



Dear Parishioners,

Each year parishes are asked to "step outside of their own world" and realize that we are a part of a larger Church. Our diocese has an "Office of Missions" that demands each parish contribute to some other ministry in need. Next weekend, we will have our annual parish mission appeal. Please see below for details about the diocese in India we will be helping.

As school has already started for many Catholic schools and will soon be starting for all of us, please keep an eye on the roads and obey the traffic rules for the safety of not only our children, but all those in our community.

Peace and prayers,  
Fr. Bill Wegher

### **PARISH MISSION APPEAL From India**

Fr. Bosco Padamattummal is from the Diocese of Kottapuram, India. The diocese is spread in the four civil districts of the Kerala State in India. It has a Catholic population of over 100,000. From ancient days Cranganore, presently known as the Kodungallur, the headquarters of the diocese, was a famous and prosperous seaport of the East. According to common tradition, it was here that St. Thomas the Apostle first landed and preached the Gospel of Christ in the early years of the first century of the Christian era. The present Catholic population of the Diocese of Kottapuram consists mostly of the descendants of those ancient St. Thomas Christians of Malabar who embraced the Latin Rite during the Portuguese regime in the 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> centuries. The Portuguese missionary St. Francis Xavier, the second apostle of India, is buried here. Today the cathedral of St. Francis Xavier in Goa is a national archeological museum of the central government.

It is because of the arrival of these two great apostles that almost 29% of the population in the State of Kerala are Christian as opposed to 2.8% of the whole country of India; 82% of the total population of India is Hindu. The total population of the diocese is above 3,500,000 including the Hindus and Muslims. The diocesan social service department extends their service to these religious people, especially in the area of housing and small scale industries.

Vocations are strong with the Diocese of Kottapuram. There are five bishops from the diocese, including Bishop Francis Kallarakkal, with four serving elsewhere. Bishop Kallarakkal is the first bishop of this diocese. Eighty-six diocesan priests work in the diocese, with more than 200 priests and 700 religious sisters working in others.

Our annual mission appeal is for the two minor seminaries within the diocese where there are 52 seminarians. The parents of these young men cannot offer much financially, because most of their livelihood depends on fishing, stone masonry and carpentry. Every month they need \$2,000 to support their food, lodging, and their education.

### **LAY MINISTRY SERVICE FOR COMING YEAR**

As Father Bill reminds us, we are in the dog days of summer with Fall waiting right around the corner. Its time to discern that call to serve your parish in the role of Eucharistic Minister, Proclaimer of the Word, Greeter, or Usher.

Training dates are scheduled for Saturday, September 12 (following 8:30 mass) and Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m. We'll need new registration forms completed at that time. The new schedule will take effect October 31.

If you have questions about what is involved in these ministries, please call Beth Corwin at 517-518-0703 or email [bethcorwin@yahoo.com](mailto:bethcorwin@yahoo.com) We invite your involvement in these ministries and look forward to helping you be, "all the things I want my church to be."

### **ANNOUNCING: The St. Mary Day Care & Latchkey Programs**



Beginning this school year St. Mary will offer Day Care for 3 to 5-year-olds and Latchkey for school-aged children. Many parents have expressed interest in having both of these options in our school to help meet the demands of

their busy schedule and to provide a faith-based care program for their children. Each of these programs will be taught by current St. Mary teaching staff.

The Day Care Program will provide parents several care options for their preschool-age child. Children DO NOT need to be enrolled in St. Mary Preschool in order to take advantage of the Day Care Program. The program fees will be assessed by the day or session to give parents the flexibility that fits their busy schedule. For example, Morning Friends preschoolers can be cared for through the afternoon in the daycare classroom. Afternoon Friends children can also come early in the morning and transfer to the Preschool classroom at the appropriate time.

The Day Care program will focus on exploring children's interests and developing empathy for others.

Initially, the K-8 Latchkey program will be available before and after school for up to 18 students. (Session I is 6:30am – 8:10am. Session II is 3:30pm – 6:00pm) Parents will have the options of bringing their children in early before school and picking them up later, after school ends, in a supervised setting. Price is determined by the session for each child. Parents can learn more details about these two great programs by calling the school office at 734-878-5616 or emailing [mrsabbott@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:mrsabbott@stmarypinckney.org).

### **REMINDER**

**Rosary Altar Society Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 3, 2009**  
**7pm – Conference Room A**

## Faith Formation Kindergarten - Confirmation

Fall is quickly approaching! The deadline for Religious Education and Confirmation has passed. If you missed it please contact Rebecca Keiser immediately.

Classes Start soon!

Religious Education K-8: September 13, 2009

Confirmation: September 27, 2009

All Class times are from 10:20 am-11:20 am.

Please be prompt; we only have 1 hour of class time!

### MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

#### K-3 Children's Choir

**Starts in the Fall!** This season, four youth from our parish have stepped up to lead the children's choir: Josh Weiland, Zach Jones, Megan Flaherty, and Patti Glaser. We are so grateful to have them on board! They will bring lots of enthusiasm, energy and talent to this endeavor, as all of them sing and/or play a musical instrument.

Choir rehearsals will start on Thursday, September 24, at 6:30 pm, in the music room. As in years past, the choir will sing for the 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Vigil, as well as on the first Sunday of Advent, November 29, at 11:30 Mass.

Parents of all children in kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are encouraged to sign up now! Sign-up sheets will also be available during Music Ministry Recruitment Weekend, September 19 and 20 after all Masses. Please contact music director, Tony Giamanco, (734-878-3161, ext. 213 or [giamanco@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:giamanco@stmarypinckney.org)) to add your child to the list and for more information.

**Youth Choir Is Back!** Our Youth Choir, open to all parish youth, grades 4-8, will kick off the season on Wednesday, September 16, at 6:00 PM. Rehearsals will be held in the music room (adjacent to our worship space). Music director Tony Giamanco will once again lead the choir, which will sing during various liturgies throughout the year. Choir members will also have the opportunity to cantor. Come join us for a fun, awesome experience...and bring your friends! To sign up now or for further information please contact Tony through the church office: 734-878-3161, ext. 213 or [giamanco@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:giamanco@stmarypinckney.org).



Virtus: Protecting God's Children

Training sessions will be held:

September 10, 2009, from 6:30-9:30pm

September 12, 2009, from 9:00am-12:00pm

Adults working or volunteering with children and/or young people are required to complete the training. It is also a great awareness program for families. Safe environments are a necessity. Pre-registration is necessary so please register online at <http://www.virtus.org/virtus/> or contact Rebecca at 734-878-2217, ext 203 or email [rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org)

Please pray for those who are serving in the Armed Forces, especially:



William V. Backlund III, Tim Begley, Christopher Bullion, Gabe Campbell, Kymberly deBeauclair, Jason (Hennigan) Cecchetti, Fred Dehn, Matt Ducummon, Jeff Gabel, Michael Ganzak, Erik Hennigan, Kevin Martin, Michael McInerney, Sean Rooker, Anthony Sparks, Jonathon Stepp, Kenneth & Sherri Streu, Jesse Sutton, Kurt Whitlow



If you or a family member has lost a job and are dealing with the transition it brings, you can request a Befriender to be a companion on your journey. Befrienders provide a listening presence that is respectful and non-judgemental. To request a Befriender call the parish office at 734-878-3161.

### RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

**Do you know someone who may be interested in becoming Catholic?**

**Have you ever invited another to explore the Catholic Faith?**

**For more details about this process, please call the office at 734-878-2217, ext. 218.**

### Moms to Moms Resale Shopping Event

Saturday, September 19th, 9am-1pm

St. John Church, 2099 N. Hacker Rd @ M59 in Howell Shop 75 sellers of gently used kids items

\$1 Adm, \$25 seller fee

[sjomomssale@yahoo.com](mailto:sjomomssale@yahoo.com) for information

First there was Live Aid...  
 then Farm Aid...  
 NOW...  
 St. Mary's Men's Club Presents  
**Kitchen Aid**

**Country Style Breakfast**  
**FREE WILL DONATIONS**  
 Sunday, September 6, 2009  
 From 8:30am to 11:00am  
**Proceeds to Benefit**  
**Our Parish Kitchen Restocking**  
 Tax receipts available  
**AREA'S BEST MENU!**  
 Musical Guest Stars  
 Tony Giamanco & Leo Gonzalez  
 50/50 Raffle



**The Beautiful Hands Of A Priest**

We need them in life's early morning, we need them again at its close. We feel their warm clasp of true friendship, we seek them when tasting life's woes. At the altar each day we behold them, and the hands of a king on his throne are not equal to them in their greatness; their dignity stands all alone: and when we are tempted and wander to pathways of shame and of sin, it's the hand of a priest that will absolve us – not once, but again and again; and when we are taking life's partner, other hands may prepare us a feast, but the hand that will bless and unite us is the beautiful hand of a priest. God bless them and keep them all holy for the host which their fingers caress; when can a poor sinner do better than to ask Him to guide them and bless? When the hour of death comes upon us may our courage and strength be increased by seeing raised over us in blessing the beautiful hands of a priest!

**RAFFLE**

Thank you for your support by purchasing raffle tickets!  
 Congratulations to the following raffle ticket winners for  
 Sunday, August 23, 2009:

- \$25 winners-
- Heather Orłowski
- Frank Berendt
- Joe Hinkle
- Elaine Garbarz
- John Teuber
- Andy Shmina
- Geoff Wizgird

**St. Mary Fall Social**  
 Sponsored by St. Mary School  
**Road Rally & After Party**  
**Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm**



Grab a car load of your friends for this exciting event. Or you may join us at the After Party!!  
 \$25 per person/includes Road Rally & After Party  
 \$10 per person/After Party Only  
 More details to follow. Stay tuned!

**Report for August 24, 2009**  
**Parishioner Donations -Giving Back To The Lord**

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year To Date</u> 07/01/09 – 08/24/09
Offertory	\$ 12,985.85	\$ 109,469.69
Operating Budget Reqmnt	\$ <u>13,349.04</u>	\$ <u>106,792.32</u>
Variance	\$ (363.19)	\$ 2,677.37
Debt Reduction/FaithQuest Collected	\$ 1,023.50	\$ 10,321.10
Mortgage Payment Requirement		\$ 75,030.00
Mortgage Amount Paid		\$ <u>20,000.00</u>
Shortfall		\$ (55,030.00)

**Thank you for your generous donations!**

# Youth Ministry

Website: <http://youth.stmarypinckney.org/>

**Time Change:** High School youth group will be changing their time back to 7-9pm with the sessions starting promptly at 7:00pm and ending at 8:30pm. Students are free to leave at 8:30pm or socialize until 9:00pm when we expect everyone to depart.

## HS Youth Group Schedule

Date:	Time:	Event:
09/02	6:00pm-7:00pm	Leadership Meeting (Lounge)
09/02	6:00pm-7:00pm	Lock In Work Session (Youth Room)
09/02	7:00pm-9:00pm	Youth Group

If you have an questions please call Rebecca at 734-878-2217 ext. 203 or email [rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org)

## Middle School Youth Group!

Meetings and youth group nights will be held in the youth room. Please use back door by the playground for drop off and pick up.

09/01	6:00pm-7:00pm	Leadership Meeting
09/15	7:00pm-8:30pm	Youth Group
09/22	7:00pm-8:30pm	Youth Group
09/29	7:00pm-8:30pm	Youth Group

If you have an questions please call Rebecca at 734-878-2217 ext. 203 or email [rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org)



Youth Ministry Fall KICK OFF!

**"ō-pən"**

Come join the youth of the parish for a night of fun. Our theme is "open!" See what it is all about! It will be a night of fun including open gym.

**Grades 6-12 are welcome!** September 25, 2009 from 7pm-10pm. Health Forms on the web or contact Rebecca!



**Ring! Ring!** Are you called to be a catechist or classroom helper this year for religious education or Sacramental prep? Do not be afraid; answer that call! It takes the gifts of many to help pass on our faith. No gift is too small. Please consider what gifts you are called to give to help continue Christ's mission. Contact Rebecca Keiser at 734-878-2217 ext. 203 or [rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org)

## Livingston Region 50+ Catholic Council on Aging Annual SENIOR APPRECIATION MASS "FOLLOW ME"

Wednesday – September 23, 2009

MASS: 11:00am & LUNCHEON: NOON

St. Mary Catholic Church

10601 Dexter-Pinckney Road

Pinckney, 48169

Fr. David Howell, Regional Vicar, will celebrate the Mass and all Livingston Region Priests have been invited to concelebrate. There is no charge for the luncheon, but you must RSVP and acquire a ticket, from the 50+ Parish Representative of your parish, Fran McLaughlin 734-878-9959, by Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

## CASINO TRIP

St. Mary Men's Club presents a Fall Colors trip to

### Little River Casino

Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009

Your trip includes:

One night stay at area hotel

Deluxe motorcoach transportation

Visit to Firekeepers Casino

Receive \$47 in total incentives

Houghton Lake lunch cruise

Price: \$149 per person

Departs from St. Mary at 7:30am on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

For more information please contact Stan Olekas at 810-231-2904 or Gary Anemaet at 734-954-0156.

What the faithful have received through faith and the sacrament in the celebration of the eucharist they should hold to by the way they live. They should strive to live their whole lives joyfully in the strength of this heavenly food, as sharers in the death and resurrection of the Lord.

-Eucharisticum Mysterium, #13

## MASS INTENTIONS – August 30 – Sept. 6

**Sunday, August 30 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00am:** In Memory of Loretta Gardner by Family

**11:30am:** For Our Parish

**Monday, August 31**

**9:00am:** Communion Service

**Tuesday, September 1**

**9:00am:** Communion Service

**\*\*5:00pm: NO MASS**

**Wednesday, September 2**

**\*\*9:00am: NO MASS**

**Thursday, September 3 – St. Gregory the Great**

**\*\*9:00am: NO MASS**

**Friday, September 4**

**\*\*9:00am: NO MASS**

**Saturday, September 5 – Bl. Virgin Mary**

**\*\*8:30am: Communion Service**

**5:00pm:** In Memory of Ted Bird by Walt & Linda Kell

**Sunday, September 6 - 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00am:** For Our Parish

**11:30am:** In Memory of Rich Gilligan by Family

### COMMUNION SERVICE LEADERS

**August 31, Sept. 1:** D. Denome, G. Wizgird

**September 5:** Deacon R. Coffelt

**September 7-8:** D. Denome

### WEEKLY READINGS –August 30 – Sept. 5

**Sunday:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23/Ps 15

**Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30/Ps 96

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37/Ps 27

**Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44/Ps 52

**Thursday:** Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11/Ps 98

**Friday:** Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39/Ps 100

**Saturday:** Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5/Ps 54

### OUR PRAYER LIST

***May God's healing hand reach out and hold you:***

Rachel Campbell, Edward & Celeste Cheesman, David Dudek, Linda Landau, Sophia Range, Nathan Rutkowski, Ray Wiengert

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“Be doers of the Word and not hearers only.” This is true stewardship – to carry out the truth and share it generously with all our brothers and sisters. And who are our brothers and sisters but everyone, everywhere, created by our Father in Heaven. May our focus be, as Jesus instructed, to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world. Seek that which is pure and good and lovely, dwelling in the Spirit of love and truth who gives life.

### Marriage Bann I

**Andrew Barlage – Amy Dye**

## LAY MINISTERS – September 5 – 6

### Labor Day Weekend

### **ATTN: Eucharistic Ministers**

You will **NOW** be **SELF SCHEDULING** when you want to serve our St. Mary's Parish Community as an Eucharistic Minister. Don't forget to check in Meeting Room A as you come to Mass each week to see if you are needed to serve at the Mass that is about to start. Thank you for your willingness to serve and for trying this new system during the next few months.

### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

**5:00pm:** Please sign up before the Mass you want to serve.

**9:00am:** Please sign up before the Mass you want to serve.

**11:30am:** Please sign up before the Mass you want to serve.

### Proclaimers of the Word

**5:00pm:** Please sign up.

**9:00am:** Please sign up.

**11:30am:** Please sign up.

### Ushers

**5:00pm:** Please sign up.

**9:00am:** Please sign up.

**11:30am:** Please sign up.

### Greeters

**5:00pm:** Please sign up.

**9:00am:** Please sign up.

**11:30am:** Please sign up.

### Altar Servers

**5:00pm:** Please sign up.

**9:00am:** Please sign up.

**11:30am:** Please sign up.

### Offertory Gifts

**5:00pm:** Please sign up.

**9:00am:** Please sign up.

**11:30am:** Please sign up.

### Home Chalice Program

Please sign up.

**Linens – August:** K. Leonard, B. Olekas

**September:** M. Beck, L. Saines

**Cleaning the Altar – August:** E. Avery

**September:** K. Leonard

### Collection Counters

**August 31:** S. Kronk, D. Eggleston, B. Zielinski

**September 8 (Tuesday):** A. Martin, H. Menosky, S. Walton

**Bulletin articles are due on Tuesdays at noon!**