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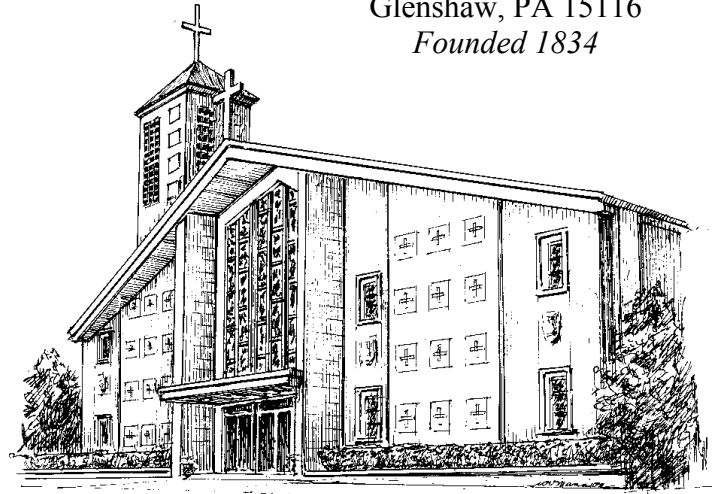
PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Third Sunday of Easter
April 22, 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



PLEDGE CAMPAIGN UPDATE

OVER \$2,600,000 PLEDGED

With the ongoing work of the Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) and the wonderful generosity of so many parishioners, the Pledge Campaign has now gone over two million, six hundred thousand dollars. We thank all those who are being faithful to their pledges and encourage others members of the Parish Family to respond when they are contacted by one of the members of the CCC. Those who pledge \$2000 or more will be listed on our "Memorial Plaque." However, very shortly there will be a DEADLINE for this pledge. After this deadline, we will not be able to include names in their proper order on the Plaque. Placing your name on this Memorial Plaque will be a witness for years to come of your participation in this project.

GROUP EUCHARIST: NEXT WEEKEND

The entire Parish Family will open its doors and heart NEXT WEEKEND to the young people celebrating their First Eucharist in one of the groups who will assemble at each liturgy. We ask that all parishioners make room for the many guests who will join us next week and be alert to the reserved places that have been set-aside for the children and their families. What a special day in our Parish Family when so many of our young people will join us in receiving the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus. We hope that we will continue in our commitment to these young people by making sure that they come each Sunday to celebrate this mystery of our Faith.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION BANQUETS

Congratulations to the St. Mary Athletic Association (SMAA) for their TWO magnificent athletic banquets. What a wonderful display of parental and adult commitment to the all inclusive sports program of our Catholic School. All those students who participate in one or another of the athletic programs will have much to remember as awards, prizes and mementos were distributed in abundance to all the student-athletes. Those parents and guardians who wish to have their children "play sports" in grade school can find no better opportunity for their children than that which is provided by St. Mary Catholic Grade School.

MINISTRY TO THE "INACTIVE"

One of the goals for 2007 established by our active Pastoral Council is to create a "Ministry To The Inactive Catholic." The mind of the Council members is to remind ALL of our parishioners, no matter what their previous relationship to the Church might have been, that they are welcome to become an active part of our parish life. Presently, the Council has invited faithful members of our Parish Family to join them to begin to develop this ministry. We hope that those who have been so invited might accept the invitation for this open forum evening.

EASTER WATER STILL AVAILABLE

There is still some newly-blessed Easter water available at church for those who wish to take some to bless their homes. The vat of water is situated in the sanctuary near the Easter Candle. There is a ladle placed there so as to scoop the water into any home container, or simply use the little holy water bottles placed there for our parishioners. It is a wonderful custom to have children "bless themselves" before going to bed. The Easter water would remind them of their baptism and how they have become a child of God in the celebration of this sacrament.

Parish Share Collection Now On

Parishioners who chose to make a pledge to the Parish Share received their pledge cards in the mail. These cards may be placed in the Sunday collection at any time, or sent by mail back to the Parish Family. Parishioners who have not made their contribution to the Parish Share may do so as quickly as possible. Simply use the form that was sent to your home, or any other envelope clearly marked as Parish Share. We hope that all parishioners feel the responsibility to contribute to this collection.



FLASHES!

JUNE 21 – 22 – 23 have been set aside for our Parish Family Festival ... what a wonderful time to meet and work with other parishioners ... volunteers are always needed and parishioners should be on the alert to "sign up" to help at one of the facets of the Festival ... watch for the date for bringing items for our gigantic Flea Market ... games and rides for the children will be on tap ... delicious meals will be served each of the three evenings ... ONE book of raffle tickets is being prepared for each family!

Liturgies for the Week

Sunday, April 22, 2006 - Third Sunday of Easter

- 4:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 6:00 p.m. Veronica C. Caricato - M/M Tom Weigand
- 7:30 a.m. Regis B. Huber - Ed & Anna Marie Frketic
- 9:00 a.m. Kevin Gessler - Mom & Dad
- 11:00 a.m. Michelle Sanderbeck - M/M Tony Virtullo
- 6:00 p.m. Displaced Children of Northern Uganda (C.Y.M.)

Monday, April 23, 2007 - St. George & St. Adalbert

- 7:00 a.m. Mary Grace Canfield - Joe & Joanne
- 10:00 a.m. Burnie Maurek - The Watson Family

Tuesday, April 24, 2007 - St. Fidelis

- 7:00 a.m. Special Intention - Lou & Marie Thalhofer
- 10:00 a.m. George Gatemark - Palmer Family

Wednesday, April 25, 2007 - St. Mark

- 7:00 a.m. Robert Collins - Family
- 10:00 a.m. Regina Wiczarik - James & Rosetta

Thursday, April 26, 2007 - Easter Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. John Kirby - Marie Hunkele
- 10:00 a.m. John Molenda - Anna Biedrzycki & Family

Friday, April 27, 2007 - Easter Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Louise Sunseri - Deanna & Vince Rubino
- 10:00 a.m. Thomas & Dorthy Ebbert -
50th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, April 28, 2007 - St. Peter Chanel & St. Louis Mary deMontfort

- 8:00 a.m. Bob Corrigan - Rich & Jan Raible & Family
- 2:00 p.m. Wedding - Kelly Renninger & Scott Barhorst
- 4:00 p.m. Eleanor Triglia - Family
- 6:00 p.m. John & Lorraine Cross - 50th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, April 29, 2007 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 9:00 a.m. Nancy Doyle - John & Jeanne Bittner
- 11:00 a.m. Chester Politylo - Tom & Babs

Offertory Collection

April 15, 2007	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	827	\$17,318.83
Cash/Loose Cks.	-	\$960.00
Children's Offertory	52	\$67.90
Holy Land	7	\$60.00
Easter Flowers	3	\$50.00
Easter Offering	12	\$360.00
Parish Share 2007	11	\$610.00
Catholic Human Development	3	\$65.00
Parish Needy	36	\$609.00
Total	951	\$20,100.73

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus asks us, "Do you love me?" How do you show your love for Jesus in the way you live? (John 21:1-19)

R.I.P.: Reginald Robosson, Pasqualina Rainaldi, mother of Patricia Santelli, Elizabeth Frederick, granddaughter of Dan & Sally Kotch, Julia Deer, mother of Lawrence Deer, Sr.

Adult Lecture Series: This Wednesday, April 25, at 7:30pm at St. Paul Seminary Auditorium in Crafton, Raymond Arroya, one of America's great Catholic journalists will discuss the treatment of the church in the media and how Catholics should be involved. This lecture is free and open to all adults and young adults and presents a wonderful way to grow in understanding and appreciation of the teaching of the church.



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III. Kelly Renninger (St. Mary) & Scott Barhorst

DAILY READINGS



- April 23: Act 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
- April 24: Acts 7:51 - 8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
- April 25: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
- April 26: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
- April 27: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
- April 28: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69
- April 29: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS -

Next Sunday, April 29, is a special Easter celebration of Good Shepherd Sunday. In 1963 Pope Paul VI designated this day as **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**. Our parish will join the universal church to ask for God's blessings that we may be strengthened in our Christian vocation. This would be a good time to request a time to host the Traveling Vocation Chalice in your home. Call Jim Finn, our pastoral associate at (412)486-4100 for details.

SOME GOOD NEWS TO SHARE- Continue to pray for Deacon Bill Dorner of our parish family who is preparing for his priestly ordination on June 30, 2007 at St. Paul's Cathedral and his First Mass here at St. Mary's on Sunday, July 1st. at 1:00pm.

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME-

All parents with young children under the age of five are invited to participate in the various pray, play and service activities of this post baptismal ministry. We meet for Pray and Play Day usually on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 9:30am in the Children's Liturgy Room. Call Cindy (412)487-5272 for more information. All are welcome including grandparents and care-givers.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus ate breakfast with the disciples and asked "Do you love me?" In families we express love in the preparation and serving of food. At meals we serve more than food by sharing, listening and confiding in each other. We serve love, acceptance and respect for each other.

Benefit Dinner: on Sunday, April 29, from 5:00-7:00PM at North Catholic High School for the family of Adrienne Keil who was killed by a drunk driver. Cost: \$15.00 per person. Stuffed Shells and Chicken Parmesan will be served. Call Jim Finn at 412-486-4100 to make a reservation.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Faith Sharing for 2nd Sunday of Easter:

FISHING – 'tis the season...and it's a story that John recorded about Jesus' appearance after His resurrection. He's cooking fresh fish on the beach for his disciples. Where do YOU meet the resurrected Jesus in your daily activities? Who feeds you in bodily and spiritual ways? What does sharing in eucharistic communion mean to you as a person? What does Jesus ask of you in your faith journey?

GRADE 7 YOUTH of all parish programs received an invitation to be "hosts, hostesses" at a reception for our parish Confirmandi on Tuesday, May 1 when Bishop Winter will be here for the Sacrament. Parents/'guardians of Grade 7 youth also welcome to serve; call Audrey Nash TODAY for details or to volunteer: 412-487-4208.

MONDAY Faith Formation – all meet in CHURCH at 6:30 PM April 23.

Each family welcome to bring a snack to share after the prayer and game activities. This will be the final "formal" session for this season.

REGISTRATION FORMS for 2007 – 2008 Catechetical Season have been give to all families currently registered in our Saturday, Monday evening, or Family Program Faith Formation sessions. Please complete the necessary information on BOTH sides and return them to our office promptly.

REGISTRATION FORMS for our TWO Summer Bible Programs are available at our Faith Formation office, or in the foyer of the church.

June 25 thru 28, 6:30 – 9:00 PM **Adventure in Galilee by the Sea** will give families an *experience* of life in Galilee in Jesus' time, learn about the 12 tribes of Israel and hebrew traditions which are roots of our own faith.

August 13 thru 17, 9:30 AM – Noon, **SON FORCE KIDS** will experience being *special agents* for the Lord. A **ROBOT building contest** June 21-22 will provide props for the August week! Get an informational flyer for details.

Special Days:

April 23, Saint George, soldier –pray for all in the military!

ON THE MARK with the gospel writer Mark, April 25 is his feast day, a good day to read a portion of the GOOD NEWS that he wrote.

April 28, St.Peter Chanel, Marist missionary - pray for all missionaries!

April 28, St.Louis Mary de Montfort, devoted to Mary; honor Mary today!

YOUTH MINISTRY

6 PM liturgy
Sunday, April 22nd

Fr. Michael Komakec has just returned from **Uganda**; he will share his observations about the **current status of the people in Gulu, Uganda**, the city highlighted in our "Invisible Children" video. Fr. Michael will also be the celebrant for the 6 PM liturgy. We will continue our discussion about "The Invisible Children" in Africa. The topic for this session will be on **Children's Rights: National, Global and Galactic**. This **liturgy** plus the activities afterward are **open to all** in the parish.

Snack to bring if Last Name begins with:

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

2007 GRADUATES **HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE**

Celebrate your graduation at our annual Baccalaureate liturgy at 4 PM on Saturday, May 19. Reception to follow in Marian Hall for your invited guests. **RSVP at 412-486-4100, ext. 409** and include the number of guests who plan to attend, plus your **current school** and **future plans** and any **ministry you served** in the parish. **Remember that two adults and the student are guests for the reception; we ask for \$3 per person for each additional guest.**

Parents of Students in the Eleventh Grade:
Juniors and their parents host the Baccalaureate; you should all have received your information letter from our office. The **planning meeting will be on Thursday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Faith Formation office. Call the CYM office at 412-486-4100, ext. 409.

CYM CALENDAR

- Sun., Apr. 22** T-ROC begins with 6 PM liturgy
- Sat., Apr. 28** Invisible Children "Displace Me" event
- Sun., Apr. 29** Calliope show 7 PM Marian Hall
- Thur., May 3** Planning meeting for junior parents [see above]
- Sat., May 19** Baccalaureate 4 PM liturgy

ST. MARY SCHOOL

REGISTRATION - St. Mary School is still accepting registrations for students in preschool through grade 7. If you are interested in becoming a member of our school community or would like additional information, please call the school office at (412) 486-7611.

The school offers a preschool program for 3 and 4 year-olds, half-day and full-day kindergarten classes, as well as an after-school program.

Students entering kindergarten must be age 5 by September 1st. A copy of the child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate (if Catholic), and social security identification must be provided at the time of registration. A \$100.00 deposit is also required but is applied towards tuition.

WINNERS - St. Mary's forensics Team finished in 3rd place at the Southwestern Pennsylvania League Finals Tournament out of 24 teams. The team brought home seven 1st Place ribbons and three 2nd Place ribbons, missing 1st Place by only four points. This is a stellar performance for a team that is only 3 years old and is competing against very large, well established teams. Our team members include: Mary Anna Ebbert, Jared Todorowski, Katy Hayes, Aaron Todorowski, Erin Sarosi, Meg Omecene, Hannah Todorowski, Christine Sinkovich, Missy Eswein, and Nicole Masters. Some of the judge's comments about the team's performance were «flawless» and «stupendous.» We are so proud of your efforts!

TUITION PAYMENTS - Reap the benefits of your credit card by making your tuition payments with it. The only credit card not acceptable for payment is American Express. These payments can be made at the SCRIP office between 8:00-10:00 AM. After 10:00 AM payments must be made in the school office.

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

R.C.I.A.: An adult exploration of our Catholic Faith. We have concluded the current series and will begin anew on Sunday, September 16, 2007. If you know someone interested in learning about the Catholic Faith, let us know! Please call Jim Finn or Fr. Ed at 412-486-4100 for more details.

A GATHERING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD- will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2007 at St. Paul Seminary. Priestly ministry brings men in direct contact with people of every age and in so many different situations. It is a great lifestyle and one which brings a spiritual reward. Plan to attend. The gathering begins at 4:30 p. m. and ends with a Holy Hour at 7:00 p. m. Call Jim Finn (412)486-4100 at the rectory to find out more or call Fr. Wehner at (412)456-3048 to make a reservation to attend.

Calliope Songwriters Concert
Sunday, April 29
Marian Hall at 7 PM



The performances by 12 local songwriting artists are of the Adult Contemporary genre, meant to entertain audiences of all ages. Event sponsored by CYM. Tickets are \$5. Advance tickets for preferred seating will be sold at the rectory during regular business hours; no reservations can be made over the phone.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER DAY RETREAT- Sunday, May 20, 2007 at the Martina Spiritual Renewal Center from 10:00am until 3:30pm Theme: "Tea and Inspiration" Presenter: Dr. Jo Ann Paradise. The day will end with Sunday Mass with Father James Conroy, S. J. The day will include a tea luncheon with beautiful china tea cups. Recommended but not required: hats and gloves. Offering: \$30.00 per person. Registration requested by calling (412)931-9766.

SCRIP NEWS - We are pleased to announce that we are now able to accept credit cards as payment for your Giant Eagle/Shop 'N Save purchases at both selling times in the vestibule of the church. If you are assigning the assessment credit from your credit card purchase to a specific school family, there will be a 1% service charge added to your total. This 1% service charge will not apply if you do not assign your credit to a family. We will accept all major credit cards except American Express.

Around Our Town

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN, a workshop, **Sunday, June 3, 10:00 AM** till 1 PM HERE in our parish, will deepen awareness of the societal problem of Child Sexual Abuse and offer specific strategies for combating it. Adult volunteers in any of our church programs are required to attend ; all other adults welcome to this most informative film and discussion session. Call 412-486-5521 to register; a booklet will be provided to each participant.

Grades One and Seven of all of our parish programs are receiving information this week about **the Rite of Enrollment** to be part of the journey to Sacrament of Eucharist or Confirmation NEXT springtime. A parent/guardian and the Grade One child and/or Grade Seven youth mark your calendar NOW and plan to meet at ONE of these times: May 27, 7:00 OR 8:00 PM , or May 24 at 4:00 or 7:00 PM, or May 29, 7:00 or 8:00 PM

Adult Enrichment: The Bible and the Blessed Virgin Mary, Thursdays, 7 till 9 PM at St. Paul Seminary, May 2 thru June 6. If interested in carpool from Saint Mary's, call Rose at 412-486-5521.

Market Day pickup will be Monday, April 30, 2007 from 7:00 to 7:45PM in Marian Hall. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lee Holleran, our Market Day leader at 724-443-0673.

REALLY NEEDED

Our Youth Ministry program **needs a laptop and a projector**. We are hoping that someone might be willing to donate these items to assist our efforts in using this medium **to promote our ministry**. In addition, this would be **a great tool for education**. If you want to **donate the cost** for these items; your donation to CYM is not assessed for Parish Share. Call the CYM office at 412-486-4100, ext. 409 if you are interested in helping us.

Widows/Widowers/Singles of St. Mary's are invited to meet Sunday April 29 at Chef Stef's Restaurant, inside the Pittsburgh Mills, across from Panera Bread, for dinner at 4:00p.m. For more information or questions call Barb at 412-486-4209 or Marge at 412-486-5621.

Pastoral Impressions from Rose Stegman

There was an evening that, as a six year old, I sat on the stairs with a string tied to my loose tooth and the other end tied to the door knob. My older sister said that it would be an easy way to have my tooth pulled without having to go to the dentist. She was still trying to convince me of the “mercy” of such an arrangement when another older sibling pulled the door open, not knowing what we were arranging on the stairway. Obviously the tooth came out easily and I could feel the empty space with my tongue and gasped, “my tooth is gone”! Reflecting on this incident years later amused me into realizing how my understanding of the word MERCY has expanded. Having read the letter by Pope John Paul II of November 1980, *Dives in Misericordia, Rich in Mercy*, that word “mercy” **has taken on new meaning**. Our late Holy Father drew on the wealth of scripture to illuminate the nuances of such terms as *hesed*, *emet*, and *rahamin*. These ancient Hebrew expressions mean “love that gives; love more powerful than betrayal; grace stronger than sin; love of a mother, from the deep unity within the womb...goodness, tenderness, patience and understanding”. We get a glimpse of the “anthropomorphic psychology” of our God we call “Father”. John Paul saw and acknowledged cues of our contemporary world, in which “the feeling of being under threat is increasing”, to affirm the truth that God is all-merciful. He noted that, “the church—professing mercy and remaining faithful to it—has the right and duty to call upon the mercy of God, imploring it in the face of all the manifestations of physical and moral evil...” We are invited to “implore God’s mercy for humanity in this hour of history.” Let us make this Easter season a special time for prayers of gratitude for the unfathomable Mercy of God in giving and guarding our lives, our country, and Church. Continually beg also for mercy for those people and places in particular, urgent need of mercy.