


From Father Chuck's Desk...The Blessed Mother is the patroness of the Diocese of Greensburg. This weekend we recall the mystery of her Assumption into Heaven and ask her blessing upon our diocese as we recall this moment in her life with the Church throughout the world. We honor Mary as the first Christian disciple. By the power of the Holy Spirit and with her willingness to serve God and the Church when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to her, she becomes the Mother of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Mary is honored with many titles that stem from this beginning of her special role in God's plan for our salvation. One of my personal favorite titles for Mary is: "Mother of Good Counsel." At the beginning of Jesus' public ministry—as it's depicted in the second etched window on the Eastern side of our church—Jesus performs His first miracle at the Wedding Feast in Cana. Mary is quoted in this Gospel story as saying to the servers gathered before Jesus: "Do whatever He tells you." We might ask ourselves how well we are responding to these words. We might appropriately honor the Blessed Mother on this Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary by approaching God in sorrow for not having listened attentively to Jesus' sacred words. We are called to do what Jesus tells us, not merely think about it. Our faith is made manifest in our hearts, yet we are called to make our Christian joy known in everything we say and do and in how we live. If we recognize the intimate bond God initiates with us in the divine plan for how our salvation unfolds, we will more readily focus on Jesus' words in the Gospel and, as Mary urges us, do what He tells us. We might also honor Mary by recognizing the precious gift we have been given with our life, make a greater commitment to cherish it and reflect regularly on how to make our lives the greatest possible blessing it can be. Through the intercession of Our Lady of the Assumption, may we be more visibly, tangibly joyful and active with our faith in Christ.

 **A JUBILEE CELEBRATION~RECEPTION** for Sister Maria Goretti Zamberlan (60 years) and Sister Eric Marie Setlock (50 years) will be held after Mass on Sunday, August 29 in our parish hall. Come enjoy a little bit of fellowship and light refreshments as we join them in rejoicing in their time serving God and others and witnessing to the mission of the Sisters of Mercy among us here.

Changes in the Mass


Q: Has the Mass always been the way it is now?
A: The way we worship now has a long and complicated history. The most recent changes that came from the Second Vatican Council are what most adults talk about when they refer to "the changes." While retaining the basic purpose of the ritual, Mass has its deepest origins in the Jewish "Sabbath Suppers." Down through the years it has included many cultural and ritual variations. We tend to think that the Mass is an action that never changes. This is far from the truth. Just as one example, the language of the Mass has changed from Hebrew to Greek to Latin to the vernacular. The way we worship is not a museum piece but the living, breathing, changing work of a people seeking to touch God through word and gesture, song and prayer, sign and symbol. You may have heard that there are more changes coming. This should reassure us that the church is still living and growing.

GOOD SHEPHERD "PARISH PICNIC"
Sunday, September 19 12 Noon—??
On Parish Grounds

Come celebrate the end of summer with your friends and fellow parishioners!

- Enjoy good food, fellowship, music, raffles & more
- Outdoor activities

RSVP forms are due September 3
 (Extra forms available in the church vestibule.)

 **MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH, MURRYSVILLE** is seeking a fulltime Administrative Assistant. Interested persons should mail a resume to Mary Namestka, Mother of Sorrows Parish, 4202 Old Wm Penn Hwy, Murrysville, PA 15668.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER — You upgrade your computer software. You renovate and improve your house. Why not upgrade your marriage? Join us Sept. 24-26 at the Four Points Sheraton Pittsburgh Airport, for a **World Wide Marriage Encounter weekend**. Turn a good marriage into a great one. For more information or to register, please contact Jay and Judy at (412) 635-7775 or visit us on the web at www.wwme-pittsburgh.org.

THE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP AT ST. VINCENT PARISH, Latrobe, will meet Monday, August 16, 7PM in the Conference Room of the Parish Center. Anyone mourning the loss of a loved one is invited to participate. The Support Group meets on the 3rd Monday of every month and there is no charge to attend. For more information call Teri Pomerleau at (724) 539-8629, Ext. 15.


P R A Y E R C H A I N

If you know of someone who is in need of prayer, or if you would like to join the parish prayer chain, please call Thelma Fabin at 724-479-0103 or contact the parish office. Please pray for the wholeness and healing of:

- Cecilia Anderson; Helen Anderson; Lois Bevil; Dana Bowser; Ryan Brennen; Ann Burtick; Elia Calvetti; Millie Caratelli; Leona Cavalier; Angela Colarossi; Marie Colosi; Diana Cornman; Jordan Cornman; Frank Davis, Jr.; Richard DeLuca; Edith DeRenzo; Betty Dice; Pat Doyle; Kira Drakulic; Rhonda Earhart; Linda Exler; Anna Fabin; Jason Faust; Grace Gaydosh; Carmella Gary; Ben Goss; Judie Hawk; Evelyn Innocenti; Dolores Kolakowski; John Kubala; Tammy Lawson; Anna Lesneskie; Sam Marra; Jim & Peggy Marsh; Jason Maudie; Alice McCracken; Ryan McCracken; Conrad McQuaide; Trevor Minich; Bob Moretti; James Morgan; Chad Park; Joy Patterson; Alice Petracca; Lilia Perotti; Jemma Premus; Gloria Prymak; David Puzak; Rose Rocco; Robert Romance; George Saletrik, Sr.; Parker Scarry; Mabel Setlock; Toot Shearer; Jessie Slansky; Pearl Sleigh; Chester Socol; Catherine Stercho; Donald Stitts; Kathy Tarr; Jack Turner; Darlene Woodrow; Jack & Kathy Yard; Connie Zagurskie; Katrina Zuchelli.

Please take a moment to carefully read the names on our prayer list. If you notice someone who has recovered from his/her illness, or perhaps has passed away, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.