

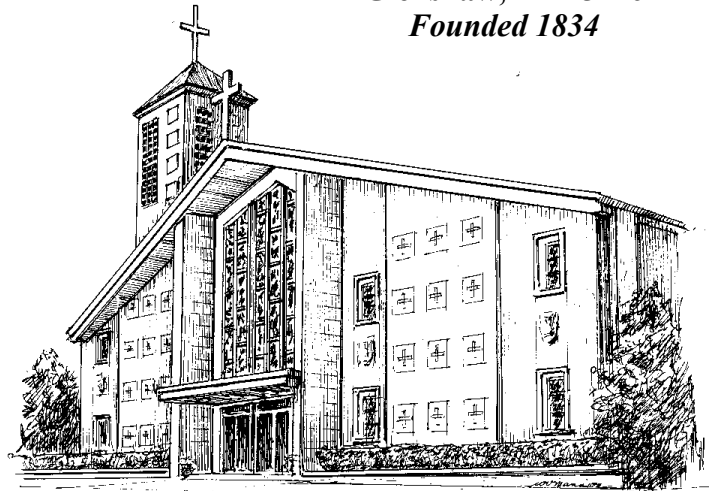
PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 5, 2012

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Glenshaw, PA 15116
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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

SCOUT SUNDAY: TODAY

We offer a warm welcome to all those who gather at the 9:00 a.m. liturgy this morning to celebrate *Scout Sunday*. We recognize all of the young people of our Parish Family who participate in the scouting program at every level, and most especially thank all of the adults and parents who give of themselves so generously to form these young people into dedicated Americans who realize the important of God in their lives.

Any parishioner who is a Cub Scout, Boy Scout, or Girl Scout may participate in the procession today. Simply gather in Marian Hall at 8:40a.m.

The many scout programs that use our facilities during the course of the year offer great service to our Parish Family in many ways, and today's 9:00 a.m. liturgy recognizes them for it. A reception will follow in Marian Hall courtesy of the Hospitality Ministry to which all are welcome!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK

A special thank-you to all those who contributed to our Catholic School Week as we recognize what an asset the parochial school is to our entire Parish Family. We open our school to all those families of the entire area. In particular, we reach out to all those families who have a child beginning preschool, kindergarten or first grade this September. We remind all parishioners that our parochial school begins with a three-year old program and extends all the way to the eighth grade. If you know of a family with a child in this age group, please remind them that our school is open to all children, irrespective of their religion, race or social class.

PALM BURNING FOR LENT

Do you still have your palm from last year??? Would you bring it next Sunday and place it in the basket provided in the foyer? We will burn this palm to make the ashes for the Ash Wednesday celebration. The liturgy reminds us that Lent is a time for sacrifice as we center ourselves on the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus. The palm of last year was a sign of the triumph of the Christ last year, and this year becomes a fitting symbol in its burning of the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus!

HOSPITALITY WEEKEND: NOW

Once more, as we do each month, we invite all those who gather with us in the church for the celebration of the liturgy to join us in Marian Hall for the fellowship that continues as we come to "meet and greet" each other. We thank the members of the **Hospitality Committee** for their monthly dedication to make these weekends so special for all of us. What a wonderful time to meet parishioners whom you do not know, and to greet those whom you have known for many years!

PARISH SHARE: THIS MONTH

Members of the Finance Council will speak at each liturgy in two weeks to remind us of the Parish Share Collection that will take place in three weeks. Meanwhile, the Finance Council would like to remind those who "pay their bills electronically" that the same is possible for contributing to the Parish Family. Simply designate your bank to send the check each month to the Parish Family making sure that you have put your envelope number on the entry. This will be recorded on your statement as if you placed the check in the Sunday collection.

PASTORAL COUNCIL GATHERING

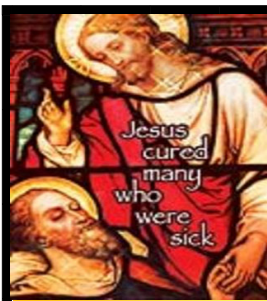
Members of the Pastoral Council will gather at 7:00 on Monday of this week in the rectory. The Council members are now studying carefully the Faith Formation programs of our Parish Family. Any parishioner who would like to share ideas or opinions about these programs is asked to contact one of the Council members before this week's meeting.

CATHOLICS COMING HOME

Members of the Catholics Coming Home Ministry will meet on Wednesday of this week at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. Parishioners who wish to learn more of this Ministry are welcome to "come and see." Index cards are available at the door of the church designating a web site to help those who have been distant from the regular practice of the Faith.

"BELLS" OF ST. MARY PARISH

Have you noticed that our church bells have lost much of their beckoning sound? We are now assessing how we might purchase a new bell system to replace the antiquated system that has been in use since the construction of the church.



LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 5, 2012 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Julia Pilyih - Bob & Mariane Ruffner & Family
 6:00 p.m. Nancy Scanga - Friends of Candace
 7:30 a.m. 45th Wedding Anniversary of Tom & Irene Garasic
 9:00 a.m. The Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
 11:00 a.m. Linda Kirby - Paul & Ginny Penezic

Monday, February 6, 2012 - St. Paul Miki & Companions

7:00 a.m. Jean Quinlan - Sr. Lois Spinnenweber
 10:00 a.m. John Galisia - Family

Tuesday, February 7, 2012 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. Elilio & Theresa Zicarelli - Marco & Rose Imbarlina
 10:00 a.m. Amelia & Thomas Chille - Family

Wednesday, February 8, 2012 - Sts. Jerome Emiliani

& Josephine Bakhita

7:00 a.m. Paolo Barbieri - Mr. & Mrs. Tony Fusca
 10:00 a.m. Virginia Antoszewski - Family

Thursday, February 9, 2012 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. Peter & Mary Moser - Daughter
 10:00 a.m. Francis Triglia - Bill & Thelma Fischer

Friday, February 10, 2012 - St. Scholastica

7:00 a.m. Gregory Danile - Chuck & Kit Martier
 10:00 a.m. Donna & Bill Kelsh - Family

Saturday, February 11, 2012 - Our Lady of the Lourdes

8:00 a.m. Dan Ross - Family
 4:00 p.m. Anna Ferber - Family
 6:00 p.m. Gerard & Eugenia Walter - Family

Sunday, February 12, 2012 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Frank Kirzyc - Wife, Sally
 9:00 a.m. Wilbur & Andree Marisa - Antoinette
 & Robert Cray, Jr.
 11:00 a.m. The Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family

Weekly Activities at a Glance

- Sunday** (Marian Hall) **HOSPITALITY** after all Liturgies
 February 5 (Church) 9:00AM - Scout Sunday
 (Rectory) 10:00AM - R.C.I.A.
- Monday** (Church) 2:45PM - Children's Cantor Practice
 February 6 (School) 4:30PM - CCD Classes
 (Marian Hall) 5:45PM - Daisy Troop Meeting
 (School) 6:30PM - CCD Classes
 (Rectory) 7:00PM - Pastoral Council Meeting
- Tuesday** (CCD Office) 1:00PM - Adult Education
 February 7 (Church) 2:45PM - Children's Cantor Practice
 (Providence Hall) 7:00PM - PTG Meeting
 (Rectory) 7:00PM - Worship Commission Meeting
 (Church) 8:00PM - Adult Hand Bell Practice
- Wednesday** (Marian Hall) 1:30PM - 55 Socials - Bingo
 February 8 (Church) 2:45PM - Children Choir Practice
 (Marian Hall) 6:30PM - Grade 8 Cluster Group
 (Rectory) 7:00PM - Catholics Coming Home
 (Church) 7:30PM - Adult Choir Practice
- Thursday** (Providence Hall) 7:00PM - Knights of Columbus Mtg.
 February 9
- Friday** (School) 10:00AM - School Liturgy
 February 10
- Saturday** (School) 10:00AM - CCD Classes
 February 11
- Sunday** (Rectory) 10:00AM - R.C.I.A.
 February 12 (Marian Hall) 11:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children



Flowers adorning our Tabernacle are in celebration of Tom & Irene Garasic's 45th Wedding Anniversary.

LOVE in a practical way; join the **LOVE WALK** on Feb. 12, 2:00PM Mass with Bishop Waltersheid at Sacred Heart, East Liberty. Sign up forms have been distributed to **Confirmation Candidates**, but all families and adults are welcome. This is a tremendous **SERVICE** for the homeless and needy of Pittsburgh. A bus will leave from St. Mary's if enough sign up. Please send returns to or call our Parish Faith Formation office at 412-486-5521.

HINDSIGHT

God's presence is not discerned at the time when it is upon us, but afterwards, when we look back.

~ John Henry Newman

January 28/29, 2012	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	699	\$18,529.35
Cash/Loose Checks	-	\$1,134.00
Children's Offertory	31	\$43.00
St. Anthony/DePaul Institute	5	\$92.00
St. Mary Catholic School	19	\$268.00
Parish Share 2011	8	\$340.00
Parish Needy	40	\$1,093.00
Total	802	\$21,499.35

DAILY READINGS

- February 6: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13;
 Mk 6:53-56
- February 7: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
- February 8: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
- February 9: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
- February 10: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
- February 11: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
- February 12: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31 - 11:1;
 Mk 1:40-45



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. The **GIFT** coordinators are now further promoting the Traveling Chalice within their geographic areas. If you would like to sign-up to host the chalice, please email or phone your **GIFT** coordinator or Tom Bontempo at 412.417.3320 or tjbontempo@hotmail.com. Thank you!

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Baptized Catholic but NOT CONFIRMED?

Those 18 years of age or older, those preparing to be married in the near future and those desiring to become fully initiated into the Catholic Church are invited to prepare to be confirmed either on May 8 at St. Mary's or at the Cathedral. Call Jim Finn to find out more 412.486.4100, Ext. 0203.



WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

**Today we rejoice and celebrate
WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE.**

Over the years, many men and women have chosen to live out their baptismal vocation by professing the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience. They do this by joining a religious congregation, a secular institute, or through private vows. We pray for these people, especially Sister Jean Anthony and Sister Lois, both Sisters of Divine Providence who minister in our parish and ask God to bless our Church with others who will dedicate their lives to God's service. We recognize and thank all those who entered religious life from our parish. Look at the display in the narthex as you leave the church today.

A VOCATION VIEW

Healing, reconciling, and proclaiming good news: the tasks of Jesus, the tasks of the church. Does God call you to be a healer, reconciler, proclaimer of the good news?

RCIA

Those planning to enter the Church at the Easter vigil on April 7, 2012 meet every Sunday morning in the rectory dining room following the 9:00 A. M. Mass. The RCIA is not a program, but a sacramental formation process that prepares individuals for living the Christian life. Conversion is at the heart of that way of life. The RCIA facilitates the conversion process. This week we will discuss Moral Issues and next week the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick. For more information, Jim Finn at the rectory 412.486.4100.

MENS RETREAT COMING

It isn't too late to make a reservation for the retreat scheduled for February 17-18-19 at St. Paul's Retreat House on the South Side of Pittsburgh. Call Charlie Fischer (412)487-4667, or Jim Karcher (724)444-5798 to find out more.

SECOND SATURDAY MEN'S GROUP

All men and young men are invited to come for the 8:00am Mass this Saturday, February 11 followed by fellowship and discussion in the school. Call Carl Lichvarcik 412.903.7607 to find out more. Register to attend the Men's Gathering on April 14, 2012 when you come! St. Mary's will sponsor a FREE bus to the event if we fill it with special group rate registrations!

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Faith Sharing for Fifth Sunday, Ordinary Time-Feb. 5

Jesus' daily life is summarized in the gospel for this Sunday. He visits a sick woman, healed many who were sick, and cast out demons. He got up before dawn and went to a "lonely place" to pray. His intimate communication with His Father is not recorded in this particular gospel, but we know that He began his days in **holy communing** with His Father. We know from the gospel of John, chapter 17 how he spoke to God the Father. It was from Him that Jesus gained strength to carry on His mission of building the Kingdom on earth. Who will you include in your "holy communing" with God our Father this week? One request from our bishop is that **all pray intently** for a rescinding of the recently promulgated "Preventive Service Mandate", and that the rights of God be upheld by every Catholic.

Faith Formation Sessions this Week:

Grades 5-6-7-8 Catholic Vision of Love sessions in class

Monday, February 6 – 4:30 & 6:30 PM All meet in class.

Saturday, February 11, All meet in Church, 10 AM

FREE MOVIE – Come to Marian Hall THIS Wednesday, February 8, 6:30 -8:30 PM to meet Saint Josephine **Bakhita** in honor of her feastday. This heroic Sudanese woman was kidnapped as a girl, sold to slave traders, harshly treated, and finally came to know Jesus Christ and converted to Catholicism. Call Rose Stegman at 412-486-5521 or e-mail ccdooffice@stmaryglenshaw.org to say if you'll come.

Special Days this Week:

February 6 – Saint Paul Miki and 25 Companions were tied to crosses, bodily mutilated, and died martyrs in 1597. Their love for Christ was unshaken as they sang songs of praise to God enroute to their crucifixion.

February 8 - Saint John of Matha, founded the Trinitarian Order. They were some of the first religious to combine monastic discipline with pastoral work. They continue to minister throughout the U.S. and other countries.

February 8 – Saint Josephine Bakhita, of Sudan and later of the Cannosian Sisters in Venice, Italy lived through fright and torture. She died totally committed to God, her "Master" whom she served with infectious JOY.

February 10 – Saint Scholastica was the twin sister of Saint Benedict and a willing and wise collaborator in his monastic work.

February 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of Prayer for the Sick. See our church's stained glass window which honors Mary and her apparition to Bernadette in 1858.

Adult Bible Study meets Tuesdays, 1:00-2:30 PM in our Faith Formation conference room. Newcomers welcome to come and G.I.F.T. (**Grow In Faith Together.**) Call Dori Monahan for details, 412-492-9891.

A BOOK TO READ

There is a great difference between the eager person who wants to read a book and the tired person who wants a book to read.

~G.K. Chesterton

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

St. Mary's Boys High School team has already doubled the number of wins from last year and is currently fielding two teams! 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. Special thanks to our great dedicated men of the Parish like Mike Daley, Phil Fitzgibbons and Jimmy Kohan for making this program a slam dunk! The schedule is provided for you to come out and cheer on our teams! Hope to see you there!



Saturday, February 4, at 9:00pm - Home Game vs St. Catherine
 Monday, February 6, at 6:30pm - Away Game vs St. Athanasius
 Saturday, February 11, at 9:00pm - Home Game vs St. Alexis
 Wednesday, February 15, at 6:15pm - Away Game vs St. Gabriel

Join our YOUTH "CHEERS" GROUP!! We meet on Sunday Evenings in the JAM Center!



The Cheers Group would like to play a part in turning one of the nation's universal times of celebration into an opportunity to care for those in need. Your donation will go directly to our own Appalachia Mission fund. Teens will accept donations at the doors after each Mass.

University of St Mary's

PROJECT APPALACHIA

Paul Mitsch, Katelyn Deet and Fr. Jay hosted a brainstorming session with several college students who are alumni of our Project Appalachia. There is a lot of enthusiasm and leadership from our college students. If you are interested in Project Appalachia contact Paul Mitsch at the Rectory 412-486-4100 or Katelyn Deet 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Valentine Wine & Dine



For more information, please call Fr. Jay at 412-486-4100.

ST. MARY SCHOOL

SUPER BINGO

A Super Bingo will be held at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 2510 Middle Road in Glenshaw on **Friday, February 17, 2012.**



Advance tickets are \$35.00 each or can be purchased at the door for \$40.00 each. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; bingo begins at 7:00 p.m. Admission includes 30 games of Regular Bingo, 4 Specials and 2 Jackpots. Proceeds benefit St. Mary of Assumption School. Call Coleen at 412-486-6622 for more information and tickets.

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 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, an Afterschool Program for working parents, and financial assistance for families in need.

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.



SCOUT SUNDAY will be celebrated **TODAY, Sunday, February 5, 2012** at the 9:00AM Liturgy. Any parishioner who is a Cub Scout, Boy Scout or Girl Scout is invited to



participate in the procession. Scouts should wear their uniforms and meet in Marian Hall to line up by 8:40AM. A reception will follow in Marian Hall in conjunction with Hospitality Sunday.

DID YOU KNOW?

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS on the DANGER of ABUSE

The overwhelming majority of our clergy and lay leaders are hardworking individuals who are dedicated to serving the People of God in our parishes and schools. All of us together are responsible for making sure that all of our ministries are as safe as possible for our children and young people. That means each of us has a responsibility to educate our children and young people. That means each of us has a responsibility to educate ourselves about the real danger of sexual abuse.

Diocese of Pittsburgh Abuse Hotline: 1.888.808.1235

OUR PARISH NEWS

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS



GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN

For the seventh straight year men and young men of the Diocese of Pittsburgh will gather at the A. J. Palumbo Center on the campus of Duquesne University on **Saturday, April 14, 2012.** **Theme: *LIVING THE EUCHARIST IN TODAY'S AMERICA.*** Make your

reservation with Jim Finn (412)486-4100 for \$35.00 and a **FREE** bus ride to and from the event. Bus will leave St. Mary's at 7:30am. Park in the lower parking lot. The day will conclude with Mass at 4:00 P. M. with Bishop Zubik. Box lunch included. Call Jim Finn 412.486.4100, Ext. 203 to find out more or to add your name to the list.

WANT TO FIND OUT THINGS THAT MAKE US "CATHOLIC?"

Plan to attend the first of three adult lectures at St. Paul Seminary on Wednesday, Feb. 15 from 7:30-9:00pm. Speaker: Mr. Bob Rice. Admission is FREE. If you need a ride, call Jim Finn 412.486.4100, Ext. 203.

Market Day orders are due by THIS Tuesday. Get **Sweets** in time for **Saint VALENTINE Day** and seafood in time for **LENT**. February flier available at our church exits, and scrip and Faith Formation offices. Look for a **FREE** gift for those who order this, and the following two months. **Pick up orders** in Marian Hall NEXT Monday, February 13, 6:00-7:00 PM



St. Mary School Alumni! Where Are You Now?

At St. Mary School, we are fast approaching a milestone. Next year will mark 165 years of Catholic education, academic excellence, and service at St. Mary School. We are in search of all alumni who have been a part of this most impressive accomplishment.

We are also interested in *your* achievements since your days as a student at St. Mary School. Whether you attended St. Mary School 100 years ago or within the last 10 years, we want to reconnect and stay in touch. Please email your contact information to Jennifer Maltese at jmaltese@consolidated.net. Please provide the following:

- Name (maiden and married, where applicable)
- Years in which you attended St. Mary School
- Current Address
- Telephone Number
- Email Address
- Other Attended Schools
- Occupation
- Additional comments that you would like to share including what you have been doing since your days at St. Mary School!

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you!

WORSHIP COMMISSION MEETING

Members will meet on Tuesday, February 7th, at 7:00PM in the rectory. Please submit agenda to Tom Goral at 412-487-6244.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

There will be a diocesan wide celebration of World Marriage Day this Saturday, February 11 at St. Kilian Parish beginning with Mass at 5:30PM. Father Phil Farrell, Vicar for Vicariate 4 will be the celebrant and homilist. Following Mass there will be a wine and cheese reception in the parish hall and a presentation by Father Charles Bober. Donation is \$10.00 per couple. Call 412.456.3160 to make a reservation. A special blessing will be given to all married couples at all of our Masses next weekend. Married couples will lead the intercessions at all the Masses. All engaged and married couples are welcome!



The Walking of Pets on Parish or Cemetery Grounds is PROHIBITED!

ASSUMPTION CEMETERY

Please remove all Christmas Wreaths and decorations in our cemetery before March 1, 2012. If you are unable to do so, our maintenance crew will remove and discard them. Thank you.

CASINO TRIP to SENECA ALLEGHENY

The 55 Social Group will be traveling to Seneca Allegheny Casino on April 24 & 25, 2012. Cost is \$169.00. Money in food and FREE Play will be \$70.00. Please call Jane Fabry at 412-487-3091 for further information.

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.

Intention of the Mass

Thomas Shively
James Haus
Joseph T. "Jesse" Cuteri
Tanya Klaber
Richard Cullinan, Jr. (4)

Requested By:

The Mitsch Family
The Mitsch Family
The Mitsch Family
Herman & Judy Fritsch
William & Barbara Rousis

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.

PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS from Father John

May I speak on behalf of the entire Parish Family in welcoming all the SCOUTS, both boys and girls and all their adult leaders to today's 9:00 a.m. liturgy as we celebrate SCOUT SUNDAY!!! The Scout Program has a marvelous history of development in this country. Even though the early tradition of the Scout movement began in England in 1907 under the leadership of Robert Baden Powell, an officer in the British army; it spread quickly to the United States because of its accent upon developing character, citizenship, and physical and mental fitness. With the aid of William Boyce, a Chicago publisher who had been greatly impressed by the Scout Program in England, the "Boys Scouts of America" was formed in 1910.

Meanwhile, a certain Juliette Gordon Low, who was a companion to Baden Powell, brought the Scout movement for girls to the United States. In 1912 she set up a home program for girls to meet so that they too might experience the American values of citizenship and personal accomplishments; and therefore she is known as the founder of the "Girl Scouts of America." In 1916 the Congress of the United States gave the Scouting Program a federal charter and from that time on it has had a major impact upon the life of many young people.

The activities of the Scout Program are geared to a series of achievements that the boys and girls must accomplish to advance through the various Scout ranks. Those interested parishioners who gather at today's 9:00 a.m. liturgy to celebrate with the many dedicated scouts of our Parish Family will witness to the accomplishments of our young people by the multitudinous variety of badges and medals that don their uniforms. Today we make a special recognition of the boys and girls who participate in the various programs of the Scouts of America as they serve their Church and their Country in such wonderful ways!

We congratulate all our girls and boys who participate in the Scout Program, whether they meet on our grounds or elsewhere, and encourage them to continue in this process. For all the adults who offer themselves so generously to the development of these young people, thank you very much for your dedicated efforts that allow the youth of our Faith Community to mature into such wonderful human values!