

# PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

First Sunday in Lent  
February 10, 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

## LENT: A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

The season of Lent continues to move week by week toward the great days of Holy Week and the Triduum (three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil). All parishioners are invited to deepen their spirituality by participating in one or more of our Parish Family Lenten practices: daily liturgy, our Tuesday evening enrichment series, Way of the Cross with Eucharistic adoration on Friday, and our Friday fish dinners. Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m. with Communal Services coming in the week before Holy Week. All families are urged to make use of the "Lenten Packet" sent to every home registered in the Parish Family. Lent is a time to strengthen our relationship with the Lord Jesus by living out spirituality designed for this season!

## NO BAPTISMS IN LENT

To maintain the spirit of the Lenten season in the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, we will not celebrate the sacrament of Baptism during this time since this sacrament speaks to us on new life. Of course, this stipulation does not pertain to a situation where the child needs the grace of the sacrament. Then, when we come to the Easter Season, when the liturgy emphasizes the new life of the Resurrection, we will have baptism almost every Sunday. We remind parents that they can still set up their pre-baptism session during the pregnancy of the mother so that it will not become a last minute rush.

## CATHOLICS COMING HOME

All parishioners are to be alerted to Thursday night, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Marian Hall, when a special "question and answer" session is being set up by those in the MINISTRY of "Catholics Coming Home." We hope that those parishioners who are faithful to the practice of their Faith might come to this session with those who have become distant from the regular practice of the Faith. A pamphlet entitled "We Miss You" is available at the doors of the church that can be given to anyone who feels distant from Church. Committee members are reminded of their meeting set for Wednesday of this week beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory as we set the agenda for our February 28<sup>th</sup> gathering.

## PARISH SHARE - TODAY

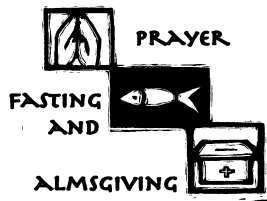
The SECOND collection at all the liturgies today is for our pledge or contribution to the 2007 *Parish Share Program*. We hope that all parishioners will make an honest effort to help us meet our assessment of \$135,491. We ask that each wage earner give *at least* \$100 to the Campaign. Those who forgot to bring their response card today may send it to the rectory anytime this week. Those who wish to wait for another time so that they can make a larger pledge or cash payment than they are able to do at this time may certainly do so. Recall that once we meet our goal, the overage amount will be kept in our own Parish Family for our own needs.

## "VOX POPULI" (part one)

The "VOICE OF THE PEOPLE" is one of those dictionary sayings that speak to the fact that the PEOPLE involved may offer suggestions and corrections to a process that involves all the people. Our Parish Pastoral Council is now in the process of planning a Sunday when the "Vox Populi" might express itself. We ask all parishioners to begin to think of ideas that might further the deepening of the spirituality of the members of our Parish Family. All are asked to look forward to the well thought out survey being planned by the Council to allow all parishioners to express the "Vox Populi" and thereby set the goals for the future of our parish life.

## CATCH THE "VIBE"

The members of the Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) are beginning to wind down the Pledge Campaign as we come close to completing the FIFTH year of the "*Vitality In Building Excellence*" Campaign. We hope that all those who made a pledge in the years 2004, 2005, and 2006 will be able to fulfill their pledge by the end of 2008. The faster we collect the pledge amounts, the more quickly we eliminate the debt of our Parish Family. There is no doubt that EVERYONE has benefitted from the improvements of our sacred grounds, including the multiple uses of the Parish Activity Center (PAC). Committee members are reminded of their meeting set for Monday of this week beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory as planning continues toward completion.



## Liturgies for the Week

### Sunday, February 10, 2008 - First Sunday in Lent

- 4:00 p.m. Anna Ferber - Family
- 6:00 p.m. Matthew Guardalabene - wife
- 7:30 a.m. Francis Werling - Family
- 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 11:00 a.m. Clarence Bittner - Elliott Family

### Monday, February 11, 2008 - Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. James Cenci - Family
- 10:00 a.m. Mike Blum - Wife & Family

### Tuesday, February 12, 2008 - Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Frank Kirzyc - Wife, Sally
- 10:00 a.m. Emilio & Teresa Zicarelli - Marco & Rose Imbarlina
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Enrichment - Fr. Bober

### Wednesday, February 13, 2008 - Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Paolo Barbieri - M/M Tony Fusca
- 10:00 a.m. Anna V. Fabry - Steve & Jane Fabry

### Thursday, February 14, 2008 - Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Maria Scolieri Distilo - M/M Gregory Distilo
- 10:00 a.m. Gerard Walter - Loretta Walter

### Friday, February 15, 2008 - Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Philip & Caroline Vranic - Dick & Carrie Druzak
- 10:00 a.m. James Magovern - St. Mary School Students
- 2:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, February 16, 2008 - Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. Joseph & Catherine Leo - Angie & Ron Beyerl
- 4:00 p.m. Mrs. Carl Hunkele - Family
- 6:00 p.m. Joseph Lillion - Gus & Stella Kalaris

### Sunday, February 17, 2008 - Second Sunday in Lent

- 7:30 a.m. James Duffy - Bob & Gloria
- 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 11:00 a.m. Sally & Joe Ollio 25th Wedding Anniversary
- 6:00 p.m. Residents of Koch, Uganda - CYM

### Offertory Collection

January 13, 2007	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	880	\$20,398.93
Cash/Loose Cks.	-	\$850.00
Children's Offertory	50	\$76.75
Catholic Schools	6	\$46.00
St. Anthony	8	\$73.00
Parish Share 2007	4	\$145.00
Parish Needy	185	\$2,301.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,133</b>	<b>\$23,890.68</b>

### Weekly Activities at a Glance

- Sunday** (Church) 9:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children
- February 10** (Church) 9:00AM - CCD Family Program  
(Rectory) 10:00AM - R.C.I.A.
- Monday** (Church) 2:45PM - Children's Handbells
- February 11** (Marian Hall) 3:00PM - Girl Scout Troop #1037  
(School) 6:30PM - CCD Program  
(Marian Hall) 6:30PM - CYM Drama  
(Rectory) 7:30PM - Capital Campaign Committee Meeting
- Tuesday** (Marian Hall) 8:00AM - School Band Practice
- February 12** (Church) 2:45PM - Children Cantors  
(Marian Hall) 6:30PM - CYM Drama Practice  
(Church) 7:00PM - Lenten Enrichment Mass
- Wednesday** (Marian Hall) 1:30PM - 55 Specials - Bingo/Cards
- February 13** (Church) 2:45PM - Children's Choir Practice  
(Marian Hall) 6:30PM - CYM Drama Practice  
(Church) 7:00PM - Adult Choir Practice  
(Providence Hall) 7:00PM - PTG Meeting  
(Rectory) 7:00PM - Catholics Coming Home Meeting
- Thursday** (Marian Hall) 6:30PM - CYM Drama Practice
- February 14** (Church) 8:00PM - Adult Hand Bell Practice
- Friday** (School) 10:00AM - School Mass
- February 15** (Church) 2:00PM - Stations of the Cross  
(Marian Hall) 4:30PM - Fish Dinner  
(Church) 7:00PM - Stations of the Cross
- Saturday** (School) No CCD Program
- February 16** (Marian Hall) 9:00AM - CYM Drama Practice  
(Church) Rite of Call - Grade 8 - All Masses  
(PAC) 8:00PM - CYM Drama Play
- Sunday** (Church) Rite of Call - Grade 8 - All Masses
- February 17** (Marian Hall) 9:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children  
(PAC) 1:00PM - CYM Drama Play  
(Church) 6:00PM - T-Roc - CYM Mass

**RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ronald Hornick, and Natali Gubanic.

**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY-** This weekend we reaffirm our commitment to the Sacrament of Marriage by extending a blessing to all married couples coming to the liturgies. At each Mass, a married couple will read the General Intercessions. May God continue to bless you and your families!

### Daily Readings



- Mon. Feb. 11:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
- Tues. Feb. 12:** Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
- Wed. Feb. 13:** Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
- Thurs. Feb. 14:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
- Fri. Feb. 15:** Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
- Sat. Feb. 16:** Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
- Sun. Feb. 17:** Gn 12:1-4a; Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

## **SACRAMENTAL LIFE**



**Baptized in Christ**  
**McKenna Virginia Restori**  
**Madison Nicole Bradley**  
**Abigail Julia Sparbanic**

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

### **A Vocation View**

**During this time of fasting we may be tempted to go astray. Pray for the grace to follow the way that leads to life. (Matt.4:1-11)**

### **TRAVELING VOCATION CHALICE**

This prayer tool for vocations is being hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Distilo. All parish families, singles and shut-ins are encouraged to host the Traveling Vocation Chalice sponsored by the Parish Vocation Council. Call the rectory to set up a time (412)486-4100.

**LENTEN ENRICHMENT SERIES** - Father Charles Bober, pastor at St. Kilian Parish in Mars and noted writer for the PITTSBURGH CATHOLIC will be at St. Mary's on **TUESDAY, FEB. 12<sup>TH</sup>** to kick off our annual Lenten Enrichment Series. This year's theme will be focused around the Holy Father's Encyclical on HOPE. Why not plan to join us for the Tuesdays of Lent for Mass at 7:00 P. M.? Each week we will have a different priest director.

**RCIA-** we are ready to welcome three catechumens and five candidates into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on March 22. Next Sunday at the 9:00am Mass we will have the Rite of Sending and in the afternoon we will travel to St. Paul Cathedral for the Rite of Election beginning at 3:00pm. Please continue to pray for these eight soon-to-be members of our faith community.

### **LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME**

A post-baptism ministry for children age birth to five years of age offers programs geared to be spiritually supportive to parents. Are all welcome. Call Monica Hoehler (412)492-0242 for more information.

**JOIN US AT HARTWOOD ON MONDAY, FEB. 11<sup>TH</sup>**.for a heart felt visit to the Hartwood Personal Care home on Saxonburg Blvd. We will have the little ones pass out lovely door hangers they made. It is World Day of Prayer for the Sick. All are welcome to come on **Monday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:45AM.**

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

In today's gospel Jesus cautions it is not enough to provide food for our children; "one does not live on bread alone." Let Lent 2008 be a time when you are "led by the Spirit" to explore new ways to be a moral guide to your children.

## **RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

### **Faith Sharing for the First Sunday of LENT**

Jesus was tempted by the 3 P's: power, prestige, and possessions. How are YOU most vulnerable? What are some examples of evil disguised as good? What are some temptations that seem good in some ways? How does faith help us to overcome temptation? This season is a good time to believe that God says, "There is nothing, nothing that will separate me from my people or my love for them."

### **Confirmation Candidates REMINDERS:**

Retreat, Monday, February 18 at Kearns Spirituality Center. Please return the YELLOW retreat form to the Faith Formation Office. It was distributed at the January Cluster meeting.

**Service Opportunities** with our Lenten dinners each Friday. Call 412-486-5521 to be on the schedule. You will need to bring your list of service done to your interview with a staff member.

**ADULT ENRICHMENT – Participate in shaping a moral society at a one evening event** in our deanery at the Pope John Paul I center, 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Sharpsburg. "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship", a document by our U.S. bishops, will be part of the discussion led by representatives of our diocese. This is an excellent forum to examine our obligations as Catholics to be active in the political process and to vote with an informed conscience. RSVP to 412-456-3156 or [jglover@diopitt.org](mailto:jglover@diopitt.org) so that sufficient handouts are prepared for attendees.

**Faith Formation Sessions** will NOT be held on Saturday, February 16 or Monday, February 18 due to the President's Holiday. All students are to do the lesson at home.

**LOVE WALK FOR THE POOR TODAY**, Feb. 10, 2:00 PM Liturgy at Sacred Heart, Shadyside, then walk about one mile to the East End Cooperative Ministries with non perishable item (s) to donate for the needy. Refreshments, activities, and social time at the end of the walk. FAMILIES welcome to come. Deacon Fran will take our scout bus, boarding by our parking lot "circle" at 1:00 PM

**THANKS for BLANKETS donated** for our activity at the **Love Walk**. YOUR kindness will help keep a homeless person warm!

**MARKET DAY orders now being taken for pick up on February 25.** Go to [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com) or call Lee, 724-443-1147. Pick up will be Monday, February 25, 6:30 till 7:30 PM in Marian Hall. Our proceeds go to continue updating our Marian Hall kitchen equipment. Thanks to all Market Day patrons.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**T-ROC THIS WEEKEND BEGINS AT 7 PM**, there is no liturgy. FOLLOW THE SIGNS FOR THE LOCATION OF THE GATHERING, we hope some of the teens will stay to cheer on our boys varsity basketball game beginning at 7:45 PM. Girl varsity plays at 6 PM.

**FOOD IS ESSENTIAL TO ANY EVENT WITH TEENS. PARENTS, PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH THE FOLLOWING SNACKS:**

**Snack to bring if Last Name begins with:**

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

### HELPING WITH OUR HAWAIIAN LUAU

Our committee, under the direction of Dr. Lillian Cavanaugh, will meet at 7 PM after the T-ROC liturgy to finalize plans and tasks. Any volunteers wishing to help with this exciting parish event please come to Marian Hall at 7 PM.

### LENTEN ACTIVITIES FOR TEENS

Open to any youth in Grade 8 - 12 wishing to participate in our annual Crosswalk with Epworth Methodist on Good Friday, March 21 - school will not be in session. Drama background is not needed, only a desire to bring the Passion of Christ to the public at this annual community and ecumenical event. Call the CYM office at 412-486-4100, ext. 409. Mr. and Mrs. Penezic will again direct this awesome Lenten experience. The first sign up and rehearsal will be on Sunday, February 17 after the 6 PM liturgy.

### CYM BASKETBALL PLAYER RECOGNITION

Please come out to support our new high school CYM basketball teams on **Sunday, February 10** at the Parish Activity Center (PAC). Girl's Varsity plays at 6 PM, Boy's Varsity plays at 7:45 PM. All three teams, including Boy's JV, will be recognized between 7:15 and 7:45 PM.

### CYM CALENDAR

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|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat., Feb. 9   | Drama set building 10 AM PH<br>SOAR Homeless meal 3 - 7 PM<br>Girl Varsity B'Ball 7:30 PM at PAC                                     |
| Sun. Feb. 10   | LOVEWALK<br>Girl Varsity Game at 6 PM in PAC<br>Player Recognition ~7 - 7:15 PM<br>Boy Varsity game at 7:45 PM                       |
| Mon., Feb. 11  | Play practice Marian Hall 6:30 - 8:30 PM                                                                                             |
| Tues., Feb. 12 | Play Practice Providence Hall 6:30 - 8:30 PM                                                                                         |
| Wed., Feb. 13  | Drop In Grade 6-12 3-6 PM at JAM center<br>CYM Drama Practice in PAC 3 - 6 PM                                                        |
| Thur., Feb. 14 | Play practice Providence Hall 6:30 - 8:30 PM                                                                                         |
| Fri., Feb. 15  | Dress Rehearsal begins in PH at 7 PM                                                                                                 |
| Sat., Feb. 16  | "Play On" in the PAC 8 PM                                                                                                            |
| Sun., Feb. 17  | "Play On" in the PAC 1 PM<br>T-ROC Liturgy 6 PM<br>Luau planning meeting 7 PM<br>Crosswalk Practice 7 PM<br>Boy varsity game 7:45 PM |

## 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 for 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 beginning February 8<sup>th</sup> through March 14<sup>th</sup>.

The students in grades 1 through 3 will also pray the Stations on the following Wednesdays at 1:50 PM: February 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>, as well as March 12<sup>th</sup>. Come and pray with us.

### **St. Mary School Auction & Dinner 2008**

Reach for the Stars!

Saturday, March 1 2008 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](mailto:melissabattaglia@comcast.net)

**SAINT BLASÉ FEAST** was February 3, LAST Sunday. When



a saint feast occurs on a Sunday, the liturgy of the Sunday takes precedence. Be alerted to two special feasts in March. Saint Joseph day will be observed on March 15, since March 19 occurs in Holy Week this year. The liturgy of holy week takes precedence. The Annunciation of the Lord will be observed on March 31 because March 25 will be during the solemnity of the Easter Week liturgy. Such change helps us to see the importance that CHRIST is the center and focus for our lives; his followers/saints are invoked after HIM.

**RICE BOWLS are available in the foyer of our church. Take one home to use.** Sacrifices you make throughout the season will be sent to Catholic Relief Services toward support of the many families helped in third world countries. Use the HOME CALENDAR GUIDE which you received with the parish mailing for personal stories of persons being helped by CRS.

**CHOCOLATE OR GRUDGES?** Decided yet what you'll give up this Lent? Are you ready to try something more challenging than the usual chocolate? How about grudges, resentments, bitter thoughts? You won't lose weight, it's true, but you will gain a priceless gift: the inner peace which comes when we do God's will. Join us for a Lenten Presentation as Eileen Colianni, noted author and psychologist **will speak on 'Forgiveness' on Thursday, February 28, at 7PM at St. Joseph Church, 330 Dorseyville Road in O'Hara Township. This presentation is opened to everyone in the parish and the community.**

## **GENERAL PARISH NEWS**

### **LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEN AND WOMEN**

**Women's Lenten Conference** - The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Lenten Conference will be held on Sat. March 1, 2008 at St. John Neumann Parish in Franklin Park from 10:30am until 2:30pm. Donation: \$15.00 per person. Make check payable to: **TASH, Inc.** Confirmation will be sent via email. The deadline for registering is Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. Send to: Fr. Scott Seethaler, OFM Cap. 221 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15201

**Men's Retreat**- March 7-8-9 at St. Paul's Retreat House on the Southside. Call Charlie Fischer (412)487-4667 or Carl Lichvarchik (412)903-7607 to register or find out more! All are welcome, especially "first timers." Refer to the insert in last week's bulletin or call Jim Finn at the rectory (412)486-4100.

**LENTEN ENRICHMENT SERIES** Mass every Tuesday evening during Lent at 7:00pm with a guest homilist.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**- Every Friday during Lent at 2:00pm with the school children and at 7:00pm in church.

**CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**- Keep open Sat. April 12, 2008 for the **THIRD ANNUAL GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN** at the A. J. Palumbo Center at Duquesne University. Doors open at 8:00 AM and the closing Mass is at 4:00 PM. Box lunch included. Send your registration form to Jim Finn at the rectory if you want to go on the BUS leaving **from St. Mary's**. Cost: \$40.00 per person; high school and college students- \$10.00.

### **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.

**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL TEENS!** St. Mary's Family Program Parents are starting a new once-a-month program just for teens. You are invited to come alone or with friends, join in a basketball or volleyball game or other activity, and/or hangout and listen to music and meet new people at our new Youth Gatherings Program. We promise you will not be preached to! In fact, we hope to hear more from you about what you want, and most of all we want you to have fun! Our next gathering will be held on Sunday, February 10th, after the 9 AM Mass from 10 AM to Noon, in the Parish Activity Center. Plan to attend and enjoy a good time!

**LENTEN FISH DINNERS:** Our second Lenten Fish Dinner will be served on February 15th, 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 E - H, please drop off your treats by Friday, Feb. 15th, by 4:00PM. Thank you and see you at the "Fish Fry."

### **FISH FRY**



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## **Around Our Town**

### **Christian Mothers/Women's Organization**

Our February 21st Christian Mothers Women's Organization begins with Rosary at 6:30 p.m. Mass at 7:00 p.m. and followed by the reading of the CM prayer card. Our program for the evening will be featuring Marie Doerge and the Contemporary Ensemble as entertainment for our listening pleasure and (if you'd like dancing pleasure). If you haven't heard them play and perform for just the sake of entertainment, you haven't heard anything yet! Their vast array of oldies and other songs, as well as an imitation of Elvis and Porky Pig are hilarious. They are quite entertaining. If you haven't seen them perform other than while at Mass, you shouldn't miss this! Husbands and/or guests are invited. Beer, wine, appetizers and desserts will be served. If you forgot what you signed up for at the last meeting, contact Marilyn Buck, (412-492-8367). Anyone who didn't sign up should feel free to bring an appetizer, snack or dessert if they'd like or call Jan Raible, (412-486-0367) if you'd like to help out in some way. We only have two more meetings before our "spring" break, so please let Jan or Marilyn know, if you or anyone you know would like to be one of the officers for September 2008, as the present officers term will be ending.

**ST. MARY'S TRAVELERS** - Thanks all who traveled with us to the Padre Pio Shrine and stage production of "The Miracle of Christmas" in Lancaster. It was an inspiring trip and we have been asked to offer it again. On May 8th and 9th we will again visit Lancaster for the production of "Daniel and the Lion's Den", the Apple Dinner Theatre and a return visit to the Padre Pio Shrine and Museum. Dinner follows before our return home. Cost is \$259.00/person (based on double occ.). Deposit of \$100.00 holds reservation. Make check payable to Mary Ann Coholich and mail to St. Mary's Church, 2510 Middle Road, Glenshaw, PA. 15116. Our second trip will be a one day outing, May 22nd. In keeping with the spirit of Memorial Day we will honor our American Heroes with a visit to the 9/11 crash site of Flight 93 and the Memorial Chapel in Shanksville. We will also tour the "Miracle" site of the Quecreek mine, where nine miners were rescued, a most uplifting experience. Both of these sites are further enhanced with guides who had "been there"! A buffet lunch and a surprise treat is included. Cost is \$50.00 and payable in full when reservations are made. Again, make checks payable to Mary Ann Coholich. For further information call Mary Ann (412) 486-0165 or Arlene (412) 487-1891. What a fun way to further our Parish Mission statement to "Welcome and Unify"! Trips are open to everyone!!

**Rectory Cook** is needed three to four days a week for the dinner meal planning preparation, shopping and general work associated with the kitchen. Occasional lunch prep and some major event, i.e. Confirmation dinner for the Bishop. Call Fr. Ed for an interview at 412-486-4100. This is a part-time position/hourly salary.

**MOVIE:** 30 minutes, "Bernadette, Princess of Lourdes" will be shown on Sat, Feb.9, 9:45 AM in Marian Hall, and Monday, Feb. 11, 6:45 PM in Church. This is to observe the 150th Anniversary of Blessed Mother's Appearance February 11, 1858, to Bernadette Soubirous, a 14 year old girl, near Lourdes, France. All parishioners welcome to attend.

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

For those who anticipate a change in the basis tenor of their lives, this past Wednesday was a **major awakening**. For those who allow the liturgy to affect all that they do, this past Wednesday was a **major awakening**. For those who seek a deepening of their relationship with the Lord Jesus, this past Wednesday was a **major awakening**. All of this is happened because this past Wednesday was the beginning of **LENT**. Ash Wednesday began the “96 holiest days” in the Liturgical Year, as we are about to relive the mystery of the dying and rising of the Lord Jesus, the central mystery of our Catholic Faith. The 46 days of Lent (when we count the Sundays of the season) will accentuate the **DEATH** of the Son of God. The 50 days of Easter will announce his **RESURRECTION** to new life. All of this will be capped off by the Solemnity of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit will fill the Church with the living presence of the resurrected Christ.

The **TENOR** of our lives should change with the coming of Ash Wednesday. It is a time of sacrifice and intensity of prayer and service to others. The message that runs throughout the entire season is one of conversion. It is a time for us to “change the way we think” about life and its most important dimensions. This major awakening will open our hearts to make these days an opportunity of spiritual enlightenment.

The **LITURGIES** we celebrate during these 96 days of Lent/Easter/Pentecost will be some of the most sacred moments in the entire year. Holy Week will reach the pinnacle as the liturgical reenactment of the dying and rising of the Lord Jesus. The sacrament of Reconciliation will give us a new lease on life for forgiveness from our divine God will abound in measure beyond measure. This major awakening will open our hearts to receive a special presence of our divine God in our Catholic Faith.

The **RELATIONSHIP** we have with the Lord Jesus reaches a new height with the coming of this Easter Cycle of events. The intensity of reading the Scriptures each day will call us to a personal intimacy with the Christ. This time of year deepens the significance of the dying and rising of the Son of God in creating an association unmatched in any other manner. This major awakening will open our hearts to developing a kinship with the divine presence made human in the Lord Jesus.