

Saint Juan Diego Parish

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

APRIL 26, 2009

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER

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First Communion

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)

HOLY ORDERS Young men who wish to find out more about the priesthood contact Fr. Almada.

BAPTISMS by appointment. Pre-Baptism session required. Baptisms will take place during or after 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)

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.

*God bless our
First Communicants!*

Jason Gígler

Natalie Kurth

Carson Landolina

Taryn Nasiadka

Isaac Panza

Emidio Paterra

Richie Strawn

Sofia Varvaro

**Stewardship
 Offertory April 18/19 , 2009**

\$4,508.50

Attendance

646

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 this 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 session. 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.

SPAGHETTI DINNER A special fundraising spaghetti dinner in memory of Frank S. Cancilla will be held 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 is \$4. All proceeds will benefit the ALS Association. Tickets will be available for purchase after all Masses this weekend. All advance ticket purchases will be eligible for a drawing for a one-night stay in a deluxe room at the Omni William Penn Hotel in Downtown Pittsburgh.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Eucharistic adoration will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on May 2 at St. John Cantius Church. In addition, we are scheduled for adoration on Tuesday, May 26 at Madonna of Jerusalem Church from 8:00 a.m. until 12 Noon and on Tuesday, June 2, from 12 Noon until 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church. All parishioners are encouraged to participate in this special time of devotion to our Lord.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM A letter was sent out last week regarding various requirements for the Safe Environment Program. Thanks for your prompt response. If you are a volunteer in the Church and have not received anything, please call Brenda at the Parish Office.

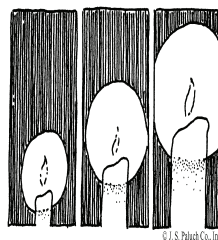
**Our email address is
 saintjuandiegopgh@verizon.net**

2009 Parish Share Report The diocesan wide parish share program began in February. As you can see by the chart below, we are 3 months in and 30% there. Many thanks to all who contributed and to all those who have returned their pledges. Your donations are continuing to support a variety of ministries and the entire diocese benefits from this campaign. Even in these challenging times, our faithful are extremely generous and again, much gratitude.

**Saint Juan Diego Parish
 as of April 14, 2009**

OUR GOAL FOR PARISH SHARE PROGRAM	\$ 57,055
AMOUNT WE'VE COLLECTED	22,588
AMOUNT WE'RE UNDER	\$ 34,467

Flowers at the Altar
 In thanksgiving for 50 years of marriage
 by
 Pietro and Maria Ferraro

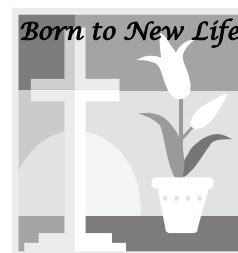


**Altar and Sanctuary
 Candles are burning
 this week**

In memory of
 The deceased family members of
 Pietro and Maria Ferraro

Please pray for

**Paul Hernandez
 Patsy Aluise, brother of
 Mary Tomanio
 Wayne Henninger, brother of
 Betty Phelan
 George Petronic, father of
 Geri Kusluch**



May they rest in peace.

ROSARY All are welcome to recite the rosary each evening during the month of May beginning at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's grotto.

CCD NEWS Our CCD program will have two more classes, one on Monday, April 27 and one on Monday, May 4. The following Monday, May 11, will be the close of our year with Mass at 6:30 p.m. in Madonna of Jerusalem Church and a social afterward. All are welcome to come celebrate liturgy with our children and thank God for a wonderful year of learning and growing.

CAMP "R" The Catholic Youth Association of Pittsburgh's Camp "R" is preparing for its 69th anniversary of camping this summer. The co-ed residential camp is located in Laurel Hill State Park, ninety minutes from Pittsburgh. The camping season begins July 5 and ends the week of August 14. For a brochure and more information, please call 412-621-3342.

DIOCESAN ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES Bishop David Zubik will give the final lecture in this year's adult lecture series. Bishop Zubik's talk, "The Church Alive!" will be centered on this passage from Ephesians 4:11-13, "And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." All are welcome to attend this free presentation at St. Paul's Seminary Auditorium on Wednesday, April 29 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Continuing education credit is available for priests, deacons and catechists.



St. Anthony

ST. ANTHONY NOVENA Our annual St. Anthony Novena continues this Tuesday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. in Madonna of Jerusalem Church. The Novena will conclude on Tuesday, June 9. All are welcome.

A REMINDER FROM THE MANAGER OF ST. MARY CEMETERY

Only the following are permitted on graves in the cemetery:

- Fresh cut flowers
- Annual plants—they may be planted at the head of the grave within 1 foot of the front of the stone and the plants must be maintained

The following are prohibited and will immediately be removed as they present a safety hazard to our field workers:

- Plastic and silk flowers
- Vigil lights
- Stone chips
- Portable containers
- Edging material of any kind
- Fencing
- Toys
- Wire
- Glass
- Mounds on graves
- Flag poles

Also, all plantings that create cemetery maintenance problems that are prohibited are:

- Trees, shrubs, perennial plants
- Objects that detract from the setting of a Catholic cemetery

These rules have been in effect for many years and continue to be upheld. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD A big thank-you goes out to Boy Scout Pack #381 and the Kerr School Community Family for their generosity in the 10th annual Scouting for Food Drive. The food has been donated to our St. Vincent de Paul Pantry. April is Scouting for Food month and any additional food donations may be dropped off at our churches.

OBERAMMERGAU Father Almada 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.

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.

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.



**On Mother's Day, May 10,
we will have a special
BALLOON night. A door
prize will be given away
after each regular game!**

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.

"HATS OFF TO MOM" Sisters Place in Clairton, PA invites you to a Mother's Day luncheon. The proceeds will benefit Sisters Place, help help 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.

CRAFT SALE All are invited to enjoy and purchase homemade spring craft items created by the Felician Sisters on Saturday, May 2 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at their Provincial House located at 1500 Woodcrest Avenue, Corapolis, PA. Come purchase a graduation gift, a Mother's or Father's Day gift or something for any occasion. For more information, please call Sister M. Roseann at 412-264-2890.

Our website is www.saintjuandiegopgh.org

Schedule of Masses for the Week

SAT., APR. 25

4:00 PM MOJ IN THANKSGIVING FOR FIFTY YEARS OF MARRIAGE by 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 AND MARY DAMIANO by Guy and Marie Carricato
10:30 AM STM JOHN AND MICHALINA BOROWSKI by Louis and Arlene Borowski

MON., APR. 27

7:30 AM MOJ MARY JANE GALLO by Grandson, Michael

TUE., APR. 28

7:30 AM MOJ FOR THE PEOPLE OF SAINT JUAN DIEGO PARISH

WED., APR. 29

7:30 AM MOJ RICHARD REKOWSKI by Saint Juan Diego Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society

THU., APR. 30

7:30 AM MOJ WAYNE HENNINGER by Sisters, Betty and Joan

FRI., MAY 1

7:30 AM MOJ DECEASED OF LEO, HILL & WALTERS FAMILIES BY Susan Hill

SAT., MAY 2

4:00 PM MOJ EDWARD "PAPPY" IMHOF by Alec, Anthony and Adriana
6:00 PM MOJ ROMAN NIEMIEC by Barbara & Frank Niemiec

SUN., MAY 3

8:30 AM SJC JOSEPH, MARTHA, FRANK & ANASTASIA ROLEWICZ, RICHARD & MARIE MYERS & SON by Bob and Sophie Myers
10:30 AM STM RALPH & ELIZABETH GILARDI by Capone & Noonan Families

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

ST. VINCENT de PAUL In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus explains the meaning of the scriptures. Like the disciples, when we offer and receive forgiveness our hearts burn because we encounter the risen Christ within us. Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

PANCAKE BREAKFAST A Sunday Pancake Breakfast will be held at the Grace Methodist Church of Sharpsburg, 1508 North Canal Street (across from CoGo's). The breakfast will benefit the Western Pennsylvania Epilepsy Foundation. Admission is \$6 per adult and \$4 for children. Children under the age of 3 are free. The doors will open at 9:00 a.m. and the breakfast will last until 1:00 p.m. A bake sale will also be featured at the breakfast.

VINTAGE BRIDAL SHOW A bridal and formal wear show and luncheon will be held on Sunday, May 17 beginning at 12 Noon at St. Matthew's Church Hall, 53rd and Carnegie Streets in Lawrenceville. Featured will be fashions by Patti Peer from Paper and Lace and you are asked to bring your wedding picture to place on display. Reservations are due by May 12 and the cost of a ticket is \$16. For more information please call 412-781-6991 or 412-781-2309.

FAITHFUL CHRONICLES

by Father Frank D. Almada

This past Easter 1,500 adults were baptized, confirmed and received First Holy Communion (or if they were already baptized in another Christian Church were received into the Catholic Church) in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Estimates are that 150,000 adults entered the Catholic Church in the U.S. that Easter weekend. This is good news! What do these new Catholics teach us who are "cradle Catholics"?

- ◆ God continues to call people to faith in Jesus Christ in and through the Catholic Church. The Holy Spirit is very much alive and working quietly in people.
- ◆ New Catholics first learned about the Catholic Church and faith by seeing significant people in their lives practice the Faith – spouses, parents, good friends, co-workers. They saw the joy and appreciation for the Faith in the smiles and actions of Catholics around them. This means we "veteran Catholics" have to see ourselves as "walking billboards" for the Catholic Faith. We have to be open to the questions of those who are not Catholic, but curious about our prayer, practices, and beliefs.
- ◆ New Catholics asked questions. They wanted to know more, and so they took their questions to the Church, and usually participated in an RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program in their local parish.
- ◆ New Catholics prepared to receive the sacraments. Most RCIA programs run for nine or ten months, two hours per week. This is not an academic course, but rather the engagement of inquirers with experienced and friendly Catholics who welcome questions and take each person's journey of faith seriously. If these folks worked so hard to learn the Catholic Faith, it is a challenge to us "oldsters" what we are doing to deepen our love of God and knowledge of Christ and his Church.
- ◆ Prospective new Catholics need sponsors and spouses who are supportive of their desire to become Catholics. Good example, prayer, and time to listen to questions and concerns are the gifts sponsors and spouses give to those who are interested in becoming members of the Catholic Church.
- ◆ New Catholics usually have a great deal of enthusiasm about their Faith. They teach us veteran Catholics to put aside our grumpiness and cynicism about the Church. The new Catholics are breaths of fresh air.
- ◆ New Catholics teach us that the U.S. is not a Christian country. If anything, recent public polling suggests that more Americans are moving away from organized religion, and from the Catholic Church. Every adult member of the Church, every priest and lay ecclesial minister, every parent and single person, need to be active recruiters for our Church.

If you know someone in your family or circle of friends who never was baptized, or was baptized in another Christian denomination but doesn't belong to any church, and may be interested in becoming Catholic, please suggest that they act on this movement of the Holy Spirit. This fall Saint Juan Diego Parish will be partnering with St. Mary Assumption Parish, Glenshaw, in support of adults becoming new Catholics through the RCIA process. For more info, call Jim Finn at 412-486-4100 or give me a call/email. This is evangelization in action!