

PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Sixth Sunday of Easter
April 27, 2008

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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

GROUP FIRST EUCHARIST

The entire Parish Family opens its doors and heart TODAY as our second graders come to celebrate their First Eucharist in one of the groups who will assemble at each of today's liturgies. We ask that all parishioners make room for the many guests who will join us and be alert to the reserved places that have been set-aside for the children and their families. We thank all those catechists and aides who have helped in preparing these children for this day, and we congratulate their parents and guardians for taking such a significant role in the religious formation of their children. What a special day in our Parish Family when so many of our young people join us in receiving the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus. We hope that all of us will continue in our commitment to these young people by making sure that they come each Sunday to celebrate this central mystery of our Catholic Faith.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In light of the Easter Season and the NEW LIFE that Jesus brings to us, we will celebrate the SACRAMENT of the *Anointing of the Sick* on Tuesday morning of this week in conjunction with the 10:00 a.m. liturgy. We reach out to all our parishioners and their friends who seek the strength of the Lord Jesus in their sickness, age or any such debilitating condition that they may be enduring.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

On Tuesday, May 6th at 7:00 p.m. our newly installed Bishop, David Zubik, will be in OUR parish church to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with all those who have been duly prepared. What a wonderful evening to join the Parish Family in welcoming Bishop Zubik to our Parish Family for the first time since he has become our Ordinary!

BAPTISMS DURING EASTER SEASON

We remind all those parents planning a baptism for their newly born child that a pre-baptism session is necessary BEFORE the sacrament takes place. We ask parents to set up this appointment during the pregnancy of the mother so as to eliminate any last minute issues. Dates for baptism will be given to the parents at this session.

ASCENSION THURSDAY: THIS WEEK

Thursday, May 1st, is one of the six Holydays of Obligation that we celebrate here in our Diocese. This date marks the "40 day period" since Easter and reminds us of the return of the resurrected Lord Jesus to the Father in heaven. We have only 10 days remaining before we then look to Pentecost and the sending of the Holy Spirit. The liturgy schedule for this holyday is 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening, 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Thursday morning and 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evening. We look for all parishioners to join us for liturgy at one of these times as we celebrate this all-important event.

PENTECOST: IN TWO WEEKS

Do you have a favorite RED outfit or some type of RED clothing that you especially love to wear?? How about planning on wearing those clothes on Pentecost Sunday in two weeks as we fill our parish church with the red of the Holy Spirit? For those who might be able to READ in a foreign language, you are invited to call the rectory to help proclaim the Word on Pentecost as we re-enact the first Pentecost with the "many foreign tongues."

FISH DINNER REPORT

A special thank-you to all the volunteers and all those who patronized our fish dinners this year as a profit of \$6,178 was gleaned. A written report for the dinner is available in the foyer for those who might be interested. The profit for the dinner will be used to continue to upgrade our Marian Hall kitchen.



FLASHES!!

Plans for our Parish Family Festival continue to grow as we look to June 19-20-21 for the celebration ... Individual parishioners are being called to offer their assistance to one of the booths ... raffle tickets will be sent out very shortly those wishing to sponsor a booth will be invited to have a personal sign made with their name for only \$100 ... chairpersons are lining up their helpers for all facets ... keep an eye on the Festival Flashes to stay abreast of the newest features of the Festival ... the next meeting for the chairpersons will be called very shortly We hope that all parishioners have marked these three evenings (13 hours) to join in this gala event!



LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 27, 2008 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 4:00 p.m. Eleanor Triglia - Family
- 6:00 p.m. The Deceased Mammay Family - Joan & Don Finke
- 7:30 a.m. Lee Daniel Boss - Uncle Bob & Aunt Gloria
- 9:00 a.m. Josip & Katarina Simunovic - Family
- 11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family

Monday, April 28, 2008 - Easter Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Vera Scott - Steinmetz & Zajackowski Families
- 10:00 a.m. Huminski Family - Adeline & Russ

Tuesday, April 29, 2008 - St. Catherine of Siena

- 7:00 a.m. James Berrang - Family
- 10:00 a.m. Betty Vrscak - Husband, Nick

Wednesday, April 30, 2008 - Easter Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Bertha Bittner - Family
- 10:00 a.m. Bill Wesolek - Family
- 7:00 p.m. Joan Paragi - Joe & Anne Benvin

Thursday, May 1, 2008 - Ascension of the Lord

- 7:00 a.m. Vinny Londino - Mr. & Mrs. Distilo
- 10:00 a.m. Agnes Bernas - Bob & Joanne Adamcik
- 7:00 p.m. Kenneth Mueller - Maureen & Time Pavlik

Friday, May 2, 2008 - St. Athanasius

- 7:00 a.m. Sarah McGuinness - Sister, Eileen Wagner
- 10:00 a.m. Barbara Jean Orsini - Lazzaro/Marinack Family

Saturday, May 3, 2008 - Sts. Philip & James

- 8:00 a.m. Jessica Mitsch - Grandparents
- 4:00 p.m. Joseph & Josephine Mikszan & Russell Mikszan
- 6:00 p.m. Clementine Heintl - Harry & Rachele

Sunday, May 4, 2008 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

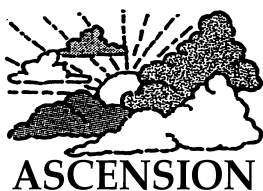
- 7:30 a.m. Carmela & Nicola Tornese - Family
- 9:00 a.m. Chester Politylo - Tom & Babs
- 11:00 a.m. Agnes Semler - Hilda & Bill Gilg

Weekly Activities at a Glance

- Sunday (Church) First Holy Communion at Liturgies
- April 27 (Marian Hall) 11:00AM - Sunday Preschool
- (Church) 6:00PM - Liturgy - CYM T-Roc
- Monday (Marian Hall) 8:45PM - School PTG Meeting
- April 28 (Marian Hall) 6:30PM - Faith Formation
- (Marian Hall) 6:30PM - Market Day Pickup
- (Rectory) 7:00PM - Finance Council Meeting
- Tuesday (Church) 2:45PM - Children's Cantor Practice
- April 29 (Pantry) 6:00PM - Open until 7:00PM
- Wednesday (Marian Hall) 1:30PM - 55 Specials - Bingo/Cards
- April 30 (Church) 2:45PM - Children's Choir Practice
- (Jam Center) 3:00PM - CYM Drop-in
- (Church) 7:30PM - Adult Choir Practice
- Thursday (Church) 8:00PM - Adult Hand Bell Practice
- May 1
- Friday (Church) 10:00AM - School Mass
- May 2
- Saturday (Plaza) Hospitality Sunday at all Liturgies
- May 3
- Sunday (Plaza) Hospitality Sunday at all Liturgies
- May 4 (Church) 11:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children
- (Church) 6:00PM - T-Roc - CYM

R.I.P.: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Helen Pandocchi, mother of Joseph Saber, Marie Farr, sister of James Stanek & Bernadette Buchholz, Thomas Hunter, and Ralph Palumbo, brother of Joan Heinz.

Holy Day of Obligation is this Thursday, May 1st, *The Ascension of the Lord*. We will celebrate an anticipated mass on Wednesday, April 30th at 7:00PM and Thursday, May 1, 7:00AM, 10:00AM and 7:00PM.



The Ascension of the Lord
He was lifted up,
And a cloud took him from their sight!

ASCENSION

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Offertory Collection

April 20, 2008	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	791	\$16,089.73
Cash/Loose Cks.	-	\$798.00
Children's Offertory	37	\$64.87
Parish Share 2008	53	\$3,280.00
Parish Needy	21	\$236.00
Total	902	\$19,670.60

Daily Readings



"I WILL ASK THE FATHER, AND HE WILL GIVE YOU...
THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH."

- April 28: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 - 16:4a
- April 29: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
- April 30: Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1; Jn 16:12-15
- May 1: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20
- May 2: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
- May 3: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
- May 4: Acts 1:12-14; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a

SACRAMENTAL LIFE



BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Maurin Mary Harrington
Matthew John Lestitian
Cameron Matthew Stebler

Congratulations to their parents, godparents, and grandparents. Please join us in welcoming them into our **Parish Family!**

COMMUNAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK- will be celebrated during the 10:00 A. M. Mass this coming Tuesday, April 29, 2008. All who request this sacrament should receive it with full faith and devotion. Do not delay in receiving this sacrament. If you need a ride, call Sister Lois (412)486-4021.

TRAVELING VOCATION CHALICE- a prayer tool to help us pray for an increase of church vocations is available to host in your home. Thanks to Kathy and George Illka for hosting. They are able to display this chalice in their home for two weeks. Any parishioner interested in hosting the chalice is welcome to call a member of the Parish Vocation Council or Ron Ondrizek at 412-486-6851

A VOCATION VIEW

The Spirit of truth is within you. You are not alone. Reflect on how God is calling you at this time in your life. (John 14:15-21)

A GATHERING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD- will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2008 at St. Paul Seminary. Priestly ministry brings men in direct contact with people of every age and in so many different situations. It is a great lifestyle and one which brings a spiritual reward. Plan to attend. The gathering begins at 4:30 p. m. and ends with a Holy Hour at 7:00 p. m. Call Jim Finn (412)486-4100 at the rectory to find out more or call Fr. Wehner at (412)456-3048 to make a reservation to attend.

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME- All parents with young children under the age of five are invited to participate in the various pray, play and service activities of this post baptismal ministry. We meet for Pray and Play Day usually on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 9:30am in the Children's Liturgy Room. Call Monica (412)492-0242 for more information. All are welcome including grandparents and care-givers.

MOM'S NIGHT OUT The Let the Little Children Come To Me Moms will meet with Sister Kathy Adamski on Wednesday, May 7 at 7:00 P. M. at Laverna House on Mark Twain Drive off Magnolia in Glenshaw. Sister Kathy's topic: "The Women Who Stayed." Call Arlene (412)492-7275 for directions and to let us know if you can join us for a relaxing night out with other Moms with young children.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Because family relationships are imprinted in our hearts, today's gospel reminds us our loved ones "always remain with you." Even death and distance cannot erase this presence. We only need to pause and remember and our loved one is present to us again. It is a different presence, but a REAL presence.

Springtime

It is always springtime in the heart that loves God. St. John Vianney

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Faith Sharing for 7th Sunday of Easter

Jesus gave HOPE to the disciples with His promise to send the Spirit. He knew the "Gift of the Father" is needed to be able to fulfill his command to "love one another as I have loved you". Why is sharing god's love more than a command? What does it mean to you that God will never leave you?

Faith Formation Families of Monday, Saturday, and our Sunday Family Program have been sent the Registration Form for our 2008 – 2009 Catechetical Season being offered. If YOU want any copies, contact our office at 412-486-5521 or ccdoffice@stmaryglenshaw.org

Grades 5-6-7 Youth and Parent/Guardians

welcome to meet with Deacon Fran, Catechist Mark Tobin, and other staff, at any ONE of the assemblies to discuss how Middle School Ministry may help form "disciples" on the journey to confirm Faith in Jesus and live out their Baptism commitment as vital members of the Church. The HOPES of our youth, as expressed in their own recent comments, will be shared. A timely moment this is for us in the shadow of Pope Benedict's recent visit and assurance that "Christ is our Hope". Assemblies will be in Marian Hall at 7:00 PM on Mondays, May 5, and May 19, and Thursday, May 22.

Families of all our Parish Programs are being given registration forms with information about the THREE Summer Bible Program opportunities being offered THIS summer at Saint Mary's. Any family welcome to any or all of these exciting fun-filled learning events.

CONFIRMATION CLUSTERS Gather for the month of May to "show their SPIRIT" at the 6:00 PM Pentecost Eve Liturgy followed by picnic refreshments and a DECATHALON: ten teams + ten games = ten TROPHIES to the Champions. Sign up lists for teams are posted by the Faith Formation office and will be on display at the reception the evening of Confirmation.

ANNIVERSARIES of CONFIRMATION for youth in High School who were part of cluster groups the past four years. You might like to get together to share a prayer for your "classmates"& the Bishop who confirmed you here at

Saint Mary's: Grade 9 –May 1st-Bishop William Winter;
Grade 10-May 2-Bishop Paul Bradley;
Grade 11-May 3-Bishop William Winter;
Grade 12-May 5-Bishop Donald Wuerl

YOUTH MINISTRY
TONIGHT, APRIL 27
SUNDAY EVENING LITURGY WITH
FR. MICHAEL KOMAKEC
FROM UGANDA

GATHER FOR LITURGY AT 5:50 PM

Snack to bring if Last Name begins with:

- A - E** Fruit
F - K Veggies and Dip
I - L Non-caffeine soda or beverage
M - Q Chips or Pretzels
R - Z Desserts

APPALACHIA MEETING immediately following this liturgy. Youth to meet with the foremen, wear comfortable clothes for your adventure at the PAC. Parents will meet with Barb Belski.

QUESTION: NCYC is a national gathering of high school youth; the next location is Kansas City in December 2009. **If CYM sponsored monthly parish breakfasts as a fundraiser, would you come?** We are thinking of kicking off our fund raiser on Mother's Day and trying to anticipate parish response. Please call the CYM office with your opinion at 412-486-4100, ext. 409.

BISHOP JOHN BAPTIST
ODAMA

has sent the official invitation to our mission group to come to visit him in the Archdiocese of Gulu, Uganda from June 15 to June 27, 2008.

We have received **\$2,562** in donations from our parishioners for our Travel Fund which will cover the purchase of our 9 plane tickets from Entebbe, Uganda to Gulu, the city located near our mission town of Koch. Each mission worker has already paid for their own immunizations at a cost of **\$330 per person**. This does not include the prescription for malaria prevention. It will cost around **\$700 per person for room and board** for each of our 9 missionaries plus **\$200 for their medical insurance**. Any donations to help our missionaries offset their out of pocket expense for their travel would be greatly appreciated. Checks may be made out to "St. Mary parish" with a memo "travel fund" and left at the rectory for Barb Belski. An acknowledgement letter for income tax purposes will be provided upon request.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

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

LAST SUPER BINGO The last Super Bingo of the year will take place on Friday, May 9th, 2008. Doors open at 5:30 PM; early birds begin at 7:00 PM. Advance tickets are \$35; \$40 if sold at the door. Admission includes: 12 cards for 40 regular games (50 points each), 5 specials (100 points each), one jackpot at 500 points and another jackpot at 1000 points. All proceeds benefit St. Mary School. Call Coleen at (412) 486-6622 for more information or to purchase tickets.

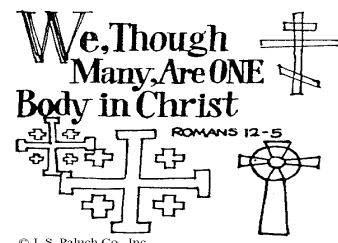


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KEEP SAVING - The school is still collecting empty ink cartridges, old cell phones, and Campbell's products labels. Please drop them off in the back of church or in the container at the school door entrance. We appreciate your support.

POP TABS

Please continue to collect pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Mrs. Alice Maxim, our school office assistant secretary, is happy to drop off these tab's! Thank you for your consideration.



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At the liturgies this weekend, our second graders from our school and Faith Formation programs will receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion. Notice the special banners they have created with their families to mark this special event in their young lives. Please pray for these boys and girls and their families as they continue their journey of full initiation into the Catholic faith community. Congratulations and God's blessing!

May is the Month of Mary!

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

PARISH ANNIVERSARY 1834-2009

Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish will celebrate its 175th anniversary during the upcoming year. Anyone who would like to join a committee to plan for this milestone event is welcome to contact Jim Finn (412)486-4100.

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT- in preparation for the Feast of Pentecost begins on May 2 and continues through May 10th. The novena begins each evening at 7:00 P. M. in the motherhouse chapel of the Sisters of the Holy Spirit, located next to the Martina Spiritual Renewal Center in West View. Each evening includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer, a different speaker each evening and Benediction.

FIVE DAYS OF DIRECTED PRAYER - May 18-23

These days of directed prayer are intended to help men and women hungry for a more personal experience of God in prayer to learn how to pray with greater focus using Scripture and reflection. Jesuit Father Jim Conroy will return to St. Mary's to conduct this formation week. It's not too late to sign up to be part of this formation. To sign up or to find out more, call our pastoral associate, Jim Finn at (412)486-4100.

Do YOU enjoy children and youth as well as want to share your LOVE for God and Christ's church ? Come to the METHODS for Catechesis, our diocesan course for Catechists, to be offered in St. Mary's School Library, Saturdays, May 3, 10, 17, 31, & June 7. Adults, High School youth and those completing Grade 8 welcome. Call NOW , 412-486-5521, to register.

LAST CALL to register for "The Peace We Seek", Friday, May 9, at Sheraton North, 8:00 AM till 3 PM includes Mass with Bishop Zubik, continental breakfast, talks, discussion, lunch, prizes, and PEACE. See www.ccpgh.org or pick up a registration form at our parish Faith Formation office, 412-486-5521.

MARKET DAY delivery will be THIS Monday, April 28, 6:30-7:30 PM , NOT before 6:30 PM. Call Rose, 412-486-5521 if YOU will lend STRONG, helping hands.

Our GALILEE Bible Adventure Wish List: Woodshop will need hand drills – do YOU have one we might borrow? June 29 through July 2, 7:00 -9:00 PM. SEWING some straight seams (can be done in your own home) prior to June 15th. Call Lee Ann, 412-492-8043.

FESTIVAL HAPPENINGS

FESTIVAL FOCUS- The Chinese Auction Committee is ready to begin 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 before May 1st.

Around Our Town

Canadian Shrine Pilgrimage, slated for July 23 through July 30, 2008. For more information please call Mrs. Dolores Penezic at 412-486-6888.

Christian Mother's / Women Organization

Join us Thursday, May 15th for a tea party! Bring Your Own Teacup (BYOT) ladies, but be prepared to take home someone else's! In honor of Mother's Day we will be having a Diaper Drive. Please bring a package of diapers, sizes 1, 2, 3 or 4 and a package of baby wipes. If you prefer not to shop, a donation can be made. We will be donating them to a worthy cause. A Mother's Day basket will also be raffled off! You don't want to miss this, our last meeting before summer break. If you've never attended a CMWO meeting, please come see what we are about. We will be discussing the upcoming new term. Rosary is at 6:30pm, Mass at 7:00pm followed by Confraternity prayers and our meeting and fellowship in Marian Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Buck at 412-492-8367 or jambuck@verizon.net. Thank you!

Congratulations!

Boy Scouts Craig Genser, AJ Golio, Graham Gorgas and Taylor Schriver of Troop 380 (Fox Chapel) was recognized at the 54th Annual Scout Convocation on Sunday, April 20, 2008, at St. Paul's Cathedral. Craig, AJ, Graham, and Taylor, have completed Part 1 of the Ad Altare Dei Emblem program from the National Catholic Committee on Scouting. Fr. Kris Stubna presented the award.

"POWER ZONE" - Summer Sports Camp! Baseball/softball, soccer, cross country, basketball, cheerleading will be held on TUESDAY evenings July 8 - Aug 5. Power Zone is an athletic instruction camp where children will play in their favorite sport as well as learn **what God's Word says about having the HEART of a Winner.** If you will give ONE or more of five Tuesday evenings as a team member this July, contact Lee Ann at 412-492-8043 or leeanntrout@verizon.net.

Widows & Widowers Group will meet on April 27, at the Runway Restaurant by the Butler Airport at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome. For more information or carpooling call Marge at 412-486-5621 or Barb at 412-486-4209.

Take the Child Safety Quiz

Parents, guardians, and adults who care for children face constant challenges when trying to help keep children safer in today's fast-paced world. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) offers easy-to-use safety resources to help address these challenges. NCMEC's web site offers a range of practical information for parents and guardians that will help keep children safe from harm. The site also features an interactive quiz on child safety designed for both adults and children. To take the quiz, visit the NCMEC web site and click on "Child Safety": www.missingkids.com.

Dioceses of Pittsburgh Abuse Hotline: 1.888.808.1235

PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS from Father John

The radiant magnificence of the Easter Season is upon us and its presence can be felt throughout the entire church. As soon as we step inside our sacred building, the captivating aroma of the flowers gets our attention. Then, we immediately see the splendid array of the Easter décor that makes us pause in our tracks. An impressive Easter Candle, a representation of the resurrected Christ attractively placed in the corner of the church and oil stocks front and center tell all of us that this is not simply a time of beautiful temporal ornamentation; but these are the moments of eternal sacramental life!

The Easter Season resounds with the spirituality of the Sacraments of Initiation: **Baptism, Confirmation** and **Eucharist**. From the Easter Vigil, when well-prepared members of our Parish Family came to the fullness of the sacramental life in the most important liturgy of the entire year --- through all the days of the Easter Season when many of our parishioners are immersed in the life of these three sacraments, all of us might note how precisely our Parish Family holds fast to this liturgical setting when the Sacraments of Initiation are so emphasized. Each Sunday during this Easter Season when children are brought to the waters of the font, we are reminded of the importance of the “first” of the Sacraments of Initiation: BAPTISM. Baptism opens up for those to be baptized a new life as they are plunged into the font of sacred water imitating a process of dying and rising with the Lord Jesus and thus becoming a new creation, free from the sinfulness of this world.

The “second” of these Sacraments of Initiation will be celebrated on Tuesday of next week when our entire sacred church will be on fire with the Holy Spirit. Those to be confirmed will be anointed by Bishop David Zubik, the newly-installed Ordinary of our Diocese with the oil of salvation from the sacred stocks brought from the Chrism Liturgy at the Cathedral on Holy Thursday, and thus made strong in the life of Christ.

Eucharist as the “third” of these sacraments will be celebrated by the First Communion class with great solemnity at all of today’s liturgies and will be experienced each week as we gather as a Community of Faith. In this three-fold celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation, we have caught the very heart of the Easter event. The Easter Season has become a time for the Parish Family of *St. Mary of the Assumption* to RELIVE the Sacraments of Initiation in our lives, not simply to remember them in our minds!!!