

Bulletin # 910038

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Attn: Bee

MESSAGES:

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

The Parish Family of *St. Mary of the Assumption* unites with churches across the country as we celebrate World Marriage Day at each of our liturgies celebrated today. This weekend we will congratulate all those who live as married persons in the sacrament of Christ and thank God for the life long commitment they have made to each other.

*A special blessing will be given
to all the married couples
at each of today's liturgies.*

A married person united in the sacrament of Christ is a woman or man of faith and prayer whose **LIFESTYLE** might include:

- Living Christian values in the home
- Vowing fidelity to one's spouse
- Teaching Christian values to children
- Helping one's spouse to be a better person
- Living the Christian call to serve

SERVICE for a married person might include:

- Teaching in a Faith Formation Program
- Serving in the many roles of liturgy
- Helping in social work
- Making a retreat for personal growth
- Becoming a permanent deacon
- Giving of time, talent and treasure

PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATING

All parishioners are reminded of the work of the 14 members of the Pastoral Council as they begin to determine the goals of our parish life for 2006. In the Lenten packet that will be sent home this month the names, telephone numbers and email addresses, along with their pictures will be sent home to every registered family. We hope that all those who wish to be part of this goal-setting process will contact one of the Pastoral Council members to offer suggestions and ideas to their very comprehensive discussions.

PARISH SHARE SUNDAY

We will take up the collection for Parish Share in TWO WEEKS --- on the weekend of February 25th/26th --- but the presentation for our assessment for this year will be made NEXT WEEK at all the liturgies. Members of the Finance Council will speak at all the liturgies next week to alert all parishioners to the importance of the Parish Share collection for our Parish Family.

"CATCH THE VIBE"

VITALITY IN BUILDING EXCELLENCE

The members of the Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) express a deep sense of gratitude on behalf of the entire Parish Family for all those members who have already given to the Pledge Campaign. The members of the CCC have taken a leadership role in raising the sights of all of us to a new level of participation. "Vitality in Building Excellence" has become the mantra that hopes to involve all of us in a Pledge Campaign that "builds" an "excellence" in deepening the "vitality" of our parish life. CCC are reminded of their meeting set for this Monday, February 13th at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory as they continue to plan strategies for inviting all parishioners to be generous to the campaign.

PALM BURNING FOR LENT

Do you still have your palm given out on Passion Sunday of last year??? Would you mind bringing it next Sunday and placing it in the baskets provided at the doors of the church??? We will burn this palm to make the ashes for this year's Ash Wednesday celebration. The liturgy reminds us that Lent is a time for sacrifice as we center ourselves on the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus. The palm of last year was a sign of the triumph of the Christ last year, and this year becomes a fitting symbol in its burning of the reversal of that triumph as we celebrate the suffering of the Lord Jesus.

CALLING ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The call goes out to all those who serve the Parish Family in the role of a Liturgical Minister --- including extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, greeters, lectors, music ministers and ushers --- to join us at the Mardi Gras on Tuesday, February 28th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Marian Hall. We hope to offer the appreciation of the entire Parish Family to this wonderful group of dedicated ministers who make our liturgies such a special moment for all who gather in the Assembly.

YOUTH MINISTRY DRAMA CLUB

Good luck to all the members of the Youth Ministry Drama Club next Saturday evening as their many hours of practice will come to fruition in the play open to all members of the Parish Family.



Masses for the Week

Sunday, February 12 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00 p.m. Anna Ferber (Family)
 6:00 pm Living & Deceased of our Parish
 7:30 a.m. Francis Werling (Family)
 9:00 a.m. Frank Kirzyc (Wife Sally)
 11:00 a.m. Agnes, Bill & Charles Semler (Hilda & Bill Gilg)

Monday, February 13
 7:00 a.m. Gloria Hurley (Family)
 10:00 a.m. Jean Hoza (Joan Hulbert)

Tuesday, February 14 - Ss. Cyril and Methodius
 7:00 a.m. Maria Scolieri Distilo (M/M Gregory Distilo)
 10:00 a.m. Charlie Ghastin (Children)

Wednesday, February 15
 7:00 a.m. James Missenda (Wife)
 10:00 a.m. Philip & Caroline Vranic (Dick & Carrie Druzak)

Thursday, February 16
 7:00 a.m. Mrs. Carl Hunkele (Family)
 10:00 a.m. Becky Wesolek (Family)
 7:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of CM/LG

Friday, February 17 - Seven Servite Founders
 7:00 a.m. Paul Barbieri (M/M Gregory Distilo)
 10:00 a.m. Cynda Patton (Students and Faculty of St. Mary's)

Saturday, February 18 -B.V.M.
 8:00 a.m. Craig Burns (Paul Mitsch)
 4:00 p.m. Lois Crivella (Buddy & Karolyn)
 6:00 p.m. Deceased of the Downs Family (Bob & Marie Deasy)

Sunday, February 19 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 a.m. Mary Clare Arlotti (Ron & Joan Dawson)
 9:00 a.m. In Memory of Pope John Paul II (Family Program)
 11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish

A VOCATION VIEW

God has done great things for you. Spread the good news. Consider a Church vocation. (Mark 1: 40-45)

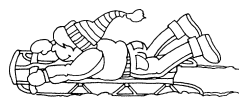
MILITARY PRAYER LIST: PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN LISTED ON OUR PRAYER LIST NEAR THE SACRED HEART STATUE. A CANDLE IS KEPT BURNING TO REMIND US TO KEEP ALL IN PRAYER. To add someone to this prayer list please call the rectory at (412) 486-4100.

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN: will be celebrated on February 26th at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Contact Donna Polito at (412) 492-9312 or Mary Sue Certo-Newcamp, (412) 767-5234 if you will like to serve with the team at these or one of the liturgies in the coming months.

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR AND TABERNACLE THIS WEEKEND: are in loving memory of Mary Clare Arlotti, requested by her husband Gino.

R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the souls of John Murray, Jr., of our Parish Family and Jane Styslinger, sister of Beth Mulkerin of our Parish Family.

PLEASE REMOVE ALL CHRISTMAS WREATHS AND CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS FROM GRAVES IN THE CEMETERY BEFORE MARCH 1ST. IF YOU DO NOT REMOVE, THE MAINTENANCE CREW WILL REMOVE AND DISCARD THEM. THANK YOU.



February 5, 2006	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	855	\$18,694.96
Cash/Loose Cks.	—	869.00
Children's Offer.	64	88.95
Religious Format.	2	30.00
School Collect.	5	70.00
St. Anthony Sch.	4	55.00
Parish Share	1	40.00
Parish Needy	20	307.00
TOTAL	951	\$20,154.91

DAILY



READINGS

Feb. 13: Jas 1: 1-11; Mk 8: 11-13
 Feb. 14: Jas. 1: 12-18; Mk 8: 14-21
 Feb. 15: Jas 1: 19-27; Mk 8: 22-26
 Feb. 16: Jas 2: 1-9; Mk 8: 27-33
 Feb. 17: Jas 2: 14-24, 26; Mk 8: 34 —9:1
 Feb. 18: Jas 3: 1-10; Mk 9: 2-13
 Feb. 19: Is 43: 18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; Ps 41; 2 Cor 1: 18-22; Mk 2: 1-12

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

R.C.I.A. Are you interested in learning 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. If interested please join us in the rectory following the 9 a.m. Liturgy. Call Father Ed for more information at (412) 486-4100. This week's topic: The Ten Commandments. Next Week's topic: Reconciliation.



PLEASE HELP US TO SUPPORT THE STUDENTS IN PATZUN, GUATEMALA. TICKET SALES ARE VERY SLOW FOR OUR ANNUAL DINNER THEATRE ON Saturday, February 18 after the 6 PM liturgy. It's a great

Valentine's Day experience! The food is delicious, the entertainment is a quality production and the price is right. This year, the teens will present Robert Fulghum's "All I really need to know I learned in kindergarten".

Severe weather this past summer damaged the school building. Older students are let go to retain the younger students when school income drops. We need your help to support these third world children in their time of even greater need. Cost of the dinner is \$25 and tickets are on sale at the rectory and Faith Formation office. **THIS YEAR'S RAFFLE INCLUDES A 50/50 RAFFLE AND A STEELER CAP SIGNED BY BILL COWHER. NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE TAKEN OVER THE PHONE.**

Father Scott Seethaler, OFM Cap invites ladies to a "Women's Lenten Conference: JESUS COMES IN MANY DISGUISES", Sunday, March 26, 2-6 PM at St. Teresa Church, Perrysville. The day includes Mass. \$10 fee due by Friday, March 17; for further info call: 412-682-6147.

The Bereavement Ministry of St. Bonaventure Parish, Glenshaw, is offering a seven-week grief support group this Spring. We invite anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one to join us for this free series of meetings. Afternoons: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Friday, March 3 to Friday, April 21 excluding Good Friday, April 14th. For more information or to register call (412) 486-2606.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Faith Sharing - 6th Week Ordinary Time
Jesus challenged the idea of his time that those who were considered unclean should abide outside the faith community? What types of people are "left outside" of modern society? How can we apply Jesus' challenge today? How can YOU reach out and touch someone with a difficult disease? To what extent do YOU have the fullness of faith shown by the leper in the gospel?

Family Program meets TODAY at 9:00 AM Mass, then for sessions 10:00 AM till Noon.

Monday Faith Formation, February 13

Grades 6-7- 8 BE IN church by 6:30 PM for Reconciliation Liturgy; all other grades meet in classrooms.

FEBRUARY 14: Saints Cyril & Methodius and Saint Valentine remembered. May the love of God spread by these Saints, fill your life.

Saturday, February 18, NO C.C.D.

Do the Lesson for Feb. 19 at home !

Confirmation Candidates, some Sponsor Information Forms from the sponsor packet are still needed at our parish Faith Formation Office.

Retreat Forms (page 19 from your grey booklet) **still needed TODAY !**

FIRST EUCHARIST CLUSTER GROUP for anyone who missed their Feb. session, meet Sunday, February 26, 10:00 AM in Marian Hall. Child needs to bring their FIRST EUCHARIST book.

CATHOLIC HOME SCHOOL CONFERENCE & Curriculum Exhibits, Saturday, March 18, 8:30 - 2:30 PM at Seton-LaSalle High School. Registration Information available at our Faith Formation office, 412-486-5521 or call 412-456-3090.

YOUTH MINISTRY

THIS MORNING ... DON'T MISS Breakfast & Bible

High school youth 9-12:

Come enjoy enlightening Bible Conversation and a delicious breakfast!

Our next T-ROC is February 26th but if you can't make that session, come to the JAM Center 10 – Noon today for Breakfast & Bible. (All youth registered for Appalachia must attend T-ROC or Breakfast & Bible.)

WHY COME to T-ROC?

To learn about your faith... with other teens...develop community...form relationships with our young adult T-team.

We are committed to making **FAITH COME ALIVE** for our parish youth. Think about how you prepare for other milestones in your life...like your driver's license... jobs...college. Should your soul be any less significant?

HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

<u>Sun. Feb 12</u>	Breakfast & Bible – JAM Center 10-Noon
<u>Mon. Feb. 13</u>	Play Practice in Marian Hall 7-9 PM
<u>Tues. Feb. 14</u>	Play Practice in Marian Hall 7-9 PM
<u>Wed. Feb. 15</u>	Play Practice in Marian Hall 7-9 PM
<u>Thurs. Feb.16</u>	Play Practice in Providence Hall 7-9PM
<u>Fri. Feb. 17</u>	Dress Rehearsal
<u>Sat. Feb. 18</u>	Dinner Theatre Performance
<u>Sun. Feb. 19</u>	Matinee Performance – 1:30 PM
<u>Sun. Feb. 26</u>	T-ROC – 6:30 – 9:00 PM-Meet in Church

LOVEWALK – TODAY!

IT IS NOT TO LATE TO PARTICIPATE AS A FAMILY IN THIS ANNUAL DIOCESAN EVENT. Bring items to donate (food, baby care, school supplies) to Sacred Heart Church in Shadyside for the **2 PM** liturgy with **Bishop Winter**.

APPALACHIA 2006

Our Appalachia team of youth and adults has now been established for this summer's work camp. For all those who have paid and registered, our **next Appalachia meeting** will be rescheduled to the last week of February. All registrants will receive a letter in the mail. **We will finalize our work plans for the Fish Dinners on Friday, March 10, 17, 24, and 31.**

ST. MARY SCHOOL

INTERNET SAFETY PROGRAM - All parents and guardians of the school and parish are invited to attend a program on internet safety sponsored by the Hampton Township police department on Monday, February 27th, at 6:30 PM. The presentation will focus on websites being used by our young adults which are inappropriate websites. It would be very worthwhile to attend this program if you have concerns or just want to be informed. This program will take place in Marian Hall, but no children are permitted to attend—this is for parents/adults only.

OPEN HOUSE: All 6th, 7th and 8th graders are welcome to attend **Vincentian Academy Open House on Sunday, February 19th , 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.** The school is located at Peebles and McKnight Roads. Schedule of activities include tours, test dates, financial aid information, introduction to faculty, club and sports representatives and affiliation with Duquesne University. Vincentian Academy offers the International Baccalaureate program, a comprehensive curriculum regarded as a mark of excellence by universities worldwide. Come and discover the academic, moral and spiritual dimensions of Vincentian Academy. For more information call the school at (412) 364-1616.

MT. ALVERNIA HIGH SCHOOL OPEN

HOUSE: will be held on Sunday, February 26th, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. For more information call (412) 821-3858. Web site: www.mtalvernia.com



GENERAL PARISH NEWS

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME:

Each week the Core Team of this ministry to parents with children birth to age five supplies some food for thought written by Bud Ozar, a national columnist. **A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: In the Gospel for World marriage Day, Jesus "reached out, touched a leper and healed him." Everyone comes to marriage with flaws that need healing. The healing power of Jesus comes to life in marriage, when spouses "reach out" and accept the shortcomings of each other.**

PRAY AND PLAY DAY: This Wed., February 15th, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Church. All Moms and Tots are welcome. Call Cindy at (412) 486-5272 for more information. No reservations are necessary.

NO BAPTISMS IN LENT: To maintain the spirit of the Lenten season in underscoring 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 an emergency situation where the child is in need of the grace of this sacrament because of some danger. Then, when we come to the Easter Season, when the Church speaks to us of 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 for their busy schedule.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL ENVELOPE: There is a special envelope entitled "Catholic School Week" in this month's stack. This envelope is offered to all those who would like to help needy families to receive an education in our own parochial school. We invite all parishioners to make a financial contribution to the great asset our school is to the entire Parish Family. All the monies collected in this envelope go directly to St. Mary Catholic Grade School. This envelope may be dropped in the first collection on any given Sunday.

FOR DADS: The Dads from the Let the Little Children Come To Me Ministry meet every first and third Wednesday of the month in the rectory at 7:30 p.m. Why not join then this Wednesday, February 15th? New men are always welcome! Call Jim Finn at (412) 486-4100 for more information.

CALLING ALL MEN! Married and single men are encouraged to join other men throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh at the **Answer the Call Catholic Men's Conference** on Sat., April 1, 2006, at the A. J. Palumbo Center. Hear several dynamic laymen point the way toward what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world. Whether you are a father, grandfather, single man or son, whatever your level of faith or what ever your level of spiritual need, "COME AND SEE" how your life can be changed. A discount is available for parish group sales and transportation is also available. To register or to find out more call: Justin Pizzella (724) 274-7474 or Jim Finn at (412) 486-4100.

ATTENTION MEN - TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SPENDING THE BEST WEEKEND OF YOUR

LIFE: Mark your calendars and make a reservation to join other men from our Parish Family the weekend of March 3-4 & 5 at St. Paul Retreat Center. To find out more call: Charlie Fischer at (412) 487-4667, Jerry McNalley (724) 443-6161 or James Karcher (724) 444-5798.

WIDOW/WIDOWERS GROUP: will meet on February 26th at 10:30 a.m. at Abate' Restaurant in the Water Works for breakfast and a movie following. For information, please call Barb at (412) 486-4209 or Marge at (412) 486-5621.

St. Mary's Middle Road: is hosting a trip to Washington, D.C. We have a full itinerary scheduled, including the new WWII Memorial, the Pope John Paul Cultural Center, Franciscan Monastery and Catacombs, Arlington Cemetery, etc. An extra highlight is the Sunset Parade and Concert performed by the Marine Corps Band. Trip cost of \$366.00 per person (dbl. Occupancy) includes transportation, accommodations at Marriott in Virginia, admission fees, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, all taxes and gratuities, including tour guide and driver. Dates: May 25th, 26th and 27th. For details call Arlene Nath (412) 487-1891 or Mary Ann Collich (412) 486-0165.

PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS from Father John

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY gives each of us the opportunity to reflect on the significance of a sacramental marriage in the life of the Community of Faith. Not only does the love shared by a couple committed to the Lord Jesus bond them together in a permanent relationship; but allowing that love to spill out from their hearts to the world around them they sanctify all of us. We all are the beneficiaries of married couples whose love brings the presence of Christ to our world. The Sacrament of Marriage places a great emphasis on the lifelong grace received by the couple all during their days in this world. As the couple continues to reaffirm their love for each other, they acknowledge the presence of Christ in their lives.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY speaks to us of the fact that a sacramental marriage is more than just a legal contact. Even though this legality is necessary because we live in a society where the reality of marriage must be protected by the State, in the eyes of the Community of Faith marriage is a *covenant*. In marriage the couple makes an unconditional promise, not knowing where this promise might lead them or what this promise might entail. This unconditional promise is the heart and soul of a marriage *covenant*, as it becomes a model for the unconditional love that God has for God's people. In the sacramental understanding of marriage, the Church also presents it as a model of the *covenant* between Christ and his Church.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY reminds all of us that the unconditional love expressed in this sacrament brings to the couple a mutual growth that places a certain number of demands upon their lives. In this intimate partnership, the couple calls out from each other a concentrated effort to make each a better person. Mutual growth demands an effort to develop wholesome communication skills and a positive trust in each other's word. Mutual growth hopes to create a delicate balance between assertiveness and surrender, and always looks for the renewal of both. There will be growth and change in each of the spouses all the years of their life together and that growth and change will only bring them together more so in one sacramental union of love.

AND SO --- on this WORLD MARRIAGE DAY 2006, we wish to congratulate each of the couples of our Parish Family who allow their sacramental love to touch the hearts of those of us who have chosen a single or celibate way of life and thereby make our Parish Family a special moment of Christ's presence in our lives!

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