

Saint Juan Diego Parish

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

APRIL 19, 2009

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday

4:00 pm Madonna of Jerusalem Church
6:00 pm Madonna of Jerusalem Church

Sunday

8:30 am St. John Cantius Church
10:30 am St. Mary Church
10:30 am 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.



Stewardship
Offertory April 5, 2009

\$5,695.50

Holy Thursday, April 9, 2009 (for St. Vincent de Paul)

\$248.09

Good Friday, April 10, 2009 (for the Holy Land)

\$1,045.00

Offertory April 12, 2009

\$10,153.00

Attendance

Palm Sunday	755
Holy Thursday	168
Good Friday	125
Easter Vigil	130
Easter 8:30 a.m.	205
Easter 10:30 a.m.	869

THANK YOU A big thank-you goes out to all who helped with cleaning St. Mary Church—Cora, Vivian, Beverly, Nancy, Gloria and Larry. In addition, our gratitude goes out to Marie, Theresa, JoAnne, Bob, Darlene, Dick, Theresa, Samuel, Brenda and Peggy for helping with Madonna Church. Your hard work and kindness is very greatly appreciated!

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. The second session builds on information presented in the first sessions. 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.



ST. ANTHONY NOVENA The annual St. Anthony Novena continues this Tuesday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. in Madonna Church. The Novena will conclude on Tuesday, June 9. All are welcome.

FIRST COMMUNION Our 2nd grade class will receive their First Holy Communion next 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.

SPAGHETTI DINNER A special fundraising spaghetti dinner in memory of Frank S. Cancilla will be held here at the John Paul I Center on Friday, May 15 from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. The cost for adults is \$8 and for children over the age of 3 \$4. All proceeds will benefit the ALS Association. Tickets will be available for purchase after all Masses this weekend.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN A Protecting God's Children workshop will be offered on April 25 from 9:00 a.m. until 12 Noon at St. John Cantius Church. If you are planning to train to be a minister, this workshop is mandatory. The workshop is free but you must register beforehand with the Parish Office.

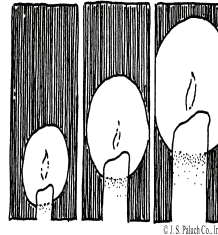
Flowers at the Altar

In memory of

DOROTHY ALUISE

by

Bea Aluise and Family



**Altar and Sanctuary
Candles are burning
this week**

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Please pray for

RALPH WATESKA

RALPH "SONNY" TRASATTI

RICHARD REKOWSKI

and

WILLIAM STAMPAHAR

May they rest in peace.



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.



Happy Anniversary!

Heartfelt congratulations to Pietro and Maria Ferraro as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary next weekend! May God shower His most choice blessings upon them and their family always!

LIVING STATIONS The living stations were a huge success, as noted by Father Almado and many parishioners. Our gratitude goes out to Tom Troyan, Pam Susi, Marilyn Ganster, Kathi Lindsley, Linda Harrity, Ken Toman (musical director), as well as to the children who participated: Luke Barbus, Rachel Haas, Adriana Imhof, Alec Imhof, Anthony Imhof, Amanda Posa, Samuel Panza, Anna Troyan, Cecelia Troyan, Thomas Troyan, Domenic Varvaro, Philip Varvaro, Brandon Posa, Derek Pugliese, Teresa Imhof, Patrick Imhof, Rachel Smith, Julia Bukowski, Maria Imhof, Samantha Smith and Allison Fabian. Great job, everyone!

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.

**CCD classes resume this Monday evening,
April 20, at 6:30 p.m.**

PANCAKE BREAKFAST Anthony Pugliese, nephew of parishioners Louis and Barbara Pugliese, underwent a heart transplant on March 25. A pancake breakfast to assist with his medical expenses will be held on April 26 from 8:00 a.m. until Noon at St. Gerard Majella Church in Penn Hills. A freewill offering will be accepted at the door.

CARD AND POKENO PARTY The Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 709, Sharpsburg is sponsoring a card and pokeno party on Saturday, May 30. The doors open at 11:00 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased from Nancy Downs at 412-361-1980, Lorraine Peiozze at 412-720-4138 or Joan Martin at 412-781-2658.

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.

BINGO!

at MADONNA

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 P.M.
BINGO BEGINS AT 7 P.M.
in the John Paul I Center

Free Coffee!

No one under 14 permitted.

SMOKERS/NON-SMOKERS WELCOME!!!

LARGE PAPER GROCERY BAGS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!

For more information, call Marie at 412-781-3388.

ADDITIONAL EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS WERE RECEIVED:

IN MEMORY OF:

Armstrong, Mollie
Aunt Clorinda
Bytnar and Uminski Families
Bytnar, Leonard
Carricato (Ruthrauff), Helena
Carricato, Pete
Celender, Alice and Ralph
Celender, Dorothy and Larry
Coen and Scinico Families
Cotter, Geri
Fleming, Margaret
Herchuck, John
Holden, William
Kuchta, Cas and Barbara
Meinert Family
Merigliano, Mary and Vito
Merigliano, Vito and Mary
Nawojski Family
Parks, John A.
Parks, Lawrence E. and Dolores
Parks, Paul A.
Perry Family
Perry, Dominic and Louise
Principe, Luigi
Rolewicz, Joseph and Martha
Schubert, Don
Schubert, Mel
Schubert, Paul and Mathilda
Schubert, Shirley
Sieminski, Freda and Frank
Sieminski, John and Matthew
Simpson, Bob
Staud, Father Paul
Sybo Family
Sybo, Louis and Flora
Sybo, Stanley and Rose
Veltri, Michael and Frances
Weber Family

REQUESTED BY:

Mrs. Barbara Moran
Niece, Concetta Cozza
Mrs. Josephine Bytnar
Mrs. Josephine Bytnar
Mrs. Peter Carricato
Mrs. Peter Carricato
Dolly Celender
Dolly Celender
Mrs. John Coen
Husband, Richard Cotter
Ruth and Mary Margaret
Mrs. Barbara Moran
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Ruth and Mary Margaret
Mrs. Mary Weber
Josephine and Domenic
Frank and Mitzi Merigliano
Suzanne and Gene
Mrs. Barbara Moran
Mrs. Barbara Moran
Mrs. Barbara Moran
Michele Coleman
Granddaughter, Michele Coleman
Robert and Concetta Cozza and Family
Frank and Mitzi Merigliano
Eileen and John Fabrick
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Agnes Sieminski
Agnes Sieminski
Jacqueline Simpson
Ruth and Mary Margaret
Michele Coleman
Daughter, Michele
Granddaughter, Michele Coleman
Great-granddaughter, Michele Coleman
Mrs. Mary Weber

Thank you to all who donated for the beautiful flowers in our churches!

Schedule of Masses for the Week

SAT., APR. 18

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

MON., APR. 20

7:30 AM MOJ VIOLA GLOSS by Michael and Marie Claus

TUE., APR. 21

7:30 AM MOJ PETER SCIALABBA by Bill DeLuca and Michele
DeLuca

WED., APR. 22

7:30 AM MOJ JOHN SULLIVAN by Peggy Gonzalez

THU., APR. 23

7:30 AM MOJ MORRIS LEPISTO by Josie and Oscar Ricasa

FRI., APR. 24

7:30 AM MOJ ROBIN SZWEDKO by Leon and Sherri

SAT., APR. 25

4:00 PM MOJ IN THANKSGIVING FOR 50TH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY OF PIETRO AND MARIA
FERRARO

6:00 PM MOJ AMELIA AND HERMAN LANG by Mr. and Mrs.
Edward Lang

SUN., APR. 26

8:30 AM SJC DOMENIC, MINNIE, ROCCO & MARY DAMIANO
by Guy and Marie Carricato
10:30 AM STM JOHN AND MICHALINA BOROWSKI by Louis and
Arlene Borowski

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

“HATS OFF TO MOM” Sisters Place in Clairton, PA invites you to a Mother's Day luncheon. The proceeds will benefit Sisters Place, help helps to provide housing and supportive services to homeless women and children. The luncheon, including a fashion show featuring hats, will take place on Saturday, May 9 at 12 Noon in Ascension Auditorium in Clairton. The tickets are \$20 apiece and for more information, please call Jodie at 412-233-3903 ext. 25. If you are interested in attending, you may call Evelyn Troyan at 412-781-9368 to obtain tickets.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!" During Mass, we turn to each other and say, "Peace be with you!" As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul Box, you say "Peace be with you!" to those who are poor and hungry.

EVENING WITH THE BISHOP A gathering for young men who want to learn more about the priesthood will be held on May 7 at St. Paul Seminary. This gathering will be an evening with the bishop and holy hour for vocations. The evening will begin with a question and answer session, followed by a tour of the seminary, a cookout and social. The evening will end with a Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and an outdoor reception. For more information, please call 412-456-3048.

FAITHFUL CHRONICLES

by Father Frank D. Almade

A blessed Easter! The Church continues its celebration of the glorious resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ for this Sunday in the Octave of Easter and throughout the 50 days of the Easter Season, to Pentecost Sunday.

I wish to congratulate three of our young people who received sacraments at the Great Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. I was privileged to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to **Tony Strawn** (with our musician Kathi Lindsley as his sponsor), and to give First Holy Communion to **Joshua and Brittany Bloomer** (brother and sister). Congratulations to each of them. They have been tutored by catechist and youth minister Tom Troyan over the last several months, to prepare to receive these sacraments. Tony is a 9th grader at Fox Chapel Area High School. Josh is an 8th grader at Dorseyville Middle School, and Brittany is a 3rd grader at Kerr Elementary School. These youngsters are among the first fruits of our parish's efforts at evangelization.

Our liturgies for the Easter Triduum and Palm Sunday were very well attended, with attendance up from last year. I wish to thank all parishioners who invited out-of-town family members to join us in church, and any who invited neighbors or friends to come. St. John Cantius Church was full on Easter Sunday morning. And for the second time in a month St. Mary Church was full too! I have to admit, as beautiful as the flowers and decorations in our three churches were, it is even more beautiful to see the churches filled with people for Sunday Mass. Thanks go out to all the church-decorators and sacristans who labored many hours to allow us to worship in such lovely settings.

One question I received was why didn't I have blessing of Easter baskets on Holy Saturday morning. My answer is that you can only have an Easter blessing after the Great Easter Vigil Mass. The rites of the Three Days of Easter were revised in the 1950's. Until that time, the Easter Vigil was celebrated for odd historical reasons about 8:00 am on Holy Saturday morning, with almost no parishioners in attendance. Therefore back then the priest could bless baskets of luscious food later that morning (because it was after the Easter Vigil). Some parishes still bless Easter baskets of food today on Saturday morning, even though the Easter Vigil must be celebrated after sundown on Holy Saturday.

This is related to another question, why was the Easter Vigil so late in Saint Juan Diego Parish? Sunset on April 11 was about 8:00 p.m., and the diocese required that the Vigil begin after 8:30 p.m. (unless a priest had two parishes and had to conduct two Vigils in two different parishes). I find 9:00 p.m. to be a good time to celebrate the Vigil – in compliance with diocesan and Church policy yet late enough that it is really dark. The new Easter candle lit from the Easter fire shines in the blackened church, reflecting "Christ, our Light!" My hope and prayer is that at next year's Great Easter Vigil Mass, through the evangelization of all of us in Saint Juan Diego Parish, we may have many candidates (children and adults) ready to receive the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and Holy Communion. May the life of the Risen Christ grow in our hearts, families and world.