

# St. Mary of the Assumption

## Parish Office

Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM  
Finance - Tuesday and Thursday 12:30PM to 4PM  
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## Sunday Masses

Saturday 4:30 PM Sunday 8 AM & 11 AM  
St. Joseph  
Saturday 5 PM Sunday 8 AM & 11 AM

## Daily Masses

Monday - Saturday 8 AM  
St. Joseph  
Monday - Saturday 9 AM

## Holy Day Masses

6:30 PM Anticipated 9 AM & 7 PM

## Saturday Confessions

12:00 - 1:00 PM 3:45 - 4:15 PM  
St. Joseph  
Saturday 11 AM - Noon

## From Lent to Easter

Points on how to move one's "reflection to action" in the  
Ways I can Make My Parish Better  
Fr. Ward

The **six points** as presented in a pamphlet from Our Sunday Visitor are:

1. Think of yourself as part of a parish family.
2. Be welcoming.
3. Use your gifts and talents for the good of the parish.
4. Attend parish events.
5. Support your parish financially.
6. Pray for your parish.

Having reflected on Point One in a recent bulletin, I want to share some thoughts with you on **Point Two— Be welcoming.**

A **welcoming** attitude or approach arises from the heart and your sensitivity that reflects an enthusiasm for life and for your parish community. This is a community you can enjoy being part of and as such you desire others to experience it also. You can share your enthusiasm for your parish community by your **welcoming approach**. This would apply to those you know well, some maybe not so well, and yes, those you may not know at all. We all need to feel and know that others care about us. And so we take the time to introduce ourselves, to say hello, to offer appreciation and recognition. Do we know who sits in front or behind us, the parishioner across the aisle? Are we concerned about their well-being? Can we offer some recognition that reflects a **welcoming approach**? After all, we all are on this journey together. Why not enjoy and share our enthusiasm and life with one another.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta reminds us "Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing." May our **welcoming approach** to one another be the smile we all need. The joy of Easter is that we all have something to smile about—for Christ is truly risen and dwells among us in His Spirit and in this, our parish family.

Acts of kindness planted in the memories of others may be the very instrument by which God sustains a fellow creature in life's lonely exile.



## LITURGY

	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers
Saturday April 18 4:30 PM	1. Linda Green 2. Marge Steinhiser B. Shirley Shurtleff C. Ron Holcomb	Cathy Green	Kristie Yenick Cheyenne Casher Lauryn Gage
Sunday April 19 8 AM	1. Tanya Collins 2. Carole Oresick B. Dennis Oresick C. Pat Lorenz	Nathan Barry	Henry Cypher Matthew Roth Gianna Collins
Sunday April 19 11 AM	1. Rose Stumpf 2. Barb Moran B. Rege Convery	Mary Streitman	Olivia Pascazi Shawn Hoffman Adam Ruediger

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday:	Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

## FINANCES

### WEEKEND COLLECTION

Sunday Collection on April 5:	\$4,864.73
April 5th (weekend) Attendance:	616

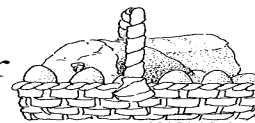
### COLLECTION COUNTERS

Apr 14	Carole Oresick & New Trainees
Apr 20	Carole Oresick, Bernice Durand, New Trainee

### GATHERINGS

Men's Group	Sundays	7 PM
Youth Group	Mondays	6 PM
Light Weigh	Tuesdays	7 PM
Scripture Study	Wednesdays	9 AM
SFO	Wednesdays	7 PM
Legion of Mary	Saturday	9 AM

*Blessing  
of Easter  
Food*





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## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY—HOLY SATURDAY APR 11**

**8 PM EASTER VIGIL**

Catechuman : Virginia Kelly  
Candidates: Jenifer Adley  
Polly Mutz

**SUNDAY—EASTER APR 12**

8 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's  
11AM Parishioners of St. Mary's

**MONDAY—IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER APR 13**

8 AM Arthur M. Osche  
by Carrie Price

**TUESDAY—IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER APR 14**

8 AM William and Anna Schnur Family

**WEDNESDAY—IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER APR 15**

8 AM June Horstman  
by Dorothy Schnur & Family

**THURSDAY—IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER APR 16**

8 AM Dorothy Indovina  
by Cinzia & Dave Newman

**FRIDAY—IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER APR 17**

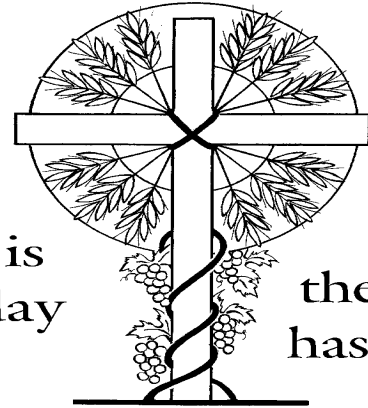
8 AM Living & Deceased of the Alfred  
and Mary Spohn Family

**SATURDAY—IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER APR 18**

8 AM Cecilia R. Geibel  
by Family  
4:30 P Parishioners St. Mary's

**SUNDAY— DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APR 19**

8 AM Ronnie Schnur  
by Family  
11 AM Irene Schnur  
by Family



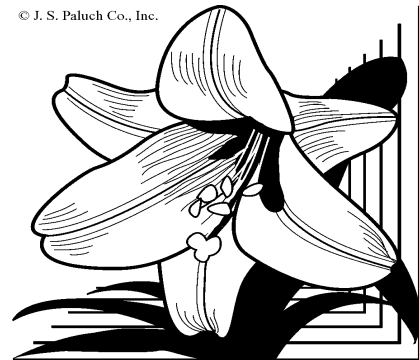
This is the day the Lord has made

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## PROCLAIM THE RISEN CHRIST

On Easter morning everything—the spring weather, the flowers, birds and butterflies, the people around us in their finery, the beautiful liturgy and music — everything seems to bear witness that Jesus Christ is risen today! Like the eyewitness accounts in today's scriptures, the glorious and joyful life all around us helps us to believe the good news of the Resurrection and sing "Alleluia!" In the scriptures today we hear from Peter and Paul and John. All three speak with conviction about witnessing the resurrected Christ. John's Gospel account includes Mary of Magdala, who also was privileged to witness the Resurrection and tell others the good news. On this glorious Easter Sunday, can we ourselves give eyewitness accounts that Jesus Christ is risen today, alive and active in our lives?

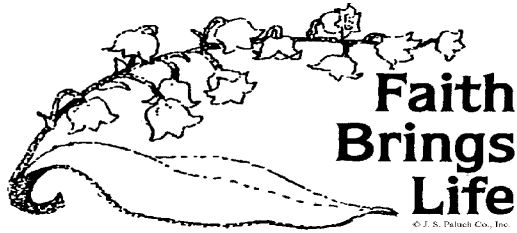
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### NEW BORN

For I remember it is Easter morn,  
And life and love and peace  
are all NEW BORN.





**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL  
PARISHIONERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND  
OR ILL**

Vivian McDevitt, Sister Mary Kriley, Amy Gallagher, , Jane Thiry, John Spinneweber, Sharon Rosenbauer, Rita Wagner, Maxwell and Tobias MacDonald-Mingo, Patty Fair, Katrine Fair, and Martha Oesterling.

**PRAY FOR THOSE  
IN THE MILITARY**

Matthew Pegan, Nicholas Cottage, Nicholas Cypher, Steven Karenbauer, Katherine Konyha, Dustin Michel, Karen Michel, Anthony Reott, Ashley Selfridge and Sarah Schiebel.

**CELEBRATE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

April 19, 2009: 2:30 PM

St. Mary of the Assumption

Reflections: **Father Lester Knoll, OFM CAP.**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Franciscan Crown Rosary

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Light Refreshments Will Follow

**HOLY HOUR OF PEACE**

- Beginning at 7 PM at St. Paul's in Butler on April 13th. Included will be prayer for vocations, Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, a rosary, and the hour concludes with Benediction. Continue to celebrate Easter by praying for peace.



**• THANK YOU!**

- Thank You to all of our Young Adults who presented the Living Stations Performance on Good Friday. And to Cathy Moser who directed the performance.



**GATHERING OF  
CATHOLIC MEN**  
April 18—A.J. Palumbo Center  
At Duquesne University

This year's speakers include Bishop Zubik, Father Scott Seethaler, Larry Richert, Father Philip Chavez, Chuck Neff, Bishop Ed Burns and Mike Clark. .

**NEWS RELEASE**

Pope Benedict XVI has appointed Bishop Paul J. Bradley as bishop of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Bishop Bradley will be installed on June 5, 2009 as the diocese's fourth bishop.

Bishop Bradley has served the Diocese of Pittsburgh for 38 years as priest and bishop. An announcement will be forthcoming as to the date and time for a farewell mass and reception.

**WISDOM, AGE AND GRACE:  
A CELEBRATION OF LATER LIFE**

Friday, May 8, 2009—10:30 AM

Four Points by Sheraton, Mars, PA

Bishop David a. Zubik—Celebrant

Father Terry O'Connor—Keynote Address

Call: 412-456-6975

Join in an opportunity for celebration, inspiration and education among older adults, professionals in the aging ministry, clergy, family caregivers, and anyone interested in growth in later life.

Keynote Address/Morning Mass/Afternoon Workshops  
Blood Pressure screenings/Vendors/Breakfast/Lunch

**CONSCIENCE RULE**

According to several news agencies, President Barack Obama will rescind the "conscience rule" that protects health workers who refuse to participate in abortions or other medical procedures that go against their moral and religious beliefs. If the rule is rescinded, doctors, nurses and other health care workers could lose their jobs or be punished professionally for adhering to their sincerely held religious convictions. The President has said that he is giving 30 days for discussion. This leaves us about 20 days to tell him our position. For more information: call 724-898-2529. or <http://www.chicagotribune.com/>

**INVITATION TO ALL PARISHIONERS  
FROM FATHER WARD**



*PULL TOGETHER*

The parish continues to revitalize the various councils and committees that provide parish leadership. Please know that **you are invited to attend** the various meetings of these leadership groups and **encouraged to join** one of the various committees that serve the parish as an active member. Please consider offering your time and talent to these groups.

Thank you.  
Father Ward

We are in need of and open to new members to be part of our parish music ministry. This extends to both the traditional choir and the folk choir and a need for cantors. If you have musical talent, and if you can sing, you have talent that can be shared— please give serious consideration to this need.

Thank you.  
Father Ward

**LISTENING SESSION**

April 21, 2009  
7 PM—9PM

St. Paul Church—Glenn Hall

Chris Chapman, Diocesan Director of Adult Formation will conduct a “Listening Session” for the purpose of sharing ideas and discussing what is happening in the area parishes for Adult Formation/Adult Religious Education. Ideas and information gathered from the Listening Sessions will be used to produce a booklet for parishes as a resource when planning for Adult Formation/Adult Religious Education Programs. All involved in this aspect of parish life are encouraged to attend. Call 412-456-3115 or 724-287-1759.

**RESTING IN GOD**

The Diocesan Department for Person with Disabilities invites parents and caregivers of children and adults with disabilities to pause, rest and be renewed in God, Saturday, April 25, 2009 at St. Thomas More Church, 126 Fort Couch Road, Bethel Park, PA 15241. The morning of prayer and fellowship begins at 9:30 A.M. and ends with Mass at 11:30. Deacon Tim Killmeyer will offer his reflections on “Striving for Holiness” and guide the group to consider: “Can those of us who live normal, everyday lives be called to holiness?” For more information and to register for this event, please contact Sue Sunderland at 412-456-3119 xt 1 or email [ssunderland@diopitt.org](mailto:ssunderland@diopitt.org).

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Butler Knights of Columbus Hall

April 19 from 9 Am—1:30 PM

\$7.00 Adults

\$3.00 children 6-12

Under 6—free

Fundraiser for the scholarship fund for  
Butler Catholic

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**

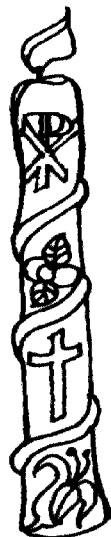
Butler Knights of Columbus Hall

April 15 from 4—7 PM

\$7.00 Adults

\$3.50 children 6—12

Under 6—free



**Alleluia!  
Christ  
is  
risen!**



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