

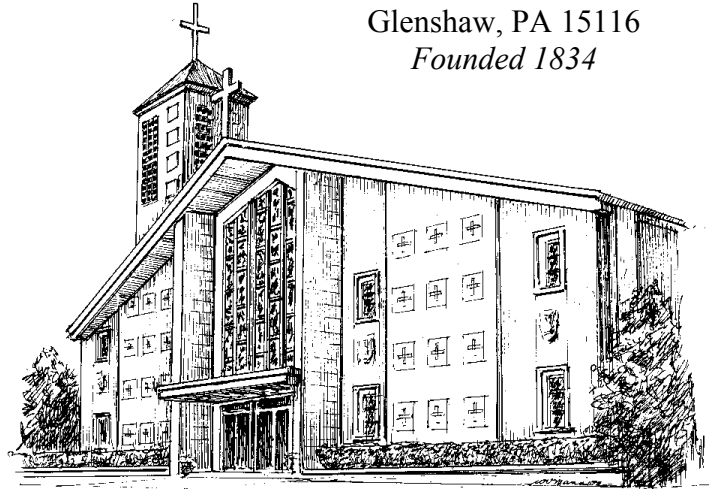
PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 24, 2010

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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

SECOND COLLECTION: TODAY FOR PEOPLE OF HAITI

The Diocese of Pittsburgh has invited every Parish Family to have a second collection TODAY for the needs of the People of the devastated country of Haiti. There is no envelope for this collection, so we ask for our own personal generosity for this free will offering. We can be assured that this money will be sent directly to Catholic Relief Services who will make sure that the funds go directly to the people of Haiti who are most in need of financial assistance!

RESPECT FOR LIFE WITNESS

Congratulations to the TWO BUS LOADS of members of our Parish Family who traveled to Washington this past week to witness to the dignity of human life. What a powerful witness all of these people are to our commitment to the significance of human life at every level of existence. Even though these buses were provided by the Parish Family, the "Respect For Life Committee" will be at the doors of the church next Sunday to enlist our financial help in the ministry that they have throughout the year.

MATCHING FUNDS CAMPAIGN

We thank the many parishioners who given or made a pledge to the Third Phase of our Campaign that will allow us to "match dollar for dollar" our amount. Monthly reminders have been sent out to those who made a pledge. IF you did NOT get one of these reminders, please call the rectory to make sure that your name is on the listing so that we can keep an accurate record of your pledged amount.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Members of the Finance Committee will meet on Monday of this week, January 25th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. The Committee will begin to set the plans for Parish Share Sunday which is February 14th this year. The Committee will also have the opportunity to look at the first six months of this present fiscal year (July-December) to monitor our budgetary expenses to make sure that the Parish Family stays solvent even though we have many expenses in trying to maintain the many events and programs in our active parish life.

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

The "Gift Coordinators" of GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) have set a very ambitious agenda for themselves as they begin to lay the foundation for opening up their GIFT for every family in their designated territory. These Coordinators will gather each month under the leadership of the Pastoral Council to develop a plan that will give every parishioner an opportunity to deepen "participating ownership" in our parish life together. We hope that all members of the Parish Family will receive the invitation of their "Gift Coordinators" later on in the year when this opportunity presents itself.

CONFIRMATION DATE GIVEN

We just received word from the Diocese of Pittsburgh this week that Bishop William Winter will be in our Parish Family to celebrate the Sacrament of CONFIRMATION on Thursday night, May 6, 2010. We ask all those with candidates for the sacrament to set aside this date for such an important moment in the spiritual life of the candidate. Parishioners are also invited to be with us for this parish celebration, since this night becomes another occasion for all of us to celebrate a major event in our parish life.

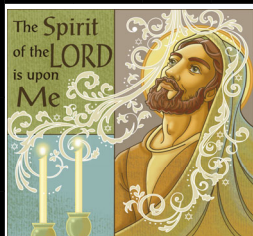
BINGO SCHEDULE READJUSTED

Since the January Bingo was cancelled due to inclement weather, we have readjusted the schedule to add another date to it – Friday, May 14th. Those who purchased a ticket for the January Bingo may use that ticket at any one of the next three bingos: February 12th -- April 16th --- May 14th.

A PARISH FAMILY ALIVE IN THE FAITH

Have you ever realized how alive our Parish Family is in all aspects of parish life and beyond? Take this little survey – count the number of different articles that are in THIS bulletin and compare that to other such bulletins! This week there are FIFTY SIX (yes, 56) – count them and compare!! What a Parish Family we all belong to and help to make so alive!!!

**ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS!
APPRECIATION FOR YOUR MINISTRY
SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 6th – JOIN US!**



LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 24, 2010 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 p.m. Nellie Rendulic - Carl & Pat Carfagna
- 6:00 p.m. Alma Mammay - Don & Joan
- 7:30 a.m. The Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 9:00 a.m. Giuseppe Liberto - Ferguson Family
- 11:00 a.m. Emilija Anna Mickus - St. Mary's Adult Choir

Monday, January 25, 2010 - The Conversion of St. Paul

- 7:00 a.m. Carolyn Grosjean - Buddy & Karolyn
- 10:00 a.m. Fr. Bernacki - The Sherred Family

Tuesday, January 26, 2010 - Sts. Timothy & Titus

- 7:00 a.m. Mary Kolander - Marge Brod
- 10:00 a.m. Jean Lis - Daughter, Sally

Wednesday, January 27, 2010 - St. Angela Merici

- 7:00 a.m. Betty Jane Hunkele - Family
- 10:00 a.m. Grace Piano - Mr. Fritz Triglia

Thursday, January 28, 2010 - St. Thomas Aquinas

- 7:00 a.m. Stanley Napierkowski - Tanya & Gene Klaber
- 10:00 a.m. John E. Connelly - Vivian & Rocco Didomenico

Friday, January 29, 2010 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 a.m. Ginnie Marmarosa - Sr. Lois Spinnenweber
- 10:00 a.m. Carmel Gross - St. Mary School Community

Saturday, January 30, 2010 - Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:00 a.m. W. J. Connelly - Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Santelli
- 4:00 p.m. Apollonia Castellano - Daughter, Concetta Liberto
- 6:00 p.m. Vencenza Derenzo - Husband, Giuseppe

Sunday, January 31, 2010 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. Ann Sufak - George Sufak, Husband
- 9:00 a.m. The Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 11:00 a.m. Robert Conner - Beadling 95ers

Weekly Activities at a Glance

- Sunday** (Marian Hall) 8:00AM - Blood Drive
- January 24* (Marian Hall) 9:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children (Rectory) 10:00AM - R.C.I.A.
- Monday** (School) No School - Clerical Day
- January 25* (Marian Hall) 6:00PM - Market Day Pick-up (Rectory) 7:00PM - Finance Council Meeting
- Tuesday** (Church) 2:45PM - Children Cantors Practice
- January 26* (Rectory) 2:45PM - School Band Practice
- Wednesday** (Marian Hall) 1:30PM - 55 Specials Bingo / Bridge
- January 27* (Church) 2:45PM - Children's Choir Practice (Church) 7:30PM - Adult Choir Practice
- Thursday** (Marian Hall) 2:45PM - St. Mary School Drama Club Practice
- January 28* (Church) 7:30PM - Adult Hand Bells Practice
- Saturday** (Marian Hall) 7:00PM - SMAA Night at the Races
- January 30*
- Sunday** (Marian Hall) 9:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children
- January 31* (Marian Hall) 11:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children

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 **John Roach, father of John Roach, Anthony DePasquale, father of Kathy Resch.** Please remember to pray for the consolation of their loved ones.



Please pray for all the sick and those recovering from illness. Family and friends have requested prayer for the following:

Ed, Mary Lou, Patricia, William, Sheila Daniels, Paul Danyluk, Susan Duncan, Karen Ford, Pete Penezic, Roz Hertweck, Carol Kotermanski, Barbara Lagiovane, Steve Lancaster, Courtney Ryce, Joshua Stanek, Pat Sovek, Jeff Stockert, Mark Thimons, Bill Vistein, Paul Zoeller.

WHITE MASS ... for persons who minister in HEALTH CARE Sunday, February 7, 10:00 AM liturgy at Saint Paul Cathedral. Nurses, Doctors, Health Aides, all welcome! This honors people who provide any aspect of healthcare.

DONATE BLOOD TODAY!

We will hold our semi-annual Blood Drive, **TODAY, Sunday, January 24, 2010** from 8:00AM to 2:00PM in Marian Hall. The blood bank is in dire need of blood. Please won't you consider donating? If you have any questions, please contact Rose Klobuchar at 412-486-9458.

Weekly Offertory Collections

January 17, 2010	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	759	\$15,979.71
Cash/Loose Checks	-	\$617.00
Children's Offertory	45	\$72.40
St. Anthony School Program	299	\$4,455.72
School Collection	14	\$221.00
Parish Share 2009	6	\$105.00
Parish Needy	30	\$422.00
Total	1,153	\$21,872.83

Daily Readings

- Jan. 25: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16: 15-18
- Jan. 26: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:31-35
- Jan. 27: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20
- Jan. 28: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25
- Jan. 29: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34
- Jan. 30: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41
- Jan. 31: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30



SACRAMENTAL LIFE

A VOCATION VIEW

The Spirit of God is upon you! Through baptism and confirmation God sends you "to bring glad tidings to the poor and to proclaim liberty to captives; to announce a year of favor from the Lord." Are you called to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister?

(Luke 1:1-4, 14-21)

TRAVELING VOCATION CHALICE

If you would like to host this prayer tool to pray for an increase of Church vocations, please call Ron Ondrizek, 412.486.6851. Singles, senior citizens and shut-ins as well as families are welcome to participate.

R. C. I. A.

Is the process through which non-Catholic adults enter the Catholic Church. We meet in the rectory dining room following the 9:00am Mass. All are welcome. Today's topic is Church History. **Next week we will not meet** and on February 7th, we will discuss Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. To find out more, call Father Ed or Jim Finn at the rectory (412)486-4100.

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME- All families with children under age five are welcome to participate in this special ministry. For more information call Monica at (412)492-0242.

PARENTING POINTERS

What can you family do to prevent abortion? Have you ever supported an unwed mother by providing clothes and baby needs? Can you provide childcare for a single mom who needs a break? If possible, let the children help.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

The bondage of a stressful schedule and the time-devouring demands of multi-tasking can "blind" you to the needs of your loved ones. Jesus tells us in the Gospel: "Today the scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." Perhaps you are "the captive who needs to be set free." Come Lord Jesus, set us free!

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Showing love is often about the little things; set up his coffee in the evening so it's ready for him in the morning, send her an on-line email during the day, leave a sticky note on the mirror if you are going out to town, ask her about her day, kiss him unexpectedly just because...

ALTAR SERVER RECOGNITION DAY

All current altar servers are invited to come to the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 14, 2010. Following Mass all servers are invited to join the diocesan seminarians for a breakfast in Marian Hall. Call Mr. Finn for your complimentary ticket at 412.486.4100, Ext. 203.

CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Mark your calendars! The 5th Annual Gathering of Catholic Men will take place on **Sat. April 10 2010** at the A. J. Palumbo Center on the campus of Duquesne University. For more details or to reserve a seat on the bus leaving from St. Mary's, call our pastoral associate, Jim Finn 412.486.4100.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Faith Sharing for Third Sunday Ordinary Time

This Sunday's gospel shows us Jesus who says "the Spirit of the Lord is upon me", and proclaims the good News that in God's kingdom "the blind see, captives have liberty, the oppressed go free, and the poor hear glad tidings." When have you felt yourself moving, as Jesus did, "under the power of the Spirit"? What were you called to do? Has the news of the tragedy in Haiti urged you to respond to them as "brothers and sisters" in Christ?

Faith Formation Groups

If/when nasty weather, use your good judgment to come or not if no "cancellation" announcement is broadcast. At times the weather changes in an instant and we do not want you to travel on dangerous ice or slippery snow.

Monday, January 25 ... turn in form if YOU or your family will be part of the "Stars Talent Share" on Feb. 8

4:30 PM All in class...church visits on own.

5:00 PM MARKET DAY, Grade 8-Library assist

6:30 PM All in class...church visits on own.

Saturday, January 30 ... 10:30 AM all in church-Grade 5 serve. 11:30 AM "ALL - STARS Assembly" with Parents/guardians meet in Marian Hall.

Confirmation Candidates: Call 412-486-5521

- ◆ Remember to return your **form** for the Confirmation **Retreat** to our Faith formation office.
- ◆ New opportunities for **SERVICE in our parish** – a response form is sent this week to each youth/family; looking ahead to Lenten Stations and Friday dinners.

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

January 25

Conversion of Saint Paul, last day of the octave for Christian Unity. Pray that "all be one" in Christ.

January 26

Saints Timothy and Titus, a good day to sit with these letters from Paul. Did you know that When Paul met Timothy he was only about 16 years old and was soon thereafter appointed to be the "overseer" of the early Christian community.

January 27

Saint Angela Merici, a pioneer in Catholic education and foundress of the Ursuline Sisters. She found new ways to do old tasks.

January 28

Saint Thomas Aquinas one of the most brilliant men of his times said he "learned more at the foot of the crucifix than in all his books." He's the patron of students and scholars.

LOVEWALK for the POOR will be Sunday, February 14. Bus leaves St. Mary's at 1:00 PM, to Sacred Heart, East Liberty for 2:00 PM Mass with Bishop Zubik, then walk to the East End Cooperative Ministries, taking nonperishable items for outreach to homeless or baby items for needy mothers with infants. Our team will host an activity table at the co-op to provide toiletry items for a Spiritan mission recently devastated in Haiti. Call 412-486-5521 this week if YOU will like to come on the bus.

HIGH SCHOOL AND YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

CYM BASKETBALL

COME AND SUPPORT OUR HIGH SCHOOL CYM TEAMS AT THEIR HOME GAMES; WE DO NOT CHARGE ADMISSION.

Sat., Jan. 23 Girl Varsity at 7:30 PM with St. Bede
Sun., Jan. 24 Girl Varsity at 12:30 with Heinz House
Sun., Jan. 24 Boy JV at 8 PM with St. Bonaventure

GOOD FRIDAY CROSS WALK

Each year our youth participate in a Stations of the Cross from Epworth Methodist to our church as they walk up hill along Burchfield Road. This community event has been going on for over 20 years. Teens in Grades 9 – 12 are welcome to participate. Please contact Mrs. B if you are interested. **WE ALSO NEED PARENTS TO HELP US!!!**

FISH DINNER VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS

CYM will be in charge of the dishwasher room; any teens or young adults who wish to help during any of those Friday dinners during Lent may contact CYM via phone or email to sign up.

PARISH BREAKFAST

Proceeds from our Parish Breakfast support all of our youth ministry activities, including, but not limited to, our three high school CYM basketball teams, the annual Appalachia mission trip, teen retreats and the annual CYM Drama for Charity.

DRAMA FOR CHARITY

Every year, CYM sponsors a drama for charity; our 2010 production will be performed the weekend after Easter, on April 10 & 11. **Teens earn service hours** because it is for charity; all of the rehearsal time counts toward community service. We also welcome young adults and adults to help us with this production; they may even take small roles in the play. Adults and young adults must meet diocesan requirements for "Safe Environment for Children" to work with our teens. Call the parish rectory office to initiate your certification process for Safe Environment. The play this year will be the comedy "Send Me No Flowers". **We are still looking to fill a few male roles, please call the CYM office if you are interested.**

APPALACHIA TEAM FUND RAISING

Youth who plan to participate in our 2010 mission trip must help at the CYM fundraisers, including parish breakfasts. Call the CYM office now to sign up. The next Parish Breakfast is February 28.

We require 15 hours of parish community service, which can be met through working at the breakfasts but also includes any parish liturgical ministry such as lector, cantor or altar server.

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 contact Mrs. B via belskib@verizon.net

ST. MARY SCHOOL

FORENSICS - Congratulations to our Forensics teams for their impressive 2nd place showing at the second tournament of the season at St. Maurice last weekend. Each and every member contributed to St. Mary's scoring a record high number of points, missing 1st place by two points.

Congratulations to Brendan Acri, Evan Brunner, Chris Cermnarara, Regina Dongilli, Mary Anna Ebbert, Annette Faith, Tara Ferguson, Chris Goetz, Francesca Iurlano, Becca Miller, Kat Omecene, Savannah Restori, Alex Schoppen, Karly Smrekar, Anna Voelker, Matthew Wisneski and Nicole Zelich for representing our school so well.

SCIENCE FAIR - It is not too late to offer to be a judge for our Middle School Science Fair which will take place on Thursday, February 4th. If you are interested in helping, no experience is necessary, just an interest in science. There will be a judge's training meeting on Thursday, February 4th, at 8:30 AM in Marian Hall. The judging will take place from 9 AM – noon. If interested, please contact Rita Turchetta, our Middle School science teacher, at 724-444-3145 or email her at turchettar@stmaryglenshaw.org.

OPEN HOUSE - Any family who might be interested in receiving a faith-filled, value-centered, quality education for their child is most welcome to come and see our school any Wednesday beginning January 20th through February 24th between 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM. This will give you the opportunity to see the children and staff during the regular routine of a school day.

We provide a 3 and 4 year-old preschool program in addition to our kindergarten through 8th grades. An Extended Day Program is also available for working parents.

To set up an appointment, please call the school office at 412-486-7611. We welcome you and look forward to meeting you and your child.

Bunco Fundraiser for Grady's All Stars!

Drew and Trent Grady are 5 and 2 year old nephews of Jill Butler of St. Mary's Parish. They have been diagnosed with a rare and fatal disease. Our St. Mary's Family has set up a Bunco fundraiser on February 5th starting at 6:30 pm. in the cafeteria. The money will assist them with their uncovered medical expenses. What a wonderful opportunity to help the Butler and Grady families during this difficult time. To reserve your seat please call Barb Lepore at 412-487-9529 and mail a \$25 donation to 128 Old Farm Court, Glenshaw, PA 15116. If you are unable to attend and would like to make a donation please make checks payable to Grady's All Stars. Any questions please contact Barb Lepore (412-487-9529) Kathy Beckley (412-486-7319) or Coleen Sarosi (412-486-6622). Please visit www.gradysallstars.com and www.battens.org.au/about.html for more information.

The St. Mary Athletic Association will hold their annual "Night



at the Races" in Marian Hall on Saturday, January 30th, 2010. \$20.00 a ticket includes food buffet, beer, setups, and soda. (BYOB) Doors open at 7:00 pm. Buffet dinner at 7:15 pm. Races start at 8:00 pm. Adults only. For tickets call Joy Soeder at 412.487.6516 or Mike Ware at 412.487.9263.

OUR PARISH NEWS

A Thought from Deacon Rob

“Prayer is the inner bath of love into which the soul plunges itself.” These words of Saint John Marie Vianney, patron saint of parish priests, struck me as I looked over the readings for this weekend. Now that the Christmas season is over, and all the holiday craziness is behind us, we return to the “ho-hum” days of our normal life, of this ordinary time in our calendar.

This week’s first reading from the Book of Nehemiah and the selection from the Gospel of Luke remind us how important it is for us to reflect upon the word of God. For it is from reading, reflecting upon and study of the word do we come to know the Word. And while we may read, reflect and study the word of God, we ultimately come to know the Word of God – Christ Jesus – through our moments of prayer with the Word. It is in our coming to know the Word that we discover how we can come to serve the Lord best in our lives.

Each of us is charged by our baptism to be heralds of the Word in the world in which we live. We are called “to bring glad tidings to the poor”, “to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord”. Through the sacrament of Confirmation, the Holy Spirit has come upon us, to strengthen us for the tasks we are charged to do. But we cannot do these things if we are not grounded in prayer, if we are not grounded in a relationship with Christ.

We have this awesome opportunity, as we prepare for Lent, to allow our souls to plunge itself further into the depths of the love of Christ. We have been given these weeks of Ordinary Time to slow down and prepare ourselves, once again, to encounter our Lord in ways we never dreamed possible. We have been given the opportunity, once again, to come to know the Word, and to speak that Word through our daily lives as His disciples.

During this time before Lent, allow your soul to plunge into the “inner bath of love”. Come to know Him once again. Allow your life to be a Gospel, so that the words of the Lord may continue to be true: “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing”.

Assumption Cemetery of St. Mary

Please remove all Christmas wreaths and decorations in our cemetery before March 1, 2010. If you are unable to do so, our maintenance crew will remove and discard them. Thank you.

ATTENTION ALL SCOUTS!

Sunday, February 7, 2010, is Scout Sunday. Any parishioner who is a Cub Scout, Boy Scout, or Girl Scout is invited to participate in the procession at the 9:00AM Liturgy. Scouts should wear their uniforms and meet in Marian Hall at 8:40AM to line up. A reception will follow in Marian Hall in conjunction with Hospitality Sunday. Please contact Lisa Gannon at 412.492.9490 or Tricia Mullen at 724.444.7489 with the number that plan to attend from your group.

CALLING ALL CUB SCOUT PACK 169 & BOY SCOUT TROOP 169 ALUMNI

The year, 2010, marks the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Pack 169 is working on an alumni collage to display on Scout Sunday. If you would like to contribute a picture, please contact Lisa Gannon at 412.492.9490 or by email at tlpharm@aol.com. Pictures will also be collected throughout the year to place in a 100th Anniversary scrapbook.

MARKET DAY – Delivery and pick up THIS Monday, January 25, 6:00-7:00 PM. Helpers welcome to come to Marian Hall at 5:00 PM.

LATE NIGHT CATECHISM #2: “Sometimes We Feel Guilty Because We ARE Guilty” will be at City Theater, South Side. Tickets are \$30.00. Call Faith Formation Office at 412.486.5521 for the # of tickets needed, if YOU can join us on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010.

GOOD NEWS TO SHARE

Hey Guys!

The Leadership has met and you will be getting an invitation to an information meeting very soon. Call or see Fr. Ed if you have any questions now!

Fish Dinner Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the six Fridays in Lent beginning on February 19th. Anyone interested in helping in any capacity or wanting further information should call Paul or Ginny Penezic at 412.487.5211. Past volunteers... We hope to see you back this year. Please call to confirm your availability.

THAT’S ENTERTAINMENT!

We are in search of talented individuals who are just itching for an audience! If you are one of these people, please contact Marie Doerge at 412.487.2977, for she is looking for entertainers during the Lenten Fish Dinners. Students and adults are all welcome and this could be your big chance to stardom! Please call!

ADULT ENRICHMENT – Mark your calendars NOW!

- ◆ Distracted!-Finding Focus in an Attention-Deficit World, FREE lecture and discussion with Maggie Jackson, THIS Thursday, January 28, 7:00-8:30 PM at Aquinas Academy, W. Hardies Road, Gibsonia.
- ◆ A Talk by writer Father Dwight Longenecker “St. Benedict and St. Therese: The Little Rule and the Little Way,” Tuesday, Feb. 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium at St. Paul Seminary in Crafton. The lecture is free and open to the public. For information, call 412-456-3112.
- ◆ Morality: Life in Christ, with Dr. Ed Scheid and Deacon Greg Jelinek at Central Catholic School, Tuesdays, Feb. 2 thru March 16, 4:00-7:00 PM. Call 412-456-3111 to register. This is a course of Basic Certification for Catechists; other adults welcome. Sign up THIS week.

Mission Outreach Project: Another **Didgeridoo** to be raffled on Sunday, Feb. 14th after the Love Walk. Chances are \$1.00 / 6 for \$5.00 along with name and phone # to our Faith Formation Office. Second prize is a Ethiopian handmade table cloth. Proceeds go to help support students in the Ethiopian Mission under the care of Fr. Vince Stegman.

ATTENTION MEN & YOUNG MEN

All are invited to make a retreat with us at St. Paul’s Retreat Center on the South Side. Keep open March 12, 13, & 14. A retreat provides rest and quiet time. Please call Charles Fischer at 412.487.4667 or Jim Karcher at 724.444.5798.

All men and young men are also welcome to join us on the Second Saturday of the month following the 8:00AM mass. We meet in St. Mary School for refreshments and discussion. Hope to see you on February 13th.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

World Marriage Day is celebrated the weekend of Feb. 13 & 14. There will be a diocesan celebration on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010 at Sts. Simon & Jude Parish. Mass will begin at 4:00PM with Bishop Winter presiding. Following mass there will be a reception in the parish hall. A presentation by Linda & Mark Fetzer, “The Sacrament of Marriage Alive” will follow. Donation is \$10. Please register by calling the Office for Adult & Family Faith Formation, 412.456.3160.

Hampton High School Winter Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, January 27th in their gym. All are welcome from 2 - 7:00PM, appointments are encouraged, call Cindy Smetanka, 412-486-2791. Thank you.

PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS from Father John

Many, many parishioners, who are aware of all of the intrinsics of parish life and who have a great dedication to the Parish Family are beginning to ask over and over “What is this **G.I.F.T.** all about?” “Will **G.I.F.T.** affect my spiritual life?” “Will I have a role in **G.I.F.T.**?” All of these questions and many more will be answered over these next few months as the “Coordinators of each **G.I.F.T.**” begin to lay out the plans for each of their territories. Maybe I might be able to set the stage with this trifold experience I had recently!

I had the pleasure of visiting three of my friends recently whose homes were built somewhat alike. In each of the three homes, the family room where we gathered, was separated by a doorway opening into a more private room of varying uses. In the first of these three homes, this doorway was guarded by a gate with a complicated locking system that seemed almost impossible to open. On the other side of the gate, were a variety of expensive antiques of the owner that were quite beautiful to view through the grating of the gate. However, the owner was very careful about who was able to enter the second room. Another friend of mine had almost the same setup of the two rooms, but the entrance between the rooms had a swinging door that allowed movement from one to the other much easier. However, since my friend was having a private telephone call with business that was way beyond my need to know, the door between the two rooms was closed shut. I needed to wait until my friend was finished with the important business at hand before the door would be open for our visit to begin. My third experience was altogether different. The opening between the two rooms was a large archway that was completely open without any door or obstruction of any type. I immediately felt the warmth not only of the family room where I was standing; but the hospitality of the owner as we both moved with great ease back and forth from one room to the other. There was an openness between the two of us that suggested that the most important aspect of my friend’s life at this time was my visit.

G.I.F.T. is a way to create a style of parish life where EVERY parishioner will experience the openness of knowing how important that person is to our Parish Family and for ALL parishioners to have an opportunity to take ownership of the awesome treasures that we share in our Community of Catholic Faith! The “architectural style” of **G.I.F.T.** is a non-obstructive openness to the unique beauty of each other!