

Saint Juan Diego Parish

Very Reverend Frank D. Almada, V. F., Pastor

APRIL 12, 2009

EASTER SUNDAY

ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday

4:00 pm

6:00 pm

Madonna of Jerusalem Church

Madonna of Jerusalem Church

Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am

10:30 am

St. John Cantius Church

St. Mary Church

St. John Cantius—KCC (in Korean)

BAPTISMS by appointment. Pre-Baptism session required. Baptisms will take place during any Sunday Mass.

MARRIAGES Six months' notice required. Please call Father to arrange an interview.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK Available at the conclusion of all weekend Masses or call Father Almada. Kindly inform us of hospitalized or shut-in parishioners.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday : 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. MOJ

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. MOJ

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Monday: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. John Paul I Center

MATTHEW 7:7 PRAYER GROUP

Monday: 7:15 p.m. in Madonna Church

KOREAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY (KCC)

Masses in Korean at St. John Cantius Church

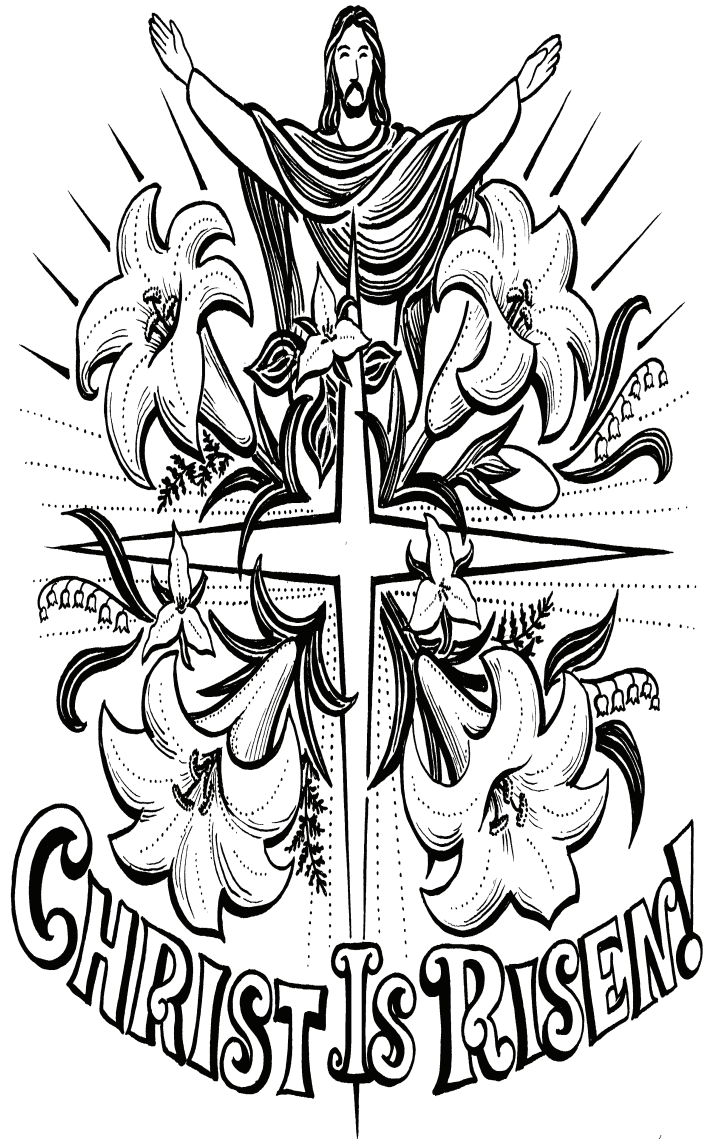
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Jang Won Choi, Chaplain

Website: www.tkccp.org

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.





Happy Easter!
 행복한 부활절!
 Gluckiches Ostern!
 Buona Pasqua!
 Szczesliwy Wieklanoc!
 Pascua Feliz!

Father Almade and the staff of Saint Juan Diego Parish wish everyone a happy and blessed Easter!

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE Due to the early publication of the bulletin for Easter, the stewardship and attendance for the weekend of April 4 and 5 will be published in next week's bulletin.

ST. ANTHONY NOVENA The annual St. Anthony Novena will begin this Tuesday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. in Madonna Church, continuing every Tuesday for nine weeks. The Novena will conclude on Tuesday, June 9. All are welcome.



St. Anthony

PASTORAL COUNCIL INFORMATION SESSIONS Dr. Mary Ann Gubish, the diocesan director for envisioning ministry, will conduct two information sessions for pastoral and finance councils. The first session will be on Tuesday, April 28 from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. and the second session will be on Tuesday, May 19, from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. Both sessions will be held in the John Paul I Pastoral Center. All members of the finance and pastoral councils are strongly urged to attend these foundational workshops. These workshops are also open to all interested parishioners.

NEW MINISTERS We continue to look for new ministers, especially for the 6:00 p.m. Mass at Madonna of Jerusalem Church. Training classes will be held by Father Almade after Easter. If you are interested in becoming a lector, extraordinary minister of communion or altar server (grade 4 and up), please call the Parish Office. Training classes will be scheduled in the near future.

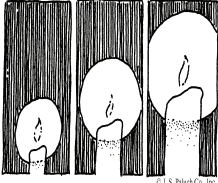
LOOKING FOR BLUEPRINTS If anyone in the parish has blueprints of any of the existing churches or buildings of our parish, would you please be so kind as to bring them to the Parish Office. Father Almade would like to see them and will be grateful for any help we may receive.

BIBLE STUDY Parishioners are invited to join the weekly Bible Study in the John Paul I Pastoral Center every Monday from 12 Noon to 1:00 p.m. The group is reading the letter of James. No reservations necessary!

BLESSING OF NEW PARISH ICONS Next weekend, April 18 and 19, Father Almade will bless the icons of Saint Juan Diego and the images of Our Lady of Guadalupe in each of the churches. Blessings will take place at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday for Madonna of Jerusalem Church, 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday for St. John Cantius Church, and 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday for St. Mary Church. These images will help all parishioners and visitors to pray for the intercession of our patron, Saint Juan Diego, and the Virgin of Guadalupe.

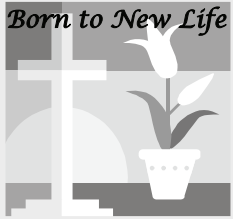
Altar and Sanctuary Candles are burning this week

In memory of
James Pockey and the Pockey Family



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Born to New Life



**Please pray for
 Lawrence Young
 and
 Herman Iusi**

May they rest in peace.

WISDOM, AGE AND GRACE: A CELEBRATION OF LATER LIFE "All Wisdom Comes from the Lord" is the theme of the Catholic Charities 16th Annual "Wisdom, Age and Grace: A Celebration of Later Life" conference to be held on Friday, May 8 at the Four Points by Sheraton Pittsburgh North in Mars. Bishop David A. Zubik will be the main celebrant and homilist for Mass at 10:30 a.m. Father Terry O'Connor, pastor of Good Samaritan Parish in Ambridge and St. John the Baptist Parish in Baden will deliver the keynote address. The daylong event includes breakfast and a full course luncheon and an afternoon workshop. Registration fee is \$35. Cosponsors for the event are the Secretariat for Social Concerns of the Diocese of Pittsburgh; the Catholic Cemeteries Association; UPMC Mercy and the Vincentian Collaborative System. For more information, call Judy Kimicata at 412-456-6975.

MAGNIFICAT PITTSBURGH Ladies, join Magnificat Pittsburgh for a joy-filled prayer breakfast on Saturday, May 2 from 9:00 a.m. until Noon at the Radisson Green Tree. The speaker is Amy Betros, a cofounder of St. Luke's Mission of Mercy in Buffalo, NY. Amy's journey began as a businesswoman and restaurant owner. But an experience of profound awareness of God's love for her coupled with an introduction to the Divine Mercy Chaplet changed her path forever. The Mission strives to show the great love and mercy of God by living the corporal and spiritual works of mercy to men, teenagers and children who have nowhere else to turn. Amy strives to show a loving and merciful God because when people start to truly know and feel God's love for them, lives can be transformed. The cost of breakfast is \$18. Registration deadline is April 24. For more information, call Pam at 412-461-8906 or Kay at 724-772-6749.

FIRST COMMUNION Our 2nd grade class will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 26 at 10:30 a.m. Mass in St. Mary Church. Please remember our precious children in your prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus for the very first time.

CONGRATULATIONS We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Tony Strawn who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Holy Saturday and to Josh Bloomer and Brittany Bloomer for receiving their First Eucharist on Holy Saturday. May our dear Lord richly bless each of you!

Our website is www.saintjuandiegopgh.org

WISH LIST Below is a wish list for items that either have been purchased or will be purchased by Saint Juan Diego Parish. These are extraordinary items related to our new parish. Donations in memory of living or deceased loved ones are gratefully appreciated.

Chasuble of Our Lady of Guadalupe with 5 embroidered images of apparitions to Saint Juan Diego \$2,500.00

Prayer Cards \$ 300.00

Icons of Saint Juan Diego \$ 300.00 each
(3 purchased, one for each church, one has now been paid for)

Images of Our Lady of Guadalupe \$ 300.00 each
(2 purchased)

Signs

St. John Cantius Church \$ 500.00
 St. Mary Church \$ 500.00
 Madonna of Jerusalem Church \$ 500.00
 John Paul I Pastoral Center \$ 500.00
 St. Andrew Kim Center \$ 500.00
 St. Mary Cemetery (5) \$ 500.00 each

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and donations will be printed in upcoming bulletins.

CRIME WATCH The Sharpsburg Neighborhood Crime Watch Committee invites you to come to their meetings. Help take this town back with pride. Meetings are held every last Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Sharpsburg Borough Building. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 30. Watch for a newsletter coming soon with more information to help stop the crimes committed in your area.

SIGNS In a few weeks, look for new signs in front of all three of our churches, the John Paul I Pastoral Center, the St. Andrew Kim Center, and in St. Mary Cemetery. These signs are ways of proudly identifying parish buildings and ministries, and an expression of evangelization.

QUIET CELL PHONES Please turn off or switch to vibrate your cell phones while in church at Mass. Your thoughtfulness will enhance our community prayer.

GOLF TOURNAMENT The 6th annual Oakland Catholic Eagle Classic Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, April 27 at the Fox Chapel Golf Club. This tournament will benefit Oakland Catholic High School. For more information, please call Karen at 412-682-6797.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED The Basic Needs Assistance Program of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh is in need of volunteers with social work or clerical support experience. Conveniently located in Downtown Pittsburgh's Cultural District, the office is easily accessible by public transportation. To volunteer for this program, contact Judy at 412-456-6975.

NO BINGO THIS SUNDAY! SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!

Spaghetti
Dinner



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DINNER FOR ALS A spaghetti dinner to benefit the ALS Association will be held on Friday, May 15 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the John Paul I Pastoral Center. We have unfortunately lost several parishioners to this terrible disease, including Frank Cancilla and Frank Conforti. An adult dinner is \$8 and a child's dinner (ages 3-12) is \$4. Under the age of 3 is free for dinner. Your support is greatly appreciated!

ST. VINCENT de PAUL Today as we celebrate the Feast of Easter we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice which brings new life to others. As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them Easter hope and joy.

RESTING IN GOD The Diocesan Department for Persons with Disabilities invites parents and caregivers of children and adults with disabilities to pause, rest and be renewed in God on Saturday, April 25 at St. Thomas More Church in Bethel Park. The morning of prayer and fellowship begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends with Mass at 11:30. Deacon Tim Killmeyer will offer his reflections on "Striving for Holiness" and guide the group to consider: "Can those of us who live normal, everyday lives, be called to holiness?" And as caregivers, "What does it mean to be holy; to walk in the footsteps of Jesus?" For more information, please call Sue Sunderland at 412-456-3119 ext. 1.

"THE CREATION" The Carnegie Mellon School of Music has chosen St. John Vianney Church in the Allentown neighborhood of the city of Pittsburgh for an historic event. They will commemorate the 200th anniversary of the death of Franz Joseph Haydn with a performance of the great oratorio "The Creation" sung in English. This will feature the Carnegie Mellon Choirs and Orchestra conducted by Dr. Robert Page. This event will be open to the public and will take place on Saturday, April 25 at 6:00 p.m. in St. John Vianney Church, 823 Climax Street. A freewill offering will be collected at the door and a light reception will follow the concert.

CHRIST THE DIVINE TEACHER CATHOLIC ACADEMY Christ the Divine Teacher Catholic Academy in Aspinwall is now accepting registration for Pre-K through 8th grades for the 2009-2010 school year. For further information or to arrange a tour, please call 412-781-7927.

WEDDINGS FOR 2009 We welcome parishioners (and children of parishioners who don't currently live in Sharpsburg) who are planning to get married to schedule their wedding in one of our three churches. Remember, diocesan policy requires at least six months notice for marriage preparation before scheduling a Catholic wedding. It is always better to talk to the priest before attempting to find a hall for the reception. Speak with Father Almado for more information.

FAITHFUL CHRONICLES
by Father Frank D. Almada

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! A blessed and joyous Easter to you and your family! May the grace of our Risen Savior, Jesus the Lord, be with you in abundance.

Let me offer a warm welcome to any and all visitors to the three beautiful churches of Saint Juan Diego Parish. Whether you are a former parishioner of the Sharpsburg parishes, son or daughter of a parishioner, out-of-town tourist or curious western Pennsylvania neighbor, we are glad you have joined us for Easter Mass. As my dad often said, the more the merrier! If you are not registered in a parish, consider joining us. Saint Juan Diego Parish is new too (we began on March 1) so we can grow together. I also extend my Easter greetings to our friends and neighbors, the Korean Catholic Community, which uses St. John Cantius Church and the St. Andrew Kim Center (rectory) as their home. Their youthfulness and enthusiasm for our Catholic Faith give us hope and help us in Sharpsburg to appreciate the universality of the Church.

We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead not only on this glorious Easter Sunday, but for “a week of weeks,” 7 times 7days—50 days. As the opening prayer for today’s Mass says, “God our Father, by raising Christ your Son, you conquered the power of death and opened for us the way to eternal life.” Our joy that Christ has risen from the dead cannot be contained in one Mass, or for one day. We will sing our “Alleluias” and “Glorias” for seven more weeks, until the Easter Season ends with the celebration of Pentecost, the pouring out of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. A blessed, holy and healthy Easter to all! *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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A new parish brings a new Pastoral Council and Finance Council. From all the names of parishioners who volunteered, I’ve chosen these to serve on the Pastoral Council: Donna Donovan, Mark Bukowski, Lou Borowski, Carole Edwards, Marie Warrene, Tim Gigliotti, Joyce Seifried, Pat Marketewicz, Guy Carricato, Lorraine Weber and Jim Hastings. These parishioners will serve on the Finance Council: Chuck Beck, Anthony Ferraro, Linda Harrity, John Milcic, and Rose Wega. Our first meeting is a combined one this Tuesday, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the John Paul I Pastoral Center.

The purpose of the Pastoral Council is to assist me in forming pastoral plans for our parish community. The purposes of the Finance Council are to assist me to find the resources to implement our pastoral plans, to monitor finances, to budget, and to oversee the buildings in the spirit of Christian stewardship. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to talk to any one of your fellow parishioners, so that they can bring your ideas to their meetings. If you would like to know more about these important advisory bodies, please come to the two workshops Dr. Mary Ann Gubish is offering here, on April 28 and May 19. Dr. Gubish is a nationally known expert on Pastoral Councils, and an excellent presenter. Please pray for your fellow parishioners as they help Saint Juan Diego Parish carry out its mission.

Schedule of Masses for the Week

SAT., APR. 11 HOLY SATURDAY

9:00 PM MOJ FOR THE PEOPLE OF SAINT JUAN DIEGO
PARISH

SUN., APR. 12 EASTER SUNDAY

8:30 AM SJC THOMAS GORAL by Wife and Children
10:30 AM STM HENRY, MILDRED AND MARLENE DANILE by
David and Joyce Seifried

MON., APR. 13

7:30 AM MOJ PASQUALE AND PIETRO MERCURIO by
Carolina Mercurio

TUE., APR. 14

7:30 AM MOJ MARY JANE GALLO by Evelyn Troyan and Toni
Swierczynski

WED., APR. 15

7:30 AM MOJ MARY LOUISE LEO by Husband, David

THU., APR. 16

7:30 AM MOJ AUGUST AND JOSEPHINE BONDI by Daughter,
Jean

FRI., APR. 17

7:30 AM MOJ FRANK AND MARY ALMADE by Family

SAT., APR. 18

2:00 PM STM WEDDING MASS OF NADIA CONTE AND
JOSHUA WEIDNER (ST. JOSEPH
PARISHIONERS)
4:00 PM MOJ NICHOLAS TROYAN by Evelyn and Children
6:00 PM MOJ FOR THE PEOPLE OF SAINT JUAN DIEGO
PARISH

SUN., APR. 19

8:30 AM SJC VITO AND MARY MERIGLIANO, CHESTER
ZYGELLO AND STAN AND STELLA
BUDZISZEWSKI by Frank and Mitzi Merigliano
10:30 AM STM MARIA AND VINCENT ALUISE by Bea Aluise

**If you have a Mass scheduled and wish to bring the gifts to
Father, please tell the ushers prior to Mass starting.**

**YEAR OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE EUCHARISTIC
ADORATION** Saint Juan Diego Parish is on the diocesan
schedule for Eucharistic Adoration during the next few months.
St. John Cantius Church is scheduled for Saturday, May 2 from
10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Madonna of Jerusalem Church is
scheduled for Tuesday, May 26 from 8:00 a.m. until 12 Noon
and St. Mary Church is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2 from 12
Noon until 4:00 p.m.

ABUSE PROTECTION The Diocese of Pittsburgh is
committed to the prevention of abuse of children and young
people. Our diocesan church has a strong record of responding
to accusations of sexual misconduct by clergy or church
personnel. The toll free number to contact in case of sexual
abuse is 1-888-808-1235.

OBERAMMERGAU Father Almade is leading a pilgrimage to
see the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany leaving from
Pittsburgh on August 26, 2010 and returning on
September 3, 2010. This World famous Passion Play is only
offered once every ten years. You will also have the opportunity
to visit Munich in Germany and Salzburg and Innsbruck in
Austria. For more information, please pick up a pamphlet in the
vestibule of Madonna of Jerusalem Church.

***There will not be CCD classes on April 13.
CCD classes resume on Monday, April 20.***

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