

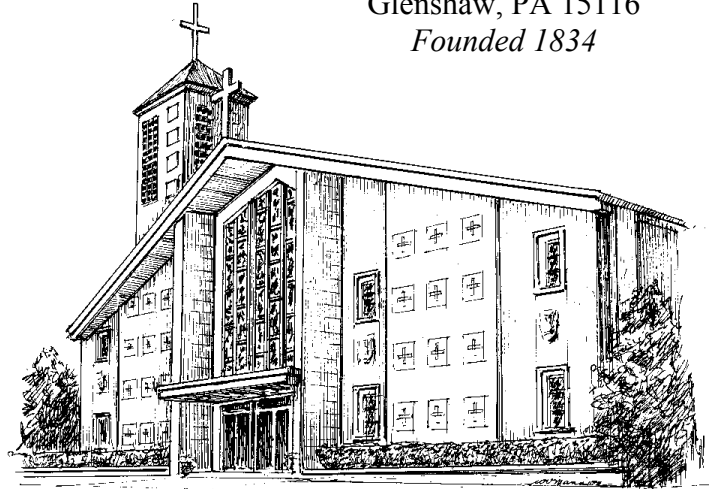
# PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King  
November 23, 2008

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*Founded 1834*

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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

# CHRIST THE KING

## A LITURGICAL SOLEMNITY



Today we bring the entire Liturgical Year to a climatic conclusion with the celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King. Parishioners who have been following the wonderful sequence of events unfolding in our liturgy have experienced a year full of superb celebrations. We have made our way through the six seasons of Advent-Christmas-Epiphany in the Christmas cycle, and Lent-Easter-Pentecost in the Easter cycle. These seasons coupled with the 34 weeks of Ordinary Time have offered us a composite of all that we believe as Roman Catholics. Now we have come to the end, and our sights are set on the future kingdom of heaven. The Lord Jesus is now crowned as “Christ the King” and those who have been faithful to his mandate in this world anticipate living in his new kingdom forever.

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

In honor of today’s celebration of Christ the King, all will have an opportunity to gather before the Blessed Sacrament for personal reflection and private prayer. Answering suggestions made in the survey, we will expose the Blessed Sacrament after the 11:00 a.m. liturgy. All are asked to remain a few minutes in prayer and to leave the church building more quietly than usual. The Blessed Sacrament will remain exposed until 4:00 p.m. when there will be a service for the reposition of the Blessed Sacrament as the living presence of the Christ in the tabernacle. All are cordially invited to join us at that time.

## A GALA NIGHT OF ENTERTAINMENT

Looking for a way to put a topper on the Thanksgiving Day weekend? Come, join us next Saturday at 7:30 p.m. when we have CAHAL DUNNE in our own Marian Hall, cosponsored with matching funds by the American Slovenian CU-KSKJ. What a wonderful way to prepare oneself for the joy of the Advent and Christmas season. Come along, invite a friend and share in our wonderful hospitality! BYOB, and enjoy coffee and cake that will be served. Simply call St. Lois (412-486-4021) for tickets at only \$12 a person!

## THANKSGIVING DAY

All parishioners, their friends and members of their families who may be home for the holiday, are cordially welcome to join us this Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, at 10:00 a.m. as we celebrate one liturgy underscoring the unity of our Parish Family as thankful people of the United States of America. This day gives us an opportunity to praise God for giving us citizenship in the most bountiful country in the history of the human race. Thanksgiving Day will have a special significance to those who gather at the EUCHARIST that morning since the word “Eucharist” itself means “thankfulness.”

## FOOD COLLECTION

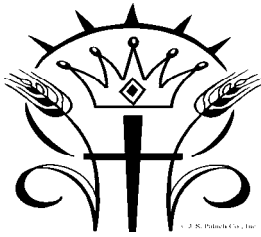
We invite all persons to bring canned goods or food items to the liturgy that day. There will be a collection of these items at the Presentation of the Gifts as they are brought to the altar. These food items will then be placed in the St. Mary Food Pantry to help the many needy families that are served by the St. Vincent de Paul Society at this time of year.

## SCOUTS IN UNIFORM

We would ask ALL scout groups --- both girls and boys ... to give a colorful aura to our celebration by coming to the liturgy “dressed in their uniforms” and bringing their flags. Scouts are asked to meet in Marian Hall at 9:45 a.m. so that they might be participants in the opening procession of the liturgy. We count on all the adult Scout Leaders to remind the young people in their care of this invitation that is meant for every scout person in our Parish Family.

## “VOX POPULI” (part 11)

One of the decisions of the Pastoral Council concerning the review of the nearly 1500 survey that were handed in at the liturgy is to make sure that those involved in the various ministries of the Parish Family are aware of the ideas and suggestions that have been written by the parishioners. The Council is now dividing these suggestions into the proper ministries and will then invite the various leaders responsible in these ministries to review the ideas. It must be noted at the beginning that ALL ideas will be reviewed. However, that does not mean that ALL ideas will be implemented, but only those that will deepened the spiritual life of the Parish Family.



## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, November 23, 2008 - Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

- 4:00 p.m. Patsy & Minnie Mignella - Daughters
- 6:00 p.m. Charles Stepnick - Shirly & Dan Stepnick
- 7:30 a.m. Frank Kirzyc - Wife, Sally
- 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 11:00 a.m. Teresa & Nicholas Moyeroff - Granddaughter/Family
- 4:00 p.m. Evening Prayer - Benediction

### Monday, November 24, 2008 - St. Andrew Dung-Lac and his Companions

- 7:00 a.m. James Berrang - Family
- 10:00 a.m. Pearl Smith - Julie & Ed Miller

### Tuesday, November 25, 2008 - St. Catherine of Alexandria

- 7:00 a.m. Filippo & Vincenza Ruffa - Ruffa Family
- 10:00 a.m. Ronald Kornick - Brother

### Wednesday, November 26, 2008 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 a.m. Joseph & Josephine Mikszan - Russell Mikszan
- 10:00 a.m. Kevin Gessler - Mother & Dad

### Thursday, November 27, 2008 - Thanksgiving Day

- 10:00 a.m. Francesco Paolo Fusca - M/M Tony Fusca

### Friday, November 28, 2008 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 a.m. Walter / Kirby Anniversary
- 10:00 a.m. Anna Bittner in Honor of Her 95th Birthday

### Saturday, November 29, 2008 - Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:00 a.m. Barbara & John Lorkovic - Dick & Carrie Druzak
- 4:00 p.m. Frank Kosmack - Wife & Children
- 6:00 p.m. Clarence Bittner - The Clarence Bittner Family

### Sunday, November 30, 2008 - First Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 a.m. Kathryn & Michael Runatz - Family
- 9:00 a.m. Grace Piano - M/M Edward Flynn
- 11:00 a.m. Barbara Jean Orsini - Lazzaro/Marinack Family

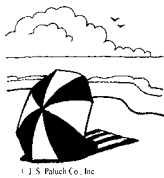
## Weekly Activities at a Glance

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| Sunday<br>Nov. 23    | (Rectory) 10:00AM - R.C.I.A.<br>(PAC) 7:00PM - Youth Group  |
| Monday<br>Nov. 24    | (Marian Hall) 3:00PM - Brownies Troop #804<br>(Church) 2:45PM - Children's Choir Practice<br>(School) 6:30PM - CCD Program - All Grades<br>(Rectory) 7:00PM - Finance Council   |
| Tuesday<br>Nov. 25   | (Marian Hall) 2:45PM - School Band<br>(Pantry) 6:00PM - Open Pantry<br>(Marian Hall) 6:30PM - CYM Drama Practice<br>(PAC) 7:00PM - School Drama Play<br>(Rectory) 7:00PM - St. Vincent dePaul<br>(Church) 7:30PM - Adult Choir Practice |
| Wednesday<br>Nov. 26 | (School) 11:45AM - Early Dismissal<br>(Marian Hall) 1:30PM - 55 Specials - Bingo/Cards  |
| Thursday<br>Nov. 27  | <i>Thanksgiving</i>   |
| Friday<br>Nov. 28    | (School) No School / Thanksgiving Vacations   |
| Saturday<br>Nov. 29  | (School) No CCD Classes<br>(Marian Hall) 7:30PM - Cahal Dunne Concert   |
| Sunday<br>Nov. 30    | (Church) 9:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children<br>(Rectory) 10:00AM - R.C.I.A.<br>(Church) 11:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children   |

**Gratefulness** is simply one way of experiencing the life of the Triune God within. The triune God is Giver, Gift, and THANKSGIVING. This movement from the Father through the Son and in the Spirit back to its source is what Saint Gregory of Nyssa called the "Round dance of the Blessed Trinity."

## Banns of Marriage

II. Michael Rzasa (St. Magdalene) & Christine Rozyczka (St. Mary)

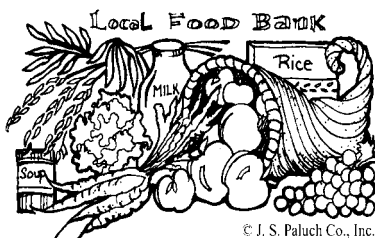


Due to vacation schedules, the contributions of November 23, and November 30, 2008, will be posted in the bulletin on December 7, 2008. Thank you for your consideration.

## Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

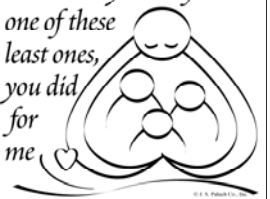
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"I was hungry and you gave me food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me drink."



## Daily Readings

Whatever you did for one of these least ones, you did for me.



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| Nov. 24: | Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4  |
| Nov. 25: | Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11   |
| Nov. 26: | Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19  |
| Nov. 27: | Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Lk 21:20-28 or Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19 |
| Nov. 28: | Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Lk 21:29-33   |
| Nov. 29: | Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36  |
| Nov. 30: | Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37                                 |

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE



### BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Aubrey Jordan Crist      Baily Alexis Crist  
 Jackson Luke Landreneau      Jude Edmund Landreneau  
 Katelyn Ann Celender      Jacob Rydder Stratemeier

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

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The RCIA includes those who are preparing for Baptism, those baptized in another Christian faith who seek full communion with us, and those Catholics who are baptized but never received any further formation and now seek Confirmation and Eucharist. We meet every Sunday morning, following the 9:00am liturgy in the rectory dining room. All are welcome to join us. This week we will discuss moral issues and next week the liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas. Call Fr. Ed or Jim Finn to find out more at 412.486.4100.

### A VOCATION VIEW

Tending the needs of others is a gift of service to God as well as those in need. Imagine that you chose to serve God as a deacon, priest, brother, or sister. What do you think/feel about this choice? (Matt.25:31-46)

### LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME

A post-baptismal ministry that attempts to meet the spiritual needs of parents with young children under age five. A variety of opportunities are presented to these families. Call Monica for more information 412.492.0242.

### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

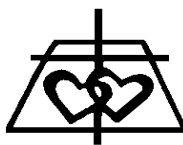
Families feed the hungry, give drinks to thirsty toddlers and welcome strangers and even stranger relatives into our homes. We clothe children and visit family members who are sick and imprisoned. The routine actions of family life are religious and priestly for we make Christ present in what we do. Families live the Beatitudes.

### PARENTING POINTERS

The day after Thanksgiving has been dubbed "Black Friday" by merchants since it's the start of the Christmas season. It's also called "Buy Nothing Day" by those who are trying to reduce consumerism. Sure you're going to buy presents some time but buy less, save yourself the stress of fighting crowds, spend the time playing with your kids today. That's the most meaningful present you can give.

### MARRIAGE MOMENTS

As you prepare for Thanksgiving this week, thank God for your spouse. Tell your spouse a specific quality that endears you to her or him. Remember, there are many people in our world still looking for love, still looking for a soul mate.



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## RELIGIOUS FORMATION

### Faith Sharing for Week of November 23

As children of God, we belong to a royal family. The Lord our God is King and Christ shares the Kingship. As members of the divine kingdom, what is YOUR role? Concern for the coming of the kingdom includes works of charity as social justice. In what work of charity have you been, or will be, involved this week?

**HEROES OF FAITH** who gave themselves in charity and furthered the KINGDOM of God in their times, and whose feasts we observe this week are:

**Nov. 23 - Blessed Miguel Pro**, executed in Mexico in 1927 for being a Catholic priest and serving his people. His last words at gun point were *VIVA CHRISTO REY!* "Long live Christ the King."

### Nov. 24 - St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

At least 117 Catholics were martyred between 1820-1862. among them, Andrew and a 9 year old boy. From the time the first Jesuit mission was opened in Da Nang in 1615 there were periods of severe persecution. Though currently under communist rule, the "Church in Vietnam is alive and vigorous... with remarkable persistence and strength."

**Nov. 25 - St. Peter of Alexandria**, bishop of Egypt when Diocletian unleashed fierce persecution of Christians. His mercy toward those who apostatized was criticized and cause of the Meletian Schism. He was martyred c. 311 AD.

### C.C.D. Faith Formation

**Sunday, Nov. 23** All families welcome to honor Christ our King in adoration anytime Noon till 4:00 PM, then Evening Prayer and Benediction with Blessed Sacrament.

**Middle School Youth** gathering Nov. 23 at 3:45 PM, participating in 4 PM Christ the King service, then supper and movie with Mark Tobin. RSVP 412-486-5521 if YOU will attend. Parents/guardians also welcome.

**Monday, Nov. 24** 6:30 PM Grades 5-6-7-8 meet in Marian Hall; bring item for needy & snack to share. Kindergarten thru Grade 4 meet in classrooms until 7:15.

**Saturday, Nov. 29** No CCD session; do lesson at home.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### **NEW HIGH SCHOOL TEEN HANGOUT**

We still need help from parents and teens to clean up, design and actually create a great atmosphere for our high school teens. Located across the hall from the CCD office and with a separate entrance outside, it is a perfect hangout. A computer, furniture and a flat screen TV have already been donated. Find out how you can help turn this into a great teen space – call the CYM office and let us know how you can help.

### **SUNDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 23**

Tonight in the PAC

LIFE NIGHT is

Getting in touch with God

7 – 8:30 PM

Also, sign up for service work and upcoming social activities.

### **OPEN GYM**

### **SUNDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 23**

6 - 7:00 PM

Both boys and girls in Grades 9 – 12

OUR NEXT OUTING WILL BE TO

THE CRÉCHE and  
PPG Ice Skating

Sunday, December 14

Late afternoon to early evening

**MORE DETAILS AT LIFE NIGHT**



### **WE NEED A FEW GOOD...**

electronic games. Help us to furnish our new youth room with games for our teens. We are specifically looking for a Wii, Play Station 2 and also Guitar Hero.



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### **CYM WEEKLY CALENDAR**

<u>Sun., Nov. 23</u>	OPEN GYM 6 – 7 PM IN PAC LIFE NIGHT 7 – 8:30 PM
<u>Tues., Nov. 25</u>	Play practice Marian Hall 6:30 – 8 PM
<u>Thur., Nov. 20</u>	HAPPY THANKSGIVING
<u>Sun. Nov. 30</u>	NO YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

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 [beliskib@verizon.net](mailto:beliskib@verizon.net)

## **ST. MARY**



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### **DRAMA CLUB**

“Grease” is the word! Our Drama Club students will be presenting the play, “Grease,” to the student body at an afternoon performance in the PAC on Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, at 12:45 PM. Another performance will take place in the evening at 7:00 PM. All are invited to attend and enjoy. Congratulations to our drama students and their parent moderators for another successful year!

### **THANKSGIVING**

The faculty, staff, and students of St. Mary School will remember in prayer and thanksgiving St. Mary Parish Family for your continued support in all we do. Thank you!

### **ONE-SIDED PAPER**

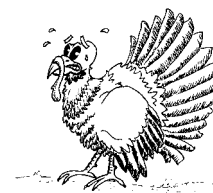
We are still accepting donations of one-sided paper for school use. Please check that no personal information is included on the printed side. Donations can be dropped off in the school office Monday through Friday. Thank you!

### **LABELS FOR EDUCATION**

If you look closely on the labels of Campbell’s soups, Spaghetti O’s, Prego spaghetti sauce, V-8 juice, or Swanson products, you will see a UPC label “Labels for Education.” We ask that you simply clip the UPC code, put them in an envelope, and drop them off in the school office. Our school receives points for each item that allows us to purchase educational materials for the school. Once again: thank you, thank you, thank you!

### **Thanksgiving Vacation**

St. Mary School will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving. Students will have an early dismissal on Wednesday, November 26, at 11:45AM and classes will resume on Tuesday, December 2, 2008. Happy Thanksgiving!



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### *The Blessing of the Crèche*

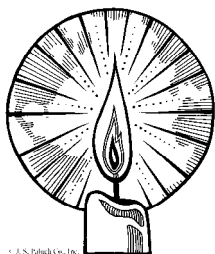
Our Children’s Choir and Instrumental Band students have been invited once again to the Blessing of the Crèche that will take place at the USX Tower in Pittsburgh on Friday, November 21st. This is the tenth year that our students have been asked to provide the music for this event. Bishop David Zubik will preside over the ceremony. This event always coincides with Light Up Night in downtown Pittsburgh.

## OUR PARISH NEWS

### ADVENTure with Father John

Plan now to treat yourself to the TWO special sessions **Thursday, Dec. 4 and Tuesday, Dec. 9, 6:30-9:00 PM in Marian Hall.** A wonderful way to deepen spirituality during the Advent season.

**GRADE 2 Cluster group for November.** If your child missed the November session, you're welcome to come Nov. 30, 10-11 AM in Marian Hall. Call Miss Rose at 412-486-5521 if you will participate.



**ADVENT CANDLES**, set of 4, @ \$3.00 and some ring candle holders available at our Faith Formation office. Also, some Family-friendly activities for the season for sale. Stop in or call 412-486-5521 to order.

### NEED HELP?

Do you know someone who needs the help of the St. Vincent dePaul Society? Through no fault of his or her own, someone may have fallen on hard times. They may be having difficulty buying food or paying gas or electric bills or even the rent. No one should have to deal with such problems alone. Perhaps we can help. If so, Call Sr. Lois Spinnenweber, our Social Minister, at 412.486.4021.

### ALL WIDOWS & WIDOWERS OF ST. MARY'S

You are invited to meet and sit together in the reserved seats in the front of Church at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, November 22. After Mass we will go to Casey's Restaurant on Route 8 for Dinner.

### SERVICE OUTREACH

Returns due before Thanksgiving:

**Baby Bottle Campaign**, bottles available in the Children Liturgy Room include information.

**Shoobox Gifts for Persons in Military Service**

Call 412-486-5521 for a list of items to include.

**MARKET DAY** Treats make wonderful GIFTS. See the new order form available this week. Delivery will be Monday, December 15, in plenty of time for Christmas.

Every day is **THANKSGIVING DAY** because the world is full of good people. It is full of happiness and peace wherever God's grace is accepted. It is full of hope in the midst of difficulties.

## GOOD NEWS TO SHARE



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

### EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> the **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King** and remain on our altar until **4:00pm** when all are invited to gather for Evening Prayer and Benediction. This is an excellent opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration requested by so many of our parish family.

### THANKSGIVING DINNER



Do you know someone that doesn't have anywhere to go for Thanksgiving Dinner? Our family cooks and serves a complete thanksgiving meal (no charge) to anyone with that need. Attend the sit-down meal in Etna at 2pm. Transportation is available, if necessary or we will deliver to their home. Reservations by 11/16. (but we can always squeeze a few last minute requests) The last few years we have served about 70 people/yr. All are welcome! 412-417-3320 / tjbontempo@hotmail.com.

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### Sweets with Santa

### News just in from the North Pole

Santa Claus is planning to visit the children of St. Mary's! The PTG Fundraiser, *Sweets with Santa* is scheduled for Friday, December 5, from 6:00 to 8:30PM in Marian Hall. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. They are \$5 per person. Ticket price includes games for the children, crafts and cookies, as well as other merry surprises. Pictures can be taken with Santa for a nominal charge. A remarkable auction with family items and children's items will also be featured. Please contact Pamela Morris at pamelaleemorris@hotmail.com with any questions you may have.

### Holiday Volunteer Opportunities at NHCO

Volunteer gift wrappers are needed at The Shoppes at Northway Mall to benefit the food pantries of the North Hills. From December 12-21, the shifts are 12-3PM, 3-6PM, and 6-8:30PM. On December 22, 23 and 24, shifts are the same plus an additional shift from 10AM - noon. NHCO's gift wrap booth will be located inside the mall next to Dick's Sporting Goods. For more information or to sign up, call the project's lead volunteer, Rozanne McCall at 412.487.3579.

## ***PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS*** from Father John

Thanksgiving Day is not exclusively an American ideal! The custom of setting aside a day of offering thanks to a deity has been traced all the way back through the many peoples of antiquity in kingdoms, countries and tribes that may not even exist anymore. Many such observances have been recorded throughout history in many places in the world. In the United States of America this annual day of thanks for the blessings of the past year is observed on the fourth Thursday in November.

It seems to have begun in 1621 in Plymouth Colony by Governor William Bradford. He issued a proclamation that the original colonists observe a day of prayerful thanksgiving for the harvest by feasting on wild turkey. The custom spread rapidly throughout the area and over 150 years later, as the custom of thanking God continued to be associated with the formation of a new nation, the Continental Congress ordered a day of national thanksgiving during the fighting of the Revolutionary War. In 1789 President George Washington issued a call for such a spirit of thankfulness upon the adoption of the Constitution.

As the United States of America continued to grow with its emphasis upon a country where every person was free to worship God, American people began to beseech the government for a specific day to offer thanks. Finally, on October 3, 1863, President Lincoln issued the first national proclamation fixing the last Thursday in November “..as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father.” Then, in 1941, the Congress adopted a joint resolution setting the date on the “fourth Thursday of November” as it now is!

Throughout the entire historical development of Thanksgiving Day in the life of the American people, there has always been an accent upon the religious dimension of the day. Today, many Americans emphasize the secondary features of the day. Large family meals around the cry for more stuffing, sports events cheering our favorite teams, and the no work-no school facet of the day seem to capture our attention. For some, we have lost the real “American spirit” of the day! Not so at *St. Mary of the Assumption* on Middle Road! We will begin the day around the Eucharistic (thanksgiving) Table as one Parish Family celebrating “praise to our beneficent Father” so as to give real meaning to all else that we do that day!