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PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Third Sunday in Lent
February 24, 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

GOSPEL UPSWING

The proclamation of the Gospel on the third, fourth and fifth Sunday of Lent now moves to the highly theological Gospel of John. In the long standing tradition of the Church's liturgy, the next three Sundays will play out in this fashion:

3rd Sunday --- The Samaritan Woman (chapter 4)

4th Sunday --- Man Born Blind (chapter 9)

5th Sunday --- Raising of Lazarus (chapter 11)

These dramatically told theological stories have deep meaning for the movement of the Lenten Season. They will become a very important preparation for the last Sunday of Lent called "Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion." What magnificence there is in the LITURGY of the Roman Catholic Church as we move toward the celebration of Holy Week!

"CATHOLICS COMING HOME"

We remind all those who are faithful to the regular practice of their Catholic Faith that THIS THURSDAY, February 28th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Marian Hall there will be an open forum session for those who have grown apart from the Altar of the Lord. We are asked to invite --- and possibly join --- the family member or friend who is looking for a way of returning to the regular practice of their religion. This session will not be marked by judgment or condemnation, but just a welcoming spirit reaching out to those who wish to have their questions answered or their faith explained more fully!

THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED

Under the leadership of the members of the Pastoral Council, and with the insightful action of the Temporalities Commission, we are now developing a plan to "open up" a section in the front of the church for the physically challenged. This section will be made more easily accessible to those who have a difficult time getting into the pew, and especially for those who would be more comfortable remaining in their wheel chairs. We ask all parishioners to be more conscious of this section, and eventually to leave it open exclusively for the challenged. Keep an eye on the bulletin as these plans continue to develop over the weeks to come.

CATCH THE VIBE

"VITALITY IN BUILDING EXCELLENCE"

A significant aspect of the Pledge Campaign will be completed as those who have made a pledge in the past continue to make payments in the months to follow. As we place the finishing touches on this SECOND PHASE of the improvement of our sacred grounds, we now turn our attention to the football field and maintenance building. What VITALITY we have brought to our Parish Family as we continue to BUILD EXCELLENCE on our sacred grounds. The members of the Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) are in the process of contacting those who are still making payments on their pledge to be assured that they will complete their commitment. As these payments are made, they are directly applied to our parish debt to reduce it to zero!

"VOX POPULI" (part 3)

The "VOICE OF THE PEOPLE" is a process by which THE PEOPLE may express a VOICE in that which might affect their lives. In our case, it has become the intention of our Pastoral Council to "survey" the opinions of all parishioners as the Council sets its goals for the coming year. We ask all people to be alert to the fact that they will be given an opportunity to speak to issues such as "what changes would you like to see" in the spiritual life of our Parish Family. As the Council continues to develop its survey, parishioners will be alerted to its content.

"TWO" DRAMATIC PERFORMANCES

Congratulations to both the Grade School Drama Department and the High School Drama Troupe for TWO very entertaining performances in our Parish Activity Center (PAC) this past month. What talent our young people exhibited as everyone who attended their performances remarked! These performances were given a "professional" appearance on the stage of the PAC --- another example of the significance of this building adding to the life of our Parish Family for those with artistic talents!

SECOND COLLECTION: NEXT WEEK "CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT"

There is an envelope in our packet to be used for this very important second collection.



*Liturgies
for the Week*

Sunday, February 24, 2008 - Third Sunday in Lent

- 4:00 p.m. Reid DeRunk - Dan & Shirley Stepnick
- 6:00 p.m. Matthew C. Mogus - Rita & Jim Finn
- 7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 9:00 a.m. Charles Stepnick - Pat Power
- 11:00 a.m. Marco & Vincenza Imbarlina - Marco & Rose Imbarlina

Monday, February 25, 2008 - Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Robert Garbark - George & Kathy Ilkka
- 10:00 a.m. M/M Charles E. Dugan - Family

Tuesday, February 26, 2008 - Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Anne Liberati - Linda Hutchinson
- 10:00 a.m. Albert Dockman - Michael & Donna Polito
- 7:00 p.m. Ronald Hornick - Faith Formation Families

Wednesday, February 27, 2008 - Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Walter Howley - Tom & Dona Hotopp
- 10:00 a.m. Ann Driscoll - Mary Jo

Thursday, February 28, 2008 - Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. James Berrang - Family
- 10:00 a.m. Amelia & Thomas Chille - M/M Richard DiPasquale

Friday, February 29, 2008 - Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Charles Dickson - Al & Pat Beranek
- 10:00 a.m. David Heim - St. Mary Students Room #15
- 2:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 1, 2008 - Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. Dorothy Lang - Gloria DeLuiso
- 4:00 p.m. Domenico Castellano - Concetta Liberto
- 6:00 p.m. Mary Schultz - Schultz Family

Sunday, March 2, 2008 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 7:30 a.m. Natalie Gubanic Missenda - Elizabeth Stetz & Michele Huber
- 9:00 a.m. Charles Lang - Lucie & Family
- 11:00 a.m. Gerard Walter - Loretta Walter

Weekly Activities at a Glance

- Sunday (Marian Hall) 9:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children
- February 24 (Rectory) 10:00AM - R.C.I.A.
- (Marian Hall) 11:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children
- (Church) 7:30PM - CYM-TROC Living Stations of the Cross
- Monday (Church) 2:45PM - Children's Handbells
- February 25 (Marian Hall) 5:00PM - Market Day Pick-up
- (School) 6:30PM - CCD Program
- (Rectory) 7:00PM - Finance Council Meeting
- Tuesday (Marian Hall) 4:00PM - Confirmation Retreat Make-up
- February 26 (Church) 7:00PM - Lenten Enrichment Mass
- Wednesday (Marian Hall) 1:30PM - 55 Specials - Bingo/Cards
- February 27 (Church) 2:45PM - Children's Choir Practice
- (JAM Center) 3:00PM - CYM Drop-In
- (Church) 7:30PM - Adult Choir Practice
- Thursday (Marian Hall) 7:00PM - Catholics coming Home
- February 28 (Church) 8:00PM - Adult Hand Bell Practice
- Friday (School) 10:00AM - School Mass
- February 29 (Church) 2:00PM - Stations of the Cross
- (Marian Hall) 4:30PM - Fish Dinner
- (Church) 7:00PM - Stations of the Cross
- Saturday (School) 9:30AM - CCD Program
- March 1 (Marian Hall) Hospitality Weekend after all Masses
- Sunday (Marian Hall) Hospitality Weekend after all Masses
- March 2 (Rectory) 10:00AM - R.C.I.A.
- (Marian Hall) 11:00AM - Sunday Preschool
- (Marian Hall) 6:30PM - CYM TROC

R.I.P.: Reno Costa, father of Annette Seelhorst, David Collins, father of John Collins.

FORGIVENESS People who cannot forgive others break the bridge over which they must pass if they are to reach heaven; for everyone has a need to be forgiven.

Widow/Widowers Group: will meet on Sunday, February 24 at 4:00 p.m. at Venice Restaurant, 2909 Mt. Royal Blvd. across from Dehaven Court. Everyone is welcome. Any questions call Barb at 412-486-4209 or Marge at 412-486-5621.

Offertory Collection

February 17, 2008	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	766	\$16,911.00
Cash/Loose Cks.	-	\$1,789.56
Children's Offertory	45	\$116.75
Catholic Schools	1	\$50.00
St. Anthony	1	\$50.00
Parish Share 2008	195	\$26,795.00
Parish Needy	28	\$166.00
Total	1,036	\$45,878.31

Daily Readings



- Monday, Feb. 25: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday, Feb. 26: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday, Feb. 27: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday, Feb. 28: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
- Friday, Feb. 29: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday, March 1: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday, March 2: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

TRAVELING VOCATION CHALICE

Our parish Vocation Council sponsors an ongoing project to assist those who wish to pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. All are invited to host this prayer tool in their homes. To schedule a week of prayer in your home, call Jim Finn at the rectory (412)486-4100.

A VOCATION VIEW

A surprise encounter can turn our lives around. God offers us living water. Come and drink. (John 4:5-42)

RCIA- those planning to enter the Church at the Easter vigil on March 22, 2008 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. For more information, call Fr. Ed or Jim Finn at the rectory (412)486-4100.

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME

A post-baptism ministry for parents with children from birth to age five years of age offers programs geared to be spiritually supportive to parents. All are welcome at the various activities. Call Monica (412)492-0242 to find out more.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

We share our faith with our children so that one day they will say; "we no longer believe because of your word; we have heard for ourselves and worship what we understand." But first, children must hear "your word."

MOMS AND DADS NIGHT OUT- All are invited to join Father Jim Conroy, S. J. on Wed. March 5th at 7:30pm in Marian Hall to find out how we can deepen our prayer life. The Let the Little Children Come To Me ministry has opened this evening to all interested parishioners. There is no charge. For information call Jim Finn at

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

TONIGHT AT 7:30 P. M. IN OUR CHURCH. All are welcome to join St. Ferdinand's Youth in praying the Stations in a unique format. This is their 25th Anniversary Year. All ages are invited!

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Faith Sharing for the Third Sunday of LENT

Water is God's gift, so essential to life. God also offers us an even more vital water, the spiritual water of eternal life. How is the Samaritan woman of this week's gospel, a model for all disciples? What have YOU thirsted for in your life? Describe to a friend an experience of thirsting for God. How has God's life-giving presence been "poured out" into your heart?

**Whoever drinks the water I give
will never thirst**



FIRST EUCHARIST children meet in their cluster groups this month to reflect on GIFTS and the greatest gift of REMEMBERING the gift of Jesus' self giving his body and blood.

Grade 2 families are reminded of up-coming gatherings for children's bread-baking and update with adults about existential details for First Eucharist. **Meetings are March 8 and 10.**

Confirmation Candidates who missed LAST Monday, will participate in a RETREAT, THIS Tuesday, February 26, 4:00 – 8:15 PM in Marian Hall. We welcome candidates from Saint Joseph church who will join us for the evening. Keep all youth and their families in your prayers.

Service Opportunities with our Lenten dinners each Friday. Call 412-486-5521 to be on the schedule.

Faith Formation Sessions during LENT include adding coins to our **map of Ethiopia**, and/or buy a ticket for the **JAR-OF-CANDY Raffle**. As we give our coin(s) we know that our sacrificial giving will mean LIFE, support, and education for children in that drought affected area.

To VOTE with an informed conscience, participate with our deanery **Thursday, February 28** at the Pope John Paul I center, 9th Street, Sharpsburg. A discussion will be led by representatives of our diocese. **RSVP to 412-456-3156 or jglover@diopitt.org** so that sufficient handouts, @ \$5.00 pkg. are prepared for you.

YOUTH MINISTRY

T-ROC Sunday, February 24

4:30 PM Dinner with visiting youth group in Marian Hall
 5:30 PM Crosswalk Practice with Mr. and Mrs. Penezic
 7:30 PM Living Stations performed in the church

T-ROC on March 2 will be at Sts. John and Paul in Wexford. More details in next bulletin or by calling the CYM office at 412-486-4100, ext. 409.

GREAT ADULTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH TEENS FROM THE CYM DRAMA TROUPE

Thanks to **Ron Belski, Ryan Welsh, Cindy and Richard DeFilippo, Crista Zavolta** and **Bob Lefler** for helping to construct the set and **Vince Sinkovich** and **Don Schwoegl** for making the quick transition from drama to basketball at the PAC after our Sunday performance. Concessions stand moms **Kathy O'Connor, Dawn LuPone and Deb Schwoegl** for serving the patrons in Marian Hall. We appreciate the rehearsal chaperones **Janet Lefler, Deb Schwoegl** and **Kathy O'Connor**.

AND, SPECIAL THANKS TO THE ADULT LEADERS WHO WORKED DIRECTLY WITH THE ACTORS TO BRING US "PLAY ON": **Cheryl and Mark Sciuolo, Dr. Kevin Kelly, Cathy Emala** and especially our Young Adult Director, **Josh DeFilippo**.

THANKS TO JOE NATOLI AND MIKE BEZILLA WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!

Joe and Mike were a great help to our CYM drama troupe for our debut performance in the Parish Activity Center. All proceeds will benefit our African mission relief fund. THANKS, GUYS!

HELPING WITH OUR HAWAIIAN LUAU

Donations for our silent auction at the luau on April 12, 2008 can be left at the rectory. Please include an estimate of the monetary value to help our committee in setting the bids. Note that the donation is for the Hawaiian Luau and leave for Barb Belski.

MISSION TRIP TO UGANDA

Now we know that we will focus on rebuilding the town of Koch, Uganda. But, first we have to get there! **Each mission worker must come up with close to \$3,500 to make this trip** (this includes air fare, medical insurance plus room and board). [Last week's bulletin mistakenly listed a lower cost]. Please help our team of 8 members to offset their personal expense to carry out this mission of service. **Can you help? If you would be interested in donating money toward our travel fund, it would be most appreciated.** Please make donation checks out to St. Mary Parish with the memo "African mission travel fund" and leave at the rectory for Barb Belski.

DONATIONS TO OUR AFRICAN MISSION TRIP:

Travel costs:

Kathy Campbell
Steve and Jane Fabry
Silent Auction:
Betty Hengelsberg

ST. MARY SCHOOL

RECYCLING - The school is still collecting empty ink cartridges and old cell phones for recycling. Please feel free to drop them off in the school office or in the back of church. Thank you!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Please join the school community in praying the Stations of the Cross during Lent at 2:00 PM in the church. Students in grades 4 through 8 will pray the Stations every Friday through March 14th.

The students in grades 1 through 3 will pray the Stations on the following Wednesdays at 1:50 PM: February 27th and March 12th.

St. Mary School Auction & Dinner 2008

Reach for the Stars!

Saturday, March 1, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

Pittsburgh Field Club, Fox Chapel

Evening Includes:

Wonderful Silent & Live Auction & Raffles

Sit down Dinner

Entertainment by Five Guys

Featuring Drew Martier

Tickets \$45/person To purchase tickets or for more info call Melissa at 412 492-9349/
melissabattaglia@comcast.net



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.

Mass said for:

Mary Lou Costello
 Peter Susany
 Anna Heh
 Albert Soffa
 Bill Olivo
 Ke Cheng Wang
 Eva Nestor Arnal
 Richard A. Kusmierski
 John & Dorothy Glynn
 John Kavanaugh
 Virginia Kavanaugh
 Virginia Kavanaugh
 Lucy Cook

Requested by:

George & Loretta Trauner
 Paul & Patty Grguras
 The Zajackowski Family
 Rick & Cindy DeFilippo
 Rick & Cindy DeFilippo
 Al & Pat Beranek
 Maureen & Tim
 Bill Buettner
 Linda Hutchinson 2 Masses
 Wayne & Barbara Cleary
 Wayne & Barbara Cleary
 Beth & Jack Waclawski
 Wayne & Barbara Cleary

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

SECOND SATURDAY MEN'S GROUP

We will meet on Saturday, March 1st, after the 8:00AM Liturgy. This month we are meeting earlier due to the Men's Retreat which is being held on the following weekend. All men are welcome!

MENS RETREAT COMING IN TWO WEEKS

It isn't too late to make a reservation for the retreat scheduled for MARCH 7-8-9 at St. Paul's Retreat House on the Southside of Pittsburgh. Call Charlie Fischer (412)487-4667, Carl Lichvarchik (412) 9037607 or Jim Karcher (724)444-5798 to find out more.

GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN

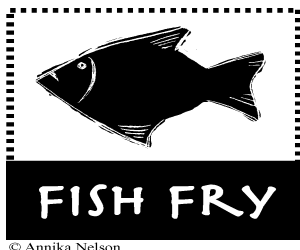
for the third straight year men and young men of the Diocese of Pittsburgh will gather at the A. J. Palumbo Center on the campus of Duquesne University on Saturday, April 12, 2008. Make your reservation with Jim Finn (412)486-4100 for \$35.00 and a FREE bus ride to and from the event. Bus will leave 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 to find out more.

LENTEN ENRICHMENT SERIES

continues this Tuesday, March 26, 2008 with 7:00PM Mass. Father Frank Almada is our guest speaker. Come and bring a friend.

Assumption Cemetery of St. Mary

Please remove all Christmas wreaths and decorations in our cemetery before March 1, 2008. If you are unable to do so, our maintenance crew will remove and discard. Thank you.



LENTEN FISH DINNERS: Our fourth Lenten Fish Dinner will be served on February 29th from 4:30PM - 7:00PM.

Adults - 8.00, Seniors - \$7.00,

Children - \$3.00 and Children under age 3 - \$1.00.

Please remember to drop off your desserts. Families with the last name beginning with M - P, please drop off your treats by Friday, Feb. 29th, by 4:00PM. Thank you and see you at the "Fish Fry."

What's Happening in Our Town

Come Join Us on Wednesday, March 5th, at 7:30PM in Marian Hall and listen to Father Jim Conroy, S.J., who will give us tips on how to "Deepen our Prayer Life." The Let the Little Children Ministry is sponsoring this evening and asks that all Moms and Dads arrange their schedule to come. All parishioners interested in going a step further should also come. Fr. Jim conducted our Parish Mission Renewal in October and promised to come back in Lent to set up a series of sessions to form those interested in developing an Ignatian spirituality. Call Jim Finn for more information at 412-4186-4100.

Thank you to the St. Mary's Family CCD Program for the generous donations of variety of food and generous check. Thank you for helping us to continue our mission to help the needy.

RICE BOWLS are still available in the foyer of our church. These are symbolic of the EMPTY stomachs of many persons in our own country as well as in the "third world". Your monetary sacrifices will be sent to Catholic Relief Services toward support of the MOST NEEDY whom they assist.

MARKET DAY orders are to be picked up THIS Monday, February 25, 6:30 till 7:30 PM in Marian Hall. Thanks to all Market Day patrons. Enjoy the treats.

Baseball Heroes:

Mike Piazza, David Eckstein, Jeff Suppan, Mike Sweeney, Jack McKeon and Rich Donnelly are featured in the MOVIE: "Champions of Faith," 30 minutes, which will be shown on Saturday, March 15, 7:00 PM in Marian Hall. Hot dogs, popcorn, and beverages will be served. All parishioners welcome to attend. Call 412-486-5521 to say how many will come to enjoy these unique stories of faith.

55 Specials of St. Mary of the Assumption Church

is planning a trip to Wildwood, NJ for five days and four nights on June 1 - 5, 2008. The trip will include visits to Cape May and Atlantic City. Cost is \$374.00 per person, double occupancy, \$459.00, single occupancy. There is a deposit of \$100.00 due with reservations. Please make checks payable to "55 Specials". Please contact Jane Fabry at 412-487-3091 for more information.

St. Vincent DePaul Library

Several months ago a small library sponsored by the St. Vincent DePaul society was opened at the back of our church. All are welcome to make use of this facility. There is no need to sign out for any item. However, within several weeks of checking out a book/CD/DVD, you are asked to return it as others may have an interest in the item. If you wish to donate appropriate items to the library, please drop a note with your name and telephone number in the slot to the right of the bookshelves and you will be contacted. Also, you are invited to list items you would like to see added to the library. Thank you.

PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS from Father John

With the coming of the Third Sunday of Lent, the liturgy begins to focus our attention on the death of the Lord Jesus. The Gospels of the next three Sundays come alive with the Woman at the Well, the Man Born Blind and the Raising of Lazarus. These three magnificent stories in the Gospel of John have been part of the Lenten liturgy since its inception because each story underscores an important aspect of dying with Jesus. The ignominious death of Jesus on the horrors of the cross reminds all of us that death is our ultimate destiny. No one escapes this finality beyond all finalities --- which even goes beyond the destiny of death!

The season of Lent gives us an opportunity to think in terms of our eternal future where our place in the kingdom of the Lord Jesus awaits us. However, we also need to be cognizant of our final resting place here in this world. We Christians have dared to call this resting place a CEMETERY! The word "cemetery" has a fascinating history in our Christian Faith since the word is derived from the Latin word "coemeteri." Its origin, however, does not lie in the language of the Romans, but rather is derived from the Greek of the New Testament. The Latin word comes from the Greek "koimeterion." Fascinatingly enough, the original meaning of the word is A SLEEPING PLACE!

Christians of the early Church were so taken up with the experience of the Resurrection that they simply saw death as the burial of the body in "a sleeping place" from which the eternal kingdom would be our final resting place. If you ever look out at the cemetery adjacent to our church, which I am able to do from my bedroom each morning, it is faith-like to see all those who have put to rest there as simply awaiting the Resurrection. It is a great asset to have a Parish Family with a cemetery so close to the church itself. Unlike many other cemeteries build far from the believing People of God, those who are buried in our cemetery are remembered each time we gather at the Altar of the Lord. We pass by their graves on the way to our church for the season of Lent, and we remember them in a special way as they await the coming of the Resurrection.

What a fitting meditation for the season of Lent! To think in terms of our own death --- not in some morbid way that creates fear in our hearts --- but as a statement of our Faith in the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus with the realization that one day we too will be taken to A SLEEPING PLACE where the People of God will pray for our return to the glory of the eternal kingdom.