

PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 7, 2008

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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

MINISTRIES FAIR – TODAY!

Today's liturgy will spotlight all those who serve IN MINISTRY in our Parish Family! On behalf of the entire Parish Family we offer a deep sense of gratitude to each and every one of you. The Parish Family of St. Mary of the Assumption in Glenshaw has served the people of this area since 1834, and only able to be of such a witness to the Catholic Faith because of the many parishioners who have given of their time, talent and treasure over these many years. The tremendous reputation our Parish Family has among all the other parishes of the Diocese is only possible because of the spirit of generosity offered by all those who serve in the many varied MINISTRIES of the Parish Family. Today we remember all of them and praise God in thanksgiving for all that they do in the name of our Parish Family!

**AN INVITATION EXTENDED TO ALL
TO JOIN US IN MARIAN HALL
AFTER THE LITURGY TO WITNESS
THE MULTIPLE MINISTRIES
OF OUR PARISH FAMILY!**

AUTUMN PACKET SENT HOME

The fourth of our four-a-liturgical-year mailings to every registered home in our Parish Family went out this past week. If your home did not get one in the mail, you are not currently registered in our Parish Family. Simply stop in or call the rectory so that you might make sure that you are so registered. We hope that every family takes the time to review the contents of this autumn packet as the Parish Staff uses these four occasions each year to keep all parishioners informed of all the dimensions of our parish life as it develops over the next months.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Members of the Pastoral Council will be meet on Monday of this week (because of Labor Day when the Council usually meets on the FIRST Monday of the month) at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory. The Council offers the "official" Lay Leadership of the Parish Family as recognized by the mandate of the Diocese. The Council members will look at the results of the survey taken by all those parishioners who gave their ideas to be considered. This "Vox Populi" will be the basis for the Council's setting of our parish goals.

PLEDGE PAYMENTS CONTINUE

With only four more months left in this final year of 2008, as the finale for **most** of those who are still paying on their pledges, we look forward to the acceptance of their faithful monthly payments so as to eliminate entirely our Parish Family debt. The planning of the Capital Campaign Committee was very accurate in making sure that once the payments were ALL completed, there would be no debt left from the Campaign that collected nearly three and a half million dollars. We remind those still paying of their pledges that we must pay the 5% interest on our debt until it is completely eliminated so that the faster we make our payments, the less expensive it will be.

PAC SCHEDULING MEETING SET

We remind all those groups who plan on getting "PAC TIME" for their events throughout the year that a meeting has been set for Thursday, September 18th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. All those involved in the athletic programs, the drama troupes, and other concerned groups and individuals are invited to join us that evening so that we might set the schedule for the coming year.

"CATHOLICS COMING HOME"

Members of the "Catholics Coming Home" MINISTRY will be meeting this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory with an invitation to any member of the Parish Family to join them. This Ministry has been created to reach out to those Catholics who find themselves distant from the regular practice of the Faith. Any parishioner who knows of such a person is welcome to enlist the services of this Ministry to offer welcoming to anyone without judgment or condemnation. Coming to our Parish Family Renewal next month might be the first step in the returning to the Community of Faith!

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

We are all reminded that we have an envelope in our packet for the second collection scheduled for next weekend. This is "The Bishop's Education Fund Campaign" which goes to help all those parishes with a catholic school. We ask all those committed to catholic education to use this collection as a way of expressing that generosity so this value forming education might be available to every child!



LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 7, 2008 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 p.m. Anna Ferber & Jean Pudelsky - Family
- 6:00 p.m. Dorothy Lang - Husband, Charles Lang
- 7:30 a.m. Bertha Bittner - Family
- 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 11:00 a.m. George Stankovich - Butler Family

Monday, September 8, 2008 - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 7:00 a.m. Paul Berrang - Family
- 10:00 a.m. Jon Smith - Yates Family

Tuesday, September 9, 2008 - St. Peter Claver

- 7:00 a.m. Rose Sobehart - Dave & Judy Smith Family
- 10:00 a.m. Sondra Matera - Joanne & Bruce Bergstein

Wednesday, September 10, 2008 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 a.m. 55th Wedding Anniversary of Jim & Joanne Rosswog
- 10:00 a.m. Thaddeus Bober - Family

Thursday, September 11, 2008 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 a.m. Mr. Carl Hunkele - Family
- 10:00 a.m. Regis Klein - Family & Friends

Friday, September 12, 2008 - Most Holy Name of Mary

- 7:00 a.m. Theresa & Joseph Fuchs - Family
- 10:00 a.m. Darlene Mace - Arnone Family

Saturday, September 13, 2008 - St. John Chrysostom

- 8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 4:00 p.m. Matilda Ferraro - Rachele & Harry
- 6:00 p.m. Joseph Astemborski - Henry & Stella Newland, Jr.

Sunday, September 14, 2008 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- 7:30 a.m. Agnes Fowkes - Family
- 9:00 a.m. 51st Wedding Anniversary of John & Philomena Hoehn
- 11:00 a.m. Paul Duncan - Dona & Tom Hotopp

Weekly Activities at a Glance

- Sunday** (Marian Hall) Hospitality Weekend after all Liturgies
Sept. 7 (Marian Hall) Ministry Fair after all Liturgies
- Monday** (Rectory) 7:30PM - Pastoral Council
Sept. 8
- Tuesday** (Church) 2:45PM - Children's Cantor Practice
Sept. 9
- Wednesday** (Marian Hall) 1:30PM - 55 Specials - Bingo/Cards
Sept. 10 (Church) 2:45PM - Children's Choir Practice
(Rectory) 7:00PM - Catholics Coming Home
(Church) 7:30PM - Adult Choir Practice
(Marian Hall) 7:30PM - 55 Specials Meeting
- Thursday** (Church) 2:45PM - Children's Choir Practice
Sept. 11 (Marian Hall) 6:30PM - Liturgy with Children Workshop
- Friday** (Church) 10:00AM - School Mass
Sept. 12
- Saturday** (School) 9:30AM - CCD Catechists Meeting
Sept. 13 (Marian Hall) ???PM - CYM Homeless Meal Prep.
- Sunday** (Church) 9:00AM - Cross Country Mass
Sept. 14 (Rectory) 10:00AM - R.C.I.A.
(Church) 10:00AM - Family Program Catechists Mtg.
(Church) 11:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children

R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Angelo, father of Jerry Angelo, and Clement Newcamp, father of Theresa Goeller and Daniel Newcamp, Joseph A. Caliguri, infant nephew of Mary K. Blackwell, Alma Bazil, mother of Alexis Raible.



Weekend

And



Fair



Due to vacation schedules, the contributions of August 31st and September 7th, 2008, will be posted in the bulletin on September 14, 2008. Thank you for your consideration.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I. Kurt Carrozza (St. Mary) & Melissa Peterson (St. Mary)



"If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father."

Matthew 18:19

Daily Readings



WE CAN NEVER LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR TOO MUCH.

- September 8: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
- September 9: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19
- September 10: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26
- September 11: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38
- September 12: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Lk 6:39-42
- September 13: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49
- September 14: Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process through which non-Catholic adults enter the Catholic Church. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more feel free to call Father Ed or Jim Finn at the rectory (412)486-4100. We will begin meeting next Sunday, Sept. 14th after the 9:00am Mass in the rectory dining room. All are welcome!

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME

is a post baptism ministry of families doing their best to bring their children closer to our Lord, through pray time, play time and service to others. A Newsletter with all that is planned for the fall has been sent to parish families with children under age 5. To find out more, call Monica at 412.492.0242.

A VOCATION VIEW

Do you know the power of prayer within a group? Join with others to pray for an increase of vocations to ordained ministry and the consecrated life. (Matthew 18:15-20)

IS YOUR MARRIAGE BREAKING YOUR HEART?

Hope and help are available through Retrouvaille. For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend September 19-21, 2008, please contact Retrouvaille at 412.277.3434. More information is available at www.helpourmarriage.com.

WORLDWIDEMARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Want to make a good marriage better? Plan to attend the September 26-28 weekend at Four Points Sheraton, Findlay Township. For more information or to register, contact Mary and Lou Locante at 412.635.7775 or check us out on the web at wwwme-pittsburgh.org

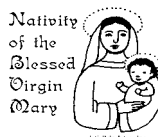
MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Are you a morning person and your spouse is not? People have different prayer rhythms but for many couples first thing in the morning is a good time to pray before the tasks of the day complicate your schedule. Never prayed together? See WHO ME PRAY? WITH HER?

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

by Bud Ozar

The key word in today's gospel is "listen". We cannot change another person; not alone, not with others and not with a whole Church. All we can do is state our position and "if he listens to you" then he/she can take the steps necessary to change themselves. Change comes from within.



We know that all things work for the good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Faith Sharing for 23rd Week Ordinary Time

In Matthew 18:15-20 proclaimed at Mass this week, Jesus gives a specific threefold strategy for resolving conflict. In a culture in which honor and shame are the primary values, this allows each person to preserve their dignity. Why did Jesus recommend these specific steps for reconciliation? What happens when a sinful person skips one of these steps? What did Jesus say about the authority of the Christian community in this gospel?

C.C.D. Faith Formation Families stop at the Faith Formation display in Marian Hall TODAY to get a calendar brochure and to note your child(ren)'s class assignment.

Grade 8 Prospective Candidates for Confirmation, were welcomed to the Call to Celebrate Confirmation. The first cluster group discussion was held with parents, guardians and youth gathering under the leadership of Deacon Fran and our Confirmation catechists. Include the 107 youth and their families in your prayers as they offer their giftedness to enrich our parish family.

Grade 2 Children, Parents and Guardians

met to pray and sing together under the image of Jesus our Good Shepherd. The call to "be enthused about our Faith" was reiterated as a reminder from our own Bishop Zubik. How blessed we are to welcome 88 eager children to grow in love and knowledge of Jesus as they begin to learn about His love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The YEAR OF SAINT PAUL

Mark September 29 on your calendar as a time to come to a SAINT PAUL BOWL. Clip the passage which appears in THIS column each week from one of his letters and memorize the passage. Be part of a game on Sept. 29, 7:15 PM; watch for future details.

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: Romans 13:8 "Let love be your only debt. If you love :
: others, you have done all that the law demands." :
:.....

Welcome new & returning Sunday Family CCD members!

The Sunday Faith Formation Session resumes September 21st, beginning with the 9:00 am Liturgy (Grade 8 serves). Following the Mass, parents will accompany their children to classrooms in the school building to meet with their children's catechists. The adults will return to Marian Hall by 10:30AM for the planned informative program, which will help to assist them in sharing their faith and prayer life with their children.

YOUTH MINISTRY

What are YOU doing to answer God's call? At the Ministry Fair this weekend, check it out!

HIGH SCHOOL AND YOUNG ADULTS: Sign up for Appalachia 2009

New this year – current eighth graders may begin earning their way to NCYC 2009 or Appalachia 2009. Find out more at the Ministries Fair Table this weekend.

- ~ Serving at the SOAR homeless shelter or East End Cooperative Ministries kitchen.
- ~ Participating in our February 2009 drama (auditions will be in November)
- ~ Sign up for our new local home repair program for the needy.

YOUNG ADULTS

- ~ Connect to the North Hills Young Adult net work
- ~ Sign up for our 2009 Mission to Uganda

WE NEED A FEW GOOD.... PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH IN GRADES 9 - 12

We need your help with this new LifeTeen program for our high school youth group sessions on most Sunday evenings. Hours would be from 5 – 7:30 PM or 7 – 9:15 PM and would include setting up refreshments, running games on social nights and clean up after youth group. Call the CYM phone line below if you are interested.

NEXT HOMELESS MEAL

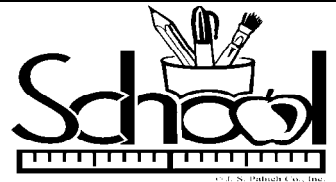
for the ladies at the SOAR shelter will be on Saturday, September 13.

Would you like to serve or provide a meal item [enough to serve 16-18]? Please call the CYM line or email Barb Belski [see contact details below].



Call the CYM line for current information on our social, spiritual and service activities for teens and young adults at 412-492-9344 or 412-486-4100, ext. 409 or email at belskib@verizon.net

ST. MARY



GROCERY AND SCRIPT NEWS

Because of the importance of the “grocery and script” sales that take place on the weekends, the “Development Committee” has opened up the possibility that all parishioners might have access to this operation during the week. The “Development Committee” is the “brain and brawn trust” of our catholic school families all of whom have the responsibility to raise 10% of the total cost of the school through fund-raisers. With a school that costs over \$1,300,000, the fund raising must be over \$130,000. Raising this money is the responsibility of ALL the families in the school. The talented members of the Committee are hoping to involve all of us in this process. All those going shopping during the week might simply pass by the school, pick up your purchasing power certificates and use them immediately that day. For the customer there is no charge for this service and the customer does not lose any value in purchasing power. The store then reimburses the school for the use of these certificates. Thereby, without any cost to the parishioner, the school is able to support the necessary fund-raising component of the budget. Might you be a parishioner who will begin to use this service each shopping day???

FREE SCHOOL UNIFORMS

“Gently used” uniforms are available at school. A clothing rack is located in Providence Hall (old gym) with donated school clothing including pants, shirts, skirts, and jumpers. Any exchange can be sent through the school office or dropped off in the Scrip Office between 8-10AM. Please make sure donated clothing is clean, and sized if possible. Thank you!

SMAA Golf Outing

When: Monday, Sept. 15, 2008
Where: Birds Foot Golf Club
Time: 12:00 Shotgun Start
18 Hole Scramble
Cost: \$135.00
Hole Sponsor: \$135.00

Steak Dinner, Prizes, Beer and Soft Drinks every 3 Holes. Supports all athletics at St. Mary's. Please contact Kelly Cannon Ph: 412-551-3150. Email: kellycannon@verizon.net.



TUESDAY SPECIALS

for GRADES 6-7-8

Youth what's new....

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS have finished for this season. Drive-in movie, scavenger hunts while enjoying the space for romping on our parish grounds, composing notes to soldiers, and a visit to a horse ranch made the summer Tuesdays with Mark Tobin “special”. He will meet SOON to discuss with the BURNING HEARTS Core Team their suggestions for future experiences. Call 412-486-5521 if YOU or your YOUTH in Grade 6-7-8 will like to be part of the “Core team”.

OUR PARISH NEWS

MINISTRIES FAIR THIS WEEKEND

Come to Marian Hall after Mass and see what makes St. Mary's someplace special. Enjoy refreshments and meet someone new! Come and See!

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT

(Call 412-486-5521 to register to attend.)

~ Are YOU Desperate for the Word ?

Come to our Bible Study, Tuesdays, 1:00-2:30 PM in our Faith Formation Conference center, lower floor of the school building, begins Sept. 8. Call Dory Monahan, 412-492-9891 for details.

~ Scripture and Prayer –a three hour workshop for any & **ALL adults and youth**, Saturday, September 20, 9:00 AM till Noon with Sisters of Saint Joseph, Marguerite Kropinak and Melanie Polenski. (Children welcome for Bible games outdoors during the workshop. Call to advise if child(ren) will attend; 412-486-5521.)

~ Parables of Jesus, Tuesdays, 6:30-9:00 PM Sept.23-Oct.14 in Marian Hall with Father Ed. Find out why and how the stories of Jesus have significance for we of the twenty-first century.

~ Catholic Men's Fellowship, a faith energizing gathering to be held April 18, 2009 is inviting more men to a Saturday, **September 13, 8:30-10 AM** networking session at Saint Paul Seminary, Crafton. Call Rich Dovi 412-425-7512 for details.

MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Those serving our country in the military are listed on our prayer list by the Sacred Heart statue. A candle is kept lit to remind all to pray constantly for their safety and for world peace. To add someone's name to the list, please call the rectory.

FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES OF OUR NATION

Almighty God, we commend to gracious care and safe keeping all men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace. Strengthen them in trial and temptation. Give them courage to face the perils that confront them; and grant them a sense of your holy and abiding presence wherever they may be. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. AMEN.

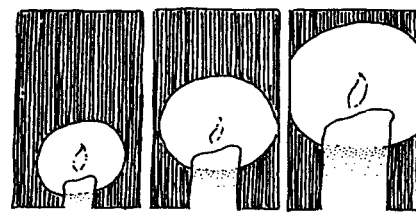


Grandparents are God's gift to Children

Giving generously of themselves over the years, with hugs and words to ease young fears, telling lively stories that light up a child's face, living in faith while finding strength in God's grace, showing that each day is filled with love, grandparents are a gift from heaven above.

GOD BLESS OUR GRANDPARENTS BOTH LIVING
AND DECEASED ON THIS
GRANDPARENTS DAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2008

**GOOD
NEWS
TO
SHARE**



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ST. MARY'S WOMEN ON RETREAT

It's not too late to make a reservation for the November 7-8-9th retreat at St. Paul's Retreat Center. For more information stop at the Retreat table at the Ministries Fair in Marian Hall this weekend.

SATURDAY'S MEN'S GROUP

We will meet on Saturday, September 13th, after the 8:00AM Liturgy. This will be our first time together because of our summer break. All men are welcome!

Faith Formation for children and youth who attend public schools sessions resume soon: Saturday, Sept.20, 9 AM-Noon for Parents, guardians & children-meet in Marian Hall.; Family program at 9 AM Mass, September 21, then session till Noon; Monday, Sept. 22, ONLY Grades 6-7-8 with parent/guardians meet in church; Monday, Sept. 29 all grades meet, 6:30 PM Kindergarten & Grades 1 thru 5 gather in church; Grades 6-7-8 in classes.

Knights of Columbus

The worldwide "Knight of Columbus" organization is looking to establish a council in our parish. We need thirty men to start a council. If you are interested in knowing more about the Knights, a former knight, or would like to transfer into our "newly established council" please attend the meeting on September 17, 2008 at 7:30 pm in Marian Hall.

St. Vincent dePaul Library

A Library sponsored by the St. Vincent DePaul Society is located in the back of our church. All are welcome to make use of the facility. There is no need to sign out for any item. However, within several weeks of checking out an item, we ask that you return it as others may have an interest in it. You are also invited to list items you would like to see added to the library by dropping those requests in the slot to the right of the shelves.

Christian Mothers Women's Organization

Thank you fellow Christian Mothers for your help during the Ministries Fair. Thinking of joining Christian Mothers? Come to our annual calendar party on Thursday, September 18th. We begin in church praying the rosary before 7pm Mass. Please call Marilyn 412-492-8367 for more information.



Please pray for all the sick and those recovering from illness. Family and friends have requested prayer for the following:

Renae Vivaldi Breskovich, Robert A. Deasy III, Robert Druga, Virginia Glass, Martha Hornak, John Hoehn, Olivia Hutchenson, Helen Kolek, Mary Lou, Amy McT., Karen Mickus, Kitty Murphy, Margie Nist, Judy Ranalli, Courtney Ryce, Joshua Stanek, Shirley Stepnick, Mark Thimons, Virginia Thompson, V.A.W., Archie Wharton, James Wilson, Christine Z., Paul Zoeller.

PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS from Father John

The “**Ministries Fair**” is a golden opportunity for every parishioner to be informed of all the dimensions of our active parish life summarized in FIVE categories within our Parish Pastoral Council:

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES that would include the Altar Servers, the Art and Environment Committee, those responsible for the Liturgy of the Word with Children, the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, the Greeters, all those involved in the Music Ministry, Readers and the Ushers.

FAITH FORMATION includes those in Adult Enrichment, those helping with the Baptism Preparation, the Bible Study Groups who meet regularly, the Catholics Coming Home Ministry, the many parishioners who serve in the various facets of the CCD Program, those who take part in the Cluster Zone Groupings, the Evangelization Team, the Sunday morning Family Program, the persons who help in the Let The Little Children Come To Me Ministry, the couples who lead our Marriage Preparation for Engaged Sessions, those who direct the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), those who head up the Retreats both for women and men, those who take part in the Summer Bible Week and all those who minister in the Catholic Youth Ministry.

THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL with all its facets some of which include the Athletic Association, the Band, the Development Committee, the Drama Club for Children, the Food Service Directors with the cafeteria workers and playground overseers and all those who serve in the Parent-Teacher Guild (PTG).

THE ORGANIZATIONS of our Parish Family that serve all of us are the Apostolic Visitation Ministry, the Ministry of Bereavement, the Capital Campaign Committee, the Confraternity of Christian Mothers and Women’s Guild, the Drama Troupe, the Fifty-Five Specials Group, the Finance Council, the Hospitality Committee, Martha’s Hands and Caring Hearts, the St. Mary Pro-Life Committee, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Saturday Men’s Group, the Scouting Programs, the Temporalities Commission, the Vocation Council, the Widows/Widowers Support Group and the Worship Commission.

EVENT COMMITTEES include the Blood Drive, the Festival, the Missionary Fund Raising Groups, the Parish Share, the Family Picnic, the Sharing Tree Committee and the Wedding Day Coordinators.