

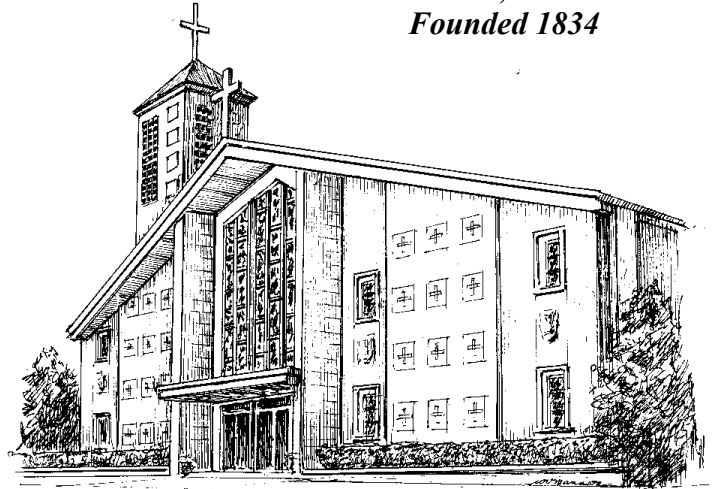
PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
JANUARY 29, 2012

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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

CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK

FAITH – ACADEMICS - SERVICE

What a magnificent time for *St. Mary Catholic School* as we celebrate an entire week in recognition of all those who are part of this great asset to our Parish Family! A whole series of events will occur this week in an attempt to remind all of us of the importance of catholic education. The value-centered educational determination of St. Mary Catholic School touches every aspect of our parish life, and the life of those who surround us. We ask all parishioners to keep the intentions of those involved in our Catholic School in their daily prayers; and we offer a heart-felt sense of gratitude to all those who support our catholic school.

STUDENTS FROM THE SCHOOL WILL SPEAK AT TODAY'S LITURGIES ABOUT THE VALUE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Having a parochial school that began in 1847, we are the longest *continuous running* catholic school in the entire Diocese. Our school today --- with 165 years of history --- ranks at the top of the chart for providing a well rounded and multi dimensional education for all those who come to our classrooms. We recommit ourselves this day as a Parish Family to offer CATHOLIC EDUCATION to all those who value the importance of learning for their children.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL ENVELOPE

Those who are faithful in using their envelopes each week will notice that there is a special envelope entitled "Catholic School Week" in this month's packet. This envelope is offered to all those who would like to help needy families to receive a catholic education in our own parochial school. All the monies collected in this envelope go directly to *St. Mary Catholic Grade School*. This envelope may be dropped in the first collection of any Sunday.

A DOUBLE EVENTED WEEKEND

TONIGHT – SATURDAY
SMAA NITE AT THE RACES
DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 P.M.

THIS MORNING – SUNDAY
K OF C SUPERSIZED BREAKFAST
SERVINGS: 8:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

THROAT BLESSINGS: FRIDAY

Friday of this week, February 3rd is the *Optional Memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr*, and the traditional day when "The Blessing of Throats" is extended to all of the People of God. This long standing tradition reminds us of our heavenly Father's concern to keep us healthy in both body and soul. Throats will be blessed during the two liturgies of that day: 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

GIFT COORDINATORS GATHERING

The GIFT Coordinators will have their regular monthly meeting this Thursday, February 2nd beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Providence Hall. The Coordinators are now in the planning stages of this year's Hospitality Weekends during which the theme will be "Celebrating Seniors." The first of these celebrations will take place in March. Any member of the Parish Family would wishes to learn more about "GIFT" is cordially welcome to join the Coordinators this Thursday.

BAPTISMS IN FEBRUARY

There are three Baptism Sundays in February before we begin the Season of Lent. We remind parents planning a baptism that the sacrament will not be celebrated during Lent, except in an emergency. Those understanding the nuances of the liturgical seasons certainly appreciate our Parish Family's attempt to maintain the motif of each season with the variety of our parish celebrations.

"BELLS" OF ST. MARY PARISH

So many parishioners and those living in the neighborhood are so appreciative of the sound of the BELLS atop our church building. What a wonderful aura they give to the many events of our Parish Family, from the weekend liturgies to the toll of the funerals and the happy sound of the weddings and to all the appropriate ringing of so many Parish Family events. However, the aura of our BELLS is now on the wane after so many years of use. We are now in the process of assessing this situation.

FINANCE COUNCIL GATHERING

Members of the Finance Council will meet on Monday of this week, January 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory as they examine the budget for the first half of the fiscal year that runs from July to December.



LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 29, 2012 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00 p.m. Jerry Ferber - Barbara & Rick Romea & Family
 6:00 p.m. James Gorry - The Sarosi Family
 7:30 a.m. Ann Sufak - George Sufak
 9:00 a.m. Richard Cullinan, Jr. - St. Mary Faith Formation
 11:00 a.m. Richard Neszpaul - Jill Butler

Monday, January 30, 2012 - Weekday in Ordinary Time
 7:00 a.m. Gregory Distilo - The Sarosi Family
 10:00 a.m. Apollonia Castellano - Daughter, Concetta

Tuesday, January 31, 2012 - St. John Bosco
 7:00 a.m. Mary Jane Clarke - The Balestrino Family
 10:00 a.m. Rebecca Bartoldi - Cummings Drive Neighbors

Wednesday, February 1, 2012 - Weekday in Ordinary Time
 7:00 a.m. Special Intention for Our Parish Family
 10:00 a.m. Emma Maglic - Emeric Gaslevic & Family

Thursday, February 2, 2012 - The Presentation of the Lord
 7:00 a.m. Tanya Klaber - Jeanne, Diane, Janet, & Linda
 10:00 a.m. Dorothy Michalski - Josephine Blythe

Friday, February 3, 2012 - St. Blaise & St. Ansgar
 7:00 a.m. Gregorio Distilo - Wife, Grace & Children
 10:00 a.m. Ann Magovern - St. Mary School Community

Saturday, February 4, 2012 - Weekday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Angela Rondinelli - Perrotte Family
 4:00 p.m. Julia Pilyih - Bob, Mariane, and Family
 6:00 p.m. Nancy Scanga - Friends of Candace

Sunday, February 5, 2012 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 a.m. 45th Wedding Anniversary of Tom & Irene Garasic
 9:00 a.m. The Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
 11:00 a.m. Linda Kirby - Paul & Ginny Penezic

Weekly Activities at a Glance

- Sunday** (Marian Hall) 8:00AM - Knights of Columbus Breakfast
 (Rectory) 10:00AM - R.C.I.A.
 (Marian Hall) 6:30PM - Gr. 8 Cluster Group Meeting
- Monday** (School) 4:30PM - CCD Classes
 (Marian Hall) 4:30PM - Catholic Vision of Love
 (School) 6:30PM - CCD Classes
 (Rectory) 7:00PM - Finance Council Meeting
- Tuesday** (CCD Office) 1:00PM - Adult Education
 (Pantry) 6:00PM - Open Pantry
 (Marian Hall) 6:30PM - Protecting God's Children Wkshp
 (Rectory) 7:00PM - St. Vincent DePaul Meeting
- Wednesday** (Church) 9:30AM - Pray and Play
 (Marian Hall) 1:30PM - 55 Specials Bingo
 (Church) 2:45PM - Children's Choir
 (Marian Hall) 4:00PM - Science Fair Setup
 (Church) 7:30PM - Adult Choir
- Thursday** (Marian Hall) 8:00AM - Science Fair
 (Providence Hall) 7:00PM - GIFT Coordinators Meeting
- Friday** (School) 10:00AM - School Liturgy
- Saturday** (School) 10:00AM - CCD Classes
 (Marian Hall) **Hospitality** after All Liturgies
 (Marian Hall) 4:00PM - Liturgy of the Word for Children
- Sunday** (Marian Hall) **Hospitality** after All Liturgies
 (Rectory) 10:00AM - R.C.I.A.

FALSE PROPHETS, TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice, The Holy One of God.

We learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he was not an authority because he was popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. And today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

LEADERS

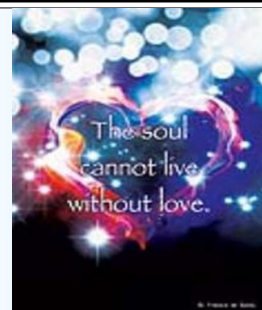
Leaders are like eagles. They don't flock. You find them ... one at a time.

~ Anonymous

JANUARY 21/22, 2012	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	612	\$16,888.45
Cash/Loose Checks	-	\$502.00
Children's Offertory	40	\$51.00
Solemnity of Mary	2	\$20.00
St. Mary Catholic School	10	\$181.00
Immaculate Conception	1	\$10.00
Parish Share 2011	4	\$265.00
St. Anthony / DePaul Institute	25	\$443.00
Parish Needy	30	\$465.00
Total	724	\$18,825.45

DAILY READINGS

- January 23: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20
- January 24: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 - 19:3; Mk 5:21-43
- January 25: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6
- January 26: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
- January 27: Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29
- January 28: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34
- January 29: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39



SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

David Joseph Kohler

Congratulations to his parents, godparents, and grandparents. Please join us in welcoming him into our **Parish Family**.



Home with the Lord

Remember Lord and welcome into your Kingdom those who have died and have gone before us marked in the sign of faith, especially **James Sweeney**. Please remember to pray for the consolation of their loved ones.

A VOCATION VIEW

People were spellbound by the teachings of Jesus. The church needs bold teachers and preachers. Consider a vocation to priesthood or religious life.

R. C. I. A. - is the process through which non-Catholic adults enter the Catholic Church. We meet in the rectory dining room following the 9:00am Mass. **All are welcome**. This week we will discuss the TEN COMMANDMENTS and next week MORAL ISSUES. To find out more, call Jim Finn at the rectory (412)486-4100.

ADULT CONFIRMATION - Those 18 years of age or older who have not been confirmed are invited to prepare to receive this sacrament when Bishop Waltersheid comes to St. Mary's on May 8, 2012 at 7:00pm. Call Jim Finn (412)486-4100 at the rectory to find out more.

CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The CMF of Pittsburgh invites you to the seventh annual Gathering of Catholic Men at the A. J. Palumbo Center at Duquesne University on Saturday, April 14, 2014. This year's theme is:

LIVING THE EUCHARIST IN TODAY'S AMERICA

Bring a friend or family member and enjoy the dynamic speakers as they help direct our thoughts and energy toward fostering a stronger relationship with God, family, friends, and co-workers. They will point the way toward what it means to Live the Eucharist in today's America.

The second **Saturday Men's Group** will meet on **Saturday, February 11th**. Come to the 8:00am Mass and then enjoy coffee and discussion in the school following Mass. All men and young men are welcome. Call Carl to find out more at 412.805.5755.

PRAY AND PLAY DAY THIS WEDNESDAY

Let the Little Children Come To Me Ministry invites all care-givers to bring their children age five and under to this activity on the first and third Wednesdays of the month beginning at 9:30am in the Children's Liturgy Room at the church. All welcome!

FEAST OF SAINT BLAISE-BLESSING OF THROATS

This coming Friday, Feb. 3rd during the 7:00am and 10:00am Masses, throats will be blessed. All are welcome to join us at one of these liturgies.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Faith Sharing for Fourth Sunday, Ordinary Time - Jan.29

Jesus challenged practices of his day by healing on the Sabbath, and by using his teaching authority to drive out an evil spirit. As a plea against any and all evil spirits in our world now, pray this:

Spirit of God, you are a spirit of power.

Spirit of God, you are a spirit of wholeness.

Spirit of God, you are a spirit of healing.

Spirit of God, you are a spirit of hope.

Spirit of God, be with all those who need healing and hope at this time. Rest on us as we strive to share Jesus' healing touch with others. Amen.

Faith Formation Sessions this Week:

Grades 5-6-7-8 Catholic Vision of Love sessions in class

Monday, January 30 – 4:30 & 6:30 PM All meet in class.

Saturday, February 4, All meet in Church, 10 AM

MOVIE – Meet Saint John Bosco. His Feast Day is Tuesday, January 31st. Call Rose Stegman at 412-486-5521 or e-mail ccdoffice@stmaryglenshaw.org to borrow this movie about a man and his love for God's Children.

Special Days this Week:

January 31 – **Saint John Bosco** loved young children and took them in his care, to teach them catechism and the value of a prayer. He gathered waifs from all around and organized a school where loving understanding was the underlying rule. He planned his programs carefully with study song and play and boys who wanted to be priests he guided on their way. (poem by *James Metcalf*)

February 2 – **Presentation of The Lord** celebrates Jesus' being presented to the aged Simeon who recognized Jesus as the "LIGHT to the nations, and the GLORY of His people." Our Church extends the glory by blessing candles on this day. The blessed candle is a sacramental which represents the presence of Christ, Light of the World. A wonderful day to get a candle blessed for in your home.

February 3 – **Saint Blaise**, a bishop in Armenia, he acquired a fame, by many healings he performed in God's most holy name. Especially the little child who nearly choked to death, and through St. Blaise's prayers returned to free and normal breath. And that is why this day each year his saintliness we note, and ask his prayers to guard us from diseases of the throat. (*James Metcalf* poem)

February 3 – **Saint Ansgar** suffered one defeat after another but gave himself to God and others till his death.

Adult Bible Study meets **Tuesdays, 1:00-2:30 PM** in our Faith Formation conference room. Newcomers welcome. Call Dori Monahan for details, 412-492-9891

Sweets in time for **Saint VALENTINE Day** and seafood in time for **LENT** are available in the new **Market Day** February flier available at our church exits, and Scrip and Faith Formation offices. Look for a **FREE** gift for those who order this and the following two months.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS



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Your St. Mary's Boys High School team has already doubled the number of wins from last year and is currently fielding two teams! Come out and see the Condors play some hoops. Give Jimmy Kohan a call if you want to help out or attend a game 412-527-9270. Special thanks to our great dedicated men of the Parish like Mike Daley, Phil Fitzgibbons and Jimmy Kohan for making this program a slam dunk! The schedule is provided for you to come out and cheer on our teams! Hope to see you there!

Wednesday, February 1, 8:30pm - Home Game vs St. Alphonsus
 Saturday, February 4, at 9:00pm - Home Game vs St. Catherine
 Monday, February 6, at 6:30pm - Away Game vs St. Athanasius
 Saturday, February 11, at 9:00pm - Home Game vs St. Alexis
 Wednesday, February 15, at 6:15pm - Away Game vs St. Gabriel

Youth at St. Mary for LIFE

Our youth went to Washington, D.C. on Monday, January 23rd, to March for Life with over 500,000 other youths and adults. They celebrated mass with 20,000 other students at the Verizon Center in D.C. They enjoyed a 45 minute question and answer session with Senator Casey regarding *LIFE*. What an awesome experience!

University of St Mary's

PROJECT APPALACHIA

Paul Mitsch, Katelyn Deet and Fr. Jay hosted a brainstorming session with several college students who are alumni of our Project Appalachia. There is a lot of enthusiasm and leadership from our college students. If you are interested in Project Appalachia contact Paul Mitsch at the Rectory 412-486-4100 or Katelyn Deet at deetk@duq.edu.

Need Service Hours or want to talk with a priest?

Contact Fr Jay Donahue at the Rectory 412 486 4100 or by email mcsean6612@gmail.com or by facebook at John Donahue.

SQUIRES

The youth of the Squires are doing great things please contact Ray Newcomer for more details 412 767 4870 or rjdnew@verizon.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday Nights 6:00 – 8:00 Cheers Group in the JAM.
Valentine Wine & Dine - For more information, please call Fr. Jay at 412-486-4100.

ST. MARY SCHOOL



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

The annual observance of Catholic Schools Week begins January 29th through February 5th. The theme for this week is *Catholic Schools: Faith, Academics, Service*. Scheduled activities for this week focus on these three elements that are established as priorities within our schools.

Please support us through prayer during this week. We thank you for your continued support!

OPEN HOUSE

Any family who might be interested in receiving a faith-filled, value-centered, quality education for their child is most welcome to come and see our school any Wednesday through February 29th between 11:15 AM – 1:15 PM. This will give you the opportunity to see the children and staff during the regular routine of a school day. If this day and these times are not conducive to your schedule, please feel free to call the office and make another arrangement.

We provide a 3 and 4 year-old preschool program in addition to our kindergarten through 8th grades, an Afterschool Program for working parents, and financial assistance for families in need.

To set up an appointment, please call the school office at 412-486-7611. We welcome you and look forward to meeting you and your child.

PJAS

Twenty-one students, under the direction of Mrs. Rita Turchetta, will represent St. Mary School at the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science event scheduled on Saturday, February 4th, at Keystone Oaks High School. The caliber of work is again top-notch, and we wish our students the best of luck in this competition.

PASTA DINNER

Come and enjoy a delicious pasta dinner to help benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society hosted by St. Bonaventure on **Sunday, January 29, 2012** from 3:30—5:30PM in Newmeyer Hall, St. Bonaventure Parish. Dinner will consist of: pasta, salad, bread, dessert and beverage for a suggested price of \$10.00 donation.

Diocese of Pittsburgh Abuse Hotline: 1.888.808.1235

OUR PARISH NEWS

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish will be holding a workshop in **Marian Hall on Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at 6:30PM.** This workshop is mandatory to all who volunteer. Please contact our CCD office at 412.486.5521 to register.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS SUPERSIZED BREAKFAST

Please join us, **TODAY, Sunday, January 29, 2012** from 8:00AM to 1:00PM in Marian Hall. The Knights will be serving:

Omelettes to order,
Eggs to order

OR Eggs Estrada,

PLUS Pancakes, Sausage, and Toast

Cost for Adults - \$8.00, Seniors (62 & older) - \$7.00, and Children ages 4 to 10 - \$4.00

WIDOWS/WIDOWERS

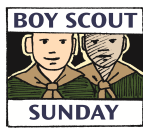
We will be meeting at Rice's Roadhouse Restaurant on Mount Royal Boulevard TODAY, Sunday, January 29th, at 4:00PM. Please join us. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Lagiovane at 412.486.4209 or Marge Wesolek at 412.486.5621.

ASSUMPTION CEMETERY

Please remove all Christmas Wreaths and decorations in our cemetery before March 1, 2012. If you are unable to do so, our maintenance crew will remove and discard them. Thank you.

ATTENTION FISH DINNER VOLUNTEERS

Anyone who has volunteered in the past or ANYONE who would be interested in joining the Fish Dinner Volunteer Team is asked to call Paul or Ginny Penezic at 412.487.5211 to confirm your spot on the roster.



**SCOUT
SUNDAY**



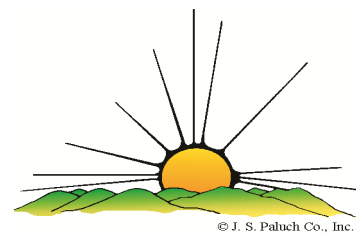
Scout Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, February 5, 2012 at the 9:00AM Liturgy. Any parishioner who is a Cub Scout, Boy Scout or Girl Scout is invited to participate in the procession. Scouts should wear their uniforms and meet in Marian Hall to line up by 8:40AM. A reception will follow in Marian Hall in conjunction with Hospitality Sunday. Please contact Lisa Gannon at 412.492.9490 or Tricia Mullen at 6724.444.7489 with the number that plan to attend from your group.



**22ND ANNUAL
LOVE WALK
FOR THE POOR**

LOVE in a practical way; join the **LOVE WALK** on Feb. 12, at 2:00PM Mass at Sacred Heart, East Liberty. Sign up forms have been distributed to **Confirmation Candidates**, but **all** families and adults are welcome. This is a tremendous **SERVICE for the homeless** and needy of Pittsburgh. Send returns to, or call our parish Faith Formation office. **Responses also needed for the Confirmation Retreat.**

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS



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WHY SHOULD I MAKE A MEN'S RETREAT?

Ask yourself these questions and make a reservation to join the men of our parish on February 17-18-19 at St. Paul's Retreat Center.

- ◆ I need time to slow down and put my thoughts in order?
- ◆ I am confused or distressed?
- ◆ I need some advice or comfort?
- ◆ I haven't felt close to God in a long time?

Spending a weekend at St. Paul's can make a difference in your life. Call Charlie Fischer 412.487.4667 or Jim Karcher 724.444.5798.



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WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

World Marriage Day is celebrated the weekend of Feb. 11-12. There will be a diocesan celebration of World Marriage Day on **Saturday, February 11, 2012 at St. Kilian Parish.** **Rev. Phil Farrell, Vicar for Vicariate 4** will be the celebrant and homilist of the 5:30pm Mass. Following Mass there will be a wine and cheese reception in the parish hall. A presentation by Father Charles Bober will follow. Donation is \$10.00 per couple. To register please call (412)456-3160. All engaged and married couples are invited to attend.

ANNUAL ADULT LECTURE SERIES

All are invited to the first of three lectures at St. Paul Seminary. The first lecture will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 from 7:30-9:00pm. Speaker: Bob Rice. Topic: Things That Make Us Catholic. Admission is free. Call Jim Finn if you need a ride 412.486.4100.

MAGNIFICAT PITTSBURGH

Ladies, join Magnificat Pittsburgh for a powerful prayer breakfast on Saturday, February 25, from 9:00AM to Noon at the Sheraton Four Points in Cranberry Twp. Hear speaker Sharon Lee Giganti, give her testimony about the deceptions of the New Age Movement's principals. Cost of breakfast is \$20.00 and to register go to www.magnificatpittsburgh.org. or call Kay at 724-772-6749.

FAMILYLINKS

For more than 50 years, Familylinks has provided a broad range of services for children, adults and families who are struggling with abuse, neglect, intellectual disabilities, mental health and substance abuse issues. To learn more about Familylinks, please log onto www.familylinks.org.

CHERRY CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Discount Mattress Sale on Tempurpedic and Serta, will be on sale for the lowest possible prices. Saturday, February 11th, and Sunday, February 12th, from 10:00AM to 5:00PM Please call 412-822-7000 for more information.

PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS from Father John

From **January 29 to February 5** we will celebrate **Catholic School Week** in light of the theme for this year that blazes out for all of us to recognize: **FAITH --- ACADEMICS --- SERVICE!** In the tenor of these three very important elements of our own *St. Mary Catholic Grade School*, we make this report:

FAITH! It is impossible to imagine, is it not, how “different” the entire Parish Family of St. Mary of the Assumption would be WITHOUT our catholic school? So many facets of the Catholic Faith that we share in the Parish Family is so emphasized in the everyday life of our students. It is not simply the weekly liturgy that they celebrate as a school each Friday morning, during which the students themselves become the liturgical leaders; but that fact that this Faith-filled environment pervades every nook and cranny of the school building itself. With the prayers that begin and end each school day, the students and faculty are so immersed in a celebration of our Catholic Faith that without that Faith our school would not have lasted all these 165 years!

ACADEMICS! One need look no further than the overwhelmingly positive report that our Catholic School was given by the Middle States Accreditation Team this past year to realize that we are on the cutting edge of the learning process for all our children. The fact that St. Anthony Program for Exceptional Students is now an integral part of our school simply raises our academic commitment to every child, irrespective of religion, social class or personal challenges. The academically superior scoring of our students in light of Diocesan and national standards simply endorses the fact that parents/guardians who are looking for a learning process that might be tailored to the strength of their child need look no further than our Catholic School.

SERVICE! Catholic education began in our Parish Family in 1847, long before most of the school districts in the area were even created. For the last 165 years our students have been schooled in the importance of serving the world outside their own sphere of life. Collecting of food for the needy, writing to those in the military, creating cards for the institutionalized, visiting the sick, helping the missions and simply being an integral part of the great work of our St. Vincent de Paul Society is just some of the ways our students come to serve the needs of others. Doing all of this in the name of the Lord Jesus, whom they come to love and honor, raises the service of our students to a level much more significant than simply being a concerned humanitarian!