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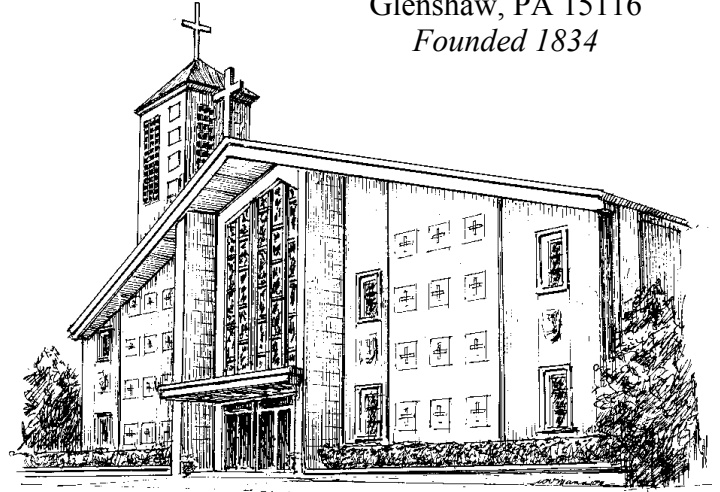
# PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 18, 2007

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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



## PARISH SHARE PROGRAM

We welcome the member of the Finance Council who will speak at each of the liturgies today concerning our 2007 Parish Share assessment. The actual second collection for the Parish Share Program will be taken up NEXT WEEK at all the liturgies.

### COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRPERSONS

*Joe Hrason and Jerry McNalley*

We hope that every wage earner will take seriously the responsibility to contribute to the *Parish Share Program*. Each registered family will receive in this coming week a BLUE pledge card in the mail from our Office Staff. We ask that you return this card next weekend to place in the second collection, or send it back to the Parish Office some time during this next week. The assessment of our Parish Family for this year is \$141,989. If we do not achieve this assessment, then we must take the difference from the regular Sunday collection and thus jeopardize the many needs of our Parish Family.

## ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS!

All adult extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, greeters, readers, music ministers, including the adult choir, contemporary group, bell choir, cantors and instrumentalists, and ushers are invited to gather with us for our Mardi Gras celebration this Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Marian Hall. We hope to create a socially friendly atmosphere during which we might meet and greet other ministers who are part of the many liturgical celebrations of our Parish Family. Might we take this opportunity to express the appreciation of the entire Parish Family to all those who serve us in a Liturgical Minister role? All of us are spiritually enriched by the many parishioners who offer themselves so generously to each and every liturgical celebration we have in our sacred church.

### “PITTSBURGH CATHOLIC” SENT HOME

Please note that there are no copies of the “Pittsburgh Catholic” available at the church doors this week. This is another one of those times when the “Pittsburgh Catholic” is sent home to every registered member of the Parish Family. All are asked to note that the daily calendar for Lent has also being included in that mailing to each home.

## ASH WEDNESDAY: LENT BEGINS

The 96 holiest days in the year will begin on Wednesday when we open the season of Lent with the distribution of ashes on our foreheads. There are FIVE opportunities for those who wish to begin Lent with this very important sacramental. The eucharistic liturgy will be celebrated at 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. in the morning and 7:00 p.m. in the evening. We will also two Liturgy of the Word celebrations at 12:00 noon and 4:30 p.m. in the afternoon. We remind all those participating in the Ash Wednesday celebration that ashes will be distributed after the Gospel and Homily of each service. A good liturgical outlook reminds us that it is the Word and Eucharist that is the heart of our Catholic Faith, and that the reception of ashes is only a sacramental that draws us closer to the Lord Jesus in the Word and Sacrament.

### NO ASHES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Young people who have not yet made their FIRST Reconciliation are NOT ideal candidates for the reception of ashes on Ash Wednesday. The placing of ashes on our foreheads is a sign of our spirit of “REPENTANCE” --- and only pertains to those who have already celebrated the sacrament of repentance. Those who bring their children to this celebration will receive a special Ash Wednesday BLESSING for their child, but not ashes on the forehead. We cannot simply look at the ashes on the foreheads of our young children as “cute” --- for the spiritual meaning is much greater than that!

### “WAY OF THE CROSS” IN LENT

Each week we have two major opportunities to celebrate the *Way of the Cross* – (1) Friday at 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon, with our Catholic Grade School for their version of the service; (2) Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. for all those who wish to make Friday a special day during the season of Lent.

### PLEDGES FOR THE “VIBE”

Members of the Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) are contacting parishioners personally to urge them to contribute to the Pledge Campaign. Also, the SMAA has been appealing to the families in the Catholic School to help them meet their commitment. Please note in the Lenten Packet mailed to every registered home this week how close we are to achieving our goal. We need YOUR participation before the deadline for the Memorial Plaque arrives.

### Liturgies for the Week

**Sunday, February 18, 2007 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 4:00 p.m. Bob Corrigan - (Sophie Ghastin)
- 6:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 7:30 a.m. Francesco & Marta Fusca - (M/M Antonio Fusca)
- 9:00 a.m. Cecilia & Francis Walzer - (Lucie)
- 11:00 a.m. Concetta Canzno - (Ron & Angela DeLuca)
- 6:00 p.m. For the Poor in Spirit - (CYM)

**Monday, February 19, 2007 - Weekday**

- 7:00 a.m. Giacomo Tolomeo - (Lisa Ruffa)
- 10:00 a.m. Ed Fusan - (Paul & Kelly Zoeller)

**Tuesday, February 20, 2007 - Weekday**

- 7:00 a.m. In Honor of the Holy Face of Jesus
- 10:00 a.m. Bill Vistein - (Sheila C. Daniels)

**Wednesday, February 21, 2007 - Ash Wednesday**

- 7:00 a.m. Regis B. Huber - (Virginia Werling)
- 10:00 a.m. Virginia Winschel - (Allison Park AARP 3736)
- 12:00p.m. Liturgy of the Word
- 4:30p.m. Liturgy of the Word
- 7:00 p.m. Elma & Herman Spinnenweber - (Sr. Lois & Joan)

**Thursday, February 22, 2007 - Chair of St. Peter**

- 7:00 a.m. Thomas Giordano - (Deacon Francis & Charolette Dadowski)
- 10:00 a.m. Mary Sutter - (Richard Perry)

**Friday, February 23, 2007 - St. Polycarp**

- 7:00 a.m. Matthew C. Mogus - (Rita & Jim Finn)
- 10:00 a.m. John McDermott - (M/M Richard Karolski)
- 2:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, February 24, 2007 - Lenten Weekday**

- 8:00 a.m. Robert & Margaret Deasy - (Bob & Marie Deasy)
- 4:00 p.m. Jessica Mitsch - (Lakeside Neighbors)
- 6:00 p.m. Virginia Winschel - (Jean Rihn)

**Sunday, February 25, 2007 - First Sunday of Lent**

- 7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish
- 9:00 a.m. Ann Driscoll - (Mary Jo)
- 11:00 a.m. Domenic Castellano - (Daughter Concetta Liberto)

### A VOCATION VIEW

“Love your enemy and do good.” What would our world be like if we really did live this directive? You can make a difference! (Luke 6:17, 20-26)

**Cemetery News:** All Christmas decorations MUST be removed from all graves on or before March 1, 2007. If these articles are not removed, they will be discarded. Thank you for your consideration.



**R.I.P.:** Please pray of the souls of Gerard Walter, Gerard Theberge, nephew of Diane and Michael Todorowski, Stella Zabielski, mother of Irene Matesic, and Anna Fabry, aunt of Steve Fabry.



**Annual Craft and Vendor Show:** The annual Spring Craft and Vendor Show sponsored by the All Saints Church Christian Mothers & Guild of Etna takes place on Saturday, February 24 from 10:00AM to 2:00PM in the parish’s Activities Building, Dewey Street in Etna. Refreshments and raffles will be available and there is no admission charge. Tables available at \$15.00, which can be reserved by calling Cathy at 412-781-4788.

### Offertory Collection

February 18, 2007	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	827	\$16,087.25
Cash/Loose Cks.	-	\$623.00
Children’s Offertory	50	\$88.50
Catholic Schools	3	\$25.00
Parish Share 2006	4	\$286.68
Parish Needy	52	\$775.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>\$17,885.43</b>

### DAILY READINGS



- Feb. 19:** Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29
- Feb. 20:** 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37
- Feb. 21:** Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Feb. 22:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
- Feb. 23:** Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
- Feb. 24:** Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
- Feb. 25:** Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

## **SACRAMENTAL LIFE**

**RCIA-** Are you interested in learning about the Catholic Church? Would you like to develop your faith? Do you have questions that need answered? RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process through which non-Catholic adults enter the Catholic Church. This week's topic is: Understanding the liturgical season of LENT. Next week the candidates and their sponsors will come for the Rite of Sending at the 9:00am Mass and then travel to the Cathedral in Oakland for the Rite of Election at 3:00pm. Please continue to pray for those entering the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

**AN INVITATION FOR ENGAGED AND NEWLY MARRIED COUPLES** - The Diocese of Pittsburgh is sponsoring a new series to help with answers to questions you didn't even know you had before the wedding. The first evening's topic: Money and Finances and Stewardship.

When? Wednesday, March 7, 2007 - 7:30-9:30pm

Where? St. Bonaventure Church

Cost? \$10.00 per couple

Wine and Cheese social to follow. Call 412-456-3160 to register.

**GIVE YOUR KIDS THE BEST GIFT THEY CAN GET** - PARENTS WITH A GREAT MARRIAGE! Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! Weekends fill up quickly, so a quick response is encouraged. Upcoming weekends: Feb. 23-25, April 20-22, Sept. 28-30, Nov. 16-18. Call Lou & Mary Locante at 412-635-7775 to register or for more information.

**LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME-** is a ministry for children under the age of five and their parents. Information about the activities has been sent to all homes with young children and all are welcome to join us for any or all of the upcoming events. We will meet on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> for the 10:00am liturgy. Come to the Children's Liturgy Room. Call Jodee for more information at (412)267-3027.

### **A Family Perspective**

**By Bud Ozar**

**In today's gospel Jesus warns about judging and condemning. Children are watching us; they will imitate this negative behavior. However, if you are forgiving and generous, children will imitate this positive behavior and your family will experience "gifts packed together, shaken down and overflowing." That's a peaceful home.**

## **RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

**Faith Sharing for 7th Sunday Ordinary Time** Jesus' sermon on the plain is continued in Luke 6:27-38. He gives advice about what to do when we do not like someone or someone is mean to us. What is most difficult to accept about this advice? What promise does Jesus make for those who follow his advice? Take time to pray for someone whom it is difficult for you to love.

**Confirmation Candidates Retreat** Monday, February 19 at Kearns Spirituality Center... Please keep the candidates, their families, and the retreat team in your prayers.

**Confirmation Candidates** gather Friday, Feb. 23, 6:45 PM to serve as leaders and walk the way of the Cross with our parish assembly at the 7:00 PM service. ALL families welcome.

**First Eucharist Cluster Groups** will be reviewing this month, the Introductory Rites and Liturgy of the Word as celebrated at Mass.

**Monday Faith Formation, Feb. 19**, NO session; families do lesson for this week at HOME.

**February 26, Grade 7 & 8 volunteers** needed to assist at Market Day in Marian Hall, 5:15 PM on. **Feb. 26**, 6:30 PM Kindergarten meet IN church, all others in classrooms.

**Saturday Faith Formation, February 24** 9:30 AM Grades 2 through 8 AND Parents/guardians meet IN church for Sacrament of Reconciliation—a great way to begin the Lenten season .

**Catholic Vision of Love** catechesis and reflection on the beauty and sanctity of human sexuality Grades 5-6-7-8 of **Family Program** welcome to participate Monday, March 5 & 12, 6:30-8 PM. Call 412-486-5521 to arrange in which room to go.

**YOUTH MINISTRY****TONIGHT, FEBRUARY 18  
T-ROC after the 6 PM liturgy**

- § **Fr. Bill Christy**, from Duquesne University, will celebrate the liturgy and then **share some insights from his missionary work in Africa** regarding economic injustice.
- § **Central Catholic senior, Aidan Kelly**, will be speaking about the dignity of all human life with a **focus on economic injustice**.
- § All families are asked to **bring canned goods, especially fruits and vegetables**, for our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry
- § Sign up for parts in the Good Friday Crosswalk and service opportunities with your T-ROC group.

**Snack to bring if Last Name begins with:**

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

**FYI The next T-ROC will be on Sunday, March 4**

**TEEN HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES**

**Palm Sunday, April 1 Hosanna 2007 for youth in Grade 8-12.** Huge gathering with youth from around the diocese.

**Holy Thursday,** April 5 the youth of the parish traditionally attend the Chrism Liturgy at St. Paul Cathedral at 10 AM to pick up the chrism oils for our parish. 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 412-486-4100, ext. 409.

**GOOD FRIDAY CROSSWALK,** a joint effort between St. Mary of the Assumption and Epworth Methodist will be on Good Friday, April 6, 2007. Any teen in Grade 9-12 is eligible to participate. Sign up will be at the February T-ROC or you may leave a message by calling the CYM office at 412-486-4100, ext. 409. Rehearsals begin soon.

**HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR**

- Sun., Feb 18** T-ROC begins with 6 PM liturgy
- Tues., Feb 20** Play Practice Providence Hall 6:30-8:30 PM
- Wed., Feb. 21** ASH WEDNESDAY  
Play Practice Marian Hall 6:30 - 8:30 PM
- Thur., Feb 22** Play Practice Marian Hall 6:30 - 8:30 PM
- Fri., Feb. 23** Play Dress Rehearsal
- Sat., Feb. 24** "Fame" Marian Hall after 6 PM liturgy
- Sun., Feb. 25** "Fame" Marian Hall after 11 AM liturgy

**ST. MARY SCHOOL**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - Students in grades 4-8 will pray the Stations of the Cross on all Fridays during Lent at 2:00 PM. All are invited to come and join us in prayer.

Another opportunity to pray the Stations will be on the following Wednesdays during Lent: February 28<sup>th</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>. Students in grades 1 through 3 will pray on these days.

**GIANT EAGLE GIFT CARDS** -

Please consider purchasing Giant Eagle gift cards from our school first before purchasing the gift cards that Giant Eagle sells. You can then go to Giant Eagle and purchase the various gift cards there. Our school Scrip program has gift cards from more than 40 vendors available Monday-Friday, and a larger selection can be pre-ordered weekly.

**KEYS TO THE FUTURE** - The 2007 St. Mary School Auction/Dinner Fund-raiser will be held at Wildwood Golf Club in Hampton on Saturday, March 3, 2007. Silent & Live Auctions, Fabulous Sit-down Dinner & Entertainment. Proceeds from this years event will go to the Capital Campaign for the PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER. Tickets are \$45/person. Please call Melissa @412 492-9349 or email at [melissabattaglia@comcast.net](mailto:melissabattaglia@comcast.net)

## **GENERAL PARISH NEWS**

**MILITARY PRAYER LIST-** PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN LISTED ON OUR PRAYER LIST NEAR THE SACRED HEART STATUE. A CANDLE IS KEPT BURNING TO REMIND US TO KEEP ALL IN PRAYER. To add a name to this prayer list, call the rectory.

**OUR PRAYER VESSEL-** located near the tabernacle is almost full! The intentions continue to be remembered daily at Mass. All are welcome to write your intention/s on the slip provided and place it in the PRAYER VESSEL. At the beginning of Lent we will empty the vessel and begin re-filling it. All intentions slips will be burned at the Easter Vigil to start the "new" fire that illumines and prepares us to be Christ's light to the world.

### **LOVE WALK FOR THE POOR –**

Thanks Deacon Fran and at least 25 persons who represented Saint Mary's at the event and contributed items for the needy!

**MARKET DAY orders still being taken till Tuesday, February 20, noon.** Go to [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com) or call Lee, 724-443-1147. Pick up will be Monday, February 26, 7:00 till 7:45 PM in Marian Hall. Our fund to replace the Marian Hall dishwasher IS growing, thanks to all Market Day patrons.

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:** will be celebrated at **4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, March 10.** Anyone frail from age, undergoing treatments for disease, or anticipating surgery is welcome to come to receive the anointing and healing touch of Christ. Reserved seating in front pews for those who call in advance, 412-486-5521. Father Garry Patriquin, will preside from his wheelchair and join our priests in conferring the anointing at the liturgy.

**"55 Specials" Tour:** Thursday, April 12, 2007, the "55 Specials" will be hosting a "Bundles" Brown Bag Tour. It includes: Fisher's Country Store, Gardner's Candy Factory, Oak Spring Winery, Casino at Lakemont Park with a buffet luncheon, Bayer Candy Factory, Benzel's Pretzel Bakery and a visit to Meadows Frozen Custard stand for a cone. Cost is \$69.00. Please call Jane Fabry at 412-487-3091.

## **Around Our Town**

### **A GATHERING OF MEN**

Saturday, March 24, 2007 at the A. J. Palumbo Center on the campus of Duquesne University is the day men—single or married, young or old, practicing or non-practicing will meet to deepen their relationship with Christ. Bishop Bradley extends an invitation to all and notes that our society desperately needs faith-filled men who are ready and willing to live their faith. **Dads consider bringing your teenage sons along!** Pre-register now for only \$35.00 or pay \$55.00 at the door. Deadline: March 10. Make checks payable to: Catholic Men's Fellowship (CMF). Free bus transportation for those who pre-register with Jim Finn at the rectory (412)486-4100.

**Lenten Enrichment Series:** beginning next Tuesday, February 27 and continuing every Tuesday evening during Lent at 7:00PM in our church. This series is planned with your spiritual growth in mind. Plan to come each Tuesday evening and hear a different guest speaker. The kick-off will feature, Mrs. Linda Ritzer, Pastoral Associate at Transfiguration Parish in Monongahela. Experience Evening Prayer (not Mass) on Tuesday, March 6th at 7:00PM when the ALPHA Group will lead us through music and prayer and meditation on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. For more information call Tom Goral - 412-487-6244.

### **FOURTH ANNUAL CYM PLAY TO BENEFIT THE CHILDREN'S MISSION FUND**

Our annual CYM theatre will be on Saturday, February 24 after the 6 PM liturgy and Sunday, February 25 after the 11 AM liturgy. This year, our drama troupe will present "Fame" under the direction of Mariane Ruffner and assistants, Josh DeFilippo and Dr. Kevin Kelly. New this year will be a concession stand selling light refreshments at both performances. Tickets are \$5. Tickets will be on sale at the rectory and Faith Formation office. **NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE TAKEN OVER THE PHONE.**

**FISH DINNERS SPONSORED BY ST. VINCENT DE PAUL AND CYM.** Our Fish dinners will begin on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> ! We will be serving dinners from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. **NEW this year: FRIED FISH** as well as baked fish, assorted side dishes, and beverages. **Also NEW: you will be seated as soon as you order and pay. Your beverages and dinner will be brought to the table. Remember, 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 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Thank you in advance for your continued support of the CYM.

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**PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS** from Father John

For those who anticipate a change in the basic tenor of their lives, this Wednesday will be a *major awakening*. For those who allow the liturgy to affect all that they do, this Wednesday will be a *major awakening*. For those who seek a deepening of their relationship with the Lord Jesus, this Wednesday will be a *major awakening*. All of this is about to happen because this Wednesday is the beginning of the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday begins 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, whereby 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 LITURGY we will 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. “COME LORD JESUS, AWAKEN US!”