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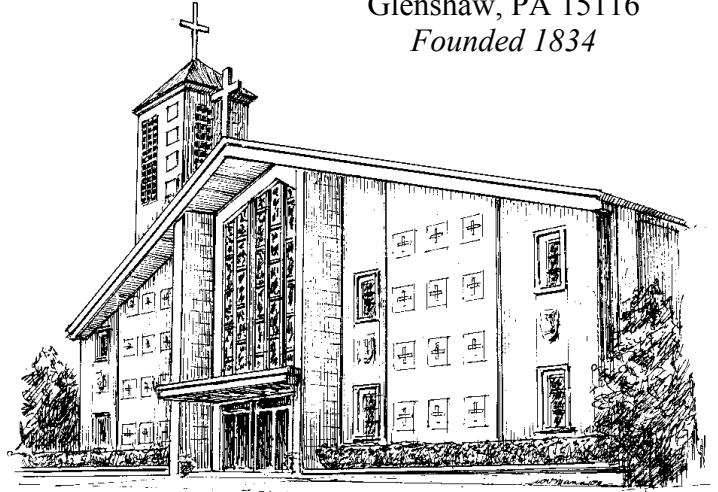
PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 25, 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



RECONCILIATION

THIS WEEK ONLY

As we get deeper and deeper into the season of Lent, celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation becomes more and more prominent in this penitential season. Every parishioner is asked to take advantage of one of the TWO opportunities afforded to all in this coming week as the sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on TUESDAY, MARCH 27th, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening and on SATURDAY, MARCH 30th at 11:00 o'clock in the morning. We will have visiting priests joining the two priests of our Parish Family so the communal celebration of the sacrament will be a special experience for all those in attendance. We are reminded that "confessions" will *not* be heard during Holy Week, since the liturgy asks us to concentrate on the mystery of the Lord's dying and rising at that time.

NEXT WEEKEND: PASSION SUNDAY

The liturgies next weekend will concentrate on the proclamation of the Passion of the Lord Jesus, with palm being given out to begin the celebration. Please note the need to come a little earlier to the liturgy because of the great number of people who gather in church to celebrate this important day.

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

The "Sacred Triduum" (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil) is the high point of the entire liturgical year --- celebrating the central mystery of our Faith! Will you be one of our parishioners who makes an honest attempt to gather with the Faith Community at EACH of these celebrations???

TONIGHT AT 7:00 P.M.

IN OUR CHURCH

*PASSION PLAY:
"WHY HE MUST DIE"*

Teen Chorale of the Tri County Choir Institute

"A Magnificent Lenten Presentation"
All families are invited to gather with us!!!
Powerful Experience for our Children!

"CATCH THE VIBE"

VITALITY IN BUILDING EXCELLENCE

CCC members are contacting individual members of our Parish Family to seek their financial assistance for the Pledge Campaign. Every person who uses the well-lit non-stacked parking lot, the Pedestrian Plaza or exits to our parking lot has experienced the results of this Campaign. Now we all can see the Parish Activity Center becoming a reality. All of these benefits to all of us would not have been possible without this Campaign. Now the CCC are in the process of creating a "Memorial Plaque" for all those who contribute or pledge \$2000 or more. But there is a DEADLINE for making this pledge so that we can send the names to the company creating the plaque. Act now! Make a pledge!

EXTENDED STAFF CELEBRATION

All members of the "Extended Staff" are reminded to keep open the first Sunday after Easter, April 15th this year, for our traditional gathering of appreciation for the integral ministry that each person offers to the overall life of our Parish Family. The term "Extended Staff" applies to all those persons, excluding the nine members of the Parish Staff, who receive financial compensation from the Parish Family. Our great realization is that the wonderful work of the Church that takes places in so many facets of our Parish Family would be impossible without the dedication of all these persons on the "Extended Staff." The gathering on the first Sunday after Easter is simply a small attempt to express the gratitude of all of us for this magnificent work.

PASTORAL COUNCIL GOAL FOR 2007

One of the goals for the Pastoral Council for this year is to establish a MINISTRY that would reach out to those who have felt abandoned by the Church and no longer practice their Faith actively. Any parishioner who would like to offer ideas to how this MINISTRY should be shaped is asked to contact of the Council members or express your feelings to a member of our Staff.

SAVING YOUR NEWSPAPERS?

DROP THEM OFF ANYTIME!
OUR BIN IS LOCATED BEHIND THE SCHOOL
NEWSPAPERS! JUNK MAIL! MAGAZINES!

Liturgies for the Week

Sunday, March 25, 2007 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 4:00 p.m. Grace & Emeric DeLuca - Ron & Angela DeLuca
- 6:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 7:30 a.m. Louise Sunseri - Claire & Al Sigmund
- 9:00 a.m. Teresa Gullo - Lisa Ruffa
- 11:00 a.m. Maria Antonia Imbarlina - M/M Marco Imbarlina
- 7:00 p.m. Passion Play - Teen Chorale

Monday, March 26, 2007 - Annunciation of the Lord

- 7:00 a.m. Grace Nadalin Vaccari - Husband, Mother & Father
- 10:00 a.m. Ginny Winschel - Bob & Sandy Csikari

Tuesday, March 27, 2007- Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Special Intention
- 10:00 a.m. Joseph & Lena Bennardo - Nieces
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, March 28, 2007 - Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Steve Garasic - Rich & Toni Matessa
- 10:00 a.m. Nancy Doyle - Ron, Arlene, Kim

Thursday, March 29, 2007 - Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Michael Ziemba - Brian & Lisa O'Malley
- 10:00 a.m. Julia Kaiser - Bradford Family

Friday, March 30, 2007 - Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Francis Mitsch - Mitsch Family
- 10:00 a.m. Michael J. Daniels - Sheila & Family
- 2:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 31, 2007 - Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. John Molenda - Joel & Megan Wagner
- 11:00 a.m. Lenten Reconciliation Service
- 4:00 p.m. George Duffy - Duffy Family
- 6:00 p.m. John Kirby - Carol & Tom Roberts

Sunday, April 1, 2007 - Palm Sunday of the Lords's Passion

- 7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 9:00 a.m. Maxine Deasy - Family
- 11:00 a.m. Marie Sonnett—Tom & Babs

Offertory Collections

March 25, 2007	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	849	\$17,053.23
Cash/Loose Cks.	-	\$670.00
Children's Offertory	64	\$69.30
Easter Flowers	58	\$939.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Developmnet	221	\$2,926.83
Religious Formation	3	\$71.00
Parish Share 2007	43	\$4,690.00
Parish Needy	24	\$448.00
Total	1262	\$26,867.36

A VOCATION VIEW

God continues to open a way for us. How is God doing something new in your life? Perhaps God is inviting you to be a priest or religious. (Isaiah 43:16-21)

R.I.P.: Frank Fruciano, James A. Magovern, brother of Frances O'Connor, and Anthony Sinkovich, father of Vincent Sinkovich, Francis J. Flit, father-in-law of Sharon

COME HOME FOR EASTER- one of the best ways to come home for Easter is to take advantage of the sacrament of Penance. The church reminds us of the obligation to confess our sins **at least** once a year, especially when we have serious sin to confess. We need to examine our lives to see where we have gone wrong and what we need to change. Confession should be used more frequently because it is a sacrament to heal and to help us through the difficulties of life. Pope Benedict XVI reminds us in his apostolic exhortation of the obligation to be in "a state of grace," free from serious sin, before receiving Holy Communion. We also are reminded to receive Holy Communion between the first Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday. We refer to this as our "Easter Duty." Of course, most have become accustomed to the practice of receiving a worthy Holy Communion each time we come to Mass. **We invite all to come for our Lenten Penance Services this week on Tuesday evening, March 27 at 7pm or Saturday, March 31 at 11:00am. Visiting priests will be helping to hear confessions.**



First Bann of Marriage:

Amber Giannuzzi (St. Mary) and Chad Scholtz

DAILY READINGS

- March 26:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- March 27:** Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
- March 28:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
- March 29:** Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
- March 30:** Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
- March 31:** Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56
- April 1:** Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 - 23:56 [23:1-49]

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME

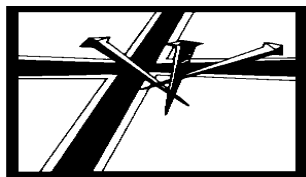
This unique ministry to parents with children under five years of age provides pray, play and service opportunities to families. For more information, contact Cindy at (412) 487-5272. Every Tuesday the Let the Little Children Come sends out an e-mail prayer and reminder note. We pray “on line” for our families, children, parish and world. If you would like to be included, please contact: cindyshadle@comcast.net

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Jesus sent a strong message when he prevented the stoning of the woman. It is wrong to correct another by verbally attacking and hurling insults. A family must not be an arena of violence, but a refuge where we find love, acceptance, forgiveness and respect.

R. C. I. A. – Please continue to pray for the individuals who are currently involved in the RCIA process as they continue their journey of discovering the meaning and the message of the Catholic faith. Pray, too, for the RCIA team who share the faith with these individuals. Our catechumen and candidates are preparing to be received into the church at this year’s Easter Vigil. We meet every Sunday following the 9:00am Mass in the rectory dining room. Call Father Ed or Jim Finn (412) 486-4100 for more information. Next week we will discuss Holy Week and the Triduum.

PASSION PLAY



An invitation to all—TONIGHT (Sunday) at 7:00pm in our church the TriCounty Choir Institute’s **TEEN CHORALE** will present the Passion Play, “**WHY MUST HE DIE?**” All ages are welcome. Why not bring your family to this meditation through music, liturgical dance and drama on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. A great way to prepare for Holy Week. A free will offering is taken at the end of the play.

EASTER EGG HUNT: All children under 10 years of age are invited to the Parish Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday, April 7th. beginning in church with a family blessing. Afterwards all will search for the eggs on the church grounds! Call Donna Polito at 412-492-9312 to make a reservation. Leave child’s name, age and phone number. Bring a basket and friendship. We welcome donations of plastic eggs and candy. Leave your donations in the Children’s Liturgy Room. Thanks for your generous support!

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

FAITH SHARING –LENT-Week 5

This Sunday’s Gospel story reflects the age-old problem that women are often left to suffer social inequality. It shows how those who used the weak and vulnerable to try to trick Jesus were unable to do so. How does it feel for YOU to know that Jesus *absolutely* forgives those who repent and that no sin is beyond forgiveness.

MONDAY FAITH FORMATION Grade 3,

and Grade 2: with your parent/guardian meet in church at 6:30 PM for prayer and blessing of Scapulars.

Friday, March 30, 7:00 PM FAMILY Stations

of the Cross: Join in the reflections of how Jesus’ own cross and his struggles are a means to lighten those we face in our own families. Make this a special time to pray for all the families of our parish and Church worldwide.

SATURDAY Faith Formation: on March 31, all meet in classes at 9:30 AM; the Seder meal to be celebrated during the session.

FAMILY PROGRAM: a donations of non-perishable items for the Easter Meal project may be placed in the marked boxes on the last pew in the “Children Liturgy Room”. **RESPONSES** to the Summer Programs questionnaire may be returned to the Faith Formation Office. **THANKS** for your cooperation .

ADVENTURE IN GALILEE BY THE SEA: a **FAMILY** participation Summer Bible Program will have a planning meeting **THIS** Wednesday, March 28, 7:00 PM in our school library. Anyone interested is welcome. Singers, dancers, games, sewers, craft, actors/actresses, and set designers’ **IDEA** pool makes for an off-to-a-great-start session. Call Lee Ann Trout for details: 412-492-8043

YOUTH MINISTRY

FISH DINNER - THANKS

All of us with **St. Vincent de Paul and CYM** want to thank the parishioners for your great support. Yes, sometimes the macaroni and cheese was gummy and we had a few other glitches, but many of you continued to come for dinner because you understood the bigger picture; that **all proceeds** go toward our **Appalachia summer program**. With the repair of the dishwasher and the training of our volunteers, we met Health Department standards as we tried our newest menu item, fried fish! You continued to donate those great desserts and encouraged our teens as they worked hard to provide a comfortable dining experience. More diners came this year than we had the last two years and **we owe a special thanks to Paul and Ginny Penezic** for their enthusiasm and help.

FYI The next T-ROC will be on Sunday, April 22

TEEN HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

Palm Sunday, April 1 Hosanna 2007 for youth in Grade 8-12. Meet with a few thousand teens from around the diocese for liturgy, a concert, dinner plus a carnival and dance. Proceeds from the carnival benefit the mission in Chimbote, Peru.

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. Our group will depart from our parish at 8:40 AM. Students in grades 9-12 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, beginning at noon. Practice will be after the 11 AM liturgy **TODAY** - meet in the church.

CYM CALENDAR

<u>Sun., Mar., 25</u>	Crosswalk Practice
<u>Sun., Apr. 1</u>	HOSANNA
<u>Thur., Apr. 5</u>	Chrism Liturgy at St. Paul Cathedral
<u>Fri., Apr. 6</u>	Good Friday Teen Lenten Experience 9 A - 4 P
<u>Sat., Apr. 7</u>	Easter Vigil at 8:30 PM
<u>Wed., Apr. 11</u>	Serving meal at homeless shelter

HOMELESS SHELTER MONTHLY DINNER

It's official - CYM is responsible for preparing and serving a dinner meal at the SOAR shelter for homeless women on the second Wednesday of every month. Call for details.

ST. MARY SCHOOL

REGISTRATION - St. Mary School will be accepting registrations for students in preschool through grade 7 beginning March 1, 2007. 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 3 year-old preschool program meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 -11:00 AM; the 4 year-olds meet on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30-11:00 AM. The school also offers half-day and full-day kindergarten classes as well as an after-school program until 6:00 PM.

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.



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CROSS - Students in grades 4-8 will pray the Stations of the Cross on all Fridays during Lent through March 30th at 2:00 PM. All are invited to come and join us in prayer. Students in grades 1-3 will lead the stations on Wednesday, March 28th.

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 an family. We will accept all major credit cards except American Express.

SUPER BINGO - Another bingo will take place on Friday, April 20th, in Marian Hall. Advance tickets are \$35; \$40 if purchased 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 (50 points each), 5 specials (100 points each), one jackpot at 500 points and another at 1000 points. Proceeds benefit St. Mary School. Call Coleen at (412) 486-6622 for tickets or more information.

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

Holy Thursday Church Visits: after the 7:00 PM liturgy, ride the bus with Deacon Fran as the pilgrimage will stop at SIX Chapels and Churches of Allison Park, and Wexford to recall the places Jesus was taken between the Last Supper and his journey to Calvary. Prayers for peace and one's own intentions part of the community who goes. CALL NOW to reserve your seat on the bus, 412-486-5521.

GO TO CALVARY with Father William Fay THIS MONDAY, March 26, 6:30-8:30 PM in our school LIBRARY. COME even if you missed the past weeks.

FISHERS OF MEN, an 18 minute DVD about priestly life, available for loan from our parish library. Call 412-486-5521 to sign it out. This was recently shown at our Tuesday Lenten series with Father Fred, OSB.

Christian Mothers/Women's Organization

What a wonderful turnout we had with a **SPECTACULAR** dinner and **SUPER** Surprise Auction last week at our Christian Mothers Women's Organization Night of Reflection. **Thank you** to all the **men** who came and supported their wives by being at Mass and accompanying them to the dinner and auction. And a **BIG THANK YOU** to **all the women** for bringing such a wonderful array of food and all your help cleaning up. **Thank you Ginny and Elaine** for a such a great and funny auctioneer display. And we finished our dinner and program by 10 p.m. How great was that? We all also wish to thank Ms. Rose and the children for putting up our decorations and making the hall and tables look so nice. **Thank you Ms. Rose and kids.** The surprise auction proceeds of \$500 were donated to Sr. Lois for her needy families. She was very appreciative and said she can put it to good use. We also presented Deacon Fran, who did such a great job with his sermon and then talk, who stood in for Fr. John for the presentation, with a check for \$500 to go toward the new dishwasher in the cafeteria. Wouldn't it be great to have it in time for the Parish Festival?!

GOOD JOB DONE BY ALL!!!

Fund Raiser: on Saturday, April 14, 2007, benefit for Little Sisters of the Poor at the Omni William Penn Hotel, downtown Pittsburgh. Fashions by Talbot's; Auction prizes, Share the Wealth. \$30 Information; Ann Young, 412-682-3458 or Dee Gallagher, 412-628-7132. Sponsored by Catholic Business and Professional Women's Association.

Around the Town

EXTRA wide WHEELCHAIR, needed for a shut-in. Call Sister Lois at 412-486-4021

MARKET DAY pick up THIS Monday, March 26, 7:00 till 7:45 PM in Marian Hall. Call, Lee Holleran 724-443-0673 if YOU will like to assist 5:30 PM .

"Providence Companions in Mission" share community life and ministry with religious Sisters.

Women ages 18 and older contact cdpjudith@hotmail.com or see www.ivineprovidenceweb.org

Widows & Widowers Group: will meet on March 25, at The Cheese Cake Factory, Ross Park Mall, lower level near Penny's at 4:00PM. All are welcome. For more information call 412-486-5621 or 412-486-4209.

Easter Candy Donations: We are collecting Easter candy for Easter Baskets of the children who come to our pantry and for the children at the Shuman Center. If you can help by donating candy, please call Sr. Lois at 412-486-4021. Thank you and God Bless.

SUPPORT PROGRAM- St. Ursula Parish Support for Grieving Families Ministry is offering a seven week support program. This free service begins on Mon. March 26 at 7:00pm and continues for seven consecutive Mondays until May 7, 2007. For information or to register call Lorraine at (412)487-1094 or Sister Janice at (412)486-6700. This program provides an atmosphere of trust and caring where you can share with others who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

Easter Blessing of the Families

On Easter Sunday, April 8, 2007, Bishops Paul Bradley and William Winter will welcome families of the Diocese to their Annual Blessing of Families at St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland beginning at 3:00PM. As they greet and bless your family personally, they affirm and support you as a household of love and witnesses to your faith. All families, nuclear, single parent, blended, extended, etc. are invited to come and experience the Bishops' expression of appreciation for the gift that you are and the gifts that you bring to our Diocese. Each family attending will receive a special memento to take home and the children will receive a sweet treat.

PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS by Barbara Belski

JESUS WILL CARRY YOUR BURDEN NOW

At our recent Lenten Nails Service, all were invited forward to place a particularly painful or heavy burden or struggle on the Cross. As each person moved away, a Lenten nail was placed in their hand by one of the members of the T-Team with the words, "**Jesus will carry your burden now.**" In our Second Reading for today, Paul compares his faith journey to a race. He urges all of us to forget about what lies behind; instead we are to strain forward to what lies ahead.

My daughter and son-in-law started their walk on the Appalachia Trail earlier this month. Their preparations began several years ago but intensified the last six months as they cooked and dehydrated over 200 days worth of meals, trained on the weekends by hiking and sleeping outside in all kinds of weather and by saving their money so that they could quit their jobs to concentrate on this great adventure. They hope to reach Maine by September or October. As they continue their pursuit toward the goal of reaching Mount Katahdin in Maine, I cannot help but think about Paul's charge to us to continue to pursue Jesus. "It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ."

As I pray for my Katy and Mark, I pray for all of you as you continue to pursue your call to God. Call on Jesus to help you to carry your burden, so that you may continue the race. In fact, **feel free to write your burden on a piece of paper and attach it to the cross in the front of the church.** Our teens will use that cross on Good Friday for the annual Crosswalk. Please join us at noon at Epworth Methodist as we walk up Burchfield toward our church and continue to pursue our calling to Christ Jesus.

"I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 3:14