

# PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 20, 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

## ORDINARY TIME BEGINS

Having completed the first liturgical cycle of the year, which included Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, the liturgy now begins a three weeks interim of ORDINARY TIME as we look forward to the coming of the second cycle, which will include the seasons of Lent, Easter and Pentecost. This second cycle will begin on February 6<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> to end the liturgical year.

### *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.

## TODAY IS BAPTISM SUNDAY

We welcome today those families bringing their infants to celebrate the sacrament of Baptism. Those parents planning a baptism should note that the sacrament will NOT be celebrated during the season of Lent. The final Sunday for the celebration of baptisms will be February 3<sup>rd</sup> and then we will begin again with the Sundays of the Easter Season, when we have the celebration of the sacrament every Sunday during the that season, except on the Sunday when we celebrate the group First Eucharist. 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.

## CONFIRMATION DATE GIVEN

We just received word from the Diocese of Pittsburgh this week that Bishop David Zubik will be in our Parish Family to celebrate the Sacrament of CONFIRMATION on Tuesday night, May 6, 2008. 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 it will be the first time our newly installed bishop will visit our Parish Family.

## SACRAMENTAL SPONSORSHIP

We continue to be asked for a “sponsorship recommendation” to members of our Parish Family who have been invited to be a godparent or sponsor in another church. We are always willing to serve our parishioners in this capacity, except when the person seeking the sponsorship has not been faithful to the sacramental commitment of the Church. It is somewhat hypocritical of a parishioner who is not celebrating the sacraments to SPONSOR another person in the sacramental life. We ask those who are not celebrating the sacraments to refrain from putting our Staff in the embarrassing position of endorsing a person as a faithful member of our Parish Family who in fact does not qualify for such an endorsement.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS EVENING

The call goes out to all adult Liturgical Ministers to join us on Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in Marian Hall as we celebrate Mardi Gras. The evening is specifically designed as a “getting to know” other members of our Liturgical Ministries as we continue to take the leadership role in creating spiritually enriching liturgies for the entire Parish Family. We hope to remind all Liturgical Ministers how important their role is in the Parish Family and the fact that we all appreciate the volunteering efforts of so many of them.

## FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

Members of the Finance Council are reminded that their meeting this month is one week earlier than usual as they meet on Monday of this week, January 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. Council members are beginning to look at next year’s budget to make sure that we stay solvent.



## Liturgies for the Week

### Sunday, January 20, 2008 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Dorothy Lunz - Family  
 6:00 p.m. Robert Samarin - Joanne & Bob Adamcik  
 7:30 a.m. Dr. William Labriola - St. Mary Faith Formation  
 Staff & Families  
 9:00 a.m. Joseph Martin - Harold & Libby Perniser  
 11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased In Our Parish Family

### Monday, January 21, 2008 - St. Agnes; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

7:00 a.m. Mary Kay Collins - "The Bridge Group"  
 10:00 a.m. Clarence Bittner - Beranek Family

### Tuesday, January 22, 2008 - St. Vincent

5:30 a.m. March for Life Participants  
 7:00 a.m. Paul Berrang - Family  
 10:00 a.m. Francis Sonnett - Tom & Babs

### Wednesday, January 23, 2008 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. Dino Iasella - Mom & Dad  
 10:00 a.m. Dorothy Lang - Husband, Charles Lang

### Thursday, January 24, 2008 - St. Francis de Sales

7:00 a.m. George & Kathleen Basso - 45th Wedding Anniversary  
 10:00 a.m. Elizabeth Berrang - Family

### Friday, January 25, 2008 - The Conversion of St. Paul

7:00 a.m. Abigail Rose Lutz - "The Walkers"  
 10:00 a.m. Lloyd Bartholow - Fragapane Family

### Saturday, January 26, 2008 - Ss. Timothy & Titus

8:00 a.m. Jean Lis - Daughter, Sally  
 4:00 p.m. Alfred Newill - Rich & Jan Raible  
 6:00 p.m. Joseph Lillian - Gus & Stella Kalaris

### Sunday, January 27, 2008 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Ann Sufak - George Sufak  
 9:00 a.m. Betty Jane Hunkele - Family  
 11:00 a.m. 50th Wedding Anniversary of James & Mary Buckley

## Weekly Activities at a Glance

**Sunday January 20**  
 (Church) 9:00AM - Family Program & Liturgy of the Word for Children  
 (Rectory) 10:00AM - R.C.I.A.  
 (Church) 12:00PM - Baptisms  
 (Marian Hall) 6:00PM - CYM T-Roc

**Monday January 21**  
 No School  
 No CCD

**Tuesday January 22**  
 (Church) 5:30AM - March of Life Mass/Washington D.C. Trip  
 (Church) 3:00PM - Children's Handbell Practice  
 (Providence) 6:00PM - CYM Drama Practice  
 (Pantry) 6:00PM - Open  
 (Marian Hall) 6:30PM - Adult Education/Fr. Ed

**Wednesday January 23**  
 (Marian Hall) 1:30PM - 55 Specials - Bingo/Cards  
 (Church) 2:45PM - Children's Choir  
 (Church) 7:30PM - Adult Choir Practice  
 (JAM Center) Drop In  
 (Marian Hall) 7:00PM - Fish Dinner Meeting for Volunteers

**Thursday January 24**  
 (School) 9:00AM - School Open House  
 (Marian Hall) 3:00PM - School Drama Club Practice  
 (Marian Hall) 6:00PM - CYM Drama Club  
 (Church) 8:00PM - Adult Hand Bell Practice

**Friday January 25**  
 (School) 9:00AM - School Open House  
 (School) 10:00AM - School Mass

**Saturday January 26**  
 (School) 9:30AM - CCD Program  
 (Marian Hall) 7:00PM - Night at the Races

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 (Church) 9:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children  
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**MARCH FOR LIFE** January 22 marks the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U. S. Supreme Court's fateful Roe vs Wade decision, by a 7-2 majority, that women have a constitutional right to abortion. Since that decision, nearly 50 million unborn children have been aborted in the United States. Pro-lifers head en masse to rallies like the one this Tuesday, Jan 22 in Washington, D. C. If you cannot join the group from St. Mary's, why not make the sacrifice to get up and join the marchers at the special 5:30am Mass on Tuesday and keep them in your prayers all day? The Church has asked us to observe Jan. 22 as a day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. **You** are invited to accept the invitation to attend this year's march. A chartered bus or two will leave from St. Mary's parking lot following a 5:30AM mass. Call Carol or Keith Loiselle at 724-443-7398 to save a spot on the bus. There will be no charge!

## Offertory Collection

January 13, 2007	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	817	\$21,896.77
Cash/Loose Cks.	-	\$839.00
Children's Offertory	63	\$102.62
Catholic Schools	28	\$646.00
St. Anthony	6	\$112.00
Christmas Offering	4	\$140.00
Parish Share 2007	1	\$200.00
Solemnity of Mary	3	\$50.00
Parish Needy	42	\$629.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>\$24,615.39</b>

## Daily Readings



**Monday, Jan. 21:** 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday, Jan. 22:** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday, Jan. 23:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday, Jan. 24:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12

**Friday, Jan. 25:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22;  
Mk 16:15-18

**Saturday, Jan. 26:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:20-21

**Sunday, Jan. 27:** Is 8:23 - 9:3; 1 1:10-13, 17;  
Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

## **SACRAMENTAL LIFE**

### **LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME**

post baptism ministry to families with children under age five sponsors a PRAY and PLAY Day on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 9:30am in the church. All are welcome to join us this Wed., Jan. 23. Come to the Children's Liturgy Room. Call Monica for more information (412)492-0242.

### **A FAMILY PERSEPECTIVE**

**by Bud Ozar**

Can you say "I have testified Jesus is the Son of God?" If you aren't talking about Jesus in your family, you aren't testifying. If you are talking and not walking your talk, your children will see your words as meaningless.

**ANNUAL GENESIS OUTREACH to Moms and Babies in Need**  
Genesis is an organization that assists women who have made the choice to keep their baby and not abort it. If you have any of the following items, please place them in the box in the Children's Liturgy Room: diapers, wipes, formula, bottles, pacifiers, clothing for infants to one year old, maternity clothing, baby food, or nursing supplies. To learn more about donating your time to Genesis, contact Melissa (412) 492-0132 or Patrice (412)492-4038.

### **COME AND SEE WEEKEND**

An Experience of Seminary Life and Prayer. The Office for Vocations is hosting an overnight gathering at St. Paul Seminary from Jan. 25-26, 2008 for all high school, college, and career age men who are interested in learning more about the priestly formation program, seminary life, and the priesthood itself. For more information, please call Fr. Tom Sparacino at (412)672-9763 no later than Monday, Jan. 21.

### **A VOCATION VIEW**

Through your baptism you are God's servant and a light to others. With whom will you share your light? Consider a vocation to the consecrated life or priesthood. (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6)

### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES**

Christ says, "He who is faithful in little things shall be faithful in big things." Mike Clark, well-known TV News Anchor reflects upon the challenges that crop up in day-to-day life and the virtues necessary to remain faithful when things get difficult. Mike Clark has been anchoring the news at WTAE-TV Channel 4 since 1995. Mike's work as a news anchor, reporter and writer has been recognized for its excellence. We invite you to join us for Mike's presentation, "The Everyday Challenge to Follow Christ's Path" to be held at St. Paul Seminary Auditorium on Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Continuing education credit is available for priests, deacons, and catechists. THE LECTURE IS FREE. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. Bring a friend!

## **RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

### **Faith Sharing:Second Week-Ordinary Time**

For John the Baptist, Jesus' baptism was a confirmation of Jesus' ministry. How did YOU first come to recognize Jesus? Why do you think that thousands of Christians throughout history have accepted the role of the "Lamb of God" and followed Jesus to sacrificial death? How and where are YOU being called to be the "Lamb of God"?

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**Grade 2 – First Eucharist Candidates** gather this month to examine what really happens in the Liturgy of the Word at each Mass. How wonderful it is to discover that the WORD of God is a word of love and joy to guide our daily lives..

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**Confirmation Candidates**, catching the SPIRIT of Jesus, may participate in any of these outreach opportunities: Contact our Faith Formation office for details, 412-486-5521 ):

**February 8, 15, 22, 29, or March 7, 14, ...assist serving** at a Lenten dinner in Marian Hall.

**February 8, 7:00 PM, BE a person remembered in the Stations of the Cross**, one of those who was WITH Jesus the day of his crucifixion. Simple costume and script provided.

**February 10 LOVEWALK for the poor**, 2 PM Mass at Sacred Heart, Shadyside, bring nonperishable food item(s), walk to East End Cooperative Ministries Shelter (c.8 blocks) for activities, social, and refreshments.

**Monday Faith Formation NO session January 21-**do lesson at home. Bring old palms on Jan.28.

**Saturday Faith Formation** will SHINE as STARS with their talent show in the PAC center. All gather in the PAC at 9:30 AM on January 26. Bring basketball; wear tennis shoes. Parents & friends welcome.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated in our parish on **Tuesday, May 6, 2008**, with Bishop David Zubik presiding. He requests that **all candidates and sponsors** be in their pews by 6:30 PM for some conversation with him before the 7:00 PM Liturgy. How blessed we are to have our newest Bishop planning a visit with us during his first year as spiritual leader of our diocese. Keep our bishop and all our candidates in prayer.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

### **COMING UP**

**Sunday evening liturgy at 6 PM on January 27** with Fr. Michael Komakec from Gulu, Uganda; **all are welcome.** There will be a second collection for the refugees in Uganda. T-ROC will follow for youth in Grade 6-12.

### **T-ROC TONIGHT**

On **January 20**, our faith formation sessions for Grade 6-12 continue with our Scripture study series, gather at **6:55 PM** in the church. The evening will include discussion, Scripture study plus food and fellowship.

**TEENS: PLEASE BRING YOUR BIBLES.**  
**FOOD IS ESSENTIAL TO ANY EVENT WITH TEENS.**  
**PARENTS, PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH THE FOLLOWING SNACKS:**

Snack to bring if Last Name begins with:

- A - E** Desserts  
**F - K** Chips or Pretzels  
**I - L** Fruit  
**M - Q** Veggies and Dip  
**R - Z** Non-caffeine soda or beverage

### **What will you pay to support your teen?**

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Drama group \$1,400      | SAT prep \$800               |
| Clothing \$50 each month | Car insurance one year \$800 |
| Weekly lunch money \$10  | One music lesson \$20        |
| Sport camp \$400         | Monthly cell phone bill \$40 |

### **Weekend Retreat \$75**

**The Diocese of Pittsburgh is offering a Peer Leadership Training for youth in Grades 9 - 12 on Feb. 22-24.** It is designed to explore what it means to be a Catholic leader while learning and reinforcing skills in communication and small group facilitation. Please call 412-486-4100, ext. 409 to register; make checks payable to St. Mary Parish.

### **Can't come with us to Africa?**

Get ready for the St. Mary's Luau on April 12, 2007 to raise money for the medical/educational mission to Uganda. The Vincentian Academy Hawaiian Hula Dance Troupe will be performing; in addition, we would like to run a silent auction plus serve some delicious food. This is a great way to bring our parish community together. We are looking for volunteers to help with this major event. If you are interested, call the CYM office at 412-486-4100, ext. 409.

## **CYM CALENDAR**

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| <u>Sun., Jan. 20</u>  | Girl B'ball practice PAC noon - 1:30 PM<br><b>T-ROC</b> 7 - 8:30 PM church and MH<br>Boy JV B'ball game at PAC at 6:15 PM<br>Boy Varsity B'ball <b>game</b> at PAC 7:45 PM |
| <u>Tues., Jan. 22</u> | Play practice Providence Hall 6:30 - 8:30 PM   |
| <u>Wed., Jan. 23</u>  | Drop In Grade 6-12 3-6 PM  |
| <u>Thur., Jan. 24</u> | Play practice Marian Hall 6:30 - 8:30 PM   |
| <u>Sun. Jan. 27</u>   | <b>T-ROC</b> 6 PM liturgy  |

## **ST. MARY SCHOOL**

**OPEN HOUSE** - St. Mary School will be having an Open House for new families (Preschool through grade 7) on January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 - 10:30 AM. If you are a family looking for a value-based, faith-centered environment, please consider St. Mary School as your school of choice. Please call the school office at (412) 486-7611 by January 22<sup>nd</sup> if you plan to attend. If this time is not convenient for your schedule, call to set up a tour at another time.

**SUPER BINGO** - The next Super Bingo will take place on Friday, February 1, 2008 in Marian Hall. Advance tickets are \$35 each; \$40 at the door. 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 at 50 points each; 5 specials at 100 points each; one jackpot for 500 points and another jackpot at 1000 points. All proceeds benefit St. Mary School. Call Coleen at (412) 486-6622 for more information or to purchase tickets.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** - Catholic Schools Week will be observed the week of January 27<sup>th</sup>, with the theme of "Catholic Schools Light the Way." During that week, we will remember the parish in a special way during the times that we will gather for prayer. God bless you for all that you do for us!

**FORENSICS** - Congratulations to the St. Mary Forensics Team who had a fantastic showing at the January 12<sup>th</sup> tournament held at Holy Sepulcher. Our team placed 4<sup>th</sup> out of 13 schools. Contributing to the team's success were: Angela Battaglia, Michael DePasquale, Maria DeRenzo, Phillip DeRenzo, Annette Faith, Christopher Goetz, Charlie Hayes, Francesca Iurlano, Caroline Lefler, Joe Monahan, Kat Omecene, Meg Omecene, Savannah Restori, Erin Sarosi, Alex Schoppen, Christine Sinkovich, Aaron Todorowski, and Jared Todorowski. Your team, coaches, and school community are proud of you!

**SCRIP OFFICE** - The Scrip office will be closed on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, due to the holiday. Regular hours resume on Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**SMAA Night at the Races** - Saturday, January, 26, 2008 in Marian Hall. All proceeds will go to the Parish Activity Center. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Doors open at 7:00 pm. Buffet at 7:15. Races start at 8:00. Adults Only. This year will also include table games and other interesting games of chance. The ticket price includes admission, food buffet, refreshments, soda and mixers. BYOB. Tickets, horses, and jockeys will be available at all home basketball games and by contacts below. Please plan on attending this event to support the Parish Activity Center. Table reservations can be made by contacting Vince Sinkovich (412-963-1157 / vsinkovich@abarta.com), Joe Natoli (412-288-6957 / jnatoli@federatedinv.com), or Cindy Goetz (412-492-9388 / cagoetz@hotmail.com).

## **GENERAL PARISH NEWS**

### **ProLife**

Members of the ProLife Committee will be taking up a collection at the doors of the church on Sunday, January 19th and 20th. Thank you for your consideration.

### **Traveling Vocation Chalice**

This prayer tool for vocations is available for families to host in their home as they pray for an increase of church vocations. We thank Pete & Dolores Penezic who had the chalice this past 2 weeks. They felt honored to host the chalice while praying for vocations. Frank & Joyce Caricato will host the chalice this week. Call the rectory at 412-486-4100 to schedule a time for your family.

### **Blood Drive**

Our first Blood Drive for the year 2008 will be held on January 27, 2008 from 7:00AM to 2:00PM. To all donors, a revision in scheduling is being enforced this year. Previous donors will be contacted by email or postcard. All others will be called by a volunteer two weeks prior the Drive. Walk-ins are welcomed. Please be generous as supply is law. Thank you and see you on the 27th. Any questions, please call Rose Klobarchar at 412-486-9458.



**RCIA- If you would like to find out more about the Catholic faith, come to the rectory dining room on Sunday mornings following the 9:00am Mass. This week we will discuss the Liturgical Season of Lent and next week we will discuss the PARABLES and MIRACLES of JESUS. All welcome!**

### **Rectory Cook**

is needed three to four days a week for the dinner meal planning and preparation, shopping and general work associated with the kitchen. Occasional lunch prep and some major event, i.e. Confirmation dinner for the Bishop. Call Fr. Ed for an interview at 412-486-4100. This is a part-time position/hourly salary.

### **CYM Drama Play**

Mark your calendars. The annual CYM drama troupe will be presenting "Play On", directed by young adult, Josh DeFilippo. Proceeds will benefit our parish Uganda mission efforts. Saturday, February 16 performance begins at 8 PM. Food will be sold in Marian Hall after the 6 PM liturgy. Sunday, February 17 performance begins at 1 PM; food will also be sold after the 11 AM liturgy on Sunday. Both shows will be performed on our new stage in the Parish Activity Center. Admission is a Free Will donations toward our African mission project.



## **Around Our Town**

### **CATHOLIC MENS FELLOWSHIP**

**HOLY HOUR-** Sat. Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul Seminary. Bishop David Zubik will lead us in prayer beginning at 8:30am. A short program will follow with refreshments served at 10:30am. Car pools will leave from St. Mary's. Call Jim Finn 412-486-4100 if you need a ride. **THIRD ANNUAL GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN** is scheduled for Sat. April 12, 2008 at the A. J. Palumbo. Mark your calendars and plan NOW to attend. Watch the bulletin for more details.

### **Fish Dinner Meeting**

There will be a final meeting and sample tasting for all who volunteered to work the Fish Dinners during Lent on Wednesday, January 23rd at 7:00PM. If you have any questions, please contact the Penezic's at 412-487-5211.



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**MARKET DAY orders** still being taken at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com) or call Lee 724-443-1147 before noon, Tues. Jan. 22. Pick up will be on Monday, Jan. 28, 6:30-7:30 PM in Marian Hall.

### **Paper Recycling Boxes**

Thank you for all your support in recycling "Allowed Items." Newspaper, office paper, junk mail, magazines and catalogs, all which are "allowed items." Please, Please, **NO Cardboard, Cereal Boxes, Tissue Boxes, Phone Books or Trash (metal cans).** A THIRD container is on order for 2008. Our School Development Committee benefits from this project.

### **Married Couples looking for a New Years Resolution?**

Why not make a commitment to do something to improve your marriage - like making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next weekend in Pittsburgh will be held on February 15-17 at the Gilmary Retreat Center in Moon Twp. For more information or to register, contact Mary & Lou Lacante at 412-635-7775.

### **HOMELESS NEEDS**

A special request from Light of Life shelter, older teens clothing, women's NEW underwear. Light weight blankets (to be taken to the Lovewalk on Feb.10) Leave items in bags marked HOMELESS on the last pew in the Children Liturgy Room, or bring to the Faith Formation office. THANKS in advance.

### **Kearns Spirituality center, beside Passavant**

Hospital, invites anyone interested in programs:  
Feb. 20, 6:00-8:00 PM - **Amazing Grains**;  
Feb. 21, 6:30-9PM-**Communications & Conflict Management**;  
Feb. 23, 1:00-4:30 PM - **Udu Drum workshop**.  
Call 412-366-1124 for details .

***PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS*** from Father John

Members of our *Pro-Life Committee* will be standing at the doors of the church today seeking our financial support for the magnificent work that they do in regard to our commitment to the sanctity of all Human Life. As all parishioners and their friends are invited to join the Committee on the TWO buses that will be sent to Washington, D.C. Tuesday morning as representative of our Parish Family, our financial support this day is our way of participating in this witness! Those going to Washington will join thousands who will come from all over the country to remind lawmakers and the world in general of our upholding of the dignity of all life.

THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE! First and foremost we must put an end to the horror of abortion and euthanasia as we come to “respect life” from the very first moment of conception to the final call by God to the eternal kingdom. Human life is too precious! It reflects the divine image of our God in the world in which we live. It has eternal worth and its value supersedes any power humans have to eliminate it.

THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE! Individual communities of people continue to speak out as racial profiling, ethnic cruelty and drive-by shootings make front-page news from the smallest town to the largest city all across this nation. There seems to be no end to the multitudinous ways we can discover to violate the life of another human being. In all of this, however, each of us knows that human life has a dignity and importance that supersedes such acts of destruction and cries out for such acts one day to cease!

THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE! It is not what you and I have done as human beings that bring such sanctity to our human lives, but rather only what God could do in a moment of creation. The sanctity of our human life goes way beyond our own personal achievements, as if to say the more we do the more dignity we possess. Not so at all! Our human dignity finds its fulfillment in the very nature of who we are as human beings, for a loving God has created each of us into the image of the divine. It is God who has made us to live forever for our destiny is way beyond the finality of this world. And in this we are SANCTIFIED!