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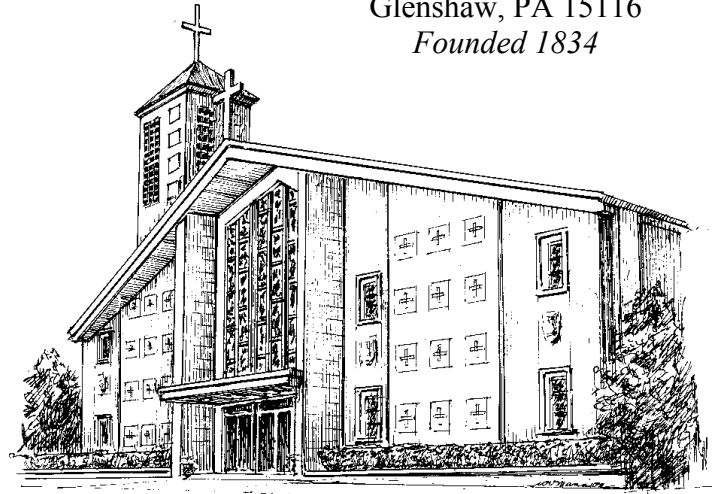
PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

First Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2007

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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



LENT: A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

The season of Lent moves week by week toward Holy Week and the all-important Triduum. Parishioners are invited to deepen their spirituality by participating in one or more of our Lenten practices: daily liturgy, our Tuesday evening enrichment series, Way of the Cross, adult bible sessions on Monday, and our Friday fish dinners. Reconciliation is each Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m. and communal services will be coming next month. We are invited to follow the Rice Bowl calendars that were sent home in the Lenten packet, along with the other features of the packet sent to every registered family. Lent is a time to strengthen our relationship with the Lord Jesus by accepting a Lenten spirituality.

PARISH SHARE - TODAY

The SECOND collection at all the liturgies today is for our pledge or contribution to the 2007 *Parish Share Program*. We hope that all parishioners will make an honest effort to help us meet our assessment of \$141,989. We ask that each wage earner give *at least* \$100 to the Campaign. Those who forgot to bring their response card today may send it to the rectory anytime this week. Those who wish to wait for another time so that they can make a larger pledge or cash payment than they are able to do at this time may certainly do so. Recall that once we meet our goal, the overage amount will be kept in our own Parish Family for our own needs.

TUESDAY ENRICHMENT SERIES

An invitation is extended to all to join us this Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. for our special Lenten Enrichment Series. This week **Linda Ritzer**, one of the Pastoral Associates of the Diocese who has been involved in parish work for over 20 years, will be our guest speaker. Linda brings a tremendous reputation for her commitment to the work of the Church and has a multitude of stories to share concerning the Lenten season. Come, experience the insights of a woman who continues to serve the Church as she deepens our relationship to the Lord Jesus.

FRIDAYS OF LENT

Friday at 7:00 p.m. the Way of the Cross will be celebrated. Gathering for our delicious fish dinner previous to this evening service is a wonderful way to become integral to our Community of Faith!

PAPER RECYCLING PROGRAM

The paper recycling bins have arrived! We have finally been put on the schedule with the *Abitibi Consolidated Company*. Those who have been saving their paper may now bring it to the bin LOCATED BEHIND THE SCHOOL, near the St. Vincent de Paul box. What can be put in the bin? Catalogs, magazines, newspapers, junk mail, office paper, fax paper, notebooks, folders, and all such products. No telephone books! This paper recycling program teaches environmental stewardship, reduces waste hauling costs as well as raises funds for our Parish Family. Let's see how quickly we can fill the bin --- tell your family, your relatives and your neighbors that they are welcome also to use it!

SUMMER FESTIVAL PLANNING

The first meeting of "The Festival Planning Committee" has been called by Deacon Francis, our Festival Chairperson, for this Wednesday, February 28th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. We hope that all Festival leaders will be able to attend so that we can begin to set in motion the plans for our 2007 Summer Festival, set for June 21, 22, 23. The meeting is open to any parishioner who wishes to take an active role in the Festival, especially those who might have ideas and suggestions of how to make our Festival more successful.

"CATCH THE VIBE"

The Pledge Campaign continues to grow as the members of the Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) call upon parishioners to join in the process. Those contacted are introduced to the "Levels of Contributions" by which one may place a name on the Memorial Plaque that will be displayed in a prominent place once the project is finished. We remind the families in our school that the SMAA has invited them all to be participants in their plans for making sure that we meet our goal. We continue to get closer and closer to our prescribed goal.

FINANCE COUNCIL THIS WEEK

The members of the Finance Council are reminded of their meeting set for Monday of this week, February 26th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. The Council will begin to look to next year's budget to make long-range plans of once more submitting a balanced budget to the Diocese.

Masses for the Week

Sunday, February 25, 2007 - First Sunday of Lent

- 4:00 p.m. Jessica Mitsch - (Lakeside Neighbors)
- 6:00 p.m. Virginia Winschel - (Jean Rihn)
- 7:30 a.m. Living and Deceased of our Parish Family
- 9:00 a.m. Ann Driscoll - (Mary Jo)
- 11:00 a.m. Domenic Castellario - (Daughter Concetta Liberto)

Monday, February 26, 2007 - Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Charlotte Ann McGuire - (Marie Hunkele)
- 10:00 a.m. Marie Harney - (Daughter, Dorothy)

Tuesday, February 27, 2007 - Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Emil Bonavita - (The Wagner Family)
- 10:00 a.m. Alma M. Rygielski - (Harry & Darlene Marshall)
- 7:00 p.m. Bill & Bob Korbe - (Mother)

Wednesday, February 28, 2007 - Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Leonard Lang - (Rich & Jan Raible)
- 10:00 a.m. Brian Benko - (Schultz Family)

Thursday, March 1, 2007 - Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Raymond L. & Elsie Gallick - (Children)
- 10:00 a.m. Mary Schultz - (Schultz Family)

Friday, March 2, 2007 - Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Mrs. Millie Schriver - (Mrs. Rose Spampinato)
- 10:00 a.m. Larry Tripodi - (Pat & Tony Babusci)
- 2:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 3, 2007 - Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. Frank Marchetto - (Anna Mae & Joe Snider)
- 4:00 p.m. Mary Kocan - (Carol & Tom Roberts)
- 6:00 p.m. John & Emma Miller - (Jack & Sandy Dziubek)

Sunday, March 4, 2007 - Second Sunday in Lent

- 7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 9:00 a.m. Joseph Hrason, Sr. - (Family)
- 11:00 a.m. Joe Frauenholz - (Wife & Children)

A VOCATION VIEW

God brings us through difficult experiences and always leads us to life. Depend on the Holy Spirit to guide you on the path of life. (Luke 4:1-13)

Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers, and Altar Servers:

Please watch for your ministry schedule for the months of March and April that will be arriving this week in the mail.

R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pearl Smith.

Our Prayer Vessel - located by the Tabernacle is where you can place your special intentions. Cut out the form below and drop in the vessel when you come for Mass.



*Into Your Hands, Lord
I Entrust My Intentions*

Offertory Collections

February 25, 2007	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	688	\$13,565.58
Cash/Loose Cks.	-	\$685.00
Children's Offertory	50	\$68.70
Religious Formation	145	\$1,620.00
Parish Share 2006	2	\$77.50
Parish Needy	20	\$251.00
Total	905	\$16,267.78

DAILY

READINGS



- Feb. 26 Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
- Feb. 27 Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
- Feb. 28 Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
- Mar. 1 Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
- Mar. 2 Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
- Mar. 3 Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
- Mar. 4 Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27; Phil 3:17-4:1 {3:20—4:1}; Lk 9:28b-36

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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

Jillian Katherine Beiber
Roman Thomas Brunsell
Abigail Marie Buchert
Maddisyn Grayce Cutenese
Skylar Marie Garforth
Olivia Ann Jack

We congratulate them, their parents, godparents, and grandparents!

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME- is a ministry of families doing their best to bring their children closer to our Lord, through pray time, play time and service to others. Moms and caregivers are invited to join us every first and third Wednesday of the month for PRAY and PLAY DAY. We will meet from approx. 9:30am until 10:30am in the Children's Liturgy Room in the church. Each time we meet we invite the children to learn one of the gestures involved in the Mass, to move to inspiring music, and to visit Jesus in the Tabernacle, and join in a parade. We'll discuss the gospel and homily on Wed. March 7th. Plan to join us. To find out more call Jodee at (412)267-3027.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

The devil tempted Jesus to ignore his Father and to rely on his own abilities (possessions, fame and power). We face the same temptations if we think we earned our blessings. Jesus teaches us to recognize God's protection and love as the source of our blessings and warns not to "put the Lord, your God, to the test."

LITURGY IN HONOR OF ST. JOSEPH-on Monday, March 19th, the feast of St. Joseph at 7:00pm in church. There will be a special blessing of all men of our parish. All welcome! This would be a good way to get ready for the Gathering of Catholic Men on Sat. March 24th.

NO BAPTISMS IN LENT: To maintain the spirit of the Lenten season in the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, we will not celebrate the sacrament of Baptism during this time since this sacrament speaks to us on new life. Of course, this stipulation does not pertain to an emergency situation where the child is in need of the grace of this sacrament because of some danger. Then, when we come to the Easter Season, when the Church speaks to us of the new life of the Resurrection, we will have baptism almost every Sunday. Meanwhile, we remind parents that they can still set up their pre-baptism session during the pregnancy of the mother so that it will not become a last minute rush for their busy schedule.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

FAITH SHARING –LENT-Week 1

Jesus was led into the desert. How would you describe your desert place, the place where you face your fears? What helps you resist temptation? How do you feed your spiritual hunger?

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES will be presented for the Rite of Call to Continuing Conversion at each liturgy NEXT weekend. Keep the candidates, families, sponsors, and catechists in prayer.

THE WORD AMONG US – SPECIAL LENTEN EDITION, with reflections on the scriptures for each day of LENT, are available at the rear exits and on the book/ pamphlet display. *What does it mean to take up OUR cross?* and **12 Things Parents Can Do to have a HOME Where Vocations Grow**, are two of the feature articles included in this issue.

Ethiopian Students supported by February raffle of Ethiopian embroidered tablecloth and beaded necklace. Winners: Karen Powers-tablecloth; Cindy Tumolo-necklace. THANKS to all who participated in this fund raiser for poor youth under care of Father Vince Stegman.

HOSANNA 2007 – Faith Rally for Youth

Grades 8 through High School – April 1, PALM SUNDAY, at the Palumbo Center, Duquesne University. Registration information available at our Faith Formation Office or on line

www.diopitt.org/education/hosanna_2007.htm

Jesus takes up the cross in our world as people suffer disasters, earthquakes, hurricanes, and other disasters, and communities pull together the pieces of their lives. *How can I help to carry the cross of Christ today?*

Adult Enrichment – The Passion of Jesus in the Gospels with Father William Fay will meet four MONDAYS, March 5 thru 26, 6:30-8 PM in Marian Hall. Call 412-486-5521 to register.

COLLEGE STUDENTS, be part of the *first* class in the National Right to Life Academy in Washington, DC. Enroll NOW for the six week session Summer 2007 at www.nrlc.org or e mail jlittle@wrtl.org. The course will offer in-depth study of LIFE issues from spiritual and political perspectives.

YOUTH MINISTRY

HOSANNA 2007

Meet with a few thousand teens in grades 8 – 12 from around the diocese for liturgy, a concert, dinner and a charity dance on Palm Sunday, April 1 at the A.J. Palumbo Center. Cost is \$20 plus \$5 more if we have enough to take the bus. You must get your registration in by Monday, March 12. Call the Faith Formation office to let us know if you are interested at 412 – 486 - 5521.

TROC on Sunday, March 4 will **not** include a liturgy. Instead, we will offer all parents and our youth an awesome opportunity for Lenten reflection. **You know you need to take this time!** The T-ROC session begins at 6:30 PM. **The prayer service will begin at 7:30 and should conclude around 8 PM. Major Robert Lefler** will be speaking at our T-ROC on March 4 regarding a **special collection of items that will be used by children in an orphanage supported by his troop overseas.**

LENTEN ACTIVITIES FOR TEENS AND FAMILY

Any teens Grade 8 - 12 wishing to participate in the **Good Friday Crosswalk** will need to attend several rehearsals in March (TBA). Be prepared for an awesome Lenten experience on Good Friday, April 6 from ~ 9 AM to 4 PM. **Drama background not needed, only a desire to bring the Passion of Christ to the public at this annual community and ecumenical event.** Call the CYM office at 412-486-4100, ext. 409.

HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sat., Feb. 24 "Fame" Marian Hall after 6 PM liturgy
Sun., Feb. 25 "Fame" Marian Hall after 11 AM liturgy
Sun., Mar. 4 TROC Lenten Reflection and discussion

ST. MARY SCHOOL

REGISTRATION - St. Mary School will be accepting registrations for students in preschool through grade 7 beginning March 1, 2007. If you are interested in becoming a member of our school community or to arrange a tour, please feel free to call the school office at (412) 486-7611 to make an appointment.

The 3 year-old preschool program meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-11:00 AM; the 4 year-olds meet on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30-11:00 AM. The school also offers half-day and full-day kindergarten classes.

Students entering kindergarten must be age 5 by September 1st. A copy of the child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate (if Catholic), and social security identification must be provided at the time of registration. A \$100.00 deposit is also required but is applied towards tuition.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Students in grades 4-8 will pray the Stations of the Cross on all Fridays during Lent at 2:00 PM. All are invited to come and join us in prayer.

Another opportunity to pray the Stations will be on the following Wednesdays, at 1:50PM, during Lent: February 28th, March 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th. Students in grades 1 through 3 will pray on these days.

GIANT EAGLE GIFT CARDS - Please consider purchasing Giant Eagle gift cards from our school first before purchasing the gift cards that Giant Eagle sells. You can then go to Giant Eagle and purchase the various gift cards there. Our school Scrip program has gift cards from more than 40 vendors available Monday-Friday, and a larger selection can be pre-ordered weekly.

Last Chance to Purchase Tickets for "Keys to the Future" Auction/Dinner Event Saturday March 3rd, 6PM at Wildwood Golf Club. Sit-down Dinner, Silent/Live Auction and Entertainment from "Five Guys Featuring Drew Martier" playing dance music from the 60s, 70s & 80s. Check out the St. Mary Website at www.stmaryglenshaw.org/school and click on the blinking link for a list of the Silent & Live Auction items available. Visa/Mastercard/American Express accepted for purchases. Don't miss this great night out!! Tickets are \$45/person-call Melissa at 412 492-9349 or email at melissabattaglia@comcast.net to reserve your seat. **Proceeds from this event will go to the Capital Campaign for the new Parish Activity Center!**

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

First Fish dinner will be on Friday, March 2nd! We will be serving dinners from 4:30 – 7:00 PM. **Remember, EVERYONE talks about our desserts. WHY? Because they are homemade by our own parishioners!** As in the past, ALL proceeds go toward our Appalachia summer work experience sponsored jointly by our parish St. Vincent de Paul and Catholic Youth Ministry. **If you would like to donate a dessert and your last name begins with the letters A through D, please bring your dessert to Marian Hall before 4 PM on Friday.**

FOURTH ANNUAL CYM PLAY TO BENEFIT THE CHILDREN'S MISSION FUND

Our annual CYM theatre will be on **Saturday, February 24 after the 6 PM liturgy and Sunday, February 25 after the 11 AM liturgy.** This year, our drama troupe will present "Fame" under the direction of Mariane Ruffner and assistants, Josh DeFilippo and Dr. Kevin Kelly and Cheryl Sciuolo. **FREE WILL OFFERING WITH A MINIMUM REQUEST OF \$5. PAY AT THE DOOR AS YOU ENTER.**

Christian Mothers' Surprise Auction: that was canceled on February 15th will be held on March 15th for the **Covered Dish Dinner and Evening of Reflection.** Hold onto your gifts until then and bring them with you. Husbands are definitely invited again. **Tickets for \$5 per person must be purchased prior to admission** so we may purchase enough of the entree for everyone. You may call Jan @ 412-486-0367, Marilyn @ 412-492-8367, Theresa @ 412-487-1870 or Elma @ 412-486-3508 to reserve your tickets. Wine and beer will be provided.

**TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE
YOUTH MINISTRY DRAMA CLUB
WHO ARE ON STAGE THIS WEEKEND:**

"GO, BREAK A LEG!"

Rice Bowls: are available at our church. These may be used with the CRS calendar which you received in the parish mailing.

Thank You

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We are so grateful to the Family Program for their collection of food, paper products, and \$20.00.

The Girl Scout Troop 1275 made

Valentines Day cards for the infirmed Sisters at the Mother House. We are very grateful for the cards. St. Mary School's six grade classes made Valentine bags of candy and Valentines cards for the Sister of Divine Providence who are in the infirmary. How wonderful of you to brighten up Valentines Day for them!

Sister Lois Spinnenweber

Around the Town

ATTENTION PARISH MEN AND YOUNG MEN There are many opportunities coming up for your spiritual growth and development. Why not register to attend a **GATHERING OF MEN** on Sat. March 24th at the A. J. Palumbo Center? Advance registration- \$35.00. \$55.00 at the door. Register by calling Jim Finn at the rectory (412)486-4100 before the March 10th deadline. Make checks payable to: Catholic Men's Fellowship. **Special price for teens and young adults of college age only ten dollars!** The parish will provide **FREE** bus transportation to the first Thirty-five men who register!

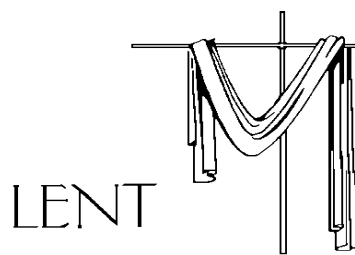
You're Invited: There will be a benefit for Spc. Robert Kaminski, Jr. at Casey's Pizza, Route 8 on Saturday, February 24, 2007 beginning at 7:00PM. Entertainment, D.J. at 9:00P. M., Chinese Raffle, Prizes. Any questions, please contact Al at 412-377-5006.

Widows, Widowers, Singles of St. Mary's: are invited to meet on Sunday, February 25, at Monte Cello's Restaurant on Route 8 (Landmark Plaza) in Hampton for dinner at 4:00PM. For more information or questions call Barb at 412-486-4209 or Marge at 412-486-5621.

"55 Specials" Tour: Thursday, April 12, 2007, the "55 Specials" will be hosting a "Bundles" Brown Bag Tour. It includes: Fisher's Country Store, Gardner's Candy Factory, Oak Spring Winery, Casino at Lakemont Park with a buffet luncheon, Bayer Candy Factory, Benzel's Pretzel Bakery and a visit to Meadows Frozen Custard stand for a cone. Cost is \$69.00. Please call Jane Fabry at 412-487-3091.

Vincent Academy-Duquesne University: will present "Guys and Dolls" on March 9, 10, 16, and 17 at the Catherine Thomas Theatre, at the St. Benedict Center in Ross Township. Performances begin at 7:30PM. Included in the cast are parishioners Gabriella Dongilli, Emili Mickus, and Brianna Thompson. Tickets cost is \$7.00. For more information please call 724-935-6279.

MARKET DAY pick up **THIS Monday, February 26, 7:00 till 7:45 PM in Marian Hall. March Order Forms** will be available in NEXT week Bulletin and at the Scrip and Faith Formation offices, or order online at marketday.com The Market Day team still growing; call Lee at 724-443-0673 to volunteer. A great SERVICE opportunity for any age.



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PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS from Father John

These are the days of Lent and the entire atmosphere of the Church creates for us a time of reflection and meditation. The liturgical spotlight shines directly upon the Cross of the Lord Jesus. During the course of the year, the Cross sometimes is placed in the background, or merely looms almost surreptitiously on the back wall of the church. Not so during Lent! During Lent, the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus is front and foremost in all that we do. Suffering catches us in its web. It stings some in every fiber of their being. It haunts others with each of their waking days. It is all around us.

A day does not go by without someone in our Parish Family needing our prayers because of untold suffering in their lives. Cancerous tumors are robbing this person of life, heart disease is confining that person to an unwanted hospital stay, and viral dysentery seems to be touching everyone with uncomfortable moments. Pain cries out for relief! But suffering is not confined simply to our bodies. For some of us, our hearts and minds are full of agony and torment. Our prayers are also sought for all those persons who experience the torturous distress of the mind. For some, it becomes a mental disease that makes every day a struggle; for others days no longer have meaning because they have lost the only one they love; while others simply find all their days filled with worry and concern about every issue in life from the bombing of terrorists to the fluctuation of the stock market to the bad news they received about a family member.

The Cross of Lent reminds all of us that suffering was also integral to the life of Jesus of Nazareth. This divine Son of God took on every feature of human life, except sinfulness. Suffering was as much a part of His life, as it is ours. His ignominious death on the Cross was simply a final reminder that His life too experienced pain. Not only was His body poured out in a martyr's death; but also His heart felt the pain of being rejected, unloved and misunderstood. Lent centers out reflection upon the Cross of the Lord Jesus. It is the season when dying in Jesus' name becomes the hallmark of our discipleship. Suffering is to be avoided at all cost; we must do everything in our power to eliminate it from the face of the earth; it must not have rule over us. Someday it WILL end. And when that day arrives, we will enter into the glorious kingdom of the one who died on the Cross where there will be no more suffering, no more pain, no more death!