

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament

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PARISH INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

PARISH REGISTRATION

Welcome! Please register and become an active member. Registration Forms are in the back of Church or call the Parish office.

OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL

344 N. Felton Street 215 474-4011 Fax 215-474-7807

Offers a God-centered curriculum with a challenging academic program. Our school is a community based on faith and shared values. As a result, students are safe and receive solid moral formation and superior academic education. We are dedicated to the ideal that "it is better to build children than to repair men and women."

Pre K through 8th Grade

With before and after school programs

School Principal: Mrs. Margueritte Henry

School Secretary: Ms. Cecelia Robinson

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

Infants and Toddlers:

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays. Parents must be registered and prepared. Please call to make arrangements.

School-age Children and Adults:

To learn about the Catholic Church, or to become Catholic, or to prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation [Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist] or to make a Profession in the Catholic Faith, please call the Parish Office to participate in the RCIA.

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Before each Mass or by appointment

MARRIAGE

Couples please contact the Parish Office no less than six months before the desired wedding date.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Please tell us whenever anyone is ill, at home or in the hospital.

FOOD PANTRY & THRIFT SHOP

Open every Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 AM

SENIOR CITIZENS

Meet every Thursday at 11:30 AM



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March 14, 2010

4th Sunday of Lent

**"Your brother was dead and has
come back to life, was lost and
is found." Luke 15:32**

Bro. Paul Kuppe ofm. Cap., Pastor

Deacon: Richard G. Nightingale

Coordinator of Religious Ed: Mark Gonzalez

Parish Secretary: Cecelia Robinson

Pastoral Council Pres: Mrs. Carolyn Carter

WORSHIP WITH US AT MASS

SUNDAYS: 8 & 10 AM

HAITIAN MASS: 2 PM

WEEKDAYS: 8:30 AM

HOLYDAYS: 8:30 AM & 7 PM

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MASS SCHEDULE
SUNDAY MARCH 14, 2010**

8:00 Parishioners of OLOBS
10:00 Colette Simpkins & Clara Boykin

Monday, March 15

8:30 Joanne Kuppe

Tuesday, March 16

8:30 Joan Parrella

Wednesday, March 17

8:30 Helen Bianco

Thursday, March 18

8:30 Elaine Wick

Friday, March 19

8:30 Helen Bianco

Saturday, March 20

8:30 Kathleen T. Torpey

Sunday, March 21

8:00 Bernard Gay

10:00 Parishioners of OLOBS

OUR MASS INTENTION BOOK

Is available for 2010. If you would like a Mass offered for a deceased loved one, or someone living on a special occasion, please call 215-476-6511



Ann Dittimus, Mae Reeves, Cecilia Thompson, Faith Still, Constance Robinson, Dona Vasallo, Marguerite Fitzgerald, Stephanie Fortune, Ellena Taylor, Bernice Collick, Irene Craft, Juanita Wilkins, Trudy Bannister, Elmina & Everton Walrond, Esther Boston, Joseph Gilstrop, Paula Haney, Amber Robinson, Wilford Minz, Eloise Bell, Octavia Peterson, Ernestine Bass, Joseph Laborite, Al Tompkins, Bertha Brown, Joe Funnie, Victor English, Josette Batts, Gloria Dacua, Phyllis Tucker, Theodore Robinson, Chelsea Wood, Sarah Williams, M/M Heywood, Bernard Haney, Samuel Bell, Mamie Oates, Hyacinth Woodhouse, Dorothy Mason, Frank Jackson, Addy Delaney, Herman Lockley, Elizabeth Matthews

COME, LET'S PRAY TOGETHER
In the Pastoral Center

- **Legion of Mary** invites you to pray
Wednesdays 10:30 am.
- **Charismatic Prayer Group** meets
Tuesdays at 7:30 pm
- **Prayer and Spirituality Committee** Meets Tuesday
March 23, 11:30
February 23, at 11:30



*From Mrs. Henry,
Principal of OLOBS*

- The majority of our students throughout the school are **on grade level** in both reading and math. The percentage is 90% from grades 1-4 and between 85 -90% for grades 5-8. Our Math level is 80-85% throughout the school. We have to include our new students in this count.
- Last years graduating class had 19 students. 13 of the 19 went on to various Catholic High Schools which is 68%. 2 of the 19 went to magnet public and charter schools which is 11% and 4 of the 19 went to various public schools which is 21%.
- The amount of scholarship money (that parents told me about) received last year totaled close to \$32,000.
- In the past 5-10 years 55% of our students who went to Catholic High and Magnet Public Schools like Central, Girls High and Engineering and Science have been accepted into the following colleges: Princeton, La Salle, St. Joseph, Temple, University of Pittsburgh, Immaculata and Penn State. The ones that have kept in touch with the school are becoming lawyers, teachers, psychologist and going into the criminal justice fields. I know one young lady who wants to become a veterinarian.

**NOW SPREAD THIS
GOOD NEWS!**

**REGISTRATION TIMES
FOR GRADES PRE-K TO 8**



**Reduced registration fees for students who
already attend OLOBS**

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| March 17 | 3 to 6PM | School Hall |
| April 3 | 9 to 11:30 | School Hall |
| Apr. 7 | 12 to 2 PM | School Meeting Room |

PALM SUNDAY

Is just two weeks away—Mar. 28. Come either at 8 AM to remember Jesus' Triumphal entry into Jerusalem; or at 10 AM when we will commemorate that event with a Solemn Procession around the neighborhood.

TO BE A GODPARENT

According to the Code of Canon Law, "Insofar as possible, one to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who is to assist in Christian initiation, or, together with the parents, to present an infant at the baptism, and who will help the baptized to lead a Christian life in harmony with baptism, and to fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it" (No. 872). Accordingly the Godparent must be 16 years old, a baptized Catholic who has received the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, and "lead a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken—that is, to be registered in a parish and attend Mass regularly.

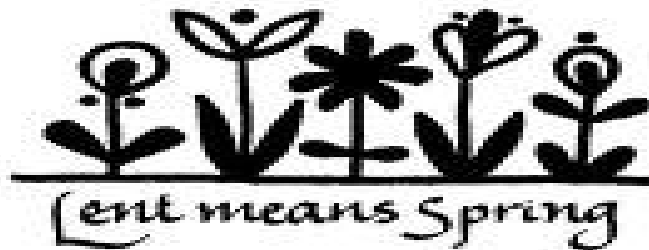
BOURBON STREET AT BLESSED SACRAMENT?

Yes, it's possible and it was real. At our Mardi Gras Cabaret on Saturday, March 6, the atmosphere was perfect New Orleans's style complete with Masks and beads, soft lighting, and good music and dancing. From 9 PM to 1 AM, people were able to get out of their Winter Blahs and enjoy each other's company. A good time was had by all who attended. Our Fund raising committee is to be commended for their hard work and dedication to our Parish. The financial results will appear soon.

Thanks Tons

To our Capuchin Postulants who for all of the snow storms this year shoveled the walks, stairs, and parking lot around our parish property. Talk about a labor of love.

Then to the parishioner who won the 50/50 raffle at the Mardi Gras Cabaret last week donated it entirely to our Parish.



A TIME OF FULFILLMENT

DAILY MASS

Monday thru Saturday, 8:30 AM in the Padre Pio Friary Chapel, 345 N. 63rd St., next to the Church

BIBLE MONDAYS

Study the Passion Narratives
Feb. 22 until March 29 from 6:30 to 7:15 PM in the Pastoral Center

HOLY WEDNESDAYS

Holy Hour with Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, 7 PM on
Feb. 24, Mar. 10 & 24
March 3— 7 PM Prayer around the Cross
March 17—7 PM Mary's Way of the Cross

FAITHFUL FRIDAYS

Stations of the Cross: 1:30 PM with our School Children in Church.

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Before or after Sunday Masses
Wednesdays after every Service
March 3— 7 PM during Women around the Cross Prayer Service or
By Appointment with Bro. Paul

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays, 4:45 PM-6 PM in Padre Pio Friary Chapel

PERSONALLY

Read your bible, Pray the Rosary, Visit the sick, Attend daily Mass & Wednesday Stations



PRAYERLINE
The parish prayerline is waiting for your prayer request. Experience the hope, peace, and comfort of God's word by calling
215-476-4455

A HIGHER CALLING....

When you think about it, next to your home, where do the important events of life take place? The church is the center of spiritual and social activities for us. Here we worship the Savior every week. Here we partake of the sacraments and remember His atoning sacrifice. Here we listen and learn the doctrines of the kingdom. Here we bless our children. Help us keep OLOBS nice and clean. Come on Mar. 13 for the 8:30 AM followed by the cleaning and on Mar. 27 at 6:30 PM and clean up. This is a great way to show our love for the Lord. and His church.



the Fundraising committee will have a Brainstorming session in the Hall to surface how you think we ought to raise money to take care of the needs of our beloved parish. Please come and share your ideas and views.



- Mar. 15 7 PM Liturgy Committee
- Mar. 18 7 PM Pastoral Council
- Mar. 20 First Penance
- April 11 Jazz Breakfast
- April 18 Choir Festival
- April 23 Trip to Lancaster (Underground Railroad)

FLU SEASON DIRECTIVES TERMINATED

The current information available from the Center for Disease Control confirms that the 2009 H1N1 Flu has significantly dissipated throughout the country and especially in our region. Individuals must still be encouraged to use good sense if they are ill and have flu-like symptoms when they are in group settings.

Therefore, with the notable change in the circumstances that prompted the flu season directives, it seems timely to terminate them. Therefore, as of Mar. 14, the exchange of the sign of peace and the distribution of the Precious Blood for the faithful may be reintroduced.

Cardinal Justin Rigali

WOMEN'S DAY MEETING REPORT

Come to **Mommy and Me & my Teddy Bear Tea Party,**

Saturday, May 22,
Tickets: \$5.00@
Dads, Sons, Uncles, and all family and friends are most welcome.



**WOMENS DAY
OCTOBER 3, 2010**

For weekly update visit our web page at www.OLOBSWomensDay.com
Email: OLOBSWomensDay@OLOBSWomensDay.com

FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED

Catholic Social Services is looking for single people or married couples to become foster parents for children of all ages, denominations and races. Some children are siblings who wish to live together in the same home. For more info, call 215-587-3960.

PRAY FOR OUR WONDERFUL YOUNG PEOPLE

WHO WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN

KUJENGA THIS WEEKEND.

They are; Brandon Turner, Cirah Hutton, Erin Brown, Kayla Hutton, Kendell Rice, and Naya de Vaughn.

LET'S ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WILL BE

RECEIVED INTO OUR PARISH FAMILY ON

HOLY SATURDAY, APR. 4,:
Rochelle Galloway
Christelle Kouam
Keon Johnson
De'Shyun Gale
Kevin and Anita Woodson



AND ALSO FOR THOSE WHO WILL MAKE THEIR FIRST COMMUNION ON MAY 16:

Kimberly Isreal
Satana Mitchell-Clark
Sebastian Louis
Antoine Louis



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 14, 2010

LECTORS:

8:00 Stanley Wilson Jr., Reola Boykin Blackson
Petitions: Stephanie Mapp
10:00 Kiaira Hairston, Carolyn Carter
Petitions: Deacon Nightingale

CANTORS:

8:00 Larry Williams
10:00 Harriet King

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

10:00 Olga Barnes
Standby– Carolyn Carter

ALTAR SERVERS:

8:00 Sataya Clark, Christopher Daniels, Sheldon Singleton, Larry Williams
10:00 Morgan Fletcher, Jordon Johnson, Scott Bertrand, Daniela, Nick Bertrand



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 21, 2010

LECTORS:

8:00 Marcia Lyde, Xaviar Dantzler
Petitions: Michaela Graham
10:00 Roxie Turner, Siani Lott Young
Petitions: Deacon Nightingale

CANTOR:

8:00 Sandy Johnson
10:00 Jerry Maghee

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

10:00 Barbara Mitchell
Standby–Mark Gonzalez

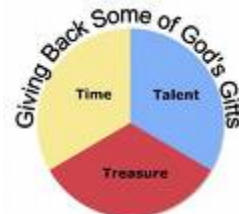
ALTAR SERVERS

8:00 Robyn Crawley, Christopher Daniels, Erica Potter, Von Eric Morgan
10:00 Siani Lott Young, Morgan Fletcher, Kendall Rice, Yanni Holmes



PLEASE USE YOUR CHURCH ENVELOPES

Envelopes sent: 438
Parish families: 438
Parishioners: 959



| | OFFERINGS | ENVELOPES |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| March 8, 2009 | \$2654.39 | 202 |
| March 7, 2010 | \$3753.89 | 150 |

TITHING = "GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING."

*Have you remembered **CLUBS** in your will?*

Your church donations are essential to maintain our parish. Many of our parishioners were unable to attend Mass because of the snow. Please make every effort to catch up on your Sunday contributions.

Use UNITED WAY #10118 to receive matching contributions from your employer.

2009 Contribution Letter

If you need a statement to complete your Income Tax return verifying your contributions to the Parish during 2009, simply call the Parish Office, and it will be sent to you.

PLEASE USE YOUR CHURCH ENVELOPES

Being a member of a parish is actually a statement of Faith in our Catholic way of life. The Catholic way of life is believing and accepting our Faith, moral obligations and personal commitments to a Parish Community. Among the personal commitments to the parish is our obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Masses and to support the Church with our regular parish envelope contributions as well as to support the parish and/or Diocese in all its ministerial efforts. Our faith becomes real when we share our time, talent and treasure in the

whole mission of the Church.



The biblical rule of thumb for God's Tithing is

simple: 10% shared in a spirit of gratitude— (5% entrusted to your parish; and another 5% to other charitable causes.)

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