

# PARISH FAMILY OF ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 4, 2008

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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

## A MAJOR PARISH EVENT

This Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., our parish church will be filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit as we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. We extend an invitation to all parishioners to join Bishop David Zubik, priests of the area and the guests gathering with our Candidates to welcome the incoming of the Holy Spirit. Our Parish Family has been intricately involved in the preparation process of these young people as we have prayed with them when they made first commitment in our presence at a Sunday liturgy, and applauded them when they signed their Book of Commitment at another Sunday liturgy. We congratulate their parents and guardians, their sponsors and friends, and all those catechists who have brought the Catholic Faith to their hearts. The Holy Spirit will enlighten their lives, fill their hearts with new love and allow them to stand fully initiated into the Parish Family of the St. Mary of the Assumption. What a magnificent night for our entire Parish Family to witness in person!

## GROUP FIRST EUCHARIST

Congratulations to all those who assisted in making last weekend's celebration of the Group First Eucharist for so many young people a wonderful experience of a Community of Faith at liturgy. We applaud the parents and guardians of these young people with the dear hope that they will bring their children EACH week to receive the Eucharist. We thank the catechists and aides who have worked so tirelessly to catechize the candidates. We recognize the acceptance of the entire Parish Family in opening their hearts to remember these young people in prayer. Another great moment of PARISH LIFE!!!

## A "RED OUTFIT" DAY

Next Sunday is PENTECOST as we look forward to the coming of the Holy Spirit into our lives and into the Church. The fiery presence of the Spirit is emphasized by the RED vestments liturgically designated for the day. We encourage all those coming to the liturgy that day to wear "something red" in their outfit so that we can fill our entire sacred space with this color sign of the Holy Spirit who has given to each of us a life on fire with the presence of the divine in our hearts.

## "MEMORIAL PLAQUE" UPDATED

The members of the Capital Campaign Committee (CCC) are now in the process of creating a "permanent place" for the Memorial Plaque that lists all those who have donated at least \$2000 to the Pledge Campaign. The CCC is now updating the Plaque to add the names of those who have given to the Campaign since the plaque was created --- if you wish to have your name placed on the Plaque, please contact one of the members of the CCC or one of the members of the Parish Staff. The members of the CCC are reminded that their meeting for this month will be on Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory as we update our Campaign.

## "SURVEY" COLLATION BY COUNCIL

The ELEVEN members of the Pastoral Council remind all parishioners that nearly 1500 surveys were completed at the liturgy two weeks ago. The Council members are now in the process of collating all of them and preparing to make a report of the "VOX POPULI" of our Parish Family. We remind Council members of their meeting set for Monday of this week, May 5<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory as we begin to summarize the survey.

## "CATHOLICS COMING HOME"

Those in the MINISTRY entitled "Catholics Coming Home" meet on the second Wednesday of the month with an open invitation to any parishioner who would like to serve in this ministry to join them. The CCH Ministry reaches out to those who have been distant from the Church and are looking for a easy way to return to the regular practice of the Faith.

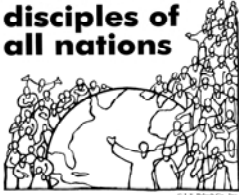


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**FLASHES!!**

Preparations for the Parish Family Festival set for June 19 -20-21 continue to happen "behind the scene" as many of the CHAIRPERSONS are busy with their responsibilities .... We remind them that our next MEETING will be on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory... individual parishioners are being called to take part in the Festival ... new games and unique prizes are in store for this year ... the Flea Market, Craft Booth and Chinese Auction are encouraging participation at this time ... raffle tickets are on the way ... ONLY 46 more days!!!

**Go and make disciples of all nations**



**LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, May 4, 2008 - Seventh Sunday of Easter**

- 4:00 p.m. Joseph & Josephine Mikszan & Russell Mikszan
- 6:00 p.m. Clementine Heinel - Harry & Rachele
- 7:30 a.m. Carmela & Nicola Tornese - Family
- 9:00 a.m. Chester Politylo - Tom & Babs
- 11:00 a.m. Agnes Semler - Hilda & Bill Gilg

**Monday, May 5, 2008 - Cinco de Mayo**

- 7:00 a.m. Victoria Vuchank - Alice Smolkovich
- 10:00 a.m. Thaddeus Bober - Family

**Tuesday, May 6, 2008 - Easter Weekday**

- 7:00 a.m. Joseph Burke - Balestrino Family
- 10:00 a.m. Jim Best - Doris Shepherd & Family
- 7:00 p.m. Confirmation - Bishop David Zubik

**Wednesday, May 7, 2008 - Easter Weekday**

- 7:00 a.m. John Fowkes - Family
- 10:00 a.m. Pius Zwigart & Family - Family

**Thursday, May 8, 2008 - Easter Weekday**

- 7:00 a.m. Leonard Lang - Claire Rathke
- 10:00 a.m. Maureen Gessler - Mother & Dad

**Friday, May 9, 2008 - Easter Weekday**

- 7:00 a.m. George Stankovich - Clare & Jim Vogel
- 10:00 a.m. Nellie Kirzyc & Bobby Pawlowski - Mary Ann Frauenholz

**Saturday, May 10, 2008 - Blessed Damien Joseph de Veuster of Moloka'i**

- 8:00 a.m. Paul Berrang - Family
- 4:00 p.m. Matilda Ferraro - Madge Boyer
- 6:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of Our Parish Family

**Sunday, Pentecost Sunday - Mother's Day**

- 7:30 a.m. Shirley Kornick - Family
- 9:00 a.m. Betty Graf - Rita & Jim Finn
- 11:00 a.m. Bob Corrigan - Berger Family

*Weekly Activities at a Glance*

- Sunday** (Marian Hall) Hospitality Weekend after all Liturgies  
*May 4* (Marian Hall) 11:00AM - Sunday Preschool
- Monday** (Marian Hall) 3:00PM - Girl Scout Troop #1275  
*May 5* (Church) 2:45PM - Children's Handbell Practice  
(Marian Hall) 7:00PM - Middle School Cluster Meeting  
(Rectory) 7:30PM - Pastoral Council
- Tuesday** (Church) 7:00PM - Confirmation - Bishop David Zubik  
*May 6*
- Wednesday** (Marian Hall) 9:15AM - Let the Little Children Come to Me  
*May 7* (Marian Hall) 1:30PM - 55 Specials - Bingo/Cards  
(Church) 2:45PM - Children's Choir Practice  
(Marian Hall) 7:00PM - African Mission Group  
(Church) 7:30PM - Adult Choir Practice
- Thursday** (Church) 2:45PM - Children Cantor Practice  
*May 8* (Church) 8:00PM - Adult Hand Bell Practice
- Friday** (Church) 10:00AM - School Mass  
*May 9* (Marian Hall) 7:00PM - Super BINGO
- Saturday** (Church) 6:00PM - Decathlon for the Newly Confirmed  
*May 10*
- Sunday** (Church) 11:00AM - Liturgy of the Word for Children  
*May 11* (Marian Hall) 11:00AM - Sunday Preschool



We will enjoy fellowship and great food after all the Liturgies this weekend. Please meet friends on the Plaza to enjoy a hotdog and beverage after the 4:00PM & 6:00PM liturgies, and after the 7:30AM, 9:00AM, & 11:00AM will we enjoy coffee and donuts. See you there!

**R.I.P.:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ralph Costa and William O'Malley.

**Bands of Marriage**

I. Nicole Cheberenchick & Ryan Hoover (St. Mary)

**ENTRY**

How else but through a broken heart may the Lord Christ enter in?

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

April 27, 2008	Envelopes	Contributions
Offertory	684	\$13,073.25
Cash/Loose Cks.	-	\$2,120.00
Children's Offertory	32	\$64.00
Ascension Thursday	6	\$178.00
Easter Flowers	1	\$1.00
Catholic Relief	1	\$20.00
Parish Share 2008	28	\$2,025.00
Parish Needy	37	\$657.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>\$18,138.25</b>

*Daily Readings*

I am with you always



- May 5:** Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
- May 6:** Acts 20: 17-27; Jn 17: 1-11a
- May 7:** Acts 20: 28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
- May 8:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26
- May 9:** Acts 25: 13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
- May 10:** Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31; Jn 21L20-25
- May 11:** Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or EZ 37:1-14  
Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
- Day:** Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

## **SACRAMENTAL LIFE**

### **A VOCATION VIEW**

Jesus summons us to spread the faith through the grace of baptism. Where are you being called to share your gifts?  
(Matt. 28:16-20)

### **HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS**

Members of our parish Vocation Council will be attending this Holy Hour on Thursday, May 8 at St. Paul Seminary with Bishop David Zubik. If you would like to attend or would like to join the Parish Vocation Council, call Jim Finn, our pastoral associate at (412)486-4100.

### **MILITARY PRAYER LIST**

The list is posted at the Sacred Heart statue and a candle is kept lit to remind us to pray for the safety of these service men and women. To add someone to the list, call the rectory at 412-486-4100.

### **PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS**

Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands.  
Protect them as they protect us.  
Bless them and their families for the selfless acts  
They perform for us in our time of need.  
I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

### **LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME**

Join us this week if you are a parent with a child five years of age or under: **Wed. May 7** at 9:30am in the Children's liturgy room for **PRAY AND PLAY DAY**. Reservations are not necessary. Call Monica (412)492-0242 for more information.

**Mom's Night Out** on Wed. May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at LaVerna House. Franciscan Sister Kathy Adamski is hosting Moms with children age birth to five at her home on Mark Twain Drive off S. Magnolia here in Glenshaw. Sister's topic: "The Women Who Stayed." All welcome. Call Arlene (412)492-7275 for directions and to let her know you are able to come.

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

Parents should read today's gospel as: "make disciples of your children, baptizing and teaching them all I have taught you. Don't worry, I am with you always." Parents are appointed by Jesus to represent Him to their family.

**WORSHIP COMMISSION MEETING** because of confirmation on Tues. May 6<sup>th</sup>, members will meet on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 7:00 P. M. Please plan accordingly. Agenda items can be submitted to Jim Finn (412)486-4100.

**Protecting God's Children Workshop** will be presented on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM in St. Mary School. If you are in need of certification, please call the Faith Formation Office to register at 412-486-5521.

## **RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

### **Faith Sharing for 7th Sunday of Easter**

We pause between our celebrations of Ascension and Pentecost to contemplate our calling as members of the Church. In what ways do you see the power of the Holy Spirit working in this parish family? To what extent would people say our faith community is "devoted to prayer?" To what extent is our faith community "with one accord," as proclaimed in Acts 1:1-14?

**GRADE 8 – NEWLY CONFIRMED** Gathering for ALL clusters will be May 10<sup>th</sup> at the 6:00 PM Pentecost Eve Liturgy followed by picnic refreshments and a **DECATHALON: ten teams + ten games = ten TROPHIES to the Champions**. Sign up lists for teams are posted by the Faith Formation office and will be on display at the reception the evening of Confirmation.

**Families of the Three Faith Formation/CCD** groups have been sent the May-June-July news reminders on e-mail or by postmail for those for whom we do not have e-mail.

**Faith Formation Registration for the 2008-2009 Season** have been sent to families currently participating. New comers wishing to register, please contact our office at 412-486-5521 or [ccdoffice@stmaryglenshaw.org](mailto:ccdoffice@stmaryglenshaw.org)

**Grades 5-6-7 Youth and Parent/Guardians** of our parish family, COME, meet with Deacon Fran, Catechist Mark Tobin, and other staff, at any ONE of the assemblies to discuss how Middle School Ministry may help form "disciples" on the journey to confirm Faith in Jesus and live out their Baptism commitment as vital members of the Church. The HOPES of our youth, as expressed in their own recent comments about family, parish, and our world, will be shared. Assemblies will be in Marian Hall at 7:00 PM on Mondays, May 5, and May 19, and Thursday, May 22.

**THREE Summer Bible Program opportunities** will be offered in our parish:

- 1. Adventure in Galilee- learn customs which Jesus would have known**, 4 evenings June 29-July 2, 7:00-9 PM
- 2. Tuesday evenings in July - "POWER ZONE" - summer sports camp!**
- 3. Son World Amusement Park**, August 11-15, 9:30 AM till Noon.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the 107 youth coming to confirm Faith in the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop David Zubik presiding at the liturgy this Tuesday, May 6, 7:00 PM. Candidates will enter in procession at 6:30 PM for a conference with our bishop prior to the liturgical celebration.

**YOUTH MINISTRY****TODAY, SUNDAY MAY 4**

**YOUTH GROUP** FOR ALL TEENS IN GRADES 6 - 12 WILL GATHER FROM **NOON TO 2 PM** IN THE **PAC FOR GAMES, FOOD** AND ALSO MAKING FUTURE PLANS FOR YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES.

**! ALERT ! No Drop-In or Open Gym this Wed., May 7, 2008**

**CLASS OF 2008**

**BOTH HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE**

**MARK YOUR CALENDER**

**ANNUAL PARISH BACCALAUREATE**

**SATURDAY, MAY 17**

**6 PM LITURGY**

**REPORT TO CHURCH AT 5:45 PM**

**BRING YOUR CAP & GOWN**

**OR ONE WILL BE PROVIDED**

**RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN MARIAN HALL**

You should have received a yellow postcard invitation, but, if not, consider yourself invited. **The Graduate and two adults attend the reception for FREE. We ask all other guests to please pay \$3 each.** Please call in your guest number, present school, future plans and if you served in any ministry here at the parish or your college at 412-486-4100, ext. 409. Payments for reception can be made out to "St. Mary Parish" and left at the rectory for CYM.

**LATEST NEWS ON OUR FUND RAISING FOR OUR MISSION WORKERS TRAVEL EXPENSES:**

Air tickets for 9 from Entebbe to Gulu	\$1,890
Hotel in Entebbe for 9 for layover [2 nights]	\$3,150
Shuttle from hotel to airport for 9	\$360
Hostel R & B for 9 in Gulu	\$2,475
Medical travel insurance for 9	\$1,350
Immunizations for 9	\$2,970
Visa applications for 9 plus postage	\$500

**Answering the Gospel call PRICELESS**

We now have raised about half of what we need to cover all of the above expenses because of individual donations of **\$4,102** plus at least \$2,300 from the luau [final profit still not determined]. Our mission workers are prepared to pay whatever it takes, but any donations to help them offset their costs will be greatly appreciated. **Donations made before Friday, May 9 will be acknowledged in our "Bells of St. Mary's" issue in the quarterly parish mailing that will go out in June.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT**

**The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) will cost ~\$800 per student. The next gathering will be at Kansas City in December 2009. Thanks for responding to our question about a breakfast on Mother's Day to raise money for the trip. Most of you have plans to go elsewhere for breakfast; we will begin our breakfast fundraisers in the fall.**

**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.**

**ST. MARY SCHOOL****LAST SUPER BINGO**

The last Super Bingo of the year will take place on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Doors open at 5:30 PM; early birds begin at 7:00 PM. Advance tickets are \$35; \$40 if sold at the door. Admission includes: 12 cards for 40 regular games (50 points each), 5 specials (100 points each), one jackpot at 500 points and another jackpot at 1000 points. All proceeds benefit St. Mary School. Call Coleen at (412) 486-6622 for more information or to purchase tickets.

**HOPE NETWORK**

We are very pleased to share the fact that the faculty, staff, and students donated a total of \$875 to HOPE Network for recreation and fitness opportunities for disabled children and adults. Members of the organization presented their message of hope and demonstrated their athletic skills at an assembly for the school. Our donation will help to fund equipment needed for their programs. We are very happy to have made the donation that we did for such a worthwhile cause.

**KEEP SAVING**

The school is still collecting empty ink cartridges, old cell phones, and various Campbell's products labels. Please drop them off in the back of church or in the container at the school door entrance. We appreciate your never-ending support.

**PAPER RECYCLING BOXES**

Thank you for all your support in recycling "allowed items". A third container has been delivered. Our "school development" gets the funds from this project. Please, remember that you can not recycle cardboard, cereal boxes, tissue boxes, phone books, or trash, including metal cans.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Since the great number of MASS INTENTIONS that are given to our Parish Family cannot be satisfied in our parish church, we remind all parishioners that some intentions will be sent to the Missions. Not only does that mean that the intentions will be said long before they could be said in our parish church, but the stipend connected to the intentions goes to help the work of the missions in needy areas of the world. The following intentions have been sent to the Missions and those who requested them can be assured that these masses will be celebrated shortly.

**Masses said for:**

Natalie Gubanic Missenda  
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Theresa Sokach  
Clarence Bittner  
Clarence Bittner  
Clarence Bittner  
Clarence Bittner  
Clarence Bittner  
Clarence Bittner  
Jo Labadie  
Matthew Guardalabene  
Regis Klein  
Agnes Bernas  
Giacinto Derenzo

**Requested by:**

Widow & Widowers Group  
Elizabeth Stetz & Michele Huber  
St. Mary's Christian Mothers/Women Org.  
Etna Senior Center  
Joan & Bill Heinz  
Sr. Mary School, Grade 3 - Room #15  
Joseph Shahin  
Joe Bisegna & Family  
Rose (Rere) Diehm  
Mrs. Emily Settino  
Wife, Dorothy  
Friends & Family (4 Masses)  
Ron & Stephanie Hornick  
Elisabetta Derenzo

## **GENERAL PARISH NEWS**

### **Holy Communion Ministers, Readers, and Altar Servers**

You should of received your assignments for the months of May and June. The schedule is also posted on our website under "Schedules". Please contact Susan Urso in our rectory office if you have any questions. Thank you.

### **SECOND SATURDAY MEN'S GROUP**

will meet after the 8:00AM Liturgy on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> in our parking lot. We will proceed by cars to Ron Ondrizek's camp where we will have breakfast and our last meeting until September.

### **TRAVELING VOCATION CHALICE**

This prayer tool is available to help us pray for an increase of church vocations and to host in your home. Thanks to Fred & Ruth Dollin for hosting the chalice. They are able to display this chalice in their home for two weeks. Any parishioner interested in hosting the chalice is welcome to call a member of the Parish Vocation Council or Ron Ondrizek at 412-486-6851.

**MARKET DAY FLIERS FOR MAY** are available at the church exits, the Scrip office and Faith Formation office. Note that the MD pick up will be THURSDAY, May 29, 6:30-7:30 PM; willing helpers needed 5 PM on.

**Wish List – needs for our summer bible programs: --- hand drills needed** June 29 through July 2., - sewing scarves, - artistically talented children & youth to help prepare decorations. Call Lee Ann, 412-492-8043.

### **THANK YOU!!**

The St. Vincent DePaul Society is most grateful and very proud of our Cub Scout Troop 169. Long hours were spent collecting food at the Giant Eagle Store. It was a huge success. They collected a large amount of various foods and paper products. Thank you for helping us help the needy. Sr. Lois Spinnenweber

**FOLK FESTIVAL TICKETS** for May 16-18 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, \$8.00 in advance-contact Rose Stegman 412-486-5521, or \$10.00 at the door. Enjoy ethnic foods, songs, dances, and cultural exhibits from more than 30 nationalities. Details at [www.pghfolkfest.org](http://www.pghfolkfest.org).



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

Renae Vivaldi Breskovich, Barbara Callahan, Virginia Glass, Martha Hornak, John Hoehn, Olivia Hutchenson, Helen Kolek, Amy McT., Karen Mickus, Regis & Kitty Murphy, Clement Newcamp (Pap), Jack & Margie Nist, Judy Ranalli, Courtney Ryce, Frankie Seiler, Joshua Stanek, Shirley Stepnick, Mark Thimons, Virginia Thompson, V.A.W., Archie Wharton, James Wilson, Christine Z., Paul Zoeller.

## **AROUND OUR TOWN**

"Who is my neighbor?" was asked of Jesus. One current response is, the 2.3 million persons displaced from their homes in 2,751 villages of the Dafur region since 2003. Persons of ALL ages welcome to come to the DAFUR DESTROYED VILLAGES MARCH & RALLY, Sunday May 18, 2:00 – 4:00 PM. Activities begin at Freedom corner, across from Melon Arena and conclude in Market Square, downtown Pittsburgh. Contact our diocesan office, 412-456-3162 for details.

### **Almost there! Help still needed...**

The Pavilion Fix-Up Eagle Scout Project is moving along, but we need 1 more picnic table (\$87). I would be extremely grateful to anyone willing to fund all or part of this amount. Thank you to all who have contributed to the project along the way! Thanks to your generosity, we are able to paint and refurbish the pavilion and are adding 4 picnic tables. Troop 17 will help with a final big clean up of the whole area on Tuesday, May 20th. If you can donate toward any or all of the last table, please contact Zack Mancini at 412-487-3037 or by email: [mancini\\_17@hotmail.com](mailto:mancini_17@hotmail.com) or mail directly to: 3918 Farmview Drive, Glenshaw, PA 15116.

### **Employment...Community Service...Volunteer**

The Pine-Richland Youth Center Special Needs Program (SERVE) is searching for a few committed individuals who have a special place in their hearts for persons of all ages with disorders that impair the development of social, emotional, physical, and academic skills. Although experience is preferred, it is not required. High school and college student volunteers are welcome to fulfill community service hours. **After School Program**, Mon.-Fri. AND/OR **Extended School Year Program**, June-Aug., 9:00AM-3:00PM. For information please contact Carl Mele, SERVE Director at 724-443-3796 or [Carlmele@aol.com](mailto:Carlmele@aol.com)

**FORMER OLYMPIC CHAMPION, Mrs. Suzie McConnell-Serio, wife, mother, and head coach of Duquesne University Women's Basketball Team**, will speak about "How Christ Forms Us Through Our Everyday Responsibilities", Wed., May 14, 7:30-9 PM at St. Paul Seminary Auditorium, Crafton. If you'd like to carpool, call Miss Rose, 412-486-5521.

## **FESTIVAL HAPPENINGS**

**FESTIVAL FOCUS-** The Chinese Auction Committee is ready to begin searching for donations and volunteers. In order for the Chinese Auction to be successful we need your assistance. We invite you or anyone you know who would like to donate their time and/or talent to assist our committee with soliciting donations, setting up and/taking down the display each day of the Festival or the selling of tickets to contact: Lois Krieg (412)486-3611 or Elma Plietz (412)486-3508 before May 1st.

### **Who are the Abusers?**

Estimates are that approximately 60% of abusers are men, 15 to 20% are women, and 20 to 40% are men and women acting together. So while men are indeed the majority of sexual abusers, it is dangerous to underestimate the risk that female sexual abusers also pose to children. Among educators, 57.2% of abusers are male, and 42.4% of abusers are female.

Diocese of Pittsburgh Abuse Hotline: 1.888.808.1235

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

Tuesday of this week will be a RED LETTER day in the life of our Parish Family, not only because the presence of the Holy Spirit for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation is characterized by the RED vestments and RED décor of the church --- but it will be the FIRST Official visit of our newly consecrated Bishop: DAVID ZUBIK. We open the doors of our rectory and church, and much more importantly than that, the doors of our HEART, symbolized by the color RED, to welcome him to the Parish Family of *St. Mary of the Assumption*. Bishop Zubik comes not just to confirm the candidates of the 2008 class; but to bring his magnetic presence into our midst to remind all of us of the importance of the Holy Spirit in each of our lives, as he spends an evening with us around the table of the meal in the rectory and the Table of the Lord in the church.

Bishop Zubik has already left his impact on many areas of our Diocesan life in his first seven months serving as the Ordinary of our Diocese. There is not a day that goes by without someone in the Diocese being impressed with the warmth of his personality --- whether it be in his official Diocesan visits to parishes for Confirmation, Reconciliation or celebrating Sunday liturgy --- or his captivating presence in Diocesan events such as Deanery meetings, Prayer Services and Gatherings of Catholic Men and Women --- or his representing the Diocese in such immense events as the arrival of the Holy Father in our country, the gathering of ecumenical groups to pray together or secular adventures that affect medicine, education and politics.

On Tuesday of this week, he brings his Episcopal leadership to our Parish Family --- and we are all invited to join him in our church that evening at 7:00 p.m. It will surely be a memorable occasion for the candidates celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation; but it will also be a special moment for all who gather at the celebration. We are certainly blessed that Bishop Zubik has opted to come to OUR Parish Family in the first year of his Diocesan leadership, and we appropriately take this opportunity to congratulate him on his being chosen by the Holy Father to be the chief shepherd of the flock of this Diocese. There will be many more events and occasions in the future when we will be influenced by the depth of his spirituality, but many of us will always remember his FIRST official visit to our Parish Family. May 6, 2008 in the Parish Family of *St. Mary of the Assumption* will be one of those days when those present will talk about it for many years to come!