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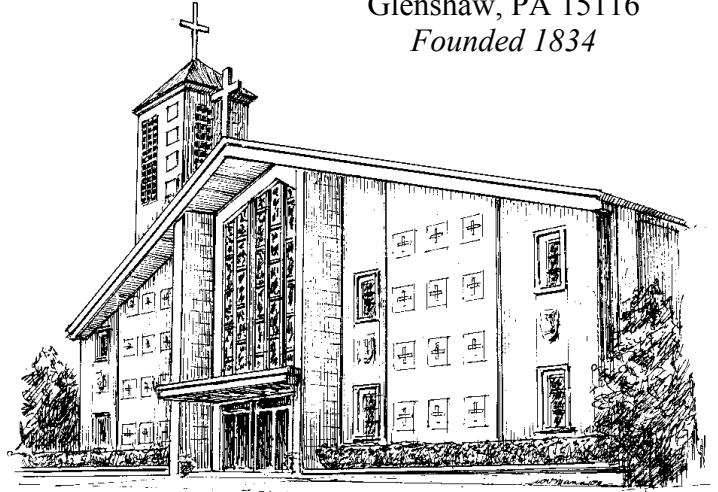
# PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 26, 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



## WELCOME, SISTER GRATIA

The Parish Family of *St. Mary of the Assumption* opens its doors and its heart to Sister Gratia Kuttianicka from the Sisters of the Mary Immaculate, who is with us for the weekend for Missionary Cooperation Sunday. Sister Gratia will speak to us of the needs of the people served by the Sisters of Mary Immaculate throughout the world. She will present an overview of her religious community and will request both prayers and financial support for their missionary ministry.

## SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

In conjunction with our Parish Family's celebration of "Missionary Cooperation Sunday" we will have a second collection to be taken up at all the liturgies today. There is no envelope in our packet for this collection, so we are asked to give freely from our own resources. This is one of the 10 designated "second collections" scheduled for every parish in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. We ask all parishioners to be as generous as possible in helping the needs of the Sisters of Mary Immaculate.

## WHAT AN "INSIDE" PICNIC!

Even though last Sunday's entire Family Picnic had to be brought indoors, the torrential downpour could not dampen the spirits of those who were on hand. What a wonderful time the Parish Family shared throughout it all. We thank all those who made the day such a wonderful event, too many to mention individually since the picnic event has many people working behind the scenes. We continue to invite parishioners to share in such events as this, which helps us all to build up the Community of Faith that draws us all together here in the Parish Family of *St. Mary of the Assumption*.

## LABOR DAY LITURGY AS USUAL

As we bring the summer to a traditional close with the celebration on Labor Day on Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, we welcome all parishioners and their friends to join us for the 10:00 a.m. liturgy to be celebrated on that day. This will end our "Summer Trilogy of Holidays" as we have already celebrated such very special liturgies on Memorial Day and Independence Day.

## "CATCH THE VIBE"

### VITALITY IN BUILDING EXCELLENCE

The Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) has sprung back into action with fervor as we bring the summer vacation season to a close. We alert all parishioners that an UPDATE of the entire project will be presented at the liturgies next weekend. As the final strokes on the Parish Activity Center (PAC) come to completion, there has been much progress on our improvement of our sacred grounds project. Meanwhile, we remind all members of the Capital Campaign Committee of their meeting set for Monday of this week, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory as we plan for our progress report.

### CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR ALL

We cannot overestimate the importance of the Catholic School not only as a unique value-filled educational process for the students who attend, but also as a great asset to our parish life. We welcome back for another inspirational school year all those who serve in our parochial school both as faculty and administration for their commitment to catholic education. We remind all parishioners that St. Mary Catholic School is open to all persons from the age of three to the eighth grade.

### A THANK YOU NOTE RECEIVED

We have received from the Little Sisters of the Poor a thank-you note for our generosity both in prayer and financial assistance. Their "at the door" collection netted \$5,646.31. Their note ended with the words "...we are deeply grateful for your gifts which will help us continue our important ministry to the elderly poor ..."

### "THE INACTIVE CATHOLIC"

As the members of our newly formed Ministry to the inactive search for a name for those who are no longer involved in parish life that carries with it NO pejorative connotation, they would like to inform all parishioners to be alert to the start up of this Ministry. Those who are called to this Ministry hope to reach out to all those who have become distant to their Catholic Faith with a sense of "welcome back to the Table of the Lord."

**Liturgies for the Week**

**Sunday, August 26, 2007 - Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 4:00 p.m. 25th Wedding Anniversary of Tom & Marilyn Devereaux
- 6:00 p.m. James Cray Jr. & James Cray, Sr. -  
Antoinette & Robert Cray Jr.
- 7:30 a.m. John Creaturo - Wife & Daughters
- 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 11:00 a.m. 40th Wedding Anniversary of Tom & Babs Politylo

**Monday, August 27, 2007 - St. Monica**

- 7:00 a.m. Jane Kelly - Daley Family
- 10:00 a.m. Mrs. Margaret Sherred - Sherred Family

**Tuesday, August 28, 2007 - St. Augustine**

- 7:00 a.m. Carl & Marie Hunkele - Marie & Carl
- 10:00 a.m. Joseph Hvostal - Rege & Family

**Wednesday, August 29, 2007 - The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist**

- 7:00 a.m. George R. Samuel - Wife & Family
- 10:00 a.m. Betty Slagel - Husband, Joe

**Thursday, August 30, 2007 - Weekday in Ordinary Time**

- 7:00 a.m. Jodi Carraux - Phobe Starr
- 10:00 a.m. Special Intention - Ralph & Theresa Costa

**Friday, August 31, 2007 - Weekday in Ordinary Time**

- 7:00 a.m. Betty Vrscak - Husband, Nick
- 10:00 a.m. Ginny Winschel - Jerry & Judy Rihn

**Saturday, September 1, 2007 - Blessed Virgin Mary**

- 8:00 a.m. Frank Brasile - Joe & Anne Brasile
- 4:00 p.m. Anna Ferber & Jean Pudelsky - Family
- 6:00 p.m. Eric Costa - Grandparents

**Sunday, September 2, 2007 - Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 7:30 a.m. Esterina Zottola - Lou & Veronica Ganster
- 9:00 a.m. Joseph & Mary Coholich - Son, Joe
- 11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family

**A VOCATION VIEW**

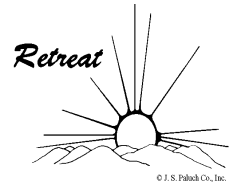
**Will you help gather people to be a part of the reign of God? Pray to be open if God calls you to serve as priest, deacon, brother, or sister. (Isaiah 66:18-21)**

**R.I.P.:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Reid DeRunk, Jr.

**Flowers at the altar in are celebration of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Tom and Barbara Politylo.**

**Attention Ladies!**

It is not too late! Take advantage of the opportunity to get away for a weekend of prayer and relaxation at St. Paul's Retreat House on the Southside. It's not too late to join the ladies from our parish the weekend of September 14, 15, & 16. Please call Irene at 412-487-1779, Elma at 412-486-3508 or Pat at 724-443-6885 for registration or to make arrangements for transportation.



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- I. Jackee Brant & Anthony Stagno**
- II. Susan Nese (St. Mary) & Jason Rich (St. Mary)**

**Offertory Collection**

August 19, 2007	Envelopes	Contributions
<b>Offertory</b>	585	\$12,919.00
Cash/Loose Cks.	-	\$612.00
Children's Offertory	35	\$42.24
Catholic Schools	9	\$151.00
Peru Collection	-	\$3,861.96
Assumption August 15	271	\$3,725.00
Parish Share 2007	11	\$350.00
Assumption	38	\$376.00
Parish Needy	18	\$289.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>967</b>	<b>\$22,326.20</b>

**Daily Readings**



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- August 27:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22
- August 28:** 1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26
- August 29:** 1 Thes 2:9-13; Mk 6:17-29
- August 30:** 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51
- August 31:** 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13
- September 1:** 1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30
- September 2:** Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29;  
Ps 68; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a;  
Lk 14:1, 7-14

## **SACRAMENTAL LIFE**

**SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT** ...Have you ever been asked a question about the Catholic Faith by a friend, co-worker, or even one of your own children, and been unsure of your answer? Maybe you said, "I'll have to look that up." Our parish R. C. I. A. ( Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults ) team can be a help in answering the questions of others, and perhaps even some of your own. Our Sunday morning sessions begin on September 16<sup>th</sup>. We welcome all inquirers to the Catholic Faith—new and those who would like a "refresher." We begin with "What do Catholics believe?" and travel through church history, the sacraments and Catholic customs and traditions. Each week the topic will be published in the bulletin. Think about joining us on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Our team is experiences and welcoming. Call Fr. Ed or Jim Finn (412)486-4100 to find out more!

**WORSHIP COMMISSION MEETING** – members are asked to come to the meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the rectory. Call Tom Goral (412)487-6244 to add something to the agenda.

**PARISH MINISTRIES FAIR-** All parishioners are invited to **COME and SEE** what makes St. Mary's such a special place. Following the Masses the weekend on Sept. 8-9, representatives of all our many ministries will be in Marian Hall following the Masses. **COME DOWN AND SEE FOR YOURSELVES** and enjoy refreshments while meeting new people and finding out how you can get involved in your parish family!

### **A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar**

**The "narrow gate" Jesus "opens for us" does not lead to the accumulation of stuff, but it does lead to happiness. Family must be the school where we learn to ignore the lures of a materialistic world and to follow Jesus through "the narrow gate."**

**TRAVELING VOCATION CHALICE-** Host families are needed as the new school year begins to take this chalice to their homes and to pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, religious life, diaconate and lay ministry. Call Jim Finn (412)486-4100 to find out the schedule.

**ATTENTION 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS-** If you are interested in training to become an altar server be sure to sign up at the Ministries Fair Sept. 8-9 or in your classroom at school or CCD. Family Program participants should stop by the altar server booth at the Ministries Fair. Training sessions will take place in September. For more information call Mr. Finn at (412)486-4100.

## **RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

### **Faith Sharing for 21st week Ordinary Time**

In this week's gospel, Jesus advises to "strive to enter through the narrow door..." Are you in spiritual shape to fit through the narrow door? What needs trimming from your lifestyle for you to fit through? Who are the needy you encounter and help on the path to the narrow door? What kinds of things do people do that excludes themselves from all that God offers?

**CATECHISTS,** Gospel Weeklies for the first period are available with your Guide. Look to pick them up in the Children Liturgy Room THIS week. Find and take the packet with YOUR name.

### **CATECHIST MEETINGS:**

Saturday session team – Sat., Sept. 8, 9:30 AM  
Family Program team–Sun., Sept. 9, 10 AM Rm. 23  
Monday sessions team- Mon., Sept. 10, 7:00 PM

### **Meetings for Parents/Guardians AND Grade 2 children and Grade 8 youth:**

Come ONE time to MARIAN HALL, to join in prayer and receive lesson packets for your CLUSTER meetings:

**GRADE 2:** Wed., Aug. 29, 6:00 PM; or  
Sat., Sept. 1, 7 PM ; or Sunday, Sept. 2, 10:00 AM

**GRADE 8:** Wed., Aug. 29, 7:00 PM ; or  
Sat., Sept. 1, 5:00 PM ; or Sunday, Sept. 2, Noon

**Faith Formation Registration-** Sessions for children and youth offered : Saturdays, 9:30-11 AM; Mondays, 6:30-8:00 PM, and one-Sunday a month FAMILY program (for the entire family) , 9:00 AM Mass and group process till Noon. Pre-schoolers, ages 3-5 meet during 11:00 AM Mass.

**BOOK DISCUSSION, *Mere Christianity*** by C.S. Lewis. This classic, thought provoking text, has much wisdom for our own times. Adults interested in reading and gathering for sharing insights or discussion , contact our Faith Formation office at 412-486-5521 to suggest best time/day YOU may like to gather.



**Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees.  
Make straight paths for your feet,  
that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.**

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### CYM AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

**FROM 3 – 6 PM**

**Wednesday, August 29**

**JAM center**

Volleyball, pool, board games or just hang out.  
Teens in Grade 6 – 12 are invited to come.

### BRING A SNACK TO SHARE

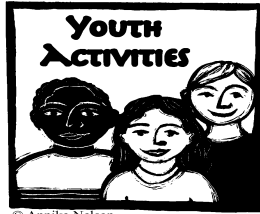
If your last name begins with the following letters, bring:

**A - H pretzels**

**I - M non-caffeine beverage**

**N - T fruit**

**U - Z veggie tray**



**Zoo Scripture Scavenger Hunt** will be on **Sunday, September 16** will be open to youth in **Grades 8 – 12**. We will depart after the 9 AM liturgy. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS.** Future bulletins will contain more information.

### Mission trip to Uganda, Africa

We are planning a medical and educational mission to Africa next year, most likely from early June for a 2 week stay for a total of approximately 17 days including travel time. Fr. Micheal Komakec will report back after he consults with his bishop from the Archdiocese of Gulu, Uganda. If you are interested or wish more information, please call 412-486-4100, ext. 409.

### CYM CALENDAR

Wed., Aug. 29 Drop In after school from 3 – 6 PM for Gr. 6 - 12

### HOMELESS MEAL HELPERS

Next homeless meal will be on Thursday, September 27. But, you may schedule other meals if you or your group is interested. Drivers needed to deliver the meals. Just contact the CYM office at 412-486-4100, ext. 409.

**Parents who are launching their young adults:** would you like to gather with other parents for fellowship and encouragement as you move through this next phase of your life? Let us know what you would like to do by calling 412-486-4100, ext. 409.

## ST. MARY SCHOOL

### GUARDIAN ANGEL PROGRAM



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The Guardian Angel Program sponsored by the PTG, will take place after the 9:00 AM liturgy this Sunday, August 26th. New families are asked to come to Providence Hall where they will meet their **Guardian Angel Family**, making the transition to our school a smooth one.

**WELCOME BACK** - We welcome all former and new students to St. Mary School for another exciting, faith-filled school year on Monday, August 27th. Our day will begin with a Prayer Service on the Pedestrian Plaza.

Our first school liturgy will take place on Friday, August 31st, at 10:00 AM. Come and pray with us.

**SUPER BINGO** - The first Super Bingo of the school year will take place on Friday, September 7, 2007. Advance tickets are \$35 each; \$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 (500 points) and another jackpot (1000 points). All proceeds benefit St. Mary School. Call Coleen at (412) 486-6622 for information or to purchase tickets.

**SCRIP HOURS** - Scrip hours will resume regular hours now that school is starting: 8:00 – 10:00 AM, Monday through Friday. If you have any questions, please contact Maribeth Burnikel at (412) 486-8335. Thank you for your continued support!

**SCRIP PURCHASE ALTERNATIVE** - If you cannot come to purchase Scrip during regular hours, please remember that you can leave a completed order and payment at the Giant Eagle table after Mass and pick up the completed order the next weekend.

**PURCHASING SCRIP AT GIANT EAGLE** to obtain fuel perks??? Please consider purchasing a Giant Eagle gift card from our program first, then take that gift card to Giant Eagle and purchase Scrip using the gift card.



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## **GENERAL PARISH NEWS**

**More than 25 Colored panels comprise the "road map" for a journey through Scripture** which will be provided to each participant at the **Bible Basics** sessions with **Father John**, Thursdays, September 6 & 13, 6:30-9:00PM in Marian Hall. Call 412-486-5521 NOW to register.

**Psalms** – Passionate Prayers for our own times will be the book that Father Ed will lead us through five evenings to begin Tuesday, September 25, 6:30 – 9 PM. Bring your Bible. Call 412-486-5521 to be assured of a seat for this series.

### **Let the Little Children Come to Me:**

**Pray and Play** - The next session for children under five years old will be held on Wednesday, September 5th at 9:30AM. Come to the Children's Liturgy Room. Call Monica at 412-492-0242 to find out more!

**SUMMER BIBLE PROGRAM THANKS: Our Son Force KIDS** made sacrifices and did tasks to earn coins to help children in Santo Domingo. Divine Providence Sister Mary Providence Kriley visited the children on August 14 to share her first-hand stories about life in the small town where she has been ministering many years. The children's donations, which totaled \$766.06, will be given to Sister before her return to the island in early September. She is **MOST GRATEFUL** for the generosity and loving outreach of our families.

**CMWO (Christian Mothers Women's Organization)** will be starting their 2007-2008 season again Sept. 20th, 2007. Anyone who isn't already a member and is interested in becoming a member or just joining us to see what we are all about, please contact Jan Raible @ 412-486-0367 or Marilyn Buck @ 412-492-8367 before Sept 20th. New members will be installed at the September meeting during our Mass followed by our Calendar party downstairs in Marian Hall. **We are also looking for a Treasurer** for this 2007-2008 year. Any member interested please let me know as soon as possible or contact Elma Plietz at 412-486-3508. **There will be only 6 meetings this year:** Sept., Nov., Jan., Feb., April & May. October we'll participate in the Parish Renewal Liturgies. December we'll participate in the church's Christmas Liturgies. In March, Holy Thursday falls on the third Thursday of the month. We'll participate in the Lenten Season and Easter Liturgies. A list of all the scheduled programs will be given to everyone at the first meeting.

**St. Mary's Golf Outing:** Will be held on Monday, September 24th at the River Forest Country Club. There will be a Shotgun Start at 12:00PM. Cost is \$125.00 which includes 18 hole scramble, steak dinner, St. Mary golf shirt, hot dog at the turn, beer and pop on the course and raffle prizes as well as prizes for top two teams. Individuals, foursomes, and hole sponsors, please send checks made payable to **SMAA** to: Kelly Cannon, 402 Scott Avenue, Glenshaw, PA 15116. Call Kelly at 412-551-3150 or kellycannon@verizon.net. Please support St. Mary's Athletic Association Fundraiser. All proceeds will go to the **Parish Activity Center**.



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### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend:**

September 28-30 at the Gilmary Center in Moon Twp. And November 16-18 at St. Joseph's Retreat Center in Greensburg. For more information or to register, contact Mary & Lou Locante at 412-635-7775 or [wwme-pittsburgh.org](http://wwme-pittsburgh.org)



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**Desperate for the Word?** Another opportunity to learn more about your Catholic Faith. This is an informal, friendly gathering where we discuss scripture and other literature we can all learn from. Please join us Tuesdays, from 1:00—2:30PM in the Faith Formation Office starting on September 18th. Please call Dori Monahan at 412-492-9891 with your questions.

**Babysitter Needed:** for one day a week on Tuesday or Thursday from 11:00AM to 5:15PM, for two boys ages 6 and 8. Please call Beth Schwerer at 724-444-8136.

**MARKET DAY** fliers for September Back-to-School goodies are available in the foyers at the rear of church, at the Scrip office, and at the Faith Formation Office. Stop by and pick up your copy!

**Forbes Hospice Volunteers Needed:** Hospice is a program that serves terminally ill patients and their families. Volunteering for hospice could be a very rewarding experience. Please call Shelby Anderson at 412-325-7297.

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP,** meeting at St. Bonaventure Parish Center, Mt Royal Blvd., seven Fridays, Sept. 7 to Oct. 19, 11 AM till 12:30 PM Call 412-486-2606 for details or to register.

**Catholic Charities:** and the Diocese of Pittsburgh have been providing tangible assistance to families hardest hit by the local floods. Families are in desperate need of many items. If parishioners in your parish are able to collect any of the following items, please contact Holly Kinzler at Catholic Charities at 412-456-6985. Thank you.

### **Items most needed:**

- Gently used children's clothing (in any size)
- Gently used adult clothing
- Diapers for children



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**PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS** from Father John

During this past month I completed my EIGHTH year of serving on the Parish Staff of *St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Family*, and so it is time for my annual

**TEN THOUGHTS I THINK I SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT ...**

... there is no way to assess the financial GENEROSITY of so many members of our Parish Family as the Pledge Campaign closes in on nearly \$3,000,000 donated for improvement of our sacred grounds...

... how in the world can any of us ever fully appreciate the superb talent and unflinching dedication of the other eight members of our PARISH STAFF who serve all of us so willing and effectively ...

... it is absolutely amazing how often the Diocese chooses our Parish Family to celebrate major DIOCESAN EVENTS that bring people from far and wide to experience the hospitality of our parishioners ...

... it is no surprise at all that every parishioner of our Parish Family who works with children has been cleared by the NATIONAL DATABASE PROGRAM without any questions ever being asked ...

... over and over again reports come to us of the young people graduating from ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL doing exceptional well in all phases of their high school and college careers ...

... only in the Parish Family of St. Mary of the Assumption could we turn the torrential downpour of a scheduled OUTDOOR PICNIC into a marvelously enjoyable day of each other's friendship ...

... the wonderful celebrations of LITURGY in our Parish Family are due in most part to the dedicated capabilities of all those parishioners whose ministerial roles enrich us all spiritually ...

... what a pride we all shared as another one of our favorite sons, Father Bill Dorner, stood at our altar and celebrated HIS FIRST MASS knowing that we all had an influence on his vocation ...

... the success of the PHOTO DIRECTORY under the leadership of the Pastoral Council cannot be overestimated as so many parishioners now check it to learn more about each other in the Community ...

... at night I sit in my room looking out over our sacred grounds so brilliantly lit up with all the new lights and cannot believe that it has been EIGHT YEARS that I have been a member of this Parish Staff!