

PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 4, 2009

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Founded 1834

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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

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY

"MANIFESTATION OF THE CHRIST"

Today we celebrate the *Solemnity of the Epiphany* of the Lord, which is celebrated on January 6th in most countries of the world as a Holyday of Obligation. Today's *Epiphany* reminds us of the "manifestation" of the Child Jesus as God's presence among us. The Magi are representatives of our "gentile-world" in that the Lord Jesus has brought salvation to all people. Today's celebration brings us to the realization that we have been "gifted" by our heavenly Father in sharing the life of his Son and our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ! Next Sunday we shall celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, and the Sunday after that return to the GREEN vestments of Ordinary Time and look forward to the First Sunday of Lent with the penitential color of purple set for the season.

"WE THREE PRIESTS"

On a day when the gift bearing of the THREE Magi set the scene for today's beautiful celebration, "we three priests" would like to take this opportunity to offer our gratitude to all those persons who have given us gifts during this wondrous season. We wish to thank those who brought monetary, culinary and visionary gifts to enhance our celebration of this holy season. It would be impossible for us to express the appreciation of our hearts in these few words, but please know that your intentions will be remembered by each of us every time we stand at the Altar of the Lord. The tremendous outpouring of generosity shown by so many parishioners really humbles us before you, and WE THREE PRIESTS hope that you sense the gratitude we each have buried in our hearts in being assigned to the special Parish Family of St. Mary of the Assumption on Middle Road.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2008

The financial statements for 2008 will be sent to all those envelope holders in our Parish Family. We remind those receiving their statement that the "Pledge Campaign" amount on this statement is ONLY for 2008. Many parishioners gave some of their contribution in previous years, and that amount would have been recorded on those statements. We hope that those still paying on their pledges will be faithful to their original commitment so that we can eliminate our Parish Family debt entirely.

1834 – 2009

175 YEARS OF PARISH LIFE

As we begin this year of 2009, all members of the Parish Family should have a sense of pride as we celebrate 175 years of parish life. To maintain this spirit of celebration, we will designate events EACH month of the year as part of the celebration. We ask all parishioners to keep alert to all these celebrations as this year of 2009 becomes our 175th year. We will begin the month of January with two main events:

BISHOP ZUBIK JOINS US

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9th at 10:00 a.m.

We invite all parishioners to join us this Friday as Bishop Zubik will celebrate the liturgy with all of those who realize the importance of religious education in the history of our Parish Family. Come, join our Bishop for the liturgy, and meet many who have served in the past as we gather for this special 175th anniversary liturgy.

EUCCHARISTIC DAY: THIS MONDAY

Take advantage of the opportunity to spend some quality time before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after the 10:00 a.m. liturgy this **Monday, January 5th**. Spending time before the Blessed Sacrament in prayer and devotion is spending time before the living God. Closing prayer and benediction will take place at 7:00 p.m. with Redemptorist Father John Kelly presiding. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex to schedule a time for personal prayer. We hope that all parishioners will take advantage of this Eucharistic Day as we begin our 175th anniversary!

2009 PRAYER LIST OF THE SICK

We remind all those persons who were listed on our Prayer List that appears each month in the bulletin that the names of 2008 are not automatically placed on the list for 2009. Those who are still homebound, ill or in need of our prayers are asked to simply call the rectory during the regular office hours and place the your name or the name of your loved one on our 2009 listing. We invite all parishioners to remember in prayer all those who will be added to this newly formed Prayer List.



LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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Sunday, January 4, 2009 - The Epiphany of the Lord

- 4:00 p.m. Carl Brueckner - William Sutter Family
- 6:00 p.m. John & Barbara Lorkovic - Dick & Carrie Druzak
- 7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 9:00 a.m. Mary Mary - Bobbie Bish
- 11:00 a.m. Nicola & Lucrezia Didomenico - Rocco Didomenico Family

Monday, January 5, 2009 - St. John Neumann - Eucharistic Day

- 7:00 a.m. Herman Spinnenweber - Sr. Lois & Joan
- 10:00 a.m. Marlene Harvey - Bob & Gina
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer and Benediction

Tuesday, January 6, 2009 - Blessed Andre Bessette

- 7:00 a.m. Rose & Leonard Fischer - Andrew & Dolores Fishcer
- 10:00 a.m. Lucielle Welsh - Paul & Kelly Zoeller

Wednesday, January 7, 2009 - St. Raymond of Penafort

- 7:00 a.m. Marie Gaslevic - Family
- 10:00 a.m. Vincenza Derenzo - Marco & Rose Imbarlina

Thursday, January 8, 2009 - Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Gerard Walter - Loretta Walter
- 10:00 a.m. Ralph Costa - Fred & Carol Hoffmann

Friday, January 9, 2009 - Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Ted Starcevic - Dolores & Pete
- 10:00 a.m. Catherine Streiff - St. Mary 5th Grade Students

Saturday, January 10, 2009 - Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. Fr. William O'Malley - Family
- 4:00 p.m. Dorothy M. Murray - Tom & Babs Politylo
- 6:00 p.m. Virginia Fassio - Keith & Carol Loiselle & Family

Sunday, January 11, 2009 - The Baptism of the Lord

- 7:30 a.m. Roy & Betty Kunning - Joan & Bill Heinz
- 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 11:00 a.m. Vincenza Derenzo - Stella & Riccardo DiBiase

Weekly Activities at a Glance

- Sunday** (Marian Hall) Hospitality Weekend after All Liturgies
Jan. 4
- Monday** (School) 8:15AM - Classes Resume
Jan. 5 (School) 6:30PM - CCD Program - All Grades (Rectory) 7:30PM - Pastoral Council after Benediction
- Tuesday** (Marian Hall) 2:45PM - School Band Practice
Jan. 6 (Church) 2:45PM - Children's Hand Bell Practice (Marian Hall) 6:00PM - CYM Drama Practice (Pantry) 6:00PM - Food Pantry Open (Rectory) 7:00PM - St. Vincent dePaul Meeting (Rectory) 7:00PM - Worship Commission Meeting
- Wednesday** (Marian Hall) 1:30PM - 55 Specials - Bingo/Cards
Jan. 7 (Church) 2:45PM - Children's Choir Practice (Rectory) 7:00PM - 175th Anniversary Meeting (Church) 7:30PM - Adult Choir Practice
- Thursday** (Church) 2:45PM - Children's Cantor Practice
Jan. 8 (Church) 8:00PM - Adult Hand Bell Practice
- Friday** (Church) 10:00AM - School Mass
Jan. 9 with Bishop Zubik (Marian Hall) 7:00PM - Super Bingo
- Saturday** (School) 9:30AM - CCD Program
Jan. 10 (Marian Hall) 5:00PM - Catechist Appreciation Dinner
- Sunday** (Church) 9:00AM - Family CCD Program
Jan. 11 (Rectory) 10:00AM - R.C.I.A.

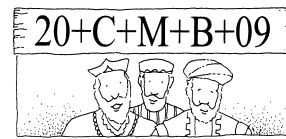
PRAYER LIST

If you wish to place a name on our "Prayer List" you must call the rectory during regular office hours. Names on the list from last year are not automatically included this year.

R.I.P.: Theresa Klobuchar, Suzanna Sovek, mother of Bob Sovek, Elsie Taylor, mother of Daniel Taylor, E. Louis Falconio, father of Jim Falconio.

Dec. 21, 2008	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	810	\$19,889.15
Cash/Loose Cks.	-	\$1,068.00
Children's Offertory	31	\$53.10
Religious Retirement	3	\$106.00
Christmas Offering	21	\$846.00
Children/Youth	11	\$151.00
Christmas Flowers	21	\$377.00
Immaculate Conception	1	\$20.00
Solemnity of Mary	3	\$35.00
Parish Share 2008	8	\$760.00
Parish Needy	40	\$907.00
Total	949	\$24,212.25

Daily Readings



- Jan. 5** 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:13-17, 23-25
- Jan. 6** 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
- Jan. 7** 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
- Jan. 8** 1 Jn 4:19 - 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
- Jan. 9** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
- Jan. 10** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
- Jan. 11** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

SACRAMENTAL LIFE



Baptized in Christ

Colton John Metzger
Zachary Regis Newell

Congratulations to their parents, godparents, and grandparents. Please join us in welcoming them into our **Parish Family!**

A VOCATION VIEW

God's glory continues to shine in our world. Where do you need to carry the light of Christ? Consider being a light for the world as a Church minister. (Isaiah 60:1-6)

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME

All families with children under five are welcome to participate in this special ministry. Every first and third Wednesday we meet in the Children's Liturgy Room at 9:30 A. M. for **PRAY and PLAY DAY**. Why not join us on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at 9:30 A. M.? Call Monica for more details at 412.492.0242.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

The Magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Don't let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in 2009 to be the guiding star in the life of your children.

PARENTING POINTERS

It's a new year. Give your child a chance to be a new person. Too often we type our kids. He's so lazy. She's so self-centered. If you think you know your children well, you may; but give them a chance to prove one of your negative stereotypes wrong. They might surprise you.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the three wise men bringing gifts to the Infant Christ. Why not be wise and bring your spouse three compliments on January 6th. Consider your beloved's physical appearance, a unique talent, and an act of kindness.

CATHOLICS COME HOME FOR THE NEW YEAR



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Welcome home to all those who have come to worship here at St. Mary's, those home from college, those here visiting relatives and those who haven't been coming on a regular basis. We welcome you and encourage you to come HOME often during the New Year!

RCIA

Resumes next Sunday, January 11, 2009 after the 9:00A. M. Mass in the rectory dining room. We will discuss the Eucharist on Jan. 11th and Marriage and Holy Orders on January 18th. Call Father Ed or Jim Finn to find out more at 412.486.4100.

WORSHIP COMMISSION MEETING

Members will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 6th at 7:00pm in the rectory. Submit agenda items to Tom Goral, Chairperson 412.487.6244.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Faith Sharing EPIPHANY

The feast of the Epiphany calls us to reflect on what it means to bear gifts for God. The MAGI were seekers of enlightenment. What were they seeking when they followed the star? How are the magi models of faith for us? How do you know when you have "found" God? Do you allow some stillness so God can manifest Himself to YOU?

Faith Formation Sessions:

- ◆ **Saturday, January 3**, 9:30 AM All in Church – Come Let us Adore – Grade 8 serve
- ◆ **Monday, January 5, Feast of Saint John Neumann and Eucharistic Day** here. 6:30 PM All in class; follow catechist instruction. Youth will participate at the 7:00 PM Evening Prayer and Benediction.
- ◆ **Family Program meets January 11**, 9 AM Mass till Noon.

FIRST EUCHARIST books will be blessed and distributed to our Grade 2 children and parents at a gathering IN CHURCH Saturday, Jan. 10, 9:30 AM or Monday, Jan. 12, 6:30 PM.

Mission Outreach to help support students in Ethiopia- THANKS to ALL who contributed to the JAR OF CANDY guesses which netted \$82.25. There were FIVE persons who guessed the correct amount of 650 pieces in the jar. So each winner got 130 pieces of candy: Family Program Grade 5, Noah Seelhorst; Saturday, Ronnie Ecoff and Tony Au; Monday, Devan Fedorka and Haley Travis. CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS !

SILVER RING THING

A multi-media, interactive event for **Grade 8** and High school youth, Friday, January 16, 6:30 – 9:00 PM at Seton LaSalle High School . Call 412-486-5521 or go to www.silverringthing.com for details.



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Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation liturgy is set for **Thursday, May 7, 2009** with Bishop Paul Bradley officiating. **Each candidate** has been given or sent a letter with specific information about some important parish events for their involvement leading up to their confirming faith on May 7th. **Confirming faith** is honestly celebrated if one is living the faith daily. Keep our candidates and their families in prayer.

YOUTH MINISTRY

LIFE NIGHT 2009

Join us for Life Night PLUS on Sunday, January 11, at 6:30PM. We will host a coffee house as we begin by cheering on our girl's varsity basketball team. Then, one of our own former CYM teens returns as a young adult and recent college graduate to tell us about her exciting walk across the country to promote the dignity of life.

TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE

Who can better speak to the value of life from conception to natural death than our "full of life" teens?" Join us on January 22! Start the day with an amazing youth rally at MCI Center in Washington D.C. – the bus leaves late at night on January 21 from our parish. By PA state law you are entitled to take time off from school for religious activities WITHOUT PENALTY if you have obtained the proper paperwork. We can do that for you...come on..what are you waiting for?

ONLINE DONATIONS FOR HOPE Mission Uganda:

You are now able to make online donations to our mission efforts. We have \$5,000 raised so far to build a new well for the people of Koch Goma; the projected total cost is \$10,000. During the war, thousands were kidnapped, maimed or killed. Scattered reports of violence from rebel activity persist, but the real enemy of the people today is disease and malnutrition. In a camp housing 17,000 people, the reports indicate that most of the 30 or so deaths of men, women and children every month are due to disease and malnutrition.

MISSION MEETING ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 8 AT 7 PM
IN MARIAN HALL – ALL ARE WELCOME
Clean water saves lives. Check out our website.

<http://www.hopemissionuganda.org/>

Upcoming service opportunities:

- Every Saturday morning, shave the veterans at VA Hospital in Aspinwall
- Every Sunday AM – escort veterans to liturgy and stay to celebrate with them.
- Second Saturday every month – prepare and serve a meal for 16 women at the SOAR homeless shelter.
- Work the parish breakfast – the next breakfast is on Jan. 18
- Participate in the annual Pro-Life march

Cheer on our CYM Basketball teams.

NO ADMISSION CHARGE!

CYM WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sat., Jan.3 BOY JV vs. St. Rosalia - PAC 7:30 PM
Tues., Jan. 6 Play Practice Marian Hall 6 – 8 PM
Thur., Jan. 8 Mission meeting Marian Hall 7 PM
Play practice Marian Hall 6 – 8 PM
Sat., Jan. 10 SOAR homeless shelter dinner
GIRL var. vs. St. Valentine – PAC 7:30 PM
Sun., Jan. 11 Girl varsity vs. OLA – PAC 6:30 PM
Life Night begins at 7 PM in PAC lobby

NEXT PARISH BREAKFAST SUNDAY, JANUARY 18 - 8 – 11 AM

We will serve pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, baked goods, fruit salad and fruit juice. FREE REFILLS on the coffee and tea plus PLENTY OF FELLOWSHIP. **It is the best breakfast bargain in town.** \$6 for adults, \$5.50 for seniors, \$5 for children age 2 – 12 and children under 2 years of age eat for free.

ST. MARY SCHOOL



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SUPER BINGO

The first Super Bingo of the new year will take place on Friday, January 9, 2009. Advance tickets are \$35.00 each or can be purchased at the door for \$40.00 each. Admission includes 12 cards for each regular game and 4 specials. There are 40 regular games at 50 points each; 2 specials at 100 points each, 2 specials at 200 points each, one 500 point jackpot and one 1000 point jackpot. Doors open at 5:30 PM; bingo begins at 7:00 PM. The evening includes raffles, quickie and instant bingos, and lots of delicious food and refreshments. Proceeds benefit St. Mary School. Call Coleen at 412-486-6622 for more information or for tickets.

ALUMNI INVITE

The alumni of St. Mary School are invited to attend a special liturgy on Friday, January 9, 2009, with Bishop David Zubik as the celebrant. This liturgy is part of the 175th parish anniversary celebrations planned for the year. This liturgy will be followed by a light lunch in Marian Hall. Former faculty and staff members will also be invited to attend this special celebration. Your RSVP is kindly requested by December 30, 2008, to Sandy Ondriezek at 412-487-8594.

PTG AUCTION

The annual PTG Auction will take place on Saturday, March 7, 2009, at the Pittsburgh Field Club. The evening will include a silent and live auction, a sit-down dinner, and special entertainment by Five Guys, featuring our own Drew Martier. Tickets will go on sale beginning in January.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE



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Another dance for students in grades 6 through 8 will take place on Saturday, January 17th, from 7:15 – 10:00 PM in Marian Hall. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased in the school office, rectory, or Faith Formation office beginning Wednesday, November 12th. The dress code will be strictly enforced. This event is sponsored by St. Mary's PTG.

Catholic Vision of Love / Silver Ring Thing 8th Graders and Parents

The Catholic Edition of Silver Ring Thing will take place on Friday, January 16, 2009 for 8th graders and their parents. It will be held at Seton LaSalle High School from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM (registration begins at 5:15 PM). Silver Ring Thing is a fast paced multi-media program that includes skits, videos, music, and witness talks concerning the importance of embracing a life of chastity. Early registration can be done online at www.silverringthing.com or group registration with Mark Tobin through the CCD office. The cost is \$5 for students and adults - \$8 at the door.

OUR PARISH NEWS

ADULT ENRICHMENT

Journeys of Saint Paul with Father Ed, Saturdays, 2:00-4:00 PM, January 17 thru February 7 in our school library. Call NOW to register, 412-486-5521 or e-mail ccdof-fice@stmaryglenshaw.org.

LIFE is PRECIOUS

and to be protected from the moment of conception till natural death. ALL welcome to our LIFE concerns meeting, Jan. 14, 7 PM in St.Mary School Room 22-enter at back of school.

A *SMILE* Thank You

to all those who donated to the "Baby Bottle Campaign"! \$1,821.85 was raised for the Pregnancy Care Center. Your gifts directly help mom's and their babies. God bless you, one and all!

MARKETDAY

has PIZZA EATZZAS, and Super Foods for Super Game days. See the flier or go to www.marketday.com to order for January 19 pick up.

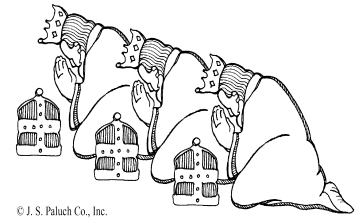
175TH ANNIVERSARY HAPPENINGS

- January 5 Eucharistic Day 10am until 7:00pm
Feast of St. John Neumann, C.S.S.R.
- January 7 Planning Meeting in the rectory at
7:00 PM
- January 9 All School Mass with Bishop Zubik at
10:00AM. Alumni and former faculty
invited.

Beginning NOW - Saint Mary's 175th Anniversary as a Parish. Contact us if you wish to write for the anniversary booklet. Memoirs of events which you may like to share in a short paragraph may be included in the booklet. Please print or write legibly and include the following with your story.

"A Favorite Memory at Saint Mary's" by (include first and last names) and phone number or current e-mail address. Submitted pieces may be dropped in the Sunday collection basket, or send to: 175th Committee, 2510 Middle Road, Glenshaw, PA 15116 or e-mail to: finnj@stmaryglenshaw.org

GOOD NEWS TO SHARE



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THE DREAM IS ALIVE!

Join Bishop Zubik for a Dr.Martin Luther King celebration, NEXT Sunday, January 11 at Noon with a Gospel choir at St. Paul Cathedral Oakland, followed by a reception and program in the social Hall. **ALL are welcome.**

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Members of the Pastoral Council are reminded of their meeting set for Monday of this week, January 5th following the Evening Prayer and Benediction which begins at 7:00PM in church. We will meet in the rectory. Members of the Council are still reviewing the survey that was completed by the members of the Parish Family. Results of this survey have been included in the bulletin under the title "Vox Populi" (Voice of the People). All are asked to keep an eye on the bulletin for this process.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

Would you like to serve on the Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) as we continue to make improvements in our sacred grounds. The CCC meets on the second Monday of the month --- January 12th this month --- at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory. All parishioners are welcome to come to this gathering and learn about the ongoing process of the Campaign.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Members of the Cemetery Committee will be meeting on January 19th to assess the process that will be necessary to construct a Mausoleum in our cemetery. Parishioners who might wish to help in this process are asked to make your request know to one of the members of the Parish Staff. Details of this process will be revealed as they become available.

Thank You!

A grateful thank you from St. Vincent DePaul Society for the generous response to our request for silverware. We were able to complete many sets of dishes for the needy.

TRAVELING VOCATION CHALICE

If you would like to host this prayer tool for vocations, call Ron Ondrizek at 412.486.6851. Thank you to those families who hosted the chalice during 2008. We want to thank the William Cross family who will be hosting the chalice until January 17th, 2009.



PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS from Father John

WELCOME BISHOP ZUBIK

TO OPEN THE CELEBRATION OF OUR 175th ANNIVERSARY.

WELCOME TO THE LONGEST

CONTINUOUS RUNNING

ELEMENTARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

IN THE ENTIRE DIOCESE!

YOUR PRESENCE OFFERS AN EPISCOPAL BLESSING

TO THE MAGNIFICENT EFFORTS

OF PARISHIONERS OF MANY GENERATIONS!