

Bulletin # 910038

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MESSAGES:

## RECONCILIATION

### THIS WEEK

As we get deeper and deeper into the season of Lent, celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation becomes more and more prominent in this penitential season. Every parishioner is asked to take advantage of one of the TWO opportunities afforded to, as the sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on TUESDAY, APRIL 4th at 7:00 p.m. and at 6:30 p.m. on THURSDAY, APRIL 6th. Visiting priests will join us so that the communal celebration of the sacrament will be a special experience for all those in attendance. We are reminded that "confessions" will not be heard during Holy Week, since the liturgy asks us to concentrate on the mystery of the Lord's dying and rising during those important days.

### NEXT WEEKEND: PASSION SUNDAY

The liturgies next weekend will concentrate on the proclamation of the Passion of the Lord Jesus, with palm being given out to begin the celebration. Please note the need to come a little earlier to the liturgy because of the great number of people who gather in church to celebrate this important day.

### THE SACRED TRIDUUM

The "Sacred Triduum" (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil) is the high point of the entire Liturgical Year. Will you be one of our parishioners who makes an honest attempt to gather with the Faith Community at EACH of these celebrations???

### FESTIVAL FLASHES



Our Parish Family Festival will be held on June 22nd - 23rd - 24th ...we hope that all members of the Parish Family keep open these three days....this is a wonderful time for new families to take an active part in parish life and meet many parishioners... chairpersons of each of the sectors of the Festival are beginning to invite other parishioners to help in their work... watch for your raffle tickets that will be coming soon with BIG prizes for the winners!

### "MIRROR, MIRROR" ON THE POLE

Have you noticed the newest addition to our parking lot scheme to make driving safer and easier for all those who come around to the BACK parking lot? A *Circular Convex Security Mirror* has been placed on a pole for those coming around the school! We should no longer have difficulty in maneuvering around the bend by the playground as we come to events in Marian Hall, to pick up our children from CCD or school or to visit the rectory!

### EXTENDED STAFF CELEBRATION

All members of the "Extended Staff" are reminded to keep open the first Sunday after Easter, April 23<sup>rd</sup> this year, for our traditional gathering of appreciation for the integral ministry that each person offers to the overall life of our Parish Family. The term "Extended Staff" applies to all those persons, excluding the nine members of the Parish Staff, who receive financial compensation from the Parish Family. Our great realization is that the wonderful work of the Church that takes place in so many facets of our Parish Family would be impossible without the dedication of all these persons on the "Extended Staff." The gathering on the first Sunday after Easter is simply a small attempt to express the gratitude of all of us for this magnificent work.

### OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURT

With the Temporalities Commission approval and the expert landscaping of the "Bittner Work Crew" we are on the way to creating our OUTDOOR Basketball Court for use by all parishioners. Once the asphalt top is completed, we will be ready for a "fence around the court" and SIX "outdoor basketball hoops." Any parishioner who might be able to help defray the cost of these items with in kind or cash contributions is asked to come forward at this time!

### OUR MOTHER CHURCH: ST. PAUL

The "Mother Church" of our Diocese is St. Paul Cathedral, which is celebrating the centennial of the church building itself. A renovation program has been initiated by the Bishop in which every parish is asked to make a pledge over the next three years. The Finance Council of our Parish Family has received a letter from the Diocese inviting us to participate in this campaign as one of the "Leadership Parishes" of the Diocese.

**Masses for the Week**

**Sunday, April 2 - Fifth Sunday of Lent**

- 4:00 p.m. Paul Sust (Helen & William Sohl)
- 6:00 pm Sharon Mittermeier (Pat & Carl Carfagna)
- 7:30 a.m. Andy & Allan Palmer (Family)
- 9:00 a.m. Deceased of Hoffmann Family  
(Fred & Carol Hoffmann)
- 11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish

**Monday, April 3**

- 7:00 a.m. Dennis & Agnes Driscoll (Jack & Sandy)
- 10:00 a.m. Helen Keirn (Frances Auth)

**Tuesday, April 4 - St. Isidore**

- 7:00 a.m. Aloysius Munio (Pat & Mike Sunseri)
- 10:00 a.m. Pamela Nese (Family)
- 7:00 p.m. **PENANCE SERVICE**

**Wednesday, April 5 - St. Vincent Ferrer**

- 7:00 a.m. Joseph & Josephine Mikszan (Mikszan Children)
- 10:00 a.m. Clarence Walz (Madge Boyer)

**Thursday, April 6**

- 7:00 a.m. George Duffy (Family)
- 10:00 a.m. Maria Antonia Imbarlina (M/M Marco Imbarlina)
- 6:30 p.m. **PENANCE SERVICE**

**Friday, April 7 - St. John de la Salle**

- 7:00 a.m. Francis Werling, Jr. (Family)
- 10:00 a.m. Michael Santarelli (Butler Family)
- 2:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross (School)**
- 7:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross with Eucharistic Adoration**

**Saturday, April 8**

- 8:00 a.m. Russell Shered (Sherred Family)
- 4:00 p.m. Leo Mueller (Family)
- 6:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish

**Sunday, April 9 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

- 7:30 a.m. Francesco Paolo Fusca (Joseph & Grace Mantella Family)
- 9:00 a.m. Charles A. Foley (Todd & Candy Luniewski & Family)
- 11:00 a.m. Sp. Int. John Connelly (Tim & Carol Murray)

**A VOCATION VIEW**

**To be God's servant, we must follow Jesus. Do you desire to see where Jesus lives? Serve the poor and marginalized. (John 12: 20-33)**

**PASTORAL COUNCIL GATHERING**

The members of the Pastoral Council are reminded of their gathering set for Monday of this week, April 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory. The Council continues to offer LAY LEADERSHIP to the spiritual journey of our Parish Family. Every parishioner is welcome to contact one of the Council members with ideas and suggestions that might enhance the Mission Statement of our Parish Family as it appears on the front of the bulletin each week.

**CALL TO ALL USHERS**

We ask ALL USHERS to keep open the evening of Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> for an important gathering for all those involved in the Ministry of Usher. Details will be forthcoming about this gathering in future bulletins.

**R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Teresa Gullo. May God grant her eternal peace in His light.**

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

- I. Julie Meyers (St. Mary's) - Nicholas Hill**
- I. Gabrielle Shriver (St. Gabriel - Whitehall) - Chad Hodgson (St. Mary's)**

**DAILY**



**READINGS**

- April 3: Dn 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 {41c-62}; Jn 8: 1-11**
- April 4: Nm 21: 4-9; Jn 8: 21-30**
- April 5: Dn 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8: 31-42**
- April 6: Gn 17: 3-9; Jn 8: 51-59**
- April 7: Jer 20: 10-13; Jn 10: 31-42**
- April 8: Ez 37: 21-28; Jn 11: 45-56**
- April 9: Mk 11: 1-10 or Jn 12: 12-16 (procession); Is 50: 4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2: 6-11; Mk 14: 1 — 15: 47 {15: 1-39}**

March 26, 2006	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	864	\$16,735.75
Cash/Loose Cks.	—	787.00
Children's Offer.	64	75.43
Human Develop.	205	3,084.00
Easter Flowers	37	604.00
Parish Share	18	2,125.00
Easter Offer.	2	55.00
Parish Needy	225	2,584.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,415</b>	<b>\$26,050.18</b>

## **A PARISH FAMILY INVITATION**

**R.C.I.A.** meets this Sunday following the 9 a.m. Liturgy in the Rectory Dining Room. This week's topic: The Parables. Next week's topic: Holy Week. Please call Father Ed or Jim Finn with questions at (412) 486-4100.

**ST. MARY'S MIDDLE ROAD:** Is hosting a trip to Washington D.C. We have a full itinerary scheduled, including the new WWII Memorial, the Pope John Paul Cultural Center, Franciscan Monastery and Catacombs, Arlington Cemetery, etc. An extra highlight is the Sunset Parade and Concert performed by the Marie Corps Band. Trip cost of \$366.00 per person (dbl. Occupancy) includes transportation, accommodations at Marriott in Virginia, admission fees, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, all taxes and gratuities, including tour guide and driver. Dates: May 25, 26 & 27. For details call Arlene Nath at (412) 487-1891 or Mary Ann Coholich at (412) 486-0165.

**Join Your Friends from the 55 Specials:** For the Riverside Inn Dinner Theater in Cambridge Springs, PA, on Tuesday, May 16th. Riverside Inn presents "A Bench in the Sun." Cost is \$73.00 per person. To make reservations contact Jane Fabry at (412) 487-3091.

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA:** Beginning on Good Friday and continuing every day for nine days, the Novena to the Merciful Jesus will be held in the Church from 3-4 p.m. before St. Mary's own original life size image of Divine Mercy from Poland. Each day prayers are offered for particular groups and the Chaplet revealed to St. Faustina Kowalska in 1931, is recited. All are welcome.

**NORTH CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PROUDLY ANNOUNCES "THE WIZ":** Fri., Sat., and Sun., April 28, 29 & 30. Lesniak Hall at 7:30 p.m. Adults \$7, Students \$5. Tickets are sold at the door or contact the School at (412) 321-4823

## **RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

**Pilgrimage on Bus with Deacon Francis** Holy Thursday immediately after the 7:00 PM Liturgy. The tradition of visiting SEVEN churches during this sacred night is a prayerful opportunity to make a journey-in-spirit with Jesus, recalling the seven places HE was taken after the Last Supper. Our pilgrimage will visit St. Ursula, Divine Providence Motherhouse Chapel, St. Alexis, St. Alphonsus, St. Sebastian, St. Bonaventure and return to St. Mary around 11:30 PM ALL welcome; call 412-486-5521 TODAY to reserve a bus seat .

### **Faith Sharing - 5th Week of Lent**

To what extent do YOU live in hope? How does Jesus' promise of eternal life impact your decisions and actions? What do you do to help unbind others so they may have eternal life?

### **Monday Faith Formation, April 3**

Grade 6 BE IN church by 6:30 PM, have your VENTURES for April 9 ready to use. All other grades meet in classrooms.

### **Saturday Faith Formation, April 8**

9:30 AM ALL meet in classrooms. .

### **Confirmation Candidates and Parent/Guardian,**

be sure that you are reserving April 22 to participate in the 6:00 PM liturgy and practice for Confirmation. Sponsors do NOT need to, but may, attend the practice.

**Liturgy of the Word with Children** celebrated next Sunday at 9:00 AM Liturgy.

**SON TREASURE ISLAND** will be HERE with our Summer Bible Program August 14 - 18. SEE a PREVIEW today in Marian Hall near the stage as you enjoy hospitality with others.

**SEDER - Passover meal** folders for family participation available; call 412-486-5521.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY** **TEEN HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES**

Holy Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, the youth of our Parish traditionally attend the Chrism Liturgy at St. Paul's 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. Philip** and **Fr. Paul**. **All students from Shaler, Fox Chapel, and Hampton are all on scheduled days off from school. Why not join in as we hope to take a large group down – we will depart at 8:40AM from our Church Parking lot.** Students in Grades 8 – 12 please call the CYM Office at 412/492-9344 to register.

### **T-ROC – SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH**

Our topic is "Jesus' Passion and Death"

- Gather at 5:45 PM in the church, Liturgy begins at 6 PM.
- 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 on "Spiritual Enrichment from Liturgy".
- **An activity will be provided for students in grades 6-8, so that all parents can attend the adult session.**
- The evening will conclude around 8:30 p.m.

**T-ROC Snack** - Please contribute the following items. If your last name begins with:

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

### **BREAKFAST AND BIBLE – April 9th**

Come hungry for scripture and a delicious breakfast!  
10:00 a.m.- Noon at the JAM Center!

### **HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR**

- Sun. Apr. 2** CYM Leadership Team- 6PM in Church
- Sun. Apr. 2** LIVING STATIONS - 7:30 PM IN Church
- Sun. Apr. 9** TROC – 6 – 8:30 PM – Palm Sunday
- Sun. Apr. 9** BREAKFAST & BIBLE – 10-Noon at JAM Center

**Crosswalk Meeting** for our **Good Friday Crosswalk** - We will distribute costumes at **T-ROC** with Mr. and Mrs. Penezic.

## **ST. MARY SCHOOL**

**REGISTRATION** - Registration for students in pre-school (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.

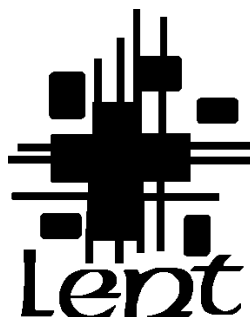
Requirements for registration include your child's birth and baptismal certificates and the child's social security number. A \$100.00 non-refundable registration fee is also required at this time which will be applied to next year's tuition.

**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 March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM in church.

Primary students (grades 1-3) will pray the Stations on the following Wednesdays: March 29th and April 5th 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**

**RICE BOWLS** may still be used for your sacrifices which will help the most destitute. Bring the RICE BOWL donations marked "Rice Bowl" to church during Holy Week.

**Parish PHOTO DIRECTORY project** seeds are planted. Every family who participates in the photo take will receive a FREE directory and a FREE family portrait. A few volunteers are eager to "till the soil", yet several more willing helpers needed. Call Ruth Dollin, 412-486-0614 for details.

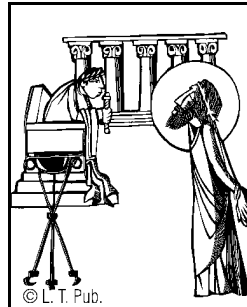
**FAMILY CCD PROGRAM:** meets **NEXT Sunday, April 9th.** The April Project will be the **Holy Family Institute.** We will be collecting any type of Easter Candy, Gift Certificates for fast food restaurants, pizza, and movie theaters. Also, monetary donations are always welcomed - please make checks payable to "Holy Family Institute." A table will be set up at the back of Marian Hall for this collection. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated!

**LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME:** a ministry to parents with young children under age 5 provides a variety of different activities. Each week the Core Team provides some food for thought entitled: **A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** written by a national columnist, Bud Ozar. **Today's Gospel reminds us to be "the grain of wheat which falls to the ground and dies."** In burying our pride, our opinion and our way we allow unity, forgiveness and affection to grow in our home. This kind of "dying" to self is how we "glorify the Father."

**PRAY AND PLAY DAY:** All are invited to come to the Children's Liturgy Room on Wednesday, April 5th at 9:30 a.m. A special presentation will be made preparing the children for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8th beginning at 12:00 noon in Church. For more information, call Cindy Shadle at (412) 487-5272.

**DAD'S BIBLE STUDY:** All men are invited to come to the rectory on Wednesday evening, April 5th,

at 8:00 p.m. Call Ron Stone for details at (724) 502-2077.



**LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2006, 7:30 P.M. IN CHURCH. ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
Come and experience the way of Jesus to Calvary. Presented by St. Ferdinand's Youth Ministry.

**USHER/GREETER ALERT:** New scheduled will be mailed in mid-April. A copy of the schedule for May - June - July - August is posted in the Usher's Room.

**ALTAR SERVER RECOGNITION DAY:** All of our Altar Servers are invited to this special day on Sunday, April 23rd at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Following Mass there will be a breakfast buffet in Marian Hall. The Altar Servers will attend as our guests. RSVP to Mr. Finn (412) 486-4100.

**WORSHIP COMMISSION MEETING:** Will meet this Tuesday, April 4th, at 8:00 p.m. in the rectory. All are welcome to attend. Submit agenda items to Tom Goral (412) 487-6244.

**ADULT LECTURE SERIES:** Christopher West will speak this Wed., April 5th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul Seminary Auditorium. His topic: **God, Sex, and the meaning of Life: An Introduction to Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body.** All are invited! No Charge.

**POPE JOHN PAUL II'S FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH:** Sunday, April 2nd is the First Anniversary of Pope John Paul's death. Please remember to pray for peace, love and charity in the world. It has been suggested that all pray the rosary for his intention.

## **AROUND THE TOWN**

**Jesus Christ Superstar** will be presented by St. Joseph High School drama team at the Casino Theater in Vandergrift one more weekend 31, April 7-8-9. A "high priest" from our parish is in the cast. Call 724-226-3186 for tickets or reservations.

**PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS** from Father John

On Tuesday of this coming week, Lent will have moved to its three quarter mark. To be more precise, TODAY is day number "33" with only "13 more" days left in the Lenten season. As we come closer and closer to the unfolding of the mysteries that celebrate the death of the Lord Jesus, our thoughts turn to our own sinfulness and the gentle forgiveness awaiting us in the Sacrament of RECONCILIATION!

From the announcement of his birth, celebrated way back in the Advent/Christmas season, we have known that his name would be "JESUS." As the angel so clearly spoke "...you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins..." The entire ministry of Jesus brought him to the final events of the last week in his life. It is in his passion and death that forgiveness has been offered to all of us who have sinned. We remember these life-giving events as we come to the magnificent celebrations of Holy Week. The forgiveness now guaranteed by the dying and rising of the Lord Jesus now comes to us in three ways:

PRIVATELY --- as each one of us asks our divine God for forgiveness on our own terms. For some, it is each night before retiring; for others, it is a quick visit to the church; for others, it is a daily prayer as soon as we have sinned. All such private experiences bring us in contact with the forgiving presence of the Lord Jesus!

COMMUNALLY --- as we gather together each Sunday at the liturgy. The "Penitential Rite" of the liturgy, especially as we have been kneeling during this Lenten season, is a common experience of our own sinfulness. This expression of our sorrow reminds us clearly that we must offer forgiveness to each other, if we hope to receive mercy from the divine Father.

SACRAMENTALLY --- as we assemble during this coming week in the Reconciliation Services that have been planned for our Parish Family. This is the highest expression of divine forgiveness since it becomes a sacramental experience guaranteed in the dying and rising of the Lord Jesus. With this sacrament we are truly RECONCILED: both to our God and to each other!

**Lent** is a time to celebrate all THREE forms!

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