

RETIREMENT FUND FOR ELDERLY RELIGIOUS

“SHARE IN THE CARE”

In the United States, religious institutes are independent, autonomous organizations whose income, earnings and expenses are separate from any diocesan structures. Decades ago, young, wage earning members were able to meet the needs of their elderly religious counterparts. Then, too, Catholic physicians and hospitals were able to donate much more care than they can in today's economic and health care environment.

The number in need of care has actually increased because the majority of religious are now well past the age of 65. Today, more than 12,000 Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests need skilled care or help with tasks of daily living.

All donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious flow through the National Religious Retirement Office where administrative and promotional expenses remain at less than 4 percent.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY AT EACH OF OUR LITURGIES

WELCOME SISTER CAROLYN WINSHELL

Our Parish Family of St. Mary of the Assumption welcomes Sister Carolyn Winschel, a member of the Divine Providence Community, who will speak to us at all the liturgies today. Many members of our Parish Family know Sister very personally, since this is, in fact, her home parish. Sister Carolyn has served the People of God in a variety of ministries, and she comes to us today to remind us of the needs of the retired religious. Sister will make a plea on behalf of the Retirement Fund for Religious, a collection that is taken up in every Catholic Church throughout the United States.

We are all asked to be as generous as possible in this collection. There is an envelope in our packet for the collection. For those who may have forgotten the envelope this week, this envelope may be placed in the first collection next Sunday for those who wish to make a contribution to the Retirement Fund.

CONFIRMATION DATE SET TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M. BISHOP PAUL BRADLEY

During our meetings in September with our Confirmation Candidates, we told them that we would let them know as soon as we received notice of the date that the Diocese has set for conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation here at *St. Mary of the Assumption*. We received notice this past week of that date. We ask all parishioners to put this date on their personal calendar and pass the word onto all the members of the Cluster Groups meeting during this month of November. Pray to the Holy Spirit for continued guidance during the remainder of this time of preparation for all of our Candidates.

“PITTSBURGH CATHOLIC” MAILED

All parishioners are reminded that there will NOT be a “Pittsburgh Catholic” available at the church doors NEXT weekend. This is one of those times when every registered family in the Diocese will have the “Pittsburgh Catholic” delivered to their home. This issue will include the popular Advent-Christmas calendar with articles whose general theme will be set as “the church as one.” We hope that all our parishioners take advantage of this service.

MORE TREES HAVE ARRIVED

Those coming to our sacred grounds might now recognize the planting of another TWENTY trees on our property. These trees will be placed throughout the parking lot, along the side of the school building and in the back parking lot. We hope that all parishioner appreciate the work of the Temporalities Commission in giving a “natural beauty” to our grounds; and or course, come to realize that we have met all the code requirements of both Indiana and Hampton Townships.

CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Throughout the Diocese men of all ages are gathering in parishes to be a part of the “Catholic Men's Fellowship of Pittsburgh.” Since we have begun to offer this possibility to the men of our Parish Family, we invite any man who might be interested in such a spiritually enriching experience to contact the rectory or express his opinion to one of the members of the Parish Staff.

Masses for the Week

Sunday, November 13 - Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish
- 6:00 pm Stephanie McNalley (Family)
- 7:30 a.m. Frances Barsh (Family)
- 9:00 a.m. Jim Rafferty (Family)
- 11:00 a.m. Marion Beckley (David & Carol Thompson Family)

Monday, November 14

- 7:00 a.m. Mae Gentile (Dolly Gentile)
- 10:00 a.m. Maria Basso (Children of the Basso Family)

Tuesday, November 15 - St. Albert the Great

- 7:00 a.m. George Beitler Sr. (Family)
- 10:00 a.m. John Potvoricky (Ann Wolverton)

Wednesday, November 16 - St. Margaret of Scotland

- 7:00 a.m. Nanette Kowaleski (Children)
- 10:00 a.m. Maria Gall (Family)

Thursday, November 17 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary

- 7:00 a.m. Betty Hunkele (Family)
- 10:00 a.m. Mary Jane Gebert (Tom & Ann Behr)
- 7:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of CM/LG

Friday, November 18 - Dedication of Ss Peter & Paul/Rose Philippine Duchesne

- 7:00 a.m. James Cenci (Family)
- 10:00 a.m. Cynda Patton (Horgan Family)

Saturday, November 19 - B.V.M.

- 8:00 a.m. Eleanor Triglia (Family)
- 10:00 a.m. CCD Liturgy
- 4:00 p.m. Catherine Gall (Ruth Hajenich)
- 6:00 p.m. Bill Harpel (Wife Kay)

Sunday, November 20 - Christ the King

- 7:30 a.m. Edward Gorgas (Family)
- 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish
- 11:00 a.m. Giuseppe Imbarlina (Marco Imbarlina Family)

A VOCATION VIEW

What are your God-given talents? Help them to grow by sharing them with others. Discover the joy of service in ministry. (Matt. 25: 14-30)

Flowers at the Tabernacle this weekend are in loving memory of Randy Meinert, requested by his Mom & Dad. And the flowers at the altar are in celebration of the marriage of Beth Hudson and Mark Wogenrich.

CHRIST THE KING

A LITURGICAL SOLEMNITY

Next Sunday, November 20th, we bring the entire Liturgical Year to a climatic finale as we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. In order to fully enter into the spirit of this day, we invite all parishioners to spend a few minutes of reflection in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, the living presence of the Christ in our midst. The Solemnity of Christ the King becomes a very appropriate day to focus our attention on the Blessed Sacrament, especially as we have brought to a triumphant climax this "Year of the Eucharist" as proclaimed by the universal Church. As this day brings the entire Liturgical Year to a close, we anticipate the First Sunday of Advent to follow one week later.

November 6, 2005	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	889	\$18,694.70
Cash/Loose Cks.	—	909.00
Children's Offer.	40	42.08
Cath. Charities	—	3,198.00
All Saints	47	394.00
World Mission	2	4.00
Parish Share	19	640.00
Rel. Retirement	6	53.00
Parish Needy	7	64.00
TOTAL	1,010	\$23,998.78

DAILY



READINGS

- Nov. 14: 1 Mc 1: 10-15, 41-43, 54-57,62-63; Lk 18: 35-43
- Nov. 15: 2 Mc 6: 18-31; Lk 19: 1-10
- Nov. 16: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19: 11-28
- Nov. 17: 1 Mc 2: 15-29; Lk 19: 41-44
- Nov. 18: 1 Mc 4: 36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28: 11-16, 30-31; Mt 14: 22-23
- Nov. 19: 1 Mc 6: 1-13; Lk 20: 27-40
- Nov.20: Ez 34: 11-12, 15-17; Ps 23; 1 Cor 15: 20-26, 28; Mt 25: 31-46

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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

Adrian Tan Almonte Samuel Juan Carlos Campbell

Kathleen Grace Milon Benjamin James Rohr

We congratulate them, their parents, godparents and grandparents!

R.C.I.A. Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Would you like to develop your faith? Do you have questions that need answered?

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process through which non-Catholic adults enter the Catholic Church. This week's topic is: **The Creed, Part II** and next week we will discuss **Advent/Christmas**. If interested please join us in the rectory following the 9 a.m. Liturgy. Call Father Ed or Jim Finn for more information at (412) 486-4100.

SCOUTS IN UNIFORM: Since November 24th, Thanksgiving Day, is a holiday that reminds us to be grateful for our lives in this country, we would ask ALL scout groups --- both girls and boys ... both young and old --- to give a colorful aura to our celebration by coming to the liturgy "dressed in their uniforms" and bringing their flags. Those who attend are asked to meet in Marian Hall at 9:45 a.m. so that they might be participants in the opening procession of the liturgy. We count on the Scout Leaders who are associated with our Parish Family to remind the young people in their care of this invitation that is meant for every scout person in our Parish Family.

RADIO CITY SPECTACULAR: There is still time to join the *St. Mary of the Assumption* contingent at the special benefit being held for our Parish Family on Friday, November 25th at the 5:00 p.m. show. What a wonderful way to experience this first time ever in Pittsburgh World famous ROCKETTES! Call 412-471-6930 or groupsales@pgharts.org and ask for the St. Mary special offer and our Parish Family will receive \$5 for each ticket sold! Those wishing to ride the bus that will leave from our parking lot should simply call the rectory to reserve a seat on the bus. **ALL THOSE ALREADY SCHEDULED FOR THE BUS SHOULD NOTE THAT BUS WILL LEAVE PRECISELY AT 3:30 P.M. ON THAT FRIDAY!**

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

FAMILY PROGRAM: Meets NEXT Sunday, November 20th, at the 9:00 a.m. Liturgy, with sessions following for children & youth faith formation and adults until 12:00 noon. Also - reminder that the November Project is **Angel's Place**, a total family development program for student parents and their children - helping low income, single moms to complete their education by providing day care and supportive services. Items greatly needed include diapers (all sizes), cleaning supplies, paper products, baby wipes, PlayDoh, art supplies, children's toothpaste and brushes. Also, monetary donations are always accepted - please make checks payable to "Angels' Place." Thank you in advance for your support!

FAMILY CCD PROGRAM - CHURCH TOUR

ALL FAMILIES in the Family CCD Program are invited to participate in a Tour of Our Sacred Space. We will be distributing guidebooks after Mass in the front of Church which explain all of the different items in our Sacred Space from the stained glass windows, the statues, the items in the sanctuary, along with a display in the sacristy of the sacred vessels used in various liturgies. Please feel free to move about the entire Church until about 10:30 a.m. before moving to our meeting in Marian Hall. Take the guidebooks with you and feel free to come back with your family anytime the Church is open to see what our Sacred Space is all about.

Saturday Faith Formation meets IN classes at 9:30 AM on November 19; All participating at the 10:00 AM liturgy; offering non-perishable items for our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry.

Grades 5-6-7-8 Parents/ Guardians of ALL parish programs welcome to an overview of the **Catholic Vision of Love** catechesis on the good news about the gift of sexuality. Lessons are integrated into the curriculum for our school and other faith formation classes. A booklet, *TALKING TO YOUTH ABOUT SEXUALITY- A Parent's Guide*, is available at the Faith Formation office, call 412-486-5521. or stop in . Meeting for parents - Monday, Nov. 14, 6:50 p.m. in Church.

YOUTH MINISTRY

TOTALLY RELY ON CHRIST – T-ROC

REVISED TIME WILL BE FROM-6:00-8:15 PM ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH TO MAKE IT HOME IN TIME FOR THE STEELER GAME! Let's talk about "Being Catholic". Bring a snack to share. Session begins in the church. **GRADES 9 – 12.**

HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sun. Nov. 13 T-ROC 6:00 – 8:15 PM. Gather in church.
Tues. Nov. 15 Play Practice in Marian Hall
Thurs. Nov 17 Play Practice in the School Hall
Fri.-Sun. Nov. 18-20 High school retreat. Must pre-register.
Sun. Nov 20 Breakfast and Bible Talk – 10 AM – Noon- Youth House
Wed. Nov. 30 7:00 p.m. First Appalachia Meeting
Sat. Dec. 3 T-ROC at Service Rally starts at 6PM Liturgy
Sat. Dec. 4 Visit to Creche and PPG Ice Skating- 4:30PM

LIGHT THE WAY FOR JESUS

Luminaria project for Christmas Eve.

IDEAL SERVICE PROJECT FOR BOTH SECOND AND EIGHTH GRADE CLUSTER GROUPS. We will need approximately 300-400 jars to place candles on our property before all Christmas Eve liturgies. We are asking parishioners to drop off CLEAN, clear glass jars up to a 16-ounce size; baby food jars and small jelly jars are perfect.

A specially marked box has been placed in the CYM lobby.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Any high school senior wishing to apply for a scholarship to La Roche or Duquesne needs to make an appointment with Mrs. Belski before Thursday, November 17 by calling 412-492-9344. Or Students may stop by the Youth Office on Monday evening between 6:30 – 8 PM, Nov. 7 or 14. Information also will be provided regarding a substantial scholarship through the John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, D.C.

T-ROC AND THE SERVICE RALLY

Our Eighth Grade Confirmation Candidates will experience our AWESOME High School T-ROC on Saturday, December 3rd at the Service Rally! Get in on the experience – beginning with the 6PM Liturgy!

YOUNG ADULTS IN MID-TWENTIES WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOU!!!

A core group of **young adults** (age range in mid-twenties) has formed and is planning activities for young adults. Want to get in on the action? Call 412-492-9344.

Contact Barb Belski or Lisa Rulis Ross

@ 412-492-9344 or cymoffice@stmaryglenshaw.org

We're on the web !!!! www.stmaryglenshaw.org/cym

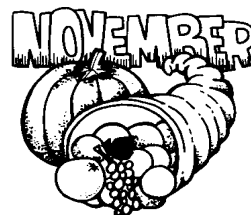
ST. MARY SCHOOL

MARIAN MALL EXTRAVAGANZA - Mark your calendars for a shopping trip right here in Marian Hall (or is it Mall?). Enjoy one-stop shopping in the unique boutiques while avoiding the crowds and hassles at the other malls. Please join in the gala event which will take place on Saturday, November 26th, from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. For more information, please call Susan Wisneski at (412) 487-1814.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE - Another dance for middle school students will take place on Saturday, November 19, 2005, from 7:30-10:00 PM., in Marian Hall. Tickets are \$5.00 and must be purchased in advance. Tickets will be available for purchase in the rectory and CCD offices from November 16th-18th. Tickets will be sold in the school in the mornings of those same dates. No tickets will be sold at the door. The dress code will be strictly enforced. This dance is sponsored by St. Mary School PTG.

FORENSICS TEAM - St. Mary School Forensics team had a tremendous start to the new season. Our students earned 11 first place ribbons, 5 second place ribbons, and 6 third place ribbons. Our team ranked 5th overall in the Northern League competition. Congratulations to our students, coaches, and teammates---we salute you!

St. Mary School is always looking for one-sided copier paper. Please contact the School Office at (412) 486-7611 if you can help. Thank You.



GENERAL PARISH NEWS

Faith Sharing for 33rd Week Ordinary Time

This Sunday gospel from Matthew 25:14-30 leads us to reflect on what gifts has God given to members of YOUR family ? to members of THIS parish family? How can YOU help others to use their talents for the glory of God?

ADVENT RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN THE FAITH FORMATION OFFICE,

lower floor of our education building. Stop in or call to arrange pick up: 4 Advent candles...\$4 ; ring with 4 candle holders...\$4 ; WELCOME YULE packet of family activities for advent and the Christmas season .. \$1 per set ; The Word Among Us booklet of reflections on the Advent scriptures AND NEW inclusion of Mass prayers for each day...\$1.00 donation ; Chain of Angels activity...\$1.00

Monday Faith Formation Classes will participate in a 7:00 PM liturgy, November 21, and present items for our parish food pantry. Giving will help to provide for Thanksgiving dinner for some of the needy of our community.

Thanks-living is to live with an attitude of
THANKS every day!

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME:

Each week this ministry to parents with children from birth to age five gives a Family Perspective as food for thought. The third servant in today's Gospel was afraid to invest. Without investment there is no dividend. Family life is about investing ourselves in others. The dividend is acceptance, love and intimacy.

PRAY AND PLAY DAY: all are invited to join us for the next Pray and Play Day on Wednesday, November 16th, from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Meet in the Cry Room. For more information call Cindy Shadle at (412) 487-5272. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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**MILITARY PRAYER LIST:** PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN LISTED ON OUR PRAYER LIST NEAR THE SACRED HEART STATUE. A CANDLE IS KEPT BURNING TO REMIND US TO KEEP ALL IN PRAYER.

**WIDOW/WIDOWERS OF ST. MARY'S:** are invited to meet and sit together in the reserved seats in the front of Church at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, November 19th. After Mass, we will go to Rebecca Tambellini Restaurant at the bottom of Burchfield Road for dinner. For more information or questions, please call Barb at (412) 486-4209 or Marge at (412) 486-5621.



**PARISH SHARING TREE:** It is time once again to think about those in need at Christmastime. A working meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m. in Marian Hall to prepare the ornaments to be hung on the tree and schedule volunteers for collection and packing the gifts. We hope to see those who have worked in the past and new hands are welcome and needed. Your participation in this ministry requires a small amount of time, but pays big dividends to yourself and others. Questions or suggestions, please call Mary Kay Collins at (412) 367-3176.

**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/LADIES GUILD:**

All are welcome to the Covered Dish Dinner and Blind Auction to be held on November 17th. Starting with 7:00 p.m. Mass. Please remember to bring a covered dish to share, your place setting and a wrapped gift (\$5-\$10 value). Cost of the dinner is \$5 per person and reservation deadline is Monday, November 14th. Please call Kathy at (412) 486-0588 or Elaine at (412) 487-4667. Please remember a non-perishable item for the Food Pantry.

**The Christian Mothers/Ladies Guild** will be selling Cookbooks after all Masses November 19-20. The cost of each Cookbook is \$10. They make a great holiday gift.

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** There's a Sign-Up Sheet in the Sacristy for the 10 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Mass. We need Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Reader, and Altar Servers. Please sign-up if you can help. Thank You.

## ***PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS*** from Father John

Ever one of us can remember, can we not, that somewhere in the hidden past of our religious upbringing there was a certain religious woman or man whom we will always remember? For some of us, it was a certain Sister Cune-gunda; for others of us, his name was Brother Egbert, or possibly Father Benignus --- as we all marveled at the uniqueness of names in religious communities where no two religious men or women ever seemed to have the same name. Are we not amazed that today, many years after the great memories of these experiences, that these same religious men and women are still living? It is precisely this phenomenon that brings us to today's welcoming of Sister Carolyn Winschel of the Divine Providence Community to our Parish Family. Sister will speak to us today concerning these elderly religious men and women who have become a financial responsibility for each of the religious communities for whom they have served over these many years.

For most of their history in the United States, religious men and women worked in schools, hospitals, and orphanages for modest stipends or maintenance. Their service was given to us, to our families and to those who were in need, irrespective of the cost to the individual religious community. Now, it is our responsibility to take care of them in their hour or need. This is precisely the purpose of the Retirement Fund For Religious, which will be taken up in every parish in the United States of America. Until 1972 religious could not belong to Social Security. Today 44 percent of men religious and 15 percent of woman religious still do not receive any Social Security benefits. Yet, few United States cities can adequately measure the benefit derived from the direct ministries of religious during the last 250 years. More than 500 religious institutes stamped their indelible character and spirituality in every corner of our country.

The escalating costs of maintaining care for all of these religious has placed a significant financial burden upon each of the their religious communities. The "National Religious Retirement Office" distributes the funds it receives annually in grants to those religious communities according to the needs of their elderly members. Is it not possible that in the fond memories we have of so many of these religious women and men in their service to our needs that we now respond generously to their needs? In that we shall be blessed!

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