

THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Today we bring the entire Liturgical Year to a climatic conclusion with the celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King. Those Sunday participants who have been following the wonderful sequence of events unfolding in our liturgy have experienced a year full of superb celebrations. We have made our way through the six seasons of Advent/Christmas/Epiphany in the Christmas cycle, and Lent/Easter/Pentecost in the Easter cycle. These seasons coupled with the 34 weeks of Ordinary Time have offered us a composite of all that we believe as Roman Catholics. Now we have come to the end, and our sights are set on the future direction of the kingdom of heaven. The Lord Jesus is now crowned as "Christ the King" and those who have been faithful to his mandate in this world anticipate living in this new kingdom forever.



SPECIAL COMMEMORATION TO HONOR CHRIST OUR KING

We will commemorate the magnificence of this day with a special Procession and Benediction after the 11:00 a.m. liturgy. We hope that those who wish to honor the Lord Jesus as Christ the King will join us for this short, but meaningful service. As we come to the end of another Liturgical Year, we set aside the green vestments of Ordinary Time and begin to focus on the reliving of the mystery of the Lord Jesus with the coming of Advent. Next Sunday will start a new season (and the beginning of a new Liturgical Year) as Advent opens our hearts to the wonder of Christmas and the fulfillment celebrated on the Solemnity of Epiphany. What a wonderful time to recommit ourselves to our Catholic Faith and make a "new year's resolution" to deepen our relationship with our God!!

THANKSGIVING DAY

All parishioners, their friends and members of their families who may be home for the holiday, are cordially welcome to join us this Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, at 10:00 a.m. as we celebrate one liturgy that underscores the unity of our Parish Family as thankful people of the United States of America. This day gives all of us an opportunity to praise God for giving us citizenship in the most bountiful country in the history of the human race. Thanksgiving Day will have a special significance to those who gather at the EUCHARIST that morning since the word "eucharist" itself means "thankfulness." Come, join the Parish Family in this all important eucharistic celebration.

FOOD COLLECTION

As part of our gratitude expressed by all of us on Thanksgiving Day, we invite all persons to bring canned goods or food items to the liturgy of that day. There will be a collection of these items at the Presentation of the Gifts as they are brought to the altar. The donation of these food items will then be placed in the St. Mary Food Pantry to help the many needy families that are served by the St. Vincent de Paul Society at this time of year.

SCOUTS IN UNIFORM

Since 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 ... to give a colorful aura to our celebration by coming to the liturgy "dressed in their uniforms" and bringing their flags. Scouts 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 all the adult Scout Leaders to remind the young people in their care of this invitation that is meant for every scout person in our Parish Family.

CEMETERY OPENS NEW SECTION

During this month of November we have had special commemorations for those who have died. Might you have noticed that we opened a NEW SECTION in our cemetery for those who would like to have their loved ones buried close to our parish church, so that we can remember them each time we gather in our church to celebrate the mystery of the Lord's DYING and rising? Contact the rectory for details about the opening of this new section.

Masses for the Week

Sunday, November 20 - Christ the King

- 4:00 p.m. Catherine Gall (Ruth Hajenich)
- 6:00 pm Bill Harpel (Wife Kay)
- 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)

Monday, November 21 - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 7:00 a.m. Rosalia Scolieri Labbate (M/M Antonio Fusca)
- 10:00 a.m. Erin Arnone (Dad)
- 7:00 p.m. CCD Liturgy - Special Intention

Tuesday, November 22 - St. Cecilia

- 7:00 a.m. Frank Regan (Lenny Komoroski)
- 10:00 a.m. Eric Costa (Grandparents)

Wednesday, November 23 - St. Clement, St. Columban, Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro

- 7:00 a.m. Michael Rendulic (Patti & Carl Carfagna)
- 10:00 a.m. Frank Kirzyc (Wife Sally)

Thursday, November 24 - St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions, Thanksgiving Day

- 10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish

Friday, November 25 - St. Catherine of Alexandria

- 7:00 a.m. Marlene Krome (Husband)
- 10:00 a.m. Kevin Gessler (Mother & Dad)

Saturday, November 26 - B.V.M.

- 8:00 a.m. Deceased of Deasy Family (Bob & Marie Deasy)
- 4:00 p.m. Rose Fischer (Daughters)
- 6:00 p.m. Leonard Wilczynski (Richey)

Sunday, November 27 - First Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish
- 9:00 a.m. Theresa & Nicholas Moyeroff (Grandaughter & Family)
- 11:00 a.m. John, Barbara & William Lorkovic (Dick & Carrie Druzak)

A VOCATION VIEW

Tending the needs of others is a gift of service to God as well as those in need. Imagine that you chose to serve God as a deacon, priest, brother or sister. What do you think/feel about this choice? (Matt. 25: 31-46)

R.I.P Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Mary Jane Green* of our Parish Family, *Sister Mary Virginia, OSB* former Confirmation Catechist in our Parish Family who was buried this past Tuesday, *David Pasquarelli*, brother of *Ruth Neary* of our Parish Family, and *Marcia Fischer*, daughter-in-law of *Thelma & Bill Fischer* of our Parish Family.

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR THIS WEEKEND ARE IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DAUGHTER, STEPHANIE MCNALLEY FROM JERRY & LINDA MCNALLEY.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I. Susan Caro - Christopher Stevens (St. Mary's)

The Word Among Us Booklets are available on the Pamphlet Racks.

DAILY



READINGS

- Nov. 21: Dn 1: 1-6, 8-20; Lk 21: 1-4
- Nov. 22: Dn 2: 31-45; Lk 21: 5-11
- Nov. 23: Dn 5: 1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21: 12-19
- Nov. 24: Dn 6: 12-28; Lk 21: 20-28
Thanksgiving Day-Suggested
Sir 50: 22-24; 1 Cor 1: 3-9;
Lk 17: 11-19
- Nov. 25: Dn 7: 2-24; Lk 21:29-33
- Nov.26: Dn 7: 15-27; Lk 21: 34-36
- Nov. 27: Is 63: 16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80;
1 Cor 1: 3-9; Mk 13: 33-37

Nov. 13, 2005	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	806	\$15,707.51
Cash/Loose Cks.	—	1,133.00
Children's Offer.	15	17.05
Religious Retire.	203	6,664.00
Mission Sunday	1	1.00
All Saints	1	25.00
Parish Share	11	350.00
Parish Needy	6	51.00
TOTAL	1,043	\$22,815.56

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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

Maria Danielle Coleman

We congratulate her, her 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: Advent/Christmas and on December 4, we will discuss The Sacraments: An Overview. There will be No RCIA Class on November 27th. If interested, please join us in the rectory following the 9:00 a.m. liturgy. Call Father Ed or Jim Finn for more information at (412) 486-4100.

RADIO CITY SPECTACULAR

The BUSES for this Friday's performance will leave from our parking lot at 3:30 p.m. sharp!!! If you wish to use this form of transportation, please call the rectory **Monday** since the number of seats is limited. Those wishing to purchase a ticket at the last minute to be part of the *St. Mary of the Assumption* contingent at the special benefit being held for our Parish Family this Friday at 5:00 p.m. should call today 412-471-6930 or groupsales@pgharts.org and ask for the St. Mary Church special offer.

"CATCH THE VIBE"

VITALITY IN BUILDING EXCELLENCE

The dedicated work of our Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) takes on an added dimension as we continue to collect funds for Phase II of our project that will bring all the benefits of a Parish Activity Center (PAC) to the entire Parish Family. There is a sheet in the Advent Packet that has been sent home this past week to "give a picture" of the frontal piece of the PAC. "Profiles of Generosity" have also been included on this sheet --- might YOU also fit one of these profiles???

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Faith Sharing for Christ the King

Jesus wore the crown of thorns as he was proclaimed "King". Consider the following characteristics of the reign of God and think of an action related to each that YOU can do to further His reign: Truth, Life, Holiness, Grace, Justice, Love, Peace.

Monday Faith Formation, all meet in class this week; Gather IN church at 6:55 for Mass at 7:00 PM. Bring non-perishable items for the Food Pantry to place at the altar and to be given to needy families for Thanksgiving.

NO Saturday Faith Formation session Nov. 26; Families do the Nov. 17, First Sunday of Advent, and the Workbook lessons at home.

ADVENT candles, booklets, and family activity packets available at our Faith Formation office, lower floor of the school building. Stop in to purchase any items to enhance your HOME observances for the Advent season.

ADULT ENRICHMENT ... Mark your calendars to reserve TWO evenings to **PROFIT** from the wisdom of the **PROPHETS of Advent**, to be discussed with our pastor Father John, Thursdays, Dec. 1 & 15, 6:00-9:00 PM in Marian Hall. Call 412-486-5521 NOW to sign-in so handouts will be prepared for you. Bring a friend!

FAMILY PROGRAM: Meets TODAY, November 20th at the 9:00 a.m. Liturgy, with sessions following for children & youth Faith Formation and Adults until 12:00 noon. **The November Project is Angels' 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." Please bring all donations to Marian Hall following the 9 a.m. Mass. Thank you for helping with this project.

YOUTH MINISTRY

BREAKFAST AND BIBLE TALK

AFTER TODAY'S 9:00 AM LITURGY Bring your Bible. Come hungry for scripture and a delicious breakfast. 10:00 a.m.- Noon at the JAM Center. **GRADES 9 – 12.**

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! High School Parents needed for Pot Luck Supper.

OUR VISIT TO THE CRECHE AND PPG ICESKATING
Get out those skates (rentals are also available) and join us on Sunday, December 4th!

HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sun. Nov 20 Breakfast and Bible Talk – 10 AM – Noon– JAM Center
Tues. Nov. 22 Play Practice in Marian Hall
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

Please consider helping to beautify our sacred grounds in St. Mary's second annual Christmas Eve Luminaria project. **IDEAL SERVICE PROJECT FOR BOTH SECOND AND EIGHTH GRADE CLUSTER GROUPS.** We are still in need of approximately 200 clean, clear, small glass jars to place candles on our property before all Christmas Eve liturgies. **Don't throw away those pickle, olive, or gravy jars this Thanksgiving!** A specially marked box has been placed in the CYM lobby.

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.

YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS: Check our Discussion Board at:

www.stmaryglenshaw.org/cym

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.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE - The school community will hold a Thanksgiving Prayer Service on Wednesday, November 23rd, at 10:45 AM in church. Students and staff will donate canned goods for our parish food bank. Please join us if you can.

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



 "Thanks Be To God!" is a common expression not only of thanks but also of relief that a danger was averted. In this season of thanks, is there a bad fortune that you avoided? Perhaps you avoided the flu by getting a shot or avoided an argument with your spouse because you decided to hold your tongue until you got more facts? Thank God for invisible blessings.

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

FAMILY CCD PROGRAM - CHURCH TOUR: The Family CCD Program is meeting this morning for the 9:00 a.m. Mass. After Mass, all of our families are invited to participate in a Tour of Our Sacred Space. We will be distributing guidebooks in the front of the Church by the sanctuary 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.

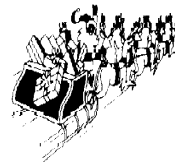
LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME: is a post-Baptism ministry for parents with children ages birth to five. Each week the Core Team includes a meaningful **FAMILY PERSPECTIVE** in the weekly bulletin: Each day parents feed "the hungry", give drink "to the thirsty", "welcome", "dress" and "care for" their children. In today's gospel Jesus is telling parents: "you are blessed by my Father because when you did this for the little ones, you did it for me." The normal routine of raising a family is holy and can make us saints.

CAROLS AT REBECCA RESIDENCE: Join the Little Children and their parents on Friday, December 2, at 6:45 p.m. at the Rebecca Residence at 3746 Cedar Ridge Road. This is one of the best opportunities for inter-generational ministry. All are welcome! Call Anne Holtz at (412) 487-1616 to find out more!

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU! At this season of Thanksgiving, a special thanks is extended to all who contributed to the collection of various items to be sent to our military personnel in Iraq. Your generosity is overwhelming! The boxes have been shipped! **THANK YOU!**

HATS! GLOVES! SCARVES AND SOCKS! December 3rd is the deadline for collecting these items for the women and children of the Women's Shelter. Thanks to all who have contributed to this Let The Little Children Come To Me service project.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY: is very grateful to the Student Council for their School Project of collecting food donations for our food pantry. We also thank the students and teachers. Also, thank you to the 4th grade students, teachers and Mary Sue Newcamp for the Halloween Candy that was collected for the Food Pantry. Thank you too, to Ms. Pilarski, you have a wonderful Student Body .



ST. MARY'S PTG ANNUAL

"Sweets with Santa" children's party will be on held on Friday, December 2, 2005 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Marion Hall. There will be games, crafts, Chinese Auction and lots of sweets to eat.

The cost is \$4.00 per person. Reservations must be made by Wednesday, November 23rd. For an additional fee you can have your picture taken with Santa. Please contact Kim Elliott at 724-444-6054.

THE CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/LADIES GUILD

Will be selling Cookbooks after all Masses this weekend. The cost of each Cookbook is \$10. They make a great holiday gift!

The Annual Children's Hospital Free Care Fund Chow Luncheon held by the Allison Park Office of Howard Hanna Real Estate Services will be on Thursday, December 1, 2005. The Chow Chow lunch is being held at the Middle Road Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall at 2034 Middle Rd. A delicious lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for a \$5.00 donation. There will also be a Silent Auction, Chinese Auction and a Car Raffle of a 2006 H3 Hummer. All funds raised from this event go to the 2005 Children's Hospital Free Care Fund. Bring your friends and family and support a very worthy cause. For more information call (412) 487-7787. Thank You for your support.

So that our Staff may spend time with their families for the Thanksgiving Holiday, all Parish Offices will be closed Thurs. Nov. 24 & Fri. Nov. 25. We will re-open on Monday, Nov. 28th at 8:00 a.m. We wish everyone a Happy & Blessed Thanksgiving!



PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS from Father John

Thanksgiving Day is not exclusively an American ideal! The custom of setting aside a day of offering thanks to a deity has been traced all the way back through the many peoples of antiquity in kingdoms, countries and tribes that may not even exist anymore. Many such observances have been recorded throughout history in many places in the world. In the United States of America this annual day of thanks for the blessings of the past year is observed on the fourth Thursday in November.

It seems to have begun in 1621 in Plymouth Colony by Governor William Bradford. He issued a proclamation that the original colonists observe a day of prayerful thanksgiving for the harvest by feasting on wild turkey. The custom spread rapidly throughout the area and over 150 years later, as the custom of thanking God continued to be associated with the formation of a new nation, the Continental Congress ordered a day of national thanksgiving during the fighting of the Revolutionary War. In 1789 President George Washington issued a call for such a spirit of thankfulness upon the adoption of the Constitution.

As the United States of America continued to grow with its emphasis upon a country where every person was free to worship God, American people began to beseech the government for a specific day to offer thanks. Finally, on October 3, 1863, President Lincoln issued the first national proclamation fixing the last Thursday in November "...as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father." Then, in 1941, the Congress adopted a joint resolution setting the date on the "fourth Thursday of November" as it now is!

Throughout the entire historical development of Thanksgiving Day in the life of the American people, there has always been an accent upon the religious dimension of the day. Today, many Americans emphasize the secondary features of the day. Large family meals around the cry for more stuffing, sports events cheering our favorite teams, and the no work-no school facet of the day seem to capture our attention. For some, we have lost the real "American spirit" of the day! Not so at *St. Mary of the Assumption* on Middle Road! We will begin the day around the Eucharistic (thanksgiving) Table as one Parish Family celebrating "praise to our beneficent Father" so as to give real meaning to all else that we do that day!

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