

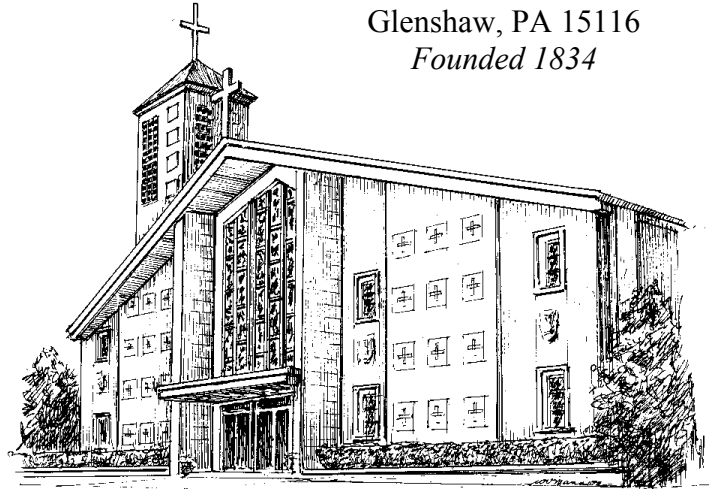
PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 18, 2009

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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

RESPECT LIFE: 2009 THEME

"... every child brings us God's smile..."

"... in the Christian view of life, our treatment of children becomes a measure of our fidelity to the Lord Himself..." (Pope John Paul II)

"... Catholics have a right and duty to recall society to a deeper understanding of human life and to the responsibility of everyone in this regard..." (From the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith)

"... by law human life is protected not only from immediate destruction, but from every degree of actual violence, and from every danger..." (James Wilson, signer of Declaration of Independence)

"GIFT" – THE DISCERNING PERIOD

Members of the Pastoral Council are now in the process of creating a "discerning period" by which committed parishioners might be willing to take a leadership role in creating the foundation for our "GIFT" program. We invite those who would like to learn about this period to join the Council on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Marian Hall. In this 90 minute session, all those in attendance will be given a clear understanding of "GIFT" that will eventually affect the spirituality of every one of us.

RENEWAL APPRECIATION

A special sense of gratitude to our Renewal Committee for the choice of another significant speaker for our renewal days! Thank you to all those who made this past week so spiritually enriching for all those who participated in these important days in the life of our Parish Family!

FLU SEASON IS UPON US!

All parishioners are to heed the instructions given by the Diocese in last week's *Pittsburgh Catholic* by using our common sense in not shaking hands at the sign of peace or drinking from the cup if one would put others in danger of becoming susceptible to transmitting the diseases. Those who refrain from doing either of these should not be judged by others in any other way except for their sensitivity to these dangers of transmission!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

"Eucharistic celebration for all the missions of the world"

World Mission Sunday is an opportunity for us to nurture the missionary spirit of the Church while we encourage the prayerful and financial support of the Church's missionary work. It is our baptismal responsibility that mandates that we participate in the missionary efforts of the Church. We are called to offer our prayers and our generous support, through the Propagation of the Faith, to continue the mission of our Lord.

**SECOND COLLECTION
AT ALL OF TODAY'S LITURGIES
ENVELOPE IN OUR PACKET**

A NEW IDENTIFICATION SIGN

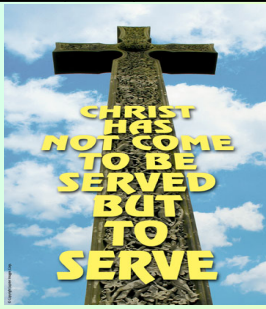
Have you noticed the new sign atop of the Tricolor Display Network that reminds all who travel this way that we are a **"PARISH FAMILY"** and not just a church? This is keeping with the mandate of the Diocese that we should not use the word "church" in referring to our Parish Family because of all the legal implications that it might create. So, on our bulletin, on our stationery and even on our checks, we have abided by the Diocesan law. This new sign simple reminds the whole world of our identification!

PLEDGE CAMPAIGN: THIRD PHASE

Members of the Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) are hoping to teach out to every home in the Parish Family with a letter that will give all members an opportunity to participate in the Third Phase of the Pledge Campaign. The fact that we have a possibility of matching up to \$250,000 in this Phase gives all parishioners an opportunity to "double" their pledge!

TWO COMMITTEE MEETINGS SET

Cemetery Board members are reminded of their meeting set for Monday of this week, October 19th at 7:00 p.m. as the Board continues to move toward the construction of a mausoleum. Members of the Temporalities Commission will meet on Wednesday of this week, October 21st at 7:00 p.m. as they continue to oversee our temporal needs, with an eye to the development of the sewer system that is now in progress.



LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 18, 2009 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Anna Polesiak - Dan & Shirley Stepnick
 6:00 p.m. Jane Moneski - Jim & Jane Doyle
 7:30 a.m. Anna Ahearn - Buddy & Carolyn
 11:00 a.m. Alphonse Walter - Mary Jean Kirby

Monday, October 19, 2009 - St. John deBrebeuf & Isaac Jogues & Their Companions

7:00 a.m. Theresa Klobuchar - Paul & Ginny Penezic
 10:00 a.m. Jack Jones - Ken Duncan

Tuesday, October 20, 2009 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. Marie Gaslevic - Family
 10:00 a.m. Grace Piano - Mr. Fritz Triglia

Wednesday, October 21, 2009 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. Nicola Barbieri - Mary Kay Churilla
 10:00 a.m. Jane Goral - Tom & Kathy

Thursday, October 22, 2009 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. Sandra Collins - Rose & Joe Sullivan
 10:00 a.m. Regis Klein - Friends

Friday, October 23, 2009 - St. John of Capistrano

7:00 a.m. Livia Richert - Bill & Linda Richert
 10:00 a.m. Frank J. Kelly - Michael Daley

Saturday, October 24, 2009 - St. Anthony Mary Claret

8:00 a.m. Mickey Rober - Jim & Rosetta Kmetyk
 10:00 a.m. Memorial Mass for Mary Kolander
 4:00 p.m. Josephine Labadie - Ron & Doe Herr
 6:00 p.m. Devaney Carroll - Kowalczyk Family

Sunday, October 25, 2009 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Francis Werling, Jr. - Family
 9:00 a.m. Fred Fischer - Andrew & Dolores Fischer
 11:00 a.m. Raymond DiPasquale - Family

Weekly Activities at a Glance

Sunday (Church) 9:00AM - Family CCD Program
October 18 (Rectory) 10:00AM - R.C.I.A.
 (Marian Hall) 11:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children

Monday (Marian Hall) 6:30PM - Market Day Pick-up
October 19 (Rectory) 7:00PM - Cemetery Board Meeting
 (Marian Hall) 6:30PM - Protecting God's Children - Part II

Tuesday (Church) 2:45PM - Children Cantors
October 20 (Marian Hall) 6:30PM - Adult Education with Fr. Ed

Wednesday (Marian Hall) 9:30AM - Let the Little Children Come to Me
October 21 (Marian Hall) 1:30PM - 55 Specials Bingo / Bridge
 (Church) 2:45PM - Children's Choir
 (Rectory) 7:00PM - Temporalities Committee Mtg.
 (Church) 7:30PM - Adult Choir

Thursday (Church) 7:00PM - Knights of Columbus
October 22 (Church) 7:30PM - Adult Hand Bells

Friday (Marian Hall) 7:00PM - Super Bingo
October 23

Saturday (Marian Hall) 7:15PM - Middle School Dance
October 24

Sunday (Marian Hall) 8:00AM - Parish Breakfast
October 25 (Marian Hall) 9:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children
 (Rectory) 10:00AM - R.C.I.A.
 (Marian Hall) 11:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II. Arthur Blumer (St. Mary) & Tracie Cesarone (St. John)

"21 more of the 40 Days For Life " continues through November 1. This is a pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion in America. Members of St. Mary's carpool to Planned Parenthood every Friday morning at 9AM and return at 10:30. Meet at the circle. We continue to pray the rosary for life on Saturday mornings at 7:30 AM, attend Mass at 8, and carpool to Planned Parenthood for an hour of prayer. **If you have questions, contact Ginny Dougherty at 412-486-8241**

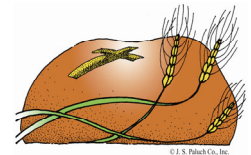


World Mission Sunday

Offertory Collection

October 11, 2009	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	715	\$16,425.35
Cash/Loose Checks	-	\$595.00
Children's Offertory	32	\$70.51
Mission Sunday	4	\$17.00
Parish Share 2009	9	\$435.00
Parish Needy	51	\$675.00
Total	811	\$18,217.86

Daily Readings



Oct. 19 Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21
Oct. 20 Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21;
 Lk 12:35-38
Oct. 21 Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48
Oct. 22 Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53
Oct. 23 Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59
Oct. 24 Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9
Oct. 25 Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

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. If interested please call Fr. Ed (412)486-4100. We meet every Sunday morning after the 9:00am liturgy in the rectory dining room. This week we will discuss: The Mass and next week we will find out about what we believe about Mary and the Saints. All are welcome!

A VOCATION VIEW

Whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all. Are we willing to give our life in service to our brothers and sisters? (Mark 10:35-45)

TRAVELING VOCATION CHALICE

All are invited to host this prayer tool for vocations in their homes. We thank the confirmation candidates from our school for hosting the Chalice and look forward to hearing from someone to welcome the chalice into their home by calling Ron Ondrizek, a member of our parish family vocation council at 412.486.6851.

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME is a ministry of families doing their best to bring their children closer to our Lord, through pray time, play time and service to others. A seasonal newsletter is mailed to all homes. Are are welcome to come to the next PRAY and PLAY on Wed. October 21st at 9:30am in the Children's Liturgy Room. For more information call Monica Hoehler 412.492.0242.



HALLOWEEN OUTING TO REBECCA RESIDENCE

Thursday, October 29 is the day the Let the Little Children Come To Me ministry parents and kiddies will meet at 10:00am in their costumes to entertain the residents of Rebecca Residence. Call Lisa Altimore 724.444.4301 to find out more. All are welcome!

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

"Advise" books abound on marriage and parenting. Jesus tells us in today's gospel the real secret: satisfying relationships depend on how well we sacrifice our needs to serve others. It is not about "getting," it's about "giving" the gift of ourselves. Life giving service is the sacrament of family life. If you feel like you are a servant to your children and spouse, then you are doing it right.

PARENTING POINTERS

Save your "No's." Sure, children need discipline, but if every parental preference becomes a no-no, it dilutes the power of a really important warning. When you say "NO" be firm and stick to it. Once children learn that "No" really means "whine longer and my parent will give in," the ante will keep rising.



MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Can't find the right words to talk over a sensitive subject with your spouse?

Consider talking with your father first - God the Father, that is. Sometimes the quiet of prayer can help us find the words we need.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Faith Sharing for 29h Week Ordinary Time

James and John hope to share seats of honor in Jesus' kingdom. They are reminded that true greatness is found in living the role of a servant. Jesus gave his life "as a ransom for many". In what practical ways do you give your life for others? Thank God for the ability to do so.

Damien of Molokai was canonized a SAINT last Sunday. If you'd like to see a film about his life, contact our Faith Formation office, 412-486-5521. Two new DVD's available for loan.

Monday Faith Formation Grade 8 – library group meet at 5:00 PM in Marina Hall to assist with Market Day. Church visits with catechists on your own.

BOTH sessions, 4:30 & 6:30 PM bring a new or gently used item and \$1.00 for the sale to benefit our adopted students at the Ethiopian mission school.

\$1.00 sale to benefit of adopted Ethiopian children. Bring a new or gently used item to the Faith Formation center: Saturday, Oct.17, 10:30 AM, Sunday, Oct.18, 10 AM; and Monday, Oct. 19, 4:30 & 6:30 PM. Bring \$ to buy a treasure donated by another. Any parishioner welcome

Saturday Faith Formation, 10:30 AM Bring your elder guest, meet in church, Grade 5 serve.

Family Program meets TODAY. Grade 7 Room 22 youth assist at 9:00 AM liturgy. Dr. Jim Rossetti will speak at the adult session to share insights and facts about "Stem Cell Success." Closing Prayer with Grade 7, Room 19.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FAITH RALLY with singing, dancing, fun meeting other youth and surprises will be held Nov. 6 at Canevin High School 7-9 PM. Youth @ \$10 each, and adults FREE, welcome. Registration forms available at our Faith Formation office needed by October 28.

Special Observances this week:

October 19 - Sts. John deBrebeuf, Isaac Jogues and His Companions, French missionaries martyred in New York by native Americans. They continue to be honored at a magnificent shrine in Auresville.

October 20 - St. Paul of the Cross, founder of Passionist priests. Thank him for all those devoted to honoring the Passion of Jesus and their retreat ministries.

October 23 - St. Padre Pio, Capuchin mystic who bore the stigmata, the wounds of Jesus.

St. John of Capistrano, a saint who spent time in prison. Ask his intercession for all now in prison.

ADULT ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Protecting God's Children-one evening workshop Tuesday, October 27, 6:30-9:30 PM at Divine Providence Alpha School (beside Passavant Hospital). Call Sister Rochelle, 412-366-4455X360 to pre-register.

LAST call - The Social Teachings of our Catholic Church discussion with Father Frank Almada at the John Paul Center, 9th Street, Sharpsburg, Thursdays, October 22, 7:00 till 9:30 PM.

Scripture Study and Discussion, Tuesdays, 1:00-2:30 PM. All adults welcome. Call Dori Monahan, 412-492-9891 for details about the current discussion topic.

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH MINISTRY IS SEEKING DONATIONS TO HELP OFFSET THE COST OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL RETREATS AND OUR YOUNG ADULT THEOLOGY ON TAP SERIES. SIMPLY LEAVE YOUR DONATION AT THE RECTORY IN THE CYM MAILBOX.

THANKS!

**THE BEATITUDES
HAVE ATTITUDE
LEARN THEM
LIVE THEM**

Matthew 5: 3-12

RECLAIM THE RETREAT

Time away from distractions to listen to God's plan for you.... participating in the Sacraments of our Catholic tradition...spending time with other Catholic youth...**WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?**

"The Ride of Your Life" annual retreat at Camp Allegheny begins **Friday, November 20th at 7 PM until Sunday, November 22 at 2 PM**...take an exciting ride through Liturgy on the Thunderbolt, the Paratrooper, the Pittsburgh Plunge and more. Your old favorites become new again as we journey through time into the beauty and relevance of the Liturgy. The cost is \$85 and scholarships are available. Check it out at <http://www.stvals.org/pulse/fallretreat.htm>

NEXT PARISH BREAKFAST OCTOBER 25

Delicious home baked breakfast rolls and cakes along with eggs, sausage and beverages; served between 8 AM and 11 AM in a hospitable style to enhance fellowship and faith.

YOUNG ADULT CYM 2009 – 2010

In addition to having Open Gym every Wednesday from 7:30 to 9 PM, we set the dates for our Advent "Theology on Tap" for December 2, 9 & 16. More to follow on this great young adult social.

HIGH SCHOOL CYM 2009 – 2010

Table Talk with Mrs. T offers high school teens the chance to learn about God's plan for them in a casual setting with food, of course. Call 412-486-5521 to register.

OPEN GYM AND DROP IN

Every Wednesday from 7:30 to 9 PM in the parish gym for both **high school and young adults** we will offer basketball, volleyball or badminton.

Do you have an old PS 2 that you would like to donate to CYM? We'd love to have it. We are also looking for donated games for our awesome Play Station 3.

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 contact Mrs. B via bel-skib@verizon.net or check us out on **FACEBOOK** at *St. Mary of the Assumption CYM*.

ST. MARY



MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE -

Another middle school dance will take place on Saturday, October 24th, at 7:15 PM in Marian Hall. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased through the school, rectory, or Faith Formation offices from October 21st through the 24th. This social activity is sponsored by the PTG.

APPLES FOR STUDENTS - The Giant Eagle Apples for Students program began on Sunday, September 27th, and runs through March 19th, 2010. This program provides educational materials and supplies for the school. If you have not yet registered, you can sign up at www.gianteagle.com or calling 1-800-474-4777. Our school ID # is 1131. Thank you so much for your continued support!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS - Entertainment Books will be sold at the Scrip Office and at the Scrip table in church to benefit the school. They are selling for \$20, with a \$5 assessment credit going to any school family you designate. Thank you for your continued support!

OTHER SALES - The students of St. Mary school are also taking orders for Corbi's Pizza and Innisbrook Wrapping Paper. The pizza are delicious and the wrapping paper is of wonderful quality. If you are interested in purchasing either of these items, contact any school family or call the school office for more information.

CONTINUE TO SAVE - Please continue to save all Campbell's products labels, Box Tops For Education labels, ink cartridges, old cell phones, and Shop 'N Save receipts for the school. These items afford us the opportunity to purchase educational materials for the children. Many thanks!

175th ANNIVERSARY HAPPENINGS



◆ NEXT BIG THING

Why not make a reservation for our 175th Anniversary Parish Dinner Dance on Saturday, November 14th at the Holiday Inn in RIDC Park, Blawnox? Gathering at 6:00pm followed by a sit-down dinner at 7:00pm. Tickets: only thirty dollars per person. Many are reserving a table for eight! Invite your neighbors and former parishioners to join you. Call Mary Ann Coholich to find more at 412.486.0165.

◆ ANNIVERSARY BOOK

Orders are currently being taken for this historical book that will be distributed in time for the Closing Mass on Dec. 8th and for Christmas gifts. Turn in ten dollars with your name and phone number as soon as possible. Only a limited number of books will be printed. Don't lose out---be part of our history!

◆ Drop your order in the collection basket!

OUR PARISH NEWS

A THOUGHT FROM DEACON ROB

On the front porch of the seminary residence at Saint Vincent's are four columns, each with a letter – I, O, G, D. These four letters are the abbreviation of the phrase In Omnibus Glorificatur Deus, "In all things, may God be glorified". This phrase reminds not only the Benedictines of the Archabbey and the men in the seminary, but in fact all of us, that all our actions need to be ordered to the glory of God.

Jesus calls us to share in His glory. Yet, like James and John in this week's Gospel, we often seek after the glory that is measured in human standards. The glory that Jesus urges us to seek is found by drinking from the cup that He has received from the Father and accepting the baptism with which He had been baptized. Namely, the glory of the Lord is ours when we live out the Paschal Mystery of Christ: His Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Our dying to self to give life to others gives glory to God because, through this, we are not simply acting on our behalf. Rather, our words and actions are focused on building up the Body of Christ and the Kingdom of God. Our entrance into the Paschal Mystery of Jesus allows us to fulfill the mission given to us at our baptism, which is to bring others to Christ. This is not often an easy task, and many of us shy away from "being Christ" to others. However, if we allow ourselves to focus our actions so that in omnibus glorificatur Deus, we see beyond ourselves and our human understanding, and the Holy Spirit opens us up to see, speak, and act in ways which bring glory to God and others to Christ.

James and John were ready to drink the cup and be baptized with Christ's radical baptism without fully comprehending what that would entail: the ultimate sacrifice of one's life for the Gospel message. For us who live in 2009, we know the Gospel message. But do we allow it to transform us so that we may live the Paschal Mystery faithfully so that in omnibus glorificatur Deus?

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, and the reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist, we are given the means in which we can transform our actions so that they bring glory to God. It is through the Holy Spirit alone that we can fully enter into the Paschal Mystery so that others may come to know Christ and His Gospel. And so, we must really ask ourselves that, in and through our words and actions, who is really receiving the glory? Are we acting for only ourselves, or are we acting for the glory of God?

ONE-SIDED PAPER

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



Crazy Hat Dance for All Middle School Students

Middle school students: grades 6, 7 and 8 – you are invited to St. Mary's middle school dance on

October 24, 7:15 – 10:00 pm.

Wear your craziest hat to this pre-Halloween dance and win one of five prizes. Don't have a crazy hat?... any hat will do. Come join friends from St. Mary's, St. Bonaventure's, St. Sebastian's, St. Ursula's, St. Theresa's, and Christ the Divine Teacher Academy. Buy your tickets at St. Mary's School, CCD office or rectory for \$5.00. Come see why our first dance of the year was such a success and so much fun! No one admitted without a ticket. **Questions, call Mary Sue Certo-Newcamp at 412-767-5234.**

GOOD NEWS TO SHARE



DIOCESAN ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES

The Diocese of Pittsburgh is hosting its annual series of talks specifically focused on prayer and spirituality. The first of our series is presented by Sister John Sheila Galligan, IHM, a popular speaker and teacher, whose writings have appeared in numerous publications. We invite you to join us for Sister's presentation, "**Forgiveness: The Best Revenge**" to be held at St. Paul Seminary Auditorium on Thursday, October 29th at 7:30PM. Continuing education credit is available for priests, deacons and catechists. The lecture is FREE --- all are welcome to attend. **BRING A FRIEND!**

Retreat News

Our women are anxious to have you join them on their annual weekend retreat, November 6, 7, & 8 at St. Paul's on the South Side. Now is the time to make a reservation for the best weekend of your life! Call Irene Linkowski at 412.487.1779 to find out more or make arrangements for a ride to the retreat center.



KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

What is important to you? Is it opening your mind and heart to inspire you about the love of Jesus and Mary? On Thursday evening, October 22nd at 7:00PM at St. Mary's, the Knights of Columbus, Council 14722, will sponsor a special prayer service called the "Enthronement of the

Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary." The enthronement brings countless blessings and graces to the home where it is prayed by all members of the family. Enthronement packets will be distributed to all families for home use to lead us to a deeper relationship to Jesus and Mary. All Knights and their families and interested parishioners are invited to attend. The regular monthly Council meeting will follow immediately in Marian Hall. Reference: Google: St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, show received the 12 great promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

MARKET DAY pick up this Monday 6:30-7:30 PM in Marian Hall.

Freezing nights! Thanks to those who brought Blankets and sleeping bags for HOMELESS persons in Pittsburgh. More always welcome. Please put any you will give on the last pews in the Children Liturgy Room with a sign "for the homeless".

ESSAY CONTEST "Try Prayer! It Works!" for STUDENTS: The 2010 Theme is "The family that prays together stays together." Download an application form www.hcfm.org/main/prayer-try.php or request a copy for our Faith Formation office, 412-486-5521.

HALL OF HEROES...Middle School youth and families welcome to portray a Hero of Faith at the November 7 hospitality, 7:00 PM. Exciting opportunity to discover some unique experiences and symbols of our heroes. Contact our Faith Formation Office if you'd like to be in on the SURPRISES!

Book for Sale Look on the St. Vincent DePaul Book Rack and pick up a new selection written by Dr. Salvaroe J. Mascari, D.Min. entitled: *Jesus said, "Love One Another."* Place ten dollars in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket.

Pastoral Impressions ~ World Mission Sunday

by Rose Stegman

How appropriate are the Scriptures for this Sunday as we observe World Mission Sunday. They make no mention of this observance but they do emphasize Jesus' mission and the images from Isaiah of the Servant of God. Jesus knew our human situation and **willingly** shared it completely. Knowing many missionaries in the religious communities of which my brother and sister are members, I attest to the fact that any missionary is truly a servant. They are first and foremost servants who go forth **willingly** to carry the Word of God to peoples of different lands and cultures. How blessed we were to have had the Redemptorist missionary Father Daniel Francis with us this past week. His message was clearly the same as that which every missionary takes to others: "God loves you intimately and tenderly. Call on God in any and every situation. Suffering is part of our human condition, and sometimes we get angry about it. Talk to God with whatever emotions you feel. No matter what you look like, wear, have or don't have, you are a beloved of God." Missionaries believe those facts and act on them with the persons to whom they are sent. Most recently canonized a Saint of our Catholic Church, Damien de Veuster left his home in Belgium to serve as needed in Hawaii. He **willingly** offered to work among the outcast lepers on the island of Molokai. His flamboyant personality had him at odds with political and religious leaders at times, yet his intense love for those suffering under his care did not stop him from ministering to and with the leprous till the disease ravished his own body. This week I read of an Irish missionary kidnapped in the Phillipines, and others being persecuted for being followers of Jesus in China. This Mission Sunday is a reminder that we too share the command to "make disciples of all nations..." Join in intense prayer for those who have gone to many lands and nations in the name of Christ. Consider how you share the missionary call; and how willingly do you reaffirm God's love among those whom you meet and share this journey?