

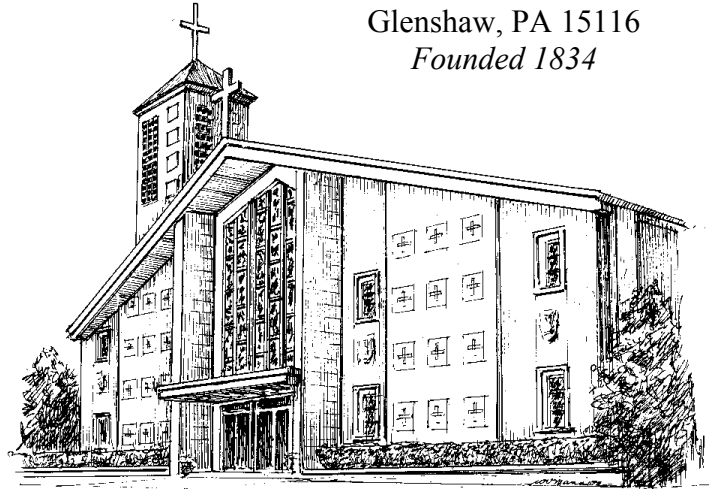
PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
December 27, 2009

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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

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

In the long standing tradition of the Catholic Church, the Sunday between the celebration of the Solemnity of Nativity on December 25th and the Motherhood of Mary on January 1st is entitled **The Feast of the Holy Family**. As the liturgical spotlight centered on the child Jesus on December 25th and on the role of Mary on January 1st, today the emphasis is upon JOSEPH in his role as belonging to the lineage of David. The Gospel of Luke reminds us of the importance of Joseph as he searches for his child among the teachers of the Temple. Today we offer a special blessing to all of the families of our Parish Family with the hope that each of them will continue to reflect the presence of the Holy Family in the modern world in which we all live.

MOTHERHOOD OF MARY: A HOLYDAY

On Friday, January 1st, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Motherhood of Mary, which is a Holyday of Obligation. It is also a day set aside by the Bishops of the country to pray for peace. The liturgy schedule is 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. on Thursday evening, and 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Friday morning. As we come to gather around the altar for the beginning of a new year, we will seek the blessing of our generous God in that we have another sanctified year in 2010.

CHRISTMAS GRATITUDE

The Parish Family of *St. Mary of the Assumption* is so blessed with the tremendous number of parishioners who make the great events of this holy season so spiritually-enriching. The sounds provided by the Music Ministry filled our sacred church with the beauty of heavenly voices; those who created such a marvelously creative décor opened our hearts to the feelings of the season; and those ministered in the sanctuary with those who served in ushering and hospitality created such a warmth for all of us who gathered for these days. We thank each and every person who gave so much to make this a wonderful expression of our Catholic Faith.

**BLESSED CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE
AT THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH.
PLEASE TAKE WHATEVER YOU MIGHT NEED.**

“CATCH THE VIBE”

Third Phase Matching Fund

(1) Contributions must be given before the end of the month to be recorded on the financial statement sent to each home for tax purposes in 2009;

(2) There is still a possibility to place one's name on the “Memorial Plaque” that has been erected outside the door of the church for everyone who contributes at least \$2000 totally to the Campaign that began back in the year of 2003;

(3) The Pension Protection Act of 2006 allows anyone to take funds from an IRA and send them directly to the church without paying any income tax on the withdrawal. There are no tax consequences if done before the end of the year.

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

The Parish Family of St. Mary constantly raises in prayer the names of our sick relatives and friends. Once a month we publish in the bulletin the names of those who have been given to us. We remind all parishioners that these names will be published this final time in today's bulletin. After this, we will begin to collect names for our 2010 listing. We will not automatically include the names of the 2009 listing in the 2010 bulletins since many of those who were placed on the list are no longer homebound or in a debilitating condition. New names may be placed on the 2010 list at any time during the year, so that, in fact, the listing will continue to grow during the year.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2009

Today is the final day to make contributions to the Parish Family that will be recorded on our 2009 financial statement. Parishioners wishing to have their donations recorded for tax purposes in the year 2009 must have them recorded on their statements. These financial statements will be sent individually to all envelope receivers in our Parish Family next month for their own personal use.

**THE “GIFT” PROCESS
“GROWING IN THE FAITH TOGETHER”
WILL BECOME OUR GOAL IN 2010!**



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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 27, 2009 - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

4:00 p.m. Ed, Agnes, & Joy Wetzel - Jane, Megan & Pat
 6:00 p.m. Janet Young - Cody Family
 7:30 a.m. The Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
 9:00 a.m. Marcella & Robert Cray, Sr. - Antoinette & Robert Cray, Jr.

11:00 a.m. Mary Louise Wagner - Boy Scout Troop #195

Monday, December 28, 2009 - The Holy Innocents

7:00 a.m. Robert & Gladys Hefferin - The Wolff Family
 10:00 a.m. Jack Jones - Ken Duncan

Tuesday, December 29, 2009 - Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas

7:00 a.m. Concetta Derenzo - Giuseppe Derenzo
 10:00 a.m. James Rafferty - Wife & Children

Wednesday, December 30, 2009 - Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

7:00 a.m. Gicomo & Theresa Tolomeo - Ruffa Family
 10:00 a.m. Helen Natoli - Dolly

Thursday, December 31, 2009 - Seventh Day in Octave of Christmas

7:00 a.m. Catherine M. Lewis - Caitlin Sullivan
 10:00 a.m. Bill Wesolek - Family
 4:00 p.m. Agnes Ondorisio - Faith Formation Team
 6:00 p.m. Michael R. Uros - Tom & Martha Garasic

Friday, January 1, 2010 - The Octave of Christmas; The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

8:00 a.m. Theodor Starcevic - Dolores & Pete Penezic
 10:00 a.m. Richard Eiseman - Richard Thomas

Saturday, January 2, 2009 - Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory

8:00 a.m. Charles W. Czachowski - Dale R. McKean
 4:00 p.m. Richard O'Leary - His Family
 6:00 p.m. Catherine Kazmierski - Ernie Boss

Sunday, January 3, 2009 - Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 a.m. Frank Schmidt - Sutter Family
 9:00 a.m. The Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
 11:00 a.m. Patricia Regan - Ann Korpiel

Weekly Activities at a Glance

Sunday (Marian Hall) 9:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children
 Dec. 27

Monday (Rector) 7:00PM - Finance Council Meeting
 Dec. 28

Wednesday (Marian Hall) 1:30PM - 55 Specials Bingo / Bridge
 Dec. 30

Sunday (Marian Hall) Hospitality Weekend after all Liturgies
 Jan. 3

At Home with the Lord

Remember Lord and welcome into your Kingdom those who have died and have gone before us marked in the sign of faith, especially Anne Balestrino, mother of Vincent. Please remember to pray for the consolation of her loved ones.



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

Allen & Beverly, Ryan A., Richard Antoszewski, Rose Antoszewski, Clara, Ed, Frank, Mary Lou, Patricia A., William G., Marianne Boyd, Renae Vivaldi/Breskovich, Michael Breskovich, Thomas Bridge, Thomas Butler, Ivanette Calderone, Kenneth Conger, Sheila Daniels, Carol DiPerna, Elizabeth Engel, Craig Glaser, John Hoehn, Carol Kirk, Kathy Klein, Joey Kuhn, Barbara Lagiovane, Steve Lancaster, Marge Macho, Jim McMichaels, Ernest Musto, Ruthann Neary, Luke Noullet, Pino Perrelli, Sarah Polito, Debbie Porco, Lindsay Nicole Rolley, Paul Spadafora, Joshua Stanek, Kerry Stiffey, Jeff Stockert, Matthew Thens, Mark Thimons, Bill Vistein, Frank Vinski, Linda Woods, Paul Z.

Daily Readings



Dec. 28: 1 Jn 1:5 - 2:2;
 Mt 2:13-18

Dec. 29: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Dec. 30: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

Dec. 31: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Jan. 1: Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Jan. 2: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

December 20, 2009	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	771	\$21,437.30
Cash/Loose Checks	-	\$1,442.00
Children's Offertory	41	\$75.22
Christmas Flowers	22	\$502.00
Christmas Offering	19	\$965.00
Christmas Charities for Children/Youth	8	\$188.00
Immaculate Conception	3	\$30.00
Parish Share 2009	10	\$1,280.00
Parish Needy	43	\$914.00
Total	917	\$26,833.52

SACRAMENTAL LIFE



Baptized in Christ

Alexis Maria Bosetti
Cooper Marlin Metzger

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

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus was born into a Holy Family, not a storybook family. Today, pray for married couples and for parents, who strive to remain faithful to their commitments in a changing and challenging world.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Because Jesus did not tell his parents His plans to stay in Jerusalem, Mary and Joseph were distraught and probably felt negligent and guilty. Like the Holy Family parents today operate with the same deficit because children don't disclose all their plans. Despite the centuries, the problems of parenting are the same.

PARENTING POINTERS

Take time to savor each gift you opened and appreciate the giver. Help your children learn that as they receive, so they are also responsible for giving. Choose a charity to support as a family. Remember, those who have less through prayer and a donation.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"On the third day of Christmas my true love gave to me...."
How do you call your true love? Do you have a pet name? Say your spouse's name with special tenderness today.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ON JANUARY 4th

One Lord, One Body, One People!

Next Monday, January 4, 2010, in anticipation of the Feast of Saint John Neumann, C.Ss.R. will be our Eucharistic Day beginning with the 10:00am Mass and concluding with Evening Prayer and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00pm. COME! Spend some quality time with the Lord! There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex of our church for you to designate a time to SPEND WITH THE LORD.

RCIA Please continue to pray for the individuals who are currently involved in the RCIA experience as they continue their journey of discovering the meaning and the message of the Catholic faith. We meet on Sunday mornings following the 9:00am Mass in the rectory dining room. We will resume our weekly meetings on Sunday, January 10th. All are welcome. Call Father Ed or Jim Finn 412.486.4100 to find out more.

SPECIAL THANKS to Mr. Jeff Wolfendale and his Landscaping Company for lighting the trees at the entrance to our sacred grounds. We use lights at Christmas to remind everyone that **CHRIST IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!**

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Faith Sharing for Christmas Days – 12 at least!

Dec. 27, Third day of Christmas to honor God, 3 in one.
Dec. 28, Fourth day of Christmas to express thanks for the Four Gospel writers;
Dec. 29, Fifth day to kiss the 5 precious wounds of Jesus, the only man-made thing in heaven!
Dec. 30, Sixth day to be grateful for the 6 days of creation and all the wonders of this universe.
Dec. 31, Seventh day to do at least ONE of the 7 works of mercy.

January 1, Eighth day read to ponder the 8 beatitudes in Matthew 5:1 or Luke 6:20

January 2, Ninth day to discover something about the nine ranks of angels or nine fruits of the Holy Spirit.

January 3, Tenth day to recall the 10 commandments;

January 4, Eleventh day to say a prayer of thanks to the eleven apostles who remained faithful to Jesus.

January 5, Twelfth day to reflect on how to best live the 12 points of belief we express in the Apostles Creed.

Faith Formation Groups:

Monday, December 28 NO session. Do the wonderful stories and activities in the Gospel Weeklies and booklets as a FAMILY at home. Next session Jan. 4.

Saturday, January 2 NO session Do the wonderful stories and activities in the Gospel Weeklies and booklets as a FAMILY at home. Next session Jan.9.

Grade 2 with Parent/Guardians assemble at ONE of the sessions to receive the **First Eucharist** booklet to use in your cluster group. Meet IN church: Sat. Jan. 9, 10:30 AM, or Monday, Jan. 11, 4:30 PM OR 6:30 PM; or with Family Program in Room 17, Sun., Jan. 10, Noon

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK:

December 28 - Feast of the Holy Innocents, infants and children massacred by order of King Herod who wished to destroy Jesus, the newborn King.

December 29 - Saint Thomas Becket murdered in the cathedral in Canterbury, England because of his firm upholding principles of truth and fidelity to Christ.

December 31 - Saint Sylvester I, a pope who collaborated with Constantine and saw a great expansion of Christianity. Pray to him to help make a new beginning of the year.

January 1 - Mary, Mother of God Theotokos The most illustrious woman with whom to begin the NEW YEAR.

175th Anniversary of St. Mary's - Musical Drama If you missed the live show in October, and wish to see the film version of our parish history, plan to come to Marian Hall on the Feast of Saint John Neumann, Tuesday, January 5, 6:30-8:30 PM for the show; or come Wednesday, January 6, 10:40 AM to the Marian Hall Choir Room.

YOUTH MINISTRY APPALACHIA REUNION

For all those who have been participating in our annual mission trip over the past six years, come gather with our friends from St. George Orthodox on Monday, January 28 at 7 PM at the JAM center. Bring a snack to share.

DRAMA FOR CHARITY

Every year our youth group performs in a drama and all proceeds go to the missions. The dates of the performances are April 10 & 11, 2010. Any teens in Grades 8 – 12 who are interested in stage crew, costume work or acting can come to the Catacomb on Monday, January 4 between 6:30 to 8:30 PM for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADES 9-12

We invite all youth to consider participating in our 2010 Appalachia mission trip. You are required to complete 16 hours of community service at our parish and help with our Parish Breakfasts and other fundraisers. Please contact the CYM office for more information.

Pro Life March to Washington DC – teens will leave the evening before so that we may attend the rally and mass at MCI arena on Friday morning, January 22, 2010. Contact the CYM office immediately if you are interested in making this important pilgrimage with us.

CYM BASKETBALL

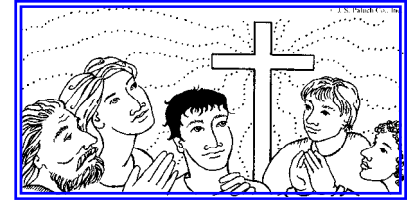
COME AND SUPPORT OUR HIGH SCHOOL CYM TEAMS AT THEIR HOME GAMES.

NO ADMISSION CHARGE.

Wed., Dec. 30 **Girl Varsity at 8 PM**
Sat., Jan. 2 **Girl Varsity at 7:30 PM**
There will be basketball practices scheduled over the holiday break. Parents - Keep checking your email for updates.

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, extension 409 or contact Mrs. B via belskib@verizon.net or check us out on **FACEBOOK** at St. Mary of the Assumption CYM.

ST. MARY SCHOOL



Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

~1 John 3:2a

OFFICES CLOSED

The school office and Scrip office will be closed from December 23, 2009 through January 3, 2010. They will reopen on January 4, 2010 with regular hours.

SUPER BINGO



A Super Bingo will take place on **Friday, January 8, 2010** in Marian Hall. Advance tickets are \$35.00 each or can be purchased at the door for \$40.00 each. Admission includes 12 cards for each regular game and four specials: **30** regular games at **70** points each, 2 specials at 100 points each; 2 specials at 200 points each; one 500 and one 1000 point jackpot. Doors open at 5:30 PM; bingo begins at 7:00 PM. The evening also includes raffles, quickies and instant bingos. Proceeds benefit St. Mary School. Call Coleen at 412-486-6622 for more information and tickets.

NIGHT AT THE RACES

The St. Mary Athletic Association will hold their annual **"Night at the Races"** in Marian Hall on Saturday, January 30th, 2010. \$20.00 a ticket includes food buffet, beer, setups, and soda. (BYOB) Doors open at 7:00 pm. Buffet dinner at 7:15 pm.

Races start at 8:00 pm. Adults only. For tickets call Joy Soeder at 412.487.6516 or Mike Ware at 412.487.9263.



Prayer for Priests

By Sister Therese of Lisieux

O Jesus, eternal Priest, keep your priests within the shelter of your Sacred Heart where none may touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood. Let Your holy love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation, here and in heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen

OUR PARISH NEWS

A THOUGHT FROM DEACON ROB

MERRY CHRISTMAS! Today we celebrate the wonderful Feast of the Holy Family. What an awe-inspiring celebration this is! Two days ago, we welcomed Jesus into the world through His Birth in Bethlehem. Today, we celebrate the inspiration that comes to us from the Holy Family; we celebrate who Jesus, Mary and Joseph are together.

Yes, while the Holy Family can inspire our nuclear families (mom, dad, sister, brother), there is a greater role in which they play. The Holy Family also inspires us and models for us what it is to be the Family of God. Jesus, who is our Lord and God, Mary, who is Mother of God and Mother of the Church, and Joseph, who is the universal patron of the Church, teach us how to deal with each other – and how to sustain the unity of the Family of God.

Joseph teaches us the virtue of obedience. He was a man who obediently trusted in God and in His plan for him. How do we obediently listen for and follow the will of the Lord in our lives?

Mary was open to the will of God in her life. She graciously accepted the plan of God to be the Mother of the Savior. How open are we to the will of God and the promptings of the Spirit in our lives?

Jesus ultimately gave His life for the life of the world. He had a constant dialogue with the Father so that the Father's will could be done. Do we have a constant dialogue with God so that His will may be fulfilled through us? Are we willing to give of our entire self so that others may know the life that God promises?

As members of the Body of Christ, we need to be obedient and open to the will of God so that others may find the life God promises through us. And the only way that we are able to fulfill the will of God is by being in constant communication with Him.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph continue to show us the way to be in union with the Father. As the Body of Christ, we continue to strive for that union by the way we live. May the Holy Family continue to be a model for us in living in harmony with each other as we strive to fulfill the will of God.

MARKET DAY – many discounts and festive foods in this month's order form. Pick up a copy at our church exits, or go on-line www.marketday.com

Open Your Heart to a Senior

With funding from the United Way of Allegheny County and in partnership with Family Services of Western PA, North Hills Community Outreach is reaching out to potential volunteers through a project called "Open Your Heart to a Senior." Volunteers can help older adults remain safe and independent in their own homes by helping with simple tasks:

- ◆ Taking a senior grocery shopping, or taking their list with you when you do yours
- ◆ Driving someone to a doctor's appointment or to their worship service
- ◆ Visiting or calling to make sure a senior is safe and to prevent feelings of isolation
- ◆ Shoveling snow or raking leaves

Trainings are held throughout the county. To learn more, call 412.307.0071 or visit www.openyourhearttoasenior.org.

The Karuzela Chorus

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Brereton Street, Polish Hill, will host their annual "Polish Christmas Concert" on Saturday, January 9, 2010, following the 4:00PM mass which will be celebrated by Bishop Daivid Zubik. Admission is FREE!

GOOD NEWS TO SHARE



HEY BOYS! Ages 13 to 17...

Squires are involved in promoting vocations, feeding the hungry, clothing the poor, promoting Catholic faith and education, among countless other activities.

Holy Communion Ministers, Readers and Altar Servers

The next schedule for your ministries will be mailed out before the end of October. Please contact Susan Urso, Parish Secretary, in the Rectory Office by Wednesday, October 14th, if there are dates that you will not be able to serve due to unavailability in November through January, 2010. Thank you!

Grade 8, High School Youth & Parents/Guardians

The Silver Ring Thing; includes high-tech presentations, activities, and information relating to the sacraments and Catholic Church teachings regarding chastity. At the event, participants can choose to receive a silver ring as a commitment to chastity. This event is on Friday, January 15, 2010 at Seton LaSalle High School from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 for students and adults before the event. But at the door, the cost is \$8.00. (The silver ring is an additional \$20.00.) Register with us, here at the St. Mary's Faith Formation office - call 412.486.5521. We can take carpools. Or you can register online at www.silverringthing.com You may plan to go to this event with your child separately in your own car.

March for Life

Friday, January 22, 2010

Join us for the "March for Life" in Washington, DC on the 37th Anniversary of the Supreme Court's infamous Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing abortion in our country. We will peacefully rally



and march down Constitution Avenue as we petition our legislators and the President to protect the right to life of every born and pre-born human being. This year is especially vital to lobby legislators to take **OUT** the tax payer funded abortion option from the proposed health care reform legislation. We will have two options for busses leaving from St. Mary's:

Midnight bus from St. Mary's to arrive in DC for the Youth Rally and Mass at 7:30AM.

Morning bus from St. Mary's after the 5:30AM Mass to arrive in DC for the March for Life Rally at noon. There will be no charge for these busses. We will return to St. Mary's approximately 10:30PM. Please contact Carol Loiselle at 724.443.7398 or carold@zoominternet.net for more information.

PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS from Father John

TODAY, we celebrate the “Feast of the Holy Family” which underscores for all of us the SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE. As we bring this year to an end, we must oppose those who choose to bring LIFE to an end in violent acts of destruction. A new challenge for us now is imminent --- the current health care reform legislation that authorizes the use of federal funds to subsidize health plans covering elective abortion. The Bishop of our Diocese asks us to “contact our Senators urging them to maintain longstanding federal policies against abortion funding and freedom of conscience provisions.” We encourage all parishioners to think seriously about traveling to Washington D.C. on one of the two busses provided by our Parish Family on Friday, January 22, 2010. The Holy Family --- Jesus, Mary, Joseph --- represents for all of us, irrespective of our beliefs, our ethnicity, or our citizenship --- that HUMAN LIFE HAS A SANCTITY that is divinely given:

THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE! First and foremost we must put an end to the horror of abortion and euthanasia as we come to “respect life” from the very first moment of conception to the final call by God to the eternal kingdom. Human life is too precious! It reflects the divine image of our God in the world in which we live. It has eternal worth and its value supersedes any power humans have to eliminate it.

THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE! Individual communities of people continue to speak out as racial profiling, ethnic cruelty and drive-by shootings make front-page news from the smallest town to the largest city all across this nation. There seems to be no end to the multitudinous ways we can discover to violate the life of another human being. In all of this, however, each of us knows that human life has a dignity and importance that supersedes such acts of destruction and cries out for such acts one day to cease!

THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE! It is not what you and I have done as human beings that bring such sanctity to our human lives, but rather only what God could do in a moment of creation. The sanctity of our human life goes way beyond our own personal achievements, as if to say the more we do the more dignity we possess. Not so at all! Our human dignity finds its fulfillment in the very nature of who we are as human beings, for a loving God has created each of us into the image of the divine. It is God who has made us to live forever for our destiny is way beyond the finality of this world. And in this we are SANCTIFIED!