

PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Pentecost Sunday
May 31, 2009

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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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

In the spirit of today's magnificent *Solemnity of Pentecost*, we celebrate the "Birthday of the Church" as the Holy Spirit descends upon the gathered disciples of the Resurrected Lord Jesus. The liturgical color **RED** speaks loudly and clearly of the fiery presence of the Spirit that comes into our hearts so that we too might be witnesses of the Christ in the world in which we live. We acknowledge all those parishioners who added to this décor with the "red" worn by them in their Pentecost outfit. We have now completed the 96 holiest days of the liturgical year that began with Ash Wednesday, way back on February 25th. With the coming of each subsequent Sunday, the liturgy will unveil for us the life of the Church as we move toward the final great Solemnity of the Year, that of Christ the King on November 22nd. We welcome all those who join us for today's Hospitality Weekend with the hope that our Parish Family will continue to accept the Holy Spirit as the source of our spiritual growth.

A PENTECOST CONCERT

To remind all of us of the significance of the *Solemnity of Pentecost*, our magnificently talented Music Ministry will present a beginning at 1:00 p.m. this afternoon. We urge those who celebrate the eleven o'clock liturgy to remain afterwards in the mood of Hospitality Sunday, and hope that those who celebrate other liturgies this weekend will return to church a little after noon today for this special moment in musical excellence. What a wondrous way to celebrate the "Birthday of the Church" in our Parish Family!!

SUMMER PACKET ON ITS WAY

The second of our quarterly packets sent to all registered homes in our Parish Family will be mailed out this coming week. The information contained within will keep all families abreast of the many events of our multifaceted parish life. Theological articles of important matters of Faith, The "Bells of St. Mary" and other items of interest are all included in this packet. The purpose of this quarterly packet is to bring the wondrous spirituality of our parish life into the home of all parishioners, so as to offer to all registered families a "sense of belonging."

COUNCIL GOAL FOR 2009 (part 2)

Members of the Pastoral Council will gather on Monday of this week, June 1st beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory as they continue to put in motion the major GOAL of 2009: to set up "Twelve Geographic Areas" with the territory of the parish boundaries. The Council has seen this GOAL as a fitting summary to the survey that was completed last year by nearly 1500 parishioners. All parishioners are asked to keep an eye on the development of this process, especially the Open Forum that is being planned for September. This forum will include a discerning process from which designated members will be asked to take a leadership role in this GOAL.

PLEDGE CAMPAIGN REENACTED

The Third Phase of our Pledge Campaign is now being considered by our reconstituted Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) as we move to the leveling out of the grassy area in the front of our grounds for multiple parish uses, the widening of the road around the back of the rectory, the construction of a Maintenance Building and the creation a garage for the priests. Those to be contacted by members of the CCC will be invited to pledge to a "matching fund" process that will be put into effect.

MAUSOLEUM FUNDING PROCESS

As the Cemetery Committee continues to move in the direction of adding a mausoleum to our cemetery, the cost of this edifice is NOT achieved by a "pledge campaign" but by those who would PREPAY for their choice space in the mausoleum. Details for this prepay plan will be published as soon as the Committee determines the cost of the edifice.



FESTIVAL FLASHES

ONLY 25 DAYS LEFT before our all embracing Parish Festival beginsreturns on the book of tickets that has been sent out may be made any Sunday during the month Volunteers are now being invited to get involved in some phase of this 13 hour extravaganza ... sponsors are being sought ... signs are now being distributed in stores and along the road ... those who would like a colorful sign announcing the Festival may simply stop at the rectory to get one of them ...



LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 31, 2009 - Pentecost Sunday

- 4:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 6:00 p.m. 40th Wedding Anniversary of Ron & Marie Deeds
- 7:30 a.m. Virginia Zottola - Cugliari Family
- 9:00 a.m. Mary Louise Wagner - The Balestrino Family
- 11:00 a.m. Elizabeth & Paul Imbarlina - Cathy Didomenico

Monday, June 1, 2009 - St. Justin

- 7:00 a.m. Nanette Kowaleski - Family
- 10:00 a.m. Freda Ayoob - Louisa Mauro & Family

Tuesday, June 2, 2009 - Sts. Marcelinus & Peter

- 7:00 a.m. Llyod B. Conley, Sr. - Family
- 10:00 a.m. Joan Marmarosa - Shepherd & Radinovic Families

Wednesday, June 3, 2009 - St. Charles Lwanga & his companions

- 7:00 a.m. Uncle Hussie Zeher - Fred Ambrose & his children
- 10:00 a.m. Margaret Sherred - Adeline & Russ

Thursday, June 4, 2009 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 a.m. Agnes Tessmer - The Thalhofer's
- 10:00 a.m. Anniversary of Mary Louise & Myron Wagner, Jr.-Family
- 7:00 p.m. St. Mary School 8th Grade Graduation

Friday, June 5, 2009 - St. Boniface

- 7:00 a.m. Janet Meinert - Donna Roncevich
- 9:00 a.m. Mary Cavanaugh - St. Mary School Faculty
- 10:00 a.m. Edward Bentley - Wife, Barbara

Saturday, June 6, 2009 - St. Norbert

- 8:00 a.m. Clement & Richard Clement - Family
- 2:00 p.m. Wedding of Stephen Galise & Susan Schaltenbrand
- 4:00 p.m. Gentile Family - Dolly
- 6:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Leo Adams - Steve & Mike Adams Family

Sunday, June 7, 2009 - The Most Holy Trinity

- 7:30 a.m. Ann Sufak - Husband, George
- 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 11:00 a.m. Bernie Meinert - Love, Mom

Weekly Activities at a Glance

- Sunday** (Marian Hall) Hospitality Weekend after all Liturgies
May 31 (Church) 1:00PM - 175th Anniversary Concert
- Monday** (Providence) 9:00AM - Kindergarten Orientation
June 1 (Church) 2:45PM - Children's Choir Practice
(Catacombs) 6:00PM - CYM Youth Nite
(Rectory) 7:30PM - Pastoral Council
- Tuesday** (Church) 2:45PM - Children Hand Bell Practice
June 2
- Wednesday** (School) No School - Clerical Day
June 3 (Marian Hall) 1:30PM - 55 Specials - Bingo/Cards
- Thursday** (Church) 7:00PM - Eighth Grade Graduation
June 4
- Friday** (Church) 9:00AM - School Mass
June 5 (School) 10:30AM-Dismissal-Last Day of School
- Saturday** (Marian Hall) 4:00PM - Liturgy of the Word for Children
June 6 (Marian Hall) 7:00PM - CYM Coffee House



At Home with the Lord

Remember Lord and welcome into your Kingdom those who have died and have gone before us marked in the sign of faith, especially Emilija Mickus, John E. Connelly, Elmer Huerbin, and Betty Cray, mother of Bob Cray.

ACTION NEEDED to contact U.S. Senators and representatives to oppose the Embryonic stem cell research bill. The following message from our U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops may be used: "It is troubling that the National Institutes of Health plans to use federal funds for stem cell research that requires destroying live human embryos. It is appalling that some members of Congress want an even broader policy, encouraging the deliberate use of invitro fertilization or cloning to produce human embryos for stem cell research. Such creation of new life solely to destroy it would mark the final reduction of human beings to mere objects or commodities. Please oppose any use of my tax dollars to promote destructive embryonic stem cell research or any form of human cloning. Instead please support adult stem cell research, which is ethically sound, harms no one, and is already helping suffering patients with dozens of conditions." See the USCCB website for more details.

Banns of Marriage



- I. David Reber (St. Ferdinand) & Kristen Hoover (St. Mary)
- III. Stephen Galise (Ss. John & Paul) & Susan Schaltenbrand (St. Mary)

May 17, 2008	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	732	\$15,561.15
Cash/Loose Checks	-	\$1,274.00
Children's Offertory	49	\$66.46
Catholic Relief	194	\$2,902.00
Peter's Pence	1	\$20.00
Ascension	8	\$135.00
Parish Share 2009	40	\$1,815.00
Parish Needy	20	\$229.00
Total	1,044	\$22,002.61



The flowers at the tabernacle and altar are in celebration of Linnea and Michael Snelling wedding.

Daily Readings



- June 1: Tb 1:3; 2:1a - 8; Mk 12:1-12
- June 2: Tb 2:9-14; Mk 12:13-17
- June 3: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Mk 12:18-27
- June 4: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1 bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Mk 12:28-34
- June 5: Tb 11:5-17; Mk 12:35-37
- June 6: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Mk 12:38-44
- June 7: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST



Ella Lynn Eiler
Sophia Gabriella English
Lily Ann Gatnarek
Charlotte Sharon Musomelli
Teagan Joyce Orga
Joseph Christopher Roblaski
Payton Sophia Roblaski
Kiersten Anne Beiber
Issac John Osborne
Gabriella Francesca Sciulli

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

TRAVELING VOCATION CHALICE

The newly confirmed 8th graders in our parish school are hosting this chalice as they prepare for graduation. They are praying for an increase of church vocations. If you would like to host this chalice in your home, call Ron Ondrizek at 412.486.6851 a member of our parish vocation council to schedule a time.

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus sends us the gift of peace and the Spirit to renew the earth. What gifts can you use to renew the earth? Let the Spirit fill you and use you!
(John 20:19-23)

CATHOLIC MENS FELLOWSHIP

All men and young men are welcome to join us on the **second** Saturday of the month for the 8am Mass followed by fellowship, refreshments and discussion. Our next gathering will be on **Saturday, June 13, 2009 for the 8:00am Mass in our church.** Following Mass you will be given directions for the fellowship. Call Carl Lichvarchik 412.903.7607.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE BY Bud Ozar

Today, on Pentecost, we remember Christ gave us the Holy Spirit to assist us in raising our family and He expects us to use this gift. Let's turn off the distractions and tune into the holy Spirit who "will guide us to the truth." Let us "testify" to our children that true happiness is found in service, forgiveness and love for one another.

PARENTING POINTERS

Rules, rules, rules. Our kids often thought they had too many rules - until they saw how chaotic life was without them. You have safety rules I'm sure. Do you have TV, computer, cleaning, and chore rules too? Let the kids help formulate the rules, but don't be a wimp. Your job is to be the parent.

PRAY AND PLAY DAY - Join us on Wednesday, June 3 at 9:30am in the Children's Liturgy Room. This activity sponsored by our Let the Little Children Come To Me ministry is open to children age five and under. Parents, grandparents, care-givers and older siblings are welcome. Call Monica 412.492.0242 to find out more.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Resolving an argument: Strategy # 5 CREATE A NEW SOLUTION. If compromise or co-existing won't work, try brainstorming new win/win solutions. It may take some time and creativity but consider the alternative - living in disharmony with each other.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Faith Sharing for Pentecost

A prayer to pray alone or to share with family or friends.

Begin each statement with, "Come Holy Sprit..."

...when I am standing between a rock and a hard place.

...when I am lonely, weary and overpowered by pressures of His world.

...when I falter and lose my direction.

... when my soul rejoices over many blessings.

...when I am put down, knocked down, or just down due to the toils of life.

...when I proclaim in word and deed, the sacredness of life.

...when I am sick and unable to do my best.

...when I come to the end of life's journey on this side, give me traveling grace so that I can meet my Savior face to face.

Come Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen

Families of Children/Youth who attend PUBLIC SCHOOLS, if YOU need a copy of the **Registration Form for our 2009 - 2010** Catechetical Season, contact our office at 412-486-5521 or ccdoffice@stmaryglenshaw.org

Sessions will be held on:

Saturdays, 10:30 AM - Noon;

Mondays, 4:30-6:00 PM, and 6:30-8:00 PM;

Third Sunday each month: Family Program, 9 AM Mass, then till Noon.

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS - Grades 6-7-8 and Parents/Guardians, are welcome to contact Mr. Ron Stone with YOUR ideas for monthly gatherings. Send inquiries to ccdoffice@stmaryglenshaw.org att: Mr.Ron

Grade 1 Parents/Guardians meet for a **Rite of Enrollment** as we look forward to welcoming children to Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Meet in Marian Hall this week, Sat., May 30, 5:00PM Sunday, May 31, 8:30AM or 10:00 AM, or Noon. Meet at tables at the far corner opposite the kitchen.

Summer Bible Program Opportunities

Registration deadline for July and August programs will be at our Parish Festival.

4 evenings June 28-July 1, 6:30-8:30 PM - "Paul in Rome and the Underground Church"

Tuesday evenings in July, 6:00-8:30 PM - "POWER ZONE" - summer sports camp!

Son Rock Kids' Camp, August 10-14, 9:30 AM- Noon

REGISTRATION FORMS are available at the display board in our church foyer.

Faith Enrichment to be held in our St. Mary School: Adults and High School Youth Welcome!

Catechetical Methods thru the Liturgical Year, with Master Catechists team, June 8-12, 9:00 AM till Noon;

Mary, Teaching and Ministry, with Dr. Ed Scheid, June 15 thru 19, 9:00AM till Noon. Call Marge at 412-486-5521 to preregister by **June 1**.

PRO-LIFE Meeting - ALL welcome, Monday June 15, 7:00 PM in St. Mary School Room 23- enter by the library.

YOUTH MINISTRY

APPALACHIA MISSION NEWS

ONE MORE FUNDRAISER ON JUNE 21

PARENT MEETING – MANDATORY May 30 at 5PM OR May 31 at 10AM in Marian Hall. PLEASE DO NOT MISS THIS MEETING BECAUSE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE SAFETY OF YOUR TEEN WILL BE DISCUSSED.

We need parents and teens for our final fundraiser and to help at the CYM booth at the parish festival. **Please bring your calendars to the meeting** so that you may sign up to work. Pictures of our site for this summer's mission trip will be shown plus detailed information regarding final plans.

CLASS OF 2009

BOTH HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE

SAVE THE DATE

ANNUAL **PARISH** BACCALAUREATE

[We pray for our graduates in the context of a liturgy]

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

9 AM LITURGY

REPORT TO CHURCH AT 8:45 AM

BRING YOUR CAP & GOWN
OR ONE WILL BE PROVIDED

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN MARIAN HALL

Our parish celebrates your graduation with prayers and a breakfast reception. PLEASE SAVE THE DATE – RSVP to the CYM office with the number of guests attending the breakfast [the graduate and two parents/guardians are not charged, all other guests pay \$3 per person. Make check out to St. Mary Parish for additional guests and leave at the rectory for Barb Belski].

Also, call in your information – the school you graduated from and what are your future plans i.e. school or a job at 412-492-9344.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: Each year many public high schools offer a Baccalaureate, which is basically a prayer service run by the students; some occur at the high school while others are off-site, usually at a near by place of worship. If you are a high school senior, do you know about your public high school's Baccalaureate?

Hampton High School - Monday, June 8

Fox Chapel High School – Wednesday, June 10

Shaler – None scheduled so far.

CYM WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sat. May 30 Mandatory parent meeting 5 PM
Sun., May 31 Mandatory parent meeting 10 AM
Mon. June 1 Catacomb will be open 6 – 8 PM

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, extension 409 or email at belskib@verizon.net

ST. MARY

REGISTRATION FOR 2009-2010



St. Mary School is now accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year. We offer a 3 and 4 year-old preschool program as well as kindergarten through 8th grade programs. Children **MUST** be five years old by September 1st in order to register for kindergarten. Parents/guardians are asked to provide the child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate, and copy of the child's social security number when registering. A \$100 registration fee, which will be applied to the child's tuition, is also required at the time of registration.

For more information or to arrange a tour, please call the school office at (412) 486-7611. Come and see what we are all about!

TALENT SHOW - Our school students presented a wonderful display of their talents at the annual Talent Show this past week. We had singers, dancers, instrument players, gymnastics, comedy, and magic, just to name a few.

How gifted our children are and what a delightful program we had! Congratulations to all who participated.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION - There will be a kindergarten orientation program for registered parents/guardians of next year's kindergarten class on Monday, June 1st, at 9:00 AM in Providence Hall. Parents will become familiar of the many programs that St. Mary School has to offer. We so look forward to meeting everyone at this meeting.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - The last day of the 2008-2009 school year will be Friday, June 5th. The staff and students will come together one last time at the 9:00 AM liturgy to pray together as a school community. Dismissal will follow at 10:30 AM.

It was another great year at the school, filled with tremendous learning and exciting events throughout.

175th ANNIVERSARY HAPPENINGS

- ◆ Pentecost Concert on Sunday, May 31st. Celebrate the Birthday of the Church by attending this free concert in our church beginning at 1:00 P. M. Refreshments will be served prior to the concert following the 11:00 A.M. Mass as we enjoy the hospitality of the parish committee. To reflect on the church's past traditions, music will be sung in German, English, Latin and Gaelic.
- ◆ NEXT BIG EVENT Parish Festival June 25-26-27 featuring ethnic meals served each night beginning at 4:30 P. M. A Polka Mass on Sat. June 27th. at 5:00 P. M. and professional FIREWORKS on Sat. evening June 27th as a Grand Finale to three days of fun and fellowship! Check out the bulletin board in the narthex and see THEN and NOW.
- ◆ Did you know that nearly 500 veterans are buried in our Assumption Cemetery?

OUR PARISH NEWS

Festival Happenings

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to volunteer at the festival for a few hours, please call ANNE ZEIS at 412.487.7520. There are time slots open for the game booths, food booths, and the Flea Market. Bring a friend and make a new friend while helping our festival be a success.

FLEA MARKET

New and used items needed in **GOOD and CLEAN** condition! NO clothing, magazines or gym equipment! Small items of furniture accepted! Spring cleaning? Your unwanted "valuables" can become someone else's treasures. Drop off dates and times are: **June 15 through June 19** - 12:00noon to 3:00PM and 6:00 to 9:00PM each day in our Parish School. **Items are NOT to be left unattended ANYWHERE on the Parish grounds.** Help is needed to sort and price our treasures! Please call Mary Ann Coholich at 412-486-0165, if you can help!

CRAFT BOOTH

Thank you so much to all crafters who have donated wonderful homemade items to our booth year after year. We do appreciate your generosity and the craft booth as made a lot of money for the church as a result. We are again asking for all types of new craft items that we can sell at the festival. Please call Debbie Boyd at 724-449-5790 with questions for pick-up! Thank you!

BASKET AUCTION

The Basket Auction Committee is now searching for donations and volunteers. In order for the Basket 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 or the selling of tickets to contact: Judy Fritsch, 412.487.2368 or Kathy DiGirolamo, 412.486.0508. Please let us know if your ministry wants to donate. We will accept donations through June 5, 2009. Thereafter, will we only accept cash donations.

ST. MARY BAKERS

Once again it's time for all parishioners to share your "baked goodies" which will be enjoyed by all who attend the Festival Dinners and purchase them at the Bake Sale. Bake goods are needed for each dinner and the bake sale which will be held each night of the festival in Marian Hall. Please bring your desserts, pies, cakes, cookies to the church hall anytime after 1:30PM each day and label for dinner or for Bake Sale or double your recipe and make one for each! The following is a guideline if your name begins with:

A thru H - Thursday, June 25

I thru P - Friday, June 26

Q thru Z - Saturday, June 27

Thank you in advance for baking and donating a "double batch" of bake goods. God Bless the hands of our wonderful bakers!



MARKET DAY fliers for June are with the Bulletin today. Market Day pick up will be MONDAY, June 15, 6:30 PM. Helpers needed at 5:00 PM to sort and pack orders. Thanks to ALL patrons and helpers at our Market Day .

GOOD NEWS TO SHARE



Attention St. Mary's Parish Girls Basketball Players

The Girls Basketball Program at St. Mary's Grade School will be holding clinics during the summer. The clinics will be short, highly structured, fast-moving practices filled with a variety of fundamental basketball drills. The focus will be on developing each player's basketball fundamentals ... including dribbling, passing, shooting, rebounding, and other skill sets. If your child is interested in improving her game, learning drills that can be practiced independently ... please plan to attend. **THE CLINICS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED ... NOT JUST THOSE KIDS ENROLLED IN OUR GRADE SCHOOL.**

- For all girls entering 7th and 8th grade, clinics will be held on Monday nights in June and July - 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Clinics will begin on June 8th and will conclude on July 27th or August 3rd.

- For all girls entering 5th and 6th grade, clinics will be held on Thursday nights in June and July - 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Clinics will begin on June 11th and will conclude on July 30th or August 6th.

- For all girls entering 3rd and 4th grade, clinics will be held on Thursday afternoons in June and July - 5:00pm to 6:00pm. Clinics will begin on June 11th and will conclude on July 30th or August 6th.

If you are interested in attending, have any questions, or would like to get on an e-mail distribution list, please contact Girls Basketball Director Joe Natoli at jnatoli@federatedinv.com.

LAST PARISH BREAKFAST TILL FALL BREAKFAST

Sunday, June 21

Marian Hall after the 7:30 & 9 AM liturgies
Come celebrate the men in your life and enjoy a special menu of breakfast foods. The Knights of Columbus will be there after the 9 AM liturgy.



GENESIS OF PITTSBURGH - Thank you to the 40 donors who filled and returned baby bottles. Your very generous donations amounted to \$800.75. All of the proceeds will be used to help pregnant women in need. If you still have a bottle, please return to the church rectory or call 412-486-1606.

May 24, 2009	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	697	\$14,199.00
Cash/Loose Checks	-	\$1,320.00
Children's Offertory	-	\$39.00
Ascension	246+	\$3,550.25
Catholic Relief	-	\$212.00
Parish Share 2009	27	\$770.00
Parish Needy	-	\$235.00
Total	970+	\$20,325.25

PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS from Father John

In the long standing tradition of our Faith, “Pentecost” has been properly named “The Birthday of the Church.” The celebration of one’s birthday creates a moment to look back at the wonders of one’s life. Might we look back today? How many of us can remember way back to November 30, 2008 when we began the year with the liturgy of the First Sunday of Advent. The 18 Sundays dedicated to the SIX seasons of the year, coupled with the 34 Sundays of Ordinary Time combined for our 52 week Liturgical Year.

ADVENT began with four Sundays that reminded us of all those persons who came in the process of Salvation History before the birth of the Christ Child. It created for us a sense of “Promise and Fulfillment” with the anticipation that Jesus would be the answer to all the important questions of life and death.

CHRISTMAS celebrated the birth of the Savior of the world. Most all of us gathered at one time or another to celebrate the 12 liturgical days of the Christmas Season that spoke of the magnificent events that presented the early childhood of the Lord Jesus.

EPIPHANY brought the Christmas cycle to a special ending with the “manifestation” of the Christ Child to the world. Its three main expressions: the Magi, the Baptism, and the Cana story of water into wine.

LENT then spoke to us of the suffering and death of the Christ. This penitential season took us to the depths of the passion of the Lord, especially as we came to Passion Sunday and the meaningful days of Holy Week. Discipleship spoke to us of the cross! We ended it all with the majestic TRIDUUM!

EASTER told us have the Resurrection, and that the central mystery of our Catholic Faith lie in the experience of the empty tomb. The Lord Jesus who died, had now risen, and would come again. Let us proclaim the mystery of our Faith --- each time we gather at the Eucharistic Table of the Lord!

ORDINARY TIME has two moments. There were a few Sundays between the end of Epiphany and the beginning of Lent when we sat in anticipation; and then the rest will be completed after Pentecost. It will finalize in the celebration of Christ the King and another year will then begin with the First Sunday of Advent.