

Bulletin # 910038

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Attn: Bee

MESSAGES:

WELCOME FATHER CARMEN

It is with great joy and that we open the hearts of our people and the doors of our church to *Father Carmen D'Amico*, ordained in 1982 for the Pittsburgh Diocese. Father Carmen serves as the Pastor of St. Benedict the Moor and Administrator of Epiphany, churches near Mellon Arena. Father brings a wonderful reputation as he speaks at all the liturgies today and remains with us until Wednesday evening. What a special time in our Parish Family as all members and their friends are invited to join us for our Parish Renewal, that time each year when all our activity is halted so that we can collectively deepen our relationship with the Lord Jesus!

RENEWAL WEEK MOMENTS

EVENING SESSIONS FOR ALL

Each evening at 7:00 p.m. Father Carmen will conduct the Renewal

MORNING SESSIONS FOR ALL

Each morning during the 10:00 a.m. liturgy Father will preach a special homily

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In conjunction with the celebration of the Eucharist on Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m.

The Communal Anointing of the Sick for all parishioners and friends who seek the strength of the Lord Jesus in their sickness, age or debilitating condition

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The opportunity for everyone to celebrate

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Tuesday evening in conjunction with the 7:00 p.m. service with visiting priests on hand to offer the forgiveness of the Lord Jesus

WEDNESDAY EVENING FINALE

The Wednesday evening 7:00 p.m. liturgy will be followed by a social in Marian Hall for all participants

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES ON SALE

All during the Renewal those seeking religious articles may purchase them in the foyer of the church

ONE FINAL OPPORTUNITY TO BE IN THE PHOTO DIRECTORY

Those parishioners who were not able to arrange a time to have their picture taken for our all important Photo Directory that will be a memento for many years to come might do so NEXT WEEKEND after one of the liturgies. Picture shooting members of our Parish Family will be stationed on our Pedestrian Plaza so that those who wish to be part of the Parish Family included in the Photo Directory may simply stop for a few moments to have their picture taken by one of our volunteers. No wait ...no sales pitch ... no appointment! Just stop ... click ... and you are in the Photo Directory!

OCTOBER: RESPECT FOR LIFE MONTH

VARIED QUOTATIONS FROM DIFFERENT SOURCES

"... 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)

"...creating and destroying early human lives, harming and coercing women, cynically promising "miracle cures" to vulnerable patients --- all have been defended as the price we must pay for progress. The question is: Why should we call that progress?..." (Life Issues Forum)

"...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)

"CATCH THE VIBE"

As the autumn months begin to move in on us, the plans for our Parish Activity Center (PAC) are moving along quite nicely. Amazingly enough, we still have not yet "borrowed" on our loan from the Diocese because of the generosity of so many parishioners who continue to give to the Campaign each month. We remind all those who received an invitation in the mail to send back their response card before the end of the month. Plans are in the work for the final names to added to the Memorial Plaque.

Masses for the Week

Sunday, October 8 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ord. Time

- 4:00 p.m. Arthur Harvey (Sister - Dorothy)
- 6:00 pm Living & Deceased of our Parish
- 7:30 a.m. Bernadette Green (Mary Louise Betz)
- 9:00 a.m. Ronald Bernot (Family)
- 11:00 a.m. Guido & Maria Sicher (Lena Sicher)

Monday, October 9 - St. Denis, St. John Leonardi and Companions - Columbus Day

- 7:00 a.m. Pamela Mankowski Nese (Don & Barbara Bray)
- 10:00 a.m. Michelle Sanderbeck (M/M Tom Pirolo)
- 7:00 p.m. **Renewal - Evening Prayer**

Tuesday, October 10

- 7:00 a.m. Martha M. Lynch (Ruth Caputo)
- 10:00 a.m. Gerald Rihn (Jim Grguras) -**Anointing Mass**
- 7:00 p.m. **Renewal - Reconciliation**

Wednesday, October 11

- 7:00 a.m. Mildred Munio (Pat & Mike Sunseri)
- 10:00 a.m. Frank Sokoloski (The Mitsch Family)
- 7:00 p.m. **Renewal - Closing Mass**

Thursday, October 12

- 7:00 a.m. Catherine Lazzaro (Paul Iozza)
- 10:00 a.m. Charles Lang (Lucie & Family)

Friday, October 13

- 7:00 a.m. Ian O'Malley (Dad & Lisa)
- 10:00 a.m. Arthur Fazio (Friends)

Saturday, October 14 - B.V.M.

- 8:00 a.m. Jerry DeBaldo (Tony DeBaldo Family)
- 4:00 p.m. Margaret Jones (Conley Family)
- 6:00 p.m. Dolores Konozor (Anthony Pugliese)

Sunday, October 15 - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ord. Time

- 7:30 a.m. Joseph & Josephine Mikszan (Mikszan Children)
- 9:00 a.m. Roy Gaynier (St. Mary's Faith Formation)
- 11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish

A VOCATION VIEW

Children come to believe through those they love. We pray for married couples that they may be rooted in Jesus and share their love with their families. The call to married life is a special vocation.

PRAYER VESSEL: Beginning today all have the opportunity to write their special prayer intentions and place them in the glass container near the Tabernacle to be known as our **Prayer Vessel**. Cut out the intention slip below and when you come to Church, place it in the glass prayer vessel. Each week these intentions will be remembered at the Prayer of the Faithful. Additional prayer intention slips can be found by the pamphlet rack.

INTO YOUR HANDS, LORD I ENTRUST MY INTENTIONS

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II. Kim Bittner (St. Mary) - Marlin Metzger

DUE TO VACATION SCHEDULES, THE CONTRIBUTIONS of October 1st and October 8th will be listed in the bulletin of October 16th. We appreciate your patience.

SECOND SATURDAY MEN'S GROUP: will meet after the 8:00 a.m. Liturgy on Saturday, October 14th. All Men are welcome!



DAILY



READINGS

- Oct. 9: Gal 1: 6-12; Lk 10: 25-37
- Oct. 10: Gal 1: 13-24; Lk 10: 38-42
- Oct. 11: Gal 2: 1-2, 7-14; Lk 11: 1-4
- Oct. 12: Gal 3: 1-5; Lk 11-5-13
- Oct. 13: Gal 3: 7-14 Lk 11:15-26
- Oct. 14: Gal 3: 22-29; Lk 11: 27-28
- Oct. 15: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90; Heb 4: 12-13; Mk 10: 17-30 {17-27}

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR

GOLDEN JUBILARIANS: All those married for fifty years during the year 2006 were invited to celebrate at a special Mass at St. Paul Cathedral next Sunday, October 15 with Bishop Bradley. The following couples from St. Mary's have accepted the invitation:

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Lillion
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Sager
Mr. & Mrs. James Tiskus
Mr. & Mrs. Art Wagner

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. This week's topic is: Highlights of the Old Testament and next week we will discuss Highlights of the New Testament. If interested please join us in the rectory following the 9 a.m. liturgy. Call Fr. Ed for more information at (412) 486-4100.

BAPTISM SUNDAY: We remind parents planning a baptism that the pre-baptism session can be done at anytime during the pregnancy of the mother. The sacrament of baptism is celebrated two Sundays a month, and the exact Sundays for this celebration will be given to the couple at the time of the pre-baptism session. Simply call the rectory during the regular office hours and make this appointment.

PARISH SHARE CONTRIBUTIONS: We continue to remind those who have not as of yet contributed to the Parish Share Program that this may be done at any time. Simply send your pledge or donation to the church clearly marked in an envelope and it will be credited to that account. This envelope may be sent through the mail, or simply dropped in the Sunday collection any week before December to be placed in this year's financial statement. As we meet our Parish Share assessment, excess funds are then placed in our own checking account.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

FAITH SHARING - 27th Week Ordinary Time

Why do you think God gave us the lesson that marriage relationships should be permanent? Which characteristics make for suitable partners? What problems sometimes occur between couples and extended family? How can such problems be avoided?

RITE OF WELCOME TODAY...our entire parish family joins in prayer at each liturgy this weekend for the children preparing for Eucharist as well as our youth, candidates for Confirmation.

Our prayerful support is extended to the families and sponsors of our candidates.

PRAYER PARTNER envelopes are in a basket in the foyer.

Each family is encouraged to take an envelope and pray specially for the child whose name is chosen. Notes of encouragement throughout the coming months are likewise appropriate.

Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors meet with Deacon Fran in Marian Hall

THIS weekend, Saturday, October 7, 5:00 PM or Sunday, October 8, 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, or at NOON. An important Handout will be given to each sponsor for participating in the journey of faith with their candidate.

Mass in Slow Motion - Adult Enrichment with Father Ed continues Tuesday, Oct. 17, 6:30 - 9:00 PM ...ALL welcome.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Parents of youth in grades 9 – 12:

We need to reclaim the word RETREAT.

This is how we do it – consider the benefits of sending your teen for a weekend experience away from the distractions that you know can be overwhelming. Isn't it worth skipping one basketball practice or game to spend time with other teens and faith-filled adults? How many of you have rearranged your schedules when your high school team makes the WPIAL playoffs? Some of our young adults on the T-team will also be attending; please prayerfully consider how important this will be for your teen's faith journey.

Dates: December 1- 3, 2006

Cost: \$85

TRAVEL ADVENTURE

Trip to St. Ferdinand's in Cranberry to visit with their youth group on Sunday, October 15. We will leave here at 5:15 PM, attend their 6 PM liturgy and then visit with their youth after the liturgy, returning home around 9:30 PM. Call the CYM office to register at 412-486-4100, ext. 409.

FAITH FORMATION ACTIVITIES

T-ROC on October 22 – High school students **bring your Bible** and become eligible for a prize or \$10 off of your Gateway Clipper Dinner Dance ticket. There will be ministry activities for all age groups, including a session for parents.

CYM SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- Preparing dinners for SOAR homeless shelter.
- Making pillows for distribution to the homeless.
- Drama to raise money for our CYM Missions Project.
- Working the soup kitchen in East Liberty on off days from school.
- Helping with Market Day or the Cahal Dunne concert.

HELP: PLEASE BRING CANNED FRUITS OR VEGETABLES TO ANY CYM EVENT FOR OUR PARISH SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

ST. MARY SCHOOL

CONDOR FOOTBALL: Our Condor Teams will be playing another game on Saturday, October 7th, against St. Cyril at John Merry Field. The Junior Varsity plays at 1:00 p.m. and the Varsity team plays at 3:15 p.m. Their next game will be played on Saturday, October 14th, against St. Sebastian at J. C. Stone Field. The times are the same as above. **GO CONDORS!!**

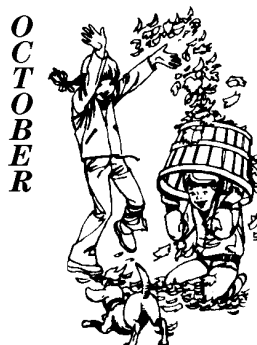
CROSS COUNTRY: Our Cross Country Students will hold another meet on Monday, October 9th, against St. Ursula and Aquinas Academy at Hartwood Acres at 4:00 p.m. **Come cheer on our team!**

CAMPBELL'S LABELS/BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION/SHOP 'N SAVE RECEIPTS:

We are again asking for your support in saving Campbell's labels, Box Tops for Education labels, and Shop 'n Save receipts for our school.

Campbell's has changed their submissions; they no longer want the front labels, but rather the UPC symbols from the back of the label. Lids from jars are also accepted.

Please place your donations in the box in the back of Church. Many thanks for your continued support.



GENERAL PARISH NEWS

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME:

parents with children birth to age five are welcome to plug into this post-baptism ministry unique to our parish family. Much support is given to new parents as they prepare to have their child baptized and on every first and third Wednesday of the month, caregivers meet in the Children's Liturgy Room at 9:30 a.m. for **PRAY and PLAY DAY**. Don't hesitate to call Cindy Shadle (412)487-5272 for more detailed information.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Jesus describes marriage as "two in one flesh."

In marriage individual identity is not lost, it is retained and enhanced. In marriage something new and bigger than individuals is created by the mutual love of spouses for one another. The math of marriage is $1 + 1 = 1 + 1 + 1$.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES- The kick-off of this series begins on Wed. Oct 11 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul Seminary Auditorium. The schedule for the rest of the year is as follows, mark your calendars: Wed. Nov. 15. Wed. Apr. 25 and Wed. May 23. The lecture is free and continuing education credit is given to catechists and catholic school teachers.

MILITARY PRAYER LIST- PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN LISTED ON OUR PRAYER LIST NEAR THE SACRED HEART STATUE. A CANDLE IS KEPT BURNING TO REMIND US TO KEEP ALL IN PRAYER.

The 55 Special Group is holding another trip to Mountaineer Casino on Monday, October 16th. Price is \$21.00. If interested, call Jane Fabry at (412) 487-3091. Also, Join your friends for "A Tragic Demise in the Laurel Highlands" on Monday, October 30th. Cost is \$69.00 per person. For reservations contact Jane Fabry at (412) 487-3091.

CAHAL DUNNE: Is coming on Saturday, November 25th to put on his Christmas Show. Time: 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$12.00 per person. Coffee, tea and cake—pretzel will be served. All proceeds are for a new dishwasher in Marian Hall. **NO TABLES WILL BE RESERVED.** Please contact Sister Lois for tickets at (412) 486-4021.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS: "If real trust, commitment, permanency, and unconditional love are not present within the wider relationship, set is partly a lie. It pretends to give a gift that it does not really give." (Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, A Holy Longing). Your marriage vows express these same sentiments. That's why marriage makes a difference.

NORTH CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL: Invites all interested students and parents to an Open House on Sunday, October 29th, from 12-3 p.m. Please join us for an enjoyable afternoon of school tours, music and refreshments. Faculty, staff and students will be on hand to answer your questions about academics and activities at NCHS. We have a place for YOU at North Catholic! Questions? Please call (412) 321-4823, Ext. 6 or visit us at www.north-catholic.org.

Senior Lifestyles Supplement: Readers will not want to miss the engaging profiles and articles featured in the Senior Lifestyle Supplement to be included in the October 20th issue of the Pittsburgh Catholic.

Women's and Men's Fall Retreats: are held at St. Paul's Retreat Center on the Southside.
Women's Dates: Fri., Nov. 3rd to Sun., Nov. 5th.
Men's Dates: Fri., Oct. 27th, to Sun. Oct. 29th.
Questions? Or more information, please call Irene Linkowski (Women) - (412)487-1779 or Carl Lichvarcik (Men) - (412) 903-7607.

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Market Day Pick Up - October 23, 7:00 until 7:45 p.m. in Marian Hall. NEW order forms may be found at the Church exits as well as the Scrip Office in the School Building. Proceeds from the MD sales will be used to keep updating the equipment in our Parish Kitchen. If YOU will like to assist on the Market Day team, contact Lee Holleran at (724) 443-0673 or (724) 272-6455.

PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS from Father John

“We need a spark” seems to be the modern day symbolic plea for any area of life that is beginning to slip backwards. It is the classic example of the football coach who chooses to put the “backup” quarterback into the game since the team is not doing so well. It is the cry of the company CEO who is looking for “a fresh approach” in the hiring of a new employee because profits are turning downward. It is the hope of those sitting at the negotiations table that the newly acquired “mediator” might bring the discussion to a compatible solution.

The analogy of looking for a “spark” places us in the mind of the FIRE that is actually produced from the original ignited particle. As a matter of fact, when the newly acquired “spark” produces the intended effect, the analogy is completed with references to fire. We hear expressions like “we are on fire now” or “the company is red hot now” or “we are burning up the league now.” The analogy of going from “a spark to a blaze” has such an effective force to it because it is not something humanly contrived, but rather that which is discovered in our real experience of life. Every person who has ever walked in the magnificence of a forest has been warned about the danger of a spark. How many blazing forest fires where hundreds of trees have been affected have been attributed to an uncontrolled spark?

So appropriately, the image of FIRE has had a rich history in the expressions of our Catholic Faith. We sometimes symbolize the Holy Spirit with a “flame” that reminds us of the spark of divine life that begins with baptism. Hymns like Come, Holy Ghost, which have a long standing tradition in our Faith have lines that read “thou font of life and fire of love.” The Easter Candle, clearly the most important candle in our Faith, and associated with some of the most significant moments in our liturgical celebrations, speaks of the fiery presence of the Holy Spirit received at baptism.

The PARISH RENEWAL, which we will begin today, is the “SPARK” of our parish spirituality. All those persons who enter into the experiences of the Parish Renewal will become a people on fire with the Holy Spirit. We all have been baptized in the Spirit ... we are a Eucharist people of the Spirit ...and with the Spirit of the Parish Renewal, we will burn with the fire of the Spirit that will make us HOLY in His name!

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