

PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 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

CATHOLICS COMING HOME

As the members of the “Catholic Coming Home” MINISTRY continue their work of inviting those who are distant from the regular practice of the Catholic Faith back to the Altar of the Lord, they are looking forward to the Parish Family Picnic on August 17th as an easy way to share the Faith with others. We ask all parishioners to consider inviting to the picnic those whom you might know as “needing a little nudge” to return to the Faith. The Members of the MINISTRY will be at the picnic with the intention of reaching out to those who might be looking for an easy entrance of returning to the regular practice of their Faith.

“MEMORIAL PLAQUE” ENTRIES

As the “Memorial Plaque” is getting ready to be set up outside the side door leading from the parking lot into church, those who would like to have their names inscribed on the Plaque may still do so. The time for placing names on this first phase of the Plaque is quickly coming to an end. Please call the rectory THIS week if you would like to have more information about how this can be done.

NEXT PICNIC MEETING SET

Those wishing to refine the last minute details concerning our Parish Family Picnic are invited to meet on Monday, August 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. All parishioners coming to the picnic are invited to bring their own “tents and chairs” to set up in the grass so that they might be in the shade for the day’s events. Keep August 17th open for a friendly time of meeting new friends and relaxing with other members of the Parish Family. Keep an eye on future bulletins for details concerning the picnic.

MISSIONARY CO-OPERATION SUNDAY

We remind all parishioners that NEXT Sunday will be our annual “Missionary Co-operation Sunday” when a missionary from Africa will be with us to speak at all the liturgies. There is no envelope in our packet for this second collection as prescribed by the Diocese of Pittsburgh for every Parish Family in the Diocese. We ask each person to remember to bring an offering for this second collection since it will be used by the missionaries in their work among the poor and needy of their country.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Members of the *Little Sisters of the Poor* stand at the doors of our church TODAY. They come begging for our financial assistance to help them in their very work of serving the poor. The *Little Sisters of the Poor* were founded by Blessed Jeanne Jugan in 1839 for the purpose of bringing Christ’s love to the elderly poor. The Sisters arrived here in Pittsburgh in 1872 and have caring for the poor since then. They provide a home for the elderly at 1028 Benton Avenue. We ask all to be mindful of the Sisters today with a financial contribution to their cause and to remember them in prayer as they serve the poor of our Diocese in their chosen vocation.

OUR DECREASING DEBT

The Parish Family debt that we have with the Diocese continues to decrease month by month as those who are still paying on their pledges remain faithful to their monthly commitment. There is no doubt that WE ALL have benefited from the many improvements made to our sacred grounds and the fulfillment of each person’s pledge is a firm witness to this reality. Whenever all those who are still paying of their pledges have completed their final payment, then we will be a debt-free Parish Family.

CARE OF OUR OWN CEMETERY

As the days of summer now begin to roll by, our Maintenance Department spends much of its time manicuring our cemetery grounds to maintain its beauty. We take pride in being one of the few parishes in the Diocese who has a sacred burial ground adjacent to its church building. We ask all those who have a concern for their loved ones buried in our cemetery to be aware of the regulations that are posted throughout the cemetery. It is imperative that we all adhere to these regulations so our Crew may be able to do their work in an efficient way and maintain the beauty of our cemetery.

NO PARKING! NO PARKING!

We once more remind those who come to our sacred grounds that we must park “between the lines” in each of our parking lots. Those persons who park “outside” these designated areas will have their vehicles towed at their own expense!



LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 27, 2008 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 p.m. Jean Lis - Daughter, Sally
- 6:00 p.m. Anna Mae Walsh - Family
- 7:30 a.m. Jack Bell - Sylvia Fragomeni
- 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 11:00 a.m. Charles & Doris Reddinger - Tom & Kathy Goral

Monday, July 28, 2008 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 a.m. James Berrang - Family
- 10:00 a.m. Betty Graf - Jim & LaVerne

Tuesday, July 29, 2008 - St. Martha

- 7:00 a.m. Richard McCafferty - Family
- 10:00 a.m. Erin Arnone - Dad

Wednesday, July 30, 2008 - St. Peter Chrysologus

- 7:00 a.m. Joseph & Josephine Mikszan - Russell Mikszan
- 10:00 a.m. Arthur Podorski - Aunt Mary Ann

Thursday, July 31, 2008 - St. Ignatius of Loyola

- 7:00 a.m. Eileen Golya - Ray & Ann Ballantine
- 10:00 a.m. Ted Rygielski & Dan Zoeller - Paul & Kelly Zoeller

Friday, August 1, 2008 - St. Alphonsus Liguori

- 7:00 a.m. Dorothy Lang - Husband, Charles Lang
- 10:00 a.m. Special Intention - Bob & Marie Deasy

Saturday, August 2, 2008 - St. Eusebius of Vercelli & St. Peter Julian Eymard

- 8:00 a.m. Ruth Moeller - Hedy & John Argentieri
- 4:00 p.m. William Ferraro - Rachele & Harry
- 6:00 p.m. Mary & Joseph Wagner - Family

Sunday, August 3, 2008 - Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. Steve Garasic - Tom & Martha Garasic
- 9:00 a.m. Ralph Costa - Harry & Rachele Heintl
- 11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family

Weekly Activities at a Glance

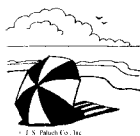
- Sunday July 27** (Marian Hall) 8:00AM - Blood Bank
(Marian Hall) 9:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children
(Marian Hall) 11:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children
- Tuesday July 29** (PAC) 5:00PM - Powerzone Sports Camp
(Plaza) 7:00PM - Burning Hearts Middle School Grp.
- Wednesday July 30** (Marian Hall) 1:00PM - 55 Specials - Bingo/Cards
(Courts) 3:00PM - CYM Drop-in Outdoor B'Ball
- Saturday August 2** (Marian Hall) 4:00PM - Liturgy of the Word for Children
(Plaza) Hospitality Weekend - after all the Liturgies.
- Sunday August 3** (Plaza) Hospitality Weekend - after all the Liturgies

FAMILY FEST at St. Paul's Seminary

The Office for Family Life and Catechesis will sponsor a special day for families on Sat. August 23rd. Bishop Zubik invites all families (nuclear, step, blended, single parent, etc.) to a special Mass which he will celebrate at 12:00noon. The day will include a catered picnic lunch, a tour of the seminary, games and lots of fun for everyone! Be sure to mark this date on your calendar. Interested families can register for \$25.00 per family--\$5.00 single (we would like to include everyone; in case of financial hardship, please contact us for a confidential fee adjustment) Call Jim Finn at (412)486-4100 for a registration form.

A VOCATION VIEW

God invites us to ask for what we need. Consider what Solomon requested—an understanding heart. What do you need as you seek to follow Jesus?



Due to vacation schedules, the contributions of July 20th and July 27th, 2008, will be posted in the bulletin on August 3, 2008. Thank you for your consideration.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I. Robert Fuchs (St. Mary) & Kristin Hutchinson



All things work for good for those who love God.

~Romans 8:28a

Daily Readings



- July 28:** Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35
- July 29:** Jer 14:17-22; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- July 30:** Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46
- July 31:** Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53
- August 1:** Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58
- August 2:** Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12
- August 3:** Is 55:1-3; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

YOUTH MINISTRY

NEW EMAIL CONTACT INFORMATION
FOR Barb Belski! SEE BELOW.

YOUNG ADULT WEEKEND

August 2 and 3, 2008

Visit the CYM table and reconnect with us. Looking for some gym time over the summer? Check with Barb Belski after any of next weekend's liturgies.

All young adults [post high school graduation and into early 30's] are encouraged to call Barb Belski with an update on your status. Leave a message and your contact number at 412-486-4100, ext. 409 or email Barb at belskib@verizon.net. See the CYM bulletin board for some selected photos of past youth ministry events from the years 1999, 2000 and 2001.

NEXT SOAR MEAL for the homeless women will be on Saturday, August 9. Would you like to serve or provide a meal item [enough to serve 16-18?] Please call the CYM line or email Barb Belski [see contact details below].

Special request from the staff at the soar shelter for homeless women: The ladies need small tubes of toothpaste and feminine sanitary pads. Please put your donations in plain bags and place in the marked box in the CYM lobby.

OPEN GYM FOR HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

Mr. Phil Fitzgibbons invites all parish high school youth, boys and girls [who will be in Grade 9-12 for the 2008 - 2009 academic year] to our weekly Open Gym in the Parish Activity Center (PAC) every Wednesday from 5 - 6 PM.

NCYC

What is NCYC? Where will you be November 19-21, 2009? If you are in Grade 9 – 12 and want to experience your Catholic faith alive with about 20,000 teens from around the country, then you will be at NCYC! For more information, check with Mrs. B at the CYM table at any of the weekend liturgies on August 2 & 3.

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 or email at belskib@verizon.net.

ST. MARY SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

We remind parishioners that our parochial school is open to all persons --- not just members of our Parish Family. It is also open to all religions --- not just persons who are Catholic. The value-orientated educational process of our Catholic School develops our young people in a formation process that is not permitted in the public sector. Speaking of God in a personal manner, teaching of Faith at a child's level, going to the church building, praying each day, relating to a Parish Staff, belonging to a Parish Family --- all of these are integral to our Catholic school. We remind parents and guardians of children now ready for pre-school or kindergarten to think seriously about these values for your child. Come, make an appointment with our Parish School Staff and then make your decision.

SERVICE HOURS

If any 8th grade student would like to earn some service hours for Confirmation, help will be needed in school on Tuesday, August 12th, at 10:00 AM. Any student willing to volunteer is asked to call the school office by Friday, August 8th.

TUITION DEADLINES

We hope that all those who have children in St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic School will meet the "tuition deadlines" that are set up during the year. It is imperative that we collect the tuition "on time" so that we can meet the payroll demands twice a month, and the other costs of maintaining the school as they arise. When we fail to meet the time demands of these costs, then we need to pay a "penalty" tax that simply increases the cost of the school in the long run. All families are reminded that their children may not participate in the summer programs of athletics for the school UNTIL they are "registered" for the coming year. REGISTRATION of the coming year includes completing the tuition payments of the previous year.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL ENVELOPE

As we come closer to the opening of our parochial school for another value-orientated school year, each parishioner may have noticed a "yellow envelope" in our monthly packet entitled Opening of Catholic School. This envelope gives every member of our Parish Family an opportunity to help financially the work of our catholic school program. Monies from the Parish Family are placed in the "John Neumann Fund" to help those families that find the escalating costs of catholic education increasing faster than they can afford. We make the boast that "...no child should be denied a catholic school education because of lack of finances..." and the contributions made in this envelope help us to make good on the commitment we have to those who are less fortunate but seek a catholic school education.

OUR PARISH NEWS



TODAY
 July 27, 2008
 8:00AM to 1:00PM

The Blood Bank is in dire need of donors as the supply is critically low. A volunteer will be calling you. Please be generous as the life you save may be your own some day. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

MATH-ON-THE-ROAD

The next Math – On – The – Road will be Tuesday, July 29, 2008 from 11:00 to 12:30. If you are interested in participating or hosting on Tuesday, please call Ms. Ondriezek 412-487-8594 or e-mail ondriezek@comcast.net. Ciara and Ms. Ondriezek are anxious to work with you!

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is the process by which people become members of the Catholic Church. The rite is designed for those seeking baptism, those already baptized seeking to become Catholic and those who were baptized Catholic but have never

completed all the sacraments of initiation (confirmation, eucharist). If you or someone you know and love is interested in joining the RCIA process here at St. Mary's beginning after Labor Day, please call Father Ed or Jim Finn to find out more! 412.486.4100.



Please pray for all the sick and those recovering from illness. Family and friends have requested prayer for the following:

Rena Vivaldi Breskovich, Robert A. Deasy III, Virginia Glass, Martha Hornak, John Hoehn, Olivia Hutchenson, Helen Kolek, Mary Lou, Amy McT., Karen Mickus, Kitty Murphy, Clement Newcamp (Pap), Margie Nist, Judy Ranalli, Courtney Ryce, Joshua Stanek, Shirley Stepnick, Mark Thimons, Virginia Thompson, V.A.W., Archie Wharton, James Wilson, Christine Z., and Paul Zoeller.

The **NEXT MARKET DAY** will be **August 21**, so here is still time to order some **refreshing summer treats and easy meals**. If YOU would like to assist on the **21st**, please call Lee at 724-443-1147. This is a **vigorous SERVICE** opportunity for youth.



GOOD NEWS TO SHARE



RETREAT NEWS

Mark your calendars NOV. 7-8-9:

Our fall retreat for women will be held at St. Paul's Retreat Center on Pittsburgh's Southside. Find out more and plan to attend by calling: Irene 412.487.1779, Elma 412.486.3508, or Patricia at 724.443.6885.

Married Couples Retreat

August 8-9-10 with Fr. Scott Seethaler, OFM Cap. at the Paul VI Pastoral Center. Call 304-277-3300 to register or find out more!

Widows/Widowers of St. Mary's are invited to meet on Sunday, July 27th at Hoover Restaurant on Route 8 at 5:00PM. For more information or questions, please call Barb 412-486-4902 or Marge at 412-486-5521.

Pine Richland Community Day

August 9th is Pine Richland Community Day and St. Mary's school has rented a booth to showcase our school. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and see some old friends. Any parent that would like to participate in helping out at the booth for the day please call Sandy Ondriezek at 412-487-8594 or e-mail: ondriezek@comcast.net. It's a wonderful way to promote the school and enjoy a summer day at the park.

Administrative Assistant

Part-time position - 25 hours per week. Must have computer skills and writing skills for letters, publications, diocesan reports. "People skills" also important for interactions with parishioners and parish staff. Please send resume to Fr. Kenneth R. White, Pastor, St. Scholastica Parish, 309 Brilliant Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15215. Please no phone calls.

SMAA Golf Outing

When: Monday, Sept. 15, 2008
 Where: Birds Foot Golf Club
 Time: 12:00 Shot Gun Start
 18 Hole Scramble
 Cost: \$135.00
 Hole Sponsor: \$135.00



Steak Dinner, Prizes, Beer and Soft Drinks every 3 Holes Supports all athletics at St. Mary's. Please contact Kelly Cannon Ph: 412-551-3150. Email: kellycannon@verizon.net.

PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS from Father John

I have a tendency to call this time of year “...catch your breath...” month. Basically, it refers to the month of JULY when we are devoid of any parish-wide events or programs. Added to this image is the fact that many of our parishioners use this time of year to go on their family vacation so that they might get refreshed for the up and coming responsibilities of the rest of the year.

The image of “...catching breath...” comes from the competition of the long distance runner who needs to use certain moments in the long run for coasting along. To attempt to run at a breakneck speed for the entire distance of the race ends in the frustration of burning oneself out and not being able to cross the finish line. The intelligent athlete is able to live by the axiom in all running contests that “pace makes the race.” In creating the proper pace for extending oneself to the finish line, one must be able to “...catch one’s breath...” at some point along the way. To fail to discover that moment when one is able “to get a second wind” only brings disaster to one’s attempt to finish the course. Might each of us learn from the long-standing tradition of the distance runner that proper BREATHING is absolutely necessary for success?

Swimming is another one of those athletic activities that speaks to us of BREATHING. Those of us in a former life who have taught the art of swimming to young people and old are convinced that knowing how to “catch your breath” is the hidden secret of becoming a good swimmer. Once we have established a pattern of proper breathing, the strokes of our arms and the push off of our legs reaches its maximum potential. Failing to learn the breathing process will plunder the best of athletes to the bottom of the swimming pool.

All this talk about BREATHING puts me in mind of the Holy Spirit, for after all, the root word for “spirit” means BREATH! When we are filled with the life of the Holy Spirit, we have figuratively “...caught the divine breath...” of eternal life; for without it, we will surely plunder to the depths of death itself. So might we all spend this month of July “...catching our breath...”, that is, pacing ourselves to be refreshed with the divine life of the Holy Spirit? Then, when we return to the long journey of parish life, we will be able to pace ourselves so that one day we too will cross the finish line into the eternal kingdom of the divine.