

Bulletin # 910038

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MESSAGES:

## TODAY "LAETARE" SUNDAY

We have come to the fourth Sunday of the season of Lent and our sites are set on the glory of the Easter that is just "around the corner" on the liturgical calendar. This day has been named "Laetare Sunday" in the traditional Latin liturgy since the first word proclaimed was REJOICE (Laetare in Latin). Even though we have set aside the Latin wording, the Church still speaks to us of the joy of the Resurrection with a possible ROSE colored décor for the church. It reminds all of us that even in the midst of this penitential season, when we accentuate the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, there is still a glimmer of hope as we anticipate the coming of the Easter glory.

### SECOND COLLECTION: TODAY

There will be a second collection taken up at all of today's liturgies as we once more reach out to the needs of the Church throughout the world. Today's collection once was three individual collections taken up at three different times in the year. Now these three have been combined into one second collection: "Catholic Campaign for Human Development" and "Catholic Home Missions Appeal" and National Collection for Black and Indian Missions." There is an envelope in our packet for this collection. This is one of the TEN official collections as sponsored by the Diocese to be taken up in every parish in the country. We ask for your generosity as today's collection meets the needs of those less fortunate than we.

### EASTER LITURGY SCHEDULE

All parishioners are encouraged to join us at the Easter Vigil set for Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 p.m. as the most important liturgy in the entire year. Also, we have added a liturgy time on Easter Sunday at 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon to help alleviate the great numbers of people who come to the morning liturgies. We encourage parishioners to take advantage of these two opportunities so as to make their Easter Sunday liturgy one of unique joy, peace and the celebration of new life.

#### SCHOOL LUNCH TIME

With the coming of the springtime weather, our school children will be in the back parking lot. During lunchtime no vehicle may go around the school between 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

## BIDDING NOW UNDERWAY

With the fine work of the Temporalities Commission and their expertise in serving the needs of our Parish Family, we have met all the standards that the Diocese requires to start the BIDDING process for our Parish Activity Center (PAC). We have informed the perspective bidders about the pre-bid walk through and then will await their sealed bids for the project. We have already been put on the Diocesan Building Commission agenda for the final approval of our project. Meanwhile, we encourage all those who have not pledged or contributed to the Pledge Campaign to do so as soon as possible!

### LENTEN ENRICHMENT SERIES

The Worship Commission has put together a splendid Enrichment Series on each of the Tuesdays of Lent that includes the Eucharistic liturgy, a different speaker each week and a presentation that will be made during the homily time of the liturgy. This week Father Lou Vallone, a priest of the Diocese of Pittsburgh noted for his renowned homilies, will be our guest. Father Vallone has just finished a sabbatical in Rome and certainly has a wonderful message for us all. We make an appeal to all our parishioners to join us this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in church for our Lenten Enrichment Series.

### FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

Members of the Finance Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory on Monday of this week. The Council will begin to look toward the 2006-2007 budget for the Parish Family.

### FESTIVAL MEETING THIS WEEK

The first planning session of this year's Festival will be held on Thursday of this week, March 30<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. All chairpersons and interested parishioners are cordially welcome to be part of this planning session.

### "DECODING THE SYMBOLISM"

With the coming movie version of the best selling book "The DaVinci Code" bring questions to your mind about our Faith? Watch for details of an evening in our Parish Family next month for a "decoding of the symbolism" of the novel.

**Masses for the Week**

**Sunday, March 26 - Fourth Sunday of Lent**

- 4:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Leper (Janice & John Genco)
- 6:00 pm Mary Quaternik (Bob & Marie Deasy)
- 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)

**Monday, March 27**

- 7:00 a.m. Betty Schleicher (Mary Ann & Sandy Ondriezsek)
- 10:00 a.m. Joseph Antonucci (Ed & Rosalie Moan)

**Tuesday, March 28**

- 7:00 a.m. Norman Frankowski (Richey)
- 10:00 a.m. Ed & Irene Brown (Paul & Kelly Zoeller)
- 7:00 p.m. Ian O'Malley (Mark Lentz)

**Wednesday, March 29**

- 7:00 a.m. Jim & Regina Cannon (Kelly Cannon Family)
- 10:00 a.m. Lee Kavanaugh (Roz & Family) (from 1-18-06 funeral)

**Thursday, March 30**

- 7:00 a.m. Dick & Helen Keirn (Tom & Dianna Kolander)
- 10:00 a.m. Zerah (Bud) Perry (Grace Klocek & John Lefko)

**Friday, March 31**

- 7:00 a.m. George R. Samuel (Wife & Family)
- 10:00 a.m. Robert Porco (The Madia Children)
- 2:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (School)
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross with Eucharistic Adoration

**Saturday, April 1**

- 8:00 a.m. Deceased of Denale & McNalley Families (Linda & Jerry)
- 10:00 a.m. In Memory of Pope John Paul II (CCD Families)
- 4:00 p.m. Paul Sust (Helen & William Sohl)
- 6:00 p.m. Sharon Mittermeier (Pat & Carl Carfagna)

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

- 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

**A VOCATION VIEW**

God loves the world so much and blesses us with the gift of His Son, Jesus. How do you receive and share this gift of love? (John 3: 14-21)

**THE LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**

Don't miss it! Make it a family event...all ages welcome! Come to St. Mary's Church next Sunday, April 2nd. St. Ferdinand's Youth Ministry presents this reenactment of the Way of the Cross. No charge - free will donation. Come early and get a good seat. It all begins at 7:30 p.m.

**VOCATION COUNCIL MEETING:** Members of the Parish Family Vocation Council will meet on Tuesday, March 28th, following the Lenten Enrichment Series Mass. New members are welcome! We will meet in the rectory.

**R.I.P.** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Frederick Rihn, Jerry Rihn, Bernard Mittereder, brother of Anne Riley, Joy Wetzell, sister of Jane Doyle and Katie Campbell, sister of Tom McDonnell.

| March 19, 2005    | Envelopes    | Contributions      |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Offertory         | 894          | \$17,594.64        |
| Cash/Loose Cks.   | —            | 836.00             |
| Children's Offer. | 61           | 80.75              |
| Easter Flowers    | 56           | 776.00             |
| Human Develop.    | 6            | 70.00              |
| Parish Share      | 29           | 1,830.00           |
| Parish Needy      | 16           | 300.00             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>1,062</b> | <b>\$21,487.39</b> |

**DAILY**



**READINGS**

- March 27: Is 65: 17-21; Jn 4: 43-54
  - March 28: Ez 47: 1-9, 12; Jn 5: 1-16
  - March 29: Es 49: 8-15; Jn 5: 17-30
  - March 30: Ex 32: 7-14; Jn 5: 31-47
  - March 31: Wis 2: 1a, 12-22; Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30
  - April 1: Jer 11: 18-20; Jn 7: 40-53
  - April 2: Jer 31: 31-34; Ps 51; Heb 5: 7-9; Jn 12: 20-33
- Alternate readings (Year A):  
 Ez 37: 12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11: 1-45 {3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45}

**PARISH FAMILY INVITATIONS**



**Our Fish dinners will CONCLUDE this Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>!**

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

The menu this year will include baked fish, assorted side dishes, and beverages **PLUS OTHER 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 R through Z, please bring your dessert to Marian Hall before 4 PM on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.** Thank you in advance for your continued support of the CYM.

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** All children under 10 years old are invited to St. Mary's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8th. Join us in Church at 12:00 noon 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 the marked box in the Children's Liturgy Room. Thank You!!

**ACTIVE MILITARY—RESERVISTS—VETERANS**

We need the following information for the Memorial Day Mass @ 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 29th. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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, Fire Medics, Nurses, Doctors, we would like to update our list of these individuals so as to honor them.

**RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

**Faith Sharing - 4th Week of Lent**

In Paul's letter to the Ephesians 2:4-10, he speaks of "saving grace". What does this term mean to YOU? If salvation comes through Christ's resurrection, why do we do good works?

**Monday Faith Formation, March 27**

Grade 5 and Grade 2 BE IN church by 6:30 PM, have your GOOD NEWS for April 2 ready to use. All other grades meet in classrooms.

**Grade 2 of Monday Sessions** invited to be enrolled in the Scapular of Mary this evening.

**Saturday Faith Formation, April 1**

Grade 8 BE in church by 9:30 AM; have your VISIONS for April 2 ready to use. Chimes practice with the Liturgy of the Word. All other grades meet in classrooms.

**THANKS Family Program Members** for the canned vegetables and Easter candies for our Saint Vincent de Paul society. The items are already directed to needy persons served by our parish Food Pantry.

**Confirmation Candidates** meeting in cluster groups this month are sharing their research about SAINTS whose names they choose to bear as their name at Confirmation. May ALL the Saints intercede for our youth in their following and living the values of Christ .

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

**Liturgy of the Word with Children**

celebrated today at 9 and 11 AM Liturgy. If YOU will like to be part of the team for LOTWWC call Donna, 412-492-9312 or Mary Sue, 412-767-5234.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

### **TEEN HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES**

Holy Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, the youth of the 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. 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.

**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.

#### **T-ROC – SUNDAY, APRIL 9 - PALM SUNDAY**

Our topic is "Jesus' Passion and Death"

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

**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. 26** CROSSWALK Practice - Noon in church
- Fri. Mar. 31** FISH DINNER! 4:30 – 7:00 PM
- Sun. Apr. 2** CYM leadership team 6 PM in church
- Sun. Apr. 2** LIVING STATIONS 7:30 PM in church
- Sun. Apr. 9** T-ROC - 6 – 8:30 PM - PALM SUNDAY

#### **LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

This special presentation by St. Ferdinand's Youth Ministry begins at 7:30 PM on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meet in the Church.

#### **CROSSWALK PRACTICE TODAY**

**Don't Forget...** our practice in the Church beginning at Noon after the 11:00 AM Liturgy on Sunday, March 26.

## **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.

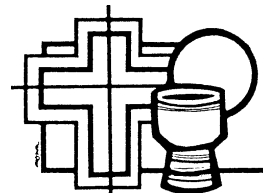
Requirements for registration include your child's birth and baptismal certificates and the child's social security number. A \$100.00 non-refundable registration fee is also required at this time which will be applied to next year's tuition.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> through 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 29<sup>th</sup> and April 5<sup>th</sup> 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**

**R.C.I.A.** meets today following the 9:00 a.m. Liturgy. Today's topic: *General Topics*. Next week's topic is: *The Parables*.

**LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME:** The next Pray and Play Day will be held on Wednesday, April 5th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Children's Liturgy Room in Church. All parents with children ages five and under are welcome to join us. Call Cindy Shadle at (412) 487-5272 for more information.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:** In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches "whoever lives the truth comes to light." Withholding or distorting the truth, in an attempt to control others, is a misuse of power. Healthy families promote truth; this is how individuals "come to the light."

**GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN:** A busload of our men will be heading to the A J. Palumbo Center at Duquesne University this coming Saturday, April 1st. Those who made a reservation to ride the bus are reminded to park in the lower level of the parking lot and board the bus in time for the 7:30 a.m. departure. The day will end with an anticipated Sunday Mass celebrated with Bishop Donald Wuerl at 4:15 p.m. If you have questions or concerns, call Jim Finn (412) 486-4100 at the rectory.

**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 Schuman 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 also in great need of brown grocery bags. Please put them in the Children's Liturgy Room in our Church. Thank You and God Bless You.

### **LENTEN REVIEW OF PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE:**

A group will meet Wednesday evenings during Lent from 7-8 p.m. in the 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 Wolf's at (412) 492-8051.

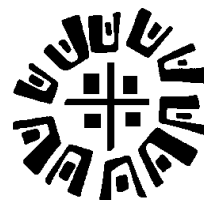
**WIDOW/WIDOWERS GROUP:** will meet Today at Antonucci's Ristorante, Route 8, across from Harts Run Rd., at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome. For more information call Marge at (412) 486-5621 or Barb at (412) 486-4209.

### **ST. CATHERINE OF SWEDEN BEREAVEMENT**

**MINISTRY:** is offering a weekly 6-session Grief Support program beginning Tuesday, April 4th, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. This program is for persons grieving due to the death of a loved one regardless of how long ago. There is no charge. To register, please call (412) 486-6001. St. Catherine's also has a monthly Grief Support session held each third Wednesday, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Please call if you plan on coming. Thank You.

**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 Marine 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 25th, 26th and 27th. For details call Arlene Nath (412) 487-1891 or Mary Ann Coholich (412) 486-0165.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:** March 31st through April 2nd, located at the Days Inn in Butler. Additional weekends are planned for September and November. For more information or to register, contact Mary & Lou Locante at (412) 635-7775 or check us out on the web at [wwme-pittsburgh.org](http://wwme-pittsburgh.org).



**PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS** from Father John

“IN THE PINK!” In the idiomatic language of America, it means “..the highest form or degree of excellence...” Interestingly enough, it comes from the fact that there is a clove pink flower (called *Dianthus Caryophyllus* for those with botanical exactness) whose powerful scent gives off a “clove-like” aroma. Puts one in mind of clover where a “four leaf clover” represents good luck in a world where most clover has three leaves. “COMING UP ROSES!” Another one of those American expressions that speaks to us of “... life reaching its highest form of excellence...” Similarly, the scent of the blooming rose draws our attention, especially when the color is PINK as a balance between the more popular red or white rose flower. To have one’s life be filled with the beauty of the pink-rose garden is to have ones life abound with joy.

Note the color of the liturgical vestments of the day! Some refer to them as PINK, although more properly they should be called ROSE. No matter! The effect is the same: we might suggest that today’s Liturgy is “in the pink” or simply “coming up roses” as the Church wishes to remind us that this is “Laetare Sunday.” “Laetare” is one of those Latin words that is derived from the first word of today’s liturgy, if we were to look precisely at the scripture text of the Entrance Hymn.

It comes from the prophet Isaiah, chapter 66, verse 10. In the three lines of the verse, we read:

**REJOICE** with Jerusalem      **BE GLAD** for her      **EXULT** with her.

To remind all of the People of God that the Church had reached the fourth Sunday of Lent, a rose would be carried in procession from the Church of the Holy Cross to the Lateran Palace. Later on this flower was embellished with gems and then sent to a prominent person in the Church whose life was filled with the joy of “...the highest degree of excellence...” We have turned the corner on the Season of Lent. Today is day number 26 with only 17 more days left before we come to the sacred Triduum. There is light at the end of the tunnel. We are beginning to get a glimpse of the wondrous brilliance of the Resurrection. Its “aroma” is beginning to filter back through the penitential days of Lent to fill us with a “scent” more wondrous than a rose garden full of four leaf clovers. REJOICE!

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