

Bulletin # 910038

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Attn: Bee

MESSAGES:

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

"PRAYING FOR THE DEAD"

With the celebration of last week's *All Souls Day* and the remembrance of all those who were buried from our parish church, we realize how important the funeral liturgy is for those grieving for a loved one who has died. We encourage parishioners to join us at the 10:00 a.m. liturgy when, in fact, it is a funeral. Parishioners who come to the funeral liturgy to support the grieving family in their time of sorrow are asked to sit on the right side of the church coming from the back. Family members are usually escorted to the left side of the church. As the family is being brought into the church, it is a wonderful consolation to them to see parishioners filling up the right side of the church as concerned members of the Parish Family there to offer their support and prayers. We can bring much hope to people experiencing such grief at this time in their life when we become part of the celebrating Community of Faith.

PASTORAL COUNCIL GATHERING

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council are reminded of their meeting set for Monday, November 6th beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory. Parishioners wishing to contact Council members about the future direction of our Parish Family are encouraged to do so. We are reminded that the Pastoral Council serves as the LAY LEADERSHIP of our Parish Family setting the direction of our parish life together.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE NEWS

As the work on our Parish Activity Center (PAC) continues day by day, we are getting closer to the actual construction of the building itself. We remind all those coming to our sacred grounds that traffic patterns may continually change as the heavy equipment moves in and out of our area. We call on the personal patience of everyone during these days of grandeur occurring on our sacred grounds.

POLITICAL AWARENESS

As it is surely the role of the Catholic Church to encourage all Americans of the United States to vote this Tuesday, the Church cannot allow any person to use our property or facilities to disseminate information "FOR OR AGAINST" a particular candidate. Please abide by this regulation!

LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTRY (part 1)

The term "LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTRY" will soon become part of the everyday parlance of a Catholic living in the United States, as the Bishops of the country have published the document entitled "*Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord.*" This term is being applied to those laypersons who have been given authorization of the hierarchy in order for that person to serve publicly in the local church. The bishop entrusts to laity responsibilities for leadership in particular areas of ministry and thereby draw them into a close mutual collaboration with the pastoral ministry of bishops, priests and deacons. The Diocese of Pittsburgh is moving in the direction of authorizing such LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTERS!

"CATCH THE VIBE"

VITALITY IN BUILDING EXCELLENCE

Members of the Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) continue to contact parishioners one by one to invite them to join the many who have already donated or pledged to the major improvements of our sacred grounds. All the work that has been done thus far as occurred without our Parish Family "going into debt," but we are coming to the end of our stored funds. We need more people to respond to the appeal so that we can continue the work of the improvement of our sacred grounds. All are asked to return the envelope and card that is included in the invitation that comes through the mail. Those who have not gotten such an invitation will be receiving theirs in November. Members of the CCC are reminded of their meeting set for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 13th as we assess our progress so far.

QUARTERLY MAILING SURVEY

All parishioners are asked to look for the Quarterly Mailing that will be coming home at the end of this month. A survey has been included in the mailing that will give every person an opportunity to judge the importance of this parish mailing. NOTE: a secret word contest also awaits those who read this edition of "The Bells of St. Mary."

PIE MAKERS ALERT! BINGO THIS FRIDAY

HOME MADE PIES SELL EASILY
WOW THE CROWD WITH YOURS!

Masses for the Week

Sunday, November 5 - Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 p.m. Mrs. Joseph Michels (Dolores Herr & Josephine Labadie)
- 6:00 pm Living & Deceased of our Parish
- 7:30 a.m. Theodore Frankowski (Richey)
- 9:00 a.m. Bernard J. Soeder, Jr. (Wife Lillian)
- 11:00 a.m. Earl B. Smith (Wife & Sons)

Monday, November 6

- 7:00 a.m. John Kirby (Barbara Doerfler & Family)
- 10:00 a.m. Donna & Bill Kelsh (The Mawhinney Family)

Tuesday, November 7

- 7:00 a.m. Marge Duncan (Dona & Tom Hotopp)
- 10:00 a.m. Nancy Doyle (Ron, Arlene & Kim)

Wednesday, November 8

- 7:00 a.m. Tony Balotta (M/M Antonio Fusca)
- 10:00 a.m. John & Dorothy Glynn (Linda Hutchinson)

Thursday, November 9 - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

- 7:00 a.m. Samuel Porco (Len & Gerri Mankowski)
- 10:00 a.m. Shirley Kornick (Family)

Friday, November 10 - St. Leo the Great

- 7:00 a.m. Giacomo Tolomeo (Lisa Ruffa)
- 10:00 a.m. Shirley Hoffman (Watson Family)

Saturday, November 11 - St. Martin of Tours

- 8:00 a.m. Marie Gaslevic (Family)
- 4:00 p.m. Betty Mittelmeier (Carol & Robert Seay)
- 6:00 p.m. Deceased of Deasy Family (Bob & Marie Deasy)

Sunday, November 12 - Thirty-second Sunday in Ord. Time

- 7:30 a.m. Frances Barsh (Family)
- 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish
- 11:00 a.m. Angelo Spampinato (Wife, Rose)
- 6:00 p.m. Teens & Families Under Stress (CYM)

A VOCATION VIEW

In the reign of God love is essential. Loving God, self, and neighbor is the basis of all Christian vocations. How do/will you choose to love? (Mark 12:28-34)

OUR PRAYER VESSEL- Have you noticed the glass vessel placed near the tabernacle? All have the opportunity to fill out an intention slip and place it in the vessel. Every day the special intentions are remembered at Mass. Extra slips are available on the pamphlet rack in the rear of the church. All our intentions are mentioned each week during the General Intercessions.

R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the souls of Paul Berrang, and William O'Leary, brother of Jack O'Leary, and John McGinley, father of Michael McGinley.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II. Jamie Palmieri - Brett Schaltenbrand
(St. Mary)

October 29,2006	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	818	\$16,221.00
Cash/Loose Cks.	—	853.00
Children's Offer.	54	59.05
World Mission	18	313.00
Rel. Retirement	3	50.00
All Saints	19	165.00
Parish Share	33	1,445.79
Parish Needy	34	881.00
TOTAL	979	\$19,987.84

DAILY



READINGS

- Nov. 5: Phil 2: 1-4; Lk 14: 12-14
- Nov. 6: Phil 2: 5-11; Lk 14: 15-24
- Nov. 7: Phil 2: 12-18; Lk 14: 25-33
- Nov. 8: Ez 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3: 9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2: 13-22
- Nov. 9: Phil 3: 17—4:1; Lk 16:1-8
- Nov. 10: Phil 4: 10-19; Lk 16: 9-15
- Nov. 11: 1 Kgs 17: 10-16; Ps 146; Heb 9: 24-28; Mk 12:38-44 {31-44}

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISMS: Born again of water and the Spirit here at St. Mary's were:

Logan Arnold Bauer Isabella Alexandra English
Isabella Joan Folmer

We congratulate them, their parents, godparents and grandparents!

R.C.I.A.- each week those who are interested in becoming a Catholic Christian or those who want to find out more about what we believe as Catholics meet in the parish rectory at 10:00am. This week's topic: What we believe about the Saints. Next week's topic: Church History. Call Father Ed or Jim Finn to find out more at (412) 486-4100. All welcome!

FAMILY CCD PROGRAM: meets Sunday, **November 19th**, beginning with 9:00 a.m. Liturgy, Grade 7-2; Closing prayer after session by Grade 3.

The November Project will be the Angel's Place, Inc. We will be collecting diapers, cleaning products, tooth paste, and tooth brushes for children, healthy snacks, 100% fruit juice, art supplies, & play dough. Also, monetary donations are always welcomed—please make checks payable to "Angel's Place, Inc." A table will be set up at the back of Marian Hall for this collection. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated.

Catholic Charities' Touch of Love Family Focus grief support program for all generations, especially families with children and youth in grief, will be hosted by St. Irenaeus Parish in Oakmont, on Tues., evening, Nov. 14th, from 6:15 - 8:15 p.m. This session "Come for Comfort", is available for children and the adults who love them, meeting once, with several options for follow-up. Interested families should pre-register by November 9th, by calling Paula in the Catholic Charities Bereavement Office at **(412) 456-6923**.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

FAITH SHARING - 31st Week Ordinary Time

What do you do for other people to express your love for God? Which Scripture passages are so important to you that you keep them in front of your mind? How does my love of God spill out in my relationship with other people?

Monday Faith Formation Families meet IN church tomorrow, Nov. 6 . Non perishable items for the St. Vincent de Paul pantry may be placed at the altar as you arrive. Grade 8 youth will help to lead the Liturgy of the Word. Parents/guardians visit class with child for a quiz activity to "Tail the Turkey".

ADVENT - COMING soon... Visit our Faith Formation Center to purchase an item to help keep spiritually focused during the season:
Candles for wreath...4 for \$3.00
Ring with 4 candle holders...\$3.00
Ring with Greens & 4 candle holders...\$6.00
Booklets & Activities - \$1.00 each:

Family Calendar 2007
Family Prayer Traditions
What can I GIVE for Christmas?
Symbols & Traditions of Advent
Living Light-Devotions for Children
A Circle of Love-Family Devotions
Road Work Ahead - for Teens
Chain of Stars - to make
Chain of Angels - to make
Twirling Toward Bethlehem - Mobile
What Child is This? Seek & find

FAITH RALLY for Grades 6-7-8 & Parents to be held Friday, November 10 at Seton-LaSalle High School, Brookline -LAST CALL to register. Call 412-486-5521 for details.

Confirmation and First Eucharist CLUSTER groups, call 412-486-5521 to give the date, time, and place of your up-coming cluster meeting(s).

**T- ROC on Sunday, November 12,
6:00 p.m. Liturgy**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Father John will be the celebrant and then he will visit each group. We will continue our discussions on Catholic Social Teaching. Small group discussions for the adult and high school groups will be focused on action plans for each group. Activities available for Grade 8 and younger.



PLEASE HELP OUR VETERANS Can you spare less than two hours to help our veterans? We are looking for teens and their parents who are willing to escort veterans from their hospital room to the chapel at the VA in Aspinwall on any Sunday morning. These veterans are so grateful for a kind word and appreciate celebrating liturgy with the volunteers. Call 412-486-4100, ext. 409.

**HELP US TO RECLAIM THE WORD
RETREAT**

What are you willing to pay to support your teen?

What value do you place on their ongoing faith formation and connection with the larger church?
Weekend Retreat \$85

This year's retreat will be a dynamic, faith filled experience with teens from around the diocese. Mark your calendar: **Dec. 1- 3, 2006**. Scholarships are available. Please call 412-486-4100, ext. 409.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CALENDAR

Fri., Nov. 10 Middle School Rally for Diocese

HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

Tues., Nov. 7 TRY OUTS FOR FAME Marian Hall 6:30 PM
Wed., Nov. 8 T-Team prep meeting – CYM office
Thur., Nov. 9 Rehearsal for FAME – Marian Hall 6:30 PM
Sun., Nov. 12 T-ROC

GET ON THE SERVICE BUS

Service hours and projects: We will be contacting the youth who signed up for service projects with their T- team leader. If you are in Grades 6 – 8 or 9 – 12 and are interested in community service with your friends at the parish, call 412- 486- 4100, ext. 409.

ST. MARY SCHOOL

JOIN US - For a Very Merry Evening of Shopping at Macy's in downtown Pittsburgh on Wednesday, November 8, 2006, from 6:00 – 10:00 PM. The cost per ticket is \$10, which includes a 20% off coupon. Tickets can be purchased through the Scrip office in school, at the Giant Eagle/Shop 'n Save tables in church, or by calling Maribeth at (412) 486-8335. All proceeds benefit the school.

SUPER BINGO - Another Super Bingo will take place in Marian Hall on Friday, November 10, 2006. Advance tickets are \$35 each; \$40 at the door. Admission includes 12 cards for regular games and 5 specials. The evening includes 40 regular games (50 points each); 5 specials (100 points each), one jackpot (500 points), and another jackpot (1000 points). Doors open at 5:00 PM; early birds begin at 7:00 PM. All proceeds benefit St. Mary School. For information or to purchase tickets, call Coleen at (412) 486-6622.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR - The school will hold its annual Scholastic Book Fair from November 7-10, 2006, in Providence Hall. This is an opportunity for the school children to purchase good reading materials as well as to encourage reading at all levels.

INNISBRROK WRAP PICK-UP – If any parishioner participated in this school fundraiser, item delivery and pick-up will be on Thursday, November 9th, between 1:00 – 4:00 PM in the school.

APPLES FOR STUDENTS - Giant Eagle will begin their "Apples for Students" program on Sunday, October 29th, 2006 and will run it through Saturday, March 17th, 2007. If you have not already registered for this program which benefits our school, please show your support by registering online at www.gianteagle.com or by calling 1-800-474-4777. You must enter our **school ID number: 1131**.

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

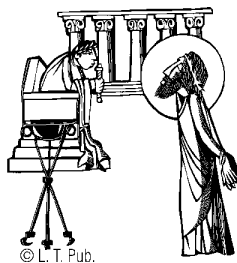
LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME- is a post baptism ministry for parents with children from birth to age five. Many activities are scheduled and all are welcome to plug into any or all of them. Call Cindy for more information at (412) 487-5272.

PRAY AND PLAY DAY- Moms and caregivers and children are invited to join us every first and third Wednesday morning beginning at 9:30 am in the Children's Liturgy Room. Come and share with your child in this faith-filled learning experience. Call Jodi to find out more at (412)267-3027.

MOM'S NIGHT OUT WITH FR. JOHN-all are welcome to come to the rectory this Wed. November 8th at 7:00 pm for an evening of prayer, conversation, laughter and support. Call Arlene if you want more details at (412)492-7275. Come and bring your questions!

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar
In the family we are taught if we want to be respected, we must be respectful, if we want our fair-share, we must share, and if we want to be heard, we must listen. Family life rescues us from arrogance by teaching us to love others as ourselves.

ATTENTION ALL SEWING ENTHUSIASTS: CYM is looking to improve our costumes for the Good Friday Crosswalk. Most are simple outfits, but any advice and help would be greatly appreciated. It's not too soon to get started on this project. If you are interested, please call 412-486-4100, ext. 409.



Grade 5-6-7-8 Parents/Guardians Meet

The Catholic Vision of Love, the spiritual aspects of human sexuality, is a program designed for Grades 5-6-7-8 and required to be presented in all those classes of our parish. A **PARENT/GUARDIAN SESSION** to review the principles of the CVOL will be held **IN CHURCH** on **Sat., Nov. 11, 10 AM, & Mon., Nov. 13, 6:30 PM** **COME** to connect with other parents and discuss concerns for the integrity of our youth in the face of the social pressures they encounter. **ALL** welcome to either session.

WHAT are the qualities of a DISCIPLE?

Father William Fay will lead the discussion of **Discipleship in the Gospel of Mark**, Tuesdays Nov. 9 thru 28, 6:30-8:30 PM in the school library. **Call NOW** to register. 412-486-5521. **ALL** adults & youth welcome!

MARKET DAY NOVEMBER Order Forms may be found at the entrances of our church. Orders may also be placed at www.MARKETDAY.com. If **YOU** will like to assist on the Market Day team, contact Lee Holleran at 724-443-0673 or 724-272-6455.

FIRST RECONCILIATION Opportunities

will be here **December 2, 11 and 19**. **Saturday, Dec. 2** will include welcome to a special event with **Saint Nicholas** and activities at places he visits in our world.

Copies of the Rite for Penance for adults to help your child to prepare may be obtained at the Faith Formation office. If you plan to bring your child to the **Dec. 2** liturgy for **First Reconciliation** and social following, please call 412-486-5521 to say how many family members will participate. This will help us to have sufficient handouts at the various activity "stations".

PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS from Father John

In the frenzied world in which we live where the front page headlines in newspapers and the leading story in the television news media include gut-wrenching events such as ---

- the inner workings of an American foreign policy concerning war in the Middle East ---
- or the nightmarish fright of Americans fearing to be possible targets of a crazed terrorist ---
- or the turbulent effect of the stock market having Americans wondering about their financial future ---

AMERICANS of the United States of America sometimes lose sight of the magnificent opportunity that is at the heart of life in the most democratic county in the history of the human race!

OUR PRIVILEGE TO VOTE --- ELECTION DAY ON TUESDAY

We live in a free and democratic country where there is a separation between the life of the Church and the life of the State. The basis of that separation simply means that the State cannot endorse any one religious way of life, but must allow all Americans the opportunity to express their religious beliefs in their own particular way. Thus, we have the ability to come each week on the Lord's Day to celebrate the mystery of our Catholic Faith. However, those who are true to the celebration of their religious belief should not take lightly their privilege to vote in this democratic nation. Our Catholic Faith calls us out to participate in the political system of the country that gives us the freedom to be Catholics.

We are called to vote! Those of us who use the political rhetoric of the candidates as an excuse for not voting violate the very freedom we cherish so dearly. For whom we vote is our own personal choice. Not to vote is also a choice -- a choice we should never express. Each of us should drop to our knees this Tuesday to thank the Father in heaven for the gracious gift of creating us to live in a country where every vote counts!

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