

St. Mary of the Assumption

Parish Office

Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM
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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

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.



OFFERING THE HAND OF FRIENDSHIP

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 25 4:30 PM	1.Charlotte Ruediger 2.Cindy Collins B.Bob Ruediger C.Paul Collins	Sue Siljander	Brian Keeney Brynne Keeney Joey Keeney
Sunday April 26 8 AM	1.Bernice Durand 2.Kip Collins B.Rege Convery C.Ron Holcomb	Jim Miller	Michael Kriley Marissa Matis Julianne Schnur
Sunday April 26 11 AM	1.Maureen Smiley 2.Mary Ellen Jeffreys B.Ruthann Goff	Jonathan McCreary	Amanda Steinheiser Jimmy Adley Kristen Martin

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
Sunday:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

FINANCES

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Sunday Collection on April 12:	\$4,287
Easter Offering:	3,169
Holy Land (Good Friday) Offering	658
April 12th (weekend) Attendance:	891

COLLECTION COUNTERS

Apr 20	Carole Oresick, Bernice Durand, New Trainee
Apr 26	Finance Committee

**Temporalities Committee will meet on
Tuesday, April 21st at 7:00 PM.**

**Finance Council will meet on
Wednesday, April 22nd at 7:00 PM.**

**Pastoral Council will meet on
Thursday, April 23rd at 7:00 PM.**

**Worship Committee will meet on
Tuesday, April 28th at 7:00 PM**



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY —IN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	APR 18
8 AM Cecilia R. Geibel by Family	
4:30 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's	
SUNDAY —DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	APR 19
8 AM Ronnie Schnur by Family	
11 AM Irene Schnur by Family	
MONDAY —	APR 20
8 AM Living & Deceased of the Ralph Michel Family by Bus & Joanie	
TUESDAY —	APR 21
8 AM Margie Schaffer by Tom & Cecilia	
WEDNESDAY —	APR 22
8 AM Gerald Karch by Family	
THURSDAY —	APR 23
8 AM Dorothy and Martin Karenbauer by Dale & Marge	
FRIDAY —	APR 24
8 AM Arthur Osche by Bernie & Dess Schnur	
SATURDAY —ST. MARK	APR 25
8 AM June Horstman by Ken & Pattie Orloski	
4:30 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's	
SUNDAY —THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	APR 26
8 AM Bernard & Gertrude Lyndon by Ken & Diane Collins	
11 AM Bob & Frita Thompson by Bob & Rita	

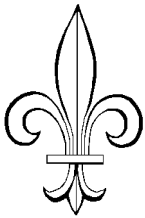
CELEBRATE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY TODAY!

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



The Feast of the Divine Mercy or Divine Mercy Sunday falls on the Octave of Easter (the Sunday immediately following Easter). It is dedicated to the devotion to the Divine Mercy promoted by St. Faustina, and is based upon an entry in St. Faustina's diary stating that anyone who participates in the mass and receives the sacraments of confession and Eucharist on this day is assured by Jesus of full remission of sins.

According to the notebooks of Saint Faustina, Jesus made the following statements about this day: "On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine flood-gates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity." (Diary of Saint Faustina, 669)



Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church: and let them pray over him. . .

James 5:14

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL PARISHIONERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND OR ILL

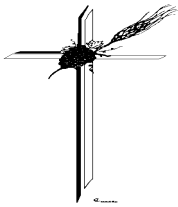
Vivian McDevitt, Sister Mary Kriley, Amy Gallagher, Jane "Michel" Thiry, John Spinnerweber, Sharon Rosenbauer, Rita Wagner, Maxwell and Tobias MacDonald-Mingo, Patty Fair, Katrine Fair, and Martha Oesterling.

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.



Our sympathies are extended to the families and friends of:



Rose Mary Smith
Gerald A. Oswald
Gerald J. Rhodaberger

May God grant them eternal rest.



WE WELCOME YOU!

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish welcomes:

Virginia Kelly,
Jennifer Adley,
Polly Ann Mutz,

who were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 22—26, 2009**

NEWS FROM THE WOMEN'S GROUP

Community Dinner - The next community dinner will be Tuesday, May 5th. Donations of spaghetti sauce, rigatoni and especially desserts would be greatly appreciated. Preparation for the dinner will begin at noon at the school and as always there is help needed in all areas of the dinner preparation, serving and cleanup. Please call Fran Beers at 724-283-1035 if you have any questions or can help.

Mother/Daughter Banquet - The Mother/Daughter Banquet will be held on Wednesday, May 13th. The speaker will be Tootie Betres (back by popular demand from last year's banquet). Tootie is from St. Paul's and has many credits to her name in catholic education. **ALL** women of the parish are invited (whether you have a daughter or not) and are asked to please sign up on the sheets available at all entrances of the church. You are asked to bring a tureen to be shared (buffet style). Dinner will begin promptly at 6:00PM in the school dining room.

Annual Flea Market - The women's Group will be holding their "annual" flea market on June 18th and 19th. So, while you are doing your "spring cleaning", set aside some of those "treasures" to be sold. Profits from this sale have benefited various needs of the parish. More information of times for drop off and hours of sale will follow. Please help us make this sale a huge success.

St. Mary's Women's Group will meet on Thursday, May 7th at 7:00 PM to finalize plans for the Mother Daughter Banquet. As always, all women of the parish are invited to attend these meetings.

**FATHER ANGELUS SHAUGHNESSY
HIGHLIGHTING GOPSA MISSIONS
CATHOLIC CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2009**

Fr. Angelus Shaughnessy, OFM Cap., known to millions through the six years he spent on EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) is the featured speaker at this 10th Catholic Conference at the Camp. The all day conference which will also include Mass, Rosary and Divine Mercy, and a special healing service, will be held at Camp Kon-O-Kwee in Fombell, PA from 9 AM—7 PM. Cost is \$45 per person which includes buffet lunch and buffet dinner. Children, ages 6—15 will be able to attend “A Day at Camp Kon-O-Kwee”, a real camp experience with age-appropriate activities such as arts and crafts, hiking, nature study, climbing adventure and more. Cost for children, ages 6—11 is \$25, ages 12—15 is \$35. Call 724-538-3171.

**DAVID HAAS
In Concert!**

Friday, May 1st @ 7:00 PM
St. Kilian Church
7076 Franklin Road
Cranberry Township, PA

Tickets are \$15/in advance and \$17 at the door. Proceeds will benefit Music Ministry Alive (an annual summer liturgical music formation program for high school & college youth). Tickets & Info: 724-625-1665

**PROTECT OUR YOUTH!
PARENT TO PARENT EVENING
Butler County Community College
Wednesday, May 6th—7:00 PM**

CANDLE, Inc. will host a special Parent to Parent program at Founders Hall on the BC3 Campus. Two fathers will share the story of how they lost their sons, one to prescription drug abuse and the other to inhalant abuse. Every home has easy access to both inhalants (common household aerosols) and prescription meds. Learn how to protect your child. Please come and support these fathers who are passionate to **protect our youth**. Call 724-679-1788 for more information.

I am only one. But still, I am one.
I cannot do everything,
but still I can do something.
And because I cannot do everything, I will
Not refuse to do the something that I can do.
Edward Hale

SPAGHETTI DINNERS

Benefiting

Ralph Edwards

April 26th: 11:30 AM —3:30 PM

Location: Summit Twp. Sportsmen's Club
Herman Road
\$7.00 for adults
\$4.00 for children 12 & under
Chinese Auction & Raffles

Benefiting

Rita Wagner

May 17th: 11 AM—6 PM

By Spaghetti Warehouse
Location: Summit Twp. Sportsmen's Club
Herman Road
\$8.00 for Adults—\$4.00 for children
Chinese Auction & Raffles.

Benefiting

Cora

(6 month old heart transplant recipient)
(niece of Frank Raypush)
May 3rd: 11 AM—6 PM
Location: Herman Fire Hall
\$7.00 Donation
Carry out available
50/50 Raffle, Chinese Auction,
Half Pig Raffle, Bake Sale

OTHER AREA EVENTS:

Towel Bingo

Sunday—April 26th @ 2:00 PM
St. John's in Coyleville
Church Hall
668 Clearfield Road
Donation: 3 cards \$2.00
Call 724-285-4992