

Bulletin # 910038

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Attn: Bee

MESSAGES:

“LENT” MEANS “SPRING”

The root meaning for the word “Lent” is SPRING, which in fact will literally begin on Monday of this coming week. We use this season of Lent to look forward to the new life that will spring forth with the coming of Easter, the great event of the Resurrection. The budding of life-giving flowers will mark the anticipation of this season. We all await the flowers that will soon pop out of the earth all along our entranceway to our sacred parish grounds. With the many new parking stalls in our lot, we should never need to park along the entranceway again. Please be careful not to drive over the ground at the berm of the road since the soft ground will be greatly affected by the weight of the car.

TRADITIONAL LENTEN CUSTOMS

The mandate of Ash Wednesday reminded all of us of that the traditional customs of “prayer, fasting and almsgiving” are very appropriate during the season of Lent. *The Catholic Update* sent to all registered homes at the beginning of the season offers a variety of ways for each family to fulfill this mandate. We hope that the entire Lenten Packet is still being used by all families to deepen their faith experience within their home.

TUESDAY ENRICHMENT SERIES

As a very important part of the Lenten program in our Parish Family, we have invited a special guest to join us each Tuesday of Lent. The evening will also include the eucharistic liturgy beginning at 7:00 p.m. This week’s guest is Brother Jim Townsend, a Capuchin Franciscan Brother. Brother Jim has a tremendously interesting story about his own life and the way he as come to know the Lord. The liturgy will be especially enriched this week with the accompaniment of the Bell Choir. We hope that all parishioners will take advantage of this special Lenten evening so as to deepen their relationship to the Lord Jesus!

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Tuesday, April 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 6th at 6:30 p.m.



BIDDING PROCESS TO BEGIN

The bidding process for our new Parish Activity Center (PAC) from a variety of contractors who have given their names to our Temporalities Commission is about to begin. We have reminded all of them that they must meet the requirements set by the Diocese for such work. As soon as the “low bid” has been chosen, we will report to all parishioners the progress of the process. Meanwhile, we hope that all those parishioners who have waited until this time to make their pledge or contribution will do so as soon as possible. We are hoping to build our Parish Activity Center without going into debt, which can only be possible if ALL parishioners are generous!

PARISH SHARE CONTRIBUTIONS

We thank those parishioners who responded so generously in the 2006 appeal for the Parish Share. Those who have not as of yet sent their pledge or one-time contribution may do so any time during this month. Simply place your pledge card in the first collection basket, or send it by mail to the church. Those who have made a pledge will begin to receive a card in the mail each month listing the amount of the pledge and how much has been paid already. We hope that all parishioners will use the Parish Share Program as a way of contributing to our own Parish Family; since once we have met our assessment; the overage of the program will be returned to our parish budget to be used at our own discretion.

FIRST FESTIVAL MEETING

The first meeting for the Parish Family Festival of June has been set for Thursday, March 30th beginning at 7:00 p.m., in the rectory. We invite members of the Festival Committee, as well as the chairpersons of the individual facets of the raffle and festival, to join us for the evening. Any parishioner who would like to be a part of planning is welcome to join us. Remember the Parish Family Festival is from Thursday to Saturday, June 22-24.

SECOND COLLECTION: NEXT WEEK

The second of this year’s second collections will be taken up NEXT Sunday at all the liturgies. This collection has a three fold basis to it: “Catholic Campaign for Human Development,” “Catholic Home Missions Appeal” and “National Collection for Black and Indian Missions.”

Masses for the Week

Sunday, March 19 - Third Sunday of Lent

- 4:00 p.m. Giuseppe & Giovanna Barbieri (M/M Gregory Distilo)
- 6:00 pm Henry Newland (Henry J. & Stella Newland)
- 7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish
- 9:00 a.m. Anna Mae Walsh (Family)
- 11:00 a.m. Eileen Lund (The Arnone Family)

Monday, March 20 - St. Joseph, Husband of Mary

- 7:00 a.m. Ed & Bert Bittner (Family)
- 10:00 a.m. Anna Mae Golubic (Kriston Family)

Tuesday, March 21

- 7:00 a.m. Francis Werling (Family)
- 10:00 a.m. Edward Walter (Family)
- 7:00 p.m. John Murray, Jr. (Tom & Babs Politylo)

Wednesday, March 22

- 7:00 a.m. Adelia Seimet (Family)
- 10:00 a.m. Dr. Frank J. Flit (Sharon & Kimberly)

Thursday, March 23 - St. Toribio de Mogrovejo

- 7:00 a.m. Special Intention (Ralph & Therese)
- 10:00 a.m. Livia Richert (Steve & Jane Fabry)

Friday, March 24

- 7:00 a.m. Clarence Walz (Ellen & David Newell)
- 10:00 a.m. Michael Santarelli (St. Mary's First Grade Room 12)
- 2:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross with Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, March 25 - Annunciation of the Lord

- 8:00 a.m. Pasquale Vivino (Elizabeth Derenzo)
- 10:00 a.m. In Honor of Mary
- 4:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Leper (Janice & John Genco)
- 6:00 p.m. Mary Quaternik (Bob & Marie Deasy)

Sunday, March 26 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 7:30 a.m. Irene Warenski (M/M Pino Perrelli)
- 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish
- 11:00 a.m. Peter Trebec (Bob & Marie Deasy)

A VOCATION VIEW

God's commandments lead us on the path to life. What path will you choose to walk? Pray for wisdom. (Exodus 20: 1-17)

ACTIVE MILITARY - RESERVISTS -VETERANS

We need the following information for the Memorial Day Mass @ 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 29th, 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 ____, If you were a P.O.W. Yes ___ No ____.
 Name _____ Phone No. _____
 This information will apprise us as to 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, Firemen, Medics, Nurses, Doctors, we would like to update our list of these individuals so as to honor them.

R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Anna Kasunich, Bob Corrigan and Valente Cascioto . Also, Michelle Sanderbeck, granddaughter of Raymond & Mary Jean Sanderbeck and Violet Malachosky, sister of John Viale.**

March 12, 2006	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	874	\$16,761.28
Cash/Loose Cks.	—	859.00
Children's Offer.	62	79.77
Easter Flowers	106	1,522.29
Human Develop.	2	14.29
Parish Share	103	16,510.00
Parish Needy	14	347.29
TOTAL	1,161	\$36,093.92

DAILY



READINGS

- March 20:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1: 16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2: 41-51a
- March 21:** Dn 3: 25, 34-43; Mt 18: 21-35
- March 22:** Dt 4: 1, 5-9; Mt 5: 17-19
- March 23:** Jer 7: 23-28; Lk 11: 14-23
- March 24:** Hos 14: 2-10; Mk 12: 28-34
- March 25:** Is 7: 10-14; 8: 10: 4-10; Lk 1: 26-38
- March 26:** 2 Chr 36: 14-16, 19-23; Ps 137; Eph 2: 4-10; Jn 3: 14-21

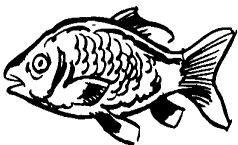
PARISH FAMILY INVITATIONS

R.C.I.A. meets today following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Today's topic: is The Miracles of Jesus. Next week there will be a review of various topics.

LENTEN REVIEW OF PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE: A group will meet Wednesday nights during Lent from 7-8 p.m. in St. Mary's Library to discuss the Purpose Driven Life book. Review the book and bring your text. Child care may be provided. Questions? Call the Wolfs at (412) 492-8051.

WIDOW & WIDOWERS GROUP will meet on March 26th, at Antonucci's Ristorante, Route 8, across from Harts Run Road, at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome. For more information call Marge at (412) 486-5621 or Barb at (412) 486-4209.

FISH FRY Our Fish dinners will continue this Friday, March 24th!



We will be serving dinners from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

The menu this year will include baked fish, assorted side dishes, and beverages

PLUS NEW MENU ITEMS. But, EVERYONE talks about our desserts. WHY? Because they are homemade by our own parishioners! As in the past, ALL proceeds go toward the purchase of building supplies for needy clients in Preston, West Virginia for our summer work camp in late June. **If you would like to donate a dessert and your last name begins with the letters M through P, please bring your dessert to Marian Hall before 4 PM on Friday, March 10th.** Thank you in advance for your continued support of the CYM.

Mary to be Honored THIS Saturday, March 25,
10:00 AM Liturgy.

The 10 AM Liturgy is for ALL our parish family. Some of our youth of the Saturday Faith Formation will serve waffles with fruit topping, juice and/or coffee for anyone wishing to join them after the liturgy. Call TODAY to let us know how many of YOUR family will join us for the WAFFLES-WITH-MARY; 412-486-5521.

RICE BOWLS are available in our church foyer. Take a bowl and use it in conjunction with the readings on the CRS calendar that was sent in our parish mailing. So many lives disrupted by floods, tornados, wars, are helped through Catholic Relief Services. Every sacrificial offering from our homes means LIFE for the most destitute. Your sacrifices saved in the RICE BOWL during Lent are to be brought to church during Holy Week.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Family Program meets TODAY at 9:00 AM Mass, then for sessions 10:00 AM till Noon. Bring canned vegetables or Easter candies for the collection for our Saint Vincent de Paul group

Saint Joseph Feast observed on Monday, March 20. Joseph agonized over the mystery of Mary's pregnancy. Joseph knew homelessness, even the night of Jesus' birth. Joseph and his family were refugees in Egypt. Joseph experienced the anxiety of losing his foster son. GO TO JOSEPH for his intercession in the perplexities of life.

Monday Faith Formation, March 20
Grade 4 BE IN church by 6:30 PM, have your GOOD NEWS for March 26 ready to use. All other grades meet in classrooms. Each family please return the BLUE response form about March 25 and April 2 events..

Saturday Faith Formation, March 25,
All meet in classrooms at 9:30 AM
10:00 AM Liturgy in Church-all classes.
Grade 2 enrollment in Mary's Scapular.
Did your family sign up to serve in some way at the April 1, 4:00 PM liturgy or hospitality? Call today, 412-486-5521.

Confirmation Candidates who missed the Call to Continuing Conversion or Retreat make up will be THIS Tuesday, March 21.

FIRST EUCHARIST CLUSTER GROUP for anyone who misses their March session, will meet NEXT Sunday, March 26, 10:00 AM in Marian Hall. Bring the FIRST EUCHARIST book.

PICTURE THIS : A seed planted in springtime will show a great harvest in autumn. Today the seed of our parish project to create a **PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY** is planted with this notice. Needed to till the soil are **willing volunteers** to nurture the seeds as part of the team to see the project through to harvest time. If YOU will be part of this exciting and very enjoyable process call Ruth Dollin TODAY at 412-486-0614. Every family who participates will receive a FREE Family Portrait. Our last directory was done 16 years ago.

YOUTH MINISTRY

BREAKFAST AND BIBLE – March 19th

Come hungry for scripture and to learn more about Jesus: His Message and Mission. Explore what Jesus is calling YOU to do to live out His message.

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

Lenten Nails: A Reflection Exercise for Lent

Teens – how are you using Lent to make your spiritual connection? Just watching what you eat or exercising more will help your body, **but what about your soul?**

We will be happy to provide you with an opportunity to reflect on your Lenten resolution and receive a Lenten nail and/or make your own prayer beads; just contact the CYM office.

TEEN HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

Holy Thursday, April 13 the youth of the parish traditionally attend the Chrism Liturgy at St. Paul Cathedral at 10 AM to pick up the chrism oils for our parish. Transportation will be provided. This is a **great** opportunity for our youth to reunite with former priests from our parish, like **Fr. Phillip and Fr. Paul. Fox Chapel, Shaler and Hampton are all on scheduled days off** from school for the first time in quite a while. We hope to take a large group down which will depart from our parish at 8:40 AM. Students in grades 8-12 may register by calling the CYM office at 412-492-9344.

T-ROC – SUNDAY, APRIL 12 - PALM SUNDAY

Our topic is "Jesus' Passion and Death"

- **Gather at 5:45 PM** in the church, Liturgy begins 6 p.m.
- Bring a snack to share (see chart below).
- **Teens will be meeting with our T-Team** up in the church after snacks!
- **Parents will stay in Marian Hall for an adult session** on "Jesus' Passion and Death."
- The evening will conclude around 8:30 p.m.

T-ROC Snack needs can be met if the following families contribute these items for tonight. If your last name begins with:

- A - E Dessert
- F - K Non-caffeine soda or beverage
- I - L Chips or pretzels
- M - Q Fruit
- R - Z Veggies and dip

HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sun. Mar. 19 **BREAKFAST & BIBLE–10-Noon at JAM Center**

Sun. Mar. 19 **Crosswalk practice after 11 AM liturgy**

Fri. Mar. 24 **FISH DINNER! 4:30 – 7:00 PM**

Fri. Mar. 31 **FISH DINNER! 4:30 – 7:00 PM**

Sun. Apr. 12 **T-ROC 6 – 8:30 PM PALM SUNDAY**

Contact Barb Belski or Lisa Rulis Ross

@ 412-492-9344 or cymoffice@stmaryglenshaw.org

We're on the web !!!! www.stmaryglenshaw.org/cym

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.

MARCH 24TH LITURGY - Father Jeff Molnar, parochial vicar at St. Catherine of Sweden Parish, will be the guest celebrant at the school liturgy on March 24th, at 10:00 a.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Come and pray the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays during Lent with the school students in grades 4-8 through April 7th at 2:00 PM in church.

Primary students (grades 1-3) will pray the Stations on the following Wednesdays: March 22, 29, and April 5 at 1:50 PM.

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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COM-

MUNION: Congratulations to the following new Ministers of Holy Communion who are being installed this weekend:

Tom Cadwell	Kathy DiPietro	Debbie Hammer
Mary Kankoski	Grace Kozak	Christina Liberto
Jean McCormick	Ann Mitsch	Christopher Sokiera
Joseph Soloski	Rosalie West	

SPECIAL THANKS To Kathy Yarzebinski for serving as coordinator of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Alexis Raible is taking Kathy's place. We are grateful to both of these women for the service they render to our Parish Family!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: We are collecting Easter Candy to make Easter baskets for the children who come to our Food Pantry and for our Project for Shuman Center. If you are able to donate any candy, please call Sister Lois at (412) 486-4021. Candy is needed no later than April 7th. Our Food Pantry is in great need of brown grocery bags. If you can help, please put them in the Children's Liturgy Room of our Church. Thank you and God Bless You!

EASTER EGG HUNT: All children under 10 years old are invited to St. Mary's Easter Egg Hunt on April 8th, 2006. Join us in Church at 12:00 p.m. for a blessing and hunt on the Church grounds! To RSVP, call Donna at (412) 492-9312. If you wish to donate plastic eggs or candy for the event, place items in marked box in the Children's Liturgy Room. Thank You!



Catholic Men's Conference: A bus will leave St. Mary's parking lot on Sat., April 1st at 7:30 a.m. for those men who have made their reservation through St. Mary's. Those men who have not made a reservation to attend are invited to contact the Catholic Men's Fellowship directly: CMF, Box 13235, Pgh. Pa. 15243. Make check for \$40 payable to: CMF. If you have questions, call Jim Finn (412) 486-4100.

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: **Often our homes are more a shrine to consumerism than a shrine to God's Presence. In today's Gospel, Jesus is clear: "Stop making My Father's house a market place." Today Jesus asks us to simplify our lives and our life style.**

CORE TEAM MEETING: This Sat., March 25th, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass, the members of the Core Team will meet in the rectory.

ADULT LECTURE SERIES: Many think they understand what the Church teaches about the body and the relationship between man and woman. However, the deeper reasons - the why of these teachings - are not well understood. The human body is meant to be a sign of God's own life and love in the world. Join Christopher West for a thought provoking presentation that will enrich your understanding of human sexuality and the spiritual power it contains. **WHEN: Wednesday, April 5, 2006, 7:30 p.m.** **WHERE: St. Paul Seminary Auditorium COST: FREE** All are welcome!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS ALERT:

A sign-up sheet for those able to serve for the Easter Triduum is posted in the Sacristy.

Holy Thursday at 7:00 p.m. on April 13

Good Friday at 1:30 p.m. on April 14

Holy Saturday Vigil at 8:30 p.m. on April 15

EASTER SUNDAY All Masses on Sunday including the additional Mass at 1:00 p.m.

Please notify the Office of any dates that you will be on vacation. The new schedule will be published beginning the weekend of April 22-23.

ALTAR SERVER ALERT: All Altar Servers are invited to ALTAR SERVER RECOGNITION DAY on Sunday, April 23rd at 9:00 a.m. Mass. Invitations will be mailed. Plan now to attend this special day.

New Servers will be trained on the following dates:

Monday, March 27 3:15 p.m.

Sat. April 1 11:30 a.m.

Monday, April 3 4:00 p.m.

Bring your permission slip when you come for practice. Call Mr. Finn (412) 486-4100 if you have questions.

PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS from Father John

For those who are observant of the wondrous HINTS seen in the little experiences of life, the future is filled with great hope. For example, as one drives in and out the long entranceway to our sacred grounds, there is a “hint” of the beauty to come already beginning to pop out of the ground. This “first sign of new life” reassures us that the future will be filled with a grand array of beautiful flowers that will dazzle us. Another one of those “hints” is apparent for those who get up early in the morning to celebrate the first liturgy each day in our parish church. Those getting up at that same time for any other reason will also experience it. The sun is already shining at that time of day. This “first sign of the early sun” fills us with the hope that, as of this very weekend, we have reached the vernal equinox and summer has begun and warm days are on the horizon.

Even human events can be predicated by the various “hints” that precede their coming. The month of March tells the basketball aficionado that “march madness” is now here. Preparation for final exams speaks to every student that the end of the school year is right around the corner. Receiving a W-2 form from the employer cries out to every worker that tax time is soon to come. There are so many ways in the normal experiences of life to find HINTS speaking of the events of the future.

Liturgy employs the same procedure. For those with an observant eye, there are many “intimations” given throughout the year to remind the liturgical participant that the future is filled with hope. In the midst of this season of Lent, the color VIOLET underscores the “penitential spirit” of the liturgy. Lent cries out to us that the royal king Jesus is about to undergo the horrors of suffering and death ignominiously on the cross of Golgotha. In the very heart of Lent, however, next week’s vestment color of ROSE offers a “hint” of the hope to come for those who have been faithful.

Easter is not far off. The celebration of the Resurrection is on the horizon! The sun will shine! The flowers will bloom! And our lives will move closer to the glory of the eternal kingdom, where the joy and happiness of Christ’s victory over death will be ours forever! Today we experience the HINTS that surround us in this world; tomorrow, we will discover the REALITY that takes us to the world to come!

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