

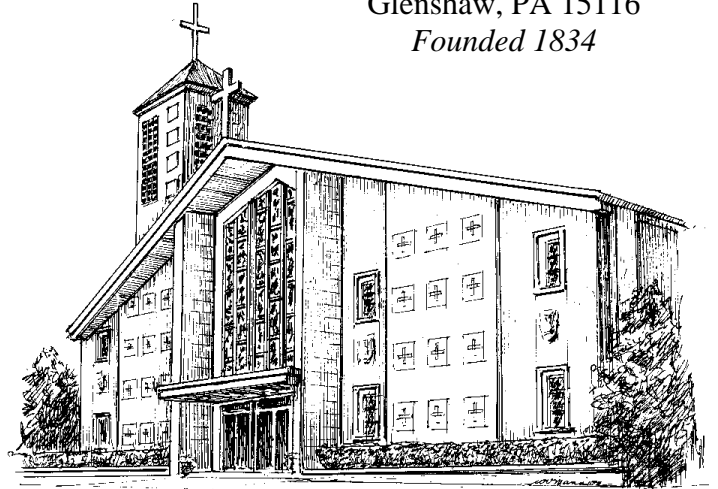
# PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
June 1, 2008

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Glenshaw, PA 15116  
Founded 1834

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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



## RETURN OF THE GREEN

“Ordinary Time” in the Liturgical Year is now in full swing as we return to the wearing of the green vestments. As we celebrate this 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, we begin the long journey of green vestments on Sunday that will take us all the way to the end of the Liturgical Year. This wearing of the green will end with the celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King on November 23<sup>rd</sup> as the liturgy unveils the great mysteries of our Faith over this long journey. Once more the proclamation of the Gospel of MATTHEW will be the accent as we have YEAR A of the continuous reading series. Nearly six months of celebrations that will bring our Parish Family closer to the mystery of the dying and rising of the Lord Jesus as we come week after week to experience the depths of our Catholic Faith.

## COUNCIL TALLYING SURVEYS

Members of the Pastoral Council are still in the process of tallying the nearly 1500 surveys that were turned in by members of the Parish Family. As soon as the Council is able to “get a read” on the VOX POPULI, it will make a report to the entire Parish Family. The “mind” of the parishioners will then be the basis for the goals and objectives that the Council will establish for our Parish Family in the next couple of years. The LAY LEADERSHIP role of the Parish Pastoral Council begins with its ability to assess what is necessary for the good of the entire Parish Family and then empower parishioners for it.

## OLDEST MEMBER OF THE FAMILY

We offer a special birthday wish to Miss Regina Quinlan of our Parish Family who is celebrating her *101 birthday* TODAY. Miss Quinlan is the oldest member of our Parish Family and we certainly remember her in prayer on this occasion of her special day. May God bless you and grant you the continuous good health of a “long” life!

## FISCAL YEAR COMING TO A CLOSE

JUNE is the final month of the fiscal year, according to the schedule established by the Diocese. Those who would like to offer a special contribution to our Parish Family for us to maintain our solvency for this fiscal year are asked to do it sometime during the month of June.

## PLEDGES TOP 3 MILLION


Contributions to the Pledge Campaign have now amount to \$3,102,425 as over 1000 members of the Parish Family have contributed to the project since its inception. Because of the generosity of so many parishioners, our debt with the Diocese has been reduced to \$249,210. At the present time, there are still 149 persons still making payments on their pledge. As interest with the Diocese is calculated at 5% per year; the more quickly we pay off our debt, the less interest we will be charged. The Capital Campaign Committee, in contacting those still paying, has reported that by December of this year we should reduce this debt significantly.

## “CATHOLICS COMING HOME”

As we have begun this new MINISTRY in our Parish Family reaching out to those who have drifted away from the regular practice of the Faith, we invite all parishioners to share the mandate of our baptismal call by helping the members of CCH to be in contact with those looking to return to the Church. Please note in the “summer packet” sent to all homes the names of those in this Ministry and feel free to contact one of them to help in this process.

## ANOTHER DEACON CANDIDATE

As the Diocese of Pittsburgh begins another class of “permanent deacons” who will get ordained in 2013, we congratulate Dr. James Rossetti of our Parish Family as he now joins Ron Belski of the class of 2011 in the program. Congratulations to Jim and his wife Mary Lori Certo and their four daughters as he sets his sights on his ordination date!



**FLASHES!!**

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June has begun and our Parish Family Festival is on the horizon in only 18 more days .... Volunteers are still needed to help in various areas ... raffle tickets may be returned at any time ... new games this year and a lot of up to date prizes ... rides galore for the young and old ... a train ride through the grounds now being planned ... delicious meals each night ... bingo: real and instant ... a whole section for young children and their friends ... mark your calendars for June 19 ... 20 .... 21 ... a wonderful time to meet old friends and make new ones!!!



## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, June 1, 2008 - Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 p.m. Joseph & Josephine Mikszan - Russell Mikszan
- 6:00 p.m. Flora Karwoski - Family
- 7:30 a.m. Ann Sufak - George Sufak
- 9:00 a.m. Charles Stepnick - Okunewick Family
- 11:00 a.m. Mary Theresa Sutter - Family

### Monday, June 2, 2008 - Ss. Marcellinus and Peter

- 7:00 a.m. Paul Berrang - Family
- 10:00 a.m. William J. Settino - Wife

### Tuesday, June 3, 2008 - St. Charles Lwanga & Companions

- 7:00 a.m. Dorothy Lang - Husband, Charles Lang
- 10:00 a.m. Cynda Patton - Family

### Wednesday, June 4, 2008 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 a.m. Agnes Tessmer - Marie & Lou
- 10:00 a.m. Margaret Sherred - Adeline & Russ
- 7:00 p.m. St. Mary Students - Eighth Grade Graduation

### Thursday, June 5, 2008 - St. Boniface

- 7:00 a.m. Michael Mammy - Joan & Don Finke
- 9:00 a.m. St. Mary School Liturgy - Last Day of School
- 10:00 a.m. Bertha Bittner - Family

### Friday, June 6, 2008 - St. Norbert; First Friday

- 7:00 a.m. Emma & Ted Starcevic - Pete & Dolores Penezic
- 10:00 a.m. Leo V. Adams - Wife, Rita & Family

### Saturday, June 7, 2008 - Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

- 8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 2:00 p.m. Charles Bellisario & Erin Roll
- 4:00 p.m. Elain & Scott Wentzel - Family
- 6:00 p.m. Schleicher, Smith & Hammer Family

### Sunday, June 8, 2008 - Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. Giuseppe & Esterina Zottola - Cugliari
- 9:00 a.m. Gerard Walter - Lois & George Lutz
- 11:00 a.m. Frank Kirzyc - Sister, Mary Ann

## Weekly Activities at a Glance

- Sunday June 1** (Plaza) Hospitality Weekend after all Liturgies  
(School) 10:00AM - Family Catechists Room #23  
(Marian Hall) 11:00AM - Sunday Preschool
- Monday June 2** (School) 9:00AM - New Kindergarten Orientation  
(Church) 1:10PM - Awards Program  
(Church) 2:45PM - Children's Hand bell Practice  
(School) 6:30PM - Monday Catechist Meeting  
(School) 7:30PM - Methods Make-up  
(Rectory) 7:30PM - Pastoral Council
- Tuesday June 3** (School) 8:30AM - St. Mary School Field Day  
(Library) 7:00PM - Grade 8 Catechist Meeting
- Wednesday June 4** (Marian Hall) 1:30PM - 55 Specials - Bingo/Cards  
(Church) 2:45PM - Children's Choir Practice & Party  
(Jam Center) 3:00PM - CYM Drop-in  
(Church) 7:00PM - St. Mary Eight Grade Graduation



- Thursday June 5** (Church) 9:00AM - Liturgy - Last Day of School  
(School) 10:30AM - Early Dismissal
- Friday June 6**
- Saturday June 7** (School) 9:00AM - Methods  
(School) 12:05PM - Saturday Catechists Meeting  
(Marian Hall) 4:00PM - Liturgy of the Word for Children
- Sunday June 8** (Church) 11:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children  
(Marian Hall) 11:00AM - Sunday Preschool  
(Church) 6:00PM - Liturgy - T-Roc - CYM

**R.I.P.:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Jane Murslack, mother of Matthew Murslack.

**Hospitality Weekend** We will enjoy fellowship and great food after all the liturgies this weekend. Please meet friends on the Plaza after the 4:00PM & 6:00PM liturgies, and after the 7:30AM, 9:00AM, & 11:00AM. See you there!

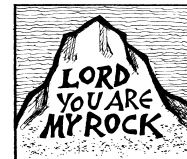
## BANNS OF MARRIAGE



- II. Robert Hofmann (St. Mary) & Katherine Korbich (St. Mary)
- III. Charles Bellisario (St. Mary) & Erin Roll (St. Mary)

May 18, 2008	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	738	\$14,819.80
Cash/Loose Cks.	-	\$910.00
Children's Offertory	40	\$68.85
Catholic Relief/ Missions	202	\$4,186.06
Parish Needy	24	\$431.00
<b>Total</b>	1,004	\$20,415.71

## Daily Readings



- June 2:** 2 Pt 1:2-7; Mk 12:1-12
- June 3:** 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Mk 12:13-17
- June 4:** 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Mk 12:18-27
- June 5:** 2 Tm 2:8-15; Mk 12:28-34
- June 6:** 2 Tm 3:10-17; mk 12:35-37
- June 7:** 2 Tm 4:1-8; Mk 12:38-44
- June 8:** Hos 6:3-6; Rom 4:18-25; Mt 9:9-13

## **SACRAMENTAL LIFE**

**R.C.I.A.** If you or someone you know and love is interested in finding out more about becoming a Catholic Christian or if you want to enrich the information you already know or want to know more about the Catholic Church then accept the invitation to join us on Sunday mornings beginning after Labor Day. In the meantime, you are welcome to set up an appointment to find out more by calling Father Ed or Jim Finn at the rectory (412)486-4100.

**LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME-** sponsors a weekly **PRAY and PLAY Day** on Wednesdays during the summer beginning this Wed. June 4. All parents and caregivers with children under five and their older siblings are invited. Come to the Children's Liturgy Room in the church at 9:30am. After spending some time on a child-friendly church tour, we go to Middle Road Park for playtime and the opportunity to meet new friends. This week we will visit the **tabernacle**. We will be using the St. Mary Tour books. Copies are available to all interested parties for \$5.00. Stop by the rectory or pick your copy up on any Wednesday morning. All welcome! Call Monica at (412)492-0242.

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

Today's gospel is Jesus' "Walk the Talk" speech challenging us to be who we profess to be. Build your family on fidelity: to God, your family and self. Then you will have foundation to withstand the "rains, floods and winds" of life!

### **FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA**

We will celebrate the feast on Friday, June 13. Bread will be blessed and distributed following the 7:00am Mass.



*St. Anthony*

### **A VOCATION VIEW**

How firm is your foundation of faith? Listen to Jesus' words and use them as the solid rock on which to build your life. Consider ministry in the Church. ( Matthew 7:21-27)

### **TRAVELING VOCATION CHALICE**

Thanks to the Kramer Family for hosting the chalice. Ron & Marian Ondrizek will be hosting the chalice for the next two weeks. If you would like to host the chalice in your home for two weeks and pray for church vocations, give Ron Ondrizek a call at (412)486-6851.

### **FATHER ED'S SILVER ANNIVERSARY**

Father Edward R. Schleicher was ordained a priest twenty-five years ago on June 25, 1983 by Bishop Vincent M. Leonard. Father was assigned to St. Mary's in 2002. Many of us have enjoyed and learned much from the adult education sessions he regularly conducts. A former social worker and teacher, he enjoys visiting our school and faith formation classes. His homilies are both informative and inspiring. He invites all of us to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, June 29, 2008 at 1:00 P. M. in our church. He asks if you are able to stay for the reception following Mass that you let us know by June 13<sup>th</sup> how many are coming. Call Jim Finn (412)486-4100 to RSVP.

## **RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

### **Faith Sharing for 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

This week we hear Jesus using the image of the **ROCK** to teach about faith. He teaches that those who seek the reign of God go beyond speaking words to **doing** God's will. On what do **YOU** rely when the winds and rain of daily troubles buffet your faith?

**WORLD YOUTH DAY**, will be held in Sydney, Australia, July 15-20. Our recently confirmed youth are invited to a **"local pilgrimage" July 15-18** to Our Lady of the Caves Church and "Kentucky Down Under" park. The 23<sup>rd</sup> World Youth Day theme is : **"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses."** (Acts 1:8 ) Seven confirmed have signed on to represent our parish in this pilgrimage. The Pastors and Youth Ministers at St. Leonard's, Heath, Ohio and at Our Lady of the Caves, Cave City, KY have extended a welcome for our "pilgrims" to meet, pray, serve, and enjoy games with their youth, and camp-in at their parish facilities.

**Bishop Zubik invites all World Youth Day groups** to Reconciliation Service and a Eucharistic liturgy at Saint Paul Cathedral, **Monday, June 30, 6:00 PM.** Contact our Faith Formation office if **YOU** will like to come and pray with and for the pilgrimage groups. Call 412-486-5521 or e-mail: [ccdoffice@stmaryglenshaw.org](mailto:ccdoffice@stmaryglenshaw.org)

**CATECHISTS** are those who love God and are eager to share their own love with children or youth of our parish family. **If YOU will like to assist as a catechist or an aide for the next season, Sept. thru May**, please contact Rose Stegman, 412-486-5521.

**Faith Formation/CCD Registration for the 2008-2009** season being taken. Please contact our office at 412-486-5521 or [ccdoffice@stmaryglenshaw.org](mailto:ccdoffice@stmaryglenshaw.org)

**2009 CONFIRMATION – Parents/Guardians of Youth of Grades 5-6-7** who missed coming to one of the three assemblies offered during the past two weeks with Deacon Fran and Catechist Mark Tobin, please contact a member of our Faith Formation office to share some details that were discussed. Call 412-486-5521.

**FIRST EUCHARIST 2009 will be April 25-26.** Parent/guardian of **GRADE 1** child, if you missed the meeting last week, contact our Faith Formation Office.

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

### **CYM MISSION NEWS**

#### **COMMISSIONING LITURGY:**

- For our **HOPE Uganda** mission team will be next Sunday, June 8 at the 11 AM liturgy.
- For our **Appalachia** team will be on Sunday, June 22 at the 11 AM liturgy.

So many of you have supported our CYM mission efforts over the years we hope that you come to personally meet our teams and wish them well in their work.

#### **MEDICAL SUPPLY REQUEST FOR UGANDA MISSION:**

We have received a list of items requested by the physicians at the Catholic hospital in Gulu, Uganda. Some of these items may be too large to carry in our check in luggage, or too heavy and therefore not practical. But, if you have equipment to donate that would be easy to transport, please call the CYM office at 412-486-4100, ext. 409. The physicians requested: nebulising machines, ETT, face masks, oropharyngeal airways, Ambu bags, Glucometer or a Pulse oxymeter. Diagnostic sets include: otoscope, ophthalmoscope, Patella hammers, Urine dip stix, Blood Pressure machines with both adult and pediatric cuffs, Suction machines, Bone marrow sets, Incubators, Microscopes and a Coulter counter.

#### **EDUCATION SUPPLY REQUEST FOR UGANDA MISSION:**

The school in Koch has been completely destroyed. Until we can rebuild, the teachers have requested: **pencils, small pencil sharpeners; magnetic alphabet letters and board to help with spelling; flashcards with simple spelling (English language) and math problems and colored pencils (no crayons). Please leave supplies at the rectory marked HOPE mission teaching donation.**

#### **SOAR Homeless meal on Saturday, July 12**

We are stockpiling frozen dishes for that meal now because our teams will all be out on their mission trips until late June. Please call if you can provide a main dish or dessert THAT CAN BE FROZEN for 16 - 18 women [generally the adequate serving amounts would fit into two 9" by 18" baking pans to permit much appreciated leftovers for the ladies]. If you can provide food, especially a fresh salad to be delivered that Friday or Saturday or are interested in helping to serve the meal that day, please call the CYM office.

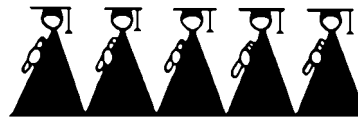
**The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)** is a gathering of Catholic youth in Grades 9-12 from around the country; it will cost ~\$800 per student. The next gathering will be at Kansas City November 19-21 in 2009. We will begin our breakfast fundraisers in the fall to raise money for this trip, but youth who are interested need to register as soon as possible by calling the CYM office.

*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, ext. 409.*

## **ST. MARY SCHOOL**

**REGISTRATION** - Anyone who is interested in registering their children in our school may do so by calling the school office at (412) 486-7611. Our school offers a preschool through 8th grade program, focusing on strong faith formation and academic excellence. Come and grow with us!

**GRADUATION** - Forty eighth grade students will be graduating from St. Mary School on Wednesday, June 4th, at 7:00 PM. We wish each of them the best of luck and special congratulations! May God be with them as they embark on this next step of life's journey.



**graduation**

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**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL** - The last day of school for all other students in grades 1 through 7 is Thursday, June 5th. There will be a 9:00 AM liturgy for the closing of the 2007-2008 school year. Happy Summer!

**SUMMER SCRIP HOURS** - Beginning June 9th, 2008, the Scrip office hours will be from 9:00 – 11:00 AM on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays only.

**KEEP SAVING** - The school is still collecting empty ink cartridges, old cell phones, Shop 'n Save receipts, and various Campbell's products labels. Please drop them off in the back of church or in the container at the school door entrance. We appreciate your continued support.



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**"The Bases of Life"** An intimate look inside the Faith, Prayer and Sacramental lives of some of Baseball's biggest stars. A DVD is available for loan. Please contact Miss Rose at 412-486-5521.

**THANKS** to all who made the Memorial Day Liturgy so meaningful. All involved contributed to a respectful and memorable mass to honor our veterans both living and deceased. Special thanks to Mr. John Novosel, Tri-Ad Litho, Inc., for printing the program.

**GENERAL PARISH NEWS**

**MEN'S CIRCLE MEETING**

There will be a meeting on Saturday, June 14th after the 8:00AM Liturgy. See you there!

**PARISH ANNIVERSARY 1834-2009**

Our parish will be 175 years old next year! We would like to plan several special events to commemorate this anniversary. If you would like to help, call Jim Finn (412)486-4100.

**FELLOWSHIP OF CATHOLIC MEN**

All men and young men are invited to make a reservation for the CMF Overnight Conference to be held July 11-12 at Duquesne University. Topic: "What God has revealed about true manhood." Space is limited to 100 men. Pre-register between June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> for the suggested donation of \$90.00. College students pay \$50.00. Commuters can deduct \$20.00 from the fee. Call Jim Finn (412)486-4100 if you want to attend.

**God's Word Can Make a Difference in the QUALITY of our Lives! Our Summer Bible Programs** provide opportunities for children as well as adults to be engaged in The WORD:

- 1.) **Adventure in Galilee-enjoy Hebrew customs, watch for Jesus' appearance,** June 29-July 2, 7:00-9:00 PM
- 2.) **"POWER ZONE"** - summer sports camp, 5:00-9 PM Tuesday evenings July 8, 15, 22, 29 & Aug. 5.
- 3.) **Son World Adventure Park,** August 11-15, 9:30 AM till Noon. Call Lee Ann, 412-492-8043 for details or to volunteer.

**MARKET DAY fliers for JUNE are available at the church exits, and at the Scrip and Faith Formation offices. Pick up will be June 23.** A SERVICE opportunity for youth or adults is to come to help unpack boxes and sort items from 5:00 PM on. Please call Lee at 724-443-1147 or leemarketday@yahoo.com.

**Offertory Collection**

May 25, 2008	Envelopes	Contributions
Cash/Loose Checks	-	\$536.00
Offertory	775	\$16,119.25
Children's Offertory	2	\$46.02
Catholic Relief/Missions	-	\$291.00
Parish Share 2008	52	\$3,181.00
Parish Needy	-	\$331.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>\$20,504.27</b>

**FESTIVAL HAPPENINGS!**

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

If you would like to volunteer at the festival for a few hours, please call ANNE ZEIS 412-487-7520. There are time slots open for the game booths, food booths, and flea market. Bring a friend or make a new friend while helping our festival be a success.

**CHINESE AUCTION**

The Chinese Auction Committee is now searching for donations and volunteers. In order for the Chinese Auction to be successful we need your assistance. We invite you or anyone you know who would like to donate their time and/or talent to assist our committee with soliciting donations, setting up and/taking down the display each day of the Festival or the selling of tickets to contact: Lois Krieg (412)486-3611 or Elma Plietz (412)486-3508. Please let us know if your ministry wants to donate. We will accept donations through May 22nd. Thereafter, will we only accept cash donations.

**FLEA MARKET**

New and used items needed in **GOOD and CLEAN** condition! NO clothing, magazines or gym equipment! Small items of furniture accepted! Spring cleaning? Your unwanted "valuables" can become someone else's treasures. Drop off dates and times are: June 10 through June 13 - 12:00 noon to 3:00PM and 6:00 to 9:00PM each day in our Parish School. **Items are NOT to be left unattended ANYWHERE on the Parish grounds.** Help is needed to sort and price our treasures! Please call Mary Ann Coholich at 412-486-0165, if you can help!

**CRAFT BOOTH**

Thank you so much to all crafters who have donated wonderful homemade items to our booth year after year. We do appreciate your generosity and the craft booth as made a lot of money for the church as a result. We are again asking for all types of new craft items that we can sell at the festival. Please call Debbie Boyd at 724-449-5790 with questions for pick-up! Thank you!

**ST. MARY BAKERS**

Once again it's time for all parishioners to share your "baked goodies" which will be enjoyed by all who attend the Festival Dinners and purchase them at the Bake Sale. Bake goods are needed for each dinner and the bake sale which will be held each night of the festival in Marian Hall. Please bring your desserts, pies, cakes, cookies to the church hall anytime after 1:30PM each day and label for dinner or for Bake Sale or double your recipe and make one for each! The following is a guideline if your name begins with:

- A thru H - Thursday, June 19
- I thru P - Friday, June 20
- Q thru Z - Saturday, June 21

Thank you in advance for baking and donating a "double batch" of bake goods. God Bless the hands of our wonderful bakers!



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**PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS** from Father John

It's baaaaaack! The color GREEN has returned today to the Sunday liturgy as we gather to celebrate the 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. The last time we experienced the color GREEN on Sunday was a long 17 weeks ago on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Now we will begin a trek of GREEN vestments on Sunday that will take us all the way to November 23<sup>rd</sup>, when we will celebrate the wondrous Solemnity of Christ the King.

Meanwhile, these last 17 Sundays have introduced us to a wide variety of liturgical colors that have symbolized the most important moments of the year. We began the season of Lent with VIOLET as a time of penance and self-sacrifice. This Lenten color was broken on the fourth week when we brought the color ROSE to our liturgy. This rose-like effect reminded all of us that the suffering and passion of the Lord Jesus, the great mysteries of the season, were about to end.

Then came the brilliance of WHITE. The Easter Season had begun and now we felt the remarkable beauty of the Resurrection. No matter how deeply we entered into the mystery of death, the liturgical color of white spoke to us of an eternal glory that would one day overpower even death itself. The beauty of the Easter Season culminated at Pentecost, when the liturgical color of RED spoke to us of the fiery presence of the Holy Spirit. Our Parish Family took the liturgical color of red to another level as so many parishioners filled the entire space of our church with their red outfits.

Finally, we have spent these last two Sundays immersed once more in the liturgical color of WHITE. Its symbolism suggested that we were celebrating two great mysteries in the celebration of our Catholic Faith: the first of all these celebrations spoke to us of the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity and the other reminded us of the importance of the Body and Blood of Christ. Now, the Color GREEN is baaaaack!

GREEN reminds us of life as the 'green things' of summer are springing up all around us. GREEN speaks to us of a calming mood as we reveal the mysteries of the Church one by one through these days of Ordinary Time. GREEN says that liturgy is ordinal in the sense that we have now begun a series of Sundays that will follow one after the other, until we come to the 34<sup>th</sup> and final Sunday of the Year. It's baaaaack and all of us will be spiritually richer as we celebrate the mystery of the Lord Jesus in the green of the day.