

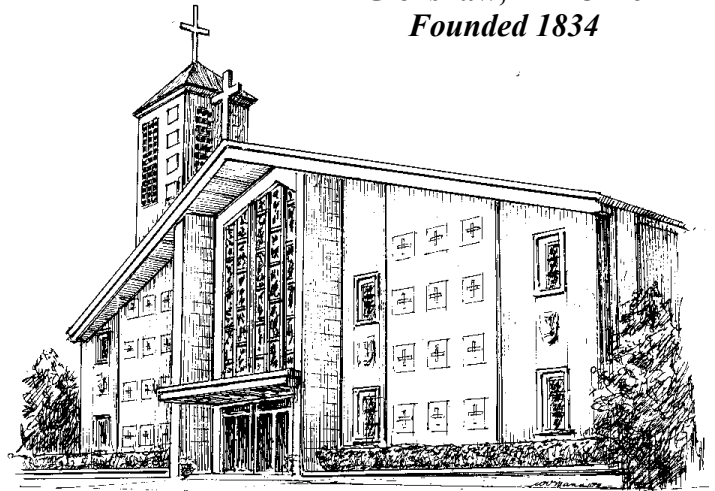
PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 15, 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

NOW: ORDINARY TIME LITURGICALLY

Having completed the first liturgical cycle of the year, which included Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, the liturgy now begins SIX Sundays of ORDINARY TIME as we look forward to the coming of the second cycle, which will include the seasons of Lent, Easter and Pentecost. It will begin on February 22nd with Ash Wednesday. Meanwhile the color of green returns to the décor of the church. With the coming of the season of Lent, Ordinary Time will cease until we come to June 17th and the end of the major events of the Easter cycle. Then, we will proceed week by week for a total of 34 Sundays until we arrive once more at the Solemnity of Christ the King on November 25th bringing the entire Liturgical Year to a climatic conclusion.

BAPTISM: NOT IN LENT

Those parents preparing their new born child for baptism should note that the sacrament will NOT be celebrated during the entire season of Lent. Those understanding the various 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. Then, with the awesome celebration of the Easter Vigil on Saturday, the seventh of April, the new blessed waters of the Resurrection will be ready for Baptisms!

CEMETERY BOARD MEETING

Members of the Cemetery Board will meet on Monday of this week, January 16th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. Board members are working on the finishing touches of the plans for a mausoleum that will be constructed in our cemetery.

PARISH FAMILY GRATITUDE

We would like to acknowledge this year's disbursement from the "Mary Elizabeth Schmitt Memorial Library Fund" of \$2,994.76. The Schmitt Family created this fund in 1997 in honor of Mary Beth Schmitt who served so faithfully in our school. We wish to thank Mr. Robert Schmitt for his continual support of our catholic school in memory of his beloved wife and assure his family that they remain in our prayers.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

We remind all parishioners that there is a second collection today to be taken up at all the liturgies entitled "St. Anthony School and Sensory Handicapped Children" as prescribed by the Diocese. The importance of this collection is that it not only goes to help the needy children of our own Diocese, but we also get an equal amount of credit toward our own parish resources. Those parishioners who choose to be generous to the Parish Family might use this collection as a way of not only helping the children who are supported by the Diocese, but also the financial needs of our Parish Family.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

All Liturgical Ministers must put themselves on the National Database for the clearances necessary to serve in a parish ministry. The Diocese continues to monitor all the parishes in the Diocese to make sure that we all are in compliance with the mandate of the United States Bishop's Conference. No one can serve on any of the staffs of the parish or school, or become a volunteer without fulfilling these requirements as mandated by the Diocese.

CONFIRMATION DATE GIVEN

We received word from the Diocese of Pittsburgh that Bishop William Waltersheid will be in our Parish Family to celebrate the Sacrament of CONFIRMATION on Tuesday night, May 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. We ask all those with candidates for the sacrament to set aside this date for such an important moment in the spiritual life of the candidate. Parishioners are also invited to be with us for this parish celebration, since this is another occasion for all of us to celebrate a major event in our parish life.

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

Do you know which of the cities of St. Paul has been given by the Pastoral Council as the name of YOUR GIFT? The GIFT Coordinators would like to thank all those who took an active role in the "Family Picture Trees" that are still hanging in Marian Hall. Be alert to the information sent to you by your "GIFT Coordinators" as we "Celebrate Our Seniors" in 2012. We hope that all parishioners will be open to the invitations extended to them.



LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 15, 2012 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00 p.m. Irene Sins - Rich & Jan Raible
 6:00 p.m. John Genco - St. Mary School Community
 7:30 a.m. James B. Fath - Terry & Jan Molnar
 9:00 a.m. Richard Cullinan, Jr. - The Temporalities Committee
 11:00 a.m. The Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family

Monday, January 16, 2012 - Weekday in Ordinary Time
 7:00 a.m. William Mascari - Mr. & Mrs. Tony Fusca
 10:00 a.m. Vincent DiStazio - Ed & Rosalie Moan

Tuesday, January 17, 2012 - St. Anthony
 7:00 a.m. Gregory Distilo - Buddy & Karolyn
 10:00 a.m. Adeline Sherred - Dan & Shirley

Wednesday, January 18, 2012 - Weekday in Ordinary Time
 7:00 a.m. Leona A. Schell - Rita & Jim Finn
 10:00 a.m. John Giel - Mary Jean Kirby

Thursday, January 19, 2012 - Weekday in Ordinary Time
 7:00 a.m. Donald Kass - Anna Bittner
 10:00 a.m. Elizabeth (Betty) Geary - Ruth & Robert Gaus

Friday, January 20, 2012 - St. Fabian & St. Sebastain
 7:00 a.m. Tanya Klaber - Friends from "Meals on Wheels"
 10:00 a.m. Donald Pferdehirt - St. Mary School Community

Saturday, January 21, 2012 - St. Agnes
 8:00 a.m. Laura DeBaldo - Bernice DeBaldo
 4:00 p.m. Giuseppe Liberto - Wife, Concetta
 6:00 p.m. Wanda Gumski - Ruffner Family

Sunday, January 22, 2012 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 a.m. Rose DePascale - Bob's Friends
 9:00 a.m. The Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
 11:00 a.m. Albert Richert - Bill & Linda

Weekly Activities at a Glance

- Sunday** (Church) 9:00AM - Family Program
January 15 (Rectory) 10:00AM - R.C.I.A.
- Monday** (School) No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 16 (School) No CCD
 (Rectory) 7:00PM - Cemetery Board Meeting
- Tuesday** (CCD Office) 1:00PM - Adult Education
January 17 (Church) 2:45PM - Children Cantor Practice
 (Pantry) 6:00PM - Open Pantry
 (Church) 8:00PM - Adult Hand Bell Practice
- Wednesday** (Marian Hall) 9:30AM - Let the Children Come to Me
January 18 (Marian Hall) 1:30PM - 55 Socials - Bingo
 (Church) 2:45PM - Children Choir Practice
 (Rectory) 7:00PM - Temporalities Meeting
- Thursday** (Rectory) 10:30AM - St. Vincent DePaul Meeting
January 19 (Church) 7:30PM - Adult Choir Practice
- Friday** (School) 10:00AM - School Liturgy
January 20
- Saturday** (School) 10:00AM - CCD Classes
January 21 (Marian Hall) 7:15PM - CYM Dance
- Sunday** (Marian Hall) 8:00AM - Blood Drive
January 22 (Rectory) 10:00AM - R.C.I.A.
 (Marian Hall) 10:00AM - Grade 8 - Confirmation Cluster Mtg

SPEAK, LORD, WE ARE LISTENING

In today's first reading, God keeps calling out in the night to a sleeping boy. Neither the boy, Samuel, nor his teacher, Eli, understands who is calling. But God's persistence convinces them. Samuel is then ready - not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak, for your servant is listening."

God's voice is always with us, awake or asleep. It swirls around us like fog on a waterfront, enveloping us, gently urging us to wake up, to listen. Awareness of the voice comes first; when willingness to listen; then, in time, the decision to act, to live according to God's word. Let's ask today for the ability to keep our ears open so we do not miss God's voice.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Dec. 31, 2011/Jan. 1, 2012	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	658	\$19,940.00
Cash/Loose Checks	-	\$2,084.00
Children's Offertory	45	\$65.73
Children/Youth Christmas Collection	7	\$103.00
Catholic Schools	3	\$90.00
Parish Share 2011	3	\$235.00
St. Anthony	2	\$60.00
Parish Needy	5	\$150.00
Immaculate Conception	1	\$5.00
Total	724	\$22,732.73



DAILY READINGS

January 16: 1Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22
January 17: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28
January 18: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6
January 19: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12
January 20: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19
January 21: 1 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21
January 22: Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

A VOCATION VIEW

Speak Lord, your servant is listening. Listening to the Lord requires silence. Make time each day to be quiet, so that you can hear God's call. (1 Samuel 3:3-10)

HERE I AM LORD. SEND ME! ~Isaiah 6:8

I am or know of someone who is interested in serving God's people as a:
Priest ___ Brother ___ Sister ___ Deacon ___

Name: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Please return to St. Mary of the Assumption Rectory.

CHECK OUT THE DISPLAY IN THE NARTHEX

There is a display of photos of the persons from our parish family who have answered God's call to become a priest, brother or sister. Please remember to pray for them!

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 **Margaret Brod**. Please remember to pray for the consolation of their loved ones.

RCIA

Please continue to pray for the individuals who are currently involved in the RCIA experience as they continue their journey. We meet every Sunday following the 9:00am Mass. This week we will discuss: The parables and Miracles of Jesus. Next week we will discuss Prayer and Grace. All are welcome. Call Jim Finn at the rectory 412.486.4100.

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME

This is a ministry to parents with young children age 5 and under, which sponsors a **PRAY AND PLAY DAY** on the first and third Wednesday of the month. All are invited to come to church this **Wednesday, January 18th**, at 9:30am. No reservation is necessary.

ATTENTION ALL MEN AND YOUNG MEN

Mark your calendars! The 7th Annual Gathering of Catholic Men at A. J. Palumbo Center will take place on **Saturday, April 14, 2012**. For more details visit www.cmfppitt.org or call Jim Finn at the rectory. He is saving a spot for **YOU!**

WEEKEND RETREAT FOR MEN AND YOUNG MEN

Join men from all the diocese at St. Paul's Retreat Center the weekend of February 17-18-19. Call Charlie Fischer 412.487.4667 or Jim Karcher 724.444.5798 to make a reservation or to find out more.

CATHOLIC BUT NOT CONFIRMED?

If you are 18 or older and have not been confirmed and would like to complete your initiation into the Catholic Church, we will be preparing adults to receive this sacrament here at St. Mary's when the Bishop comes on May 8 or at the Cathedral on May 20, 2012. Call Jim Finn our Pastoral Associate to find out more at 412.486.4100.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Faith Sharing for Second Sunday, Ordinary Time-Jan.15

John the Baptist described Jesus as the "Lamb of God", yet he also witnessed the *Spirit* of God coming to rest and remaining on Jesus. These images seem paradoxical, a gentle lamb and the fiery, blazing Spirit, but Jesus truly embodied both. As a disciple of His, recognize the events of this week as calling you to be as gentle-as-a-lamb or explosive with God's Spirit. Pray with John the Baptist to help you recognize God's presence in every event of your daily life, then BE THANKFUL for our Loving Father being with you.

Faith Formation Sessions this Week:

Monday, January 16 – Holiday – Do the Gospel Weekly Lesson for January 22 at home.

Reminder- Market Day NEXT Monday, **Grade 7 help**

Saturday, January 21 – All meet in Church.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES – LAST CALL-as well as parents, guardians, or sponsors are invited to **Grow In Faith Together** as part of our pilgrimage to the **March for Life** to Washington, DC, Monday, January 23, 2012. Required permission forms have been given in all of the class sessions. Call NOW to reserve one or two of the seats still available on the bus.

Tips for Parents to Build Strong Catholic Families may be found at www.faithfirst.com/hogan.html

Special Days this Week:

January 16- **Martin Luther King, Jr.**, remembered for his peaceful presence on behalf of ALL Americans.

January 17 – **Saint Anthony of Egypt**

January 18 – **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** begins. Theme: *"We will all be changed by the Victory of our Lord Jesus Christ"* (cf. 1 Cor 15:51-58)

January 20- **Saint Sebastian**, patron of police and soldiers.

January 21 – **Saint Agnes**, 13 year old who was martyred for her consecration and fidelity to Christ.

HOMELESS folks in our own city of Pittsburgh need **blankets and backpacks** as the weather is getting colder. Any donations of said items may be placed in bag, attach sign "for Homeless", and leave on the last pews in the Children Liturgy Room (cry room). **THANKS to YOU who have already generously responded to this.**

Church History on DVD lesson and discussion meet Tuesdays, 1:00-2:30 PM in our Faith Formation conference room. Newcomers welcome. Become more informed of the richness of our Church.

MARKET DAY has tasty foods for winter meals. Pick up a flier at the Scrip or Faith Formation office, or at the rear exits of church. **NEW patrons** will boost our profit, which helps with improvements of our parish facilities. **January delivery will be NEXT Monday, January 23, 6:00-7:00 PM. Helpers needed at 5:00 PM thru 7:00 PM. Call 412-486-5521 to volunteer.**

St. Mary's Youth News

CYM BASKETBALL

- ◆ Your St. Mary's boys High School teams are on a fast break pace this year! Led by JJ Ollio and many other stars from St. Mary's they are 6 and 2 with a 3 and 1 conference record. The freshmen team despite being younger than most of the competition is doing great as well. 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.

CHEERS GROUP

- ◆ Steeler's playoff Epiphany gathering was fantastic; it at least helped us get over the OT loss. Special thanks to Christine Miller and her family for hosting this.
- ◆ We are inviting all High School Students to the *Image is Everything* 2012 Silver Ring Thing tour where we take the chastity challenge this January 13. See Silverringthing.com and remember to contact Ms. O at 412-487-8594 or s_andra@verizon.com to reserve a seat.

University of St Mary's

- ◆ Project Appalachia 2012 kickoff took place on January 8th. Led by Katelyn Deet, Sean Ferguson, Gabriella Lepore and other great college kids from our Parish, we had a brunchon to plan our June Project in Appalachia, West Virginia. There is limited space so get your applications into the Rectory before January 31, 2012. Paul Mitsch and Fr. Jay and the whole gang of adults are excited about this year's Project Appalachia because of the leadership from the college students and the enthusiasm of the High School kids. Project Appalachia is for High School freshman and older. If you are interested in Project Appalachia contact Paul Mitsch at the Rectory 412-486-4100 or Katelyn 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.

St. Mary's Youth for Life

- ◆ Our Youth will be heading to Washington DC for the annual March for Life on January 23, 2011. Please consider making this road trip and experience a mini World Youth Day like event. Remember to return permission slips for the March for Life to Mrs. Miller, Ms. O, or mail it to the rectory before January 17th.

SQUIRES

The youth of the Squires are doing great things please contact Ray Newcomer for more details 412.767.4870 or ridnew@verizon.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday Nights 6:00 – 8:00 Cheers Group in the JAM.

January 13th Image is Everything 2012, Silver Ring Thing tour, a high-tech, high-energy performance that educates teens about the benefits of remaining abstinent until marriage. Contact Ms. O at 412-487-8594 or s_andra@verizon.net to reserve a seat!

SAVE THE DATE

January 22 and 23rd The Youth for Life are hosting a *midnight mass for life* at 11:30pm at our Church and then at 12:30am we will road trip to Washington DC for the March for Life. Register with Virginia Dougherty vhunkele@gmail.com. Deadline for registration is January 17th.

ST. MARY SCHOOL

SCIENCE FAIR - The Middle School Students are in the throes of preparation for the 2012 St. Mary School Science Fair. The students will be presenting their projects on Thursday, February 2nd.

Judges are needed for this Science Fair. If you are interested in helping, no experience is necessary, just an interest in Science. There will be a judges training meeting on Thursday, February 4th, at 8:30 AM in Marian Hall. The judging will take place from 9 AM – noon. If interested, please contact Rita Turchetta, Middle School Science Teacher, at 724-444-3145 or at turchetta@stmaryglenshaw.org.

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 from January 24th 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.

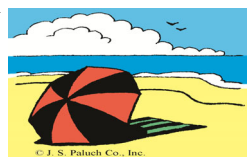
We provide a 3 and 4 year-old Preschool Program in addition to our Kindergarten through 8th grades.

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.



NIGHT AT THE RACES
"They're coming down the stretch"

The St. Mary Athletic Association will hold their annual **"Night at the Races"** in Marian Hall on Saturday, January 28, 2012. Please join us for this most enjoyable evening with friends and exciting entertainment. Tickets are **\$20.00** and includes food buffet, beer, setups and soda (BYOB). Please consider coming after the 6PM Mass. Doors open at 7:00pm. Buffet dinner at 7:15pm. Races start at 8:00pm. Adults only. For tickets contact Tom Iurlano at 412-478-0834 or via email at tiurlano@gmail.com or Joy Soeder at 412-983-7799 or via email at soederjoy@yahoo.com. **Bring your friends and family!**



St. Mary's High School Youth Group

We are proud to host an upcoming dance for Grades 9-12. It will be held on January 21st, from 7:15-10:15PM in Marian Hall. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$5. There is a "Beach Theme" and appropriate dress is required for entry. With any questions please contact Lauren Puccio at

Diocese of Pittsburgh Abuse Hotline: 1.888.808.1235

OUR PARISH NEWS

CENTRAL BLOOD BANK

We are holding our semi-annual Parish Blood Drive in honor of **Mario Noro**, who is a student at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish School, on **Sunday, January 22**, in Marian Hall, from 8:00AM to 1:00PM. Please stop by and help save a LIFE!



KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS SUPERSIZED BREAKFAST

Please join us on **Sunday, January 29, 2012** from 8:00AM to Noon 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

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.



FRIDAY LENTEN FISH DINNERS to Begin on February 24th!

Our parish will be serving weekly fish dinners on **Fridays** during the season of Lent from **4:30 – 7:00PM**. We are in need of desserts. Please consider bringing your favorite dessert to share. Drop off your creations in Marian Hall on Thursday night from 7:00-8:00PM or on Friday by 4:00PM. A schedule for your night of donation follows; last name beginning with the letter:

A - D February 24
E - H March 2
I - L March 9
M - P March 16
Q - T March 23
U - Z March 30

Thank you in advance for your participation and consideration. Take out orders can be phoned in at **412-684-1112**, beginning at 4:00PM. See you at our Fish Fry! **We NOW have DRIVE THRU SERVICE!**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

January 7/8, 2012	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	836	\$21,738.00
Cash/ Loose Checks	-	\$1,580.00
Children's Offertory	52	\$85.14
Solemnity of Mary	20	\$405.00
Catholic Schools	57	\$739.50
Parish Share 2011	16	\$720.00
Parish Needy	123	\$2,700.50
St. Anthony	8	\$110.00
Immaculate Conception	1	\$20.00
Christmas Collection	9	\$334.00
Totals	1124	\$28,432.14

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS

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.

SAVE THE DATE

**Monday, January 23, 2012
RALLY AND MARCH FOR LIFE**

Washington, DC

Meet with Senators Toomey and Casey
No Charge for St. Mary's Parishioners

Bus will leave from St. Mary's after the 7:00AM Mass and return at 10:30PM. For information, call Carol Loiselle at 724.443.7398 or carold@zoominternet.net or sign up in the back of church.



GETTING MARRIED IN 2012?

Registrations are being accepted for the **March 10, 2012** pre-Cana Seminar to be held here at St. Mary's in Marian Hall from 8:30am until the 4:00pm Mass. Engaged couples planning a wedding during 2012 are invited to attend this diocesan-approved marriage prep day. More information is available by calling Jim Finn, our Pastoral Associate at 412.486.4100.

WIDOWS/WIDOWERS

We will be meeting at Rice's Roadhouse Restaurant on Mount Royal Boulevard on 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.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO VOLUNTEER!

North Hills Community Outreach will hold orientation sessions for prospective volunteers on January 12 at 10:00AM at NHCO Millvale, 416 Lincoln Avenue, and at 6:00PM at NHCO Allison Park, 1975 Ferguson Road. Contact Linda Robbins at 412.487.6316, opt. 2 for more information. Volunteers are also needed to help senior citizens with transportation to the doctor, grocery shopping, snow shoveling and friendly visiting. Call the "Open Your Heart to Senior" line at 412.307.0071 to learn more.

VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE at MOST HOLY NAME CHURCH

MHN is planning a Valentine's Dance on Saturday, February 11, 2012 with Pittsburgh's legendary DJ Terry Lee. The School Hall doors will open at 7:00PM, with non-stop music until Midnight. Admission is \$10 per person. Advanced ticket sales only. Tickets sales and more information at the MHN Rectory 412.231.2994, ext. 3.

RIVERS CASINO TRIP FUNDRAISER

St. Aloysius Christian Mothers will be traveling to the casino on Monday, January 30th. Cost of the trip is \$20.00 and you will get back \$15.00 in free play, and \$5.00 in food. The bus will leave St. Aloysius parking lot at 10:00AM. We will leave the Casino at 3:30PM. Please call Carol Fulton at 412.931.8469.



PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS from Father John

Many, many parishioners, who are aware of all of the intrinsics of parish life and who have a great dedication to the Parish Family are beginning to ask over and over “What is this **G.I.F.T.** all about?” “Will **G.I.F.T.** affect my spiritual life?” “Will I have a role in **G.I.F.T.**?” All of these questions and many more are being answered week by week, month by month, as the “Coordinators of each **G.I.F.T.**” continue to invite the parishioners in their **G.I.F.T.** to “participated ownership” in the life of our Parish Family. With the coming of this year’s celebration of the Solemnity of Pentecost on May 27th, we will have completed two years of **G.I.F.T.** and the results have been felt in a multitude of parishioner experiences!

Many parishioners have been willing to give their email address to their Coordinators so that they can keep them abreast of all that is happening with **G.I.F.T.** Coordinators protect the confidentiality of these email addresses so that no one needs to worry about being put on another list. Some parishioners have taken an active role by willing to serve on the “Telephone Network” whereby a few times a year, they might be called on to inform others in their neighborhood about **G.I.F.T.** events. So many parishioners have been willing to follow the invitation of the Coordinators to “meet and greet” at the Parish Family Festival by wearing a name tag of the **G.I.F.T.** to which they belong with prizes awarded throughout the three evenings. Others have represented their **G.I.F.T.** in the decathlon events of the Parish Family Picnic whereby parishioners cheer for each other. Hospitality weekends have been so enhanced as Coordinators invite their parishioners to “meet and greet” with a tremendous amount of food items that have been brought to the St. Vincent de Paul Pantry.

G.I.F.T. “**Growing In Faith Together**” is a way to create a style of parish life where EVERY parishioner will experience the openness of knowing how important that person is to our Parish Family and for ALL parishioners to have an opportunity to take ownership of the awesome treasures that we share in our Parish Family! The style of **G.I.F.T.** is a non-obstructive openness to the unique beauty of each other! A burning question remains for EVERY parishioner: “Have I entered into **G.I.F.T.** with this openness???”