

St. Mary of the Assumption

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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

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ENTEN POINTS FOR REFLECTION

(From Father Ward)

I want to offer the following thoughts to reflect on (and in turn to act on) as you see your own circumstances in life unfolding.

Ways I can Make My Parish Better

1. Think of yourself as part of a parish family.

We struggle in our society today to see ourselves **as part of** any large gathering of people. Our own familiar family unit is about as far as we usually can go, aside from an occasional social club or organization that we might belong to. Yet, as human beings, we want to belong. We enjoy the support, company, shared values and people to do things with. Our parish community ideally is an opportunity for such a community experience. We share the same Lord and Savior, the same faith and purpose in life — to go to Jesus with one another to share eternal life. However, we don't do this in isolation. In truth, the parish family is meant to be that companion with us. The degree to which we make ourselves **a part** of this parish family will affect the level of our experience of being **a part** of something larger than ourselves.

To make ourselves **a part** means we need to be present to the community and participate in its life. So, we need to **take part** in the worship and prayer life of our parish community. We need to avail ourselves in various areas of ministry according to our gifts and talents. We need to participate in the social events that celebrate our life as a parish family. It is our **involvement**, of whatever nature, that is vital to seeing ourselves as part of parish life and actually being **a part** of parish life. **Let us continue to work together to make our parish better.**

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.

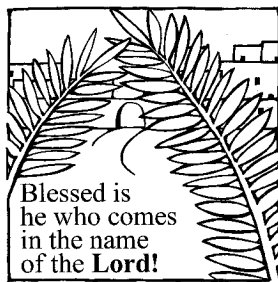
More will follow on the development of these six points. Your thoughts are most welcome, if you choose to share.

LITURGY

	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers
Holy Thursday 7:30 PM	1. Kathy Benkart 2. Linda Green B. John Kriley C. Liz Spohn	Henry Cypher	Heather Cottage Ricky Hoffman Robert Zanella Rachel Benkart
Good Friday 1:30 PM	B. Patty Jackman C. Liz Spohn N. Charlotte Ruediger	Sue Siljander	Chalice Streitman Rebekah Benkart Shawn Hoffman
Holy Saturday 8 PM	1. Mike Spohn 2. Ron Holcomb B. Rege Convery	#1 Bob Zanella #2 Liz Spohn #3 Nathan Barry	Heather Cottage Robert Zanella Angie Hoffman Austin Gagliardi
Easter Sunday 8 AM	1. Michael Weiland 2. Carole Oresick B. Dennis Oresick C. Randy Collins	Jim Miller	Michael Kriley Ricky Miller Julianne Schnur
Easter Sunday 11 AM	1. Rick Hoffman 2. Paul Collins B. Cindy Collins	Tasha Werner	Matthew Benkart Rachel Benkart Rebekah Benkart

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
 Wednesday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9;
 Ps 89;
 Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;
 Ps 116;
 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
 Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31;
 Heb 4:14-16;
 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
 Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a];
 b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18];
 c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; d) Is 54:5-14;
 e) Is 55:1-11; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4;
 g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28;
 h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mk 16:1-7
 Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4
 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9
 or Mk 16:1-7 or (at an afternoon
 or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35



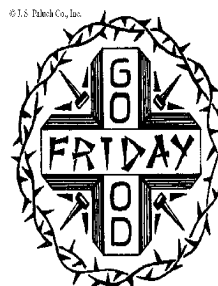
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

April 5, 2009

Christ Jesus humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of
death, even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:8

HOLY WEEK



MASS INTENTIONS

ST. MARY'S LENTEN SCHEDULE

SATURDAY	APR 04
4:30 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's	
SUNDAY—PALM SUNDAY	APR 05
8 AM Art Osche by Widenhofer Family	
11AM Eleanor Moran by John & Pat Lorenz	
MONDAY	APR 06
8 AM Louise Gerace by Gerace Family	
TUESDAY	APR 07
8 AM June Horstman by Marge & Dale Karenbauer	
WEDNESDAY	APR 08
8 AM Dolores Halm by Brothers & Sisters	
THURSDAY—HOLY THURSDAY	APR09
7:30 PM Parishioners of St. Mary's	
FRIDAY—GOOD FRIDAY	APR 10
No Mass	
SATURDAY—HOLY SATURDAY	APR 11
8 PM EASTER VIGIL Parishioners St. Mary's	
SUNDAY—EASTER SUNDAY	APR 12
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD!	
8 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's	
11 AM Parishioners of St. Mary's	

HOLY THURSDAY

7:30 PM Liturgy
Presentation of the Oils
Washing of the Feet

10:30 PM Tenebrae

GOOD FRIDAY

1:30 PM Celebration of the Lord's
Passion

8:00 PM Living Stations

HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 PM Easter Vigil
Catechuman:
Virginia Kelly

Candidates:
Jenifer Adley
Polly Mutz

EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 AM Liturgy
11:00 AM Liturgy

FASTING & ABSTINENCE: All Catholics aged 14 and older should abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, **Good Friday** and all Fridays during Lent. Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 should fast — eat no more than one full meal per day — on Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday**.

FINANCES

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Sunday Collection on Mar 29 : \$3,638.25
March 29th (weekend) Attendance: 535

COLLECTION COUNTERS

Apr 06 Carole Oresick & New Trainees
Apr 13 Carole Oresick & New Trainees

Good Friday Holy Land Collection: The special Pontifical collection to maintain the holy shrines and Franciscan missionaries who serve in the Holy Land has been a longstanding tradition for all Catholics throughout the world. This financial support assists in the upkeep and protection of the sacred shrines of the Holy Land and offers direct assistance to our less fortunate sisters and brothers who live in the heart of our Christian faith.

GATHERINGS

Men's Group	Sundays	7 PM
Youth Group	Mondays	6 PM
RCIA	Mondays	7:30PM
Light Weigh	Tuesdays	7 PM
Scripture Study	Wednesdays	9 AM
Choir Practice	Wednesdays	7 PM
SFO	Wednesdays	7 PM
Legion of Mary	Saturday	9 AM

SERVICE OF APOLOGY

Bishop David Zubik will be leading a special Service of Apology at Saint Paul Cathedral in Oakland on Tuesday of Holy Week, April 7th at 7:00 PM. If you, a loved one, a friend or a family member has been harmed in any way by the Church, please prayerfully consider attending. When we forgive and are forgiven, we are healed. And when we are healed, we are healthy, strong and able to truly celebrate Easter, able to live the mission that God designed for each of us.

LIVING STATIONS



Come to the beautiful, moving Living Stations Performance presented by Youth of our Parish.
Good Friday Evening
8:00 PM
St. Mary's Church.
Admission? Free!
Reflection for your Soul?
Priceless!!

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TENEBRAE AT ST. JOE'S

Tenebrae is a Latin word which means DARKNESS. As Christians, we along with Jesus, must experience the darkness of Good Friday before we can enter into the light of Him on Easter Sunday. Join youth and young adults from both parishes as they lead this dramatic service based on the seven last words of Jesus on the Cross. We pray that as we experience his "Tenebrae", the Spirit leads you into the light of His Easter joy! St. Joe's Tenebrae service returns Wednesday of Holy Week, starting promptly at 7 PM.

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.

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

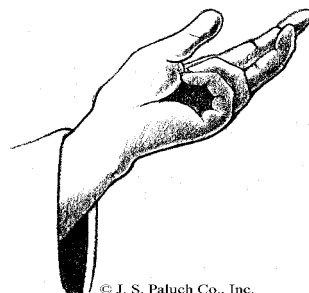
Light Refreshments Will Follow

GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN

April 18—A.J. Palumbo Center

At Duquesne University

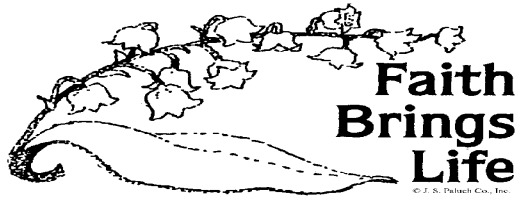
This year's speakers include Bishop Zubik, Father Scott Seethaler, Larry Richert, Father Philip Chavez, Chuck Neff, Bishop Ed Burns and Mike Clark. Anyone signing up to go to the Gathering of Catholic Men who would like to travel with the group from St. Mary's is asked to notify Rege Convery by April 10th. Please call: 724-287-5874.



SUFFERING:

Jesus did not come to do away with suffering or remove it. He came to fill it with his presence.

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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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL PARISHIONERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND OR ILL

Sister Mary Kriley, Amy Gallagher, Gerald Oswald, 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.

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** as an active member one of the various committees that serve the parish. 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

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, please go to: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/> or call 724-898-2529. (Pennsylvanians for Human Life)

THANK YOU, LADIES!

Thank you to the thirteen ladies (and at least one gentleman) who came and cleaned our church. Many hands did lots of work and cheerful hearts made lots of fun.



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