

June 29, 2008

**SOLEMNITY OF SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL**

*I say to you, you are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church.*



# St. Mary Parish Bul-



**Church of St. Mary**  
**40 Spring Mount Road**  
**Schwenksville, PA 19473-1739**

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St. Mary School Website	<a href="http://www.smsk-8.org">www.smsk-8.org</a>

**Masses:** Sunday - 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., 12:00 Noon  
Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri. 6:30 & 9:00 a.m.  
Thursday 6:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday - 9:00 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. (Vigil)

**Confessions Wednesday (in Lent) 7:00 pm**  
Saturday 4:30 to 5:10 p.m.  
Sunday 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon

**CCD** 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday  
Preschool kindergarten: Sunday 10:30 a.m.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is all day, every day in our chapel.

**Baptisms** are celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 1:15 p.m. Pre-baptism classes are required. Godparents must be practicing Catholics and have a letter of good standing from their parish. Contact the Parish House.

**Marriage Preparation** Registered members must contact the parish house at least six (6) months prior to the wedding date. A pre-cana class must be attended.

## PARISH PRAYER

Blessed Mary, patroness of our parish, hear all of these petitions and present them to your Son, Jesus Christ. Especially help our parish family respond to the Holy Spirit and the message of the Gospel as we apply it to the needs of our parish and to our daily lives. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## MISSION GROUP APPEAL WEEKEND

YOU can make a difference.... You can help bring the Good News of Jesus to the Poor. To continue to bring the Gospel to the poor and needy, the priests, deacons, religious and lay catechists serving in the Missions need your support. They need your prayers. They need your financial support as well. Donations collected will directly support the Diocese of Calbayog, Philippines. Msgr. George Tomchick will speak at all Masses the weekend of July 5th and 6th. Your support will be appreciated.

## Mary and the Apostles

Our image on this page is a reflection on the last mystery of the rosary, the Crowning of Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth.

Heaven, the top of the picture, shows Jesus, who is God and her son, crowning His mother with angels witnessing the event.

Below, the Apostles Peter, holding the keys, and Paul, with his hand on the sword (on either side of the central figure, John), contemplate her absence and triumph. Notice both Peter and Paul hold a book. Peter wrote two epistles and Paul thirteen in the New Testament.

## ST. MARY PARISH

Rev. Charles J. McElroy, Pastor  
Rev. Thomas J. Furey, Parochial Vicar  
Mr. Kevin Conwell, Principal of St. Mary School  
Mrs. Theresa Leichner, Coordinator of Religious Education  
Mrs. Kathleen Wasniewski, Coordinator of CCD  
Sr. Marie Rose Gibson, RSM, Parish Outreach

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<b>SATURDAY June 28</b>	5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass Celebrant: Father Furey Intention: People of Saint Mary Parish Lector: Barry Georgetti Eucharistic Min: Allen, Bradbury, Bushey, Kunz, Murdoch	Servers: Armstrong, Famularo, Leichner Music: Organ/Cantor
<b>SUNDAY June 29</b>	7:30 a.m. Mass Celebrant: Father McElroy Intention: In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph—Catherine Whitehead Lector: Joan Grega Eucharistic Mins: Bette, Bolognese, McCloskey, McGeeney, Moyer 9:00 a.m. Mass Celebrant: Father Dailey, OSFS Intention: Joseph Bruno—Elizabeth Pastorius Lector: Joe Cahill Eucharistic Mins: Bintner, Cahill, Nichols, Smart, Weatherbee 10:30 a.m. Mass Celebrant: Father Furey Intention: Lena Minner & John Minner—The Family Lector: Joe Ardizzi Eucharistic Min: J. Bickel, Leichner, McCarron, Mudalel, Myers 12:00 Noon Mass Celebrant: Father McElroy Intention: Richard S. Melito—The Geller Family Lector: Margaret Murphy Eucharistic Mins: Glackin, Kelly, Klisch, Longua, Watt	Servers: Malecki, C. & K. Menges Music: Quiet Servers: Olzinski, J. & M. Schmitt Music: Spirit Servers: DiPiero, Longua, Morton Music: Children Servers: Dougherty, Mazzio, Stanton Music: Organ/Cantor
<b>MONDAY June 30</b>	6:30 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. Mass Intention: The DiCicco Family—Anita Intention: Dorothy Anderson—Jackie	<b>Protomartyrs of Rome</b>
<b>TUESDAY July 1</b>	6:30 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. Mass Intention: Charles (Chucky) Angelina—Daune Capobinchi Intention: In Honor of Our Blessed Mother—Terry & Todd Alderfer	<b>Bl. Junipero Serra</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY July 2</b>	6:30 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. Mass Intention: Francis YaVulla—Finbarr O'Connor & Family Intention: Rose Volpe—Mr. & Mrs. Rich Bohannon	
<b>THURSDAY July 3</b>	6:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. Intention: Mary Melcher—Bill O'Donnell Intention: John Henry—Josephine	
<b>FRIDAY July 4</b>	9:00 a.m. Intention: In Memory of Thomas and Loretta Schreiner—Family	<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>
<b>SATURDAY July 5</b>	9:00 a.m. 5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass Intention: Thomas Gallagher—Gail & Family Celebrant: Father Tomchick Intention: People of Saint Mary Parish Lector: Kim LaGuardia Eucharistic Min: Corley, Freed, Hinson, Hines, Matthews	Servers: Chiaro, Chung, Habermehl Music: Organ/Cantor
<b>SUNDAY JULY 6</b>	7:30 a.m. Mass Celebrant: Father Dailey, OSFS Intention: In Thanksgiving to Our Blessed Mother—Catherine Whitehead Lector: Jody Shollenberger Eucharistic Mins: Coneghen, Frias, Kirby, Makoid, Shofran 9:00 a.m. Mass Celebrant: Father McElroy Intention: Joseph Bintner, Sr.—The Bintner Family Lector: Sarah Pinchock Eucharistic Mins: M. Bickel, Cutillo, Dewees, Forsyth, Walsh 10:30 a.m. Mass Celebrant: Father Tomchick Intention: Richard & Eleanor Polachek—John F. Brennan, Inc. Lector: Dave Holva Eucharistic Min: Brady, Kling, McHugh, Snyder, Stiles 12:00 Noon Mass Celebrant: Father mCeLROY Intention: Richard S. Melito—The Geller Family Lector: Erin Leone Eucharistic Mins: Micsko, Schnaubelt, Schoen, Uhl, Watt	Servers: Armstrong, M. Heller, Morton Music: Quiet Servers: Donaghy, E. & H. Dyson Music: Folk Servers: Welch, H. & K. Egges Music: Acclaim Servers: Myers, Pannella, Schneider Music: Organ/Cantor

***JESUS WELCOMES ALL TO COME TO HIM IN OUR CHAPEL.  
DON'T YOU HAVE JUST ONE A WEEK TO SPARE?***

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Fred Aiello, Alexa Bailey, Barbara Baird, Jean Bruno, Janelle Bergandino, Francis Boyle, Catherine Blinebury, Jim Bondi, Ellen Brett, James Bodkin, Leona Borzok, Allen Brough, Perri Briganti, William Burns, Bob Bradbury, William Brown, Mark Cackovic, Donna Carter, Art Chandler, Denise Conley, Bill Cornell, Brian Craig, Daniel Craig, Denise Colonna, John Cuddy, Nicholas DiAnnibella, Leslie DeFrancesco, Ruth DeMichael, The Duesberry Family, Michael Elia, Ted Fenno, Lee Fenno, Connie Fox, John P. Fitzpatrick, Helen Fealy, Veronica Figg, Joe Francese, Lois Freed, Cameron Fromm, Mary Rose Giambone, Karen Giannini, Cortney Glass, Ruth Guarilia, Andy Gdonski, Samantha Grosse, Debbie Gustafson, Karen Hill, Eileen Hines, Kevin Howard, Kevin Hofmockel, Maria Houser, Chuck Hurst, Ryan Thomas Husbands, Tony Jaworski, Tom Kane, Peg Kane, Nancy Kranick, Colleen Kelley, Eileen Koch, Helene Koziel, Carol Lippy, Roy Love, George Magill, Fr. Frank Maguire, Mollie Malloy, Charles Marsh, James McGee, Jane Madan, Edith Manning, Margaret McDermott, Bernard McCollum, Elizabeth McCollum, Catherine McMahon, Bob McNellis, Shirley McGinley, Daniel A. Milliam, William Murray, Gerald Murphy, Frank Musacchio, Theresa McFadden, Joe Nash, Eileen Neff, Shawn Nolan, Rita North, Kevin O’Connell, AJ O’Donnell, Harold Oelschlager, Frank Ponzio, Linda Porter, Christopher Pettine, Laura Plummer, Kevin Rakszawski, Elvira Rieco, John Richardson, Tony Rezza, Diana Rogers, Joanne Rosetti, William Russo, Kate Santangelo, Greg Saylor, Joseph Sciacca, Caroline Sciacca, Robert Scotti, Michael Sinclair, Helen Shortall, Harleigh Swantek, Jennifer Stern, Mark Schroeder, Rick Shoemaker, Marilyn Smith, Lorraine Tausz, Judy Toone, Sandy Trama, Cheryl Valentine, Connor Wallin, Joseph Walsh, Mollie Weidemoyer, Nancy Wilz, Earl Youse, Blaine Zandier, Walter Zimski

**ST. GEMMA GALGANI  
1878—1903**

Born in 1878 in Lucca, Italy, Gemma had a difficult childhood. She was brought up by two aunts who tried to raise eight orphaned children of a bankrupt family. Gemma, the oldest girl, became the angel of the family, unselfishly taking care of everyone’s needs. One morning Gemma astounded her aunts by appearing with stigmata on her hands and feet and wound in her side. The wounds opened regularly on Thursday evenings to Friday afternoons for three years. In spite of these supernatural signs, the girl continued household work and was known as intelligent, healthy and of sound judgment. In her prayer life, long before the stigmata, she had experienced locutions leading her to offer herself as a victim-soul to do penance for sinners because of an oncoming chastisement of the world.

A close friend who was sympathetic to the special gifts that Gemma had received from the Lord realized that Gemma would be subject to all kinds of curiosity and ridicule if left in her own uncongenial home environment.

She invited her to become part of their large family as a mother’s helper. This same friend and others were advised by a Passionist Father, who became Gemma’s spiritual director, to take down the words of Jesus and Mary that Gemma uttered during her ecstasies. Some of these concerned Gemma’s intercession for sinners, followed by documented conversions. This same priest was an expert on fraudulent mystical phenomena and tested Gemma extensively. He gradually became so impressed, in spite of initial skepticism, that he later became her biographer.

After some time the wounds ceased to bleed, but this was replaced by greater interior trials and torments of the devil with whom she fought for the conversion of particular souls. She died on Holy Saturday of 1903.

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

**ROSE FOR LIFE  
In Memory of Joseph McMahon**



**God’s Plan for Giving  
Tithing and Stewardship**

June 22, 2008	\$25,588.00
Children	\$42.00
June 24, 2007	\$19,740.00
Children	\$27.00

As we prepare to celebrate our nation’s independence on Friday, we realize all the more how much we have to be thankful to God for. Our freedom, our families and opportunities, our Faith – all point back to God, our generous Father. So celebrate, and perhaps express your thanks, both to God and to the people you love. Thanks too to our people who tithe.

From the pews, here & elsewhere: “Tithing—Giving back to God from what He has given you. Not very complex. Not hard to grasp or understand. All it takes is an appreciation of the fact that without God there is nothing.”

**PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY**

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|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Tim Fitzgerald      | Steven Muir                |
| Matthew Foley       | Jennifer Foley             |
| Yaphet Blair        | Gerard Pettine             |
| John Weaver         | Richard Granozio           |
| Brian Smith         | Michael Hood               |
| Matthew Grimes      | Geoffrey Grimes            |
| Brett R. Karkheck   | David Sinnk                |
| Michael Boehret     | Jacob McLendon             |
| Michael E. Ingram   | Joseph Wolf                |
| Kenneth Mason, Jr.  | Wayne Cherry, Jr.          |
| Samuel Crino        | Daniel Winton              |
| Luke Robert Allison | Kyra Chamberlain           |
| Collin Hamel        | Robert Petersen            |
| Ryan Decker         | Lauren Shaw                |
| Ian Keyser          | Justin Michael Johnson     |
| Jonathan Minkler    | Charles Joseph Moloney III |
| Jim Gotlewski       | William Ian Holdsworth     |
| Jay Shanley         | Gerard Shanley             |
| Wes Philbeck        |                            |

## From the Pastor

Look what the close relationship with Jesus Christ can do. At Mass today we feature Peter, the first Pope, and Paul, the greatest Apostle.

Peter was a fisherman, at most a middle class person of his day, attracted to the personality of the Lord and responded to Him by leaving it all behind to travel with Him. Energetic and spontaneous, he was brash and bull headed in countering even Jesus Himself. Yet his support of Jesus, after being tested time after time, brought him to the leadership of explosion of faith and love that led the infant Church to glorious success.

Paul began by being a Pharisee, a hostile persecutor of the early Christians, throwing them into jail for their faith. One day in a blinding flash of light, he was knocked off his horse and blinded (temporarily) by Jesus Himself. "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" said Jesus to him, taking personally the persecution of the Christians. Paul got the point, even to a name change, from Saul to Paul. After years of teaching from the Lord Himself, Paul was called on by the elders of the Church to begin to bring the Good News to the non-Jewish people. The success he experienced is the theme of the Acts of the Apostles and Paul's own letters in the New Testament.

They spent very little time together, perhaps less than a month, total. Yet, their work complements each other's work. Paul led the spread of the Faith, and Peter led the activity of the Church. Peter at home, ultimately in Rome, and Paul throughout the world until his arrest and trial in Rome, worked with Jesus and the Holy Spirit to bring people to salvation.

Peter put it this way in his first Letter: *Though you do not now see Jesus, you believe in Him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy; as the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls.* (Yes, Peter did write books of the Bible, his two Letters.) Through him and the other Apostles and preachers, the people came to meet Jesus. In the sacraments Peter and the other leaders brought to them, the people came to know the Lord and make Him a part of their everyday lives in a way. They really knew and loved Him.

Their stories encourage us. One, Peter, was just an

ordinary working class man, the other, Paul, a leader in the community. Remember this culture was deeply religious and to be a notable rabbi was to be at the top of the social ladder. Yet both met and were won over by the man who is God, Jesus Christ. Peter is fun to watch in the Gospels. Each of them singles him out because he became the Lord's choice to lead the new Church. Yet their stories must have embarrassed him as he listened to them at Mass on Sundays. He said "No way!" to Jesus's prediction of His crucifixion and death, to which Jesus called him a Satan. He told Jesus "You will never wash my feet!" but when Jesus said "Then you will have no part with me" Peter changed his line to "Then not only my feet, but my hands and head as well!" He denied Jesus three times. Yet in all this and more, it was to Peter that Jesus said "Feed my sheep," thereby emphasizing His choice of Peter to lead.

Paul had to be physically stopped from persecuting the Church, as noted above. Yet in the following years of getting to know Him personally, Paul became so deeply in love with the Lord that he underwent all kinds of suffering and injustice himself. He was jailed, whipped, stoned, mocked and rejected, much like Jesus Himself. Yet in it all he came to welcome that suffering because he could then identify more completely with Jesus, who suffered for all of us.

The point is that they grew. Through the years of first meeting Jesus and then following Him and learning from Him they grew wise and strong and loving. Their lives and their words (in the Bible) are important and wonderful sources for us on how to live and love. We too can center c *Fr. Mc Elroy*.

### SAVE THE DAY—AUGUST 7TH, 2008

St. Mary's Parish will be having a day of reflection, meditation, and learning on Thursday, August 7th, 2008, at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. Our visit will include a tour of the Shrine and lower Chapel, the celebration of Mass for our group said by Father Furey, a movie about the Shrine, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting at noon. There will be time to be on your own and grow closer to Our Lady and Her Son. We will bring our own lunch and eat in the cafeteria. We should meet at 8:45 am at St. Mary's parking lot and carpool to the Shrine. We will be returning to St. Mary's around 3:30 pm. For more info

## PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta was riding in a car and she said to the driver 'stop the car! There's a dying person.' The driver looked around and didn't see anybody. She walked around, all the way around the building to the front of the building and there was a dying man. Her spiritual peripheral vision enabled her to see the needs of others that those who have not gotten out of themselves do not see. That's why we need that spiritual vision. If we spend time in Eucharistic Adoration, we become more sensitive. We begin to see with the eyes of the Lord and then to feel and love with the senses of the Lord." (Cenacle of Divine Mercy—EWTN)

Please call MaryKay @610-754-9003. We still have open hours and really need substitutes.

## LAY MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

Those interested in the charism of Mother Teresa and living her 'Simple Path' are invited to 'Come and see'. For more information about the Lay Missionaries of Charity and when we meet, contact Mary Kay at 610-754-9003.

## PARISHIONERS

As you heard our Memorial Walkway project, entitled "God in America, A Walk to Remember" is underway. Won't you buy a paver to memorialize a loved one, anniversary, birthday or special occasion, a sacrament, organization, policeman or fireman, a special saint or anything that you would like to see perpetuated? Order forms are available on our website, just download a copy. For info call Tom Perkins @610-689-0909 or Bill Kirby @610-754-6927. You can drop your order form in the collection basket and return it to the parish house. We look forward to having another beautiful, contemplative area to add to our parish landscape.

## RCIA

RCIA—The Rite of Initiation of Adults is a loving welcome and caring guide to Catholic beliefs and traditions. This class is for anyone interested in becoming a Catholic, wishing to learn about our Catholic faith or interested in refreshing their knowledge of our faith. If this is you, consider coming to our RCIA classes.

The classes are wonderful if your needs are at the beginning of your faith journey. They are also uniquely effective if you would like to more fully participate and learn more about our Catholic faith.

Through catechesis you will learn the doctrines, traditions, beliefs and practices of our rich faith. We're confident that at the end of our RCIA program, you will see yourself at the beginning of an ever-renewing lie of faith.

No matter if you are new to the Catholic faith or a "cradle Catholic" this is something here for everyone. Classes are held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm and will begin in September. Call Father McElroy at 610-287-8156.

## CLUSTER CORNER

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We have clients in need of boys clothes sizes 18/20, Girls clothes sizes 4t/5t & 6x/7, diapers sizes 1, 2, 3 & 5 diapers, Similac Advance with iron, baby food, Similac Sensitive. Food certificates, cash and checks are always appreciated.

St. Mary Society has a family in need of a car. If you or someone you know has a vehicle that is in good running condition and would like to donate it to the Society, please call Mary Cosgrove at 610-287-6552.

Next food drive is Sunday, July 6th, before the 12 noon Mass. Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 12th, St. Vincent de Paul will have a truck in our parking lot from 9 am to 2 pm.

**St. Philip Neri**—Think your life just went down the drain? It's amazing how life changes in an instant. Suddenly you have an unplanned pregnancy which is a hard thing to face, especially alone. For confidential, non judgmental services, call the Parish Outreach Office at 215-679-2282.

### CHURCH MINISTRY INSTITUTE

Church Ministry Institute is now accepting applications for the Fall Session. Are you interested in learning more about your faith? Do you want to fill in some of those learning gaps or do you want to be able to volunteer with confidence? You might want to consider attending the Church Ministry Institute which is a 3 year certificate program offered by the Archdiocese. There are no papers to write or tests to take. The faith filled faculty is knowledgeable and supportive. The institute offers courses in Scripture, Sacraments, Prayer, and Spirituality as well as retreats, mentoring and ministry experience. Two locations that our parishioners have taken classes are Lansdale Catholic & St. Charles Seminary. The classes run from 7:00 to 9:30 pm. For more info call 215-578-0551 or email AVARANO@adphila.org or check out the website—just "Goggle" Church Ministry Institute.

### CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

Catholic Social Services offers individual, couples and family counseling services. Our therapist is a highly trained professional who is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (L.C.S.W.). All counseling services are confidential. Fees are based on your ability to pay, and most major insurance plans cover our services. We are located at 353 E. Johnson Highway, Norristown, Pa. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and Tuesday and Thursday evenings by appointment. For more information please contact us at 610-279-7372.

### PRE-CANA

St. Philip Neri Pre-Cana Team will be offering a Fall Workshop on the following five (5) Monday Evenings;

Monday—September 15th

Monday—September 29th

Monday—October 6th

Monday—October 13th

Monday—October 20th

You are required to attend all five (5) Monday evenings to complete the Workshop. Each presentation begins at 7:30 pm and concludes around 8:45 pm.

Please call St. Philip Neri Rectory in Pennsburg for a registration form at 215-679-9275. Space is limited!

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

Congratulations to the Morton Family. They had an exciting spring. Katie Morton a senior at St. Pius X High School and a 2004 graduate of St. Mary School was the Valedictorian for St. Pius X Class of 2008. Katie was ranked #1 for 5 semesters. Over the years, Katie was selected to represent St. Pius at many leadership events, including Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership (HOBY); Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Workshop (PFEW); Spirit of America Youth Conference; Camp Neidig (leadership camp sponsored by rotary Club), and KYW Newstudies. She was a member of Student Council and National Honor Society, an editor for the school paper, an anchor for SPX TV, and was involved with the Red Cross Blood Drive, Academic Challenge, Field Day, Special Field Day, Freshman Buddy Day and 8th grade visitation day. She played varsity soccer at St. Pius for 4 years and in her senior year was selected MVP, plus received All-Conference Academics Award and citizenship Sward. Ms. Morton is a 2008 Siemens Merit Scholarship recipient and will attend Shippensburg University studying Broadcasting/Communications. Father McElroy taught Katie Algebra in 8th grade.

Katie is a delightful, polite, kind and outgoing young lady. We wish her the best in the future.

The Morton's mentioned how grateful they are to St. Mary's wonderful faculty and staff, that gave their girls a foundation for success in high school.

Meghan Morton will be featured in next weeks bulletin. Don't miss it!

The C.A.R.E.S. (Children are Receiving Extended Services) Program is looking for help next school year. The hours are 3:25 pm to 6:00 pm. If interested, please call Elizabeth at 610-287-7757, extension 1, and inquire about the pay scale. The students are a lot of fun to be with and you will really enjoy their company.

### **Sponsor A Student—Please!**

Please consider sponsoring a student at St. Mary Catholic School. Help make the dream of Catholic School Education a reality to a child. All you need to do is send your contribution to the Parish House and the money will be applied to the student's tuition. Either a full years tuition of \$3600.00 for grade 1 thru 8 or a partial payment, anything would be helpful. Please consider helping a family who is struggling to make ends meet. Call with questions, 610-287-7757—Elizabeth. All information is confidential.

**FLYNN & O'HARA UNIFORM COMPANY** is offering a scholarship drawing to win 1 of 10 \$1,000 scholarships for all orders placed and paid for before August 1st. This offer is valid on all orders over \$100.00. Shopping may take place at all retail locations, order at school on July 24th, or on the web at fando.net or call 1-800-441-4122. Shop early and get entered for a chance to win a scholarship.

## **LOCAL WORLD YOUTH DAY**

New this year, a Local World Youth Day (WYD) will be held on July 19-20th at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. All 7th to 12th grade students are invited, but must be sponsored by a group, i.e., scouts, youth groups. There will be: Pilgrimage to the Shrine, Broadcast of Pope Benedict XVI World Youth Day Message, great music, inspiring talks, powerful prayer, Mass, Walking Rosary, service project, sleeping under the stars, new friends and much more. St. Mary's Youth Group will be attending this event. If your teen would like to be part of the local WYD, our deadline is June 15th for the two permission slips and the \$30.00 fee. Contact Kathy Blum at 215-256-9346 or blumk@arcadia.edu or Kathy Roberts at kmkboberts@comcast.net for more information. Also check out the website <http://www.oyya.org/localwyd.html>

## **SCRIP SUMMER NEWS**

Scrip will be sold Saturdays before and after the 5:15 pm Mass and on Sundays after 7:30 am Mass until 12:00 noon throughout the summer. There may be sometimes when we are unable to get enough volunteers to sell and we will have to close sales for that day. Please be patient with our staff, as we are all volunteers and will do our best to sell scrip every weekend. If you are able to help volunteer a few hours per month to keep our scrip program continuing, please contact Jackie Wagner at 215-234-4043. We will still be placing special orders throughout the summer. There will not be a schedule for placing orders but rather done when we receive enough orders to cover shipping costs. Special orders can be dropped off at the scrip office during sale hours.

## **PARK DAY FOR CHILDREN**

Come join us for some summer fun at Upper Salford Park. The park is located on the corner of Salford Station Rd. & Schwenksville Rd. in Schwenksville. We will be meeting the morning of Wednesday, July 2nd from 9:30 am to 11:30 am, weather permitting. Be sure to bring your sand toys and sports equipment. Questions or for more info contact Gloria Quinn at 610-489-8836 or Cindy Rowland at 610-287-5863.

## **WHAT'S THE GOOD NEWS?**

Did you know that the Pastoral Council produces a newsletter four times a year? It is written and designed by parishioners, **for parishioners**, and it is full of what is going on in the parish. News about organizations, social events, St. Mary School and Parish CCD news; it highlights parishioners who may be achieving a parish goal and occasionally offers ideas on deepening our faith and growing spiritually. The next issue will be coming in the mail to you very soon—please be sure to read through it and give us your thoughts. If you have ideas, we may be able to incorporate them into a future issue. Feel free to write [jnews@dejassd.com](mailto:jnews@dejassd.com) or [shrdesign@aol.com](mailto:shrdesign@aol.com) if you have any thoughts.