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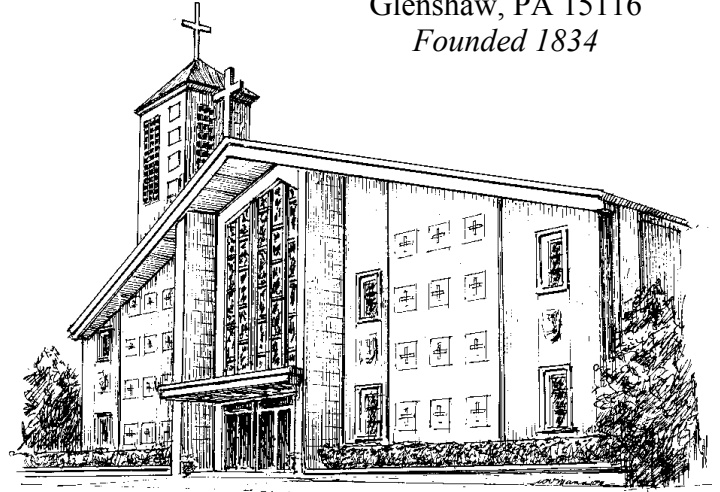
PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 11, 2007

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PARISH STAFF

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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



WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

The Parish Family of *St. Mary of the Assumption* unites with churches across the country as we celebrate World Marriage Day at each of our liturgies celebrated today. This weekend we will congratulate all those who live as married persons in the sacrament of Christ and thank God for the life long commitment they have made to each other.

*A special blessing will be given
to all the married couples
at each of today's liturgies.*

To accent the role of the marriage person in our Community of Faith, we will invite a married couple to proclaim the General Intercessions of today's liturgy, written especially with World Marriage Day in mind. May ALL the married persons of our Parish Family continue to share their sacramental love with each other and all of us!

PARISH SHARE SUNDAY

We will take up the collection for Parish Share in TWO WEEKS --- on the weekend of February 24th/25th -- but the presentation for our assessment for this year will be made NEXT WEEK at all the liturgies. Members of the Finance Council will speak at all the liturgies next week to alert all parishioners to the importance of the Parish Share collection for our Parish Family.

PALM BURNING FOR LENT

Do you still have your palm given out on Passion Sunday of last year??? Would you mind bringing it next Sunday and placing it in the baskets provided at the doors of the church??? We will burn this palm to make the ashes for this year's Ash Wednesday celebration. The liturgy reminds us that Lent is a time for sacrifice as we center ourselves on the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus. The palm of last year was a sign of the triumph of the Christ last year, and this year becomes a fitting symbol in its burning of the reversal of that triumph as we celebrate the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS EVENING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th

7:00 p.m. Marian Hall

IN APPRECIATION FOR THEIR SERVICE

"CATCH THE VIBE" VITALITY IN BUILDING EXCELLENCE

The CCC expresses a deep sense of gratitude on behalf of the entire Parish Family for all those members who have already given to the Pledge Campaign. "Vitality in Building Excellence" has become the mantra that hopes to involve all of us in a Pledge Campaign that "builds" an "excellence" in deepening the "vitality" of our parish life. CCC are reminded of their meeting set for this Monday, February 12th at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory as they continue to plan strategies for inviting all parishioners to be generous to the campaign. REMEMBER: the deadline for placing names on the Memorial Plaque is coming soon!

NO BAPTISMS IN LENT

To maintain the spirit of Lent in underscoring the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, we will not celebrate Baptism during this time. Of course, this stipulation does not pertain to an emergency situation where the child is in need of the grace of this sacrament because of some danger. Then, when we come to the Easter Season, when the Church speaks to us of the new life of the Resurrection, we will have baptism almost every Sunday. We remind parents that they can still set up their pre-baptism session during the pregnancy of the mother so that it will not become a last minute rush for their busy schedule.

PAPER RECYCLING PROGRAM

The paper recycling bins are coming --- soon! We remind all parishioners who have been saving their newspapers, magazines and junk mail that we are in contact with Abitibi Consolidated regularly so as to place our Parish Family on the list for the bins. Parishioners might have noticed that we have already created the concrete pad near the St. Vincent de Paul boxes as we await the arrival of these bins.

QUARTERLY MAILING ON ITS WAY

Please watch your mail for the parish quarterly that will be coming this week. This packet sent to every registered family offers informative news, pertinent schedules and formative theology for all those who make use of it. This edition shares the "secret" of the last issue and announces the only two winners from the many entries.

Masses for the Week

Sunday, February 11, 2007 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 p.m. Anna Ferber (Family)
- 6:00 pm Living and Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 7:30 a.m. Francis Werling (Family)
- 9:00 a.m. William Meglio (Faith Formation)
- 11:00 a.m. Emilio & Theresa Ziccarelli
(M/M Marco Imbarlina)

Monday, February 12, 2007 - Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Joseph & Catherine Leo (Ron & Angie)
- 10:00 a.m. Frank Kirzyc (Wife Sally)

Tuesday, February 13, 2007 - Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Paul Barbieri (M/M Antonio Fusca)
- 10:00 a.m. Richard O'Leary (Wife)

Wednesday, February 14, 2007 - Ss. Cyril and Methodius

- 7:00 a.m. Maria Scolieri Distilo (M/M Gregory Distilo)
- 10:00 a.m. Carl & Marie Hunkele (Family)

Thursday, February 15, 2007 - Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Jim Cenci (Family)
- 10:00 a.m. George & Clara Trauner (Lou & Veronica)
- 7:00 p.m. Christian Mothers/Women's Organization

Friday, February 16, 2007 - Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Lou & Mary Ganster (Lou & Veronica)
- 10:00 a.m. Becky Wesolek (Family)

Saturday, February 17, 2007 - Seven Servite Founders

- 8:00 a.m. Louise Sunseri (Claire & Al Sigmund)
- 4:00 p.m. Bob Corrigan (Sophie Ghastin)
- 6:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family

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

- 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)

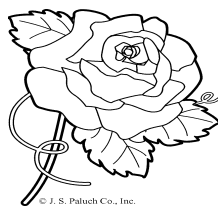
A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus reminds us who are the blessed and warns us about who are cursed. Pray that you may be among those who are blessed. (Luke 6:17, 20-26)

Altar Flowers: in memory of Mary Clare Arlotti requested by Gino Arlotti.

The Pittsburgh Catholic: February 16th issue will be mailed to all registered households in the diocese. No bulk copies will be available at the parish.

Did You Know? That there is a pamphlet rack in the back of the church (near Father Ed's confessional) that contains timely information to purchase and read at home...proceeds benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Also located on the pamphlet rack are the prayer intention slips to write your intentions for the PRAYER VESSEL located near the tabernacle.



CONGRATULATIONS: to **Nicolette Blackwell** who won **Second Place** in the **NATIONAL MARCH OF LIFE Poetry Contest!**

Offertory Collection

January 7, 2007	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	775	\$17,207.22
Cash/Loose Cks.	-	\$808.00
Children's Offertory	54	\$73.05
Catholic Schools	6	\$110.00
St. Anthony	2	\$40.00
Parish Share 2006	5	\$1,120.00
Parish Needy	156	\$1,791.00
Total	998	\$21,149.27

DAILY READINGS



- Jan. 12** Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13
- Jan. 13** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21
- Jan. 14** Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26
- Jan. 15** Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33
- Jan. 16** Gn 11: 1-9; Mk 8:34 - 9:1
- Jan. 17** Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13
- Jan. 18** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY- This weekend we celebrate marriage and bless all the married couples in our parish family. Most of us choose this vocation as our Christian lifestyle.

A Married Person is a woman or man of faith and prayer who:

- lives Christian values in the home
- vows fidelity to a husband or wife through the sacrament of marriage
- teaches Christian values to children in the family
- promises to help his or her partner become a better person
- lives the Christian call to serve

A married person may be called to:

- be a deacon or catechist
- be a lay ecclesial minister
- be a reader, usher, greeter, minister of Holy Communion
- do retreat or social work
- serve wherever time, talent, money and family responsibilities will allow

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME: all families with children five and under are welcome to plug into this ministry following the baptism of their child/children. A newsletter with events has been sent to all homes. If you didn't receive a copy, call Cindy at (412) 487-5272.

VALENTINE SMILES—SHARE GOD'S LOVE- A visit to the Hartwood Personal Care Home is scheduled for Mon. Feb. 12th at 9:45am. Call Monica if you can join us at (412)492-0242.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Jesus "stood on level ground" when teaching the people; this did not diminish his authority. Being on "level ground" enables loving and respectful relationships. This is different from domination, which seeks control. Choose the "level ground". so you can be the spouse and parent you want to be.

R. C. I. A.- Please continue to pray for those who are currently involved in the R.C.I.A. experience as they continue their journey of discovering the meaning and the message of the Catholic faith. Pray, too, for the R. C. I. A. team who share the faith with them. These individuals are completing the initial steps of the journey of faith in preparation for receiving confirmation and the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil on April 7th. All are invited to the rectory dining room on Sunday mornings following the 9:00am liturgy. This week's topic: The Miracles of Jesus; next week we will discuss the liturgical season of Lent. For more information call Fr. Ed or Jim Finn at the rectory (412)486-4100.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION**FAITH SHARING 6th Sunday Ordinary Time**

Read Luke 6:17, 20-26 .Who is *blessed* according to Jesus' values? What might Jesus be warning about? How would YOU explain that the people who Jesus calls "blessed" are truly blessed? Do you have any fears about the way you live compared to God's way as expressed in the beatitudes?

MONDAY FAITH FORMATION Grades 5-6-7-8 and ALL parents/guardians meet at 6:30 PM this Monday, February 12 IN church for the Sacrament of Reconciliation AND meet some of the Catholic Heroes presented by our Confirmation candidates.

Confirmation Candidates will gather at Kearns Spirituality Center NEXT Monday, Feb. 19 for a day of Retreat. Sponsors and/or parents welcome to assist in the retreat activities. Call 412-486-5521 for details.

Faith Formation Sessions on Saturday, Feb.17 and Monday, Feb. 19 will not meet due to the President's Day holiday weekend.

February 14—Happy Saint Valentine Day! as well as Sts. Cyril & Methodius, patrons of the Slavic peoples.

LOVE WALK Sunday, February 11...bus leaves St.Mary's at 1:00 PM, to Sacred Heart, Shadyside for 2 PM Mass, then walk to East End cooperative ministries to take items for the homeless and needy. Call 412-486-5521 by NOON to come.

Catholic Vision of Love: for grades 5, 6, 7, & 8 has been rescheduled for Monday, March 5, 2007 for Lesson 1 and 2. On March 12, 2007, lessons will be 3 and 4. Class time is 6:30 to 8:00PM. Family Program Youth are welcome to participate.

YOUTH MINISTRY**ST. MARY SCHOOL****Comin' up:**

- Ø **T-ROC on Sunday, February 18**
6 PM liturgy
- Ø Fr. Bill Christy will celebrate the liturgy at 6 PM
- Ø Central Catholic senior Aidan Kelly will be speaking about the dignity of all human life with a focus on economic justice.
- Ø All families are asked to **bring canned goods, especially fruits and vegetables**, for our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry.

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

2007 SOUPER BOWL COLLECTION

At our January T-ROC session, the middle school students selected **Fr. Vince Stegman's mission in Ethiopia, Africa** as the **2007 recipient** of our Souper Bowl collection at all of the liturgies on February 3 & 4. The youth collected **over \$2,100** and that was with a low turnout at some of the liturgies due to the weather. **If you would still like to donate to the CYM Children's mission fund**, checks may be made out to St. Mary Parish and left at the CYM office or CYM mailbox at the rectory.

Parents and teens may post questions from our stimulating T-ROC discussions on our **Discussion Board** on the parish web page at www.stmaryglenshaw.org/cym/teendiscussion for teens and www.stmaryglenshaw.org/cym/adultdiscussion for parents and adults. Be aware that your email cannot be traced so that you may remain anonymous. Also, there is a delay in the posting of your question because it will be screened and forwarded by the system administrator to the appropriate staff person.

CYM CALENDAR

<u>Sun., Feb. 11</u>	LOVEWALK
<u>Tues., Feb. 13</u>	Play Practice Marian Hall 6:30 –8:30 PM
<u>Thur., Feb. 15</u>	Play Practice Providence Hall 6:30–8:30 PM
<u>Sun., Feb. 18</u>	T-ROC with 6 PM liturgy
<u>Wed., Feb. 21</u>	ASH WEDNESDAY
<u>Sat., Feb. 24</u>	"Fame" Marian Hall after 6 PM liturgy
<u>Sun., Feb. 25</u>	"Fame" Marian Hall after 11 AM liturgy

KEYS TO THE FUTURE - The 2007 St. Mary School Auction/Dinner Fundraiser 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

SUPER BINGO - Another Super Bingo will be held on Friday, February 16th, in Marian Hall. Advance tickets are \$35 each; \$40 at the door. Admission includes 12 cards for regular games and 5 specials. Doors open at 5:30 PM; early birds begin at 7:00 PM. The evening includes 40 regular games at 50 points, 5 specials at 100 points, one jackpot at 500 points and another jackpot at 1000 points. All proceeds benefit our school. Call Coleen at (412) 486-6622 for more information or to order tickets.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE - A Valentine's Dance will take place in Marian Hall for students in grades 6-8 on Saturday, February 17, 2007, from 7:00-10:15 PM. Tickets will be sold at the door only for \$5.00. The dress code will be strictly enforced.

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.

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.

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

The Christian Mothers Women's Organizations'

Surprise Auction is this week, **February 15th**. Be sure to **bring your husbands!** Everyone is to bring a **wrapped surprise gift** to be auctioned off by our auctioneers, Ginny Penezic and Elaine Fischer. **Proceeds** from this auction will be **donated to Sr. Lois's new families in need**, so please be generous. Setup and kitchen duties along with **snacks** for everyone are to be provided by those members whose names begin with **P, Q, and R**. **Anyone else who chooses to do so may bring snacks as well**. Hope to see you all there for what is always a fun filled night of laughter.

COOKIES, easy to bake with MD cookie dough.

MARKET DAY Order Forms are available at the church exits, and at the Scrip and Faith Formation offices, or order online at marketday.com. Be part of the Market Day team, call Lee at 724-443-0673.

Children Church Contribution Records have been sent home for the of the 2006. Envelopes are still available through our Faith Formation Office. Please call if you were missed. Students in high school are also welcome to request envelopes. Please call 412-486-5521.

Protecting God's Children: A workshop is required for all who volunteer in church programs will be held on Thursday, February 22, 2007, from 6:30 to 9:00PM, at St. Ursula School Cafeteria in Allison Park. Please call Charolette at 412-486-3374 to register.

St. Vincent dePaul Society: The little white boxes in the back of church and at the side door, "Give a little, Get a lot" was started in January 1998 to help the food banks who were short of funds. For every dollar that we sent, they were given \$5.00 of salvage food. The policy has been changed, they now receive grants and are able to choose their own food order. We sent a check in January 2007 for \$760.00. That gives us a grand total of \$8,541.50. We can be very proud of our Parish Family. Thank you for your "Great Generosity". God bless you. Sr. Lois Spinnenweber, C.D.P.

Adult Enrichment Opportunity:

The Passion of Jesus in the Gospels with Father William Fay will meet four MONDAYS in March, 6:30 till 8:00 PM in the school library (or a larger area if many participants.) Call NOW 412-486-5521 to register.

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.**

Around the Town

A GATHERING OF MEN

All men and young men of our parish family are invited to make a reservation for this special day on Saturday, March 24th at the A. J. Palumbo Center on the campus of Duquesne University. Pre-register now for only \$35.00 or pay \$55.00 at the door. Deadline: March 10, 2007. 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. The day includes:

- **The sacrament of Penance will be celebrated all day until 3:30pm**
- **Anticipated Sunday Mass ends the day beginning at 4:00pm**
- **A complimentary box lunch will be served at approximately 12:00 noon.**

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!

RETREAT INFORMATION-

The deadline for making a reservation for the upcoming men's retreat at St. Paul's Retreat Center Feb. 23-25, 2007 is fast approaching. To find out more, to arrange a ride or to register call either Jim Karcher (724) 444-5798 or Charlie Fischer (412) 487-4667. **Experience the weekend of a lifetime!**

All 6th, 7th and 8th graders are welcome to attend Vincentian Academy Open House on Sunday, February 18th, 12:30 to 3:30PM. The school is located at Peebles and McKnight Roads. Schedule of activities include tours, test dates, financial aid information, introduction to faculty, club and sports representatives and affiliation with Duquesne University. Vincentian Academy offers the International Baccalaureate program, a comprehensive curriculum regarded as a mark of excellence by universities worldwide. Come and discover the academic, moral and spiritual dimensions of Vincentian Academy. For more information call the school at 412-364-1616.

You're Invited: There will be a benefit for Spc. Robert Kaminski, Jr. at Casey's Pizza, Route 8 on Saturday, February 24, 2007 beginning at **7:00PM**. Entertainment, D.J. at **9:00PM**, Chinese Raffle, Prizes. Any questions, please contact Al at 412-377-5006.

PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS from **Father John**

The brutal below zero wind chill factors of this past week forced many of us to change our plans, alter our schedules and reduce our activity in this rapidly paced world in which we live. The frigid temperatures of each day put a definite cringle into our preferred life style. So, sitting and musing about such a drastic shift in the weather patterns of our beautiful grounds, I offer ten possible reflections on such a week:

FIRST AND FOREMOST --- it reminds us in no uncertain terms that God is the Creator and Master of the world, and no technological advancements of any age will be able to control the power of the universe.

SECOND --- it demands that families spend more time in the warmth of their own homes so that their love for and sharing of each others lives has the possibility of reaching new heights of family life.

THIRD --- it charges up our school children to bounce out of bed in the morning anticipating the fact that school will be closed for the entire day, or at worst there will be at least a two hour delay.

FOURTH --- it offers to those who work on road crews and the maintenance departments of our highways overtime pay and the happiness they experience in the paycheck they receive at the month's end.

FIFTH --- it allows resourceful builders of snow creations to decorate their front lawns and backyards with ingenious replicas made from the softness of the falling snow.

SIXTH --- it gives educated meteorologists ample opportunities to strut their ability to predict the exact nature of the weather conditions for the coming week so as to win the admiration of the television viewer.

SEVENTH --- it promises to all of us who look for the grandeur of the coming spring that this year's flowerbeds and family gardens will bloom magnificently.

EIGHTH --- it presents a breathtaking spectacle of ice covered tree limbs for those who are brave enough to walk among the beautiful grounds of our sacred property.

NINTH --- it is a telltale reminder for those seeing our partially constructed Parish Activity Center that a commitment to the Pledge Campaign will allow us to finish this building for all to use even in the cold weather.

LAST AND MOST IMPORTANTLY --- it reminds us in no uncertain terms that God is the Creator and Master of the world, and no technological advancements or any age will be able to control the power of the universe.