeting as we continue to get closer to Festival time!



## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, April 20, 2008 - Fifth Sunday in Easter

- 4:00 p.m. Joseph & Josephine Mikszan - Russell Mikszan
- 6:00 p.m. Louise Furmanski - Latini Family
- 7:30 a.m. Deceased Member of the Hunkele & Giel Families
- 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 11:00 a.m. Maxine Deasy - Family

### Monday, April 21, 2008 - St. Anselm

- 7:00 a.m. Clarence Bittner - Frazee Family
- 10:00 a.m. John Bell - Terri & Dorothy Watkins & Family

### Tuesday, April 22, 2008 - Earth Day

- 7:00 a.m. William Lennon - Don & Sharon Evanoski
- 10:00 a.m. Kevin Gessler - Mother & Dad

### Wednesday, April 23, 2008 - Ss. George & Adalbert

- 7:00 a.m. Erica Davey - Dona & Tom Hotopp
- 10:00 a.m. Bud Walsh - Wife & Family

### Thursday, April 24, 2008 - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

- 7:00 a.m. Special Intention - Marie & Lou
- 10:00 a.m. Reid O. DeRunk - Mary Sagona & Mary Kay

### Friday, April 25, 2008 - St. Mark

- 7:00 a.m. Special Intention - Urso Family
- 10:00 a.m. Sondra Matera - Ray & Norma Ciorra

### Saturday, April 26, 2008 - Easter Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. Sally Ann Molnar - Family
- 4:00 p.m. Eleanor Triglia - Family
- 6:00 p.m. The Deceased Mammay Family - Joan & Don Finke

### Sunday, April 27, 2008 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 7:30 a.m. Lee Daniel Boss - Uncle Bob & Aunt Gloria
- 9:00 a.m. Josip & Katarina Simunovic - Family
- 11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 6:00 p.m. CYM T-ROC Mass

## Weekly Activities at a Glance

- Sunday** (Church) 9:00AM - Family Program
- April 20 (Church) 9:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children  
(Marian Hall) 6:00PM - Calliope Concert
- Monday** (Church) 2:45PM - Children's Handbell Practice
- April 21 (School) 6:30PM - CCD Program  
(Marian Hall) 7:00PM - Fish Dinner Report Meeting
- Tuesday** (Church) 2:45PM - Children's Cantor Practice
- April 22 (Church) 6:00PM - First Communion Practice
- Wednesday** (Marian Hall) 1:30PM - 55 Specials - Bingo/Cards
- April 23 (Church) 2:45PM - Children's Choir Practice  
(PAC) 3:00PM - CYM Drop-in  
(Church) 6:00PM - First Communion Practice  
(Church) 7:30PM - Adult Choir Practice
- Thursday** (Church) 8:00PM - Adult Hand Bell Practice
- April 24
- Friday** (Church) 10:00AM - School Mass
- April 25 (Marian Hall) 7:00PM - St. Mary Middle School Dance
- Saturday** (Church) 4:00PM - First Holy Communion
- April 26 (Church) 6:00PM - First Holy Communion
- Sunday** (Church) 9:00AM - First Holy Communion
- April 27 (Church) 11:00AM - First Holy Communion  
(Marian Hall) 11:00AM Sunday Preschool  
(Marian Hall) 7:00PM - Vocations

### PRECIOUS TRUTH

TIME IS PRECIOUS, BUT TRUTH IS MORE PRECIOUS THAN TIME.  
Benjamin Disraeli

**Need Help?** Do you know someone who needs the help of the St. Vincent DePaul Society? Through no fault of his or her own, someone may have fallen on hard times. They may be having difficulty buying food or paying gas or electric bills or even the rent. Maybe a family has no money to buy a much needed appliance or faces some other need. No one should have to deal with such problems alone. Perhaps we can help. Please call Sr. Lois Spinnenweber, our Social Minister, at 412-486-4021.

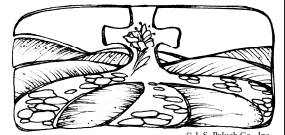


III. Daniel Gray & Marjorie Bezilla

### Offertory Collection

April 13, 2008	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	767	\$17,979.89
Cash/Loose Cks.	-	\$642.00
Children's Offertory	44	\$62.25
Capital Campaign/ Human Development	1	\$20.00
Parish Share 2008	24	\$1,115.00
Parish Needy	45	\$963.00
<b>Total</b>	881	\$20,782.14

## Daily Readings



"I AM THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE.  
NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME."

- April 21: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26
- April 22: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
- April 23: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
- April 24: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11
- April 25: Acts 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
- April 26: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21
- April 27: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or  
1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or  
Jn 17:1-11a

## **SACRAMENTAL LIFE**



Lilly Tricia Hunkele

Congratulations to her parents, godparents, and grandparents. Please join us in welcoming her into our *Parish Family!*

### A Vocation View

*"How can we know the way?"* Jesus shows us the way. Believe and he will do great works in you. (John 14:1-12)

**CONGRATULATIONS** Father Tom Wagner, son of Art and Dolly Wagner recently celebrated his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination. Father Tom is a native son and begins his new assignment as pastor of Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Parish in Natrona Heights. Please keep him in your prayers.

**FATHER ED SCHLEICHER** will celebrate his silver anniversary of ordination on **Sunday, June 29, 2008 at a special 1:00pm Mass** here at St. Mary's. Father Ed and Fr. Tom were in a class of eight men ordained to the priesthood on June 25, 1983.

**EVENING WITH THE BISHOP** a gathering for young men who want to learn more about the priesthood on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4:30pm. Includes a tour of the seminary and a cook out and ends with a Holy Hour. If you are in high school or college and would like to find out more call Jim Finn (412)486-4100. Transportation will be provided.

**COMMUNAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK** will be celebrated during the **10:00am Mass on Tuesday, April 29, 2008**. Keep in mind this sacrament may be repeated if the sick person recovers after being anointed and then again falls ill or if during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious. A sick person may be anointed before surgery. Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present. Sick children may be anointed if they have sufficient use of reason to be strengthened by this sacrament. All who request this sacrament should receive it with full faith and devotion. Do not delay receiving this sacrament. If necessary, the parish will supply transportation to the Mass on Tuesday, April 29. Call Sister Lois at (412)486-4021 if you need a ride.

**LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME** is a ministry to parents with young children under age five. All parents are welcome to participate in any sponsored activities. **PRAY AND PLAY DAY IS HELD ON THE FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH** beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the children's liturgy room. Call Monica (412)492-0242 for more information.

### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

We ask children to trust us because "we know the way." What we ask of our children, Jesus asks of us in today's gospel, "I am the way" so "don't be troubled." It is a matter of trust.

### PARISH ANNIVERSARY 1834-2009

Saint Mary of the Assumption parish will celebrate its 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary during the upcoming year. Anyone who would like to join a committee to plan for this milestone event is welcome to contact Jim Finn (412)486-4100.

## **RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

### Faith Sharing for 5th Sunday of Easter

Re-read Acts 6:1-7 to realize that the early church had an organized "ministry of widows" whereby widows, virgins, and married women joined in caring for the poor. As is normal when two cultures come together, there were differences in opinion about HOW to do things. We know from past events, and **have confidence**, that the Holy Spirit, invoked in prayer, continues to guide all in the Church toward solutions.

**Faith Formation Families of Monday, Saturday, and our Sunday Family Program** have been sent the April News reminders as well as a Registration Form for our 2008 – 2009 Catechetical Season. If YOU haven't received this on e-mail or post-mail, please contact our office at 412-486-5521.

### Grade 2 Children and Parent/Guardians,

an update on the processions for First Eucharist, schedules for individual photo takes, and times for practices THIS Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, was given to children in their most recent class session.

**Grade 7 youth and parent/guardians** still welcome to volunteer to host the reception Tuesday, May 6, 7:00 PM after the Confirmation Liturgy. Contact Cathy Klein if YOU will assist, 412-486-1991.

Families of all our parish programs are being given registration forms with information about the **THREE Summer Bible Program opportunities** being offered THIS summer at Saint Mary's. Any family welcome to any or all of these exciting fun-filled learning events.

**CONFIRMATION Practice at 7:00PM after 6:00PM Mass this weekend, Saturday, April 19, 2008.**

**CONFIRMATION CLUSTER** visits by members of our parish staff continue to discuss how our parish family can help support youth's growth in faith **beyond the Sacrament of Confirmation**. Also, our deanery proposal for newly confirmed, and family members, to participate in a **WORLD YOUTH DAY pilgrimage, July 15-18**, will also be shared.

**SAINT MARK the Evangelist Feastday** is observed THIS Friday, April 25. Honor this writer of the Good News by reading chapter 16 of his gospel as we continue to celebrate the Risen Lord among us. This day also will be observed as **GOOD FRIDAY** by the Orthodox Church, with April 27 being their Easter Sunday.

**FIRST EUCHARIST Liturgies will be celebrated NEXT weekend at 4 & 6 PM and 9 & 11 AM.** The groups for 4 PM and 11 AM are quite large and we anticipate, and welcome, many extra visitors at those Masses. If you prefer to not be in a crowd, perhaps come to the 4 PM or 7:30 or 9 AM Mass next weekend.

### METHODS for Catechesis, our diocesan course for

**Catechist Certification** will be offered in St. Mary's School Library, Saturdays, May 3, 10, 17, 31, & June 7. Adults and High School (those completing Grade 8) welcome. **Call 412-486-5521 to register NOW.**

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

### What's Up?

**Nick Sciuillo**, class of 2008, received an exemplary for his excellent fundraising campaign for our Uganda mission fund as part of his **Shaler Senior** project.

**QUESTION:** NCYC is an incredible national gathering of Catholic high school youth; the next conference will be in Kansas City in December of 2009. **If CYM sponsored monthly parish breakfasts as a fundraiser, would you come?** We are thinking of kicking off our fund raiser on Mother's Day and trying to anticipate parish response. Please call the CYM office with your opinion at 412-486-4100, ext. 409.

**NEXT WEEK, APRIL 27**

**SUNDAY EVENING LITURGY WITH  
FR. MICHAEL KOMAKEC  
FROM UGANDA**

**GATHER FOR LITURGY AT 5:50 PM**

**APPALACHIA MEETING** immediately following the liturgy. Teens will meet with the adult leaders while parents meet with Barb Belski.

## **MISSION FINANCE UPDATE**

Flight from US to Entebbe	\$20,000 [PAID]
Flight from Entebbe to Gulu	\$2,000 [collected]
Answering the Gospel call	<b>PRICELESS</b>

We have not finalized our finance report for the luau but it appears that after expenses we should have at least a one thousand dollar profit. And, we now have received **\$2,049** from donations by our parishioners toward our Travel Fund. Now we can finally purchase our plane tickets from Entebbe, Uganda to Gulu, the city located near our mission town of Koch. **We will be receiving a personal letter of invitation from Archbishop John Baptiste Odamo;** this letter is necessary for our visa. The application cost for each visa is \$50 along with documentation of receiving our yellow fever immunization. Each mission worker has already paid for their own immunizations at a cost of **\$330 per person**. This does not include the prescription for malaria prevention. It will cost another **\$700 per person for room and board** for each of our nine missionaries plus **~\$150 per person for medical insurance**. Any donations to help our missionaries offset their out of pocket expense would be greatly appreciated. Checks may be made out to "St. Mary Parish" with a memo "Travel Fund" and left at the rectory for Barb Belski.

An acknowledgement letter for income tax purposes will be provided upon request.

By the way, we have **~\$4,000** from previous collections and fund raisers to pay for actual charitable mission work once we arrive in Africa.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT**

**Call the CYM line for current information on our social, spiritual and service activities for teens and young adults at 412-492-9344 or 412-486-4100, ext. 409.**

## **ST. MARY SCHOOL**

**LAST SUPER BINGO** – The last Super Bingo of the year will take place on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Doors open at 5:30 PM; early birds begin at 7:00 PM. Advance tickets are \$35; \$40 if sold at the door. Admission includes: 12 cards for 40 regular games (50 points each), 5 specials (100 points each), one jackpot at 500 points and another jackpot at 1000 points. All proceeds benefit St. Mary School. Call Coleen at (412) 486-6622 for more information or to purchase tickets.

**PRAYER SERVICE** - The staff and students will participate in a special prayer service for the Chimbote Missions on Monday, April 21st, at 2:00 PM in church. Each year we are asked by the diocese to raise awareness of mission work, focusing on the Chimbote missions in Peru. Included in the service will be a short film, narrated by Mike Clark, the TV newscaster. All are welcome to attend!

**WE ARE PROUD** - We congratulate the following graduates of our school who achieved Honor Roll status for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter at Vincentian Academy-Duquesne University: Gabriella Dongilli, Eric Maire, Matthew Reddick, and Brianna Thompson. We are proud of your accomplishments---keep up the good work!

**KEEP SAVING** - The school is still collecting empty ink cartridges, old cell phones, and Campbell's products labels. Please drop them off in the back of church or in the container at the school door entrance. We appreciate your support.

**SCHOOL DANCE** - We will be holding a School Dance on Friday, April 25, starting at 7:00PM to 10:00PM. Tickets will be sold for \$5.00 at our Rectory and our Faith Formation Office in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door.

**Alumni Honors:** Our congratulations to our alumni who achieved Honor Roll status at Central Catholic.

#### **High Honors:**

Adam Butler  
Anthony DeRenzo  
Patrick Ebbert  
Paul Imbarlina  
Brendon Perrotte

#### **Honors:**

James Brunner  
Anthony Capizzi  
Frank Intrieri  
Michael Monahan  
Ryan Sarosi  
Ryan Zeh

Please congratulate our parishioners:

#### **High Honor:**

Collin Mackett

#### **Honors:**

Corey Wagner

## **FESTIVAL HAPPENINGS**

**FESTIVAL FOCUS-** The Chinese Auction Committee is ready to begin searching for donations and volunteers. In order for the Chinese Auction to be successful we need your assistance. We invite you or anyone you know who would like to donate their time and/or talent to assist our committee with soliciting donations, setting up and/taking down the display each day of the Festival or the selling of tickets to contact: Lois Krieg (412)486-3611 or Elma Plietz (412)486-3508 before May 1st.

## **GENERAL PARISH NEWS**

**Sunday Family CCD:** Is today, April 20<sup>th</sup> beginning with the 9:00 am Liturgy: **Grade 7-3 Serves.** Adult Session: **Marian Hall 10:00 am – Noon** Closing Prayer: **Grade 7-1 / Mr. & Mrs. Rihmland**

### **ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL TEENS**

**Youth Gatherings Program.** Our next gathering will be held **Today, Sunday, April 20, after the 9 AM Mass from 10 AM to Noon, in the Parish Activity Center.** Plan to attend and enjoy a good time!

**“The Peace We Seek”**, Friday, May 9, at the Wisdom, Age, and Grace Workshop 8:00 AM till 3 PM includes Mass, continental breakfast, talks, discussion, lunch, prizes, and PEACE. See [www.ccpgh.org](http://www.ccpgh.org) or pick up a registration form at our parish Faith Formation office, 412-486-5521

**MARKET DAY** fliers for April are still available at the church exits, scrip and Faith Formation offices. Delivery will be Monday, April 28, 6:30-7:30 PM, NOT before 6:30 PM. Call Lee, 724-443-1147

**“POWER ZONE”** - summer sports camp! Baseball/ softball, soccer, cross country, basketball, cheerleading **ADULT AND TEEN** coaches are needed for a 5 session program that will be held on **TUESDAY** evenings July 8 - Aug 5. Power Zone is an athletic instruction camp where children will learn what the Bible says about having a **HEART** of a Winner. If you could spare 1 - 5 Tuesday evenings this summer please contact LeeAnn at 412-492-8043 or [leeanntrout@verizon.net](mailto:leeanntrout@verizon.net)

**Will YOU sew some straight seams for our scarves?** Or do you have a hand drill we might borrow for our **GALILEE** Woodshop which will meet June 29 through July 2, 7:00 -9:00 PM. Four evenings of **FAMILY** fun and immersion in customs of the Jewish tradition. Registration forms being distributed beginning **THIS** week! If so, call Lee Ann 412-492-8043

**Special Project for April:-Pajama Program** -Needed: *new children's pajamas, all sizes, and new children's books* - These will be donated to children in need in the United States, many of which are waiting and hoping to be adopted. Please bring all donations to this session and drop off at the back table. Thanks for your continuing support of these special projects!

**Widows & Widowers Group** will meet on April 27, at the Runway Restaurant by the Butler Airport at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome. For more information or carpooling call Marge at 412-486-5621 or Barb at 412-486-4209.

### **Is a Just War Possible?**

What do you know about the Catholic Church's teachings on war and the use of force? Have you heard of the Just War Theory? Do you know of its origins? Have you thought about its applicability to today's events? A panel of eight St. Mary's parishioners has looked at these issues. The panel will share its findings, as well as reflections on panelists' military and humanitarian experiences, and will suggest resources for further study and local service efforts during St. Mary's Family Faith Formation session on Sunday, April 20, 2008, after the 9:00AM Mass in Marian Hall. All are welcome to attend what promises to be a thoughtful Christian discussion of a topical issue. Please contact Martha Hollihan at 412-967-0842 with any questions.



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Calliope Pittsburgh Songwriters Concert  
Sunday, April 20  
Marian Hall at 6 PM



CONCERT  
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The performances are by local songwriters of the adult contemporary genre, meant to entertain audiences of all ages. Proceeds will go toward our 2008 Appalachia fund; suggested donation at the door is \$7.50. Light refreshments will be sold.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION BREAKFAST-** on Sunday, May 4, 2008 with Bishop Bradley for those who have recently celebrated their First Holy Communion. Begins with Mass at 8:00am in the chapel of the Sisters of the Holy Spirit followed by a hot breakfast in the Martina Spiritual Renewal Center. Cost: \$5.00 children and \$10.00 adults. Call (412)931-931-9766.

### **GIRLS DAY OUT: TEA AND INSPIRATION**

Sunday, May 18, 2008 from 10:00am until 3:30pm. The day will include reflections by Dr. Jo Ann Paradise, a tea luncheon and Eucharistic Liturgy with Bishop William Winter in the mother-house chapel. Cost: \$3.00. Call the Martina Spiritual Renewal Center to make a reservation (412)931-9766.

### **FIVE DAYS OF DIRECTED PRAYER- May 18-23**

These days of directed prayer are intended to help men and women hungry for a more personal experience of God in prayer to learn how to pray with greater focus using scripture and reflection on experience. Jesuit Father Jim Conroy will return to St. Mary's to conduct this formation week. To sign up or to find out more, call our pastoral associate, Jim Finn (412)486-4100.

**ST. MARY'S TRAVELERS** - "A Tribute to America's Heroes" May 22nd, 2008 On this one day outing we will visit the Flight 93 Memorial and Chapel. An on-board guide will share insights of that memorable day. We will also travel to the Anderson Farm, the site of the Quecreek Mine Miracle! Our speaker will be Lori Anderson, owner of the farm who will share with you her story of the days following the mining accident. Lunch and all gratuities are included. Cost is \$50.00. Make checks payable to Mary Ann Coholich and send to St. Mary's Church 2510 Middle Road, Glenshaw, PA. 15116.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Since the great number of MASS INTENTIONS that are given to our Parish Family cannot be satisfied in our parish church, we remind all parishioners that some intentions will be sent to the Missions. Not only does that mean that the intentions will be said long before they could be said in our parish church, but the stipend connected to the intentions goes to help the work of the missions in needy areas of the world. The following intentions have been sent to the Missions and those who requested them can be assured that these masses will be celebrated shortly.

Masses were sent to the missions from the donation given by **Clarence Bittner's** will.

## ***PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS*** from Father John

What a week --- a very special week --- when the FAITH that we share as Catholics and the ALLEGIANCE we have as United States Americans came together in a unique and newsworthy way!!! What pride we must have in our hearts as we open the doors of our country to the arrival of our Holy Father and open the doors of our state to the political candidates now looking to this week's Pennsylvania primary!!! What a feeling that arises in our hearts as we know that we are living in the most significant country in the history of the human race where freedom and personal choice is a way of life, and at the same time expressing our belief in a God who has become human in Jesus of Nazareth who has risen from the dead!!!

It seems like every phase of the media world has concentrated on this dynamic --- newspapers filled with poignant pictures of the Holy Father arriving on "Shepherd One" AND candidates arriving in one town after another on their political bandwagon --- radio stations capturing sound bites of the Pope speaking of the significant of human life from the first moment of conception to the final call by God to the kingdom of heaven AND candidates from both parties speaking of the importance of our national security and the financial economy of this magnificent country --- and television capturing the synthesis of both as stations flashed a picture of the Holy Father and President of the United States placed on the reviewing stand on the White House lawn as the national anthem of the Vatican State and that of the United States are played back to back!!!

We are still in the midst of the Easter Season, when the joy of the Resurrection reminds all of us that our ultimate destiny is way beyond the "stuff" of this temporal world; and yet it is so refreshing to witness a week when both sides of the human encounter --- the religious AND the political --- can set our sights on issues that remind us of this destiny: faith --- freedom --- and life together! Pope Benedict XIV will continue on his week long journey in our country and attempt to bring both dimensions of our world into focus --- for on the one hand, he met with the bishops and religious leaders of this country to speak to them of RELIGIOUS issues and then spoke before the leaders of the United Nations to remind them of the importance of those POLITICAL issues that can change the course of the world's destiny. What a great week to be a member of the Catholic Church and at the same time to be a citizen of the United States of America!