

Bulletin # 910038

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Attn: Bee

MESSAGES:

ORDINARY TIME LITURGICALLY

Having completed the first liturgical cycle of the year, which included Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, the liturgy now begins a few weeks 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 March 1st with Ash Wednesday. Meanwhile the color of green returns to the décor of the church. We will now have the green vestments for seven Sundays as we move through this Ordinary Time of the Year. With the coming of the season of Lent, Ordinary Time will cease until we come to June 25th 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 26th 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 would not be celebrated during the season of Lent. The final Sunday for the celebration of baptisms will be February 29th and then we will begin again with the Sundays of the Easter Season, when we have the celebration of the sacrament every Sunday during 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.

"CATCH THE VIBE"

VITALITY IN BUILDING EXCELLENCE

With the increased commitment to the Pledge Campaign by the members of the Capital Campaign Committee, personal contacts continue to increase our pledged amount. All members of the Parish Family are asked to look at 2006 as a time to offer a pledge or a contribution to the Campaign. Those who may have given a contribution to the Campaign previously might wish to increase their amount so as to become part of the "Memorial Plaque" that will be created at the end of the Campaign. Those who made a one-time contribution back in 2003 might think about repeating this commitment in 2006!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ROOM

We hope that all those parents and guardians who use the "Children's Liturgy Room" (Cry Room) in the back of our church will be sensitive to others who are also using that room. Sometimes we adults become so caught up in our conversation with other adults that we fail to realize what is happening in the sanctuary of the church. This room is designed for those young children that are becoming a little unruly at the liturgy and are possibly disturbing the other parishioners in the pews around them. Once we bring our child to this "Children's Liturgy Room," we should still try to care for our child in the context of the liturgy being celebrated in the church. Other adults and children are also in the room with the intent on participating in the liturgy being celebrated in the sanctuary of the church.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL ENVELOPE

Those who use 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 an education in our own parochial school. We invite all parishioners to make a financial contribution to the great asset our school is to the entire Parish Family. All the monies collected in this envelope go directly to St. Mary Catholic Grade School. This envelope may be dropped in the first collection on any given Sunday, for there will not be a special collection for it.

Masses for the Week

Sunday, January 15 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish
- 6:00 pm Catechist Appreciation (Faith Formation Team)
- 7:30 a.m. Betty Schleicher (Henry, Vicki, Mark & Amanda)
- 9:00 a.m. Mary Rita Walter (Sons)
- 11:00 a.m. James Missenda (Josephine & William Fiedler)

Monday, January 16

- 7:00 a.m. Jason Berthold (Dale & Ellen McKean)
- 10:00 a.m. Helen Rihn (Rihn Family)

Tuesday, January 17 - St. Anthony

- 7:00 a.m. Leona A. Schell (Rita & Jim Finn)
- 10:00 a.m. Bud Perry (Family)

Wednesday, January 18

- 7:00 a.m. Frank Warenski (Family)
- 10:00 a.m. Lee Kavanaugh (Roz & Family)

Thursday, January 19

- 7:00 a.m. Kathryn Cromer (Dennis & Evon Kowalczyk)
- 10:00 a.m. Jim Hertweck (Roz & Family)
- 7:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of St. Mary CM/LG

Friday, January 20 - St. Fabian, St. Sebastian

- 7:00 a.m. Mary Thoma (Doris Shepherd & Family)
- 10:00 a.m. Martha C. McNeil (St. Mary's School Faculty)

Saturday, January 21 - St. Agnes

- 8:00 a.m. Livia Richert (St. Mary CM/LG)
- 4:00 p.m. Ed Graf (Family)
- 6:00 p.m. Blanche & Nancy (Richey)

Sunday, January 22 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. Catherine Ann Buettner (John & Carole Zarotney)
- 9:00 a.m. Herman & Bertha Stegman (Rose Stegman)
- 11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish

R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the souls of Ian O'Malley of our Parish Family, Thomas Fleming, Jr. , brother of Ellen Bongartz of our Parish Family and John O'Donnell, son-in-law of Jack & Beth Waclawski of our Parish Family. May they rest in the peace of our Lord.

Sick Relatives & Friends

Michael Ackman, Erin Claus, Brenna Cordell, Seth Fabry, Dave Fry, Martha Hornak, Christine Hunsberger, Ava Hutchenson, Darryl Miersch, Anthony Pugliese, Sr., Courtney Ryce, Annabelle Segriff, Anthony Spinola, Joshua Stanek, Jane Taylor Styslinger, Margaret Thimons, Mark Thimons, Bill Vistein, Jim & Claire Young.

We invite anyone who would like to put someone on our prayer list for 2006 to call the rectory (412) 486-4100.

The Annual March For Life In Washington, DC will be held on January 23rd. For information or to make a reservation on the bus, please call Dolores Penezic at (412) 486-6888. Our Respect For Life Group will be taking a collection at all the Masses the weekend of January 21 & 22. Please be as generous as possible.

ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS
ROBERT SCHAFFOLD MARGRET ECKERT

ATTENTION ALL SCOUTS: Sunday, February 5, 2006 is SCOUT SUNDAY. Any parishioner who is a Cub Scout, Boy Scout or Girl Scout may participate in the procession at the **9 AM liturgy**. A reception will follow in Marian Hall. Please contact Sandy or Bart DalDosso at 412-492-1370 with the number that plan to attend from your group. Thank you!!!

January 8, 2006	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	965	\$18,967.15
Cash/Loose Cks.	—	808.00
Children's Offer.	78	95.66
Children/Youth	2	252.00
St. Anthony	7	82.00
Catholic School	33	284.00
Parish Share	5	502.50
Parish Needy	4	55.00
TOTAL	1,094	\$21,046.31

DAILY



READINGS

- Jan. 16: 1 Sm 15: 16-23; Mk 2: 18-22
- Jan. 17: 1 Sm 16: 1-13; Mk 2: 23-28
- Jan. 18: 1 Sm 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51;
Mk 3: 1-6
- Jan. 19: 1 Sm 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7; Mk 3: 7-12
- Jan. 20: 1 Sm 24: 3-21; Mk 3: 13-19
- Jan. 21: 2 Sm 1: 1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27;
Mk 3: 20-21
- Jan. 22: Jon 3: 1-5, 10; Ps 25;
1 Cor 7: 29-31; Mk 1: 14-20

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

R.C.I.A. Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Would you like to develop your faith? Do you have questions that need answered? RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process through which non-Catholic Adults enter the Catholic Church. For more information call Father Ed or Jim Finn at the rectory (412) 486-4100. This week's topic: Liturgical year. Next week's topic: Marriage and Holy Orders. All are welcome!

SACRAMENTAL SPONSORSHIP

We continue to be asked to extend a "sponsorship recommendation" to members of our Parish Family who have been invited to be a godparent or confirmation 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 in her or his life. 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 Ministers of Holy Communion, Greeters, Music Ministers, Lectors and Ushers to join us on Tuesday, February 28th, at 7:00 p.m. in Marian Hall as we celebrate Mardi Gras as we begin the Lenten season. The evening is specifically designed as a "getting to know" the members of our Liturgical Ministries as we continue to take the leadership role in creating spiritually enriching liturgies for the entire Parish Family. The young people who are involved in the liturgy, such as choir members and altar servers, will have a day in the near future for them. 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.



RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Faith Sharing for 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time

In John's Gospel this Sunday, he recounts Jesus' call to Andrew and a friend. He gives us a guide to be an evangelizer-Come, See, Discover, Tell:

1. Speak about Jesus to another person;
2. Use a special title for Jesus (Messiah, Lord);
3. Allow a person to go to Jesus with you;
4. Go to tell the good news to others.

Santo Nino - Holy Child Jesus is honored in the Filipino community on the third Sunday of January under this title. Surf the web to find out the AMAZING stories behind this observance.

Family Program meets today, 9AM Mass till noon.

Monday Faith Formation, January 16

Parents & children meet IN church by 6:30 PM;

Saturday Faith Formation, January 21

Grades 7 & 8 meet IN church; all others in class.

Policemen and Soldiers Patron, Saint Sebastian is celebrated this Friday, January 20. A good day to THANK one of these persons for their service for the safety of all. "Saint Sebastian, protect all police and soldiers in their works of service."

Adult Enrichment - ALL welcome to meet with Father William Fay, Thursday, January 19, 6:30 - 9:00 PM in Saint Mary School Library for the 2nd of four sessions about the PROPHETS of the Hebrew scriptures.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, **Jan. 18-25**

Pray each day: "Loving God, you gather the scattered sheep and watch over those you have gathered. Look on all who follow Jesus, your Son; make them one in the fullness of faith and unite them in the bond of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

YOUTH MINISTRY

Didn't get everything you wanted for Christmas? Maybe what you need isn't found under the tree.... **T-ROC**

on January 29, 2006 will include a 5:00 PM Liturgy with Fr. John and "Bring a Parent Night". **Topic: "Knowing God: Reason and Revelation"**.

Breakfast & Bible Talk

JAM Center 10AM-Noon this Sunday, January 15!
Don't miss it!

HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

Tues. Jan. 17 Play Practice in Marian Hall 7-9 PM
Wed. Jan 18 Play Practice in Marian Hall 7-9 PM
Thurs. Jan. 19 Play Practice in Providence Hall 7-9 PM

YOUNG ADULT CALENDAR

Mon. Jan. 16 TROC Meeting in CYM Office 7 PM

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Need service hours for school? We have projects available now and into the summer. See contact information below.

APPALACHIA 2006

At our November meeting the goals for our summer work camp were established with a **strong focus on development of faith and a sense of community**. Youth who will be eligible to attend must be age **16** by June 26, 2006; must attend our high school faith formation sessions [**T-ROC**]; participate in our major fund raiser-the **Friday Lenten fish dinners** and must attend a **fundamental skills** session if they missed Brandon Goeller's Skill Workshop in September. A **deposit of \$30** must be sent in by **Friday, January 20th** – make check payable to St. Mary Church CYM.

Contact Barb Belski or Lisa Rulis Ross
at 412-492-9344

email us at cymoffice@stmaryglenshaw.org

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

Go to the above web site for our **new 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.

Teens have their own site for questions.

Alex Lamers is our new **communications guru**.

All high school students who have given us their e-mail address will receive his e-letter. **Check out his first email newsletter**. If you want to receive Alex's newsletter contact him at cymoffice@stmaryglenshaw.org

ST. MARY SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE - There will be an Open House for all prospective students considering St. Mary School as their school of choice for the 2006-07 year on Sunday, January 29th, after the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM masses. Come and see what a great school we are.

SMAA NEWS - The St. Mary Athletic Association is sponsoring a "Night at the Races" on Saturday, January 28, 2006, in Marian Hall. Horse racing, blackjack and other games of chance will be available that evening. Doors open at 7:00 PM with a buffet that begins at 7:15 PM and horse racing at 8:00 PM. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Tickets and horses can be purchased at all home basketball games. You can also contact Joe Natoli at (412) 486-0850 or jnatoli@federatedinv.com to purchase tickets, horses, or reserve a table for a group. Adults only please. Thank you for your support.

SUPER BINGO - Another Super Bingo will be held on Friday, February 3, 2006 in Marian Hall. 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 at 7:00 PM. The evening includes 40 regular games at 50 points each; 5 specials at 100 points each, one jackpot at 500 points, and one more jackpot at 1000 points. All proceeds benefit St. Mary School. Call Coleen at 412-486-6622 for information or to purchase tickets.

DESPERATE FOR THE WORD...BIBLE STUDY - A New Year's Resolution: To set aside time to fill our mind with God's truth and our heart with His love. Please join us on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 1:00-2:30 PM starting Tuesday, January 24th. We will gather in the Faith Formation Office. For more information, please call Dori Monahan at (412) 492-9891.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE - Another dance sponsored by the PTG for students in grades 6-8 will be held on Saturday, January 21st, 2006 from 7:15-10:15 PM in Marian Hall. Tickets will be available for \$5.00 at the rectory and CCD offices as well as in the school the mornings of January 18-20, 2006

Tickets that were purchased for the December 10th dance will be honored at this dance. No tickets will be sold at the door. The dress code will be strictly enforced.

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

Widows & Widowers Group will meet on January 29, at La Prima Rosa Restaurant, Emmerling Plaza on Route 910 at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome. For more information call 412-486-5621 or 412-486-4209.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS: Please continue to pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Our parish Vocation Council has an ongoing project sponsoring the Traveling Vocation Chalice. Families are encouraged to reserve a week to host the Chalice in their homes. Call Jim Finn at the rectory (412) 486-4100.

A VOCATION VIEW

We don't always recognize the voice of God. Spend time in silence regularly to listen to God's voice. God calls, what do you hear? (1 Samuel 3: 3-10)

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME: is a post-baptism ministry to parents with children birth to age five. Each week the Core Team of this ministry prints this **FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** thought by Bud Ozar, national writer. **As Peter" found his brother and brought him to Jesus," each of us must look for opportunities to connect our brothers and sisters to the Lord. In families we care enough to share the very best.**

PRAY AND PLAY DAY: will be held this Wednesday, January 18th at 9:30 a.m. We will be making a fruit basket to send to the ladies at Genesis. Please bring a contribution of fruit to Church when you come on Wednesday. If you have any questions, call Cindy Shadle at (412) 487-5272.

DAD'S BIBLE STUDY: This Wednesday, January 18th, at 8:00 p.m. in the rectory. Call Steve Shadle at (412) 487-5272 to find out more! All men welcome!



LOOKING AHEAD - - - WORLD MARRIAGE

DAY: World Marriage Day is Sunday, Feb. 12th. There will be a diocesan celebration of World Marriage Day on Saturday, February 11, 2006 at St. Scholastica Parish in Aspinwall. It will begin with Mass at 5:00 p.m. in the Church with Bishop Paul Bradley as the presider and homilist. Following Mass there will be a wine and cheese reception in the Parish Center. Regis and Libbie Flaherty will then speak on the topic: **" You Can Have a Great Marriage!"** All couples, married or engaged are welcome! Donation: \$5.00 per couple. To register call Jim Finn (412) 486-4100 before February 1st.

CATHOLIC, BUT NOT CONFIRMED? Those 18 years of age or older who have not been confirmed are welcome to prepare to receive this sacrament when the Bishop comes to St. Mary's on May 2, 2006. Call Jim Finn at the rectory to register (412) 486-4100. Preparation sessions will begin shortly.

St. Mary Christian Mothers/Ladies Guild: will meet on Thursday, January 19th, beginning with Mass at 7 p.m. followed by meeting, then our bingo game.



THIRD ANNUAL CYM PLAY TO BENEFIT THE SCHOOL STUDENTS IN PATZUN, GUATEMALA

Look Our annual CYM dinner theatre will be on Saturday, February 18 after the 6 PM liturgy. This year, the teens will present Robert Fulghum's "All I really need to know I learned in kindergarten" under the direction of Mariane Ruffner and assistant, Dr. Kevin Kelly. The dinner will again be catered by John Marshall. **Tickets will be on sale at the rectory and Faith Formation office. NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE TAKEN OVER THE PHONE. Limited theatre style seating and sound system available.** There will be a matinee on Sun. Feb. 19 @ 1:30 PM for a free will donation.

ST. MARY'S BLOOD DRIVE: will be held on Sunday, January 22nd from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Marian Hall. A volunteer will call to remind past donors. If this is your first time giving, please call Rose at (412) 486-9458. Thank you in advance for donating to save a life.

PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS from Father John

The Pastoral Council of our Parish Family has just celebrated its FIFTH ANNIVERSARY and the new grouping of fourteen parishioners brings a dedicated intensity to the LAY LEADERSHIP offered by these women and men. Over the past five years those serving on the Pastoral Council have added a new dimension to the meaning of the word “Parish Pastoral Council.” Meeting the new requirements established by the Diocese of Pittsburgh for the role of the Council in parish life, our Pastoral Council has blazed a trail of developing a new model in that *St. Mary of the Assumption* now leads the way for other parishes to follow.

In order for all parishioners to see the difference between the “parish council model” that was formerly adopted in parishes and the new “pastoral council model” of our Parish Family, we might look at the eight areas of Council life that have been outlined by those who have written about this difference: (1) “Parish Council” BECOMES “Pastoral Council” (2) “A Body of Leaders” BECOMES “A Leadership Body” (3) “Coordinating Ministries BECOMES “Articulating the Mission” (4) “Crisis Management” BECOMES “Pastoral Planning” (5) “Doing Activities” BECOMES “Empowerment of Others” (6) “Business and Politics” BECOME “Prayer and Discernment” (7) “Competition” BECOMES “Collaboration” and (8) “Voting” BECOMES “Consensus.”

Under this new aegis the fourteen members of our Pastoral Council are now setting their goals and objectives for a new year. Any parishioner who would like to offer ideas and suggestions for these goals may simply contact any one of the following Council members: Ron Belski, Gina Brown, Tricia Coyle, Jack DeAngelis, Ruth Dollin, Laurie Exler, Sue Ferguson, Dona Hotopp, Carl Lichvarcik, Joyce Lunz, Chuck Martier, Paul Mitsch, Debbie Schwoegl, and Steve Shadle. We hope that any parishioner who might be approached by the Pastoral Council to offer her or his talents and charisms to the work of the Council might accept this empowerment willingly. As the Council begins to lay out its goals and objectives for the coming year, they will have the ENTIRE Parish Family in mind so that they become a very important aspect of our parish life as it affects all of us. We ask for the prayers and good wishes of all parishioners for the work of the Pastoral Council as it continues to offer the LAY LEADERSHIP of our parish life.

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