

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 9:30 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

To Easter and Beyond

(Continuation of the Reflections on)
Six 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.

The third in the list of ways:

**Use your gifts and talents
for the good of the parish.**

A parish is more than “the place” where I get something or do something, such as go to Mass or receive a sacrament. A parish was never meant to be experienced as a wayside stop, a place frequented only when something is needed.

Those of us who remember, were edified by the words of former President John F. Kennedy when he challenged Americans to “. . .ask **not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country**”. So, when we reflect on this challenge of **using one’s gifts and talents for the good of the parish**, we cannot but press ourselves on the issue of **what it is God has given us in the way of talents and abilities** that can be used for the good of the parish.

What indeed shall I render to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

So that the work of the Lord may go forth, one’s motivation should be to willingly step forward, whether asked or not, to contribute where you can to parish events, projects or committees. No one person or group of parishioners can sustain parish life.

Parishioners have always throughout history stepped forward to give of their time and talent for the good of the parish. Things admittedly do not always go smoothly, yet people have carried forth.

Do you have musical skills or talent? Or just a good-old desire to share your voice or musical ability with the musical ministry of the parish? Why not give it a try?

Maybe you have teaching skills and can share your knowledge with those growing in the faith in and through our religious education program. Maybe you can bake or cook, have secretarial and organizational skills; maybe your gifts are in the area of mechanical skills, heating, plumbing, painting, etc. Don’t put your skills and talents “under a bushel basket” when it comes to our parish.

If you have a stake in this parish - if you are concerned about its life and growth, then you do need to add your 25 cents (plus) to its ongoing life, growth and well-being. This approach is one visible aspect of living our faith with enthusiasm. Let us challenge ourselves to **use our gifts and talents for the good of the parish**.

Choir
Lectors
Finance Council
Worship Committee
Temporalities Committee
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Religious Education Teachers
Vacation Bible School
Outreach Members
Collection Counters
Community Dinner
Summer Picnic
Folk Group
Servers
Ushers
Etc.





MAY

MONTH OF MARY

LITURGY

	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers
Saturday May 9 4:30 PM	1. Shirley Shurtleff 2. Ron Holcomb B. Marge Steinhiser C. Rege Convery	Sue Siljander	Jonathan Karenbauer Cheyenne Casher Lauryn Gage
Sunday May 10 8 AM	1. Bernice Durand 2. Ruthann Goff B. Dennis Oresick C. Carole Oresick	Jim Miller	Henry Cypher Ricky Miller Julianne Schnur
Sunday May 10 11 AM	1. Joan Neigh 2. Barb Moran B. Harold Neigh	Robert Zanella	Becca Schnur Hanna Schnur Austin Gagliardi



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY—FIRST SATURDAY MAY 02

8 AM **DOLORES HALM**
by Violetta E. Collins
4:30 PM **ROBERT SCHNUR**
by Dorothy & Family

SUNDAY—4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 03
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

8 AM **PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARY'S**
11 AM **FRANCIS KRILEY**
by Family

MONDAY— MAY 04

8 AM **JUNE HORSTMAN**
by Dave & Linda Michel

TUESDAY— MAY 05

8 AM **ARTHUR M. OSCHE**
by Carrie Price

WEDNESDAY— MAY 06

8 AM **DUKE SCHNUR**
by Dale & Marge Karenbauer

THURSDAY— MAY 07

8 AM **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE KNIGHTS OF ST. GEORGE**

FRIDAY— MAY 08

8 AM **GUY & BARBARA STUTZ**
by Bonnie Morgan

SATURDAY MAY 09

8 AM **DIANE WARREN**
by Mary Ellen
4:30 PM **PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARY'S**

SUNDAY— MAY 10

8 AM **TOM COLLINS**
by Family
11 AM **ROSE MALIS**
by Donna Gallagher

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24 -- 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
 Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

FINANCES

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Sunday Collection on April 26: \$3,378
 April 26th (weekend) Attendance: 544

COLLECTION COUNTERS

May 04 Charlotte Ruediger, Cathy Green, Donna Etzel
 May 11 Tom & Linda Angert, Bill Konyha, Mary Carben

God's children should pray. They should talk day and night to Him. God hears every one of your cries in the busy hour of the day and in the lonely watches of the night.

There are more battles won through prayer than by any other means.





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

Bill Gibson, Vivian McDevitt, Sister Mary Kriley, Amy Gallagher, Jane "Michel" Thiry, John Spinneweber, Sharon Rosenbauer, Rita Wagner, Maxwell and Tobias MacDonald-Mingo, Patty 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

Ralph Edwards

Ruth Kriley

William Hager

Nelson McKissick

May God grant them eternal rest.



PARISH SHARE PLEDGES

Thank you to all who have made their Parish Share Pledges. So far, we have collected \$18,976 of our Parish Share Assessment of \$35,506. If you have not made your pledge, there is still time to do so. Pledges and payments can be dropped into the Sunday Collection Basket or brought to the Parish Office. If you have misplaced your parish share tear-off form, there are blank ones available.

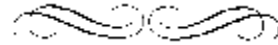
Thank You.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

This past weekend it was announced at the Masses of the "Parish Mission Statement".

This mission statement is the work of Pastoral Council and is open to your comments. The mission statement defines what we see as the purpose or mission of St. Mary's Parish. It will be the guiding principle behind our parish plan that is presently being developed by Pastoral Council. The future survey (to be conducted in the parish) will also greatly aid in this planning process as we strive to fulfill our parish mission.

The mission statement, as present in the Church entrance along with the pictures of the members of Pastoral Council, is as follows:



St Mary of the Assumption Parish is a Welcoming Faith Community Dedicated to Building God's Kingdom by Worship through Education, Love and Service to All.



PARISH APPRECIATION NIGHT

The Pastoral Council is sponsoring a Parishioners Appreciation Night on Saturday, May 16th, following the 4:30 PM Mass. The event will be held in the parish school hall. Come and enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners. May we all continue to build on life together as a community of believers.



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

HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE

The monthly Holy Hour for Peace will be held at St. Paul's in Butler on Monday, May 11th beginning at 7 PM. Prayers for peace, prayer for vocations, Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, a rosary. The Holy Hour concludes with Benediction.

MAY CROWNING

St. Michael's Rosary Makers, 432 Center Avenue, Butler, PA will be having a May Crowning at the church on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at 6:30 PM with recitation of the rosary and Benediction, followed by a small reception in St. Michael's School Hall. St. Michael's CCD & BCS students will be participating in the May Crowning. The St. Michael's Rosary Makers are open to all parishes. They have made approximately 9,315 rosaries since their ministry began in May of 2007. The rosaries were sent to missions, prisons, hospice and the U.S. Military. If you would like to join this ministry, please call Marlene at 724-282-4107.

LECTORS AND

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION !

Just a note: the June through September schedule is being prepared. If there are any dates within this period that you know you cannot keep your commitment to serve, please email Elizabeth Spohn, at espohn@hotmail.com or leave a written note at the parish office. Thank you for your faithful service. We are all blessed by it.

KIDS' NIGHT OUT

ST. WENDELIN'S YOUTH CENTER

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2009

7 PM - 10 PM

Bring your kids to St. Wendelin Youth center for an evening of fun and friendship. Parents are also welcome to stay for quality family time. Teachers with all Diocesan certifications and clearances are facilitating. Fee: \$10 per family (includes snacks & drinks).

SPAGHETTI DINNERS

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.

Homemade desserts would be most welcome—please drop off in the back of the baptistry after masses.

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

NOTE OF INTEREST: ACCEPTING BIDS



It has been determined that the special needs trailer which sits next to the school no longer serves a purpose for the parish. We will be accepting bids for the best offer on the sale of this trailer. It will be sold, **as is**, and must be removed by the purchaser. Contact the parish office to view the trailer. We will be accepting bids until the end of May. Thank you.

FLEA MARKET

ST. JOE'S IN CABOT

MAY 8TH & 9TH

9 AM - 5 PM