

Bulletin # 910038

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MESSAGES:

PARISH SHARE PROGRAM PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER

We welcome the member of the Finance Council who will speak at each of the liturgies today concerning our 2006 Parish Share assessment. The actual second collection for the Parish Share Program will be taken up NEXT WEEK at all the liturgies.

COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRPERSONS

Joe Hrason and Jerry McNalley

We hope that every wage earner will take seriously the responsibility to contribute to the *Parish Share Program*. Each registered family will receive in this coming week a pledge card in the mail from our Office Staff. This card allows each of us to make a pledge or offer a one-time contribution. We ask that you return this card next weekend to place in the second collection, or send it back to the Office some time during this next week. The assessment of our Parish Family for this year is \$133,101. If we do not achieve this assessment, then we must take the difference from the regular Sunday collection and thus jeopardize the many needs of our Parish Family.

PARISH PRAYER LIST IN BULLETIN

The Parish Family of *St. Mary of the Assumption* constantly raises up in prayer the names of our sick relatives and friends. Once a month we publish in the bulletin the names of those persons who have been given to us. If you would like to keep the name of a person on the list from last year, you will be asked to call the rectory during regular office hours to make that request. We do not automatically include the names of the 2005 listing in the 2006 bulletins, since some persons from that list are no longer homebound or in need of prayers for a debilitating condition. New names may be placed on the 2006 list at any time during the year, so that, in fact, the listing will grow during the entire year until the month of December, after which a new listing will begin in January of 2007.

"BREAK A LEG"

YOUTH MINISTRY DRAMA TROUPE

AS YOU HAVE YOUR PERFORMANCES
ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
OF THIS CURRENT WEEKEND!

UP FOR BID SOON

The final plans for the Parish Activity Center (PAC) are about ready to be sent to those who would like to make a bid on the building or any of the items that would be necessary for a building such as this. We invite any parishioner or any contacts of one of our parishioners who would like to make a bid to call the rectory and leave your name, or inform any one of the members of the Temporalities Commission.

If there is any parishioner who would like to make an IN-KIND contribution to the PAC, now is the time to step forward. Thus, we appeal to all contractors, subcontractors, vendors and suppliers of the Parish Family to make such a contribution. The reality of the PAC is certainly on its way --- the date on which it gets completed is directly proportionate to the reception of our contributions!

OLD PALM NOW BEING COLLECTED

Those parishioners who still have their palm from last year are asked to bring it sometime this week and place it in the receptacle provided in the foyer of the church. This palm will be burned and provide the ashes for this year's Ash Wednesday celebration. This burning process emphasizes the triumph of last year's Passion (Palm) Sunday now becomes the suffering of this year's Lenten season.

"PITTSBURGH CATHOLIC" SENT HOME

Please note that there are no copies of the "Pittsburgh Catholic" available at the church doors this week. This is another one of those times when the "Pittsburgh Catholic" is sent home to every registered member of the Parish Family. All are asked to note that the daily calendar for Lent has also being included in that mailing to each home.

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

In appreciation for the talented fidelity of ALL liturgical ministers in making our liturgical celebrations such wonderful experiences of spirituality, we set aside the night before Ash Wednesday (February 28th this year) to offer the gratitude of the entire Parish Family. Thus, we invite all such ministers to join us at 7:00 p.m. in Marian Hall to celebrate our Mardi Gras

Masses for the Week

Sunday, February 19 –Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 p.m. Lois Crivella (Buddy & Karolyn)
- 6:00 pm Deceased of Downs Family (Bob & Marie Deasy)
- 7:30 a.m. Mary Clare Arlotti (Ron & Joan Dawson)
- 9:00 a.m. In Memory of Pope John Paul II (Family Program)
- 11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish

Monday, February 20

- 7:00 a.m. Jim Cenci (Family)
- 10:00 a.m. Elizabeth Imbarlina (Rocco Didomenico)

Tuesday, February 21 - St. Peter Damian

- 7:00 a.m. Marie Gaslevic (Kathy Ilkka)
- 10:00 a.m. Betty Schleicher (Dolly & Italide)

Wednesday, February 22 - Chair of St. Peter

- 7:00 a.m. Joseph Bennardo (Family)
- 10:00 a.m. Irene Warenski (Steve & Jane Fabry)

Thursday, February 23 - St. Polycarp

- 7:00 a.m. Matthew C. Mogus (Rita & Jim Finn)
- 10:00 a.m. Ellen Peoples (Marge & Roz)

Friday, February 24

- 7:00 a.m. Gladys Coholich (Rich & Rose Settnek)
- 10:00 a.m. Robert Kosakowski (Girl Scout Troop 1037)

Saturday, February 25 - B.V.M.

- 8:00 a.m. John Genco (Mom & Dad)
- 4:00 p.m. Ann Driscoll (Mary Jo)
- 6:00 p.m. Matthew Guardalabene (Dorothy Guardalabene)

Sunday, February 26 - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. Nanette Kowaleski (Children)
- 9:00 a.m. Ed & Bert Bittner (Family)
- 11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish



February 12,2006	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	816	\$16,117.15
Cash/Loose Cks.	—	663.00
Children's Offer.	63	85.60
St. Anthony Sch.	3	30.00
School Collection	1	30.00
Religious Form.	8	79.00
Parish Share	1	100.00
Parish Needy	13	150.00
TOTAL	905	\$17,254.75

Sick Relatives & Friends

Michael Ackman, Anna Marie Belch, Erin Claus, Brenna Cordell, Carolyn Dugan, Mary Evankovich, Roberta Evankovich, Seth Fabry, Dave Fry, Joseph George, Finisia Golden, Martha Hornak, Joyce Hung, Christine Hunsberger, Ava Hutchenson, Kristy Kessler, Michelle Midgley, Darryl Miersch, Anthony Pugliese, Sr., Courtney Ryce, Carl Schulze, Annabelle Segriff, Patricia Sovek, Robert Sperling, Anthony Spinola, Joshua Stanek, Margaret Thimons, Mark Thimons, Bill Vistein, Jim & Clare Young.

We invite anyone who would like to put someone on our Prayer List for 2006, to call the rectory (412) 486-4100.

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. To add someone to this prayer list, call the rectory at (412) 486-4100.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: There is a sign-up sheet in the sacristy for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to help with the 7 p.m. Mass on Ash Wednesday, March 1st, and the Tuesday evening liturgies during Lent at 7 p.m. for the Lenten Enrichment series.

A VOCATION VIEW

God's healing power is at work in you. Who needs your compassion? How will you be an instrument of healing and forgiveness? (Mark 2: 1-12)

DAILY



READINGS

- Feb. 20: Jas 3: 13-18; Mk 9: 14-29
- Feb. 21: Jas 4: 1-10; Mk 9: 30-37
- Feb. 22: 1 Pt 5: 1-4; Mt 16: 13-19
- Feb. 23: Jas 5: 1-6; Mt 9: 41-50
- Feb. 24: Jas 5: 9-12; Mk 10: 1-12
- Feb. 25: Jas 5: 13-20; Mk 10: 13-16
- Feb. 26: Hos 2: 16b, 17b, 21-22; Ps 103; 2 Cor 3: 1b-6; Mk 2: 18-22

YOUTH MINISTRY

NEXT SUNDAY ...

Don't Miss ...

T-ROC – FEBRUARY 26th

Topic is the mission and organization of our Catholic Church.

Liturgy begins in church at 6 PM; bring a parent night and a snack to share. While we munch we will enjoy another great learning activity and the evening will conclude by 8:30 PM.

Look for a sign-up sheet for our Fish Dinners and our Crosswalk at our February 26th T-ROC.

WHY COME to T-ROC?

To learn about your faith... with other teens... develop community...form relationships with our young adult T-team.

We are committed to making **FAITH COME ALIVE** for our parish youth. Think about how you prepare for other milestones in your life...like your driver's license...jobs...college.

Should your soul be any less significant?

HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sun. Feb. 19 Matinee Performance – 1:30 PM

Sun. Feb. 26 T-ROC – 6:30 – 9:00 PM-Meet in

Church

Wed. March 1 Ash Wed. Lenten Experience for Teens
4:15 PM

APPALACHIA 2006

Our Appalachia team of youth and adults has now been established for this summer's work camp. For all those who have paid and registered, our **next Appalachia meeting** will be February 27th. All registrants will receive a letter in the mail. **We will finalize our work plans for the Fish Dinners which will be on Friday, March 10, 17, 24, and 31.**

Our Fish Dinners:

Friday March 10, 17, 24, and 31st. Unlike previous years, we are looking for teens (grades 8-12) who need service hours and can work from 4:45 to 8:45 p.m.

Crosswalk

Calling all Teens...Get ready for Good Friday's Crosswalk! St. Mary's will be working with Epworth Methodist and Stoneridge Covenant to plan this year's Crosswalk.

ST. MARY SCHOOL

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Come and pray the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays during Lent with the school students in grades 4-8 beginning March 3rd through April 7th at 2:00 PM in church.

Primary students (grades 1-3) will pray the Stations on the following Wednesdays: March 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 5 at 1:50 PM.

SHOP 'N SAVE RECEIPTS - Help provide free science and zoo programs for our school children by saving your Shop 'n Save receipts. Please drop them off in one of the boxes at the entrance of the church. Thank you for your continued support.

INTERNET SAFETY PROGRAM - All parents and guardians of the school and parish are invited to attend a program on internet safety sponsored by the Hampton Township police department on Monday, February 27th, at 6:30 PM.

The presentation will focus on websites being used by our young adults which are inappropriate websites. It would be very worthwhile to attend this program if you have concerns or just want to be informed. This program will take place in Marian Hall, but no children are permitted to attend—this is for parents/adults only.

ASHES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN: All those young people in our school and all young people in our Parish Family who have not yet made their **FIRST** Reconciliation are NOT ideal candidates for the reception of ashes on Ash Wednesday. The placing of ashes on our foreheads is a sign of our spirit of "REPENTANCE" --- and only pertains to those who have already celebrated the sacrament of repentance. Those who bring their children to this celebration will receive a special Ash Wednesday BLESSING for their child, but not ashes on the forehead. We cannot simply look at the ashes on the foreheads of our young children as "cute" --- for the spiritual meaning is much greater than that!

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

ATTENTION MEN OF THE PARISH FAMILY: in an increasing violent world, we need to be led out of fear into the faithful loving arms of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. The retreat theme at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center for this season is "**Shepherd Me O God.**" Please accept the invitation from our retreat captains to come and spend some time with the Lord. Mark **March 3-4-& 5**, on your calendars! Registration begins at 5 p.m. on Friday, with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. The retreat ends on Sunday at noon after Mass. The retreat fee includes five meals and a spiritual journey into the heart of Jesus! Contact Charlie Fischer at (412) 487-4667, Jerry McNalley at (724) 443-6161 or James Karcher at (724) 444-5798 to register or find out more!

CALLING ALL MEN - MARRIED, SINGLE, DIVORCED OR SEPARATED: Plan now to attend the First Annual **CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE** on Sat., April 1st at the A. J. Palumbo Center. We have a block of discounted tickets available on a first-come, first serve basis. Please call Justin Pizzella (724) 274-7474 or Ron Stone (724) 443-4729 to reserve a ticket. Special price: \$30.00. Plan now to attend! "**Come and See**" how your life can be changed. If enough men register, Deacon Francis will drive our scout bus to the Duquesne University Campus.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: Each week the Core Team of the Let the Little Children Come To Me Ministry publishes this thought by Bud Ozar, a national columnist: "**In today's Gospel, Jesus "was at home" when he forgave and healed the paralyzed man. In our homes, forgiveness can heal broken relationships. Families who don't forgive are doomed to paralysis. Don't accept paralysis, forgive one another.**"

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME MINISTRY: is a post-baptism ministry to families with young children, age birth to five years of age. A variety of activities are planned each month. For a calendar or more information about this ministry, call Cindy Shadle at (412) 487-5272.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE: There will be a Beginning Experience weekend for grieving single-again persons. Beginning Experience is a peer grief resolution outreach to divorced, widowed and separated men and women. Teams present the structured Beginning Experience programs under the guidelines of the Beginning Experience International Ministry Center. The weekend program helps grieving single-again persons emerge from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning and move into the future with renewed hope. The program helps deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity through God, for turning the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. The weekend will take place at St. Joseph Spirituality Center, Baden, PA. The cost is \$125.00. Cost should not hinder anyone who could benefit from attending. Payment arrangements or possible financial assistance can be arranged. To register or for more information, contact the Office For Family Life and Catechesis at (412) 456-3160 or familylife@diopitt.org.

WIDOW/WIDOWERS GROUP: will meet on February 26th, at Abate Restaurant in the Water Works at 10:30 a.m. for breakfast and a Movie following. For information, please call Barb at (412) 486-4209 or Marge at (412) 486-5621.



Parish Pie bakers: Show off your baking skills and benefit the school that our parish supports in Patzun, Guatemala. **The village was hit particularly hard with the recent rain and the roof needs to be repaired.** On Sunday, February 19, we would like to serve pie with our refreshments at intermission. Please drop your pies off in Marian Hall either Saturday, February 18 after 3 PM or Sunday, February 19 before noon.

*TODAY in Marian Hall...
Don't Miss...*

Our Matinee beginning at 1:30 PM:

"All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten"

We'll sell pie and refreshments during intermission.

PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS from Father John

I can still remember my first “paid job” as a little child. It was running errands for many of the old people who lived in Mt. Washington. They would give me a few homemade cookies; or maybe, if I were really on top of my game, a whole pie to share with my friends. Then, I moved up to “cutting grass” in the summer “shoveling snow” in the winter for the neighbors. This was the big time. I actually got money for these jobs. However, no matter how far up the ladder I moved as a young person trying to earn a few dollars, (from the paper route delivering throughout the area, to working at the local ice cream store, to be employed by the City of Pittsburgh in the parks and playgrounds department, finally to being on a construction gang and making the “big bucks” in my summer breaks from college and the seminary) I was always aware that it was my FATHER’S salary that really sustained our family life.

Whatever money we children made was that little extra that allowed us to purchase items that we would not have been able to buy otherwise. I still remember my first “big” purchase of a transistor radio that I bought paying one dollar a week until it was completely paid off. Then, it was a baseball glove, a two-wheel bicycle, and finally my college and seminarian expenses with the salary I was receiving from the summer job in the construction industry. But I always knew without my FATHER’S salary none of this would ever be possible!

The Parish Share Program is precisely like my Father’s salary because it is the sustaining force for the family life of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. There are many other collections mandated by the Diocese and there are other avenues of collecting money for the life of the Church of Pittsburgh; but it is the Parish Share Program that is the sustaining financial force of our Catholic life.

Each home will receive a pictorial description of the many facets of the family life of the Diocese that is provided by our contribution to the Parish Share. Each envelope holder of our Parish Family will also receive an explanatory letter and pledge card in the mail so that we might become an active participant in the Parish Share Program. At today’s liturgy one of the members of our Finance Council will explain how important it is to belong to the Diocesan Church; and next week’s second collection will give each of us an opportunity to express our gratitude in belonging to this Diocesan Family of Catholic Faith with a pledge or contribution.

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