

Bulletin # 910038

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MESSAGES:

## RETIREMENT FUND FOR ELDERLY RELIGIOUS

In the United States, religious institutes are independent, autonomous organizations whose income, earnings and expenses are separate from any diocesan structures. Decades ago, young, wage earning members were able to meet the needs of their elderly religious counterparts. Then, too, Catholic physicians and hospitals were able to donate much more care than they can in today's economic and health care environment.

Some examples of the need for such a collection can be found in these staggering statistics: skilled care and assisted living expenses for those religious over the age of 70 exceed \$450 million a year; 1 out of every 5 religious institutes has less than 20% needed for care for their elderly; and religious institutes spend an average of \$133 a day for stilled nursing care. 96% of the proceeds of this collection are distributed to religious institutes through grants.

All donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious flow through the National Religious Retirement Office where administrative and promotional expenses remain at less than 4 percent.

### SECOND COLLECTION TODAY AT EACH OF OUR LITURGIES

#### WELCOME SISTER CAROLYN WINSHELL

Our Parish Family of *St. Mary of the Assumption* welcomes Sister Carolyn Winschell, a member of the Divine Providence Community, who will speak to us at all the liturgies today. Many members of our Parish Family know Sister very personally, since this is, in fact, her home parish. Sister Carolyn has served the People of God in a variety of ministries, and she comes to us today to remind us of the needs of the retired religious. Sister will make a plea on behalf of the Retirement Fund for Religious, a collection that is taken up in every Catholic Church throughout the United States.

We are all asked to be as generous as possible in this collection. There is an envelope in our packet for the collection. For those who may have forgotten the envelope this week, this envelope may be placed in the first collection next Sunday for those who wish to make a contribution to the Retirement Fund.

## 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" means "thankfulness."

### 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.

#### A GALA NIGHT OF ENTERTAINMENT

Looking for a way to put a topper on the Thanksgiving Day weekend. Come, join us next Saturday when we have CAHAL DUNNE in our own Marian Hall. What a wonderful way to put the proper spirit into the weekend and prepare oneself for the joy of the Advent and Christmas season. Come along, invite a friend and share in our wonderful hospitality! Simply call Sr. Lois (412-486-4021) for tickets at only \$12 a person!



**Masses for the Week****Sunday, November 19 - Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 4:00 p.m. Eleanor Triglia (Family)  
 6:00 pm Stephanie Mcnalley (Family)  
 7:30 a.m. Eleanor Pugliese (Family)  
 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish  
 11:00 a.m. Sara Lupnacca (Pamela & Dennis Ladesic)

**Monday, November 20**

- 7:00 a.m. Bill Harpel (Wife - Kay)  
 10:00 a.m. Edward Gorgas (Family)

**Tuesday, November 21 - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- 7:00 a.m. Giuseppe Imbarlina (M/M Marco Imbarlina)  
 10:00 a.m. Erin Arnone (Dad)

**Wednesday, November 22 - St. Cecilia**

- 7:00 a.m. Mildred Munio (Pat & Mike Sunseri)  
 10:00 a.m. Eric Costa (Parents)

**Thursday, November 23 - St. Clement I, Thanksgiving Day**

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

**Friday, November 24 - St. Andrew Dung Lac & Companions**

- 7:00 a.m. Leonard Wilczynski (Richey)  
 10:00 a.m. Frank Kirzyc (Wife Sally)

**Saturday, November 25 - St. Catherine of Alexandria, B.V.M.**

- 8:00 a.m. George Vinski (Lillian Vinski)  
 4:00 p.m. Anna Mae Golubic (M/M Ed Grubich)  
 6:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish

**Sunday, November 26 - Christ the King**

- 7:30 a.m. Pete Marietti (Harold & Libby Pernisek)  
 9:00 a.m. Kevin Gessler (Mom & Dad)  
 11:00 a.m. Nicholas & Teresa Moyeroff (Granddaughter & Family)

**A VOCATION VIEW**

When the end time comes, the wise and those who work for justice will shine forever. Dedicate your life to furthering the reign of God. (Daniel 12:1-3)

**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.**



**THINK THANKSGIVING-** plan to begin your day this coming Thursday at the 10:00 am **FAMILY MASS.** You and your family will have an opportunity to share your blessings by bringing up food or monetary donations during the Offertory.

**ATTENTION USHERS AND GREETERS:**

Mark your calendars - - -plan now to attend our annual get together on Thursday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. in Marian Hall.

Due to the printing schedule of our bulletin, the contributions of November 12 and 19th will be in the bulletin of November 26th. We appreciate your patience.

**DAILY****READINGS**

- Nov. 20: Rv 1: 1-4; 2: 1-5; Lk 18: 35-43  
 Nov. 21: Rv 3: 1-6, 14-22; Lk 19: 1-10  
 Nov. 22: Rv 4: 1-11; Lk 19: 11-28  
 Nov. 23: Rv 5: 1-10; Lk 19: 41-44  
     Thanksgiving Day — Suggested:  
     Sir 50: 22-24; 1 Cor 1: 3-9;  
     Lk 17: 11-19  
 Nov. 24: Rv 10- 8-11; Lk 19:45-48  
 Nov. 25: Rv 11: 4-12; Lk 20: 27-40  
 Nov. 26: Dn 7: 13-14; Ps 93; Rv 1: 5-8;  
     Jn 18: 33b-37

## **SACRAMENTAL LIFE**

**RCIA- 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. This week's topic is: The Church in the United States . There is no RCIA next week because of the holiday. Please join us on Sun. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> when we will discuss Advent and Christmas following the 9:00am liturgy in the rectory dining room. Call Fr. Ed or Jim Finn for more information at (412)486-4100.

**TRAVELING VOCATION CHALICE:** All members of our Parish Family, including single members and shut-ins are invited to host the chalice, once used by former Pastor, Msgr. Jacob Shinar at Mass, in their homes. It is a reminder for all to pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life and for more baptized Catholics to consider becoming lay ecclesial ministers. To schedule the chalice in our home, call Jim Finn at the rectory (412) 486-4100. Members of our Parish Vocation Council will be happy to assist shut-ins by bringing the chalice to their homes.

## **"CATCH THE VIBE"**

### **VITALITY IN BUILDING EXCELLENCE**

The dedicated work of our Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) takes on an added dimension, as "personal invitations" have been sent to every registered home in our Parish Family. We hope that those parishioners who have not given to the Pledge Campaign in the past will now take this opportunity to become a participant. Meanwhile, the work on the Parish Activity Center (PAC) continues as we now begin to see the entire structure take shape. What a wonderful way to express "Our Thanksgiving" for a project that has been years in its coming to fruition!

## **RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

### **FAITH SHARING -33rd Week Ordinary Time**

Why do you think a separation of the good from the bad is used in describing eternity in the Bible? To what extent does the idea of "endtimes" impact your spirituality? What metaphor would you use to describe YOUR vision of eternity?

**CONFIRMATION CLUSTER** groups meet this month to discuss "Building Friendship with God". The discussion centers on what God's FAITHFUL love means to us and the many and varied ways of responding to God's love in prayer.

Eucharist Cluster Groups are exploring how "WE are reconcilers" as well as learning how the Rite for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be soon celebrated. Parents/guardians are welcomed to visit the Reconciliation Rooms (confessionals) with your child sometime before the end of this month

**WOMEN OF FAITH** being celebrated this week 21<sup>st</sup>-Saint Anne who presented Mary in the temple to be dedicated to God; 22<sup>nd</sup>- Saint Cecelia, patroness of MUSIC; 25<sup>th</sup>-Saint Catherine of Alexandria

**ADVENT Resources for Families** available at our Faith Formation Center. STOP in to purchase an item for the season:

**Candles for wreath...4 for \$3.00**

**Ring with 4 candle holders...\$3.00**

**Ring with Greens & 4 candle holders...\$6.00**

**Booklets & Activities - \$1.00 each:**

**Family Calendar 2007; Family Prayer Traditions; What can I GIVE for Christmas? ; Symbols & Traditions of Advent ; Living Light-Devotions for Children ; A Circle of Love-Family Devotions;**

**Road Work Ahead - for Teens**

**Chain of Stars OR Chain of Angels - to make**

**Twirling Toward Bethlehem - Mobile**

**What Child is This? Seek & find**

**NOTICE TO PARENTS  
REGARDING CYM ACTIVITIES:**

Be aware that it is **not** our practice to keep your teens out late, especially on a school night, unless we specifically note the time on a consent form or in the bulletin. Meetings, play practice, etc. may end as early as 7:30 – 8:30 PM. **Please do not hesitate to call us about the end times of our activities if you are concerned.** Call or leave a message at 412-486-4100, ext. 409.

High school youth, young adults and adults:

**PLEASE HELP OUR VETERANS** Can you spare less than two hours on a Sunday morning? We are looking for teens and their parents who are willing to escort veterans from their hospital room to the chapel at the VA in Aspinwall on any Sunday morning. These veterans are so grateful for a kind word and appreciate celebrating liturgy with the volunteers. Call 412-486-4100, ext. 409.

**Retreat on December 1-3, 2006**

Through the generous donations of several parishioners we are able to offer scholarship money for the retreat. Don't let cost stop your teen from a faith transforming experience. This year's retreat will be a dynamic, faith filled experience with teens from around the diocese. Mark your calendar: Dec. 1- 3, 2006. Please call 412-486-4100, ext. 409, the deadline is approaching.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**Fri., Dec. 8** Middle School Vigil and Movie Night

**HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**Sun., Nov. 19** CYM Gateway Clipper Dinner dance (you MUST pre-register)  
**Tues., Nov. 21** CYM Play Rehearsal Marian Hall 6:30 PM  
**Thur., Nov. 23** THANKSGIVING LITURGY 10 AM  
**Sun., Nov. 26** We visit with youth at Holy Sepulcher 5:30 PM  
**Dec. 1, 2 & 3** Diocesan Retreat in Elwood city  
**Sat., Dec. 9** T-ROC after 6 PM Saturday liturgy  
**Sun., Dec. 19** Semi-formal at St. Ferdinand's (no charge)

CYM play will be **FAME** and will be performed the last weekend in February 2007. We still need some high school students to help with stage crew and smaller acting parts. Please call 412-486-4100, ext. 409.



**ST. MARY SCHOOL**

**SCRIP SALES** - Avoid the holiday shopping rush and help our school at the same time. Purchase gift certificates through our Scrip office for your gift giving. The office is located in the rear of the school and is open daily from 8:00-10:00 AM.

ENJOY books are still available for purchase for \$25.00 each at the Scrip office. They also make great Christmas gifts.

**APPLES FOR STUDENTS** - Giant Eagle will begin their "Apples for Students" program on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006 and will run it through Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007. If you have not already registered for this program which benefits our school, please show your support by registering online at [www.gianteagle.com](http://www.gianteagle.com) or by calling 1-800-474-4777. You must enter our **school ID number: 1131.**

**COMING SOON** - The school will be sponsoring a paper recycling program offered through Abitibi Consolidated, the world's largest newspaper recycler. Two bins will be placed by the St. Vincent DePaul boxes into which you can place catalogs, magazines, newspapers, junk mail, fax paper, notebooks, and folders. NO phonebooks or cartons of any kind, please.



## **GENERAL PARISH NEWS**

### **LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN**

**COME TO ME** – is a ministry of families doing their best to bring their children closer to God, through pray time, play time and service to others. All parents with children age five and under are welcome to plug into our activities. We are currently collecting hats, gloves, scarves and new socks for the women and children of the Women's Shelter to keep warm! Place your donations in the box in the Children's Liturgy Room before the Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> deadline. Call Cindy Shadle for more information at (412)487-5272.

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

As you prepare for Thanksgiving, look back on 2006 to all the moments God visited your family in unexpected blessings, disasters avoided, or kindness and compassion received. Today's gospel reminds us that "when you see these things happening, know that the Lord is near."

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT NEEDED:**

Kearns Spirituality Center is in need of a person proficient in computer skills, responsible for the full range of duties related to secretarial and accounts receivable functions, plus good organizational skills. This is a full time position. Send an application to Sister Agnes Raible, Kearns Spirituality Center, 9000 Babcock Blvd., Allison Park, PA 15101 or call (412) 366-1124 or email to [agnes-raible@pghcdp.org](mailto:agnes-raible@pghcdp.org).

Advent Evening of Reflection: Martina Spiritual Renewal Center, 5244 Clarwin Ave., Pgh. PA 15229, December 13, 2006, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Theme: "Advent: A Time to See, Wait and Act." Description: This evening will reflect on Advent as a spiritual season which enables us to: See with expectant Faith; Wait in joyful Hope; Act with compassionate Love; because the Light has come and the Word is made Flesh. Presenter: Bishop Paul J. Bradley and Tom Joyce. Offering: Free Will. Please call (412) 931-9766 to register.

**BE A DISCIPLE...** still room to join with Father William Fay, who has begun the discussion of **Discipleship in the Gospel of Mark**, Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM in our school library. ALL adults & youth welcome !

**MARKET DAY NOVEMBER PICK UP**, tomorrow, **November 20, 7:00 - 7:45 PM in Marian Hall.** If YOU will like to assist on the Market Day team, contact Lee Holleran at 724-443-0673

### **FIRST RECONCILIATION Opportunities**

will be here December 2, 11 and 19. Saturday, Dec. 2 will include welcome to a special event with Saint Nicholas and activities at places he visits in our world. Call 412-486-5521 for details.

**FAMILY CCD PROGRAM:** Meets TODAY, Sunday, Nov. 19th, after the 9 a.m. Liturgy, parents/guardians in the Family Faith Formation Program should accompany one of their children to their class to participate in the "**Tail the Turkey**" activity that is planned...a fun format of the quiz from their Gospel Weeklies and the first 7 lessons of their textbook. The Adult Session will begin in Marian Hall at 10:30 a.m. The Closing Prayer will be by Grade 3.

**Family CCD November Project:** please bring all donations for "Angel's Place, Inc. and/or monetary donations with you to Marian Hall and place on the back table prior to today's meeting. Thank You!

### **Jefferson Regional Medical Senior Services:**

This service agency will offer a free series of four programs designed for those who care for or assist older adults. Programs will be held in the Jefferson Room, Bibro Pavilion, Jefferson Regional Medical Center, Coal Valley Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236. Presentations include: November 20th, Self Care for Caregivers; November 27th, What Can I Do: Next Steps (managing family disagreements, dealing with resistance, how to ask for help and where to find it.) Call Senior Services at (412) 469-7099 to register.

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**PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS** from Father John

This year's Thanksgiving Weekend melts into the Liturgical celebration of the Solemnity of Christ The King and in a word we come to realize the double-barrel gift that has been given us by our benevolent Father in heaven. On the one hand, we have been born into the greatest country that the human race has every experienced in its 10,000 plus years of existence. On the other hand, we have been baptized into the eternal kingdom of Christ so that we have our sites also set on a world that will last forever.

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. 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. 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 table crying out 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!

It is at this point that next week's celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King (on this year's Thanksgiving Weekend) picks up the gauntlet. The challenge for all of us who belong to the world of the Christ is to restore the religious dimension to the Thanksgiving celebration of our country. Many of our parishioners certainly will do so when they gather this Thursday morning to celebrate the mystery of our Catholic Faith at the Altar of the Lord. They will begin their Thanksgiving Day with EUCHARIST, which at its very core means "thanksgiving," and then end the WEEKEND with the Solemnity of Christ the King!

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