

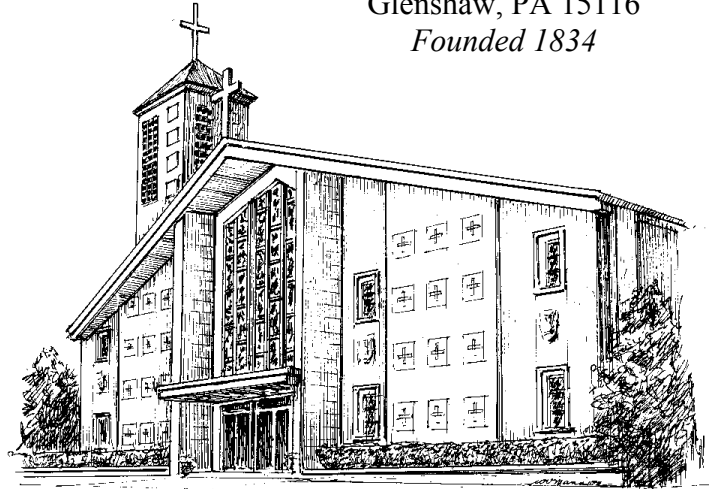
# PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion  
April 5, 2009

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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

## THE SACRED TRIDUUM

The most sacred moments of the entire Liturgical Year will be celebrated this week under the title "The Sacred Triduum" (Latin for "three days") The violet of Lent is put aside as Holy Thursday calls for white, Good Friday for red and Easter for the color of the glorious Resurrection. These three days celebrate the salvific days of Jesus' triumph over death through the Resurrection; but they also celebrate what is happening right now among us as the People of God. All parishioners, and Catholics throughout the world, are urged to join us for three days of wondrous liturgical celebrations as our Parish Family comes to the apex of the Liturgical Year.

### HOLY THURSDAY: THE LAST SUPPER

The celebration of the Lord's Supper will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evening with the accent upon the Blessed Sacrament. After the liturgy, the sacred species will be placed in the area of reposition for private adoration. The church will remain open until 12:00 midnight for those who wish to come and "keep watch with Jesus."

### GOOD FRIDAY: THE DEATH OF JESUS

We are asked to return to the church on Good Friday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. as we commemorate the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus. The tri-part celebration includes the Liturgy of the Word, the veneration of the Cross and the reception of the Eucharist from the consecrated species of the previous night. The church will be closed 30 minutes after the service to decorate for Easter.

#### 12:00 NOON TO 3:00 P.M. FRIDAY

For those who would like to keep the 3 hour vigil from noon to three in church in commemoration of Jesus' hanging on the cross, we will begin at noon with a reflection on the mystery of the Cross that will lead into the service beginning at 1:30 p.m.

### EASTER VIGIL: THE RESURRECTION

The Easter Vigil will begin at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday evening and calls for all of us to be present to announce the Alleluia of the Resurrection. The four-part liturgical celebration is the high point of the entire Liturgical Year and beckons to all of us to join the Community of Faith in proclaiming this central mystery of our lives in Christ.

## IMPORTANT HOLY WEEK NOTICES

There will be a 1:00 p.m. liturgy added to our Easter Sunday schedule along with the regular times of 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Parishioners who wish to avoid the great crowds of the three earlier liturgies may choose to participate at this one o'clock liturgy.

The Blessing of Baskets will take place at 12:00 noon on Holy Saturday. All families are invited to gather in church at that time for this ancient custom of preparing for the Resurrection.

There will be a collection on Good Friday as prescribed by the Diocese. There is an envelope in our packet for this collection, all of which goes to maintaining the sacred places of the Holy Land.

There will be no confessions scheduled during Holy Week. A person who wishes to celebrate Reconciliation may simply call the rectory to make an appointment with one of the priests.

The Holy Thursday Church Visit tradition will begin immediately after the services that evening. Those wishing to travel with the group should call 412-486-5521 to make reservations.

Today is the final day to submit names for the Easter Flower Memorial. There is an envelope included in our packet for this purpose. We ask a donation of five dollars with each name submitted. Please print clearly on the envelope the name(s) of each person to be memorialized.

Parking for church services during this week becomes a significant issue because of the great crowds. Vehicles parked in "no parking" zones on our grounds might be towed ---which will then come at the owner's expense.

There are TWO envelopes in our packet for next Sunday's great day of Easter --- one for the regular Sunday collection (FIRST collection next week) and the other especially for Easter (SECOND collection next week). All parishioners are asked to use BOTH envelopes on Easter Sunday.

All members of the Extended Staff are invited to our traditional appreciation event that will take place on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Festivities will begin at 4:30 p.m. in Marian Hall. An evening meal will be included in the event for those in attendance.



## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, April 5, 2009 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

- 4:00 p.m. Josephine Harlovic - Joe & Kathy Hefferin
- 6:00 p.m. Maxine Deasy - Bob & Marie Deasy
- 7:30 a.m. Andy & Alan Palmer - Family
- 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 11:00 a.m. George Duffy - Family

### Monday, April 6, 2009 - Monday of Holy Week

- 7:00 a.m. Jessica Mitsch - Grandparents
- 10:00 a.m. Agnes Semler - Hilda & Bill Gilg

### Tuesday, April 7, 2009 - Tuesday of Holy Week

- 7:00 a.m. Francis Werling, Jr. - Family
- 10:00 a.m. Patricia Rieger - Magnolia Drive Neighbors

### Wednesday, April 8, 2009 - Wednesday of Holy Week

- 7:00 a.m. Vincenza Derenzo - Vincenza Didomenico
- 10:00 a.m. Russell Sherred - Adeline & Russ

### Thursday, April 9, 2009 - Holy Thursday

- 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

### Friday, April 10, 2009 - Good Friday

- 12:00noon - Reflection on the Mystery of the Lord's Passion & Death
- 1:30 p.m. Good Friday of the Lord's Passion Liturgical Services

### Saturday, April 11, 2009 - Holy Saturday

- 12:00noon Blessing of Food
- 8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

### Sunday, April 12, 2009 - Easter Sunday

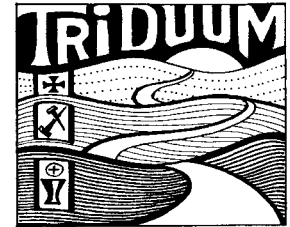
#### The Resurrection of the Lord

- 7:30 a.m. Thomas Goral, Sr. - Tom & Kathy
- 9:00 a.m. Owen Finley Steven - Grandma & Pa
- 11:00 a.m. Esther Finn Mogus - Rita & Jim Finn
- 1:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family

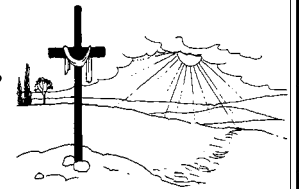


## Weekly Activities at a Glance

- Sunday** (Marian Hall) Hospitality Weekend after All Liturgies
- April 5 (Church) 9:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children
- (Rectory) 10:00AM - R.C.I.A.
- (Church) 11:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children
- Monday** (School) No School - Easter Vacation-Classes resume 4/14/09
- April 6 (School) 6:30PM - CCD Program - All Grades
- (Marian Hall) 6:30PM - Adult Education
- (Rectory) 7:30PM - Pastoral Council
- (Church) 8:00PM - Brass Practice
- Tuesday** (Church) 2:45PM - Children Cantor's Practice
- April 7
- Wednesday** (Marian Hall) 1:30PM - 55 Specials - Bingo/Cards
- April 8 (Rectory) 7:00PM - Catholics Coming Home
- (Church) 7:30PM - Adult Choir Practice
- (Marian Hall) 7:30PM - 55 Specials Meeting
- Thursday** Holy Thursday
- April 9
- Friday** Good Friday
- April 10
- Saturday** Holy Saturday
- April 11
- Sunday** Easter Sunday
- April 12



## Daily Readings



CHRIST JESUS HUMBLLED HIMSELF,  
BECOMING OBEDIENT TO THE POINT OF DEATH,  
EVEN DEATH ON A CROSS.

- April 6: Is 42: 1-7; Jn 12:1-11
- April 7: Is 49: 1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- April 8: Is 50: 4-9a; Mt 26: 14-25
- April 9: **Crisp Mass:** Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
- Lord's Supper:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
- April 10: Is 51:13 - 53: 12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
- April 11: a) Gn 1:1 - 2:2[1:1, 26-31a]
- b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18];
- c) Ex 14:15-15: 1;
- d) Is 54:5-14;
- e) Is 55:1-11;
- f) Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4;
- g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28;
- h) Rom 6:3-11;
- i) Mk 16:1-7
- April 12: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16: 1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Regan, and Clyde P. Snyder, father of Deborah Skelley.

March 8, 2008	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	797	\$15,896.15
Cash/Loose Checks	-	\$1,234.00
Children's Offertory	36	\$57.00
Easter Flowers	29	\$560.00
Catholic Campaign/Mission Appeal	25	\$334.00
Holy Land	2	\$15.00
Parish Share 2009	66	\$5,895.00
Easter	2	\$20.00
Parish Needy	29	\$445.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>\$24,456.15</b>

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

### **TRAVELING VOCATION CHALICE**

Our parish Vocation Council sponsors an ongoing project to assist those who wish to pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. All are invited to host this prayer tool in their homes. To schedule a week of prayer in your home, call Ron Ondrizek at (412)486-6851.

#### **A VOCATION VIEW**

Jesus emptied himself and became obedient even unto death. Are you willing to die to selfishness? Let Christ reign in your heart!  
(Philippians 2:6-11)

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

All families with children age five and under are welcome to join us on the first and third Wednesday of the month for PRAY and PLAY DAY. Hurry and register your children for the **Easter Egg Hunt** on this coming Sat. April 11<sup>th</sup> beginning with a family blessing in church at 10:30am. Register your young children by calling Monica at 412.492.0242 immediately.

#### **A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar**

Following Christ is not easy. Like Jesus we will experience betrayal, denial, being ignored, falsely accused and left alone. Even friends will "look on from afar." Family is a gift given to us so we never stand alone. Being together is the stuff of holiness.

### **EASTER BLESSING OF FAMILIES**

Our bishops will welcome families on Easter Sunday afternoon at 3:00 P. M. at St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland. As they bless and greet your family personally, they affirm and support you as a household of love and witnesses to your faith. Each family attending will receive a special memento to take home and the children will receive a sweet treat.

### **PARENTING POINTERS**

"AND A SWORD WILL PIERCE YOUR SOUL TOO"

(Luke 2:35) This is not a happy thought but anyone who has been a parent know that times of sorrow mix with times of joy. This is the Paschal Mystery of death and resurrection. As you enter into Christ's passion today, join with the pain Mary felt in watching her son die. Keep this in mind during your times of sorrow.

### **GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN**

Saturday, April 18, 2009 at the A. J. Palumbo Center on the campus of Duquesne University.

**TRAVEL PLANS-** St. Mary's bus will leave from the lower parking lot on Sat. April 18 at 7:30AM. Those who registered with Jim Finn and indicated that they would ride the bus will be given their admission tickets on Saturday morning as they board the bus. The day will end with an anticipated Sunday Mass at 4:00pm. Bishop David Zubik is the presider and homilist. The bus will leave immediately following Mass. **PLEASE PARK IN THE LOWER PARKING LOT NEAR MIDDLE ROAD.** Last minute questions can be directed to Jim Finn (412)486-0187.

**SECOND SATURDAY MENS GROUP-** will not meet on April 12 because of the GATHERING at Duquesne University. See you on May 10<sup>th</sup>.



## RELIGIOUS FORMATION

### **Faith Sharing for Palm Sunday-Passion Week**

Jesus asks, "Will you watch one hour with me?" Will you do so EACH day this week?

**Faith Formation Lessons** to be done at home on Saturday April 11 and Monday, April 13 – NO session with classes in our parish. Families urged to participate in the Paschal Mysteries during Holy Week and Easter.

**Confirmation Candidates with a parent, guardian, or sponsor** are reminded to reserve Saturday April 18 for participation at the 6:00 PM liturgy then an informative session for adults in Marian Hall immediately after the Mass, while the candidates remain in church for a practice for the liturgy of Confirmation.

**First Eucharist Children** will receive a reminder at their class session after Easter about their time of practice for the procession and parts they will serve in the liturgy chosen for their First reception of Jesus in the Eucharist.

**Do YOU know how the Mass is really heaven on earth ? *The Book of Revelation*** has the "key". Plan to hear Jeff Cavins of EWTN *Life on the Rock*, Saturday, April 18 at Good Samaritan Church, Ambridge. Bring your Bible. 8:00 AM Registration till 4:00 PM Mass with our own **Father John Marcucci**. To register, call 724-266-6565 or [www.goodsam1.org](http://www.goodsam1.org)

**SAINTS for Lent, Easter, and Pentecost - Part 2"** will be discussed with Mr. Jim Finn THIS Monday, April 6 , 6:30-8:00 PM in Marian Hall. All are Welcome ! Call 412-486-5521 ASAP to give your name so sufficient handouts will be available.

**PARENTS and Guardians OF YOUTH in Grades 6-7-8** welcome to informative sessions which will include guidance in adolescent development, a discussion of assets which help young people grow up healthy, caring and responsible, as well as components of youth ministry. The course is sponsored by St. Kilian Parish, Mars, on Tuesdays, April thru May 19. Contact Celine Mitchell 724-625-1665 x 2103 [cmitchell@saintkilian.org](mailto:cmitchell@saintkilian.org)

**Adult Enrichment, "Sacraments: Celebration of the Christian Mystery"** course will be held at St. Catherine, Beechview, Saturdays, May 16, 30, & June 13, - 9 AM till 2:30 PM. Contact Nancy Spinneweber 412-531-2135 by May 9<sup>th</sup> to register. This is one of four courses for Catechist Certification in the diocese of Pittsburgh.

The next **Sunday Family CCD session** will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup>, beginning with the 9:00 am Liturgy (Grade 7 - Mr. & Mrs. Rihmland's class serves). Sessions for children and adults begin at 10:00 am. Closing Prayer: Grades 5-7 & 8. Special project: The Jubilee Soup Kitchen - whose primary purpose has always been to feed the hungry. Food items that they are in need of include non-perishable food & canned items such as fruits, soups, & vegetables. Also, they need adult male socks, underwear, and T-shirts. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Adult parishioners:** Our youth office is seeking donations for some of our teens to attend a unique, high school age retreat [see below]. Any amount that you can donate would be appreciated. Simply make your check out to "St. Mary Parish" with a memo "teen retreat scholarship fund."

### POSITIVELY DANGEROUS

FOR TEENS IN GRADES 9 – 12: Friday, April 24 [begins 6 PM] – Sunday, April 26 [ends 11 AM]. Share the Good News and BE the Good News through your relationships 1) with God, 2) with yourself, and 3) with others. This retreat experience seeks a balance of prayer, play, and food/fellowship providing numerous opportunities to encounter God's love in the presence of the risen Christ. **LIVE LOUD, BE REAL, CHANGE THE WORLD !!!** Space is limited so please call Mrs. B ASAP. Cost is \$75; **payment due by April 6.**

### LENTEN ACTIVITIES FOR TEENS

**CHRISM LITURGY:** Attend the liturgy where our teens will receive the oils at St. Paul Cathedral. We will lunch in Oakland and visit the Carnegie Museum. You must pre-register with the CYM office.

### HOLY THURSDAY CHURCH VISIT HOSPITALITY:

Attend the Mass of the Lord's Supper liturgy beginning at 7 PM and then stay on to greet visitors to our own church; we will be done by midnight.

**CROSSWALK:** Our major parts are assigned but any teen in Grades 8 – 12 can participate in a non-speaking role as a costumed member of the crowd of participants. Drama background is not needed, only a desire to bring the Passion of Christ to the public at this annual community and ecumenical event. This day will run from 9 AM to 3 PM and does count as community service. **NEXT PRACTICE IS TODAY, APRIL 5th, IN THE CHURCH AFTER THE 11 AM LITURGY.**

**APPALACHIA REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED MANDATORY APPALACHIA PARENT MEETINGS** scheduled for Palm Sunday weekend, [also Hospitality weekend]. Join us either:

**Saturday, April 4** after the 4 PM liturgy in the Choir Room.

**Sunday, April 5** after the 9 AM liturgy in the Choir Room.

Teens remain in Marian Hall with adult leaders from our Appalachia team; parents gather in Choir Room.

### CYM WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun., April 5	Crosswalk practice after 11 AM mass
Mon. Apr. 6	High School Nite - New Youth Room 6-8 PM
Thur., Apr. 9	Chrism Liturgy in AM; Hospitality in PM
Fri., Apr. 10	Good Friday day for teens 9 AM-3 PM
Sat., Apr. 11	Easter vigil

Call the CYM line for current information on our social, spiritual and service activities for teens and young adults at 412-492-9344 or 412-486-4100, extension 409 or email at [belskib@verizon.net](mailto:belskib@verizon.net)

## ST. MARY

### REGISTRATION FOR 2009 - 2010



Applications for registration for the next school year are now being accepted in the school office. St. Mary School offers a 3 and 4 year-old preschool program as well as kindergarten through 8th grade. More information can be obtained by calling the school office at (412) 486-7611.

### SUPER BINGO!

A Super Bingo will be held in Marian Hall on Friday, April 17th, 2009. Advance tickets are \$35.00 each or can be purchased at the door for \$40.00. Admission includes 12 cards for each regular game and 4 specials; 40 regular games at 50 points each, 2 specials at 100 points each; 2 specials at 200 points each; one 500 point and one 1000 point jackpot. Doors open at 5:30 PM; bingo begins at 7:00 PM. The evening also includes raffles as well as quickie and instant bingos and lots of delicious food. Proceeds benefit St. Mary School. Call Coleen at 412-486-6622 for tickets or more information.

## 175<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY HAPPENINGS

- ◆ A Reminder! 1st Communion Photos, that we will display, can be put in the box in the Children's Liturgy Room.
- ◆ Historic records indicate we may have veterans buried in our cemetery dating back to the Civil War. Once again Jonathan Coholich will present the slide presentation at the Memorial Day liturgy. In this 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of our parish we would like to honor those veterans interred in our parish cemetery. If you have a photo of a loved one in uniform and would like them to be honored in the presentation, please send it to the rectory to the attention of: Mary Ann Coholich. On the back write the individual's name, military branch and military conflict. In addition, placing YOUR name and address on the back of the photo will guarantee the return of the photo to you.
- ◆ An adult dinner dance to commemorate our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary will take place on Sat. November 14<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn, RIDC PARK. More details to follow! Keep open the date!
- ◆ Father John Neumann was saved by the Indians. But after he had been four years on the frontier, the pressure of work and complete disregard for his own physical welfare drove Fr. Neumann to collapse. Completely exhausted, he was unable to work for three months. During this time he made his final decision to join the Redemptorists. This religious congregation would offer him the spiritual and fraternal support he so desperately needed. His first assignment was to the Redemptorist parish of St. James in Baltimore.

## OUR PARISH NEWS



### JOURNEY WITH JESUS. HOLY THURSDAY NIGHT, APRIL 9.

This Thursday, Deacon Fran will take the bus to visit six other local worship sites where we recall the places Jesus was led after leaving the upper room of the last supper. The journey begins immediately after the 7:00 PM liturgy and returns to our church around 11:15 PM. Reserve your seat(s) on the bus; call 412-486-5521 or [ccdoffice@stmaryglenshaw.org](mailto:ccdoffice@stmaryglenshaw.org).

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### EASTER EGG HUNT ON HOLY SATURDAY

All families with children under age 10 are invited to come to St. Mary's on Holy Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> beginning in church with a family blessing at 10:30 A. M. Afterwards all will search for eggs on the parish grounds (weather permitting) We will use Marian Hall in case of inclement weather. We welcome donations of plastic eggs and candy to stuff the eggs. Bring a basket and meet new friends! Call Donna Polito 412.492.9312 to register your child. Leave name/s, age/s and telephone number.



**MARKET DAY** fliers for April have complete meals as well as selections to create your own full course dinner including tasty desserts. Order at [marketday.com](http://marketday.com) for pick up on Monday, April 27, 6:30-7:30 PM in Marian Hall.

**SPORTS CAMP!** Calling all sports fanatics!!! Come Tuesdays in July, 6:30-8:30 PM coaching our youngsters about sports and how to **have a heart of a winner**. Adults, MIDDLE SCHOOL and HIGH SCHOOL youth leaders are needed to develop this program. Meet Tuesday, April 14, 7:00 PM in our school library, or contact Mrs. Lee Ann Trout, 412-492-8043 or [leeanntrout@verizon.net](mailto:leeanntrout@verizon.net).

### SUMMER BIBLE PROGRAMS

**Planning for teams.** The August 10 thru 14 theme! **Son Rock Kids Camp** with a twist to celebrate our 175th anniversary. Please call if you are interested in helping, especially those who have an interest and knowledge in ST. MARY's parish HISTORY. Questions call LeeAnn 412-492-8043 or email [leeanntrout@verizon.net](mailto:leeanntrout@verizon.net).

### Catholic Singles, 21 and Over

Looking for a new way to meet people, make friends, and share good times with others? Check out the Catholic Alumni Club. The group offers a variety of social opportunities including league athletics, parties, picnics, dances, hiking, volleyball, dinners, scripture study, trips, and many other great events. For more information, go to their website: [www.cacpittsburgh.org](http://www.cacpittsburgh.org).

## GOOD NEWS TO SHARE



### St. Vincent dePaul Society

We are very grateful to the Middle School children and adult team for the "Meager Meal" they served. We all shared delicious soup and bread. They donated \$100.00 to St. Mary's Food Pantry. We also want to thank all who donated food, gift certificates, and monetary gifts to our baskets in back of church. Special thanks to the Brownie Troops and families who donated cookies. God bless you for your continued support.

**Need Help?** Do you know someone who needs the help of the St. Vincent dePaul Society? Through no fault of his or her own, someone may have fallen on hard times. They may be having difficulty buying food or paying gas or electric bills or even the rent. Maybe a family has no money to buy a much needed appliance or faces some other need. No one should have to deal with such problems alone. Perhaps we can help. If so, please call Sr. Lois Spinnenweber, our Social Minister at 412.486.4021.

### ST. BONAVENTURE BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

The bereavement Ministry of St. Bonaventure Parish, Glenshaw, is offering a seven-week grief support group this Spring. We invite anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one to join, for this free series of meetings. For more information please call St. Bonaventure at 412.486.2606, ex:101.

### Spring Volunteer Training Crisis Center North

There is a critical need to increase the awareness of the devastating effect that domestic violence has on families in our community. By casting light on this subject, Crisis Center North hopes to fulfill its mission: to empower victims of domestic violence and cultivate community attitudes and behaviors that break the cycle of violence. Please consider our immediate need for volunteers. Please contact Glenn Sauer, Volunteer Coordinator at 412.364.6728 x18.

### Stress in Your Marriage?

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriage. In Today's busy world, many couples experience anger, coldness, frustration, and loneliness. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on April 24, 2009, please contact Retrouvaille at 412.277.3434.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Since the great number of MASS INTENTIONS that are given to our Parish Family cannot be satisfied in our parish church, we remind all parishioners that some intentions will be sent to the Missions. Not only does that mean that the intentions will be said long before they could be said in our parish church, but the stipend connected to the intentions goes to help the work of the missions in needy areas of the world. The following intentions have been sent to the Missions and those who requested them can be assured that these masses will be celebrated shortly.

Mary Edith Curti  
Carl Palastro

The Mitsch Family  
The Mitsch Family

## ***PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS*** from Father John

HOLY WEEK catches us on a pendulum --- a pendulum that swings backward to remind us of what the Lord Jesus has already done for us --- a pendulum that swings forward to focus our attention on the future promise that the same Lord Jesus will fulfill on our behalf. How far can YOU see in each direction???

In the backward movement of the pendulum, can you visualize the events of the first “holy week” when the Savior of the world ate at a final supper, died on the Golgotha cross and rose from the empty tomb? ***Come, join us for the services in church during the sacred days of this current HOLY WEEK and we will relive these experiences with you in the magnificent celebrations of our Catholic liturgy.*** However, maybe your sight goes back only 175 years ago to the early days of our Parish Family when Spirit-filled parishioners wanted to recapture the events of the first “holy week” by forming a FAITH COMMUNITY. Intrinsic to that experience was their vision to erect a church building on this land, as a sign to all those who traveled by that the salvific events of the Lord Jesus’ first “holy week” could always be experienced on these sacred grounds.

On the other hand, in the forward movement of the pendulum, how far can you see into the future where the events of the first “holy week” will one day be relived as the promise of the eternal kingdom? ***Come, join us for the services during the sacred days of this current HOLY WEEK and we will relive these experiences with you in the magnificent celebrations of our Catholic liturgy.*** However, maybe your sight goes forward only to the immediate days of this earth that lie before us in the witnessing of our faith on these sacred grounds. Like those many parishioners who have come before us, we too wish to manifest to all those who travel by in the conveniences of a modern day vehicle that the salvation promised by the Lord Jesus can still be experienced on the sacred grounds of our Parish Family.

All of us --- those who came before, those who are here now and those who will come in the future – are all in the process of building a CHURCH! This church is formed as each one of us offers self to help build small “Communities Of Faith” which attempt to proclaim the Gospel that goes way beyond the vision of this world. Our church building has always stood as a sign of the pride we have in celebrating the events of HOLY WEEK! ***Come, join us for the services during the sacred days of this current HOLY WEEK and we will relive these experiences with you in the magnificent celebrations of our Catholic liturgy.***