

Bulletin # 910038

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MESSAGES:

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

JESUS, MARY, JOSEPH

In the long standing tradition of the Catholic Church, the Sunday between the celebration of the Solemnity of Nativity on December 25th and the Motherhood of Mary on January 1st is entitled **The Feast of the Holy Family**. As the liturgical spotlight centered on the child Jesus on December 25th and on the role of Mary on January 1st, today the emphasis is upon JOSEPH in his role as belonging to the lineage of David. The Gospel of Luke reminds us of the importance of Joseph as he searches for his child among the teachers of the Temple. Today we offer a special blessing to all of the families of our Parish Family with the hope that each of them will continue to reflect the presence of the Holy Family in the modern world in which we all live.

MOTHERHOOD OF MARY

JANUARY 1, 2007

On Monday, January 1st, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Motherhood of Mary, which because it falls on a Monday this year, is NOT a Holyday of Obligation. It is also a day set aside by the Bishops of the country to pray for peace. The liturgy schedule is 4:00 p.m. on Sunday evening, and 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Monday morning. As we come to gather around the altar for the beginning of a new year, we will seek the blessing of our generous God in that we have another wonderful year in 2007.

CHILDREN AND ORPHAN COLLECTION

The second collection that was taken up on Christmas Day is very important for two reasons: not only does it help the needy children in the Diocese, but also the same amount is credited to our Parish Share. We can receive a "double" benefit from our offering. There is an envelope in our packet marked for this collection. If you have not used this envelope as of yet, simply place it in the first collection today or tomorrow. We will accept these envelopes in the new year so we can meet our 2008 assessment.

**BLESSED CALENDARS
ARE STILL AVAILABLE
AT THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH.
PLEASE TAKE WHATEVER
YOU MIGHT NEED!**

"CATCH THE VIBE"

VITALITY IN BUILDING EXCELLENCE

As winter comes, a slow down might occur in the construction of our Parish Activity Center (PAC). This will give us time to "build up" our Pledge Campaign so that we will not need to borrow more funds from the Diocese when the project is completed. Members of the Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) are creating a "Memorial Plaque" so that the generosity of those who give a certain amount will be remembered for years to come. We ask all parishioners to be alert to the DEADLINE that will be set for placing one's name on the plaque.

CHRISTMAS GRATITUDE

The Parish Family of *St. Mary of the Assumption* is so blessed with the tremendous number of parishioners who make the great events of this holy season so spiritually-enriching. The sounds provided by the Music Ministry filled our sacred church with the beauty of heavenly voices; those who created such a marvelously creative décor opened our hearts to the feelings of the season; and those who ministered in the sanctuary with those who served in ushering and hospitality created such a warmth for all of us who gathered for these days. We thank each and every person who gave so much to make this a wonderful expression of our Catholic Faith.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2006

Today is the final day to make contributions to the Parish Family that will be recorded on our 2006 financial statement. Parishioners wishing to have their donations recorded for tax purposes in the year 2006 must have them recorded on their statements. These financial statements will be sent individually to all envelope receivers in our Parish Family next month for their own personal use.

NEWSPAPER BINS DELAYED

We received word from the Company that they are having a difficulty in delivering the bins for the collecting of our newspaper. Those who travel around the school might see the cement form we have already prepared for the bins. We are sorry for the inconvenience that this is causing for those who have already begun to save their papers. We hope that the delivery of the bins will come in short order.

Masses for the Week

Sunday, December 31 - Feast of the Holy Family

- 4:00 p.m. Bill Wesolek - (Family)
- 6:00 pm Living and Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 7:30 a.m. Elmer Hunkele - (Bud & Karolyn Hunkele)
- 9:00 a.m. Roman Kurkiewicz - (James Cullinan)
- 11:00 a.m. Joseph & Catherine Leo - (Ron & Angie)
- 4:00p.m. Mary Grace Bell - (John & Amy Faith)

Monday, January 1 - Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

- 8:00a.m. Frank Marchetto - (M/M Don Bellisario)
- 10:00a.m. Zerah Perry - (Family)

Tuesday, January 2 - Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

- 7:00 a.m. Elvira Fazio - (James & Rosetta Kmetyk)
- 10:00 a.m. John McDermott - (M/M Richard Karolski)

Wednesday, January 3 - Holy Name of Jesus

- 7:00 a.m. Leonard, Rose & Fred Fischer -
(Dolores & Andrew Fischer)
- 10:00 a.m. Veronica Bogacz - (Al & Jane)

Thursday, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

- 7:00 a.m. Erminio Cosentino—(Family)
- 10:00 a.m. William Junker - (Al & Jane Bartoldi)

Friday, January 5 - St. John Neumann, Eucharistic Day

- 7:00 a.m. Marlene Harvey - (Bob & Gina)
- 10:00 a.m. Wilbur Bliss - (Roz Hertweck Family)
- 6:30p.m. Evening Prayer with Benediction

Saturday, January 6 - Blessed Andre Bessette

- 8:00 a.m. Regis B. Huber(Marie Werling & Family)
- 4:00 p.m. Ian O'Malley - (Dad & Lisa)
- 6:00 p.m. Living and Deceased of Our Parish Family

Sunday, January 7 - Epiphany of the Lord

- 7:30 a.m. Francis Farmerie - (Family)
- 9:00 a.m. Richard O'Leary - (Wife)
- 11:00 a.m. Francis Sonnett, Sr. - (Tom & Babs)

Vocation View

Jesus grew in wisdom, age, and grace in the midst of his family. How is your family growing in the midst of these challenging times? Seek out God's grace. (Luke 2:41-52)

R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the Virginia Winschel

Stars Encore

Date: Sunday, January 7, 2006

Time: 12:45 PM

Place: Marian Hall

This encore presentation is directed and produced by University of Pittsburgh junior, Josh DeFilippo. Come see the many talents of adults and youth of our Parish Family. **You won't want to miss our final act, "The Image" written and produced by Josh. Our fine parish actors (an intergenerational cast) impersonate the parish staff like you've never seen before! Admission is \$5. Advance payment allows you to reserve your own table.** Tickets available at the rectory and the Faith Formation office but walk ins will also be welcome. **Proceeds benefit the Marian Hall kitchen fund for the new dishwasher.** Some light refreshments will be sold but you may also bring your own food and beverages. Call 412-486-4100, ext. 409.



Offertory Collection

Dec. 17, 2006	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	875	\$20,287.07
Cash/Loose Cks.	-	\$1,037.00
Children's Offertory	62	\$77.45
Christmas Offering	10	\$900.00
Christmas Flowers	29	\$577.00
Children/Youth	6	\$193.00
Parish Share 2006	11	\$1,272.07
Imm. Conception	2	\$50.00
Parish Needy	11	\$238.00
Total	1006	\$24,611.59

DAILY



READINGS

- Jan. 1:** Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
- Jan. 2:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
- Jan. 3:** 1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Jn 1:29-34
- Jan. 4:** 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
- Jan. 5:** 1Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
- Jan. 6:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or
Lk 3:23-38 [23,31-34, 36,38]
- Jan. 7:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6;
Mt 2:1-12

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Father Ed will be teaching about the “Letters of Saint Paul” on Tuesdays, January 9 through February 13, 2007. The sessions will be held in the School Library from 6:30-9:00PM. Please call the Faith Formation Office to register at 412-486-5521.

Real Presence: Our parish celebration of the feast of St. John Neumann on Friday, January 5th will begin with 10:00AM Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on our altar. This gives all an opportunity to visit during the day and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. Reaffirm your belief in the REAL PRESENCE of Christ present in our churches. We may never fully grasp God’s real presence in the human form of the infant Jesus. Just so, we may never fully grasp the real presence of God in the humble form of the Eucharist. The one who came down from heaven and became human at Christmas comes down from heaven at every Eucharist and offers us His body and blood so that all might be consecrated—that is, share in his divine life. As we sing the Lamb of God litany and receive Communion this week, may we welcome the Son of God and Savior of all people, the Messiah and Lamb of God. May we recognize him not only in the infant Jesus and in the Eucharist, but in all of our sisters and brothers. In every Eucharist the Incarnation continues, God takes on human form and dwells among us. Eucharistic Adoration on January 5th will conclude with Evening Prayer and Benediction at 6:30PM.



RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Faith Sharing for Holy Family Sunday

Imagine what it was like to have been the parents of Jesus. In childhood we receive what we will be capable of giving as adults. Family life prepared Jesus for ministry. How does your family help you on your spiritual journey? What does today’s gospel reveal about the humanity of Jesus?

Faith Formation Classes for Monday and Saturday will resume on **January 6th and 8th**. Parents and/or guardians please accompany your child(ren) to begin in Church at those sessions. Our Liturgy of the Word will include special time to ADORE our Savior present in the Eucharist. Saturday BEGINS at 9:30 AM; Monday begins at 6:30 PM. Please arrive before the starting time.

NEW – UNITED STATES CATHOLIC

CATECHISM FOR ADULTS: copies available for sale at our parish Faith Formation Office. Watch the Bulletin in coming weeks for a workshop to be offered in Marian Hall about this new resource.

Grade 2 – First Eucharist Assembly for parent/guardian AND child. Meet at ONE of the sessions: Sat., Jan. 13, 9:30 AM in church; Sunday, Jan. 14, 10 AM or Noon in PROVIDENCE Hall; Monday, Jan. 15, 6:30 PM in church. The FIRST EUCHARIST book will be given at each session.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES CLUSTER

GATHERINGS for January focus on “Experiencing God’s Love in the Church”. Youth have opportunities to experience that love in special SERVICE at up-coming events:

- Jan. 22 - March for Life
- Jan. 19 - Silver Ring Thing
- Feb. 11th - Love Walk
- Feb. 19th - Retreat

Never overlook the Source of Love in our daily/weekly celebration of Eucharist.

YOUNG ADULTS WELCOME HOME

Kevin Schriver is planning activities for young adults who are post college to mid - late 20's. Please leave your name and number on our CYM line, 412-486-4100, ext. 409 or email belskib@stmaryglenshaw.org to get your name on his list.

APPALACHIA 2004 – 2006 REUNION

We welcome those from **St. George Orthodox** and **St. Scholastica** to our Saturday 6 PM liturgy. Along with those of us from St. Mary of the Assumption, we have all worked in Preston, West Virginia at St. Joseph the Worker camp in Appalachia. We come together tonight for a reunion and a celebration of our work together to help the needy.

CYM CALENDAR

<u>Tues., Jan. 2</u>	Play practice Marian Hall 6-30 – 8:30 PM
<u>Wed., Jan. 3</u>	Cast of "The Image" practice 6:30 PM Marian Hall
<u>Thur., Jan. 4</u>	Play practice Marian Hall 6-30 – 8:30 PM
<u>Sun. Jan. 7</u>	Stars Encore 12:45 PM in Marian Hall
<u>Sat. Jan. 13</u>	Middle school movie night & service project
<u>Sun., Jan. 28</u>	T-ROC begins with 6 PM liturgy

SILVER RING THING on Friday, January 19 for 7th grade and up. This popular chastity program from a Catholic perspective will be held at Seton-LaSalle Catholic High School and transportation will be available with adequate registration. Cost is \$5 per person and rings may be purchased for \$15. Call the CYM office to register at 412-486-4100, ext. 409.

UNIQUE EXPERIENCE OF THE PRO-LIFE MARCH

Overnight in Maryland for high school students who wish to participate in the Pro-Life March in Washington DC. Bus departs on Sunday, January 21 at 9 AM, we will sleep overnight at a host school and attend the **Youth Rally for Life at MCI Arena on Jan. 22** and then follow on to the march through the streets. Exemption letters to the school district for missing class on Monday, January 22 can be obtained with adequate notice. Cost \$50. Call the CYM office to register

Contact Barb Belski or Lisa Rulis Ross

412-486-4100, ext. 409 OR 412-492-9344

email us at cymoffice@stmaryglenshaw.org

Check out our website! www.stmaryglenshaw.org/cym

Teens have a Teen Discussion Board for their questions on our web page. Go to the above web site for our **discussion board.** You may anonymously post your question and someone on our parish staff will post a reply.

Young adults and adults click on Adult discussion board.

ST. MARY SCHOOL

GIANT EAGLE GIFT CARDS - Are you purchasing gift cards at Giant Eagle? Please consider purchasing Giant Eagle gift cards from our school first. You can then go to Giant Eagle and purchase the various gift cards there. Our school Scrip program also has gift cards from more than 40 vendors available Monday through Friday and a larger selection can be pre-ordered weekly. Our school keeps the profit---so please support our school.

Please Note: The Scrip office will be closed from December 26, 2006 through January 2, 2007. It will reopen on Wednesday, January 3, 2007.

SUPER BINGO - Another Super Bingo will take place on Friday, January 12, 2007 in Marian Hall. Advance tickets are \$35 each; tickets sold at the door will be \$40. 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), and jackpot at 500 points and another jackpot at 1000 points. All proceeds benefit the school. If you are interested in purchasing tickets or have questions, call Coleen at (412) 486-6622.

SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED - The school office will be closed from December 23, 2006 through January 2, 2007. It will reopen on Wednesday, January 3, 2007, when the students return to school after Christmas break. Happy holidays!

DONATION: *We offer a thank-you to Robert W. Schmitt for his annual contribution to the "Elizabeth Schmitt Memorial Library Fund" that was recently received for our catholic school. This fund was created in 1997 by the Schmitt Family in honor of Elizabeth who served in our school. We thank Mr. Schmidt for his continual support of our catholic school in the name of his beloved wife, and assure his family that they remain in our prayers.*

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS

WEEK- JANUARY 8-12: Mark your calendars! This week begins with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday, Jan. 8th. During this special week, please remember to pray for an increase of church vocations and pray for those preparing for the priesthood, especially Deacon Bill Dorner who will be ordained in the spring of 2007. Also pray for Brother Nathanael Polinski, O. S. B. who is studying for the Benedictine priesthood at St. Vincent. Why not make a resolution to host the "Traveling Vocation Chalice" during the New Year. Simply call Jim Finn (412)486-4100 at the rectory.

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME

TO ME- is a ministry of families doing their best to bring their children closer to our Lord, through pray time, play time and service to others. A new calendar of activities will be mailed to the homes of all parish families with children ages five to birth. Call Cindy (412) 487-5272 to find out how to plug into this unique ministry.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel, communication problems and a teenager caused Mary and Joseph's three-day "sorrowful search." Did they feel negligent or blame each other? Did they reprimand or ground Jesus? Every family is challenged to search for Jesus in the normal bruises and disappointments of family life.

POLISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT- all are invited to attend this concert of Polish Christmas carols on **Saturday, January 6, 2007 after the 4pm Mass** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Polish Hill, Pittsburgh, Pa.

EUCCHARISTIC DAY

Feast of Saint John Neumann is Friday, January 5, 2007, 10:00AM liturgy and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Eucharistic Adoration until 6:30PM, Closing with Evening Prayer – ALL invited. Sign up for a time of prayer on the chart in the foyer.

Have YOU signed up to join Father Ed in examining the Letters of Saint Paul ?

Tuesdays, January 9 through February 13, 6:30-9:00PM in our school LIBRARY.

Call now to register, 412-486-5521

THANKS for those who already brought some Tea towels and dishcloths for our parish kitchen. New or gently used cloths, may still be placed in the marked box in our children liturgy room.

Around the Town

Vocation Awareness Weekend: Have you been thinking about life as a priest, sister, or religious brother? The Pittsburgh Religious Vocation Council and the Serra Clubs of Pittsburgh are sponsoring a Vocation Awareness Weekend at Kearns Spirituality Center in Allison Park on January 5-7, 2007. The weekend is open to Catholic men and women, ages 18 to 40-. There is no charge to the attendees. For information about registration call Jim Finn at the rectory 412-486-4100. This is a no pressure-no obligation weekend. Plan to attend to find out more about what might be your vocation in life!

Congratulations: At a recent Court of Honor Randall Scott Ruffner and Michael Joseph Zerega became St. Mary's Troop 160 newest Eagle Scouts. We commend them on this highest achievement in scouting.

Robert Kaminski Fund: If your would like tp help the Kaminski Family, send your donations to:

The Robert Kaminski Fund
c/o Attorney Hal English
3111 Babcock Boulevard
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Blood Bank: The Blood Drive will be held at St. Mary's in Marian Hall on Sunday, January 14, 2007 from 8:00AM until 1:00PM. We are looking for NEW DONORS. Several of our loyal donors have either moved out of the parish or on to their eternal reward in heaven. Those who have donated in the past will be contacted by a volunteer. If you are a NEW DONOR and wish to enroll please call 412-486-9458. Help us save a life! Thanks and have a Happy New Year!

PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS from Father John

At this time of year we are inundated with “Top Ten” lists of every kind and flavor. So should it be in the events and people who have influenced our parish life during this past year. Here is one priest’s perspective of the TOP TEN stories affecting the life of the Parish Family of St. Mary of the Assumption in 2006:

10. The modernization of our entire communication process that now includes VOICE MAIL for all members of the Parish Staff so that confidentiality might be maintained at every parishioner’s request.

9. The taking over of the LUNCH PROGRAM in our Catholic School by our own parishioners so that nutritional meals with a “made from scratch flavor” creates a whole new aura in our school program.

8. The magnificent work of the ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY as it co-ordinates the activities of the Parish Family, the Catholic School, the Faith Formation Programs and Youth Ministry in helping the needy.

7. The participation in the PARISH FESTIVAL as more and more parishioners take an active role in this only “fund raiser” for the Parish Family itself that creates our contingency fund for major repairs.

6. The special role of the Pastoral Council as they offer their Lay Leadership to the entire Parish Family with projects like the PHOTO DIRECTORY that helps to build up our Community of Faith.

5. The ordination of Bill Dorner to the diaconate and the addition of Father Jerry Lutz to our residence, as our entire parish benefits from their ORDAINED MINISTRY deepening our Parish Family spirituality.

4. The CHANGE IN OUR OFFICE STAFF with the retirement of Bee Falconio and the coming of Susan Urso in such a fluid movement that our parish life was never disturbed in its day-to-day activity.

3. The COMBINED EFFORTS of our Faith Formation Programs, our Catholic School and our Youth Ministry whose coordinated and unified cooperation touch every family in one way or another.

2. The GROUNDBREAKING for our Parish Activity Center (PAC) and the overwhelming generosity of so many parishioners that now brings our Pledge Campaign to over \$2.3 million pledged.

1. The deeply spiritual LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS that started on the Holyday of January 1, 2006, and continued to the Sunday of December 31, 2006 --- made so by spiritually-enriching parishioners.

Ads will appear here