

Dear Parishioner,

On Friday evening (January 29), I attended the sharing by Ghana native, Thomas Awiapo, in our Parish Hall. Tom came from Ghana to thank us as a Catholic church in the United States for our support over the years of CRS (Catholic Relief Services). Inside the back cover of our bulletin each week, a grateful child suggests we find out how far our hearts can reach when we direct our generosity through CRS. CRS serves the poor in over 100 countries around the world.

Tom, an orphan since the age of ten, attributes his life and success to CRS. Tom and his siblings could not have survived without major help from CRS. Throughout his talk, Tom fondled a Rice Bowl box and emphasized that much of what he received was channeled through Rice Bowl boxes like the one he held. The pennies, the dimes, the dollars all contribute to providing food, clothing and education for people such as Tom in the world.

Tom was raised in a village of some 800 people. There was no electric or running water. He cleaned his teeth with bark from a tree. He and his siblings frequently had to free-load upon their poor neighbors for food. He credited the “White Fathers” for his survival and education. He advised us that CRS will be in Haiti long after the TV crews have moved out and moved on. CRS has been and will be wherever people are in need. Tom refreshed me and others present about the quiet and trojan work accomplished by CRS.

A couple of parishioners in attendance suggested I write this letter and make Rice Bowl boxes available to the entire parish during the Lenten season. The directives are simple. Place the box on your kitchen table. During mealtime, place in it the savings from your Lenten resolutions and loose change. Come Easter, we will hopefully fill a barrel with money to feed people like Tom who depend upon us for the fundamentals of life. Sounds like a good Lenten suggestion.

Peace,

Father John

PLEASE NOTE: Rice Bowl boxes will be available in the Gathering space of our church next week.

 *Mass Intentions*

Monday February 8, 2010

8:00 AM **Walter Shelfer**
by: Jack and Mary Byrne

Tuesday February 9, 2010

8:00 AM **Flora Sclafani**
by: Her Children

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

8:00 AM **Karen Campiglia**
by: Finna and Joe Junier

Thursday, February 11, 2010

8:00 AM **William Melchionni**
by: Chris and Jane Dickerman

Friday, February 12, 2010

8:00 AM **Marty Keoughan**
by: Wednesday's Level 7 Religious Ed Class
Chad Gunther
by: Gene and Jane Callahan
Lena and Tom Parker
by: The Delsordo Family
Frank Marino
by: Harry Schmidt
Salvatore Verrecchia
by: The Matteo and Lacroce Families

Saturday February 13, 2010

5:00 PM **Jim Love**
by: Wife, Marian

Sunday, February 14, 2010

8:00 AM **People of the Parish**
10:00AM **Pat Whalen**
by: Tom and Marie Gorman
11:30AM **Edward Schneider**
by: The Schneider Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Phil Ardire, Ruben N Alvarez, Anita Alverez, John & Mary Lou Baird, Tate Balcarek, Marie Bantivoglio, Elsie Barnhart, Dolores Bauer, Bruce Beckett, Antionette Bedishian, Elizabeth Belli, Barbara Biehler, Joe Bolam, John Brach, Jim Brady, Walter Burnes, Roger Butler, Mary Byrne, Connie Chiolo, Anthony Ciarroccki, Jimmy Contento, Sandy Cowley, Pam Crocetti, Mary Dalbey, Kayla DeFeo, Nancy DeYonce, Frank Dolan, Charles Dumont, Eileen Edwards, Catherine Faccine, Terri Gannon, Brian Geary, Joe Garofalo, Michael Garrity, Colin Patrick Grady, Lucille Gross, Helene Haney, Barbara Hartman, Arlene Harvey, Laurie James, Fred La Rosa, Mike Leatham, Julie Leonard, Ingrid Lodato, Marge Lubrano, Caitlin Martin, Ann McIlroy, Fred McIlroy, Bruno Melchionni, Blasco Molle, Perfecto Moulic, Michael Piazza, Patty Plunkett, Catherine Potts, Baby Bryanna Ramirez, Jim & Tony Ray, Mary Recupido, Anthony Russo Sr, Joseph Ragusa, Ronald Schoen, Gary Schoen, Michael Sepessy, Kathy Shiflet, Marie Smith, Thomas Stinson, Helen Szymczak, Kurt Thurber, Dr Edgar Valle, Jack Waite, Ginger Walsh

LITURGICAL ROLES

for February 13, 2010 and February 14, 2010

Saturday, February 13, 2010

5:00 PM Fr. Ruggles
Altar Servers: C Fyfe, E Fyfe, E Sands
Lectors: J Smith, C Cirillo
Special Ministers of Holy Communion: D Bennett, B Coen, L Olson, J Rosado, N Sands

Sunday, February 14, 2010


8:00AM Fr. Ruggles
Altar Servers: J Decker, A Harvey, T Hoopes
Lectors: A Domingo, C Domingo
Special Ministers of Holy Communion: M Dell, Q Harper, B Maiore, M Maiore, C McDonald
10:00AM Fr. John
Altar Servers: C Connor, L Hurley, N Perez
Lectors: L Repici, Z Lang
Special Ministers of Holy Communion: L Ciccone, C McKenna, J Rueppel, M Schoen, M Wellner
11:30AM Fr. John
Altar Servers: A Borinski, M Borinski, N Schroeder
Lectors: M Scaramella, N Scaramella
Special Ministers of Holy Communion: M Gilbert, L Hyland, T Alonzo, M Borinski, S Czerniakowski

MILITARY PRAYER LIST

US Army: Col. Lars Braun, Capt. Alex F. Katauskas, Sgt. David Marnell, Sgt. Frank Renna, Infantry, Sgt. Peter Roethke, Ranger, Capt. Doug Sackett, PFC Christopher Vassey, Sgt. John David Vozzelli, Lt. Joseph Weston, Jr., Pvt. Christopher Worthington, Sgt. Deanna D'Ambrosio, SPC Matthew Baumann, SPC Christopher Hill
US Navy: E4 Bob Moeller, Ryan E. Gager, Lt. Grahm Gill Joseph Cornell, Cmdr, JG **USAF:** Thomas Clerici, David J Wagner, Jr. **USMC:** PFC Ryan Bridge, Daniel Gallemitt, Thomas Grace, Cpl Jonathan Mezzancelo, Michelle I. Ryan, Sean P. Ryan, Adam Ardire, Justin Keleher, **USCG:** Petty Officer Tim Edwards

OFFERING REPORT

February 1, 2009	\$12,368.00
January 31, 2010	\$10,995.00
Decrease \$1,373 or 11.1%	
Envelopes: 282	
Weekly expense:	\$11,000.00
Parish Indebtedness:	\$17,805.00

 *Rest in Peace*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Margaret Mary Weinhofer-Cannon
Mother of Joan Weinhofer

Frank Maressa and Dorothy Wichrowski
Uncle and Aunt of Frank Wichrowski Family

Religious Education News

Congratulations to the 61 second graders in our program who made their **First Penance** on January 23, 2010 (or on the makeup date of February 6th). Jesus loves each and every one and celebrates making each one new!

All **second grade** parents must attend the First Eucharist Meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 7PM in the Chapel.

The next regular class for **eighth graders** is Monday, February 8, from 6:30-8:15PM in the Chapel.

There will be no Religious Education classes on February 16th, 17th or 18th. All students must attend either the Ash Wednesday Service at 4:30PM or the Ash Wednesday Mass at 7:30PM on February 17.

BAPTISM



Sunday, February 14, 2010 1:00PM
Sunday April 11, 2010 11:30AM Mass
Sunday, May 9, 2010 1:00PM
Sunday, June 6, 2010 12:00PM (Noon)
Sunday, July 4, 2010 12:00PM (Noon)

BAPTISM PREPARATION: *Please call the Parish Office at (856) 424-1454 for more information. Arrangements **must be made in advance** for Baptism Preparation and Date of Baptism.*

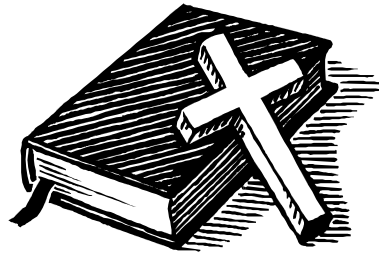
Please remember that the Sacrament of Baptism is not celebrated during the Season of Lent.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be at St. Mary on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM to collect donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing. They will be accepting small household goods (bed & bath linens, pots, pans, dishes, cooking utensils, toys, books) and small appliances. You are invited to take all donations to the Society's trailer in the parking lot. There will be an attendant to assist you and provide tax receipts, if necessary.

DID YOU MISS IT?

Our RCIA candidates and First Communion parents will be taking their own "**Walk through the Mass**" at 7:30PM on Wednesday evening, Feb 10th in church. If you missed the previous "walk through" presentation... You are welcome to sit in on this one!



"Forever Young" **Shrove Tuesday Celebration**

(Please note date change)

Come and celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a traditional Pancake Brunch on Tuesday, February 16th at 12:00 noon in the Church Hall. Afterwards, listen to the inspirational words of Joan Sandell as she talks to us about the final journey of the apostles with Jesus. Previously, she has inspired St. Mary's parishioners with her spiritual reflections. We look forward to hearing her message for the season of Lent.

Cherry Hill Food and Outreach Council

During February, it is St. Mary's turn to collect non-perishable food for the Cherry Hill Food Pantry. Major needs at this time are: peanut butter and jelly, spaghetti sauce, cereal (cheerios, Special K, Rice Krispies, and other low sugar varieties) and pancake mix and syrup. Other items always needed include: canned fruit, canned tuna, canned chicken, canned salmon, beef stew or other meals in a can, hearty soups and potato buds. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

St. Mary's will be providing workers at the Cherry Hill Food Pantry during the first two weeks in March, on Tuesday evenings 5-8PM and on Thursday 10AM-1PM. If you are not already on the Food Pantry call list and wish to help out, contact Sandy Czerniakowski at 856-231-7879 or Helen Myers at 856-787-9187. Please remember to provide the time and date preference, if you leave a message.

ALERT: The organization (ActiveCause) that managed the distribution of RecycleBank points for nonprofits has decided to no longer continue this role. The RecycleBank is now looking for other organizations who might be willing to take on this role. Until the RecycleBank develops an alternative donation strategy, the Cherry Hill Food and Outreach Council (CHFOC) is advising people **not** to make RecycleBank point donations to the CHFOC.

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. MARY TRAVEL

Join us for a once-in-a-lifetime journey to the Holy Land. We will visit a variety of sights: religious, archeological, and historical in the land of Jesus, while visiting Bethlehem, Nazareth, and Jerusalem. Enjoy visiting other ancient sites, sailing on the Sea of Galilee, and floating in the waters of the Dead Sea. We will leave on Nov 3rd, 2010 for a most inspiring trip to Israel. For additional information, please call Barbara Dollarton at (856) 424-2739 or Marie Bantivoglio, in the church office at (856) 424-1454.

Souper Bowl Sunday

The Youth Group will be accepting monetary donations after all Masses this weekend, February 6th-7th. All proceeds will benefit the Cherry Hill Food Pantry. Our Youth Group will join thousands of other teens throughout the United States by partnering with a national organization called the **Souper Bowl of Caring**.

“Lord as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat.”

ALTAR-FLOWERS



Throughout the liturgical year, the flowers chosen for Church communicate something about a particular feast or season that only flowers can. It is our desire to provide a quality arrangement of flowers for all weekend liturgies. However, the cost of providing these flowers throughout the year is substantial. We invite you to remember a special person or family date in your life by donating flowers for a given weekend. It will help you in your remembering and help our parish to trim expenses. Currently, we pay \$75 for the arrangement in front of the altar and \$45 for the arrangement in front of the baptismal font or the ambo (pulpit). We have the following weekends in 2010 available: 2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/20, 3/27, 4/24. Many other dates later in the year are also available. If you are interested in donating these flowers, please call the Parish Office for additional information at (856) 424-1454.

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Youth Group Meeting on February 15. The next meeting will take place on Monday, March 1, from 6:30-8PM in the Parish Hall. All members of the parish in grades 7-12 are invited. A welcoming atmosphere for teens to hang out!

Members of St. Mary Youth Group will deliver food to the Cherry Hill Food Pantry after the 11:30AM Mass on February 7th and February 21st. Please help if you are available.

Gloria Miller, Youth Group Coordinator, 751-5190

**ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 17, 2009**

MASSES: 8AM & 7:30OM

PRAYER SERVICE: 12:10PM & 4:30PM

(Ashes distributed at all four times)

MOMS NEEDED FOR SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

Mothers of Preschoolers(MOPS) of St. Andrews has a great need for mature mothers who are willing to share their faith and provide spiritual guidance to young mothers of this parish and surrounding parishes. The ideal woman is practicing her faith, has children who are teenagers or older, and is willing to commit three Tuesdays a month for meetings that last from 9:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Meetings have already begun and will continue until the end of May. They are held in St. Andrew’s parish hall. Getting to know the young mothers of your community is rewarding and joyous. If interested, please call Terry Bongiovanni at (856) 767 8318.



Astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." - Lk 5:9-10

Parish Calendar of Events

February 8, 2010	4:30PM Junior Choir Rehearsal (Church) 6:30PM 8 th Level Religious Education (Hall) 7:30PM Social Justice Meeting, Room 103 (Hall)
February 9, 2010	4:30PM and 6:30PM Religious Education Classes All Levels (Hall) 7:30PM Liturgy Meeting (Meeting Room) 8:00PM Knights of Columbus (Hall)
February 10, 2010	4:30PM and 6:30PM Religious Education Classes All Levels (Hall) 7:00PM 1 st Eucharist Parent Meeting (Church) 7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:30PM RCIA (Meeting Room)
February 11, 2010	1:00PM Prayer Shawl Gathering, Room 103 (Hall) 4:30PM Religious Education Classes All Levels (Hall) 7:30PM to 9:30PM School of Liturgy (Hall)
February 14, 2010	1:00 Baptisms (Church)
February 15, 2010	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
February 16, 2010	No Religious Education Classes 12:00PM "Forever Young" Pancake Brunch (Hall) 7:30PM Pastoral Council (Meeting Room)
February 17, 2010	ASH WEDNESDAY 8AM & 7:30PM Ash Wednesday Mass with Distribution of Ashes (Church) 12:10PM & 4:30PM Ash Wednesday Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes (Church) No Religious Education Classes
February 18, 2010	No Religious Education Classes 7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:30PM RCIA (Meeting Room)

Upcoming Events at Paul VI High School

This year Paul VI High School will be performing "Les Miserables" as its annual musical. Tickets are \$10 each for general admission. Performances are February 26th beginning at 7:30pm, February 27th with a dinner theatre beginning at 5pm, and show beginning at 7:30pm, and February 28th matinee at 3pm. Additional shows on March 5th and March 6th both begin at 7:30pm. To reserve tickets, please contact Nicole Estrella at nestrella@pvihs.org or Sister Diana Higgins at dhiggins@pvihs.org.

Paul VI High School will be holding registration for the Class of 2014 on Saturday, February 20, 2010 from 8:30am to 12:00pm. For further information on registration, please contact Stefanie Markellos at 856-858-4900, ext. 36.

St. Pius X Spiritual Life Center Lenten Programs

St. Pius X Spiritual Life Center in Blackwood is offering an **Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer** on February 17th from 9:30AM to 2PM. Liturgy at noon with the Blessing and Distribution of Ashes. Donation, \$30, lunch included. Registration required, call 856-227-1436 or email ldecosta@camdendiocese.org.

St. Pius X Spiritual Life Center in Blackwood will host a five-week Lenten Experience from Wednesday, February 24th through Wednesday, March 24th from 6-9PM presented by S. Mary McGarrity, IHM, based on Joyce Rupp's book, "Open the Door". Cost for the series is \$140, which includes book and dinner. Call 856-227-1436 by February 14th to register.