

Bulletin # 910038

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MESSAGES:

## WELCOME FATHER GARRY

We open the doors of our church and the love of our hearts to all those who join us at the 4:00 p.m. liturgy TODAY as we celebrate a special liturgy for "Persons With Disabilities." To add a special dimension to our celebration, we have once more invited Father Garry Patriquin, a priest of our own Diocese ordained in 1984, who is now confined to a wheel chair. Father Garry brings a very special expression of the priestly ministry to our Parish Family as the main celebrant of the liturgy this weekend. We ask all parishioners to remember in prayer all those persons who are challenged in any way whatsoever, especially those who join us at today's liturgy. We must always be a Parish Family who not only remembers "Persons With Disabilities" in prayer, but also cherishes them as integral to the spirituality of our parish life together.

### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

In conjunction with today's 4:00 p.m. liturgy celebrated for "Persons For Disabilities" all those who wish to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will have a golden opportunity to do so. Immediately after the liturgy, the priests will remain in the sanctuary and extend an invitation to all those present to come forward to be anointed with the sacred oil of the Sacrament. This "communal" celebration of the Sacrament can be received by the elderly, those with any type of malady or anyone who would like to have the strength of the Lord Jesus in the debilitating condition of their health. Even though we celebrate this Sacrament "communally" twice a year, the individual celebration of the Sacrament may take place at a person's request.

## PARISH SHARE CONTRIBUTIONS

A gentle reminder to all those who might not have made a contribution or a pledge to the Parish Share Program that they may do so as soon as possible. Those who contribute to the Parish Share Program may simply drop their card in the first collection of any Sunday, or send it through the mail to the rectory. Those who are part of the pledge system will begin to receive their monthly pledge card in the mail from the company. Simply place your monthly donation with the card in the Sunday collection or send it to the rectory.



## SPIRITUALITY ENRICHMENT

Those who celebrated Ash Wednesday were able to take home with them a special bulletin that was printed for that day. There are still copies of this bulletin remaining at the doors of the church for those who would like to enrichment themselves spiritually during this penitential season of Lent. Also, the Lenten Packet that was sent to every registered home in our Parish Family invites us to search the scriptures each day to bring our entire family into contact with the living presence of our God. We have included a calendar of recommended family practices for both the Lent and Easter seasons. We encourage all families to make use of this packet to deepen the spirituality of their home.

### **CONFIRMATION INTERVIEWS**

The members of our Parish Staff are now interviewing the Confirmation candidates one by one as we all look forward to the May 2<sup>nd</sup> ceremony. The entire Parish Family is asked to remember these young people as they continue to grow in the life of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation is not simply a celebration for those being confirmed, but this major parish event touches all of our lives. Representing the entire Parish Family in this process, the members of the Parish Staff have taken on the responsibility of talking with these candidates one by one to determine each person's fitness to celebrate the sacrament. What a wonderful night this will be when all of these young people stand before Bishop Paul Bradley to accept the coming of the Holy Spirit into their lives!

### **THE BIDDING PROCESS BEGINS SOON**

The plans for our new Parish Activity Center (PAC) will be completed this month, and will be sent to any member of the Parish Family who would like to make a bid on the project. We also hope that others might offer in-kind gifts to the building. Those who would like to do so may simply call the rectory and leave the pertinent information.

### **PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Members of the Pastoral Council are reminded of their meeting set for Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory. Any parishioner wishing to offer ideas to any one of the Council members may simply refer to them as given on the sheet that was sent in the Lenten Packet.

**Masses for the Week**

**Sunday, March 5 - First Sunday of Lent**

- 4:00 p.m. Persons with Disabilities (Faith Formation Families)
- 6:00 pm Joe Frauenholz (Wife Mary Ann & Children)
- 7:30 a.m. Betty Vrscak (Husband Nick Vrscak)
- 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish
- 11:00 a.m. Patricia Akanowicz (Bill & Jean Eckert)

**Monday, March 6**

- 7:00 a.m. Helen Lipke (Lipke Family)
- 10:00 a.m. Florence Bogacz (Jane & Al)

**Tuesday, March 7 - Ss. Perpetua & Felicity**

- 7:00 a.m. Michael & Anna Druzak (Dick & Carrie Druzak)
- 10:00 a.m. Helen Natoli (Dolly Gentile) (From 12-28-05 funeral)
- 7:00 p.m. Joseph Kost (Chuck & Kit Martier)

**Wednesday, March 8 - St. John of God**

- 7:00 a.m. Cynda Patton (Mary Ann & Jim McQuade)
- 10:00 a.m. Paul Leo (Rege & Children)

**Thursday, March 9 - St. Frances of Rome**

- 7:00 a.m. Gloria Hurley (Family)
- 10:00 a.m. Jerry DeBaldo (Cathy Gvoth)

**Friday, March 10**

- 7:00 a.m. Polly Dziobak (Friends at Pennsylvania Amusements)
- 10:00 a.m. William Sokiera (Chris & Jason)
- 2:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (School)
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross with Eucharistic Adoration

**Saturday, March 11**

- 8:00 a.m. Norman L. Smith (Patrice H. Bennett)
- 4:00 p.m. Jim Cenci (Family)
- 6:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish

**Sunday, March 12 - Second Sunday of Lent**

- 7:30 a.m. Giuseppe Zottola (Cugliari Family)
- 9:00 a.m. George Williams (Ken, Kathy & Family)
- 11:00 a.m. Alfred M. Bartoldi (Mother & Dad)

**A VOCATION VIEW**

As we begin this Lenten season we are reminded of the everlasting covenant God made with us. Renew the promise you made with God. Believe in the Good News! (Psalm 25)

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS:** the loving environment of a family draws forth an individual's greatest talents and gifts. We've come to realize that creating an atmosphere in which children can hear the Lord's call is one of the most significant responsibilities resting on our shoulders as parents. Our own lives must reflect the presence of God, His Word, and the love He offers His people. Parents, do you encourage your children to develop their talents and gifts? Do you encourage your children to think of Church Ministry as a possible life choice? Our Parish Vocation Council members are ready to assist you. Simply call Jim Finn at the rectory (412) 486-4100 and he'll give you more details. **WHY NOT** host the traveling Chalice in your home? By doing so, you raise the level of awareness in your children while praying for an increase in Church Vocations.

**R.I.P.** Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Loretta Gilch** of our Parish Family, **Charles Stepnick**, father of **Sharon Genser** of our Parish Family, **Loretta Elter**, mother of **Loretta Trauner** of our Parish Family, **Charles Rooney**, brother of **Pat Regan** of our Parish Family, **Helen Kroeger**, mother of **Karen Lichvarcik** of our Parish Family, **Therese Szafranski**, mother of **Tony & Stanley Szafranski** of our Parish Family and **Martha Lynch**, mother of **Lois Caputo** of our Parish Family.

Feb. 26, 2006	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	803	\$15,962.00
Cash/Loose Cks.	—	648.00
Children's Offer.	69	81.31
Easter Flowers	2	40.00
School Collect.	1	20.00
Parish Share – 2006	453	\$50,538.25
Parish Needy	199	2,406.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,527</b>	<b>\$69,695.56</b>

**DAILY**



**READINGS**

- March 6: Lv 19: 1-2, 11-18; Mt 25: 31-46
- March 7: Is 55: 10-11; Mt 6: 7-15
- March 8: Jon 3: 1-10; Lk 11: 29-32
- March 9: Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7: 7-12
- March 10: Ez 18: 21-28; Mt 5: 20-26
- March 11: Dt 26:16-19; mt 5: 43-48
- March 12: Gn 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9: 2-10

**SACRAMENTAL LIFE**

**BAPTISMS:** Born again of water and the Spirit here at St. Mary's were:

Haley Grace Hoehler Grace Margaret McDermott  
Sydney Ann Stegman

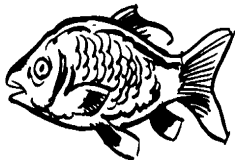
We congratulate them, their parents, godparents and grandparents!

**R.C.I.A.** meets each Sunday following the 9 a.m. Liturgy in the Rectory Dining Room. This week's topic: The Liturgy (Eucharist). Next week, our candidates will be at St. Paul's Cathedral.

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**MARCH 19 - FAMILY CCD REMINDER:** The March Project will be **St. Vincent de Paul Pantry**. We will be collecting any non-perishable food items (especially canned vegetables) to be donated to families in need. The Pantry also appreciates Easter candies which will be used to prepare baskets for Youth at Shuman Center. In addition, this month, we will be once again collecting gently used clothing (men-women-children) all sizes, as well as toys and other household items. Monetary donations are always welcomed—please make checks payable to St. Vincent de Paul." Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated!  
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**FISH FRY**

**FISH DINNERS SPONSORED BY ST. VINCENT DE PAUL AND CYM. Our Fish dinners will begin this Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>!**



We will be serving dinners from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. The menu this

year will include baked fish, assorted side dishes, and beverages. **But, EVERYONE talks about our desserts. WHY? Because they are homemade by our own parishioners!** As in the past, ALL proceeds go toward our Appalachia summer work experience. **If you would like to donate a dessert and your last name begins with the letters A through D, please bring your dessert to Marian Hall before 4 PM on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you in advance for your continued support of the CYM.

**RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

Faith Sharing for First Sunday of Lent

Considering today's society, whom or what is represented by the "wild beasts" of the gospel of Mark 1:12-15 ? How do angels help us? How can YOU create a desert place, a place of solitude, to go to pray during Lent this year?

**First Eucharist: Assemblies** for parent/guardian AND child. Come to ONE of the sessions in Marian Hall, Saturday, March 4, 3:00 PM, or Monday, March 6, 7:00 PM for film "Grandma's Bread", bread baking activity with children while adults preview existential details about First Eucharist cluster gatherings and Liturgies.

**Gospel Weeklies** used in our Faith Formation sessions are merely a means of preparation to better participate wholeheartedly in the REAL coming of Christ in the Eucharist. Family members of each of our Faith Formation programs have an opportunity in the coming weeks to SERVE in some way at a weekend liturgy with the parish family. Family Program, March 19 , 9 AM liturgy will have Grade 6 Room 5 assisting AND pre-school through Grade 2 children may participate in the Liturgy of the Word for Children in Marian Hall after the opening prayer with the assembly in church.

**Saturday Faith Formation** members will assist at the 4 PM Mass, April 1.

**Monday Faith Formation** members will assist at the 11 AM Mass, April 2.

**Family members** of ANY programs welcome to read for the Family Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 7, 7:00 PM. Parent/Guardian, call 412-486-5521 to volunteer when your family member(s) will BE the hands and heart of Christ for one another by your service at one of these parish liturgies or assist with hospitality on April 1 or 2.

**Confirmation Candidates** - Call to Continuing Conversion NEXT week Saturday, March 11, 4 or 6 PM liturgy OR Sunday, March 12, 7:30, 9:00, or 11:00 AM liturgy. Gather in Marian Hall at least TEN minutes prior to the Mass; enter in procession and be seated with your family in RESERVED pews in the front of church.

Confirmation Retreat Make-up , Tuesday, March 21, 4:15-8:30 PM HERE at our own church. The youth who missed on February 20 will assemble with our staff for a "time-apart" to experience your Spirit-gifts anew.



**YOUTH MINISTRY**

*Don't Miss ...*

**Crosswalk Practice at Noon TO-DAY!**

Calling all Teens... Meet Mr. and Mrs. Penezic in the Church right after today's 11:00 a.m. Liturgy. Get ready for Good Friday's Crosswalk! **Don't miss this chance to be a part this awesome Lenten experience!**

**T-ROC - MARCH 12th**

Our topic is "Jesus' Message and Mission"

- Gather for Liturgy in Church at 6 p.m.
- Teens will be meeting with our T-Team!
- Parents will stay for our informative discussion!
- Bring a snack to share.
- The evening will conclude around 8:30 p.m.

**BREAKFAST AND BIBLE - March 19th**

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

**XLT at ST. ALEXIS - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8th**

Eucharistic Adoration like you may have never experienced it! Transportation will be provided. Meet in the Church Parking Lot at 6:50 p.m. Call the CYM line at 412/492-9344 to sign up.

**HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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| <b><u>Sun. Mar. 5</u></b>  | <b>CROSSWALK PRACTICE - Noon - Meet in Church</b>   |
| <b><u>Fri. Mar. 10</u></b> | <b>FISH DINNER</b>                                  |
| <b><u>Sun. Mar. 12</u></b> | <b>T-ROC - 6:00 - 8:30 PM - Meet in Church</b>      |
| <b><u>Fri. Mar. 17</u></b> | <b>FISH DINNER</b>                                  |
| <b><u>Sun. Mar. 19</u></b> | <b>BREAKFAST &amp; BIBLE - 10-Noon - JAM Center</b> |

*Our Fish Dinners.....Delicious!*

Friday March 10, 17, 24, and 31<sup>st</sup>. Unlike previous years, we are looking for teens (grades 8-12) that need service hours and can work from 4:45 to 8:45 p.m. Call the CYM Office to schedule to work.

**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 will take place the weeks of February 27<sup>th</sup> through March 10<sup>th</sup>. Parents/guardians may come to the school office between the hours of 11:00 AM through 1:00 PM to register.

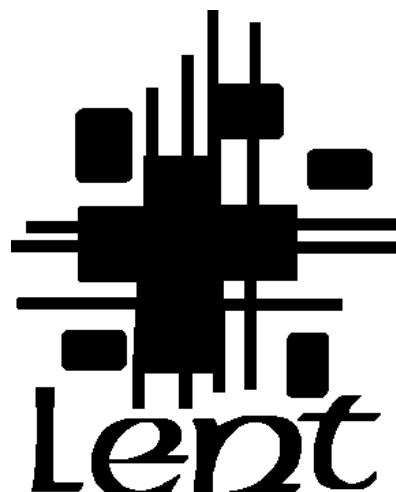
Children registering for kindergarten MUST be 5 years of age by September 1, 2006.

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 beginning March 3<sup>rd</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 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 5 at 1:50 PM.



## **GENERAL PARISH NEWS**

**LENTEEN NIGHT OF REFLECTION:** All women of the Parish are invited to join us on Thursday, March 16, 2006. The evening will start at 5:30 p.m. with Reconciliation and praying of the Rosary. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner and presentation by Fr. Lester Knoll. The cost of the evening is \$15.00. If interested, please call Kathy at (412) 486-0588 or Elaine at (412) 487-4667. Deadline for reservations is: March 10th.

**WORSHIP COMMISSION MEETING:** will be held on Tuesday, March 7th, following the Lenten enrichment series (approx. 8:15 p.m.) in the rectory. All are welcome. Submit agenda items to Tom Goral (412) 487-6244.

**LENTEEN ENRICHMENT SERIES:** Each Tuesday evening during Lent, a different guest speaker will be coming to St. Mary's. This Tuesday, March 7th, Father Tom Sparacino, Pastor of St. Mary of Mercy Church, Downtown Pittsburgh, and Co-Director for Vocations, will be here to kick off the series. Each week a different component of our Parish Music Ministry, under the leadership of Bob Kardasz, Director of Music Ministries, will provide the music. The Contemporary Group will be present on March 7th. **NEXT WEEK, MARCH 14th,** Dr. Joanne Paradise, D. Min. Director of Parish Ministerial Life and Spiritual Formation at St. Sebastian Parish will speak. **Please plan to join us!**

**SECOND SATURDAY MEN'S GROUP:** will meet on Saturday, March 11th after the 8:00 a.m. liturgy. All men are welcome. Don't forget your check for the April 1st outing.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend:** March 31 through April 2 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).

**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 at (412) 487-1891 or Mary Ann Coholich (412) 486-0165.

**ATTENTION: WOMEN WHO ARE 18+ No upper age limit - only a "young" heart** Would you like to do something special during the Lenten Season? If yes, please continue reading... Would you like to serve others and share this faith-based volunteer experience with others? If yes, please continue reading... You are invited to come to the Providence Volunteer Service Weekend, **Friday, March 10**, beginning 6:00 p.m. and ending 12:00 noon, **Sunday, March 12**. This is an opportunity for service, prayer, making new friends, and sharing with others. Come to the Providence Villa, 10745 Babcock Blvd., Gibsonia, four miles north of North Park. **Sign-up today!** Please contact Sr. Donna Tracy, CDP at (412-635-5433) or email: [CDProvMin@aol.com](mailto:CDProvMin@aol.com)

### **LENTEEN REVIEW OF PURPOSE DRIVEN**

**LIFE:** A group will meet Wednesday nights during Lent from 7-8 p.m. in 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.

### **PARENTS LENTEEN EVENING WITH FATHER**

**JOHN:** All Moms and Dads are invited to meet with Fr. John this Wed., March 8th, at 7 p.m. in Marian Hall. This special Night Out for Moms and Dads is sponsored by the Let the Little Children Come To Me Core Team and all Moms and Dads are invited, especially those with children ages 5 and under. Call Arlene Milon (412) 492-7275 to find out more.

**PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS** from Father John

For those who anticipate a change in the basic tenor of their lives, this past Wednesday was a major awakening. For those who allow the liturgy to affect all that they do, this past Wednesday was a major awakening. For those who seek a deepening of their relationship with the Lord Jesus, this past Wednesday was a major awakening. All of this is happened because this past Wednesday was the beginning of **LENT**. Ash Wednesday began the “96 holiest days” in the Liturgical Year, as we are about to relive the mystery of the dying and rising of the Lord Jesus, the central mystery of our Catholic Faith. The 46 days of Lent (when we count the Sundays of the season) will accentuate the DEATH of the Son of God. The 50 days of Easter will announce his RESURRECTION to new life. All of this will be capped off by the Solemnity of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit will fill the Church with the living presence of the resurrected Christ.

The TENOR of our lives should change with the coming of Ash Wednesday. It is a time of sacrifice and intensity of prayer and service to others. The message that runs throughout the entire season is one of conversion. It is a time for us to “change the way we think” about life and its most important dimensions. This major awakening will open our hearts to make these days an opportunity of spiritual enlightenment.

The LITURGIES we celebrate during these 96 days of Lent/Easter/Pentecost will be some of the most sacred moments in the entire year. Holy Week will reach the pinnacle as the liturgical reenactment of the dying and rising of the Lord Jesus. The sacrament of Reconciliation will give us a new lease on life for forgiveness from our divine God will abound in measure beyond measure. This major awakening will open our hearts to receive a special presence of our divine God in our Catholic Faith.

The RELATIONSHIP we have with the Lord Jesus reaches a new height with the coming of this Easter Cycle of events. The intensity of reading the Scriptures each day will call us to a personal intimacy with the Christ. This time of year deepens the significance of the dying and rising of the Son of God in creating an association unmatched in any other manner. This major awakening will open our hearts to developing a kinship with the divine presence made human in the Lord Jesus.

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