

The Catholic Community in Sharpsburg

Saint Mary Parish + Madonna of Jerusalem Parish + Saint John Cantius Parish

Very Reverend Frank D. Almade, V. F., Administrator

AUGUST 10, 2008

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
 201 9th Street, Sharpsburg, PA 15215
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 Cemetery Clerical Office.....412-784-8960
 St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.....412-781-2866
 Christ the Divine Teacher
 Catholic Academy.....412-781-7927
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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 Almade. 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

KOREAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY (KCC)

Masses in Korean at St. John Cantius Church
 Saturday: 7:30 p.m.
 Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
 Rev. Jang Won Choi, Chaplain
 Website: www.tkccp.org

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

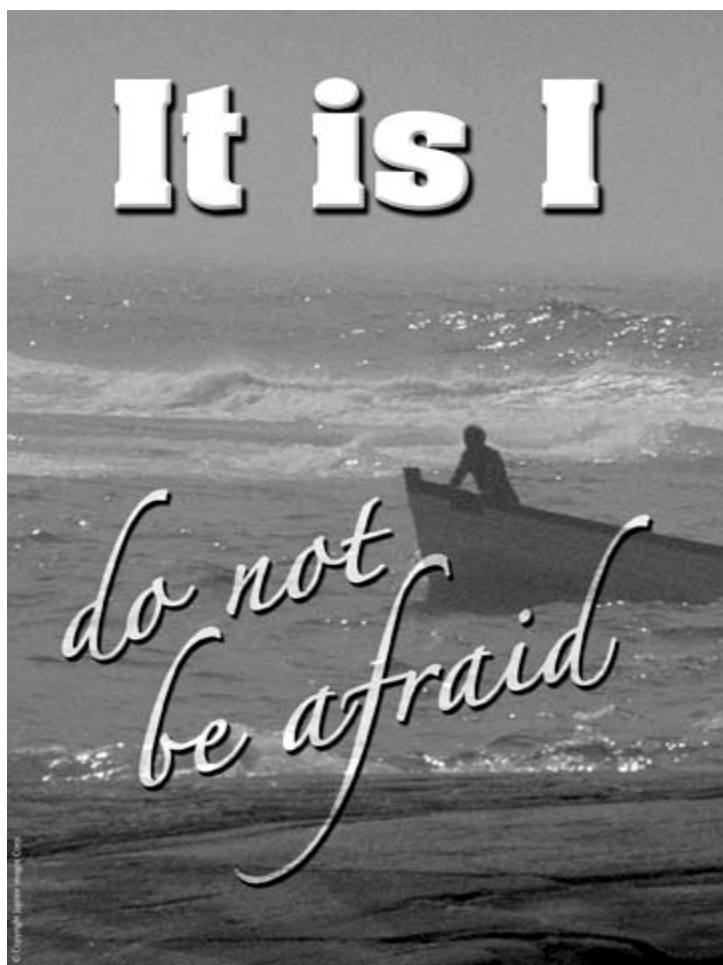
SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday

4:00 pm Madonna of Jerusalem Church
 6:00 pm Madonna of Jerusalem Church
 7:30 pm St. John Cantius—KCC (in Korean)

Sunday

8:30 am St. John Cantius Church
 10:30 am St. Mary Church
 10:30 am St. John Cantius—KCC (in Korean)



This Week in the Church

Sunday, August 10, 2008

St. Lawrence

Monday, August 11, 2008

St. Clare

Tuesday, August 12, 2008

St. Louis of Toulouse

Wednesday, August 13, 2008

Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus

Thursday, August 14, 2008

St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe

Friday, August 15, 2008

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, August 16, 2008

St. Stephen of Hungary



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FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION The Feast of the Assumption, a holy day of obligation, is this Friday, August 15. The Mass schedule is as follows: Thursday, August 14, 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary, Friday, August 15, 7:30 a.m. at Madonna, 12 Noon at St. Mary and 7:00 p.m. at Madonna.

Stewardship
Offertory August 3/4, 2008

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| St. Mary | \$2,326.50 |
| Madonna of Jerusalem | \$2,611.50 |
| St. John Cantius | \$ 872.00 |

Remitted to the Diocese of Pittsburgh for Peter's Pence

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| St. Mary | \$534.00 |
| Madonna of Jerusalem | \$571.00 |
| St. John Cantius | \$237.00 |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP!

CCD REGISTRATION We are still accepting registrations for children in CCD classes for 2008-09. Classes will be held in the John Paul I Pastoral Center beginning Monday, September 22. In addition, we are in need of several catechists to help in the faith formation of our children. To register or to volunteer as a teacher, please call Rosemarie at the Parish Office.

LABOR DAY The Catholic Community in Sharpsburg will have one Mass on Monday, September 1, at 10:00 a.m. in St. Mary Church. The Diocese of Pittsburgh sponsors a special Labor Day Mass at 8:00 a.m. in St. Benedict the Moor Church, Hill District, with Bishop Zubik prior to the start of the Pittsburgh Labor Day Parade. All are welcome at both Masses.

CEMETERY HELP WANTED Two temporary positions are available for field workers at the cemetery from August through October. Applicants should be at least eighteen years of age or older and please call the Cemetery Office at (412) 784-8960 for an application.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL In the Gospel, Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and caught Peter and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring respite and hope to the elderly who are not able to find relief from the summer heat and you will bring them faith and hope.

FAMILY FEST Families of the diocese are invited to share in a special Family Fest for the Year of St. Paul. It will take place on Saturday, August 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul Seminary. A Mass with Bishop Zubik presiding will highlight this event. There will be a catered picnic lunch, games, races, a tour of the seminary and lots more. The cost is \$5 per person or \$25 for the whole family. To register, make your check payable to the Diocese of Pittsburgh and send it to the Office for Family Life and Catechesis, Diocese of Pittsburgh, 111 Boulevard of the Allies, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. Please register by August 18. For additional information, call (412) 456-3160.

ADULT CONFIRMATION Were you baptized and made your first holy communion, but never confirmed in the Catholic Church. This is your opportunity for adults to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Father Almade is offering a three-week series for adults who wish to receive the sacrament on Thursdays, September 4, 10 and 18 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. For more information, call Father Almade at (412) 784-8700.

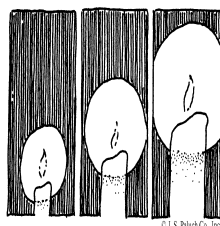
Flowers at the Altar

In memory of

**The deceased members of
the Staud Family**



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

In memory of

**The deceased members of
the Staud Family**

Please pray for

GRANT (BUD) REED

May he rest in peace.



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In Memoriam

WEEKDAY MASS CHANGE Beginning on Wednesday, September 3, there will no longer be Mass in the evening. All weekday Masses (Monday through Friday) will be at 7:30 a.m.. The opportunity for confession will remain on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. every week.



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YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY Today, August 10, is Young Adult Sunday. We will celebrate Mass together at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary Church with a continental breakfast immediately following Mass at the John Paul I Pastoral Center. All young adults, age 18 to 40, are encouraged to participate in this event and to get involved in the Church to use their God-given gifts and talents to make a positive difference in the world.

SERIES ON "YEAR OF 3 POPES" 1978 was the year of three popes. Pope Paul VI died after 15 years of serving as pope on August 6. Pope John Paul I was elected on August 26 and died suddenly on September 28. Pope John Paul II was elected October 16. Father Almade will present three talks on each of these pontiffs: Thursday, August 21 on Pope Paul VI, Thursday, September 25, on Pope Paul John I and Thursday, October 23, on Pope John Paul II. All talks with opportunity for questions and discussion are from 7:30 until 9:00 p.m. in the John Paul I Pastoral Center and are free and open to all.

WALK TO DEFEAT ALS The 2008 Walk to Defeat ALS will be held on Saturday, September 13 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium. Beth Cancilla, our former Parish Secretary, and her family head up "Frank's Army", and you are invited to help them raise funds to fight this deadly disease. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

Please remember your church in your will.

PILGRIMAGE TO ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL Only five seats are left for this special trip. Father Almada cordially invites any interested parishioner or CCS friend to join him on a one-day trip to St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, September 16. We will begin the day at St. Mary Church with prayer and depart at 10:00 a.m. After arrival at St. Paul Cathedral, a guided tour will be given by one of their parishioners. Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral by Father Almada, followed by lunch at Duranti's Restaurant. After lunch, a short journey will be made to St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in the Strip District and the bus will return to Sharpsburg by 3:00 p.m. The cost for this wonderful day, including lunch and tip, is \$45. Please call the Parish Office to register as soon as possible.

CHRIST THE DIVINE TEACHER CATHOLIC ACADEMY Christ the Divine Teacher Catholic Academy is currently accepting registration for the 2008-2009 school year for pre-school ages 3 and 4 and grades K-8. Financial assistance is available to those who qualify. Office hours are limited during July, so please call (412) 781-7927 to schedule an appointment.

WOMEN'S CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY This is an in-depth study of the Book of Exodus that will run on Tuesdays from September through May from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. (We will follow the Fox Chapel Area School District calendar.) The first class is Tuesday, September 9, in the St. Scholastica Parish Hall. Any woman is welcome to join this group. In addition to learning about the Lord and His Church, you will also have an opportunity for fellowship with others in the community. The registration fee is \$50 and covers all materials needed. For more information and to register, please contact Kathy Vertosick at (412) 963-1104 and the deadline for registration is September 1.

ALL SAINTS SUMMER FESTIVAL 2008 All Saints Church, Etna, is having its annual Summer Festival from Wednesday, August 13, through Saturday, August 16, at the church grounds on Dewey Street. Rides for the kids, bingo, games and food available every night. Dinners served nightly and there will also be live music. On Saturday at 5:00 p.m., a polka Mass will be celebrated and for more information, call (412) 781-0530.

UPMC MERCY Pittsburgh's only faith-based hospital and the newest member of the UPMC family is seeking professional nurses who are our desire for excellence and compassionate care. Guided by our mission and core values, UPMC Mercy offers comprehensive health care services to patients throughout the region. UPMC Mercy has immediate openings for nurses in critical care, trauma, and burn, emergency, rehabilitation, labor and delivery, perioperative, cardiology, radiology and medical surgical progressive care nursing. If you are a recent graduate, a seasoned professional or somewhere in between and you would like to make a difference in the lives of UPMC Mercy patients, contact Patricia Riley, RN at (412) 232-5853 or at riley2@upmc.edu.

ANNUAL RETREAT Eileen George of "Meet the Father Ministry" will hold her annual retreat and healing service at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center on August 22 through August 24. Please call the retreat center at (412) 381-7676 for reservations. Pre-registration is required.

POLKA MASS AND DANCE St. Bernadette Parish in Monroeville will hold a Polka Mass beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 4, followed by food and dancing at 7:00 p.m. For information, call Dee Gallagher at (412) 628-7132.

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.

ST. CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS One of 22 Ugandan martyrs, Charles Lwanga is the patron of youth and Catholic action in tropical Africa. He protected his fellow pages (aged 13 to 30) from the homosexual demands of the Bagandan ruler, Mwangi, and encouraged and instructed them in the Catholic faith during their imprisonment for refusing the ruler's demands.

Charles first learned of Christ's teachings from two retainers in the court of Chief Mawulugungu. While a catechumen, he entered the royal household as an assistant to Joseph Mukaso, head of the court pages.

Imprisoned with his friends, Charles' courage and belief in God inspired them to remain chaste and faithful. For his own unwillingness to submit to the immoral acts and his efforts to safeguard the faith of his friends, Charles was burned to death on June 3, 1886.

The Feast of St. Charles Lwanga and Companions is June 3.

CONTEMPLATIVE OUTREACH 2008 ANNUAL CONFERENCE Pittsburgh will be the host city for the Contemplative Outreach Enrichment Weekend from September 26 through 28 at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott. Fr. Thomas Keating, OCSO and Fr. Laurence Freeman, OSB will be giving presentations on the conference theme, Unity: Oneness in Contemplation. For more information, please contact Ruth Hofmann at (412) 741-7625 or Sister Margaret Ann Calcutta at (724) 493-3684.

A BIG THANKS Thanks to Joe Missenda, Tom Troyan and Matt Bonicky, Jeff Bonicky, Philip Varvaro, Dominic Varvaro, Justin Landolina, Garrett Landolina, Rachel Haas and Cecelia Troyan for the wonderful job done in painting the John Paul II Pastoral Center this past week. Also we thank Sacco's Pizzeria for helping us with lunch for the crew. The classrooms are now ready for the students who will attend our CCD classes this fall and we are very grateful to everyone who helped with this big undertaking!

Our website is catholicsharpsburg.org

FAITHFUL CHRONICLES
by Father Frank D. Almada

Last weekend was “vocations Sunday” for the Catholic Community in Sharpsburg. Father Bill Dorner celebrated his first anniversary as a priest as he led the 4:00 pm Mass at Madonna Church, and Sister Mary Thaddeus Markelewicz celebrated her 45th year in religious life as a Felician Sister at the 10:30 am Mass in St. Mary Church. Congratulations to both!

At the conclusion of his Mass Father Bill repeated what he had said a year ago, when he returned to Sharpsburg immediately after his priesthood ordination and after his year-long internship as a deacon. He spoke warmly and lovingly about how the faithful in our parishes had nourished and supported him and his vocation to priesthood. He also challenged parishioners to pray for and bring forth another vocation to priesthood within three years. Father Bill said, “You already have proven you know how to help me grow into my priestly ministry. Now do it again in this community.”

I appreciate Father Bill’s bold challenge, and second it. Vocations don’t grow on trees—they are walking around our neighborhoods, working in our stores, living in our households. When was the last time you thought of a young man and said to yourself, “He’d make a good priest.” But you didn’t say this to the young man! This is where vocational recruitment begins, by affirming both the value of the role of the priest in our church, and affirming someone that he could successfully fulfill this important position. Ask any priest. Someone else first suggested to him that he could become a priest.

In my case, it was my Dad. Before I even thought of priesthood, Dad (with Mom’s support) was thinking that I could get a good education from the Jesuit priests by attending the new high school seminary begun by then Bishop Wright. He took me to the entrance exam, in faraway East Liberty. Mom went back to work to make sure there was money to pay tuition bills for Catholic high school education for me and my brothers. I am sure that Mom and Dad prayed often for my vocation; certainly they supported me morally and financially.

It all starts with an invitation: “Have you ever thought of being a priest?” Who knows where it might lead. St. John Mary Vianney, patron of parish priests, help us to invite young men to consider the worthy vocation of priesthood in our church.

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A great big thanks to all the parishioners who manned (and womaned!) the CCS booth at the Guyasuta Days festival in Kennedy Park. It’s been a longstanding tradition for the parishes to host a booth. I think it’s a wonderful idea. Like our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, it shows the church’s concern for Sharpsburg and surrounding neighborhoods. Well done! And kudos to all Sharpsburg leaders who made the Guyasuta Days possible.

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I have noticed a definite increase in the singing at weekend Masses. You listened to my plea! Thank you – and keep on singing!

Schedule of Masses for the Week

SAT., AUG. 9

4:00 PM MOJ MONTEMURRO AND CRESTA FAMILIES by Eugene and Judy Cresta
6:00 PM MOJ FRANCIS PEITZ, SR. & HARRY PEITZ by Janice and Francis Peitz

SUN., AUG. 10

8:30 AM SJC FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN SHARPSBURG
10:30 AM STM STEPHEN E. ECKERT, SR. & SEAN W. ECKERT by family

MON., AUG. 11

7:30 AM MOJ DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE STAUD FAMILY by John & Janet

TUE., AUG. 12

7:30 AM MOJ JUNE GAETANO by Pasquale Gaetano & Family

WED., AUG. 13

7:00 PM MOJ ANTHONY & FRANK PUGLIESE AND DOLORES KIZIOR by nephew, Tom Troyan, and family

THU., AUG. 14

4:00 PM STM CARL J. FERRARO by wife, Kay, and family

FRI., AUG. 15

7:30 AM MOJ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN SHARPSBURG
12 NOON STM FELICIA GIGLIOTTI & ANTONIO MERCURIO by Caroline Mercurio
7:00 PM MOJ AL & JANE SILBERGER by daughter, Beth, and family

SAT., AUG. 16

4:00 PM MOJ SALVATORE, MARIA & DOMENIC IEROVANTE by daughters and sisters
6:00 PM MOJ FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN SHARPSBURG

SUN., AUG. 17

8:30 AM SJC CONCETTA, MICHAEL & JOANNE CARRICATO by Angeline Carricato and family
10:30 AM STM MICHELINA P. CORRADO by children and grandchildren

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

MARRIAGE MOMENT I'm too hot! I'm too cold! If you had to choose, which would you rather be? Trivial perhaps, but couples have to negotiate these creature comforts. How do you decide who gets their way when preferences conflict? Be grateful for furnaces and air conditioning today.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE The demands of a family can be so overwhelming we feel walking on water would be easier. When Jesus was pressured, he dismissed everyone, so he could be "by himself and pray." When overwhelmed and stressed, go to a quiet place and surrender your pressured feelings to the Lord using Peter's prayer in today's Gospel: "Lord, save me."

RESPECT LIFE HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION St. Mary of Czestochowa Church in New Kensington will hold a respect life holy hour and benediction on Sunday, August 24 at 4:00 p.m. The guest speaker and preside is Fr. Peter West of Priests for Life. Fr. West will also speak at the weekend Masses and all are encouraged to attend.

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