

# PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 10, 2008

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Glenshaw, PA 15116  
Founded 1834

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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

## OUR FEAST DAY: AUGUST 15<sup>th</sup>

Friday, **August 15<sup>th</sup>** is celebrated as a Holyday in the entire Diocese, but in our Parish Family it is more than that. August 15<sup>th</sup> is the FEAST DAY of our Parish Family, since we come to honor Mary under the title of the *ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION*. This is the day we remember that the destiny of Mary was not to linger in this world after her death. Rather, she was “assumed into heaven” because she is the one who bore the Son of the Father. Since her entire being was filled with the Holy Spirit from the moment of her conception, she was destined never to experience decay, even after her death. Even though this event is not recorded in the Scriptures, it has been part of the tradition of the Church for many years. Now we keep the memory of this event alive each time we gather here in a Parish Family named “*Mary of the Assumption.*”

### FEAST DAY CELEBRATION: Thursday

We will celebrate our special Feast Day on **Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** with an opening procession that includes all our Altar Servers. We will conclude the liturgy with an OUTDOOR procession to the Pedestrian Plaza. A complimentary copy of **Catholic Digest**, the magazine for Catholic living, will be available to all those who join in our Feast Day celebration witnessing to our commitment to our Patroness Mary. The evening will end with a cooling treat free to all those who gather!

### ALL CALL TO ALTAR SERVERS

All Altar Servers are asked to gather at 6:40 p.m. on Thursday evening in Marian Hall so that they might be the Honor Guard for the procession that will mark our Feast Day celebration. Servers are asked to come first to the sacristy to be robed in their albs and cinctures before going to Marian Hall.

### LITURGIES ON FRIDAY MORNING

There will be only two liturgies on Friday --- both of them in the morning of the 15<sup>th</sup>. The times for the liturgies on Friday will be at 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. There will NOT be a liturgy celebrated in our church on Friday evening. All those who opt to participate at an evening liturgy are encouraged to join us on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. as we have a special celebration in honor of our Feast Day.

## DEACON FRANCIS REMAINS

We received official word from the Office of the Diaconate that **Deacon Francis Dadowski** has been “reappointed to the diaconal ministry of service and charity” at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Family. In addition to these responsibilities, the letter stated “he is also assigned in the ministry of Word and Sacrament at the parish.” What a great joy for us all to have Deacon Francis continue to serve on our Parish Staff. Congratulations, Francis, and may you have many more effective years with all of us in this Parish Family of St. Mary of the Assumption.

### PARISH PICNIC: NEXT SUNDAY

In conjunction with the celebration of our Feast Day on Thursday evening, we will have our free Parish Family Picnic next Sunday. The event will begin at 1:00 p.m. with an OUTDOOR liturgy on the grassy knoll so that we need not participate in the liturgy earlier in the morning or on Saturday evening.

### PICNIC DESSERTS WELCOMED

We appeal to bakers and cookie makers of our Parish Family to offer their creations to the parish picnic. These magnificent treats really add to the culinary flavor of the event. Those who bring their delights may place them on the dessert table.

### SEATING AT THE PICNIC

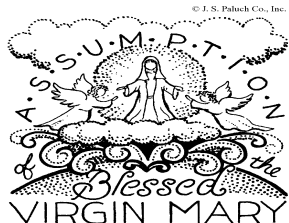
We will have chairs and tables underneath the tent for use by the parishioners, but those who wish to bring their own are welcome to do so that they would not need to worry about finding a place to sit.

### VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Those who would like to help in the setting up, cooking, serving or cleaning up at the parish picnic are certainly welcome to make their request known to one of the Parish Staff.

### A THANK YOU NOTE RECEIVED

We have received from the Little Sisters of the Poor a thank-you note for our generosity both in prayer and financial assistance. Their “at the door” collection netted \$5,976.22. Their note ended with the words “...your continued support of our ministry encourages us to live our vocation ever more faithfully... residents and Sisters pray daily at Mass for the intentions of our benefactors and friends.”



## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, August 10, 2008 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family
- 6:00 p.m. Alma Mammay - Joan & Don Finke
- 7:30 a.m. Shirley Kornick - Family
- 9:00 a.m. Rose Sobehart - Ron & Bev Klinefelter
- 11:00 a.m. Maureen Lund - Arnone Family

### Monday, August 11, 2008 - St. Clare

- 7:00 a.m. Frank Pernelli - Beth Panza
- 10:00 a.m. Richard McCafferty - Family

### Tuesday, August 12, 2008 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 a.m. Gladys Coholich - Family
- 10:00 a.m. Sherred Family - Adeline & Russ

### Wednesday, August 13, 2008 - Ss. Pontian & Hippolytus

- 7:00 a.m. Nicholas Medore Sichi - Dr. & Mrs. Richard DeFilippo
- 10:00 a.m. Edward Gorgas - Family

### Thursday, August 14, 2008 - St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe

- 7:00 a.m. Grace Piano - Thelma & Bill Fischer
- 10:00 a.m. Elizabeth Berrang - Family
- 7:00 p.m. Raymond DiPasquale - The Family

### Friday, August 15, 2008 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 7:00 a.m. Special Intention for Tony Xenakis
- 11:00 a.m. Janice R. Genco - St. Mary 8th Gr. Class of 2008

### Saturday, August 16, 2008 - St. Stephen of Hungary

- 8:00 a.m. Betty Landau - Doris Shepherd & Family
- 4:00 p.m. Harry Heintl - Rachele & Harry
- 6:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family

### Sunday, August 17, 2008 - Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. Elisabetta Moschella - Tina Matella & Family
- 9:00 a.m. Gerard Walter - Mary Jean Kirby
- 11:00 a.m. John J. Schell - Rita & Jim Finn
- 1:00 p.m. Parish Family

## Weekly Activities at a Glance

- Sunday August 10** (Church) 11:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children
- Monday August 11** (Marian Hall) 9:30AM - Vacation Bible School
- Tuesday August 12** (Marian Hall) 9:30AM - Vacation Bible School  
(Plaza) 7:00PM - Middle School Burning Hearts
- Wednesday August 13** (Marian Hall) 9:30AM - Vacation Bible School  
(Church) 10:45AM - Children's Choir - New Members (PAC) 5:00PM - CYM Open Gym  
(Rectory) 7:00PM - Catholic's Coming Home (JAM) 7:00PM - CYM Drop In  
(Church) 7:30PM - Adult Choir Practice
- Thursday August 14** (Marian Hall) 9:30AM - Vacation Bible School  
(Church) 7:00PM - Feast Day Anticipated Mass
- Friday August 15** **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**Holy Day of Obligation**  
(Marian Hall) 9:30AM - Vacation Bible School
- Saturday August 16**
- Sunday August 17** (Marian Hall) 11:30AM - Confirmation Catechists /Deacon Fran  
**Parish Grounds behind the Grotto:**  
1:00PM - Parish Picnic Liturgy  
1:00PM - Liturgy of the Word for Children  
Parish Picnic following Liturgy



### A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus is with us to help us do what may seem impossible. Have faith that you will not sink. Listen for his voice of encouragement. (Matt. 14:22-33)

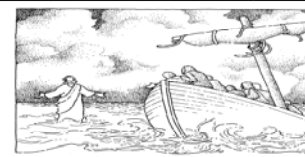
**R.I.P.:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Janet Young, mother of Lisa Cody.

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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

August 3, 2008	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	736	\$16,588.71
Cash/Loose Cks.	-	\$750.00
Children's Offertory	24	\$26.96
Missions Co-Op	-	\$6,155.00
School Collection	50	\$720.00
Assumption	5	\$60.00
Parish Share 2008	15	\$1,515.00
Parish Needy	118	\$1,379.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>\$27,194.67</b>

## Daily Readings



- August 11:** Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27
- August 12:** Ez 2:8 - 3:4, mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- August 13:** Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20
- August 14:** Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21 - 19:1
- August 15:** **Vigil:** 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28  
**Day:** Rv 11:19a; 12:P1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
- August 16:** Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15
- August 17:** Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

**SACRAMENTAL LIFE**



**BAPTIZED IN CHRIST**

**McKenzie Jordan Mayer**

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

**DIVORCED AND SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP**

This group provides caring support to anyone who is separated or divorced and will begin its next 13 week cycle on Monday, September 8. Meetings will be held at St. Richard Church from 7:00pm-8:45pm. Call Ralph Joy at 724.933.6226 to find out more or via email at rjoy@connecttime.net.

**MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

I'm too hot! I'm too cold! If you had to choose, which would you rather be? Trivial perhaps, but couples have to negotiate these creature comforts. How do you decide who gets their way when preferences conflict? Be grateful for furnaces or A/C today.

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The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is not a program, but a sacramental formation process that prepares individuals for living the Christian life. The RCIA facilitates the conversion process. The RCIA is a restoration of the ancient practice of initiation into

the church. It is a process of discerning, leading to sacramental initiation through the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and Eucharist and empowering men and women for lives of service, charity, and justice as witnesses to the reign of God. **If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about becoming a Catholic Christian, call Jim Finn, our pastoral associate at 412.486.4100.** RCIA meets on Sundays following the 9:00am Mass in the rectory dining room. We will begin on September 14.

**LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME**

A ministry for parents with children under age five is anxious to have you plug into their various activities. Why not plan to come to the **PARISH PICNIC next Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>** and join with other parents who have children five and under for the special Liturgy of the Word for Children with Father John? **The outdoor Mass begins at 1:00pm.** Monica 412.492.0242 is waiting to answer your questions! All are welcome!

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar**

The demands of family can be so overwhelming we feel walking on water would be easier. When Jesus was pressured, He dismissed everyone, so he could be "by himself and pray." When overwhelmed and stressed, go to a quiet place and surrender your pressured feelings to the Lord using Peter's prayer in today's gospel: "Lord, save me."

**RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

**Faith Sharing for 19<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time**

The Sunday scriptures reflect some of our cherished teachings of the Catholic Faith. This week be thankful that: God accompanies us in our struggles and suffering. Jesus is really present with us, always, and especially in our most important act, the Eucharist. See some paragraphs in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* for fuller enjoyment; paragraphs 164, 1508, 1521, 456-478, 1373-1377.

**FAITH is strengthened by "walking with the Saints".**

This week we have some special feasts to celebrate. Find something to be grateful for our Catholic heroes of:

**August 11 - Saint Clare** lived a life of Gospel poverty and served the poor and sick.

**August 14 - Saint Maximilian Kolbe** devoted to Mary, Immaculate, imprisoned in Auschwitz in 1941, ministered to other prisoners, and gave his life so another man could be spared and live to be reunited with his family. You may borrow a film about his life from our Faith Formation library.

**August 15 - Assumption of Mary, our parish patronal feast-day,** offers the comfort that one day we, if faithful like Mary, will be welcomed into the heavenly banquet.

**August 16 - Saint Stephen of Hungary** lived the Catholic faith as the backbone of his personal life as king and thus influenced all in his kingdom.

**FAITH FORMATION OFFICE** open each weekday, 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM .

**The YEAR OF SAINT PAUL began June 29.** Mark September 29 on your calendar as a time to come to a SAINT PAUL BOWL. Clip the passage which will appear in THIS column each week from one of his letters and memorize the passage. Be part of a game on Sept. 29, 7:15 PM; watch for future details.

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 : Romans 9:5 "I pray that God, who rules over :  
 : all, will be praised forever!" :  
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**Faith Formation / C.C.D. Registrations are still being taken for the coming season for children and youth who attend public schools. Sessions: Weekly on Saturday morning, Monday evening, or once-a-month Family program for the entire family to participate. Adults and older teens welcome to assist in classes. Call 412-486-5521 for details.**

**Our WORLD YOUTH DAY** visit to the Aussie Sheep Station informed us that there are "150 yards of WOOL in every baseball" and "a bonding agent from sheep feet is used in the production of marshmallows."

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

OUR PRAYERS GO OUT TO OUR YOUNG ADULTS LEAVING FOR JOBS AND SCHOOL OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

STAY IN TOUCH!

### **ALL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL LEADERS**

CYM will sponsor activities and food immediately after the young children leave on Monday, August 11, Thursday, August 14 and Friday, August 15. Grand prizes to the North Park Clubhouse and other cool gift cards will be given out on Friday after we clean up.

### **YOUTH GROUP 2008-2009**

#### **LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD ADULTS!**

We are in the final stages of forming our adult leader team. If you are interested in helping us with our high school (Grade 9-12) program during the 2008-2009 school year, please call the CYM office. You will need to meet all of the diocesan requirements for adult volunteers and that can be arranged with our office staff. Our faith theme for next year will kick-off with a question "Can you hear me now"? as we explore various forms of prayer in our relationship with God. **Sunday evening weekly sessions** will include **opportunities for exploration of our Catholic faith, game nights in the JAM center and the PAC, coffee houses, service opportunities** and much more! With enough adult leaders, other events could include a "Fifth Quarter" after our high school football games and home repair programs in the city. The Diocesan Gateway Clipper Dinner Dance, the **diocesan fall retreat** and preparation for our **annual mission trip to Appalachia in June 2009** will be part of our events calendar this year.

### **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 5-6PM.

**THERE WILL BE NO OPEN GYM ON AUGUST 20 - THE PAC IS CLOSED THE ENTIRE WEEK.**

## **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!**

*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](mailto:belskib@verizon.net)*

## **ST. MARY SCHOOL**

### **GROCERY AND SCRIPT NEWS**

Because of the importance of the "grocery and script" sales that take place on the weekends, the "Development Committee" has opened up the possibility that all parishioners might have access to this operation during the week. The "Development Committee" is the "brain and brawn trust" of our catholic school families all of whom have the responsibility to raise 10% of the total cost of the school through fund-raisers. With a school that costs over \$1,300,000, the fund raising must be over \$130,000. Raising this money is the responsibility of ALL the families in the school. The talented members of the Committee are hoping to involve all of us in this process. All those going shopping during the week might simply pass by the school, pick up your purchasing power certificates and use them immediately that day. For the customer there is no charge for this service and the customer does not lose any value in purchasing power. The store then reimburses the school for the use of these certificates. Thereby, without any cost to the parishioner, the school is able to support the necessary fund-raising component of the budget. Might you be a parishioner who will begin to use this service each shopping day???

### **SUMMER SCRIP HOURS**

The Scrip office hours will be from 9:00 - 11:00AM on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, located in the back of our school, adjacent to Providence Hall. Sales continue in the vestibule of church **between** the 4:00 & 6:00PM, and **between** the 9:00AM and 11:00AM liturgies.



**GRADES 6-7-8 -MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH** of our parish family welcome to meet THIS Tuesday, 7:00-9 PM for a **Skip-or-Skate-Scavenger Stint**. Bring roller blades, outdoor skates, helmets, knee pads and curiosity, to the plaza to get a map and bag for the scavenger. Parents/guardians willing to assist call 412-486-5521 to give your name and phone # .

### **SUPER BINGO**

On Friday, September 5, 2008, we will hold our first SUPER BINGO for the 2008-2009 school year. Advance tickets are \$35 each; \$40 at the door. Admission includes 12 cards for regular games and 5 specials. Doors open at 5:30PM; Early Birds at 7:00PM; evening includes 40 regular games (50 points each); 5 specials (100 points each); one Jackpot at 500 points and one Jackpot at 1000 points. All proceeds benefit St. Mary School. Call Coleen at 412.486.6622 for information or to purchase tickets.

## OUR PARISH NEWS

### PARISH FEAST DAY THIS WEEK

This week we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be a Mass at 7:00 P. M. on Thursday, August 14. All altar servers are asked to participate in the procession following Mass. In celebration of this happy occasion, complimentary copies of the CATHOLIC DIGEST, the magazine for Catholic living will be available to those who come to the Mass at 7:00 P. M. Following the procession a special treat will be available on the plaza. The Masses on Friday, August 15 will be at 7:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.



### Son World Amusement Park

**Bible School THIS Week** gives all participants an opportunity to **CHOOSE Jesus as they Believe, Act, Obey, and Forgive.**

Words alone can never express the **THANKS due to our leaders:** Lee Ann Trout, Melissa Cambest, Peggy Karman, Mary Alice Bokulich, Elaine Lascher, Donna Polito, Sandy Ondrizek, Carolyn

Benoit, Liz Perrone, Bob Kardasz, Marie Doerge, and Drew Martier who are "directing" over 200 teens and tots at the "Park". **STOP IN Marian Hall to visit** the Castle Carousel, Wild West Café, Imaginarium Craft Corner, Game Plank, and Mary's Liturgy at 11 AM Friday. Sister Guiermina will visit on TUESDAY to tell of the ministry of the Divine Providence Sisters in Peru at an orphanage and school for handicapped.

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

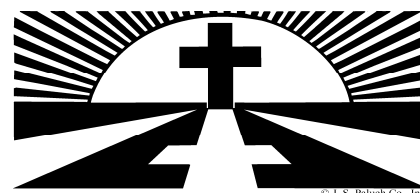
The children's choir will begin rehearsals for the 2008-2009 school year on August 13 with a workshop for new members from 10:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The choir accepts children in the third-eighth grades. Singing in a children's choir will increase a child's Christian and music education, promote singing skills, leadership, responsibility and enjoyment. Rehearsals are Wednesdays after school from 2:45-4:45 p.m. For more information call Mrs. Flaminio at the rectory office.

### Christian Mother's Women Organization

Calling all women of St. Mary's: Pray about it and consider joining us for our first meeting on September 18th. We are friendly, caring moms, daughters, godmothers, grandma's and aunts who love to pray and desire to share our knowledge and love of the Catholic faith with our families, our children, grandchildren, godchildren, nieces, nephews and all those we love. We enjoy growth in our spiritual development, learning new things and tasting each other's culinary creations! If you missed any of the CMWO messages in the bulletin over the summer, check them out on-line [www.stmaryglenshaw.org/church](http://www.stmaryglenshaw.org/church) for history and practical information about the Confraternity of Christian Mothers. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Buck at [jambuck@verizon.net](mailto:jambuck@verizon.net) or 412-492-8367.

**MARKET DAY – LAST DAYS to order foods** for the **August 21 pick up.** Order forms due to the Faith Formation office by Aug.12; internet orders by noon this Friday. If YOU will help to unpack and sort items on the **21<sup>st</sup>**, call Lee at 724-443-1147.

GOOD  
NEWS  
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### COME TO THE FAMILY FEST

Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Paul Seminary, Bishop Zubik will celebrate the 12 noon Mass. He invites all families (nuclear, step, blended, single parent, etc.) to this special event. Register before the August 18 deadline by calling 412.456.3160. Cost: \$25.00 per family, \$5.00 per person.

### RETREAT NEWS FOR WOMEN

our fall retreat will be held November 7-8-9 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 724.443.6885.

### Babysitter/Nanny Needed

Part time, week days to care for our 3 children, ages 4, 2 1/2, and 8 weeks in our home in Indiana Twp. - 2 miles from St. Mary Parish. Child/Infant CPR and clearances required. Please call Pam at 412.913.6613 if interested.

**Presentations on "Year of 3 Popes:** Fr. Frank Almade, administrator of the Catholic Community in Sharpsburg, is offering three presentations on these church leaders. Thursday, August 21, on Pope Paul VI; Thursday, September 25, on Pope John Paul I, and Thursday, October 23, on Pope John Paul II. Presentations are from 7:30 to 9:00PM with time for questions and discussion. John Paul I Pastoral Center, 9th and Clay Streets, Sharpsburg, across the street from Madonna of Jerusalem Church. Free and open to all.

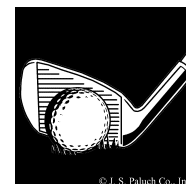
### BLOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS!

I wish to thank all the donors and all the volunteers for the great job they did. We had a total of 45 units of blood donated which will benefit 135 lives of which one could be your life. The next Blood Drive will be January 27, 2009. ~Rose Klobuchar

**DIDGERIDOO**, a musical instrument of the aboriginal peoples of Australia, brought back from our World Youth Day pilgrimage, is on display in the Faith Formation office and will be RAFFLED on World Mission Sunday, October 19. Tickets at \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Simply send in the amount for # of tickets you'd like with your name and phone # and the tickets will be placed in the jar for the drawing. Proceeds will go to help support our "adopted" students at the youth hostel in Ethiopia under care of Father Vincent Stegman.

### 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](mailto:kellycannon@verizon.net).

## ***PASTORAL IMPRESSIONS*** from Father John

Every year on August 15<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the Solemnity of the ASSUMPTION in honor of Mary, Mother of the Lord Jesus. Every year, 40 days after Easter, with a changing date each year, we celebrate the Solemnity of the ASCENSION in honor of the Lord Jesus himself. The Assumption follows the death of Mary, as the Ascension follows the death of Jesus. The death of Jesus is well known by every disciple of the Christian Faith since the central message of the Gospels is to proclaim the “death and resurrection” of the Savior of the world. The instrument of Jesus’ death, the cross, has become the universal SIGN that identifies belief in the Christ.

The death of Mary, on the other hand, is completely lost in the events of history, since the Scriptures themselves are silent on this issue. As a matter of fact, there are three places in the world that claim to be the tomb for Mary’s body. Jerusalem, of course, is first and foremost in this claim since a basilica was built early in the 5<sup>th</sup> century called the “Church of the Dormition” (i.e., “falling asleep” used as an euphemism for “death”) commemorating the place of Mary’s tomb. A later tradition suggested that Mary returned to Nazareth, her hometown, and was buried alongside of her husband Joseph, who was thought to have been laid to rest beneath the “Church of The Nutrition”, built in the 6<sup>th</sup> century and no longer in existence.

Finally, there is a magnificent shrine in Ephesus, Turkey, dedicated to the memory of Mary. Taking a prompting from the story in John’s Gospel where Jesus speaks to the beloved disciple and his Mother as he is hanging on the cross, the people of Ephesus believe both of them came to their area which later on becomes the setting for the writing of the Gospel. Both John and Mary are believed to have died and been buried there, as still today many visitors and pilgrims come to the Marian shrine each year to visit the place of her tomb.

The unknown place of Mary’s tomb has no effect upon our belief in her Assumption. Clearly defined by Pope Pius XII in 1950, our doctrine forthrightly says “...having completed the course of her earthly life, Mary was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory...” So, for all of us here in the Parish Family of St. Mary of the ASSUMPTION, what a special week we celebrate each year in this AUGUST PLACE TO BE!